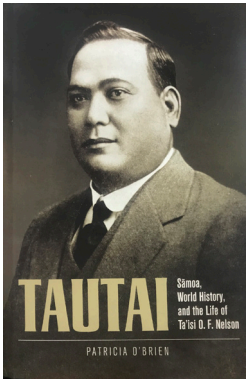


NELSON SISTERS

MLC SCHOOL FAMILY TREE



Ta’isi Olaf Frederick (O. F.) Nelson  
(also known as Fred and Feleti Nelson)

Ta’isi O.F.Nelson, Political Campaigner & Statesman

Ta’isi Olaf Frederick Nelson (24 February 1883 - 28 February 1944) was a successful businessman, scholar, and in the 1920s and 1930s he was the leader of the nationalist Mau movement (for Western Samoan independence from NZ). Ta’isi was born and raised at Safune, on Savai’i, the son of Swedish trader, August Nilspeter Nelson and his wife Sina Masoe. Ta’isi became one of Samoa’s most successful businessmen as well as a highly popular leader. The political goal he worked for was attained in 1962, when Western Samoa became the first Pacific island nation to achieve independence. His grandson Tupuola Taisi Efi was the third prime minister of Western Samoa (1976–82).

Irene Gustava Noue  
NELSON (~1928)



Enrolled on 23 March 1925, aged 14  
Status: Boarder  
Family residence: Western Samoa

B: 29 May 1910, Tuaefu, Upolu, Samoa  
D: 9 July 1992, Samoa, Aged 82  
M. Tupua Tamasese MEA’OLE

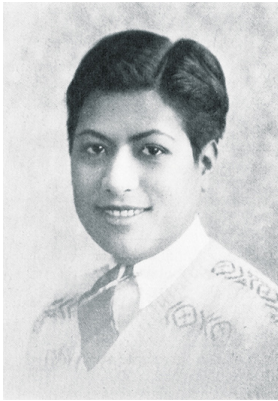
Irene’s husband became Joint Head of State when Samoa attained Independence in 1962.

Their son Olf “Efi” Nelson went on to become Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Tupuola Ta’isi Efi, the third Prime Minister of Samoa, and from 2007 to 2017, the Head of State of Samoa.

Olf “Efi” Nelson and his family visited MLC School on 31 Oct 2017.



Olive Virginia Malienafau  
NELSON (1929)



Enrolled on 23 March 1925, aged 14  
Status: Boarder  
Family residence: Western Samoa

B: 17 Aug1911, ‘Tuaefu’ (Nelson family home)  
Apia, Tuamasaga, Upolu, Samoa  
D: 18 Mar 1970, Apia, Tuamasaga, Upolu,  
Samoa, Aged 66

Olive Nelson (1929) became the first Samoan, as well as the first Pacific woman to attain a Bachelor of Laws from Auckland University, graduating in 1936 with the Butterworth Prize for the highest law exam results in the University. Later that year, Olive was admitted to the New Zealand Supreme Court, as both a barrister and solicitor, becoming only the second woman in the country to achieve this feat.

Olive Virginia Malienafau Nelson (1929) enrolled as a Boarder at MLC School on 23 March 1925 at the age of 13. She was one of the five Nelson sisters from Western Samoa who were at MLC School from 1925 to 1935.

In her final year at MLC School in 1929, Olive was a member of the 1st Senior Netball team, a (Boarding) House Prefect, a Senior Prefect and was the winner of the (Boarding) House Prize.

Not long after Olive was admitted to the New Zealand Supreme Court, she returned home to Western Samoa (now known as Samoa), where she became Samoa’s first female barrister and solicitor.

Very quickly she became involved in another sphere new to women, local politics. Olive was a legal adviser and advocate for her father, among others. Olive’s father was a successful businessman and political leader who was one of the founding members of the Mau movement for Samoan independence.

Joyce Rosabel Piliopo  
(known as ‘Billie’)  
NELSON (~1930)

Enrolled on 23 March 1925, aged 13  
Status: Boarder  
Family residence: Western Samoa

B: ~1914  
D: ~1982  
M. Richard CARRUTHERS  
Herman RETZLAFF

Joyce’s son Misa Telefoni Retzlaff (Hermann Theodor Retzlaff) was in parliament from 1988 to 2010, and the Deputy Prime Minister of Samoa from 2000 to 2010.

His son (Joyce’s grandson) is Lemalu Hermann Retzlaff who was appointed Attorney General of Samoa in 2016.



Sina Hope  
NELSON (~1933)

Although there is no record of Sina Hope’s and Calmar’s enrolment in our Admission Registry, the Old Girls’ column in the 1975 issue of *Excelsior* records:  
‘The homeward trip started from Los Angeles and was broken by a visit to the Nelson family in Western Samoa. Irene, Olive, Billie, Sina and Calmar are all MLC Old Girls, and many of our members will remember them in so many ways.’

B. 19 Nov 1916  
D. 1 Oct 1995  
M. Edward ANNANDALE

Calmar Josephine Taufau  
NELSON (~1935)

B. ~1918  
D. ~1988  
M. August MEYERS