

## **Anna Victoria Sandstrom Spitzmiller**

Anna Sandstrom was born on July 28, 1891 in Sweden. She arrived in the United States in 1911 where she served in the household of the Governor of Iowa for a year. She was staying with friends, the Levines, in Des Moines, recovering from an appendectomy, and met Gus Spitzmiller at the boarding house where he was staying during the time he was there on a plumbing job. Their romance flourished slowly as it took six years for Gus to win Anna. They were married in Denver on August 28, 1917.



Gus and Anna moved to Fort Lyon, old Bent's Fort, where Gus was employed as a civilian charged with plumbing. They lived there for four years where Erwin, Gordon and Barbara were born.

In 1921 the family moved to Grand Lake