Clark County, Washington
Historic Preservation Commission

Clark County Heritage Register
Nomination Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 15A) http://www.nps.gov/history/hralpublications/bulletins/nrb15a.pdf. Complete each item by marking "X" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. This form is similar but not exact to the National Register of Historic Places nomination form. Some sections of the National Register form were not applicable to the local register therefore were not included. When using the National Register Bulletin 16A to fill out the form, look for the section names for information on completing the specific section. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets. Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

Historic name __________
Other names/site numbers Route 7

2. Location

street & number 12615 NE 5th Ave
parcel #: J 117894-054
not for publication
city or Vancouver,
vicinity
town
State WA code __________
county Clark code __________
zip code 98685

3. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- X private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- X building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property (Do not incl. previously listed resources in the count.)

- Contributing
- Non-Contributing

   buildings
   sites
   structures
   objects
   Total

Name of related multiple property listing:
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

NA

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the Clark County Heritage Register

NA

4. Owner Consent for Nomination, Designation and Listing

I (we) consent [X] do not consent [□] to the nomination, and designation of the above property on the Clark County Heritage Register. I (we) also certify that I am/we are the legal owner(s) of the above property.

Owner signature

Date 1/13/09

Owner signature

Date 1/13/09
### 5. Functions or Use

**Historic Functions**
(Enter categories from instructions)

- Domestic single dwelling, working farm

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**Current Functions**
(Enter categories from instructions)

- Domestic single dwelling

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### 6. Description

**Architectural Classification**
(Enter categories from instructions)

- Vernacular Farmhouse or Prairie

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**Materials**
(Enter categories from instructions)

- **foundation**: Brick
- **walls**: Lath, some drywall
- **roof**: Newer plywood, shingles
- **other**: Original novelty wood siding, trim, windows and doors

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**Narrative Description**
(Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)
The condition is excellent. Mostly original structure with some alterations.

See continuation sheet.
7. Statement of Significance

Applicable Clark County Heritage Register Criteria

1. It is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of national, state, or local history.

2. It embodies the distinctive architectural characteristics of a type, period, style, or method of design or construction, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

3. It is an outstanding work of a designer, builder, or architect who has made a substantial contribution to their field.

4. It exemplifies or reflects special elements of the county's history.

5. It is associated with the lives of persons significant in national, state, or local history.

6. It has yielded or may be likely to yield important archaeological information related to history or prehistory.

7. It is an historic building or cultural resource removed from its original location but which is significant for architectural value, or association with an historic person or event, or prehistory.

8. It is a birthplace of grave of a prehistoric or historical figure of outstanding importance and is the only surviving structure or site associated with that person.

9. It is a cemetery or burial site which derives its primary significance from age, from distinctive design features, or from association with historic events, or cultural patterns.

10. It is a reconstructed building that has been executed in a historically accurate manner on the original site.

11. It is a creative and unique example of folk architecture and design created by persons not formally trained in the architectural or design professions, and which does not fit into formal architectural or historical categories.

Areas of Significance
(Enter categories from instructions)
Agriculture

Period of Significance
1891-1964

Significant Dates

Significant Person
(Complete if Criterion 2 is marked above)
Emanuel Nelson & family

Cultural Affiliation
Swedish

Architect/Builder
Emanuel Nelson (Nilsson)

Narrative Statement of Significance
(Explain the significance of the property.)
See continuation sheet
(Explain the significance of the property.)
See continuation sheet

8. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography
(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

A. Berry, Gregory. THE NELSON HOMESTEAD for Pacific NW Hx 239 class, Aug 1991
B. Tower, Corinne. LETTER 1994, oldest daughter of Anna Nelson (Galbraith)
C. Clark County Heritage register
D. Clark County Historical Museum
E. Clark County SUN PAPER ARTICLE, Friday August 27, 1943
F. Eastman, M. PHOTOS

Previous documentation on file (CCHR):

- Preliminary determination of individual listing has been requested
- Previously listed in the Clark County Heritage Register
- Previously determined eligible by the Clark County Heritage Register
- Recorded by Clark County Cultural Resources Inventory Survey

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

__________________________

9. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property 0.28 AC

UTM References
(Place additional UTM References on a continuation sheet.)

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Zone 10
Easting 5201013
Northing 5002150
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Northing
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Northing

Verbal Boundary Description
(Describe the boundaries of the property.)

Per Corrine Towers letter (B) 40 acres: 25 surrounding home, 10 north of Nelson Rd. (NE 129th) and 5 acres on NE corner of Nelson Road & Hwy 99.

Need current boundaries

Boundary Justification
(Explain why the boundaries were selected.)
10. Form Prepared By

name/title  Gary & Dana Farland
organization  Current owners
date  January 2009
street & number  12615 NE 5th Ave
telephone  360-903-7630
city or town  Vancouver  state  WA  zip code  98685

Additional Documentation
Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps
A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.
A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs
Representative photographs of the property.

Additional Items
(Check with the CCHPC Staff)

Property Owner

name  Same as (10. Prepared by)
street & number
telephone
city or town
state
zip code

4b. CLARK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION STAFF RECOMMENDATION

In my opinion, the property ☑ meets / ☐ does not meet the Clark County Heritage Register
criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet.)

Signature of commenting staff  Date  1/27/09
4c. CLARK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION / DECISION

IN THE OPINION OF THE CLARK COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION, THE PROPERTY MEETS ☐ / DOES NOT MEET ☐ THE CLARK COUNTY HERITAGE REGISTER CRITERIA. (☐ See continuation sheet.)

[Signature]
CHAIRPERSON,
Clark County Historic Preservation Commission

[Date]
2/3/2009
Clark County Heritage Register
Continuation Sheet –

PROPERTY NAME: NELSON FARMSTEAD
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

The original donation land claim for the Nelson Farm consisted of over six hundred acres of land which was bounded by the Salmon Creek Valley Greenbelt in the northeast, Interstate 205 to the north, 129th St. NE to the west, and the greenbelt again in the south and southeast. The land was used as rolling pasture land for livestock and for fruit orchards, primarily plums. Today, all of the original pasture and orchard lands are covered by residential housing and urban commercial developments. Presently, all that remains of the original farm is the farmhouse.

The Nelson Farmhouse was built by Emanuel Nelson who moved to America from Sweden in 1883. At the age of 25 after studying to become an architect, he left his home country of Sweden for America. The trip took nine days and his passage was paid by shoveling coal. He arrived in America and spent eight years in the East and Midwest finally settling in Vancouver, Washington.

Around 1891, Nelson bought forty acres in Clark County seven miles north of Vancouver. He designed and built the two-story wood frame vernacular farmhouse. It is of balloon frame and stands on the original site and sits on the original brick foundation. The exterior is sheathed with lapped siding between corner boards. The siding is the original wood, and of novelty style. There are plain friezes under plain boxed eaves with moldings at the soffit, and simple molded cornices with returns at the gable ends. The windows are tall and of varied sizes with double hung sashes, one over one lights, single pane glass, plain surrounds, narrow shelf heads and decorative carving underneath – all original. The interior doors and windows have fluted trim with corner blocks – all original. On the north (front) elevation, the porch remains, though the turned support posts have been replaced. The interior of the house features lath-and-plaster.

A key landmark of the Nelson Farm was a row of nine poplar trees which the Nelsons had planted south of their house. After the trees had grown to full height they were used by people in the area as a landmark for navigation purposes. In addition to the poplar trees, the Nelson farmhouse was always surrounded by beautiful flowers and well-trimmed hedges. The farm was also noted for its assortment of apple and walnut trees. One of its walnut trees was reputed to be the oldest living walnut tree in Clark County prior to its being cut down in 1978.

Over the past one hundred eighteen years, the Nelson Farmstead has changed due to the development of the area and alterations to the property. The area surrounding the Nelson Farmhouse was first developed in 1977 by Van Hefflin, a local real estate developer who had the financial backing from his father-in-law, Robert Stevens. Together they developed the residential area called the Woodcreek Edition. It was at this time that the developers realized that a portion of the Nelson property was within the property line of their land. Unfortunately, the distinctive hedges that stood for years along the Nelson home lot were unceremoniously bulldozed during the construction of two streets serving the subdivision – NE. 5th Court and N.E. 127th Street.

Since the mid 1960s, the old walnut tree was cut down as well as four of the original nine poplar trees. The house itself went through an interior modernization and renovation process during the 1980s. In 1985, a two-car garage, separate from the house, and a new paved driveway were built. In 1986-1987, a wooden deck was added to the eastern side of the house.
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CLARK COUNTY HERITAGE REGISTER
CONTINUATION SHEET

PROPERTY NAME: NELSON FARMSTEAD
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

#2: It embodies the distinctive architectural characteristics of a type, period, style or method of design or construction, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

The house is a perfect example of a farmhouse style in the late 1800s—which seems to be rapidly disappearing here in Clark County as well as across the nation. It is a two-story, wood framed, vernacular farmhouse. It is of balloon frame and stands on the original brick foundation. The exterior is sheathed with lapped siding between corner boards. The siding is original wood and of novelty style. There are plain friezes under plain boxed eaves with moldings at the soffit, and simple molded cornices with returns at the gable ends. The windows are tall and of varied sizes with double hung sashes, one over one light, single-pane glass, plain surrounds, narrow shelf heads and decorative carving underneath—all original. The interior doors and windows have fluted trim and corner blocks—all original. Most of the doors and hinges are original. The front porch remains, though the turned support posts have been replaced.

#4: It exemplifies or reflects special elements of the county’s history.

The agricultural history of Clark County stretches back to the establishment of Fort Vancouver by the Hudson’s Bay Company in 1825. Several hundred acres near present-day Vancouver were sown with hay, grain, fruit and root crops. The rapid settlement of Clark County between 1850 and 1890 led to the mass-clearing of land for agricultural purposes, and many farms were started by American settlers from the east coast and immigrants from Europe. As Clark County continues to grow at a rapid rate, these agricultural lands are constantly being replaced by urban land uses. As this happens, many of the buildings that document the county’s agricultural heritage are being lost.

The Nelson Farm was referred to as “40 acres” by the family. Twenty-five acres surrounded the farmhouse, ten acres were on the north side of E. Nelson Road (presumably named after Emanuel Nelson), and five acres were located on the northeast corner of E. Nelson Road and Highway 99. The “25 acres” surrounding the home were used mainly for the prune orchard and necessary outbuildings of a working farm. The “10 acres” on the north side of Nelson Road was used for growing fodder for the two working horses and two cattle. The “5 acres” at one time had prunes but not tended as well because of distance.

Emanuel Nelson never had any motorized equipment—he plowed with his two horses and at time had a neighboring farmer help him with his tractor to work the orchard. At harvest time a crew came in to reap the prunes. Nelson’s son would make the boxes and a flat bed truck from the crew would take the boxes of prunes to a dryer on the Northwest corner of what is now Hazel Dell Avenue and 78th Street. Supplies for the farm were purchased from merchants on Highway 99.

Water for the farm animals was via a pump in a spring on the west side of where the barn used to be. On the east side of the barn was a tap which filled a water trough. Water for the home was via a pump in a spring in the gulch south of the poplar trees. A water storage tank was about where the street is opposite the breakfast nook. At that
time the nook was a workroom and only cold water came from the tap. A tap and sink were in the kitchen but hot water was heated on the stove.

#5 It is associated with the lives of persons significant in national, state, or local history.

Emanuel Nelson (AKA Nilsson) was the earliest settler for this property. Emanuel was born in Vemland, Sweden where he studied to become an architect. At the age of 25, he left Sweden for America. His trip from Sweden took nine days and he paid for his passage by shoveling coal aboard the ship. He arrived in America and spent eight years on the East Coast and Midwest before settling in Vancouver, Washington. In 1891, at 33 years old, he purchased the 40 acres in Clark County, seven miles north of Vancouver. The road leading west from Highway 99 was called E. Nelson Road. At that time, the farmhouse he built was called Route #7. He was still a single man when he finished building the house. Soon after, he mailed to Sweden for his girlfriend Marie to come to Vancouver. They were married in Portland, Oregon. They had four children: Arvid, Anna, Robert and Jennie.

Emanuel Nelson’s architectural training shows in the design of the farmhouse he built, as well as the several outbuildings which supported the farm. According to his granddaughter, the original Salmon Creek Methodist Church was also a part of his “knowledge and support”. According to the church records of the Salmon Creek Methodist Church, the Nelsons were among the first members of the church located on Highway 99. In many respects, the history of the Salmon Creek Methodist Church and the Nelson family are intertwined.

The Pioneer Chapel of the Salmon Creek United Methodist Church has been a Clark County landmark since 1900. The history of this church goes back another 50 years to the original pioneer families that came to the area. According to the History of Clark County, the church is either the third or fourth oldest Methodist church in Washington State. Although Mr. and Mrs. Nelson were avid church goers, neither held any official positions within the Salmon Creek Methodist Church. However, Jennie, their youngest daughter was noted as being the church organist for many years. After the death of her parents, Jennie lived alone in the house until she married the Reverend Charles Docksteder, the minister of the Salmon Creek Methodist Church, circa 1952.

Nelson was proud of his community and must have been well regarded since the Clark County Sun wrote an article about him in August of 1943 at the age of 85. According to the article he predicted that Vancouver was going to be the “metropolitan city”, ahead of Portland some day because of the city’s integral location along the Columbia, its tributaries and because of the “big agricultural country”. He was quoted as saying that Clark County was the “finest place in the world”. The article also states that he had received a golden sheath that signified he had been a member of the Washington state grange for 50 years and had been a member of the Washington Prune Growers and Canners since that organization started in 1920.
NELSON HOMESTEAD

1895
Looking at Garage and covered patio west side

Looking at breezeway to garage on Northwest side (new)
Looking at West side

Looking at West side
2nd Story
Covered front porch North side

Looking at trim of front windows
North side
South side

Backyard - South side
Looking at Greenway behind
The Nelson Homestead

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The Nelson Homestead

Foreword

Within the scope of this paper, my intention is to discuss the history of one of the Salmon Creek area's original homesteads -- the Nelson Homestead. I wanted to research the history of this homestead for two reasons: (1) the Nelson home is located across the street from my house, and (2) I feel that recording the oral history of the home will benefit all those interested in the history of the Salmon Creek area.

Background

The Nelson Homestead was founded by a family of Swedish immigrants who moved into the Salmon Creek area and constructed the house circa 1891. The family consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Emile Nelson and their four children: Arved, Robert, Anna, and Jennie.

The original homestead consisted of over six hundred acres of land which was bounded by the Salmon Creek Valley Greenbelt in the northeast, Interstate 205 to the north, 129th St. N.E. to the west, and the greenbelt again in the south and southeast. In addition, the land which currently houses the Salmon Creek Shopping Plaza was also a part of the Nelson Homestead. This part of the homestead was sold by the Nelsons to a second party who eventually sold the land to the modern day developer, a sale which occurred circa 1938.

The lands of the original homestead were used as rolling pasture land for livestock and for fruit orchards, primarily plums. Existing today on the corner of my lot are

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three plum trees that were part of one of the Nelson orchards. Today, most of the original pasture and orchard lands are covered by residential housing developments. Most of the development has occurred since 1977. Today, all the remains of the Nelson Homestead is the original house at 12815 N.E. 5th Avenue (see attached picture).

The Nelson Family

Based on the information I have gathered from interviews from long-term residents of the Salmon Creek area, the Nelson’s were a hardworking, church-going farming family, typical of the early settlers in the area.

According to the church records of the Salmon Creek Methodist Church, the family were among the first members of the church which is located on Highway 99. In many respects, the history of the Salmon Creek Methodist Church and the Nelson family are intertwined.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, although avid church goers, did not hold any official positions
within the Salmon Creek Methodist Church. Arved, Anna, and Robert also attended church regularly; however, soon after they came of age they moved away from the area. However, their youngest daughter, Jennie, who remained at the homestead, was noted as being the church organist for many years.

Viola Stewart, formerly Viola Betz, and Minnie Molyneux (a former schoolmate of Jennie's) were both friends of Jennie Nelson and were interviewed by me. Both women had visited the Nelson Homestead on numerous occasions and remarked on how beautifully she played the organ.

Jennie Nelson lived in the Nelson home all of her life and took care of her mother and father until their deaths in the late 1930's. After the death of her parents, Jennie lived alone in the house until she married the Reverend Charles Docksteder, the minister of the Salmon Creek Methodist Church, circa 1952.

The Docksteders lived in the Nelson house until Jennie died of multiple sclerosis in December 1964.

Owners 1966-1991

After the death of his wife, the Reverend Docksteder continued to live in the house for a few more years, then he sold the house to Andrew Eckein in 1966 and moved to California. Mr. Eckein was a retired captain of the Washington State Patrol and lived in the house until 1972 when he sold the house to Bill and Betty Ritchie and moved to Olympia.

The Ritchies lived in the home for four years. Coincidentally, Bill Ritchie was the new minister for the Salmon Creek Methodist Church. During their tenure on the Nelson homestead, the Ritchies made no major changes to the house or lot. The
Ritchies sold their home to a Mr. Van Heflin, a real estate developer, in 1977 for approximately $50,000 and then moved to a different home in the Salmon Creek area.22

Mr. Van Heflin, noted for his role in the development of the Woodcreek Edition subdivision, lived in the house for less than two years. After building his first house, he and his family moved out of the Nelson home and sold it to Jeff and Kathy Newport in 1979.23

Mr. Newport was a principal in the Vancouver School District. He and his wife, Kathy, lived in the house for ten years.24 During that time, the couple renovated the house as discussed below. In July 1989 the Newports sold the Nelson home and moved to Issaquah, Washington where Mr. Newport continues to work in education.25 Attempts to reach the Newports for information on the Nelson home have been unsuccessful.

The Newports sold the Nelson home to the current owners, Gary and Dana Farland for $112,000.26 The Farlands love their home and are determined to keep its original character. This summer, the Farlands have been busy doing a variety of projects around their house including re-roofing the patio, replacing the root cellar door, and improving the garage attic.27 According to both of them, other projects await in the wings given time and money.28

**The Nelson House and Lot**

A key landmark on the Nelson Homestead was a row of nine poplar trees which the Nelsons had planted south of their house.29 After the trees had grown to full height,
they were used by people in the area as a landmark for navigating around the area.30

My neighbor, Mrs. Joyce Wilde, showed me a picture painted by her sister which features these popular trees.31

In addition to the poplar trees, the Nelson home was always surrounded by beautiful flowers and well-trimmed hedges. The homestead was also noted for its assortment of apple and walnut trees. One of its walnut trees was reputed to be the oldest living walnut tree in Clark County prior to its being cut down in 1978.32

I was not able to obtain a picture of the original Nelson home.33 However, according to long-time residents, the outward appearance of the home has not changed.34 None of the long-time Salmon Creek residents I interviewed had been inside the house since Jennie’s death in 1964. At that time, the interior remained unchanged from its original appearance.35 However, since 1964 the house has been renovated.

The Nelson House Through the Years

Over the past one hundred and ten years, the Nelson Homestead has changed. These changes can be grouped into two areas: (1) development of the area, and (2) additions and deletions to the home or lot. Most of the alterations to the home and lot have occurred since 1977.36

The area surrounding the Nelson home was first developed in 1977 by Van Hefflin, a local real estate developer who had the financial backing from his father-in-law, Robert Stevens. Together they developed the residential area called the Woodcreek Edition. It was at this time that the developers realized that a portion of the Nelson home lot was within the property line of their land.37 Consequently, the distinctive
hedges that had stood for years along the Nelson home lot were unceremoniously bulldozed under during the construction of two streets serving the sub-division -- N.E. 5th Court and N.E. 127th Street.38

Several other significant changes to the Nelson home lot have occurred since the mid-sixties when the house left the family’s possession. In addition to the old walnut tree being cut down, four of the original nine poplar trees have been cut down.39

An old plum-drying shed which originally stood on my property was moved in 1975 to the western side of the Nelson house.40 The shed was used as a workshop by the Reverend and Mrs. Bill Ritchie who owned the Nelson house at that time. 41 Later the shed was torn down.

The house itself went through a modernization and renovation process during the 1980’s with the addition of wall-to-wall carpeting, new kitchen appliances, and new electrical fixtures.42 In 1984 a new bathroom was added to the second floor. An architect was hired to design the bathroom to match the style of the rest of the house.43 In addition, a breakfast nook, which had a clear view of the Salmon Creek Greenbelt, was added to the kitchen.44

In 1985 a two-car garage, separate from the house, and a new paved driveway were built on the Nelson lot.45 The most recent addition was made in 1986-1987, when Jeff and Kathy Newport added a wooden deck to the eastern side of the house near the breakfast nook.46

Conclusions

It is clear that the Nelson family and their homestead played an important role in the
history of the Salmon Creek area. At one time, the Nelson family owned a large amount of Salmon Creek land. Today, when passing through the Salmon Creek area, few vestiges of the old homestead remain. During the last twenty years, the Salmon Creek area has developed its own business district and an increasing number of residential sub-divisions. Many of these are located on property originally owned by the Nelsons. However, the beautiful historical Nelson home still remains and can be seen at 12615 N.E. 5th Ave.
Endnotes


2. Ibid.


5. Berry, Personal Interview with Moyneux.

6. Ibid.

7. Berry, Personal Interview with the Wildes.

8. Ibid.


10. Gregory L. Berry. Personal Interview with Chuck Scheren, Vancouver, WA, July 25, 1991. Note: the original Salmon Creek Methodist Church is still standing and being used today for special events.

11. Ibid.

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13. Ibid.

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18 Berry, Personal Interview with Ritchie.

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23 Ibid.

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27 Ibid.

28 Ibid.

29 Ibid.

30 Ibid.

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32 Ibid.

33 To date, a picture of the original Nelson house has not been located. However, the Farlands have been trying to contact the Newports for a promised copy of a picture of the house.

34 Ibid.

35 Ibid.

36 Ibid.
37 Berry, Personal Interview with Ritchie.
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39 Berry, Personal Interview with the Wildes.
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46 Ibid.
Bibliography


Berry, Gregory. Personal Interview with George and Joyce Wilde, Vancouver, WA, July 8, 1991.
Hi — my name is Corinne Javes, oldest daughter of Anna Nelson Ladhraith. My sister Margaret Ladhraith made a copy of the Nelson Homestead by Gregory L. Berry and left it with me in late October 1993. What a flood of memories it brought back! Mr. Berry, indeed, did a splendid job. My mother was devoted to her family and we spent much time on the farm. Every Sunday it was pot roast dinner after church, then to grandpa's for coffee, homemade bread and cookies. Also many summers my sister & I spent on the farm. Jennie being twelve years older than I was like a "big sister":

Because I am unfamiliar with current streets, may I prepare the area with what is now N.E. 129th St. and sever it to the E. Nelson Road as I knew it. Prior to that it was Route 7.

Always the farm was referred to as "40 acres": 25 acres surrounding the home, 10 acres on north side of Nelson Road, and the 5 acres on N.E. corner of Nelson Road & Highway 99. The 5 acres was eventually deeded to Jennie Nelson who sold it in the mid 50's.

Emanuel Nelson (Nilsen) at the age of 25 after studying to become an architect, left Sweden for America, spending eight years in the east and midwest. He discovered Kansas in 1905 and decided to stay.
After purchasing the "40 acres" in 1891 & clearing to start the farm & home, he went to Sweden for my grandmother & they were married in Portland, Oregon. There were seven children—Arvid, Anna, Robert & Janice.

Upon returning from W.T. Arvid settled in Portland, purchased a small neighborhood grocery store which he and his wife operated. When a large supermarket was developing nearby, Arvid walked to the development & was hired immediately as the first Fred Meyer employee of the chain's expansion in that area!

My mother, Anna, and father, Corry McGalbraith, a Vancouver Post Office clerk, met & married in the original Methodist Church from the Nelson farm looking south to what is now Hazel Dell Ave. & NE 114th St., you could see my father's family farm. Two of the original Galbraith family homes are still reside in that area.

Robert after his marriage had a small chicken ranch just west of the "10 acres" on the Nelson Road to supplement his income as a truck driver for the county. After his death, his wife sold the property & with the two children, left the area.

Returning to his first love, farming, Emanuel Nelson's architectural training shows in the
designing of the original home which was built and also the several outbuildings which supported the farm. The original Salmon Creek Methodist Church was also a part of his knowledge and support.

The nine poplar trees were planted by my grandmother the year she arrived from Sweden, 1893. She always took pride in her flowers and yard.

The 25 acres surrounding the home were used mainly for the prune orchard and necessary outbuildings of a working farm. The 10 acres on north side of Nelson Road was used for growing fodder for the two working horses and cattle. The 5 acres at one time had prunes but not tended as well because of distance.

My grandfather never had any motorized equipment—plowed with his 2 horses and at times had a neighboring farmer with his tractor work the orchard. At harvest time a crew came in to reap the prunes—my father would make the boxes and a flat-topped truck from the crew would take the boxes of prunes to a dryer on the N.W. corner of what is now Hazel Dell Ave. and 78th St. Supplies for the farm were purchased from merchants on Highway 99 across from the Stage Coach Inn (not in existence at that time).
Water for the farm animals was via a pump in a spring, on the west side of where the barn used to be. On the east side of the barn was a tap which filled a water trough. (George Wilde may be able to identify the location of that pump.)

Water for the home was via a pump in a spring in the gulch south of the poplar trees. A water storage tank was about where the street is opposite the breakfast nook. At that time, the nook was a washroom only cold water from a tap was available. A tap & sink were in the kitchen but hot water was heated on the stove. I remember a few times going down the "gulch" to restart the pump which operated by the gravity of the spring's water. Sometimes it would stop the action of the plunger.

Jennie, the youngest child was raised in the area for her piano playing. Her piano was where the fireplace is now. Upon the deaths of my grandparents in the late forties, Jennie remained in the home until her death in 1964.

In the latter years of my grandparents' lives and with Jennie working in town, my parents helped very much. My father saw to it that there was plenty of wood for the kitchen stove split & stored in the wood shed. Mother helped with the housework, took laundry home to the be returned the following week. They else
kept the lawn mowed & roses trimmed. They also saw that a good supply of staples were in the pantry.

My mother was the guest of Bill & Betty Ritchie in Feb. 1973. She was so pleased at visiting the home again she sent me a letter in which I still have, describing the improvements that had been made. My husband & I visited the home in 1988 when the Newport's had it on the market.

May I thank Mr. Berry for inspiring me to put in writing precious memories of the farm, and I thank you Mr. & Mrs. Fairland, for the tender loving care you are devoting to a home my grandfather built.

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Clark County Sun
THROW OLD DIRECTORY OUT IS REQUEST

Now that Vancouver telephone subscribers have all received their new July, 1943, directory, they are again reminded by representatives of the telephone company that it is important to make sure all old directories are destroyed and entirely removed from possible reference use.

"Few things make more confusion in telephone service than calling from old lists, especially when so many changes have been taking place as in this city during the past year," commented an operator who has been identified for years with the Vancouver exchange.

"We shall certainly appreciate the cooperation of our customers in using the new directory, only, and also in looking up the numbers before calling," added the young lady.

---Write to Your Boy---

GAS MASKS HERE

The local office of civilian defense received 420 gas masks Monday, replacing the old style masks recently called on by the OCD officials, Vern B. Anderson, coordinator, said. A number of the first masks to be distributed to auxiliary firemen and other volunteers are still out, Anderson said, and must be returned before new ones may be issued.

EMANUEL NELSON, 85, THINKS VANCOUVER AHEAD OF PORTLAND

Here's a Man Who Has Been Around; Still Likes This Area

Vancouver is going to be the "metropolitan city," is the prediction of Emanuel Nelson, 85, Vancouver. Nelson thinks that Vancouver will be ahead of Portland some day, that there is not a city on the coast that has the opportunity of Vancouver.

Why? "Because of the power of the Columbia, its tributaries, and because of the big agricultural country."

Vancouver's population was only 1,000 when Nelson came here 52 years ago. That was in 1891. There was big timber where the Clark general hospital now stands.

At the age of 33 Nelson, a bachelor, purchased land in Clark county seven miles out of Vancouver, which he cleared. He has been a Clark county resident ever since.

From Vermland, Sweden, he came to America 60 years ago. The trip took eight or nine days. He spent eight years all over the east and middle west before coming to Clark county which is the "finest place in the world."

A short time later he wrote to the girl, in Vermland, Sweden, and they were married in Portland.

Nelson states that he has had a great many experiences in farming, that for a good many years it was all right, but now it is worse than nothing. He has a big garden this year but is doing the work himself, with the hoe.

"The only thing I can figure out for people now, is to have a small place that they can take care of themselves." Nelson is for a general pension plan for people of a certain age, "to keep people of a certain age, on their feet."

He attributes his health to the fact that he has not allowed himself to become idle. From morning until night, at the age of 85, he shovels, hoe and rakes. He is sure that if he were staying in town, "walking up and down," he would not be happy. He has always liked to read and ever since he was a youngster he has read everything he could get hold of.

Nelson has received his golden sheaf which signifies that he has been a member of the Washington state grange for 50 years, and has been a member of the Washington Prune Growers and (Continued on Page 6).
Sergeant Hazen Surprises Home Folk with Visit

FARGHER LAKE — Sgt. Robert Hazen surprised his family and friends when he arrived home on a 36-hour pass last Tuesday. His plane landed in Spokane for repairs. Sergeant Hazen is stationed at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

Mrs. Lewella Curtis and Otis of Portland, Ore., were weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hazen. Many friends were saddened to hear of the death of "Joe" Stone of Red Bluff, Calif. Mr. Stone lived in this district for many years. All of his family but one daughter, Mrs. Ed Wickman, live in Oregon and California.

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1933 he was one of 32,000 young men and women leaving that country for America. If he had the money to take a trip back after the war he would go, to visit a brother in 70 years of age, but "I would come back. America is the finest country in the world."—Write to Your Boy.

The difference between a cake that melts in your mouth—and the one that is a failure may be careless measuring.

About three months ago Miss Louise Higgins joined the WACs. Though she was then living in Portland, she had spent most of her life in Fargher Lake. Since then her only brother, "Bobby" has joined the merchant marines and is stationed at San Diego, Calif. They are the only children of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Higgins.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray McIntyre and children, Mrs. M. K. Matzen and Janet, and Miss Fern Kooch, all of Doris, visited Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brown last week.

Mrs. D. F. Coons and twins, Ronald and Donald, are visiting with Mrs. Coons' aunt, Mrs. John Hardy, at Salem, Ore.

Thinks Vancouver Ahead of Portland
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Cannons since that organization started in 1920.

When Nelson left Sweden in
Satellite View of My House

Note: This free street level "Find My House" service is available for addresses in the USA, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand. Additional countries will be added as Google Maps launches in other countries.

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