

FULLER

Block 37, Lot 10 De Smet Cemetery

Of the two Fuller brothers, Laura Ingalls Wilder mentions Charleton [often spelled “Charlton”] Fuller by name in *Pioneer Girl*, and she only mentions Gerald Fuller by name in the De Smet LITTLE HOUSE books; usually she writes about “Mr. Fuller,” as if there was only one man by that name in town.

Coming west from Chicago in 1879, Charleton Fuller had been in the hardware business with Andrew J. Dox in Brookings for several months before a trip west in March 1880 convinced him that prospects were excellent in De Smet, and he began construction of a store there. He dissolved his partnership with Mr. Dox in January 1881, Fuller keeping the De Smet store and Dox the one in Brookings. Charleton took his younger brother, Gerald (they were *not* twins, as Wilder remembered), as partner in 1882, although it seems that Gerald Fuller was selling large farming implements in De Smet as early as 1880.

From the De Smet *LEADER*, March 19, 1887:

HARDWARE, STOVES AND FARM MACHINERY. *This branch of trade is unusually well represented in De Smet, by large stocks, and firms of unquestioned reliability, and as one that occupies a foremost place in business matters, we are pleased to refer to the well known, pioneer establishment of C.S.G. Fuller & Bro. Inaugurated in March, 1880—seven years ago—this house is not only the oldest in the county, but the business transactions have been of such a character and extent as to entitle it to a foremost place in this review. The above firm came to Dakota from Chicago, Mr. C.S.G. Fuller locating first in Brookings in 1879, before De Smet was located, and since the origin of the business here, they have always been prominently identified with every movement that tended in the direction of improvement. They are the occupants of a store, the entire length of which is 164 feet by 22 in width, which is filled to its utmost capacity with goods, comprising shelf and heavy hardware of every description, cook and heating stoves, tools, cutlery, sheet-iron, copperware, etc., making one of the very largest as well as one of the most complete hardware stocks in eastern Dakota. They are also extensive dealers in farm machinery, and in this department not only a very large stock is carried, but comprise the best and most popular goods made. Some of the leading articles in this department, Walter A. Wood Binders, Jackson wagons, Empire grain drills, Richmond Champion seeders, J.I. Case thrashers, etc. Messrs. Fuller & Bro. are beginning to stock up for the season’s business, and their facilities this spring are better than ever before. This is one of the solid and substantial houses of Kingsbury County.*



Fuller & Bro. Hardware

In the summer of 1902, Fuller's original store was moved and he built a modern brick building that filled the entire 165-foot by 25-foot lot, with a 30-foot basement below and a 25-by-70 foot second story above; he installed a 4,000-pound safe in the office. Now a full-fledged department store, Fuller changed the name to De Smet Mercantile Company. It was nicknamed "The Corner Store" due to its front door placement.

Chloe Fuller ran the business for a while following her husband's death in 1905, soon selling to J.E. Mallery, whose brother George ran the former Bradley Drug Store next door. The business was renamed the Mallery Mercantile Company. After J.E. Mallery was elected mayor of Pierre; he sold out to Burkart Brothers from Illinois in 1909. Burkart kept the store only about a year, and in July 1910, it became The Golden Rule (the huge safe went to The Farmers and Merchants Bank in De Smet at that time). For several years, the Harthorn Company (Bert Harthorn and son Frank) occupied the building, known at that time as The Big Store, comparing it to their former building up the street. They rented the building from Burkart, who still owned it.



C.S.G. Fuller's second building, photographed in 1912 when it still owned by Burkart Brothers but was operated by Bert and Frank Harthorn as The Big Store.

In February 1914, Burkart sold to J.A. Tennes, and the Harthorns moved out. Tennes opened a department store. He put in "a complete stock of men's clothing, and furnishings, women's coats and suits, dress goods, underwear, and all other lines that go to make up a clothing and dry goods store." This didn't last long, Tennes' store becoming Cohen's General Store in 1917. In 1921, Sam Cohen sold to E.J. Bouchard of Sioux City, Iowa, who opened "a big downtown department store" there with his son Edgar, calling it Bouchard Department Store. The second floor was expanded to the full lot size, and housed women's ready-to-wear clothing and a women's rest room. Bouchard installed large plate-glass windows on the storefront, with prism windows above. The store was called E.J. Bouchard & Son, and occupied the building until it burned down in December 1925. Bouchard then split his grocery and drygoods store into two locations, one of them being in the former Couse building.



Buchele Drug building, 2012. Loftus Store is two doors south, Ruth bank at end of block.

Mallery Drug Store took over the corner lot, their new Mallery Drug Store building finished in June 1926. Mallery occupied the building until January 1945, when it was taken over by Charles G.

Buchele, and the business became Buchele Drug Store. Closed after almost sixty years of operation, the third building on the site now houses Wilder Welcome Center.



FULLER. Top: Jack (1895-2001). Bottom, L-R: Charleton, son (1892-1895), Chloe (1865-1916), Charleton (1847-1905)

☛ There are three stones in Lot 9. From L-R (south-north): Charleton Edwin (1892-1895), Mother / Chloe Dow Fuller (1865-1916), and Father / Charleton S.G. Fuller (1847-1905). Lot 9 is only one grave in depth, and the burials to the west (the Lindsay family) are supposedly in the middle of the two grave depth of Lot 10. Jack Fuller's headstone is clearly to the west of his mother's and is south of the Lindsay graves, so it lies in Lot 10. His stone reads: Fuller / Col. Jack Glendon 1895-2001 / Matilda Margaret Kindschi 1895-1996 / Margaret Edna 1921-1984 / Robert Cannings 1884 – 1961.

CHARLTON SUMNER GEORGE FULLER

Block 37, Lot 10 De Smet Cemetery
June 20, 1847 – March 22, 1905; died at age 57

Husband of Chloe Thomasa (Dow) Fuller (1865-1916).
Brother of Gerald Canings Reginald Fuller (1848-1930).
Father of Robert Cannings Fuller (1884-1961), Claude Eugene Fuller (1886-1949), Charleton Edwin Fuller (1892-1895), and Jack Glendon Fuller (1895-2001).

Charleton Sumner George Fuller – or C.S.G. “Alphabetical” Fuller – was born in Bath, England, on June 20, 1847, to Samuel Fuller (1818-1882) and Elizabeth (George) Fuller (1822-1906). As a young child, he came to New York with his parents, was educated in Syracuse, New York, and at McGill College in Montreal, Canada.



C.S.G. Fuller

Charleton moved to Chicago, where he married Minerva Beers in 1868; she died nine years later. The couple had no children.

In 1879, Charleton Fuller and Andrew J. Dox followed the railroad west and opened a hardware store on the west side of Main Street in Brookings, Dakota Territory. It was called Fuller & Dox.

In March 1880, Charleton traveled to the De Smet townsite and decided to put in a store there. He built on a corner lot – Lot 21, Block 3 – directly across from the lot purchased by Charles Ingalls in Block 4. For a while, Dox mainly ran the Brookings store and Charleton the De Smet one. They advertised “Cooking stoves, a good one with 40 pieces of furniture, \$22.50.”

Gerald Fuller soon joined his brother in De Smet, running the store when Charleton had to be in Brookings or on buying trips to Chicago. During the Hard Winter of 1880-1881, Jake Hopp’s printing press occupied a back corner of the hardware store and he slept on boards laid across rafters overhead. Almanzo Wilder’s cousin, Chet Lamson, set up a commercial coffee grinder in Fuller’s store and he and Gerald ground wheat into flour on demand. That spring, Gerald was said to rush out into the middle of Calumet to shoot at flocks of geese flying overhead.

In January 1881, Andrew Dox and Charleton Fuller dissolved their partnership and, in 1882, Charleton took his brother as partner. The store then became known as “C.S.G. Fuller & Brother.”

Charleton married Chloe Dow on February 26, 1883; she was the sister of Nathan Dow, and they were married by LITTLE HOUSE character, Reverend Horace Woodworth. The Dows lived on Second Street, and they had four children: Robert Cannings Fuller (1884-1961), Claude Eugene Fuller (1886-1949), Charleton Edwin Fuller (1892-1895), and Jack Glendon Fuller (1895-2001).

In March 1905, Charleton Fuller was suddenly taken ill with pleurisy, and he died on March 22 after an illness of ten days. His funeral was conducted from Couse Hall, and he was buried in the De Smet Cemetery.

*March 24, 1905. The De Smet NEWS.
C. S. G. Fuller No More.*

Our city is in mourning for one of its oldest and most honored business men. Mr. Fuller was taken sick ten days ago, but he was not thought to be in any danger until within a few days of his death. The doctors did everything possible for him, but he became too weak to rally and at 8:45 on Wednesday evening he passed away. He was conscious to within a short time of the end and recognized those who called on him. The family are grief stricken and their friends sympathize with them. the funeral will be delayed until Sunday awaiting the arrival of the mother from New York, and will be held at 2 p. m. from Couse’s hall.

*March 31, 1905. The De Smet NEWS.
CSG. Fuller. Born June 20, 1847 – Died
March 22, 1905.*

Again death enters a De Smet home and removes from the activities of this life a loving husband and a father, and at the same time cuts short the business career of one of our foremost merchants. It is hard to realize that C. S. G. Fuller is with us no more. Ere we fully realized that he was sick he was beyond medical skill, and then passed away.



Father / Charleton S.G. Fuller / 1847 - 1905

Mr. Fuller had not been in the best of health the past winter, but he had kept at his post in the store and personally directed his business. He was taken ill on Monday night the 13th and a physician called. The first trouble was from pleurisy and later it was discovered that there was an estoppage of the bowels. Coupled with this was a nervous breakdown and he had not strength to rally. He continued for ten days, during the time physicians doing all they could to build up his system, but to no purpose. He passed away at 8:16 on Wednesday evening, March 22.

The funeral was held at two o'clock on Sunday from Couse's hall. At one thirty the several orders of which the deceased was a member met at Society hall and marched to the home to escort the remains to the hall. The Workmen led, next the Degree of Honor, the Stars, and the Masons. Six brother Masons acted as honorary pall bearers and six brother Workmen carried the remains. The attendance at the hall was the largest ever congregating at a funeral in De Smet, and several hundred were on the street because there was no more room in the building. The beautiful Masonic burial service was conducted by M. G. Carlisle, of Brookings, assisted by Rev. Hardman, pastor of the Episcopal church and officers of De Smet lodge. A select choir furnished the music, and the sermon was delivered by Rev. G. H. Starring, pastor of the Congregational church, whose remarks were well chosen. The text was from Ps. 116-15 'Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.'

The floral decorations were beautiful. A number of set pieces were furnished by societies, business men and friends.

At the cemetery the final ceremony was conducted by the Masons, after which the remains were consigned to Mother Earth, to be seen no more by men.

Charlton Summer George Fuller was born in Bath, England, June 20, 1847. When he was past two years old his parents came to America, going first to Skaneateles, New York, and later to Syracuse, which was their home for many years. Charlton attended the city schools, and later the McGill college at Montreal, Canada.

After leaving college he went to Chicago where he lived for ten or twelve years.

In 1868 he was married to Minerva Beers, who died nine years later, leaving no children.

In 1879 Mr. Fuller and A. J. Dox, also of Chicago, formed a partnership and came out to Brookings and put in a hardware store. The next year another store was put in at De Smet and Mr. Fuller came here to manage the business. After a few months it became evident that such an arrangement would not be profitable, so the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Fuller taking the De Smet store and Mr. Dox the one at Brookings.

During this first year the first issue of the De Smet News appeared with Geo. Hopp and Geo. Mathews as editors and proprietors, the printing being done in the Fuller store.

In 1882 Mr. Fuller took into partnership his brother, Gerald, and the business for a number of years was run by C.S.G. Fuller & Brother.

On February 26, 1883 Mr. Fuller was married to Miss Chloe Dow, who survives him. Four children were born to them, Robert C., Claude E., Charlton and Jack Glendon. Charlton died at the age of 3 years.

Mr. Fuller continued in the hardware and machinery business exclusively until two years ago when he branched out into a department store and his business has increased proportionately. His store is 25x165 feet and a second story 25x 70 and this is packed with goods until there is scarcely room to turn around. Mr. Fuller was a good business man and his accumulations is evidence of his careful methods and close attention to his affairs. If the history of De Smet were written the name of Mr. Fuller would be one of the most frequently mentioned. The business interests of De Smet must necessarily suffer by his sudden removal, and it will be a long time, if ever, before his place will be filled.

Mr. Fuller's father came of a Quaker family and his mother was an Episcopalian. When a boy Charlton became converted and joined the Baptist church. He did not unite with a church in De Smet until 1898 when he joined the Congregational church where his wife had her membership. He has since been an active member of that church, at all times interested in its well fare. He served a number of years as superintendent of the Sunday school, at other times as secretary. As he grew older his interest in religious matters increased and the prospect of a future home with his Maker was a great comfort to him in his last hours. His favorite Sunday school song was 'Count Your Many Blessings,' and he almost hourly referred to this song during the last few days.

Mr. Fuller was a great lover of the Masonic order. He became a Mason in August, 1872, being given the degrees by Lincoln Park Lodge, No. 611, Chicago. He united with Queen Esther Chapter, Eastern Star, soon after. He became a Royal Arch Mason, March 20, 1875, joining Corinthian Chapter, No. 69. Chicago. On March 27, 1877, he was advanced to a Knight Templar by Apollo Commandery No. 1. When in 1884 De Smet Lodge No. 55 A.F.&A.M. was instituted Mr. Fuller was a charter member, as he also was of the Eastern Star when that was instituted. Mr. Fuller was several times master of his lodge, and had served as secretary continuously for ten years.

In 1885 De Smet Lodge No. 25 A.O.U.W. was organized, Mr. Fuller enrolling his name as a charter member. In 1896 he joined the Degree of Honor. Both memberships have been continued and his heirs will receive from the former \$2000 and the latter \$1000.

In 1884 the National Guard was organized. Mr. Fuller became first lieutenant of Co. E. Later he was promoted to Captain, then Major and afterward Lieutenant Colonel. This position he held when in 1897 the regiment was called on to participate in the war with Spain. Col. Fuller went with the regiment to Sioux Falls but was there rejected for physical reasons. This was a severe disappointment to him, as he was an enthusiastic militiaman and anxious to serve his country even if it took him to the field of battle.

The life is ended. The tale is told. We have no power to add to or take away from the record. The departed has left a monument of honesty, uprightness and fair dealing which will last throughout time.

Mrs. Samuel Fuller arrived Saturday night from New York to attend the funeral of her son. Mrs. Fuller is eighty-four years old, but she stood the journey remarkably well. De Smet friends are glad to meet her again, though sorry that her mission was such a sad one.

CHLOE THOMASA (DOW) FULLER

Block 37, Lot 10, De Smet Cemetery.

February 24, 1865 – September 9, 1916; died at age 51.

Second wife of C.S.G. Fuller (1847-1905).

Sister of Nathan William Dow. Sister-in-law of Grace Pearl (Ingalls) Dow.

Mother of Robert Cannings Fuller (1884-1961), Claude Eugene Fuller (1886-1949), Charleton Edwin Fuller (1892-1895), and Jack Glendon Fuller (1895-2001).



Chloe Thomasa (Dow) Fuller

Chloe Thomasa Dow was born February 24, 1865, in Columbia County, Wisconsin, the youngest child of Thomas Wellington Dow and Caroline (Fish) Dow. In 1882, the Dows came to Kingsbury County, Thomas having filed a homestead claim in October, 1881, the W-SE 8 and the SE-SE 8 and the SW-SW 9 of Township 110, Range 57. February 28, 1883, Chloe married C.S.G. Fuller of De Smet.

March 9, 1883. Iroquois HERALD.

Married at the residence of the bride's father one and one half miles of this place, Mr. C.S.G. Fuller of De Smet to Miss Chloe Dow, by Rev. H. G. Woodworth. May their journey through life be a pleasant one, is the wish of their many friends.

The Fullers had four sons: Robert, Claude, Edwin (he died young), and Jack. Chloe was very active in the Women's Relief Corp in De Smet (the ladies being spouses or mothers of men belonging to Harvey Post, G.A.R.). She was also a member and officer of Eastern Star, and she and her husband were part of a social group that entertained together frequently and involved a number of names LITTLE HOUSE fans will recognize, including Mary and E.P. Sanford, Elizabeth and Lewis Sasse, Susie and Jake Hopp, Elgetha and Carter Sherwood, Adeline and Charles Tinkham, Florence and Charles Dawley, and Nora and Delbert Wilmarth.

Following the death of her husband in 1905, Chloe Fuller ran the store for a while before selling it. In October 1907, she and Carrie Ingalls took a trip west to look over the country with the idea of filing claims. Chloe decided not to file at that time, but Carrie later filed on a claim in Haakon County. Chloe and son Jack left De Smet to spend several months in Oregon in the spring of the following year, accompanied by her brother, Nathan Dow, and his wife, Grace (Ingalls) Dow, Chloe's sister-in-law. They returned to De Smet in August.

In July 1911, Chloe Fuller and her son Claude (who was a veterinarian practicing in Iowa at the time) filed on homestead claims in Ziebach County, South Dakota (northwest of Pierre), hers: the NE 25 and his: the SE 25-17N-18E. The land was part of the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation opened up to non-Native settlement by the Land Acts of 1909 and 1910. Jack Fuller lived with his mother and brother on their claims until starting Redfield College in the fall.

After proving up on her claim, Chloe Fuller moved to Minneapolis. She died there on September 9, 1916, and was buried in the De Smet Cemetery.



Mother / Chloe Dow Fuller / 1865 - 1916

September 15, 1916. The De Smet NEWS.

Obituary. Chloe T. Dow was born February 24, 1865, in Portage, Wis. and died September 9, 1916 at Minneapolis, aged 51 years, 6 months, and 16 days. Her father was a veteran of the Civil war, a member of Co. I, 16th Wisconsin infantry, and was with Sherman on the memorable march to the sea.

The family came to Dakota in 1882 and located on a homestead three miles southeast of Manchester. Chloe was married to Charleton S.G. Fuller in 1883, and they made their home

in De Smet, Mr. Fuller dying in 1905. Four sons were born to them-Robert C., now a banker at Beach, N.D., Claude E., a veterinarian at Beach, Charleton, who died at the age of three, and Jack G., a student in the Chicago Veterinary college.

Mrs. Fuller had lived in Minneapolis for several years. She and her husband united with the Congregational church soon after their marriage and were active and consistent members up to the time of their death. Deceased leaves three sisters and one brother-Mrs. Elvira Bump, Gervais, Oregon, Mrs. Thomas Dunn, Saskatoon, Canada, Mrs. S.H. Howard, Minneapolis, and N.W. Dow, Manchester, this state.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon in the Congregational church attended by the members of the Eastern Star, of which order deceased was an honored member, and a large number of old friends and neighbors. The sermon was preached by Rev. N.F. Cole, and the interment was in the De Smet cemetery.

CHARLETON EDWIN FULLER

Block 37, Lot 10, De Smet Cemetery
November 1, 1892 – October 25, 1895; died at age
2 years, 11 months

Son of Chloe and Charleton S.G. Fuller.
Nephew of Grace and Nathan Dow.
Brother of Robert Cannings Fuller (1884-1961),
Claude Eugene Fuller (1886-1949), and Jack
Glendon Fuller (1895-2001).



Son / Charleton Edwin / 1892 - 1895

Charleton Edwin Fuller was the third son of Chloe and Charleton Fuller. He was born November 1, 1892, in De Smet, and died just before his third birthday, on October 25, 1895, after having what was called “typhoid malarial fever.” As typhoid fever and malaria are two different diseases, it is not clear if he had them both.

November 4, 1892. Kingsbury County INDEPENDENT.

Mr. and Mrs. C.S.G. Fuller are the proud possessors of a new baby boy which arrived Tuesday morning. That makes the third boy, without the intermission of a girl. Both mother and son are doing well.

October 18, 1895. Kingsbury County INDEPENDENT.

C.S.G. Fuller's little three year old boy is quite ill with typhoid malarial fever. We hope that he will recover soon.

November 1, 1895. Kingsbury County INDEPENDENT.

Died. On October 25th, Charleton Edwin, son of C.S.G. and Chloe T. Fuller, aged 3 years.

Death comes sooner or later into all our homes and claims its victims, but this unalterable fact cannot take away our sorrow when we are called upon to give up the brightest and best of those that make our homes glad with their presence. Could we give any words of sympathy that would lessen the grief of our friends, we would gladly offer them; but we can only say that we realize their sorrow and mourn with them.



FULLER / Col. Jack Glendon 1895 – 2001
Matilda Margaret Kindschi 1895 - 1966
Margaret Edna 1921 – 1984
Robert Cannings 1884 - 1961

JACK GLENDON FULLER

Block 37, Lot 10, De Smet Cemetery
March 7, 1895 – January 4, 2001; died at age 105

Youngest son of Chloe and Charleton S.G. Fuller.
Nephew of Grace and Nathan Dow.

Brother of Robert Cannings Fuller (1884-1961),
Claude Eugene Fuller (1886-1949), and Charleton
Edwin Fuller (1892-1895).

Jack Glendon Fuller was born in De Smet on
March 7, 1895, and educated in the local school. He

attended Redfield College and Chicago Veterinary School. Following his father's death in 1905, Jack and his mother and brother Claude homesteaded northwest of Pierre, then he moved to Minneapolis with his mother. At the time of his mother's death, he was in Vet. school, practicing at Beach, North Dakota after graduation in 1917. He returned to South Dakota several times during his 33 years in the Army, including a 1935 visit to the home of Grace and Nate Dow. He was buried in the De Smet Cemetery.

In 1968, Jack Fuller sent Aubrey Sherwood part of the April 5, 1880 – first issue – of the Kingsbury County NEWS, which was printed in the back of his father's hardware store by publishers Jacob Hopp and George Mathews.

*January 7, 2001. The San Diego (California) UNION-TRIBUNE.
Fuller, Jack Glendon.*

Colonel Jack Glendon, Veterinary Corps, U.S. Army, retired, passed away January 4, 2001, at the age of 105. He was born in De Smet, South Dakota on March 7, 1895, and graduated from Chicago Veterinary College in 1917. He served in the Army for 33 years, having been Aide-de-Camp to General Hugh Johnson in World War I and Chief Veterinarian of the China-Burma-India Theater in World War II. During his service in China, he was awarded the Legion of Merit by the Theater commander General Wedemyer for outstanding service in reorganizing the Veterinary Corps of the Chinese Army, and the preservation of the health and efficiency of the animals of both the Chinese and American Armies. He retired from active service in June 1950 and settled in La Mesa, Calif. Colonel Fuller was predeceased by his wife of 77 years, Matilda Kindschi Fuller and a daughter Margaret Edna Fuller. He is survived by a son, Jack G. Fuller, Jr., 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Arrangements were handled by El Camino Memorial Cypress View Chapel.

ROBERT CANNINGS FULLER

Block 37, Lot 10, De Smet Cemetery
September 30, 1884 – December 11, 1961; died
at age 76 in San Diego CA.

Eldest son of Chloe and Charleton S.G. Fuller.
Nephew of Grace and Nathan Dow.
Brother of Jack Glendon Fuller (1895-2001),
Claude Eugene Fuller (1886-1949), and
Charleton Edwin Fuller (1892-1895).



FULLER / Col. Jack Glendon 1895 – 2001
Matilda Margaret Kindschi 1895 - 1966
Margaret Edna 1921 – 1984
Robert Cannings 1884 - 1961

Robert “Bob” Cannings Fuller was the
first child born to Chloe and Charleton Fuller in
De Smet, born on September 30, 1884.

Robert Fuller never married, and lived
in a number of states in his career as a banker
and insurance salesman. His name, birth &
death years were placed on his brother Jack’s headstone.

DECEMBER 14, 1961. THE DE SMET NEWS.

Robert Fuller Dies; Native of De Smet, Been Annual Visitor.

Robert C. Fuller of La Mesa, Calif., native son of De Smet, died at his home Monday, it was learned here the following day

Funeral services conducted by a Masonic lodge were to be held today at Cypress View Chapel, San Diego.

Mr. Fuller was one of three sons of Mr. and Mrs. C.S.G. Fuller, the father a pioneer merchant here. The older son, Dr. Claude Fuller, veterinarian, died some years ago.

Mr. Fuller never married and the only survivor is his younger brother, Jack Fuller, retired as an Army colonel, residing at La Mesa.

Employed as a young man in a local bank, later at Beach, N.D., Mr. Fuller joined an insurance company and was employed at Sioux Falls and Columbus, Ohio, then for years at Minneapolis, retiring some years ago.

For some years he had visited De Smet twice each summer, for the Old Settler’s Day occasion in June on his way to Minneapolis to spend the summer residing at the Athletic club, and in the fall on his return to California.

December 14, 1961. The Billings County (North Dakota) PIONEER.

Bob Fuller Dies At San Diego.

Friends in Beach received notification of the death of Robert (Bob) C. Fuller, a long-time resident of this community, who passed away recently at San Diego, Calif. Details of the time of death and of funeral services were lacking. Bob was cashier of the old Golden Valley State Bank in Beach for a number of years, where the Little Missouri Minerals office now is, in Roy Halstead’s building in downtown Beach.

He moved from Beach to Minneapolis and resided at the Athletic Club there many years, then going to San Diego, Calif. He was a bachelor, and a brother of the late Dr. Claude

Fuller, Beach veterinarian. Bob was also said to be the first fire chief in Beach, serving in that capacity for 16 years, and being active in other civic affairs.

He is survived by a brother, Jack. His sister-in-law, Mrs. Vangie (Butterfield) Fuller, lives at Lordsburg, New Mexico, and Bob visited her last year. His last visit in Beach was back in about 1933.

CLAUDE EUGENE FULLER

Buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Lordsburg
(Hildago County) New Mexico
February 8, 1886 – 1949; died at age ~63

Son of Chloe and Charleton Fuller.

Nephew of Grace and Nathan Dow.

Husband of Evangelyn Cathreen (Butterfield) Fuller.

Brother of Robert Cannings Fuller (1884-1961),
Charleton Edwin Fuller (1892-1895), and Jack
Glendon Fuller (1895-2001).



Claude E. Fuller / 1886 - 1949

Claude Fuller and Rose Wilder were the same age and in primary classes in De Smet together. As a teenager, Claude spent time working on his Uncle Nate's farm or in his father's store. He entered Chicago Veterinary School in 1905, and worked in Iowa for a while after graduation. He filed on a claim next to his mother's claim in Ziebach County, South Dakota, the SE 25-17N-18E. In 1913, he opened an office in Beach, North Dakota.

His wife, Evangelyn, was born October 15, 1892 and died March 1982 in Lordsburg. They had at least two sons, Basil and Warren, and daughters Meredith and Marjory. Claude Fuller was said to be one of the area's most prominent ranchers.

No obituary for him was found in the 1949 De Smet NEWS. His exact death date is unknown.

GERALD CANNINGS REGINALD FULLER

Section 2, Lot 451, Pacific Crest Cemetery, Redondo Beach, California

October 7, 1848 – June 7, 1930; died at age 81.

Husband of Luella Mary (Burns) Fuller (1861-1915).

Brother of Charleton Sumner George Fuller (1847-1905).

Father of twins Samuel (1884-1909) and Elizabeth (1884-1898), Geraldine (1889-1952), Eva Fern (1893-1894), and Neva Dorothy (1896-1991).



FULLER/ Father / Gerald C.R. 1848 – 1930
Mother / Luella M. / 1861 – 1915

Gerald Cannings Reginald Fuller was born October 7, 1848 in Somerset, England, to Samuel Fuller (1818-1882) and Elizabeth (George) Fuller (1822-1906). The next year, he came to New York with his parents, arriving in October. He was educated in Syracuse, New York.

Gerald seems to have accompanied his older brother Charleton to Chicago, and followed him to Dakota Territory; the first issue of the Kingsbury County News on April 5, 1880, records that “G.C.R. Fuller, brother of the other Fuller, arrived from Chicago by late train Tuesday night. He will become a resident of our town.” An 1880 printed calendar advertised Gerald Fuller as dealer in heavy farm equipment in De Smet. In business with his brother, Gerald was made a partner in 1882, the firm called “Fuller & Bro.”

Laura Ingalls Wilder wrote that Gerald Fuller “danced a clog dance on his sidewalk” and was one of the men who performed in the “Mulligan Guard” skit in De Smet. Gerald was also a member of the De Smet Cornet Band, playing 1st alto. Other members of the band included Carter Sherwood, John Carroll, Delbert Wilmarth, Henry Hinz, and Kirk Ely.

On November 29, 1883, Gerald married Luella Mary Burns in Huron; they had five children. In August 1884, twins were born: Samuel and Elizabeth.

August 23, 1884. The De Smet LEADER.

On Wednesday last, Mrs. G.C.R. Fuller presented her liege lord with a pair of twins—equally divided between the sexes and aggregating 17 ½ pounds. Gerald manifested some anxiety as to whether any of them escaped and has been in a state of mild lunacy ever since, but is now in a hopeful condition.

Elizabeth died in 1898 in Redondo Beach, California. Samuel died April 1, 1909, in Los Angeles.

Daughter Geraldine was born March 6, 1889. She married Phillips Bailey Berry; the couple had a son and a daughter.

March 8, 1889. Kingsbury County NEWS.

Here’s a 10 pound girl—and Gerald Cannings Reginald Fuller wears his full name for a few days. Mrs. Fuller, Gerald, and Dr. Davies are reported doing nicely. Congrats.

March 9, 1889. The De Smet LEADER.

Gerald Fuller rejoices over the arrival of a daughter on Wednesday last.

Geraldine died July 17, 1952, in San Francisco.

Daughter Eva Fern was born in late 1893. She died August 5, 1894, of cholera. It is believed that she was buried in the De Smet Cemetery.

August 10, 1894. Kingsbury County INDEPENDENT.

Eva Fern, the eight months old babe of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fuller, died Sunday morning of cholera infantum. The little one was sick but a few days. The funeral services were conducted by the Episcopalians at the Baptist church.

October 25, 1895. Kingsbury County INDEPENDENT.

It is reported that Elba Fuller is down with typhoid fever. / G.C.R. Fuller expects to start with his family for California in a few days.

In 1895, the Fullers moved to California. Daughter Elizabeth (nicknamed "Elba") had typhoid fever shortly before the trip; George Bradley's daughter died of typhoid fever the same week. When the Fullers moved away, Gerald sold his homestead for \$1000 to be used as the County Poor Farm; his land remained the Poor Farm until the 1960s. When his brother left De Smet, Charleton Fuller changed the name of the hardware store to, simply, "C.S.G. Fuller."

Daughter Neva Dorothy was born April 26, 1896, in California. She married Freeman B. Miller (1899-1947). Neva died January 15, 1991, in Bakersville (Kern County), California.

Luella (Burns) Fuller died in 1915.

Gerald Fuller died June 7, 1930, in Redondo Beach, California. No mention of his death was found in the De Smet *NEWS*. Gerald and Luella are buried in Pacific Crest Cemetery, Redondo Beach (Los Angeles County) California, Lot 451, Section 2.