

FINDS A LOST SON

MRS. MARGARET A. NELSON HAS LOCATED HIM AT PILOT GROVE MISSOURI.

HE ADVERTISED FOR RELATIVES

Orphans' Home Sends Boy to Cooper County and Separated Relatives — Are to Be Reunited After Many Years.

A story stranger than fiction has just been related to the Pilot Grove Record, wherein a fatherless boy was spirited away from an orphans' home, separated from relatives and sent out west to meet with varying fortunes.

To begin at the beginning— as the story tellers would narrate it—in the city of Brooklyn, New York, April 16, 1890, a little son was born to Mr and Mrs. Charles Nelson; later, a daughter and two more sons were born.

When but a few years of age this eldest son was sent to a hospital and there he remained for about three years. The father died on September 14, 1900, and this eldest son attended the funeral.

Soon after this the mother decided to take her son from the home, and notified the authorities that she would call for him the following week.

In the meantime a number of children were sent from that and other orphans' homes to Missouri, and this boy mentioned, Karl E. Nelson, was one of the number of children sent to Pilot Grove, October 19, 1900.

He was adopted by Abraham Brownfield and lived with him until Mr. Brownfield's death, several years ago. At the time of his adoption he was about 10 years of age.

Since he was 15 years of age he has been employed by different parties, and for the last three years has worked for Mr. Platt.

About a year ago Karl wrote to the department of health, borough of Manhattan, which keeps a record of all deaths, and found that there were four deaths of persons by the name of Nelson within the time that young Nelson thought his father died.

The Charles Nelson name, Karl thought must be his father, as the day of the week given corresponded to the day of the week that his father died, as he remembered it.

Several letters were exchanged, but no trace of his relatives were found until this year.

The next letter that Karl received was from the president of the borough of Brooklyn, enclosing a letter from the superintendent of the Presbyterian hospital of the city of New York, stating that Charles Nelson had died there and had left a widow then liv-

ing at 738 Gates avenue, Brooklyn.

Karl wrote to this address, but received no answer. He then wrote an appeal to Borough President Steers and he had an article put in one of the New York papers.

The wife of Charles Nelson, seeing the article and the letter signed simply "K. E. Nelson," wrote to that address at Pilot Grove and Karl received the letter last week. It reads as follows:

"K. E. Nelson, Pilot Grove, Mo. Dear Sir or Miss: You will find enclosed a clipping from one of our daily newspapers and the same interested me very much, as I formerly lived at 738 Gates avenue and am the widow of Charles Nelson, who died at the Presbyterian hospital in September, 1900; and, besides, I have been making inquiries for several years for a missing son of the said Charles Nelson.

However, as you sign yourself with only your initials, I do not know whether you are a young man or a young lady; but, nevertheless, I am very hopeful that you are the right person, because your initials agree with those of the son for whom I am looking.

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"Please write immediately, giving me your full name and age and all possible information concerning yourself, as I, your sister and brothers are anxiously hoping that you are the young man who has been so long missing. Yours very truly—Margaret A. Nelson, 11 Oliver Place, Brooklyn."

Karl wrote immediately to the address given and received a reply Monday, confirming his relationship. The letter is written by his sister, Ruth, and contains also a shorter one from his 12-year-old brother, Arthur. He has another brother, William, a boy of 14 years.

The Record is indeed glad that Karl has found his relatives, after nearly twelve years' separation, and his many friends here will rejoice with him. He will visit his relatives in the east this summer.