

More Information About Miss Fuller

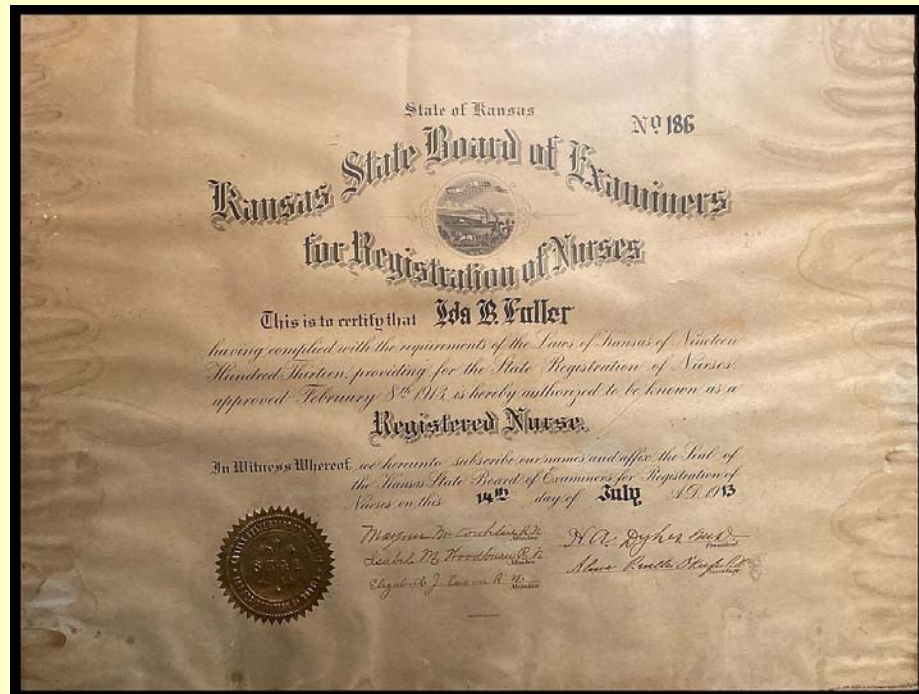
(Thanks to William Goforth, Miss Fuller's Grandson for providing this Information.)

Brief Background

Belle Fuller was born in 1888 and raised on a ranch/farm in Cheyenne County, Kansas. It is the most northwest county in the state, where it borders on Colorado and Nebraska. She used to entertain and delight her grandson, William Goforth, with tales about her life growing up in the 1890s west.

Her parents were John Howard Fuller and Margaret Overton Fuller. There were eight siblings: Charlie, Etta, Mattie, Belle, William, Robert (or John maybe), Roy, and Margaret. Etta settled in Nebraska, Will in Iowa, Mattie in Kansas, and both Roy and Margaret in North Carolina. Belle put Roy and Margaret through college, Roy at Clemson and Margaret at Winthrop.

Belle received her first nursing training at a small hospital in St. Francis in Cheyenne County. Then, just before, during or just after she went to New York City for additional training and/or work. At some point around 1920, Belle was thinking of accepting a nursing job in Tennessee. But, she met Mr. Montgomery of the Pacolet Manufacturing Co. He offered her the job at Pacolet. She abandoned plans for Tennessee and accepted his South Carolina offer. She moved to Pacolet in 1916.



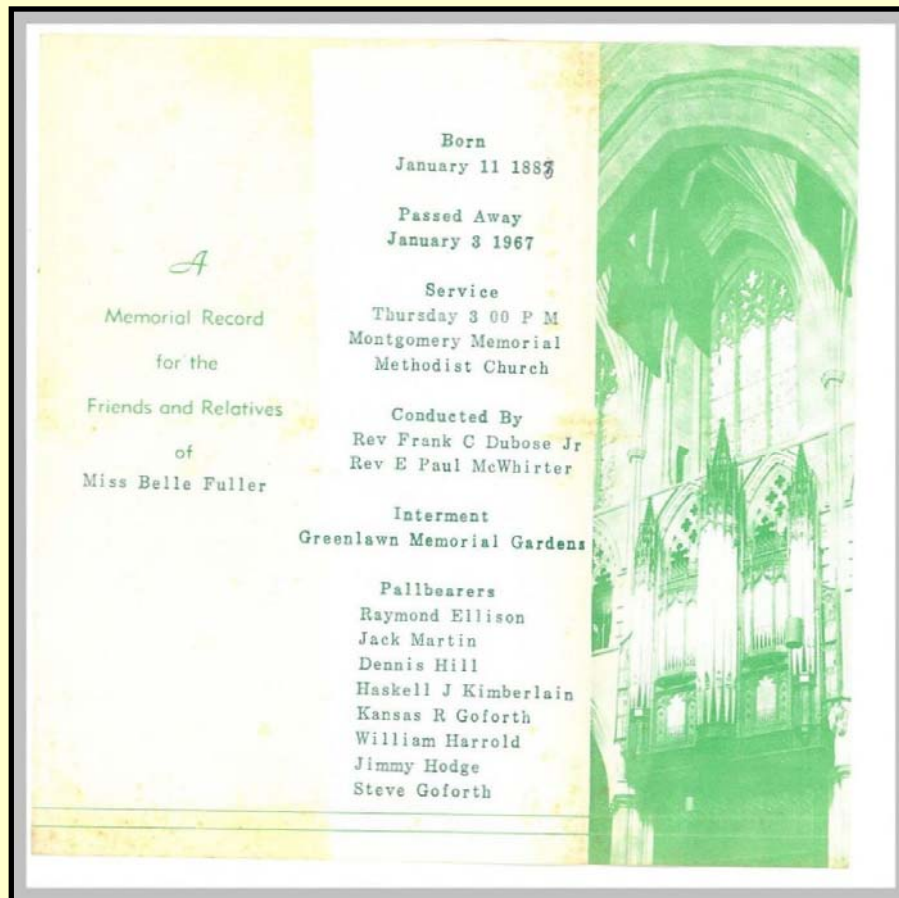
Miss Fuller's Nursing Certificate from July 14, 1913



Miss Fuller in the early years of her career.

Other Community Activities

Miss Fuller was involved in many activities to benefit the community besides her nursing work. One of these was the publication of a Newsletter sent to Pacolet boys in the military service. She did this in conjunction with the Montgomery Memorial Methodist Church and it continued for several years. You can read more details about this and read copies of the newsletter at [Pacolet Servicemen's Newsletter](#).



Miss Fuller passed away in 1967. Her death was great loss for the Pacolet Community.

Obituaries

Miss Fuller Dead At 78

PACOLET MILLS — Services for Miss Belle Fuller, 78, of 68 Stone St., who had retired here in 1953 after 37 years as an industrial nurse, 3 today Montgomery Memorial Methodist Church, the Revs. Frank C. DuBose Jr., Paul McWhirter; burial Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

Miss Fuller died at home 11 p.m. Tuesday. Daughter of the late John Howard and Margaret Overtone Fuller; member Montgomery Memorial Methodist Church; trained at Winfield, Kan., Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital, New York City; past president Spartanburg Business and Professional Woman's Club.

When Miss Fuller came to work in the mill here on Oct. 1, 1916, there were no paved streets and no sidewalks. "I told Victor Montgomery (then president of Pacolet Mills) that I had to have some means of getting around the village," Miss Fuller told a newsman during an interview last January.

"He gave me a horse to ride," she recalled. She used the animal to make daily rounds to nurse the sick of the village in their houses along the slippery red hills. She was a close friend of the James Pibley (Rip) Westmoreland family and liked to recall anecdotes about the Westmorelands' son, Gen. Childs Westmoreland, who grew up in Pacolet Mills.

Shortly before her retirement, the town and the mill staged a Belle Fuller Day in her honor.

Survivors: foster daughter, Mrs. W. P. Goforth, Pacolet Mills; sisters, Mrs. J. J. Beheler, Orleans, Neb., Miss Margaret Fuller, Raleigh; brother, W. J. of Spencer, Iowa.

Pallbearers: Raymond Ellison, Jack Martin, Dennis Hill, Haskell J. Kimberlain, Kansas R. Goforth, William Harrold, Jimmy Hodge, Steve Goforth. Body in church at 2. J. F. Floyd Mortuary.



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