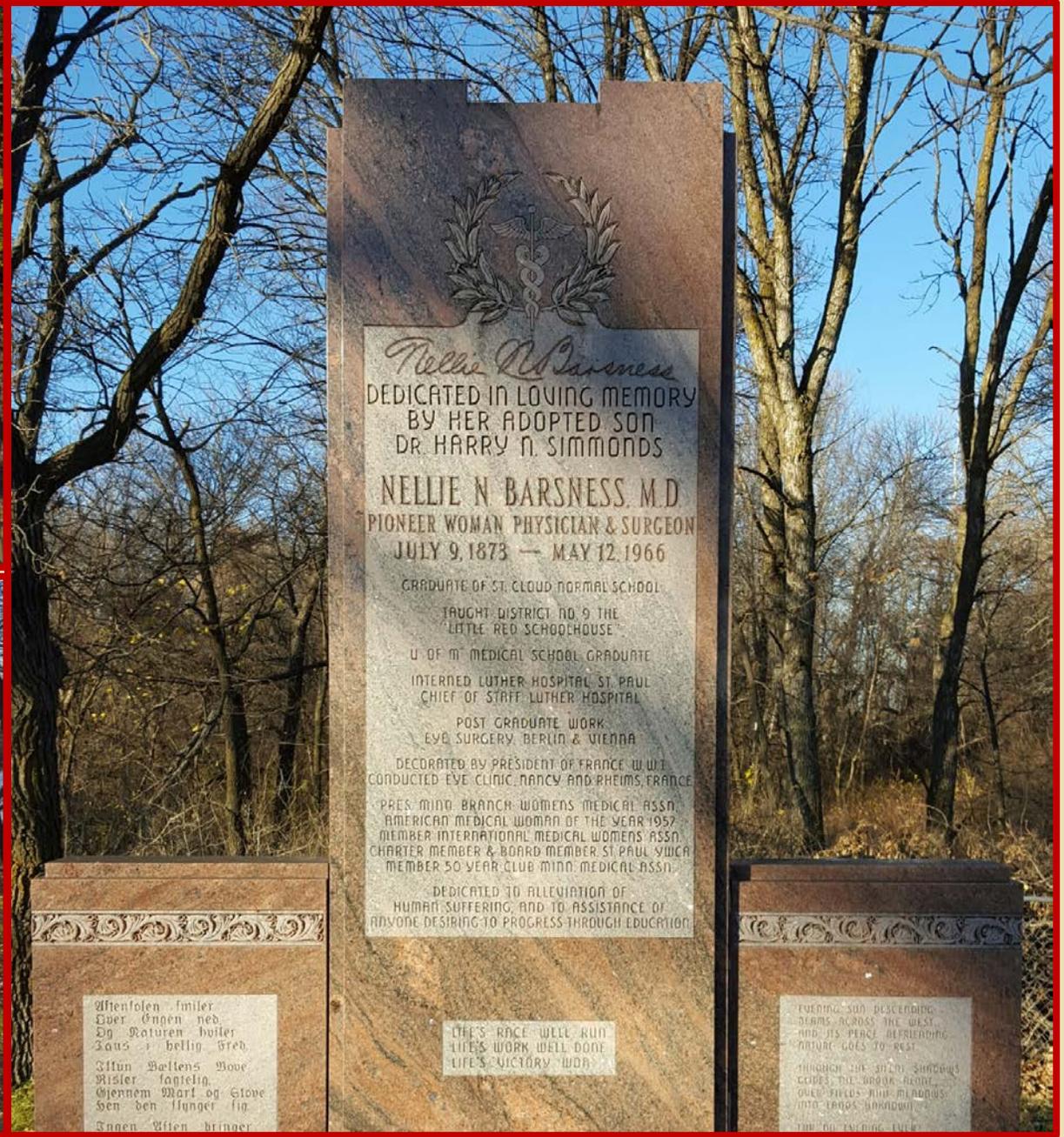




Nellie N. Parsons M.D.

**“Dr. Nellie”
A Minnesota Physician’s
Experience In The Great
War**

Ben Lake Cemetery – Pope County



Nellie N. Barsness
DEDICATED IN LOVING MEMORY
BY HER ADOPTED SON
DR. HARRY N. SIMMONDS

NELLIE N. BARSNESS, M.D.
PIONEER WOMAN PHYSICIAN & SURGEON
JULY 9, 1873 — MAY 12, 1966

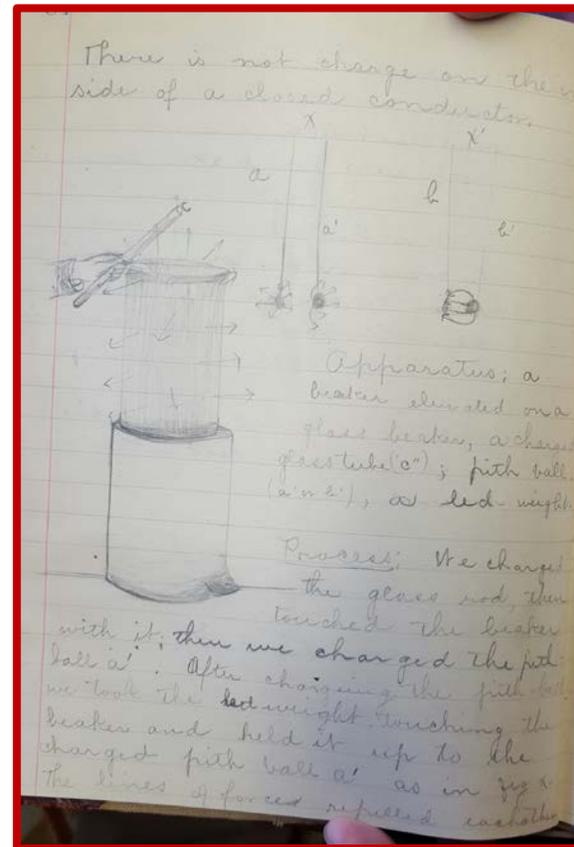
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DEDICATED TO ALLEVIATION OF
HUMAN SUFFERING AND TO ASSISTANCE OF
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Menfolen smiler
Doer Engen ned
Dy Naturen holder
Laus i hellig Fred
Alten Bøllens Møve
Risler Jangelia
Gjennem Mart og Stove
Sen den Hunger lig
Engen Alen bringer

THE RACE WILL RUN
LIFE'S WORK WELL DONE
LIFE'S VICTORY WON

EVENING SUN DESCENDING
BEAMS ACROSS THE WEST
AND ITS PEACE BEFRENDING
NATURE GOES TO REST
THROUGH THE SILENT SHADOWS
COMES THE MORNING
OVER FIELDS AND MEADOWS
INTO LANDS UNKNOUN
THE SUN IN THE EAST



St. Cloud Teacher's College (left) Notes from Her Physics Lab Notebook at the U of M (right)

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“With The Colors” Volunteers from Dr. Nellie’s Hometown of Glenwood, MN 1917



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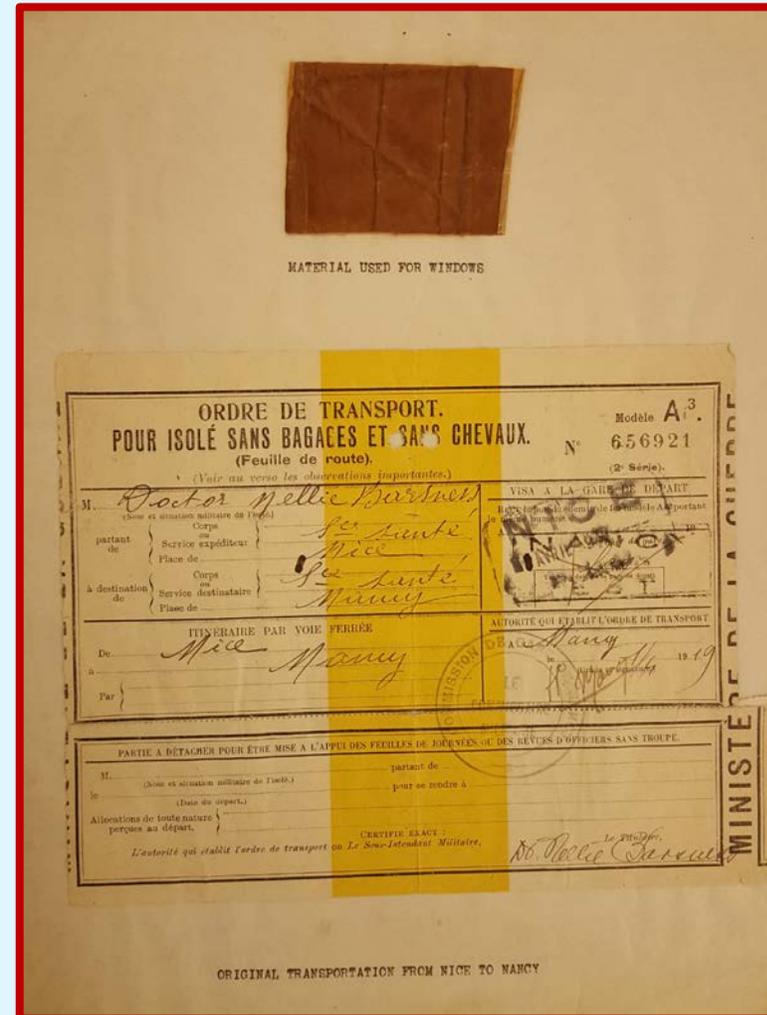


“After ceaseless efforts to enter the Medical Reserve Corps of the United States Army who would not open its portals to women physicians I left St. Paul on September 22, 1918 to enter the French Army through the Women’s Overseas Hospital (W.O.H.) U.S.A. (under the auspices of the National American Women’s Suffragette Association) and appointed Ophthalmologist and assigned to a Gas Hospital (Number 3) at Cempuis, Oise, France.” ~~ Dr. Nellie Barsness

Courtesy of Pope Country Historical Society

Miscellaneous items Dr. Nellie brought back from overseas -

- 1) Material for covering rail car windows allowing for light.
- 2) Rail Transportation Voucher from Nice to Nancy



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Verdun Region



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Rheims



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Paris 1918-19

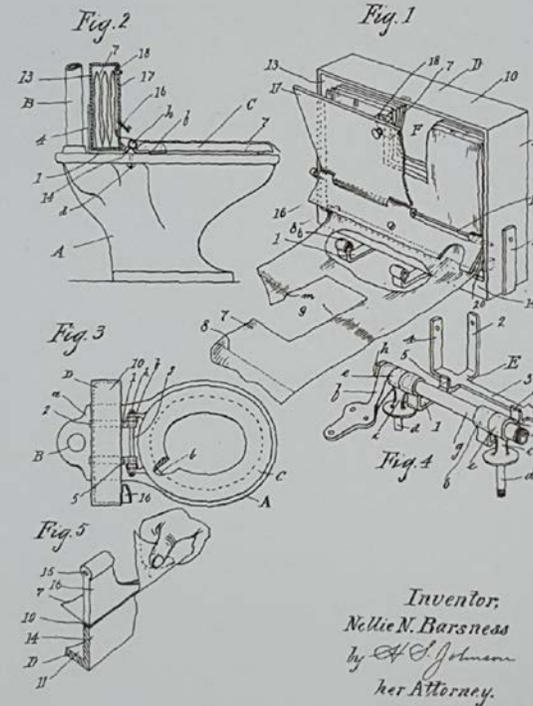


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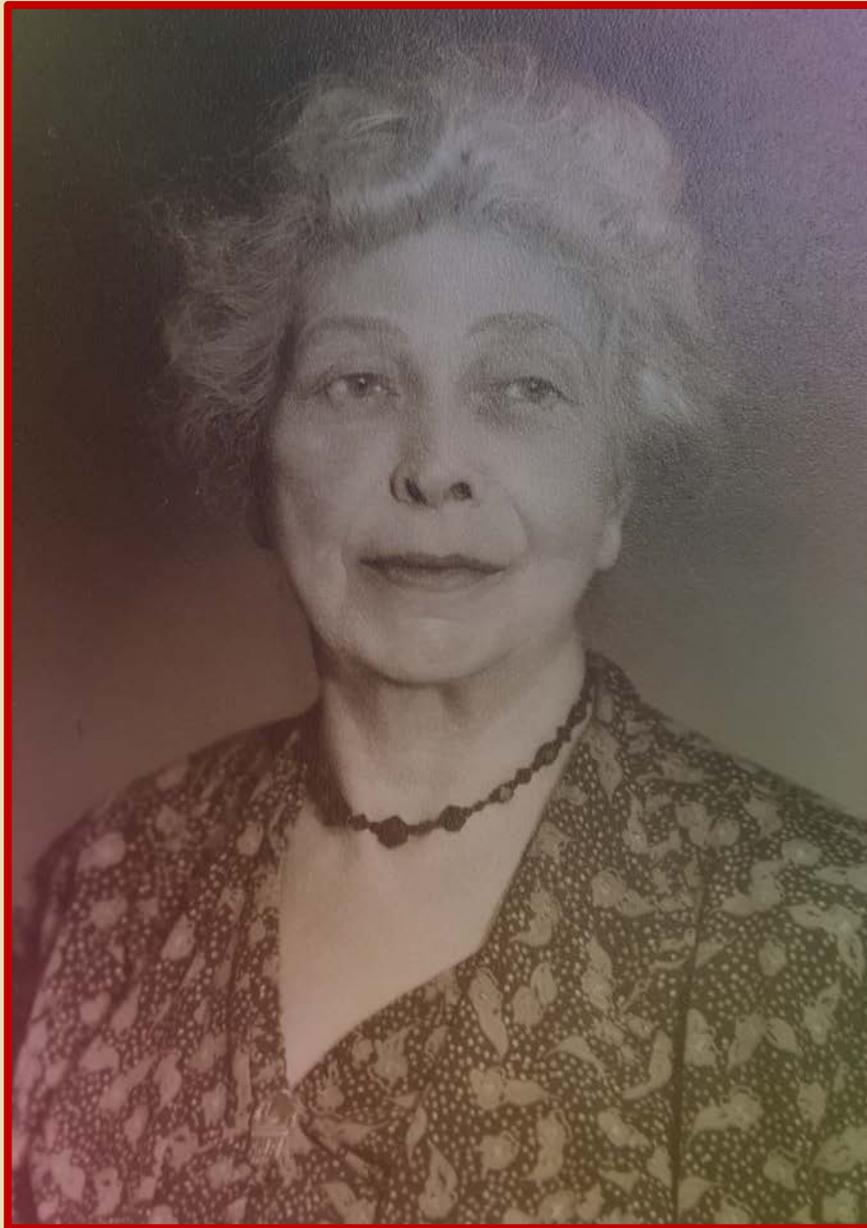
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her Attorney.

Dr. Nellie's Patent for Patent
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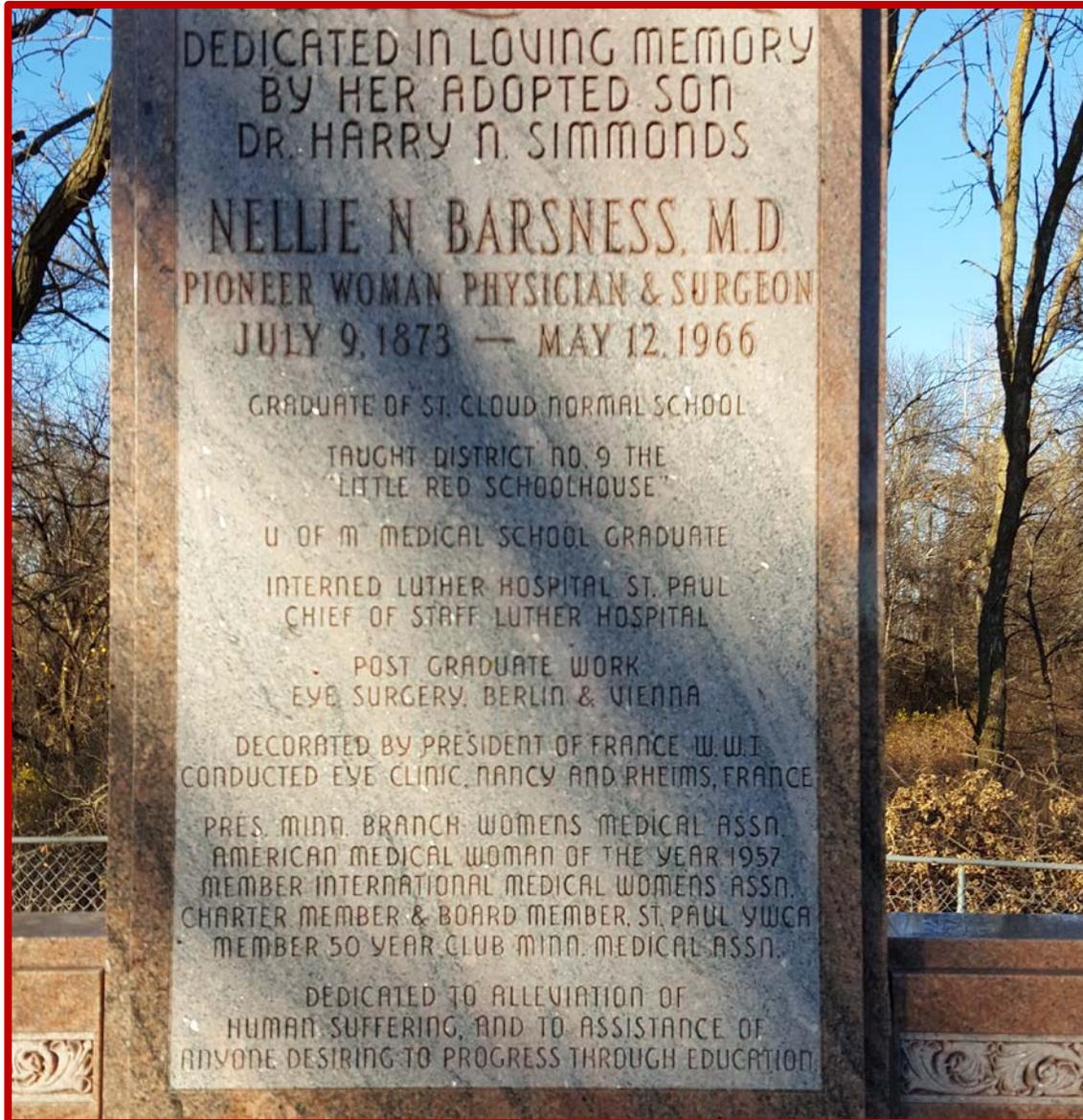
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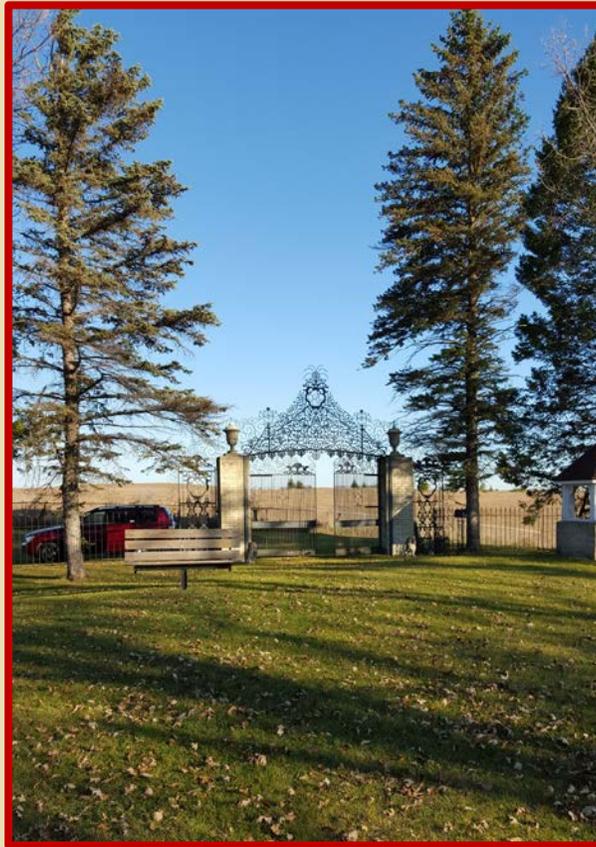
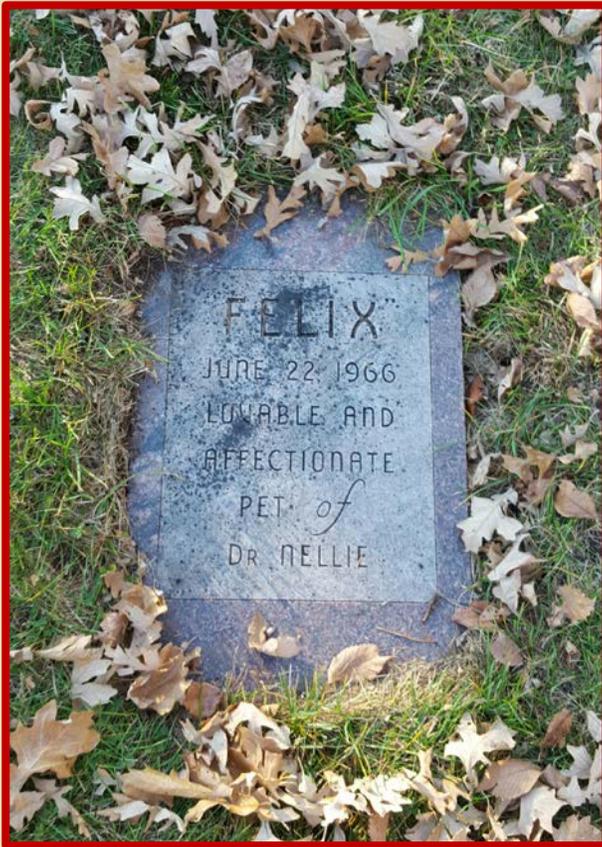
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“Somehow, I seemed to sense a sadness among the people. Many families felt the effects of war. Others were tortured by the severe influenza epidemic. Physicians and nurses were overworked, and the hospitals overcrowded. The possibility of more wars gave one a sense of insecurity. Parents looked at their small boys and wondered.”

~ Dr. Nellie Barsness