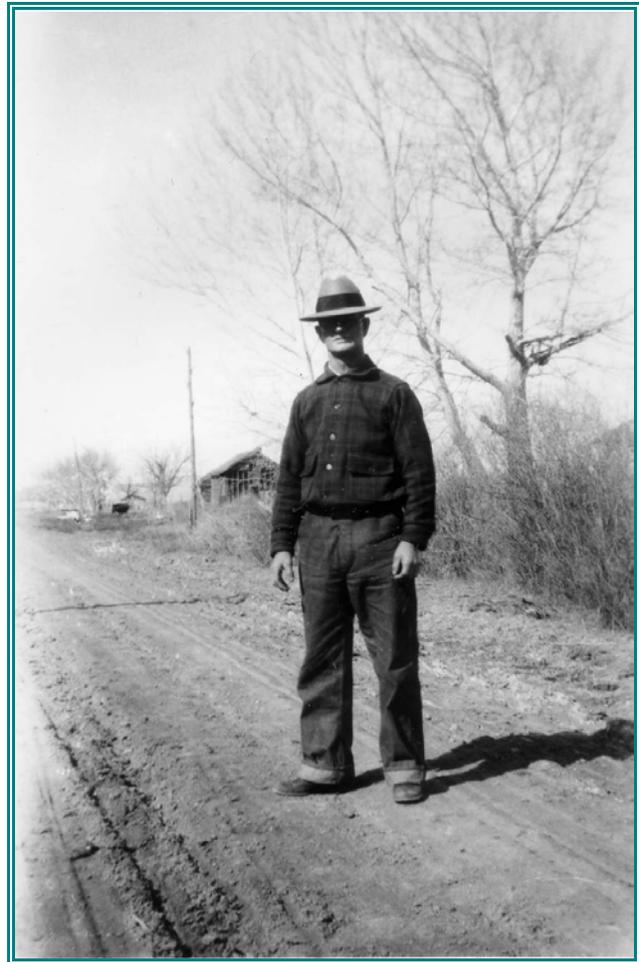


memories I've not heard before, one of the most poignant ones involving her dad, a man that my inner child regards as just plain mean. Fuller was not able to go past the fourth grade in school and he did not learn to read. Later in his life this was an embarrassment. After he married Teen, she took him in hand and helped him read. She taught her husband along with her children.

My memories of him are that he was mean, just plain mean, even to us little kids. Here's a shot of him as I remember him, out there in Naples. Stern, intense, not please about anything. He was standing in the road in front on his place. His house would be on the right side of the photo. The willows left indicate that there's water, i.e. a canal, which ran east-west in front of his property. Mom told me that Fuller's mom lived in a log cabin about where that structure is in the back ground.

Grandpa was a strong man. His neck was wider than his head meaning he had powerful shoulders. He was used to hard physical work. He's wearing new clothes here, rolled up cuffs on his levis and a wide-brimmed hat. He loved horses and freighted in the early years of his marriage.

The meanness I remember best is his "horsebites". Whenever we were foolish enough to sit on the "davenport" -the term for couch- by him, he'd reach over, grab a handful of our thigh and squeeze so hard we'd cry. Mom said she tried to get him to stop it and she'd tell us to squeeze his leg back. He did that again and again and we stupidly kept sitting by him. That part I don't understand because I'm not stupid. Well, he continued to do that until the day we



could return the favor with enough strength to hurt him. At that point, he stopped doing it to us.

Fuller's Family Group Sheet

Take a look at the family group sheet on the next page where Fuller is head of Household. This was laboriously prepared by Mable who loved genealogy and family histories. It was a labor of love to collect all of these photos and have them sized to fit the boxes and so on. Wish she were here today to talk with me. I have many questions.

Of the 12 children born to Grandma Merrell, only one died before reaching adulthood. Myrtle died at age 4. I've heard the cause of death but have forgotten it.

Note that Mable was married in Anchorage on August 4, 1941, three months after mom was married in Seward. Mable went with mom as a chaperone as grandma's insistence. She met Ted Handy and married him. Ted was the kindest uncle I had. He had a sort of southern gentility and spoke courteously to everyone, adult or child, which was refreshing, given the attitude of most of the adults around.

Pearl, the sixth child, was born in 1913. She was the one that asked mom to come to Mercur to help take care of her children. That was when mom met Alvin.

Ross, the second child, married Nelma Martinsen. He apparently met Nelma while working in Rainbow or Rector because she was the telephone and telegraph operator for the Uintah Railroad.

I'd tell you more stories about some of my other uncles but don't want to get in trouble.

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USBAND <u>Fuller Remington Merrell</u> Birth <u>23 December 1877</u> Place <u>Paradise, Cache Co., Utah</u> Chr. _____ Married <u>18 September 1902</u> Place <u>Salt Lake Temple, S.L.C. Utah</u> Death <u>22 February 1963</u> Burial <u>Vernal Memorial Park, Vernal, Utah</u> Father <u>Porter William Merrell</u> Mother* <u>Harriet Amelia Remington</u> Other Wives (if any) _____		 <p>FULLER 1902</p>	 <p>Aug. 1962</p>	 <p>Aug. 1962</p>	WIFE <u>Sarah Christeen Angus</u> Birth <u>2 January 1885</u> Place <u>Lake Shore, Utah.</u> Chr. _____ Death <u>12 April 1967</u> Burial <u>Vernal Memorial Park, Vernal, Utah.</u> Father <u>John Alexander Angus</u> Mother* <u>Mary Jane Gribble</u> Other Hus. (if any) _____ Where was information obtained? <u>family files</u> *List complete maiden name for all females.
		1st Child <u>Harold A. Merrell</u> Birth <u>9 July 1903</u> Place <u>Jensen, Uintah Co. Utah</u> Married to <u>Nellie Marie Harrison</u> Married <u>19 August 1925</u> Place <u>Salt Lake Temple, S.L.C. Utah</u>			6th Child <u>Pearl A. Merrell</u> Birth <u>1 May 1913</u> Place <u>Lake Fork, Wasatch Co.</u> Married to <u>Thayral Vance Cook</u> Married <u>2 March 1934</u> Place <u>Duchesne, Duchesne Co.</u> <u>15 March 1934 S.L. Temple, seal</u>
		2nd Child <u>John Ross Merrell</u> Birth <u>7 February 1905</u> Place <u>Jensen, Uintah Co. Utah</u> Married to <u>Nelma A. Martinsen</u> Married <u>16 March 1932 Manti, Utah</u> Place <u>Manti Temple, Manti, Utah</u>			7th Child <u>Ray A. Merrell</u> Birth <u>23 February 1915</u> Place <u>Lake Fork, Duchesne Co.</u> Married to <u>Patricia Jean Cook</u> Married <u>2 March 1959</u> Place <u>Salt Lake Temple, S.L.C.</u>
		3rd Child <u>Karl A. Merrell</u> Birth <u>28 October 1906</u> Place <u>Jensen, Uintah Co. Utah</u> Married to <u>(2) Leah Farr</u> Married <u>18 June 1954 -</u> Place <u>Salt Lake Temple, S.L.C. Utah</u> <u>(1) LaVerne Dickinson McAfee. (014)</u>			8th Child <u>Mable A. Merrell</u> Birth <u>17 November 1916</u> Place <u>Myton, Duchesne, Co. Ut</u> Married to <u>Thomas Lincoln Handy</u> Married <u>4 August 1941</u> Place <u>Anchorage, Alaska.</u> <u>15 January 1970- endowed, S.L.C.</u>
		4th Child <u>Bessie A. Merrell -</u> Birth <u>17 December 1908 -25 Feb 1983</u> Place <u>Vernal, Uintah Co. Utah</u> Married to <u>John Milby Lybbert -21 Sept. 1981</u> Married <u>21 July 1930</u> Place <u>Vernal, Uintah Co. Utah</u> <u>27 July 1939 Sealed, Logan Temple, Logan, Ut.</u>			9th Child <u>Leo A. Merrell</u> Birth <u>18 December 1918 -30</u> Place <u>Lake Fork, Wasatch Co</u> Married to <u>Fern LaRee Sullivan</u> Married <u>17 March 1942</u> Place <u>San Jose, California</u> <u>11 June 1956 Sealed, S.L. Temple</u>
		5th Child <u>Myrtle A. Merrell</u> Birth <u>7 December 1911</u> Place <u>Lake Fork, Utah</u> Married to _____ Married <u>Died 15 August 1915 Lake Fork, Utah</u> Place _____			10th Child <u>Grant A. Merrell</u> Birth <u>24 January 1921</u> Place <u>Vernal, Uintah Co. Ut</u> Married to <u>Frances Young Duke</u> Married <u>26 June 1956</u> Place <u>Salt Lake Temple, S.</u>

		<p>11th Child Marie A. Merrell</p> <p>Birth 5 April 1923</p> <p>Place Vernal, Uintah Co. Utah</p> <p>Married to James Alvin Jensen</p> <p>Married 17 May 1941</p> <p>Place Seward, Alaska S.L.C Temple 29 Sept. 1941</p>
		<p>12th Child 2nd Child Delroy A. Merrell</p> <p>Birth 14 April 1925</p> <p>Place Vernal, Uintah Co. Utah</p> <p>Married to Connie Rae Dunn</p> <p>Married 30 July 1950</p> <p>Place Wrightstown, New Jersey</p>

This short segment with mom and Delroy is from the back side of the family group sheet. Twelve kids didn't fit onto a single side. Mom is Child Number 11, born April 05, 1923 and continues today at age 79 in good health but failing mind. She calls me on rare occasions to tell me what she told me six months ago, with a freshness that is disarming. That's one of the advantages of Alzheimer's though I don't think that's exactly what she has.

encouraged to finish high school, she was actively discouraged by her dad.

"Teen" sits here with her five siblings. She is on the left. Her twin, Mary, sits on the right. Mary was even more mild than Teen. Elmer is the boy in the front row between Teen and Mary.

In the back row, L to R, are Delbert, Wilford and Delroy, the namesake for Teen's youngest son. Teen and Mary married twin brothers, Fuller and Frank, who was a fierce as Fuller. Sisters married brothers on the same day. A family group sheet follows on the



next page showing her as the second child of John Alexander Angus (DOB 09-14-1862) and Mary Jane Gribble (DOB-9-18-1859).

This is the transcription of grandma's personal history:

"I am Sarah Christeen Angus Merrell. I was born 2 January 1885 at Lake Shore, Utah. My parents are John Alexander Angus, and Mary Jane Gribble Angus. I have grey eyes and had brown hair. It is now grey. I am 5 foot 2 inches tall and weigh 105 pounds.

When I was less than a year old (*Ed.: around 1886. General Ashley founded the original settlement in 1825, 50 years earlier.*), my parents with my sister Mary and me moved to Uintah County, then known as Ashley Valley. It is now Vernal. Father purchased a home and farm near Green River the place is now called Jensen. There was a 2 room log house with a dirt roof and no ceiling, but mother soon put a white cloth ceiling up and white washed the walls white. She sewed carpet rags and had them woven into strips of carpet which she sewed together to

make a carpet that covered the bedroom floor, clean fresh straw was on the floor about 4 inches thick then the carpet was stretched and tacked down.

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Chapter 3: Naples 1929

Teen's
Family
Group
Sheet

HUSBAND <u>John Alexander Angus</u> Birth <u>14 September 1862</u> Place <u>Spanish Fork, Utah, Utah</u> Chr. _____ Married <u>19 October 1882</u> Place <u>Salt Lake City (Endowment House)</u> Death <u>24 January 1951</u> Burial <u>27 January 1951 Roosevelt Cemetery</u> Father <u>John Clark Angus</u> Mother* <u>Betsy Hislop Archibald</u> Other Wives (if any) <u>Bertha Bell Dennis</u>		 	WIFE <u>Mary Jane Gribble</u> Birth <u>18 September 1859</u> Place <u>Paragonah, Iron, Utah</u> Chr. _____ Death <u>16 March 1905</u> Burial <u>20 March 1905, Jensen, Uintah, Utah</u> Father <u>Robert Gribble</u> Mother* <u>Sarah Losee</u> Other Hus. (if any) _____ Where was information obtained? <u>family re</u> *List complete maiden name for all females.
 	1st Child <u>Mary Jane Angus</u> Birth <u>14 August 1883</u> Place <u>Spanish Fork, Utah, Utah</u> Married to <u>Franklin Remington Marrell</u> Married <u>18 September 1902</u> Place <u>Salt Lake Temple</u> Death _____	 	6th Child <u>Wilford Lee Angus</u> Birth <u>18 January 1896</u> Place <u>Jensen, Uintah, Utah</u> Married to <u>Elva Braser</u> Married <u>10 January 1920</u> Place <u>Myton, Duchesne, Utah</u> Death <u>27 July 1982</u>
 	2nd Child <u>Sarah Christeen Angus</u> Birth <u>2 January 1885</u> Place <u>Lake Shore, Utah, Utah</u> Married to <u>Fuller Remington Marrell</u> Married <u>18 September 1902</u> Place <u>Salt Lake Temple</u> Death <u>12 April 1967</u>		
 	3rd Child <u>Delroy Angus (twin)</u> Birth <u>14 April 1887</u> Place <u>Jensen, Uintah, Utah</u> Married to <u>Alice Louella Armstead</u> Married <u>4 March 1909</u> Place <u>Salt Lake Temple</u> Death <u>16 June 1934</u>		
 	4th Child <u>Delbert Angus (twin)</u> Birth <u>14 April 1887</u> Place <u>Jensen, Uintah, Utah</u> Married to <u>Revella Knight</u> Married <u>18 September 1909</u> Place <u>Vernal, Uintah, Utah</u> Death <u>20 March 1958</u>		
 	5th Child <u>John Elmer Angus</u> Birth <u>14 September 1889</u> Place <u>Jensen, Uintah, Utah</u> Married to <u>Grace Miles</u> Married <u>15 May 1919</u> Place <u>Ioka, Duchesne, Utah</u> Death _____		



The Angus family, taken in 1906
 Front: Teen, Elmer, Mary. Back: Delbert, Wilford

The carpet covered the room wall to wall. Every fall the cloth ceiling was taken down, washed, put up again. The carpet was also taken up at the same time, the old straw was taken out and new straw put on the floor and the carpet cleaned and replaced. Mother was a very neat person and kept the house clean at all times. How we enjoyed the house cleaning time!

Mother said I walked when I was 10 months old.

My first memory was when the twin brothers were born. Mary and I slept (*Ed. Scottish dialect*) together and during the night our bed was moved to the kitchen with both of us in it. The next morning a neighbor lady came in the kitchen and woke us up. There she stood with 2 little babies in her arms and she ask us which baby each of us would choose to take care of.

I don't remember anything distinctly after that until I was about 4 years old. Then I remember playing with the babies and taking them out walking. I also remember how proud I was that I was allowed to help hang the babies' diapers and clothes on the clothes line.

(Ed. Grandma shows up in the second family group sheet as child #2. There are photos of her and Fuller.)

Our close neighbors were older folks so we didn't have many playmates until we were old enough to go to school. We had never had playmates so we didn't miss them and we were happy in our own family. Father and mother were kind. They would tell us stories, and take us sleigh riding of winters, wagon riding of summers and as soon as we were old enough to ride alone Father kept a quiet pony for us to ride. We were happy together. We cooked and heated our house with wood stoves and had coal oil lamps for lighting. One thing I remember while I was quiet small, the last one ready for bed had to blow the lamp out. One night when Mary beat me in bed and I was cross about it and every time I would try to blow the light out, Mary would do something and make me laugh. I got so mad that I cried. Mother came in and blowed (*Ed. Scottish dialect*) the light out, put me in bed and gave us a good talking to. That is my first memory of getting angry. (*Ed.: Probably the only time she did get angry.*)

I remember one summer when the twins were about 6 years old and I was about 8 years old, father had been out to Colorado working, and an old skunk had crawled under the house and raised her young. The skunk never came out of days, but they came out to feed of evenings. As soon as father came home, he got a trap and tied a long rake to it and showed the boys and me how to set it where the skunks would get caught when they came from under the house. Father also told us

and president and now at 76 I have enjoyed working in the temple for ten years.

I was married to Fuller R. Merrell September 18, 1902. He was born 23 Dec. 1877 at Paradise, Utah.

We were married in the Salt Lake Temple. My sister Mary and Fuller's brother Franklin R. Merrell were married the same day in the temple.

My father-in-law was Porter William Merrell. He was born 10 September 1846, at Mt. Pleasant, Van Buren County, Iowa. He died 29 August 1964.

My mother-in-law was Harriet Amelia Remington born 7 February 1856, at Salt Lake City Utah. She died in 1934. We were living at Jensen when we got ready to get married. There were not cars here in Utah at that time and no paved roads. The only way to get to Salt Lake City was the way we went. There were 8 of us made the trip together. Frank, Fuller, Mary and I in one covered wagon with our bed rolls and grub boxes also bailed hay and grain for the horses. Harriet Merrell, the boy's mother, her son William, Mrs. Rasmussen and Mrs. Goodrich in another wagon. It took us 6 days to go to Salt Lake City and 6 days to come home. I think we enjoyed our honeymoon as much as couples do now in their cars. It was a real outing.

When we got home, Father and Mother had a reception for us and a dance after. Fuller's and my first home was a 2-room sawed log house with a shingle roof. Fuller was working for a cattle company. He worked for then about 2 years after our marriage.

Fuller and I lived at Jensen about 6 years. Our oldest son, Harold, was born 9 July 1903, at Jensen. He married Marie Harrison in Salt Lake Temple. John Ross was born Feb. 7, 1905. He married Nelma Martinsen in the Manti Temple. Karl was born Oct. 28 1906. He married Leah Farr in Salt Lake Temple. (Ed. Note that grandma omitted Karl's first marriage to Laverne that ended in divorce, a no-no.) About this time a part of the Indian reservation was thrown open to white settlers in the spring of 1907. Fuller homesteaded 80 acres of land near the Lake Fork river. The next spring we moved to our new home. The place was called Lake Fork. At first we lived in a large one-room house. Later we added 2 more sawed-log rooms. We lived there 12 years, and during that time we lived in the same house we were in 3 different wards. As the population increased the wards were divided, first Lake Fork, second Ioka, and then Upalco.

By this time 6 more children were born to us:

Bessie born 17 Dec. 1908, married Milby Lybbert

When we came to Naples Ward, Fuller became a counselor to Joseph Collier in the Sunday School organization. He held the position until we moved to Rainbow mines to work in 1925. While living in Naples, I was 2nd. counselor to Lydia Iverson in the .Y.W.M.I.A.. I had to give up that work when we moved to Rainbow mines. Later I was a counselor to Orva Lybbert and 2 years later became Relief society president in Naples ward, which position I held about 5 years until I had to be released because of ill health.

22 February, after we had been through 2 sessions in the temple, suddenly Fuller had a heart attack and passed away. He was buried in the Vernal cemetery February 25, 1963.

I am back in Salt Lake now, living in a small apartment in the Kimball Apartment House. *(Ed.: I spent a week in that little apartment with them June 1961 while I was waiting to enter the Mission Home. It was on the east side of East Temple, just north of North Temple, on the second floor, an old brick building with apartments on the second floor and small businesses, including a drug store or pharmacy, below. The structure was razed years ago for progress.)* I will start working in the temple as soon as it opens and I expect to work in the temple the remainder of my life. *(Ed.: Which she did. She was found several days after her death because people at the temple became concerned about her failure to appear to work.)*

We have 11 living children," all married, them and their companions, every one are so kind and good to me, I love every one of them dearly."

Father married Bertha Bell Dennis, 3rd October, 1906. She was sealed to Father on 3 April 1907.

My sister Mary married Franklin Remington Merrell. *(Ed.: This is true so perhaps the above sentence refers to a second marriage?)*

I married Fuller R. Merrell, brother to Frank.

Delbert married Alice Armstead.

Delroy married Revella Knight. (Alice and Revella were twins.)

John Elmer married Grace Miles.

Wilford Leo married Elva Brasher.

[*Ed.: Mabel added these notes and information.*]

Mother did spend the rest of her days working in the Salt Lake Temple, though her health was not good. She was happy in what she was doing. She worked her last day in the Temple, and finally her stay here on earth was over. We know that she is with her husband, and other members of her family. Mother died 12 April, 1967 and was buried 15 April 1967, in the Vernal cemetery.

The posterity of this couple number in the hundreds at this time.

There are nine living children.

238 direct line descendants.

73 in laws.
5 adopted children.

We are sure the family will continue to grow.

Mable M. Handy,
16 February 1985.

Child	Children	Grandchildren	Great grand children.
Harold	6	18	9
Ross	3	8	10
Karl	3	7	1
Bessie	6	28	13
Pearl	7	33	10
Ray	0	0	0
Mable	3	2	0
Leo	6	21	0
Grant	4	2	0
Marie	2	13	0
Delroy	5	7	0

Deaths as of 16 February 19985:

Myrtle. 14 August 1915
 Calvin. 24 March 1938 (Harold)
 Ruth. 5 August 1952 (Mable)
 Gwen. 4 October 1955 (Marvin)
 Fuller. 22 February 1963
 Annette. 23 December 1955 (Norman)
 Leo. 30 June 1966
 Christeen. 12 April 1967
 Thomas. 9 July 1968 (Mable)
 Milby. 21 September 1981 (Bessie)
 Bessie. 25 February 1983
 Mac. 10 April 1984 (Marvin)
