

MOSTLY GHOSTS

By Cyrus R. Truitt

As time goes on so swiftly we seldom have the time to look back and see the wonderful past, and the things that are no more, which were the basis of lots of pleasures, as well as sorrows, of our lives.

In compiling these pictures I hope to capture at least some of the spirit, and revive some of the memories, of the more pleasant things, events, and happenings as recorded by photographs. I must give a lot of credit to the good friends who let me copy the photos that they have so cheerfully hunted out of the keepsakes and loaned to me for this purpose. I assure all of them that this is fully appreciated, and for which I thank them very much, and sincerely.

I hope that those who look over this collection will recall to memory lots of things that have slipped their minds and let them live a little in the past with all its nostalgic wealth. Also, I hope to preserve for the younger generation, who did not live at the time that most of these pictures were originally made, a knowledge of the glorious past of Novinger, and the surrounding community, which as declined from an estimated population of about 5,000 persons at the height of its mining operations to its present population of only a few hundred people. It almost gives the town the status of a GHOST TOWN, like a lot of other abandoned mining towns of other places.

With this in mind, I must admit that I expect that my own pleasure in looking over the pictures will more than compensate for the time, effort, and expense of making up the books.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cyrus R. Truitt". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.