

Helen was 43. Helen retained her youthful enthusiasm and love of activity, but unfortunately was killed in an accident while bicycling in 1954.

### The Fullers \*

Around 1875 while still very young, Phebe went to southern Minnesota no doubt staying with one or the other of her sisters, Sarah Sutherland Reeves in Eagle Lake or Elspa Phelps in Waseca. She taught in country schools, then attended and graduated from the Mankato Normal School in that region. In 1882 she married Robert Fuller and they lived on a large farm very near Mapleton, Minnesota for 18 years. Children born in Mapleton were Lulu, Elspa, Willard, Benjamin and Robert, Jr. Elspa died in childhood.

In partnership with John Willard, a lawyer and businessman, Robert Fuller raised prize-winning French Coach and Percheron horses. Unfortunately, some of the Willard businesses went bankrupt in 1899 dragging down the Fuller farm. The stock, however, was not lost, and Fullers moved to Redwood Falls where they established a second "West Lawn Farm".

Lulu died after giving birth to twins. One twin, George Johnson, survived and was raised by the Fullers. Phebe became a leader in the Minnesota temperance movement and, to a lesser extent, in various other women's organizations.

The oldest son, Willard Collin Fuller, attended Hamlin University in St. Paul where he met Lillian Gephard, a student with the highest record ever at that college. He became a teacher and a superintendent of schools. She taught school also. Benjamin Franklin Fuller married Louella Pfaff. He practiced dentistry in St. Paul and became president of the Ramsey County Dental Society. His son and grandson are named after him.

Robert Ellsworth Fuller, Jr. married Pearl Griebler, and they continued to run the farm at Redwood Falls. They faced the declining prices of the 1920s and in the 1930s the despair of the "dust bowl" and the Great Depression. After he died of a heart attack in 1934, Pearl moved into Redwood Falls, raised her four daughters and worked her way up to head the County Welfare Department.

### The Youngest Daughters of James and Hannah; the Last of the Generation

Nancy Abigail married Charles A. Stoddard and moved to Canby, Minnesota. Their children were Sophie (?), Mabel and Guy. Guy married Emma Neihart from a well established family on the east side of St. Paul. Leah Mae Sutherland became a schoolteacher in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The depression year of 1933 saw the death of a granddaughter and two daughters of the Sutherlands. Elspa Reeves Ridley died in April and the wake was held at 1057 Edgerton. Leah Mae attended that wake and herself died in September. Hannah Sutherland Taylor died in December. Phebe Sutherland Fuller lived into her nineties and died in 1956.

The interesting stories of numerous Sutherland descendants would fill a large volume or even volumes. Perhaps such a compilation will come about, facilitated by references to individuals who have been gathering records as noted in footnotes on these pages.

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