



Face of Fillmore

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There is nothing quite as exciting as finding a long-forgotten family group picture. Seeing familiar faces of years gone by and enjoying the connections and the changes you can see; inspires you to take pictures now to enjoy years down the road.

One of my favorite Millard County family pictures is of the Melville sisters. Though they don't look too excited about having their pictures taken, we know that is really just the method of photography in the day. Each picture took so long to take that everyone in it was a little grumpy before it was finished.



We have had occasion lately in our family to take a multi-generation picture or two. This most recent picture is of my daughter Suzy, granddaughter Haley and her two daughters Maisie and Bailey and me. I found an even older one that was fun to compare. In it the baby is the grandmother in the newer picture. When thinking about the ages, we find that there is 136 years in age between the oldest person in the two pictures and the youngest.

Interestingly, my granddaughter shares a common interest with my grandmother, her great-great grandmother, and me. We all three enjoy writing. My grandmother wrote for the newspaper in Glencoe, Wyoming. It was one of those "what kind of goings on" are happening in town. Mr. Jones went to Salt Lake to have a tooth pulled and that kind of news. My granddaughter leans more to poetic kinds of writing.

I asked Haley how she felt about the importance of family pictures and this is what she wrote:

"The day you dig through old stuff tucked away you will find true treasures, especially when you find old pictures you took



with your family. You remember the day it was taken: the smell, the scenery, the laughs, the memories, and the love when the photo was taken. These photos will take you back in time like a time machine and you will relive the best days. Your mind will remember how loving and amazing your family members are. Seeing how happy everyone was in the photo will fill you with warmth and happiness. You will tell the new people in your life about the photo and how the people in it were back then. It's an amazing feeling and brings back the good times."

