

STEEN NELSON, FINLEY CIVIC AND POLITICAL LEADER, DIES

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Death Occurs In Fargo
Hospital Following Pro-
tracted Illness

Steen H. Nelson, 74, Finley, one of the organizers of Steele county, a member of its first board of county commissioners, and for nearly 50 years a leader in its political and civic life, died of heart disease in a Fargo hospital early today.

He was the father of Norris H. Nelson, 341 Eighth av S, Fargo, Independent Republican candidate for the senate in 1926 against Gerald P. Nye.

Mr. Nelson was brought to the hospital here Monday noon, after being discharged as apparently on the road to recovery three weeks ago. He had been sick several years.

Funeral Wednesday

The body will be taken to his farm home between Finley and Coopers-town Wednesday and funeral services will be held from the home and the Swedish Lutheran church southwest of Finley, with burial in the cemetery there.

Coming to Fargo in 1880 from Mt. Morris, Wis., where he was born in 1854, Mr. Nelson went to Steele county, where he homesteaded in 1881 and plunged actively into the political affairs of that section North Dakota.

He took a leading part in the movement which resulted in the organization of Steele county in 1884 from parts of Griggs and Trail counties and with L. B. Hanna, Fargo, also an early settler in that section, helped to circulate petitions calling the special election.

Elected as a member of the board of county commissioners at the first general election in Steele county, Mr. Nelson had since been identified with politics and county affairs there. He was the first school and township clerk in his district and later served as county treasurer for four years. He also served the 16th legislative district, comprising Steele and Griggs counties, in the North Dakota house of representatives for two terms.