

opportunity by the Masonic Lodge Westward, being sent west to write insurance. But what seemed like good fortune turned sour when Robert contracted a bad case of Rocky Mountain spotted fever. During a very slow recuperation he was unable to work, and the family lived for a time with Dorinda's sisters on farms in South Dakota. The two oldest boys left home and found work, Will with a printer in Aberdeen, South Dakota and Steve with a farmer in Mapleton, Minnesota. This farmer was his uncle Robert Fuller. He had married one of the younger Sutherland girls, Phebe.

While still not entirely well Robert went to work at a blacksmith shop, but unfortunately the owner died and the shop was disposed of. Temporary moves were made back to relatives in Minnesota and Wisconsin until a house could be built on a lot held by Fuller in Mapleton. (Dorinda wrote a humorous poem about Robert Fuller when he was stung by a bee on his lip.) In this town the youngest Sutherland children, Robert Guy and Helen, enjoyed attending school. Robert Guy married Florence Sprague from a large pioneer family in the town. The family came to think of Mapleton as their real home.

But another move was in store for the senior Robert Sutherlands, this time to Gladstone, already the home of Sarah and Tom Reeves and Elspa and Clarence Ridley. But as before, luck did not remain with Robert. This good opportunity presented itself only to be followed by illness. His unexpected death from typhoid pneumonia was reported in Mapleton in December 1906.

Mr. Sutherland was for many years a resident of this place, moving to St. Paul a little over a year ago where he accepted a good position with the Poirier Manufacturing Company. Mr. Sutherland was a blacksmith by trade, but being an all around mechanic easily adapted himself to other lines and at various times during his residence here followed the trade of tinner, and at other times that of carpenter. He was a man of ability, possessing a good education and but for adversities in life would have been well to do. . . . He was fond of society and was a member of the odd Fellows, Masons and Workmen. . . . ³⁴

As mentioned earlier, their children were Stephen James, born 1871; William Garner, 1873; Robert Guy, 1878; and Helen, 1886. Steve became a fishing guide and ran a fishing camp in Wisconsin. Will became an outstanding doctor of osteopathy, a leader in its education and in the development of new ideas. He practiced in Red Wing and Mankato and in San Diego. His picture and biography appear in a published history of the field housed in the library of the Minnesota Historical Society.³⁵

Robert Guy went in for photography when this field was still new and became a professional. He also was a carpenter and had other skills. He lived in Stillwater and in Forest Lake, Minnesota. He left a treasure-trove of family and other photographs.

Dorinda Sutherland lived a very long time after the death of her husband, and her daughter Helen always lived with her. Helen wrote a letter to Phebe in 1919 full of wit and humor expressing her enjoyment of life and of natural beauty. Helen married Albert Marion Caswell in St. Paul, and they lived in Wisconsin and near Detroit. She very much wanted children, and gave birth to three babies, none surviving. Finally Alberta was born when

³⁴ *Blue Earth County Examiner*, 12-28-1906

³⁵ E. C. Goblirsch, *History of Osteopathy in Minnesota*, 1984, 3 and 60-61. Osteopathy and allopathic medicine have merged in recent decades, and DO and MD degrees have much in common.