

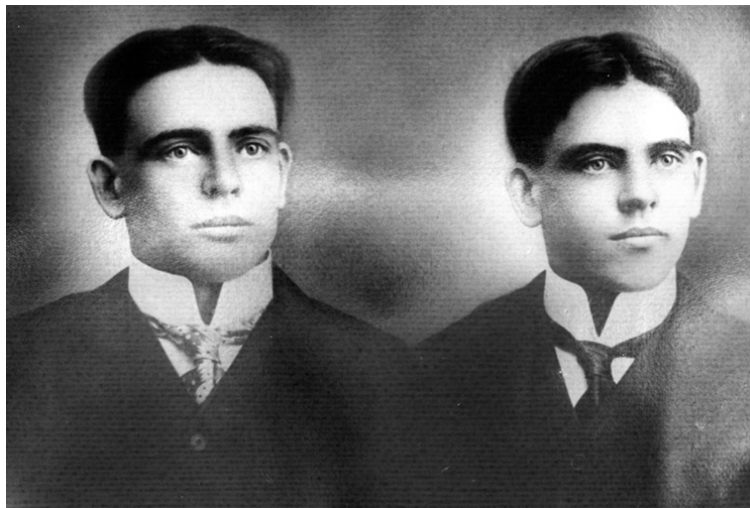
Herbert Merton Cooley (1875-1914)
Jane Elizabeth Holliday (1884-1908)
Edith Jones (1879-1914)

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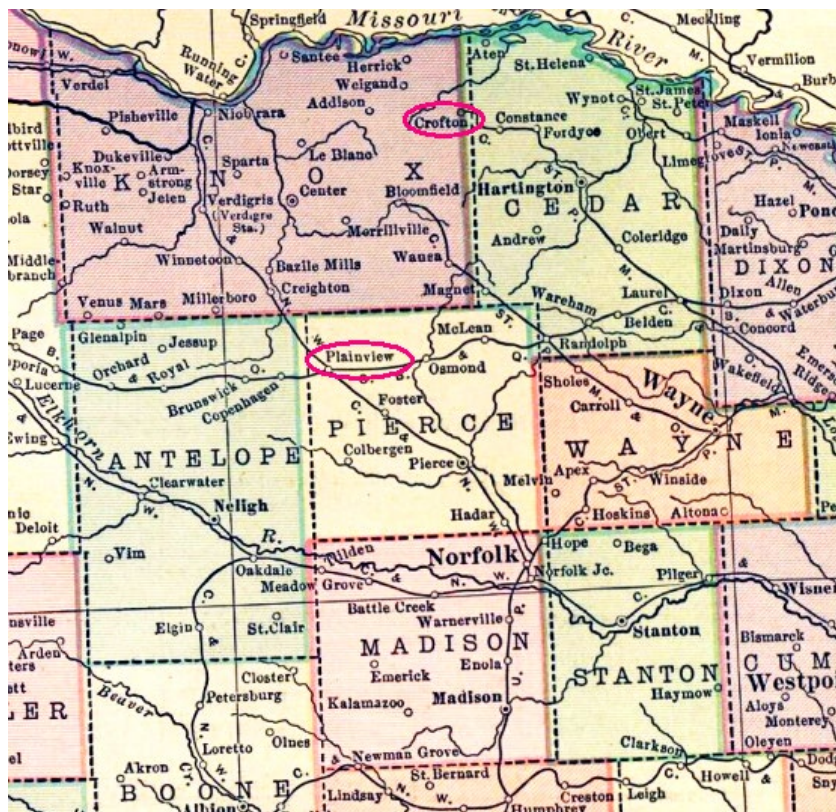
Herbert Merton Cooley and Jane Elizabeth Holliday and Edith Jones

Herbert Merton Cooley (Mert) and his twin brother, Robert Berton (Bert), were born 15 Oct 1875¹ to Robert Reed Cooley (1840-1917) and Stella Alfresine Owen (1850-1920) in McGregor, Clayton County, Iowa.



Merton and Berton about 1895

The twins grew up to about age 20 in the McGregor area. Before 1894^a the Robert Reed Cooley family consisting of Robert Reed, Stella Alfresine Owen, Robert Berton and Herbert Merton came to Pierce County, Nebraska, where they settled in Plainview.



^a Their fourth child, Glenn Syren Cooley, was born in Plainview 14 Jul 1894

Herbert Merton Cooley and Jane Elizabeth Holliday

On 26 Apr 1905 Herbert Merton Cooley and Jane Elizabeth Holliday (b. 20 Mar 1884 in Castle Sowerby, Cumberland, England,² d. 1 Jan 1908 in Crofton) were married³ on the Holliday farm in Knox County, Nebraska.⁴



Ronald Delos Cooley was born to the couple in Crofton 28 Jan 1906⁵ and their second child, Merton Beth Cooley, was born 7 Dec 1907 also in Crofton.⁶ Unfortunately, Elizabeth Holliday died shortly after Beth was born. She is buried in Pleasant View Cemetery, Plainview, Pierce County, Nebraska, USA.⁷

Due to the tragic loss of their mother, Ronald went to live with his grandparents, RR Cooley and Stella Owen in Plainview, Nebraska, while Beth went to live with his uncle RB Cooley in McLean, Nebraska.

About two years later on 29 Jun 1910, Merton was married⁸ to his second wife, Edith Jones b. 15 Aug 1879 in Iowa. This union produced one child Edith Dixie Cooley b. 4 Aug 1911 in Flagler, Kit Carson County, Colorado,⁹ d. 10 Aug 1981 in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois,¹⁰ bur. Calvary Cem, Evanston, Cook Co, Illinois.¹¹



Edith Jones and Herbert Merton Cooley

Edith Dixie was m, 4 Apr 1942 in Papillion, Sarpy Co, Nebraska¹² to Daniel Thomas Desmond Sr, b. 10 Aug 1907 in Sioux City, Woodbury Co,¹³ Iowa, d. 4 Aug 1975 in Chicago, Cook Co, Illinois,¹⁴ bur. Calvary Cem, Evanston Cook Co, Illinois.¹⁵

Miscellaneous notes

Following are what is known as "Locals" or short paragraphs of happenings in a rural town. Here, the locals are from various Plainview and Crofton newspapers that were recently digitized by newspapers.com. My intention here is to give a flavor of Mert's life in northeastern Nebraska in the first and second decades of the 20th century:

1900-11-09. Merton Cooley had a finger broken during a baseball game last summer. The break was improperly set and, as a result, amputation just above the first joint was deemed necessary and the operation was performed Monday.^b

1904-02-10. When Superintendent Cooley read his recommendation that school children be permitted to visit the Art Institute, the Field Columbian Museum, and the public parks in company with their teachers during school hours, he declared that many of the exhibits were of educational value. "There's no sense to it", objected Trustee Brennan. "How are school children benefited by looking at those pictures? They are well enough for the older children, but if the younger ones are to go, they should be taken by their parents."^c

1905 11-16. Mert Cooley, who now resides over near Crofton, was in town Saturday visiting friends. He expects to teach in that vicinity this winter. The *News* will keep him posted on Plainview happenings.^d

1906-11-22. A change in the program gave Mr. Cooley the 8th grade grammar and put all the Arithmetic classes in the high school room except the 4th and 5th grade.^e

1907-07-03. H M Cooley and wife of Crofton spent Sunday in Plainview with his brother R B Cooley and wife. Mr. Cooley was principal of the Crofton schools last year.^f

1907-06-06 Bert Cooley of Royal, Prof. Miller of McLain, and Frank Miller of Hadar have all been here this week the guests of Mert Cooley. The Cooleys are twins and look it.^g

1907-11-21. Superintendent Cooley said, "I am in favor of a more stringent rule than the one we have [concerning fraternity members who play in school sports]". This new rule prohibits students who are in fraternities from playing on athletic teams or participating in school activities outside the building. "I would smite these organizations hip and thigh if I had my way. I believe they are enemies of the school system. They form cliques among the pupils and you will [blame] the fraternities in everything bad there is in the schools, from crooked athletics down or up."^h

^b *Plainview News*, Plainview, Nebraska, Friday, November 9th, 1900 Page 1

^c *Semi Weekly Republican* Plainview, Nebraska, Wednesday, February 10th, 1904 Page 3

^d *Plainview News*, Plainview, Nebraska, Thursday, November 16th, 1905 Page 4

^e *The Crofton Journal* 22 Nov 1906, Thu - Page 8

^f *Plainview Republican*, Plainview Nebraska, Wednesday, July 3rd, 1907 Page 1

^g *The Crofton Journal* 06 Jun 1907, Thu - Page 5

^h *Plainview Republican*, Plainview Nebraska, Thursday, November 21st 1907 Page 3

1908-01-30. Mr. H. M. Cooley has again taken up his duties in our public schools. Miss Laura Rissler [wife of Wilbur Jones, Mert's future brother-in-law] taught in the Grammar room during Mr. Cooley's absence.ⁱ

Cooley-Jones 29 June 1910

Another notable event took place in this city last Wednesday evening, June 29, 1910. The wedding of Mr. H. M. Cooley to Miss Edith Jones was solemnized at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. R. T. Jones. Rev. V. H. Elfring spoke the words which united the two hearts for the remainder of life's journey. The wedding was very quiet and exclusive. After the ceremony, those present partook of a unique luncheon.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooley are both too well known to need any introduction to the people of this city. The bride is one of our choicest young ladies, honored by old and young alike. She has ever been a bright star in our society circles and church work and for the past three years was a member of our school faculty.

The groom is one of our leading business men, honored and highly respected by all his acquaintances. For three years prior to last year he was a successful teacher in our public school. His vocations the past year were real estate, insurance, and the newspaper business.

During the next twelve months this worthy young couple will take up their residence near Flagler, Colorado, where the groom recently filed on a homestead, after which they expect to return to Crofton to make their permanent home.

This event marks the most important undertaking in their life. Another home is made; a new start in life is commenced under the most favorable conditions and circumstances. We join with their many friends in offering congratulations and wish them long life and bespeak for them much success and happiness.

1910-06-30. At the Masonic Hall Monday evening, the gentlemen friends of H. M. Cooley held a smoke in his behalf, the event being his marriage [to Edith Jones on 29 Jun 1910] which occurred Wednesday. The evening was spent at cards and a most enjoyable time was had. Mr. Cooley was the recipient of a beautiful Morris rocker as a token of friendship and good wishes.^j

1911-12-07. H. M. Cooley, of the Crofton Progress has purchased [the Crofton Journal and will combine the two newspapers]. Crofton has lots of business for one paper but not enough for two just as is the case with many other towns. They will probably now have one good paper instead of two ordinary ones, which is much better for all concerned.^k

1913-10-09 HD West and HM Cooley filed as candidates for postmaster of Crofton.^l

ⁱ The Crofton Journal 30 Jan 1908, Thu - Page 1

^j *The Crofton Journal* (J.B. McCoy, Publisher) June 30th 1910 Thu Page 4

^k *Plainview News*, Plainview, Nebraska, Thursday, December 7th, 1911 Page 4

^l *The Crofton Journal* Oct 9th 1913

Crofton Nebraska Newspapers

In 1909 Merton Cooley went into a partnership with Mel Lawrence to operate the *Crofton Progress* newspaper in Crofton, Knox County, Nebraska.¹⁶

It is also known from a *Crofton Journal* microform¹⁷ that the first edition of the *Crofton Journal* was published 7 Jun 1906 with editors and publishers Peterson & Alwine. In October 1908 J.B. McCoy bought the newspaper.¹⁸



Crofton Journal office, Crofton Nebraska, Herbert M Cooley is in front of the counter and a printer's devil is behind him. To the right are cans of paint for sale.

Meantime, Merton had become sole proprietor of the *Crofton Progress* before December 1911.¹⁹ On 7 Dec 1911, "H. M. Cooley, of the *Crofton Progress*...purchased the *Crofton Journal* from J.B. McCoy and will combine the two newspapers."²⁰

Following is J.B. McCoy's farewell editorial:

With this issue of the *Crofton Journal* we bid you a kind farewell, having sold our interests to H. M. Cooley, of the *Crofton Progress*, who will consolidate the two papers, beginning December 1, 1911. The office will be located under the post office and will be known as "The *Crofton Journal*". Subscribers to the *Journal* (who are paid in advance) will receive proper credit up to time of expiration; those in arrears will be payable to Mr. Cooley.

Crofton is a town like many others, having only enough business to support one newspaper, and with the assurance and confidence of the business men, hence this consolidation. Mr. Cooley has made arrangements to enlarge the paper and will endeavor to make it one of the best in Northeast Nebraska.

We sincerely thank our subscribers and the business men of Crofton and vicinity for their liberal patronage for the past three years and trust you will give my successor your hearty co-operation and support toward the upbuilding of this thriving little city and the future success of the *Crofton Journal*.
Yours Truly, J. B. McCoy.

A statement of ownership must be published once per year. Here for 1914 is The Crofton Journal's:

STATEMENT of the ownership, management, circulation, etc., required by the act of August 24, 1912, of The Crofton Journal published weekly at Crofton, Nebraska, for April 1, 1914.

Editor, H. M. Cooley, Crofton, Neb.

Managing Editor, H. M. Cooley, Crofton, Neb.

Business Manager, H. M. Cooley, Crofton, Neb.

Publisher, H. M. Cooley, Crofton, Neb.

Owner, H. M. Cooley, Crofton, Neb.

Known bondholders, mortgages and other security holders, holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds mortgages, or other securities: First National Bank, Crofton, Neb.

H. M. COOLEY.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st. day of June, 1914.

Chas. Ruden, Notary Public.^m

In a rather bizarre situation, the following news item appeared in *The Crofton Journal* the day *after* H.M. Cooley drowned in the Missouri River. The most likely explanation is that the weekly newspapers were generally printed Wednesday night then distributed Thursday morning. Mert probably rolled out his Thursday edition Wednesday evening the 4th then drove to Yankton with his friends after that.

With The Shooters

A goodly attendance of spectators watched the gunmen (try to) smash blue rocks, records and things, also had the pleasure of seeing Mister Joseph F. Dunne break twenty-five straight. Todd Christopherson was second with a score of twenty-four. It is needless to say who shot the highest consecutive score. The second event was won by H. M. Cooley with a score of twenty-two. Wilbur Jones broke nineteen which was enough to land him in second place. Cooley broke ten straight making the best consecutive score. J. F. Dunne won the third event with a score of twenty-two. Todd Christopherson was second with twenty. Dunne took the highest consecutive score by breaking ten straight.ⁿ

TRAGEDY AT MISSOURI RIVER

Yankton Press and Dakotan, 4 Nov 1914

Two Men from Crofton lose lives at river early this morning. The car plunged into stream. Two in car escape and tell thrilling story of accident

O.W. Cass, a druggist of Crofton Neb, and H.M. Cooley, editor of the *Crofton Journal* were drowned in the Missouri River at 2 o'clock this morning when Mr. Cass's auto, a Ford, plunged over the side of the pontoon bridge into 12 to 14 feet of water.

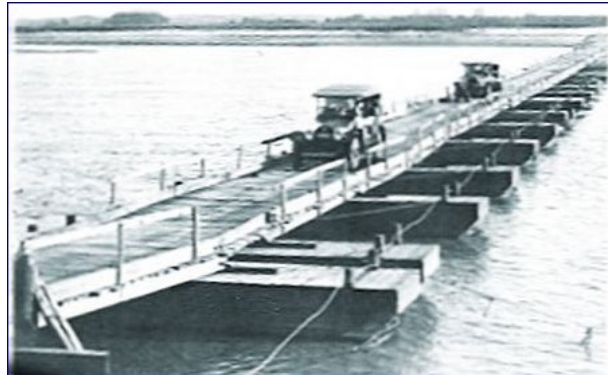
O.D. Salley, barber, and L.S. Ross, jeweler, also of Crofton, were members of the party but although both experienced the terrible plunge into the river and hit the sandbar at the bottom, both managed to rise clear of the car and get to shore but hardly able to relate how; Salley especially, who was nearly drowned, is in a state of collapse over the loss of his intimate friend, Mr. Cooley. [The bodies of Cass and Cooley were never found]

Mr. Cass, who was in need of some drug supplies, left Crofton eighteen miles south and a little west yesterday afternoon for Yankton, driving his Ford and bringing the businessmen of Crofton named above.

^m *The Crofton Journal*, 16 Jul 1914, Thu, Page 6

ⁿ *The Crofton Journal*, 5 Nov 1914, Thu, Page 4

They remained in town for the election returns,^o took supper at the Harris Café and started for the river shortly before two o'clock. Mr. Cass, owner of the car was driving. He is a married man and in town and had boasted for what he could do with his car saying he could make it describe a figure eight so well did he have it under control. He also remarked that as all his party could drive the car, they were in good shape to get home safe.



Yankton pontoon bridge across the Missouri River²¹

At the river, John Strand, who was in charge of the bridge, collected the toll from the four men, chatted with them for several minutes, let down the chain used at night and the car passed on. Mr. Cass was driving and with him in the front seat was Mr. Salley, the Crofton barber. Mr. Ross, jeweler, was in the back seat with Editor Cooley, the latter on the right side, back of Mr. Salley. It is likely the driver was pinned under the car, still holding the steering wheel, while Mr. Cooley was not able, possibly through a blow on the head, to extricate himself as the two survivors managed to do.

The tragedy, which from the evidence at hand, was due to too fast driving on the bridge took place about fifty feet from the Nebraska shore in the deepest and swiftest part of the river. The track shows the car veered, or was driven close to the east side of the bridge. The speed of the car was great enough to allow of its climbing to the top of the six-by-six timber that forms the base of the rail. Along this timber for eight feet or so a wheel of the car ran, breaking the edge of the timber in one place and leaving a trail of grease. The car then reached the open space between rails where the boats are and here the plunge into the river occurred.

L.S. Ross, the survivor, who was in the left hand rear seat, tells a thrilling story of his escape. He states the car was going fairly fast, but he is under the impression that Cass slowed down somewhat as he neared the Nebraska shore. Then came a great crash, he would say it was the steering gear broke somewhere and in a second car and occupants were over the side and into the river.

Mr. Ross recalls distinctly hitting the bed of the river, which seemed to him a great distance down. He rose to the surface at once and found he had in some way grabbed a portion of the bridge rail. He was heavily wrapped, as were all the party, with a heavy coat and swimming to shore, although a good swimmer, proved a very hard task. He reached the south bank, which at this point is ten feet high. Exhausted, he could not climb up and so removed his overcoat and tried again, but could not until he had also removed his other coat. He just managed then to climb up and the trail he left is still visible. Ross then shouted to his companions, got no answer and started a search.

He found Salley a short distance downstream, waist deep in water, alive but exhausted and helpless. He had reached shore but was unable to get out of the river. Ross helped Salley out and by this time the toll man Strand reached the scene of the accident. He reports that after the men left he listened outside, as

^o The 1914 United States elections elected the members of the 64th United States Congress, occurring in the middle of Democratic President Woodrow Wilson's first term. Democrats retained control of both houses of Congress, the first time they were able to do so since the American Civil War (1861-1865). Republicans won massive gains in the House, but Democrats maintained a solid majority in the chamber. In the first Senate election since the passage of the 17th Amendment, Democrats won small gains, maintaining control of the chamber.

he often does, to hear the car pass over. He noticed the sound of the car over the bridge had ceased, supposed the sandbar that breaks the bridge at this point had been reached in safety and entered the "shack" at the north end of the bridge. Hardly had he done so when he heard a shout for help and at once hurried to the scene where he found Ross and Salley, the latter unable to explain anything but Ross able to give the account of the accident as given above.

Word was sent up town and Clarence Novothy and Elmer Bergsvik who were still engaged in election returns were amongst the first to respond. They hurried to the river, took the two survivors by car to the Scott bath parlors, secured dry clothes for them and with Mr. Scott soon had the men warm and comfortable.

They then returned to the bridge and river and after great effort managed to locate the auto stuck in sand and water to the depth of fourteen feet and as many feet from the east side of the bridge. They tied a hook to the car but the current soon broke the hold made and a second had to be made which was still holding this morning.

[Yankton County] Sheriff Ratheaber was notified and was at the river a half hour after the incident happened. He at once noted the tragedy was one for the coroner and sheriff of Cedar County as the dividing line is the center of the river and the car was within fifty feet of the Nebraska shore. He at once returned to town and wired Sheriff McFadden in [the County Seat of Cedar County] Hartington, Nebraska. No answer had been received up to nine AM at which time the above was written

Efforts made to locate the bodies of Cass and Cooley were futile although all that could be done was done during the night hours. The case now awaits the action of the officers of Cedar County and preparations are being made from this point to drag the river if the Nebraska authorities come unprepared. Ropes and hooks are in readiness and a determined effort will be made to secure the bodies as the car is removed.

Both dead men are prominent citizens of Crofton, Mr. Cooley being a Mason. Messrs. Ross and Salley were driven to Crofton early this morning where they went to break the news to relatives, especially to the widow of Mr. Cass. They expected to return with help to assist in the recovery of the bodies.

Mr. Cooley is a widower with three children, one^P of whom resides in Crofton. Mr. Cass is married but has no children. The survivors are both also married. All have been identified with Crofton for a number of years and as soon as Ross and Salley arrived in Crofton with their sad news the town was personally stirred.

At press time the auto has been hauled out but no trace of the bodies was found underneath and no success has been achieved in the efforts to find the bodies nearby. Sheriff McFadden of Hartington and the coroner of the same place were over but could hold no inquest until at least one body was found and returned home. They deputized R.E. Cook of Crofton to act for them and superintend the dragging operations.

About two hundred friends of the drowned men were at the bank from Crofton and vicinity and among them was Mrs. Cass widow of the drowned druggist. The car showed a badly bent front axle, the result of hitting the heavy timber of the side rail and was otherwise damaged but the steering wheel was intact.

The car had turned turtle in the air and water and was found lying on its side with the top to the west. The dragging operations are being attended with great difficulty as the stream is very powerful at this point. For this reason there is the greatest uncertainty as to where the bodies may be.

^P Residing in Crofton was Dixie, half-sister of Ron and Beth. She was the daughter of Merton and second wife of Edith Jones. Ron was living with grandparents in Flagler Colorado while Beth was with Bert and Lou in Otis at the time of the accident.

Still Search for Bodies

Many Searchers active along river seeking bodies of Cass and Cooley

Yankton Press and Dakotan, 6 Nov 1914

Search was resumed at the river early this morning for the bodies of Mr. Cooley and Mr. Cass. It is believed now that both men came to the surface after their car plunged into the stream and that possibly before death came, the unfortunate men were some distance downstream.

The cap that Mr. Cooley wore was found about a mile downstream on the Nebraska shore near which the current turns after passing the bridge. The finding of the cap means little to the searchers as it may have been lost at the time of the accident and was blown ashore, as this is the theory held by the searchers.

It was expected today to put the ferry boat into the search by one party of searchers and Capt. Geisler gave his consent as he is doing all in his power to aid. A motorboat has been doing good service and is being handled in good shape against the swift current which is seven miles an hour where the accident took place.

The bodies may be washed ashore near where the cap was found yesterday, but river men hold to the opinion the bodies are not likely to be found now until they rise which may be in nine to fifteen days sooner. There is no certainty as to the time as this depends so much on the condition of the bodies and the temperature of the water.

Later note: Mr. Cass's body was recovered but Mr. Cooley's body was never found.

The Missouri River was Herbert Merton Cooley's eternal graveyard. He is remembered on his first wife's gravestone in Pleasant View Cemetery, Plainview, Nebraska.



Bert Cooley takes over the Crofton Journal

Shortly after the accident, Robert Berton Cooley, Herbert Merton's twin brother, sold the *Otis Independent* (Otis, Washington County, Colorado) and moved to Crofton where he assumed control of the *Crofton Journal*.²²

However, by late 1916 Bert's allergies (hay fever) had become so bad in that northeastern corner of Nebraska near the Missouri River, he had to sell the *Crofton Journal* and return to the dry plains of Colorado. There he re-purchased the newspaper he had established in the first place, the *Otis Independent*, continuing its operation until 1929.

Jane Elizabeth Holliday

Jane Elizabeth Holliday, fondly known as Lizzie, was born 20 Mar 1884, at Hallfield, her family's cherished country home nestled in the picturesque Castle Sowerby Parish of Cumberland County, England. Her early years were shaped by the rolling hills and gentle countryside of her homeland.

In 1892, life brought change, and Lizzie embarked on a journey with her family across the Atlantic to Canada. Though their time there was brief, it was marked by sorrow as her mother passed away during their stay. In 1893, the family pressed forward to Plainview, Nebraska where Lizzie grew into a young woman of grace and resilience.

On April 26, 1905, Lizzie married Herbert Merton Cooley, embarking on a new chapter filled with love and promise. The young couple made their home in Crofton, Nebraska, where Lizzie devoted herself to her roles as a wife, mother, and beloved neighbor. Known for her gentle demeanor and selfless spirit, Lizzie was a woman whose kindness touched all who knew her. Her door was always open, her heart forever giving.

Her life, though tragically brief, was filled with the joys of motherhood. She leaves behind two young sons: Ronald, a lively two-year-old, and a newborn baby boy, Merton Beth Cooley, scarcely four weeks old. Lizzie's devotion to her family was unmatched, and her passing on 1 Jan 1908, due to acute peritonitis, left a profound void in the hearts of those who loved her.

Lizzie is survived by her devoted husband, Herbert; her father, Hugh S. Holliday Sr; three sisters—Martha, who resides in California; Mary, who remained at home; and Hannah, now Mrs. Jack Menret—and three brothers, Robert, John, and Hugh Jr. She also leaves behind numerous other relatives and a wide circle of friends who mourn the loss of her radiant presence. Her father, confined at home by illness, and her sister Martha, living in California, were unable to attend the funeral, though their hearts were there in spirit.

Hugh Sutton Holliday - Jane Dufton Family

Hugh Sutton Holliday Sr., a man of resilience and quiet determination, was born near Carlisle, England, on July 26, 1845, in the rolling countryside of historic Cumberland, known for its green pastures and rugged beauty. In 1877, he was married to Jane Eliza Dufton in the bustling market town of Penrith, a gateway to the Lake District of England. For the first 45 years of his life, he farmed in England's picturesque landscapes before embarking on a bold new chapter.

In 1892, Hugh emigrated to Manitoba, Canada, with his 12-year-old son, Robert. Their Atlantic voyage was chronicled in Robert's detailed diary, *My Trip to the New World*, see [Appendix I](#), which captures vivid scenes of the churning seas, Newfoundland's towering icebergs, and the anticipation of the endless forests of North America. This diary will be included in its entirety in the Appendix. A few months later, Hugh's wife, Jane, and their five younger children—Martha, John Dufton, Hannah Eliza, Mary, and Hugh Sutton Jr.—joined them in Manitoba to reunite the family.

Tragedy struck shortly after, when Jane passed away about nine months after her arrival. Seeking a fresh start, Hugh and his children journeyed south to the United States, settling first near Verdigre, Knox County, Nebraska, where the rolling hills of the Great Plains became their new home. Later, they moved to Plainview, a growing prairie community, and in 1902, Hugh established a farm north of Orchard, Antelope County, surrounded by Nebraska's fertile farmland. A dedicated farmer, he worked tirelessly until about nine years before his death, when he retired to Orchard, a quiet, close-knit town, to live with his daughter, Mary.

Hugh died at his home in Orchard on June 24, 1937, at the age of 91 years and 11 months, following a brief illness. He leaves behind a legacy of hard work, family devotion, and quiet strength. He is survived by three sons: Robert and John of Orchard and Hugh Jr. of Page, Holt County; three daughters: Mary at home, Mrs. Hannah Vollertson of Battle Creek, Iowa, and Martha of Los Angeles, California; as well as eleven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

His sister in England, aged 88, also survives him. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jane, and one daughter, Jane Elizabeth.

"A busy life has come to an end,
He died as he lived, everybody's friend."

Hugh's story is a testament to the enduring spirit of pioneers who forged new paths for their families, leaving behind not only a lineage but also a history of resilience and perseverance.

The Holliday children all born in Castle Sowerby, Cumberland, England were.

Martha Holliday b. 21 Mar 1878 in Castle Sowerby, d. 1 Jul 1951 in Los Angeles, California. Martha, the eldest, embraced adventure. She eventually moved to California, where she spent the latter part of her life in Beverly Hills. Known for her vibrant personality, Martha remained close to her Nebraska roots despite the distance.

Robert William Holliday b. 5 May 1880 in Castle Sowerby, d. about 1959 in Nebraska. Robert was a steady presence in the family. After accompanying his father to Manitoba then Nebraska, he worked on the family farm and supported his younger siblings. He lived a long life and is buried in Pleasant View Cemetery in Pierce County, Nebraska.

John Dufton Holliday b. 31 Jan 1882, Castle Sowerby, d. about 1961, Plainview, Knox County, Nebraska. John remained close to his family throughout his life. Known for his strong work ethic and dedication to the community, he lived out his days in Plainview, where he is buried in the family plot at Orchard Hill Cemetery in Antelope County, Nebraska.

Jane Elizabeth Holliday b. 20 Mar 1884, in the country home of her parents in Castle Sowerby and d. 1 Jan 1908 in Crofton, Knox County, Nebraska; she is buried at Pleasant View Cemetery, Pierce Co, Nebraska



Hannah Eliza Holliday b. about 1885 in Castle Sowerby, d. about 1978). Hannah was married to Jack Menret and settled in Nebraska. She was a warm and nurturing presence in the family, deeply loved by her siblings and her own children.

Mary Holliday b. about 1886, England, d. about 1982 in Orchard Nebraska). Mary never married and remained close to her father, caring for him in his later years. She was known for her kindness and dedication to family, staying in Orchard, Nebraska, until her death.

Hugh Sutton Holliday Jr b. 31 Mar 1889, Castle Sowerby, d. 1 Apr 1977, Grand Island, Nebraska). The youngest of the Holliday children, Hugh Jr. carved out a successful life for himself in Nebraska. He was buried in Westlawn Memorial Cemetery in Hall County, Nebraska.

The Jones Family of Knox County Nebraska

The Nebraska Historical Society wrote a brief history of the Jones family of Knox County. Following are excerpts from that writeup.

Richard T Jones and Josephine Hurley

Richard Thomas Jones was born about February 1848 in Wisconsin²³ shortly after his family emigrated from Wales, arriving in the USA through Ellis Island. After living for some time in Wisconsin the family moved to Howard County, Iowa. It was here in 1874 that Richard was married to Josephine Hurley²⁴ who was born about June 1853 in Pleasant, Grant County, Indiana.²⁵

All three of their children were born in Albion Township, Howard County, Iowa:²⁶

- i. Eliza (Libbie) b. about 1875
- ii. Wilbur C. b. 12 Apr 1877
- iii. Edith b. about Aug 1879

Richard loved singing, a characteristic of his Welsh heritage. Despite the hardships of pioneer life, their home was filled with music and other creative entertainments.

The closest town in the area was Hartington [in Cedar County], where they took wheat to be ground into flour. Mrs. Jones churned butter which they exchanged for items they couldn't raise.²⁷

Richard died in his early 50s. After his death, Josephine moved into Crofton and lived in a house.

Jones children

Edith Jones [was] married [to] Herbert Merton Cooley, editor of the Crofton Journal, who later was drowned in the Missouri River following an accident on the Yankton pontoon bridge. They had one daughter, Edith Dixie.

Edith Jones Cooley passed away when Dixie was three years old. Following her mother's death, Dixie went to live with her grandmother Jones [Josephine Hurley].

Eliza "Libbie" Jones was a country school teacher. She passed away at the age of 16 of diphtheria and was buried in the family plot with her father and sister Edith.

Wilbur Jones stayed on the farm and was married to Laura Rissler. Wilbur's mother [Josephine Hurley] passed away in 1922 and was buried beside her husband and two daughters, Edith and Libbie.

At this time, Dixie Cooley came and made her home with Wilbur and Laura and their family. Wilbur passed away in 1948 and his ashes were scattered on the hills of the farm where he played as a boy.

Josephine Hurley Obituary²⁸

Josephine Hurley was born in Wabash [Wabash County] Indiana, June 4th, 1853, and died at Crofton, Nebr., May 8th, 1922, at the age of 68 years and 11 months.

She moved to Cresco [Howard County] Iowa, with her parents when a child and made her home there until 1881.

In 1814 she was united in marriage to Richard Jones and three children were born to them. In 1881 they moved to [Knox County] Nebr., and settled on a homestead south of Crofton where their only remaining child, Wilbur, now lives.

Besides her son she leaves a sister who lives in Holt Co.,⁹ Dixie Cooley her little grand-daughter who has lived with her for some years, and the four grandchildren in Wilbur's family.

⁹ There is a Holt County Nebraska and a small town in Colorado named Holt. The abbreviation "Co" could be either county or Colorado. Holt County seems likely.

Mrs. Jones was one of the charter members of the Crofton Congregational Church and was a faithful member up to the time of her death. She was woman of high Ideals beloved by her friends and neighbors and the sympathy of the host of friends goes out to those who are left.

Funeral services were conducted from the home on Tuesday afternoon and the body laid to rest beside that of her husband and daughters in the family cemetery on the homestead.²⁹

Wilbur Jones and Laura Rissler

Wilbur Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Jones, was married to Laura Rissler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Rissler. on December 23, 1911.³⁰ They moved to the farm one mile south and one half mile west of Crofton that was homesteaded by Wilbur's parents in 1881. Six children were born there, namely Elizabeth, Richard, Wellington, Bob, Bill, and Mary Jo.

During the bad years Wilbur lost the farm and moved to the farm three and one half miles north of Crofton. On this farm their seventh child, Laurie, was born.

All seven of the Jones kids graduated from Crofton High School and Elizabeth

After Wilbur passed away, on November 25, 1948, Laura moved to Crofton where she lived until her marriage to Herman Swanson of Yankton, South Dakota. They were married on July 27, 1956. She passed away on June 22, 1973 and is buried in the Yankton Cemetery.

Wilbur and Laura's children

Elizabeth Jones married Lender Elasson of Bloomfield, Nebraska. She remained in Crofton her entire life (status unknown at the time of writing).

Richard Jones enlisted in the Navy upon graduation. He re-enlisted during the Second World War and spent several post war years in various areas of the world. He and his wife, Marie, now live in Columbus, Ohio. They have one daughter, Sandra, also of Columbus.

Wellington Jones served most of his tour of duty in the South Pacific and was never home on furlough the entire duration of the war. Following his return home, he farmed with his parents north of Crofton. Later, Wilbur and Laura bought another farm and moved six miles south and three-fourths miles east of Crofton. Wellington continued to farm with his parents until Wilbur's death after which he went to Oregon and later worked in Wyoming and California. In April 1888, he retired and came back to Crofton.

Bob Jones stayed in the Air Force following the war and served 26 years before retiring from the military. He and his wife, Mary Lee, have three sons and one daughter. They lived all over the world before settling in Dallas, Oregon. Bob attended the University of Maryland where he received his degree in education. He entered that field and remained until he retired.

Bill Jones married Severn Hans while he was still in the armed forces. Severn taught school in Reedsport, Oregon. Bill was a director of navigation on a sea-going barge, making many trips to Japan and areas in the Pacific and Indian Oceans. They now live in North Bend since their retirement. Bill and Severn are the parents of five sons and two daughters.

Mary Jo married Alfred Foxhoven, and they farmed several years in the Crofton area. Later they moved to Omaha where both were employed. They are the parents of two sons and one daughter.

Laurie "Mickey" attended business college in Omaha and married Mel Messerole. They had eight children: six sons and two daughters.

Appendix I

In 1892, Robert William Holliday, then a child of 12, kept a detailed diary when he accompanied his father, Hugh Sutton Holliday Sr, on an emigration voyage from England to Canada. It is apparent he intended at least part of his diary to be a letter to his mother back home in Castle Sowerby, Cumberland, England.

[Editor's note: I have changed punctuation but kept Robert's spellings]

Monday May 16th 1892. [Robert and his father Hugh] came to Liverpool [where he had] a walk through several of the streets. We booked for Winnipeg on Tuesday and sailed on Thursday [May 19th 1892].

Friday May 20th 1892. Time morning up at 7 passing West Coast of Toe [? possibly Wales] stand, Ship heaving up and down at 10-15 AM in view of Trust Mountains Sea [?]; rather rough waves, like mountains, has been very sick on deck watching the water rolling about. [At 8 pm] the sea still rough been very sick all day about half of the passengers sick and vomiting all over the Deck and I have had nothing to eat all day except one bottle of Soda water.

Saturday May 21st 1892. Fine morning and a calm sea; the ship running very steady but am still rather sick yet but not so bad as yesterday; had some portage for Breakfast. Dada is quite well and has never been sick yet. We are about 600 miles from Liverpool. We are going about 15 miles an hour; we got some terrible heaves yesterday; it was just like a swing Boat up and down But it is very nice this morning; we can walk all over the ship.

[We have] plenty of good things to eat; we can have porridge or Tea, Coffee, Beef steaks, Fish, or Preserves for Breakfast. Our Dinners consist of Roast Beef Fish and Potattoos or Tea if you wish. Your Tea is plane with cold meat.

Sunday May 22nd 1892. Sunday morning Fine with a strong head wind. Dada has just had Breakfast consisting of Ham & Eggs but I could not take any.

Dear Mama when you come to America bring some Tea and a Tea Pot with you. Then you can make your own Tea as I am sure you will not like this Tea. There is a lot of Ladys in our cabin and they all have there own Tea pot. Dada and me is going to church this morning at half past ten.

The White Seagull followed the ship up till last night. Just Finished dinner of Soup, Roast Beef Hot Pot, which was very good; then Plum Pudding and apples. I think Dada had made a good dinner as he has Eaten my Plum Pudding as well as his own. Today we are going to church this afternoon again. Had Tea and Some Fish I am all right now and can eat Plenty. Our Ship Sailed 356 miles on Saturday so we are now 933 miles from Liverpool today.

Monday May 23rd 1892. Just had Breakfast, Porage and milk; Dada had some Beef steak and Onions and Tea. It is a very wet morning hear [and] we have all to remain inside; the ship is not running so study this morning; she is rocking a little and Some of the Passangers has not come to Breakfast. We have two very old Ladys on Board and they are both poorly this morning.

[It is stormy with] side wind the Spray flowing over the Deck and the Ship is rolling about and knocking people about like Cats. Some is very sick and others laughing at them. I do not know how Dada does [it], he has never been sick yet and can go about any way.

It is very funny to see the plates tumbling off the table all up and down the floor; [some people] cry now and again, it is very Laughable yet you dare not laugh for fear it is your own turn next time to fall...the Ship is rocking like a Cradle (a bed or cot for a baby usually on rockers or pivots).

Tuesday May 24th 1892 06:30. Fine morning and the Sea quite calm again with a north west wind it looks like being a fine day as the sky is so clear. We expect to see Land today, the Banks of Newfoundland. Everyone seems to Be on Deck; Some playing at Cards; Some smoking; some singing. It is quite Jolly and the sea is a smooth as a Field. Tell John [John Dufton Holliday, 1882-1961) he will have some fine fun when he comes.

Dear Mama when you come bring plenty of oranges and apples with you as they are Dear on Board. Oranges is 2D apiece, apples, 1 Beer GDP per bottle. You need not be frightened when you come as there nothing to hurt you on a big ship like this. I have been seeing the Germans are on [board; they eat] Potatoes with there Skin on and salt herring. They eat the herring raw, Bones head altogether. They are a rough for People and very dirty.

Our ship has sailed 350 miles today as we are now 1611 miles from Liverpool. It is beginning rain again this afternoon. I hope you are all well at home I often think about you all but I hope that will soon meet again. I am going to send you this book as soon as we get to Winnipeg. Write as soon as you can and address the letters to Dada: HS Holliday, Post Office, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Tuesday May 24th 1892 17:45. Just had Tea and I have been at a concert this afternoon. There was two Fiddles playing and a lot of songs sung; it has been rather wet but the Passengers is all very harty. There is one Lady with a little boy Just like little Hugh [Hugh Sutton Holliday Jr, 1889-1977), he is a fine boy and she has to little girls as well. She is going to her husband in Manitoba.

There has a thick fog come on tonight and the ship is only going half speed So that will keep us Longer of getting to Quebec. She is barely stirring now, almost stopped all together. So I think I will be off to my Bunk for the night hopping that we will have a better morning.

Wednesday May 25th 1892. Our ship has been standing still all night on account of the Fog...They drew the anker at 5 o'clock and we are going ahead now but is terrible cold, that cold you cannot stand on Deck. They say we are passing some Icebergs we expect to see Some Land today. Tell John that I have given a boy a smack on his ear this morn...he would not let me alone.

Dada is not so well this morning he has had a glass of Brandy Hot. He had to pay 4 pence for it. The passengers all Seem to be tired out now and wants to be on shore once more.

The ship is going at a good speed now but we lost about 8 hrs last night. They say we are near Cape Race^r now but cannot see anything yet. We have all just been on Deck looking at a Great Iceberg; it is as white as snow and twice as big as Todholes House[?] floating about.

^rCape Race is a point of land located at the southeastern tip of the Avalon Peninsula on the island of Newfoundland. It is home to the Cape Race Lighthouse, notable for having received the distress call from RMS Titanic. Dense fog, rocky coasts, and its proximity to trans-Atlantic shipping routes have resulted in many shipwrecks near Cape Race over the years. One of the most famous was the SS Arctic.

We have only come 260 miles today; we are passing Cape Clear^s now but cannot see it for the fog; it is very windy and the waves is rolling like mountains again and the ship is heaving up and down. These Icebergs we see is just like a great hall covered with snow. They float about like a Boat. If a ship runs against them it would smash her all to pieces.

Thursday May 26th 1892 08:00. We have seen two or three Vessels this morning. Dada is not so well This morning; he was at the Doctor last night; he has got a cold. We expect to land at Quebec tomorrow morning. 12 o'clock we are 700 miles from Quebec so we will have another 48 hours sailing to put up with yet. I am getting weary of it. Now Dada is in bed today.

[To his mother] mind you be shure to Book Second class cabin, it is more comfortable. The steerage passengers have to put up with a lot of hardships. They are fed like Pigs and knocked about. Anyway People had better pay the extra money and be comfortable.

4 o'clock we have come in sight of Land once more, The Cape St Peter^t they call it (Cape St Pierre). Everyone on Board seems to rejoice at the sight of it in the hopes that They will not be long of landing. We can see on the Hills now. We are getting so near them we can see a lot of Houses. [But they still had a long way to go].

We are entering the Gulf of St Lawrence and have just met another Large Ship loaded with cattle Bound for Glasgow. [Our passengers] are dancing on Deck tonight and all is very merry on Board, Except Dada and he is very Dull. The ship is going very steady now since we have ot out of the Atlantic and it is a great deal warmer. We have traveled 324 miles today so good night again am off to Bed.

Friday May 27th 1892. Friday morning very fine and the Sea is ery smoth, not even a ripple on it. We have passed the Island of Consestin (Anticosti Island) and now we are coming in sight of Cape _____. They say we shall see land all the way to Quebec now up the St Lawrence.

Our ship is running just about half a mile from shore all the way. We can see the people walking on shore. This is the best part of the voyage but we have between 3 and 4 hundred miles to go yet. I have seen America now...it is all forest nothing else but wood. It is what they call the lower part of Canada. There seems to be many thousands of acres of this Forest; we see mountain after mountain; some little place where they are breaking up the land.

2 o'clock we have now got fairly into the river now; there is land on both sides of us; it is a good deal warmer; now we are seeing lots of steamers and other sights.

^s It is not evident where this would be. Cape Clear is a large outcrop of white stone, deep in the Western Highlands of Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, overlooking the Margaree. According to modern shipping lanes, their ship would be some 60 miles east of Cape Breton Island. (Cape Clear Island (officially known by its Irish name, Cléire) lies southwest of County Cork in Ireland. It is the southernmost inhabited part of Ireland and has a population of about 100).

^t Cape St. Peter's is quite likely Saint Pierre and Miquelon, officially the Overseas Collectivity of Saint Pierre and Miquelon (French: Collectivité d'outre-mer de Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon). It is a self-governing, island-territory of France situated about 10 miles west of the Burin Peninsula of Newfoundland.

The collectivity is actually three islands, two of which (Grande Miquelon and its peninsula Miquelon-Laglade and Langlade) are connected by the very narrow Dune de Langlade, a not-so-permanent sandy isthmus. The third island Saint-Pierre, the most southerly of the collectivity, thus would be the first island to seen as a ship rounds southeastern tip of Newfoundland (past Cape Race) and into the Gulf of St Lawrence. It is the only part of New France that remains under French control with an area of 242 square kilometers and a population of 6,008 (2016).

6 o'clock had Tea which will be the last that we will get on ship Board which is a great Blessing for I do long for a cup of good Tea. The passengers is getting very anxious about getting on shore.

This entry is the last of Robert's detailed diary.

It is assumed they took the train from Quebec City to Winnipeg. The distance between Winnipeg and Québec City is approximately 1204 miles, or 1937 kilometers and the average train journey between these two cities takes 46 hours and 22 minutes.^u

Here is a small addition to the diary written by his father, H.S. Holliday. It has no date but it dis assumed to be about June 1st 1892:

My Dear Dear Wife and Family. Robert and myself have landed at Winniepeg all right this morning at half passed nine. Now we have 4 days riding in a train. I am partly sick of it; my head acking very much this morning. I hope you are all well. Winniepeg looks a pretty place. The fields look very green. I will write you again. Affectionately H.S. Holliday with tears in my eyes. God bless you all.

At the very end someone writes: "Aunt Mary said grandma and the rest of the kids left England in August of 1892. Grandma died in Canada and they then left Canada in April of 1893, coming to Verdigre, Neb., later moving to Plainview. My dad told me they stayed about 9 months west of Verdigre.

^u <https://www.rome2rio.com/s/Winnipeg/Quebec>

Endnotes

¹ WWI Draft Registration Card Serial Number 373, Robert Berton Cooley: 15 Oct 1876

REGISTRATION CARD

SERIAL NUMBER: 373
 ORDER NUMBER: A397
 1 Name: Robert Berton Cooley
 2 PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: Otis, Washington, Colo.
 3 Age in Years: 42
 Date of Birth: October 15th, 1876
 RACE: White
 U. S. CITIZEN: Naturalized
 PRESENT OCCUPATION: Printer
 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: Otis, Washington, Colo.
 REGISTERED RESIDENT: Otis, Washington, Colo.
 REGISTERED ADDRESS: Robert Berton Cooley

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

5-2-32
 DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT
 HEIGHT: 5-2-32
 BUILD: Slender
 COLOR OF EYES: Blue
 COLOR OF HAIR: Brown
 20 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified? (Specify): No
 21 I certify that my answers are true that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers that I have witnessed his signature or rank, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:
 Date of Registration: September 12, 1918
 Local Board for the County of Washington, State of Colo., Akron, Colorado.
 (STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)
 (The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.)

² Cumberland is a historic county in North West England that had an administrative function from the 12th century until 1974. It is bordered by the historic counties of Northumberland to the north-east, County Durham to the east, Westmorland to the south-east, Lancashire to the south, and the Scottish counties of Dumfriesshire and Roxburghshire to the north. It formed an administrative county from 1889 to 1974 (excluding Carlisle from 1914) and now forms part of Cumbria.

³ Nebraska marriage record 356 Herbert M Cooley and Jane E Holliday 26 Apr 1906

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MARRIAGE RECORD.

Form Ten, Co. Non-Resident; Reference, Iowa Civ. Serv.
 Mr. Herbert M. Cooley
 Mrs. Jane E. Holliday
 No. 3465
 Before the County Judge of Knox County, Nebraska.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, }
 KNOX COUNTY, } SS. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY JUDGE.

License is hereby granted to any person authorized to solemnize marriage according to the laws of said State, to join in Marriage
 Mr. Herbert Merton Cooley and Mrs. Jane Elizabeth Holliday
 of the County of _____, Nebraska, whose ages, residence, etc. are as follows:

NAME OF PARTY	Age	Color	Place of Birth	Residence	Father's Name	Mother's Name
Herbert M. Cooley	29	White	Iowa	Plainville	Robert Cooley	Stella Cooley
Jane E. Holliday	21	"	England	"	Hugh Holliday	"

And the person joining them in Marriage is required to make due return of the annexed Certificate to the County Judge of said County within thirty days of the names of the parties, time and place of marriage, and by whom solemnized.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office, in said County, this 27th day of April, A. D. 1906.
 J. C. Boyan, County Judge

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

To the County Judge of Knox County, Nebraska:
 THIS CERTIFIES, that on the 26th day of April, A. D. 1906, in the County of _____, in said County, according to law and by authority, I duly joined in Marriage Mr. Herbert Merton Cooley and Mrs. Jane Elizabeth Holliday and there were present as witnesses Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cooley and Mrs. Mrs. Cooley.
 Given under my hand this 27th day of April, 1906.
 W. P. Thompson, County Judge

⁴ Plainview News, Plainview, Nebraska, Thursday, April 27th, 1905 Page 5: On Wednesday evening, at the home of the bride's father, Hugh Holliday, Mert Cooley and Miss Lizzie Holliday were married with Rev Hillyer tying the nuptial knot. Only a few near relatives and intimate friends were present. These young people are both well and favorably known to all and need no introduction by us. The News wishes them a long and happy wedded life

⁵ WWII Draft Registration card 238-377 Ronald Delos Cooley

SERIAL NUMBER 238		1. NAME (Print) Ronald Delos Cooley <small>(First) (Middle) (Last)</small>			ORDER NUMBER 377
2. ADDRESS (Print) Limon Lincoln Colorado <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>					
3. TELEPHONE yes 133 (133) <small>(Exchange) (Number)</small>	4. AGE IN YEARS 34 DATE OF BIRTH 1-28-1906 <small>(Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)</small>	5. PLACE OF BIRTH Crofton <small>(Town or county)</small> Nebraska <small>(State or country)</small>	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP United States		
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Irene Elva Cooley <small>(Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)</small>				8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON wife	
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON Limon Lincoln Colorado <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>					
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME Self employed Cooley Brothers Publisher					
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Limon Lincoln Colorado <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>					
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.					
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1 <small>(over)</small>		Ronald Delos Cooley <small>(Registrant's signature)</small>			

⁶ WWII Draft Registration card 604-325 Merton Beth Cooley

SERIAL NUMBER 604		1. NAME (Print) MERTON BETH COOLEY <small>(First) (Middle) (Last)</small>			ORDER NUMBER 325
2. ADDRESS (Print) ANYON WASH. COLORADO <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>					
3. TELEPHONE 1128 <small>(Exchange) (Number)</small>	4. AGE IN YEARS 32 DATE OF BIRTH DEC 7 1907 <small>(Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)</small>	5. PLACE OF BIRTH CROFTON <small>(Town or county)</small> NEBRASKA <small>(State or country)</small>	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U.S.A.		
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS MRS. VIOLA MYFANY COOLEY <small>(Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)</small>				8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON WIFE	
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON ANYON WASH. COLORADO <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>					
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME ROBERT B COOLEY					
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS ANYON, NEWS PAPER ANYON, WASH. COLORADO <small>(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)</small>					
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.					
REGISTRATION CARD		M. T. With Cooley			

⁷ Findagrave Memorial ID 114423223 managed by Daniel Berton Cooley

⁸ Nebraska Marriage Index Cert nr #7126

Nebraska, U.S., Index to Marriages, 1909-1955 C							
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH		STATE OF NEBRASKA		001817		MARRIAGE INDEX	
Surname of Bride or Groom	Given Name	Surname of Bride or Groom	Given Name	Soundex Code	Certificate Number	County	Year
GLOW	MEREDITH	ASHBURN	JOAN E		6368	31	1950
COLE	MERLE D	VASEY	BERNICE E		7387	42	1950
CALLAWAY	MERLE	WILKINS	STELLA		11688	77	1950
GLOW	MERLE K				3913	22	1941
COOL	MERLE H				7698	56	1937
COOLEY	MERTON	EDSCH	DOHNA R		7126	54	1910
GARTLE	MICHAEL J				3098	28	1912
COLE	MILDRED	MEYERS	EDWARD L		11158	77	1949
Surname of Bride or Groom	Given Name	Surname of Bride or Groom	Given Name	Soundex Code	Certificate Number	County	Year
JAMES	EDITH				10077	74	1913
JAMES	EDITH				18502	90	1916
JONES	EDITH	JIMS	FLORENCE		7126	54	1910
JONES	EDITH				7126	54	1910
JONES	EDITH				12137	77	1940
JONES	EDITH				4398	28	1911
JONES	EDITH				9253	68	1915

⁹ Edith Dixie Cooley Colorado birth certificate

CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD
STATE OF COLORADO
Bureau of Vital Statistics
6380
CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH
Registration District No. 121 File No. 121
NAME OF CHILD Edith Dixie Cooley Registered No. 121
FATHER Frank Cooley MOTHER Edith Cooley
RESIDENCE Flagler, Colo. COLOR White AGE AT LAST BIRTHDAY 35
BIRTHPLACE Denver OCCUPATION Housewife
I certify that I attended the birth of this child, and that it occurred on March 27, 1902, at Flagler, Colo.
I hereby certify that the attending physician or midwife, if any, has filed a report of this birth with the Registrar.
Signature: Ronald S. Hyman Registrar
Address: Flagler, Colo.
This is to certify that this is a true and correct copy of the official record which is in my custody.
DATE ISSUED MAR 27 2002
Do not accept unless prepared on security paper with engraved border displaying the Colorado state seal and signature of the Registrar. PENALTY BY LAW: Section 25-2-119, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1962, if any person alters, uses, attempts to use or furnishes to another for deceptive use any vital statistics record. NOT VALID IF PHOTOCOPIED.

¹⁰ SSDI (Social Security Death Index) SSN 50.....2698, death month and year Aug 1981 and From Denise Desmond, Desmond, Williams, and Jones family history, Dec 2002

¹¹ Findagrave Memorial ID 96738267 <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/96738267/edith-dixie-desmond>

¹² From Denise Desmond, Desmond, Williams, and Jones family history, Dec 2002

¹³ WWII draft registration card 653-1129Desmond, Williams, and Jones family history

¹⁴ Cook County Illinois Death Index 1908-1988 4 Aug 1975 FHL file nr 618858

¹⁵ Find A Grave Memorial #96738230 (Calvary Cem but no gravestone picture)

¹⁶ N.W. Ayer & Son's Newspaper Annual and Directory, 1911; p 540

¹⁷ *The Crofton Journal [microform] Crofton, Neb., 1906-current*; LCCN (Library of Congress Control Number) en 950385; OCLC 33053184

¹⁸ *Compendium of History, Reminiscence and Biography of Nebraska containing a History of the State of Nebraska*, Alden Publishing Co, Chicago, 1912

19 NW Ayer & Son's Newspaper Annual and Directory 1911 p540

540	N. W. AYER & SON'S NEWSPAPER ANNUAL AND DIRECTORY.	1911
<p>CON. LINCOLN, Editor and Publisher CREIGHTON, pop. 1,250 (1910); KNOX Co. (N.E.), pop. 11,543. 40 in. S.W. of Yankton, S. Dak., 13 mi. N.W. of R. Tel. Exp. Bank, Progress and Home milk. Train and Statehouse. Friday. Independent. 1907 8 15x22 1.00 C. E. WAGNER, Editor and Publisher.</p>		
<p>J. U. OSBORN & H. M. WELLS, Editors and Publishers CROFTON, pop. 950 (1910); KNOX Co. (N.E.), pop. 14,343. 14 in. N.W. of Hartington, Neb., St. P. Minn. & Ouk. R.R. Tel. Exp. Bank. Fordyce Spirit. Friday. Local. 1909 8 15x20 1.00 DAN OLSON, Editor; LAWRENCE & COOK, Publishers. Journal. Thursday. Republican. 1906 8 17x22 1.50 1500 JAMES B. MCCOY, Editor and Publisher. Progress. Wednesday. Local. 1909 8 15x22 1.50 MELL LAWRENCE & MARK COOLEY, Editors and Publishers.</p>		
<p>CULBERTSON, pop. 800 (1910); HITCHCOCK Co. (S.W.), pop. 4,400. On Republican R., 12 m. W. of Moxook, Chic. Bart. & Quin. R.R. Tel. Exp. Bank. Farming, sugar beet and stock raising. Banner. Friday. Republican. 1906 8 15x20 1.00 1700 J. H. CONRICK, Editor and Publisher. Era—see <i>Republican-Leader</i>, Trenton.</p>		
<p>CIRCULATION: Bold face—sworn. * Detailed statement. † Publisher's report. Plain figures—estimated. POPULATION: Census of 1900 * Estimated † County Seat. ‡ Size of page.</p>		

20 *Plainview News*, Plainview, Nebraska, Thursday, December 7th, 1911 Page 4: H. M. Cooley, of the *Crofton Progress* has purchased [the *Crofton Journal* from J.B. McCoy and will combine the two newspapers]. Crofton has lots of business for one paper but not enough for two just as is the case with many other towns. They will probably now have one good paper instead of two ordinary ones, which is much better for all concerned

21 In 1890 a pontoon bridge was installed over the Missouri linking Yankton, South Dakota, with rural Cedar County, Nebraska. To protect against ice damage, the pontoon structure was disassembled each year before the winter freeze. Efforts to build a more permanent bridge began in 1915, but lapsed with the country's entrance into World War I. The nearby Meridian Highway Bridge was finally completed in 1924.

22 *The Fourth Estate* Dec 26th 2014

<p>ago, has sold it to B. L. Walden of Sioux City. CREIGHTON, NEB.—Kirk & Nolan have sold the News to P. D. Crew and T. J. Ryan. KINGSTON, MICH.—George Brown and his son Arthur of Cadillac have purchased the Grand Traverse Sun.</p>	<p>Herald. CROFTON, NEB.—R. B. Cooley of Otis, Colo., will take charge of the Journal early next year. Mr. Cooley is a brother of H. M. Cooley, late proprietor of the Journal. KINGFISHER, OKLA.—S. Hardy, publisher of the Comanche Relex</p>	<p>Boyce's Week Circu THE IND DAI THE FOURTH ESTATE.</p>
DECEMBER 26, 1914.		

23 1880 US, Iowa, Howard, Albion, Richard Jones (32) Josephine (27), Eliza, Wilbur, Edith (ae 1)

24 Obituary, *The Crofton Journal*, Crofton Nebraska, Thursday, May 11, 1922

25 Ibid

26 1880 US Census, Iowa, Howard Co, Albion, Richard Jones 32, Josephine 27, Eliza 5, Wilbur 3, Edith 9/12

27 Nebraska Historical Society; Crofton, Knox County

28 *The Crofton Journal*, Crofton Nebraska, Thursday, May 11, 1922

29 This is important information about the burial of Jones family members. Edith Jones gave birth to her daughter, Edith Dixie Cooley in Colorado in 1911 but she disappeared from the records after that.

30 *Iowa, County Marriages, 1838-1934*, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XJ6Y-S2T> : 10 February 2018, Entry 14454; Return of Marriages 97-1771