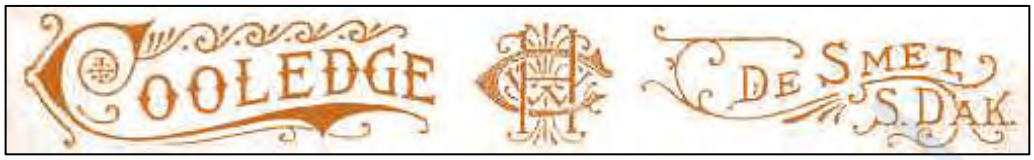
COOLEDGE

Block 12, Lot 16 De Smet Cemetery



Photographs of many De Smet Little House characters were taken by Henry Warren Cooledge; he opened a photograph studio on Calumet Avenue in the fall of 1883. He was not mentioned in the LITTLE HOUSE books, but is important because he photographed the Ingalls and Wilder families.

> *March 19, 1887. The De Smet LEADER.*
>
> *H. W. COOLEDGE is a disciple of the art of photographic concerns during a career here of over three years work. Mr. C. has established a reputation for excellence and is possessed of excellent facilities for the production of all work pertaining to his art. Card and cabinet work, tintypes, copying and enlarging done in a first class manner. Mr. Cooledge expects to put in a stock of frames eventually, and will continually improve his facilities.*

HENRY WARREN COOLEDGE

Block 12, Lot 16 De Smet Cemetery [need obit]
October 19, 1849 – July 22, 1902; died at age 52

Husband of Eva Gertrude (Cone) Cooledge (1857-1948). Father of Floyd Henry Cooledge (1881-1972), Cyril Warren Cooledge (1885-1944), Leslie Harrison (1888-1925), and Victor Renville Cooledge (1895-1986).

Henry Warren Cooledge

Henry Warren Cooledge was born October 19, 1849, in Wyocena (Columbia Co.) Wisconsin, to Seth Albert Cooledge and Achsah Ann (White) Cooledge. A sister, Lillian, was born October 19, 1858, who married O.P. Sheldon; she died in 1876. Warren and Lillian's father died when Lillian was about a year old. By 1870, Warren was teaching. April 27, 1880, Henry married Eva Gertrude Cone, in Wyocena. They lived in Kasson (Dodge Co.) Minnesota, where son Floyd was born.

Eva and Warren Cooledge came to De Smet in 1883, although two of her brothers had taken claims in Dakota in 1880. They had three sons born in De Smet: Cyril (1885), Leslie (1888), and Victor (1895). Warren Cooledge died in De Smet on July 22, 1902. His obituary was not found in the existing 1902 Kingsbury County newspapers.

H.W. Cooledge / 1849 - 1902

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Cooledge ad, Fall 1884, De Smet Leader

ARTEMESIA (STEELE) CONE

Block 12, Lot 16 De Smet Cemetery
Artemesia Cone 1833 – October 6, 1893; died at age 59.
Headstone says 1892, which is an error. She died in 1893.

Wife of Cyrenius Orlando Cone (1831-1859).
Mother of Eva Gertrude (Cone) Cooledge (1857-1948).

CONE Artemesia / 1833 - 1892

Artemesia Steele married Orlando Cone (1831-1859) in 1851. They had at least one daughter, Eva Gertrude, who married Henry Cooledge. Orlando cone died October 10, 1859 (at age 26). "Autie" Cone came to De Smet with Eva and Henry Cooledge; she died in De Smet, October 6, 1893.

October 13, 1893. Kingsbury County INDEPENDENT.
Gone to her Rest.

Mrs. Autie Cone, mother of Mrs. Cooledge, passed from this life to the one beyond on last Friday. Her funeral was held on Sunday at the Congregational church, the services being conducted by Rev. Hardcastle. Her remains were laid in the cemetery at this place. She had been afflicted with cancer for the past ten years and had been sinking for two years past. Mrs. Cone was fifty-nine years old, the last eleven years having been spent in South Dakota. She was highly respected by all and leaves a large number of friends to mourn with her daughter and family.

Eva (Cone) Cooledge, 90th birthday, 1947

EVA GERTRUDE (CONE) COOLEDGE

April 27, 1857 - November 9, 1948; died at age 91.
Buried in Sunset View Cemetery, El Cerrito (Contra Costa Co.) California.

Daughter of Orlando and Artemesia (Steele) Cone.
Wife of Henry Warren Cooledge (1849-1902).
Mother of Floyd Henry Cooledge (1881-1972), Cyril Warren Cooledge (1885-1944), Leslie Harrison (1888-1925), and Victor Renville Cooledge (1895-1986).

The death of Henry Warren Cooledge left Eva Cooledge with four boys to raise. In July 1907, she and son Floyd went to Pierre to secure claims in newly opened land farther west. Eva filed on the E-NW and W-NE 7-4-20, and Floyd on the SE-SW and SW-SE 6-4-20 and Lot one of Section 7-4-20 in Haakon County. The next month, Carrie Ingalls filed on the W-NW and W-SW of Section 9. Other neighbors included old De Smet friends: George Burd, E.A. Morrison, Joe Morrison, Freda Morrison, Guy Morrison, Nellie Morrison, and Levi Whaley. A mile to the north was Grace Fairchild, who wrote notes and letters about living on her claim with husband Shiloh Fairchild and their nine children, coming to the area in 1902. Fairchild's story was compiled by Walker D. Wyman and published as *Frontier Woman* (University of Wisconsin – River Falls Press, 1972).

Floyd Cooledge married Addie Paddock in Minneapolis on New Year's Day 1908, and lived on the claim at Top Bar prior to preemption. Cyril left De Smet in 1909 to work in mining in British Guiana, South America. Victor Cooledge graduated from De Smet High School in 1913, one of six graduates that year. Mrs. Cooledge ran a gift shop on Calumet Avenue after proving up on her claim, living many years in the octagon house (built by Romanzo Bunn) on Second Street.

In 1921, Eva Cooledge moved to Berkeley, California, to be near her son Victor. Her last years were spent in a rest home. She died November 9, 1948, and was buried in Sunset View Cemetery. Her son Victor is also buried there, he dying in 1986.

November 18, 1948. The De Smet News.

Mrs. Eva Cooledge Succumbs At 91

Mrs. Eva G. Cooledge, former resident of De Smet, died Tuesday evening at Berkeley, Calif., where she had spent the past 20 years. She was 91 at her death and had been in good health and active until two months ago.

Funeral services were held at Berkeley Friday, and burial was in Sunset View cemetery there.

Surviving are two of her four sons, Floyd of Yuba City, Calif., and Victor R. of Berkeley. Her husband died in 1902 while De Smet was their home, and the other sons, Cyril and Leslie, preceded her in death. There are seven grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Mrs. Cooledge was born April 27, 1857 at Wyocena, Wis. On April 27, 1879 she was married to H.W. Cooledge and moved to Kasson, Minn.

A few years later with their first child, they moved to Kingsbury County, Dakota Territory, where they filed on a claim. Mother and son lived on the claim while the father conducted a photograph business in De Smet.

Mrs. Cooledge's husband died in 1920 [sic; he died in 1902] and several years later she filed on a claim north of Philip, where she and Victor resided, returning to De Smet, where she operated a gift shop for some years.

A few years later, her sons all established elsewhere, she moved to Berkeley to be near the oldest son, Victor, also located there as a bridge engineer for the Southern Pacific railway. Floyd retired recently after years in a sand and gravel enterprise and lives at Yuba City, not far away.

In her later years Mrs. Cooledge lived with a group of ladies in a home near her sons' homes. A few weeks before her death she was taken to the Victor Cooledge home for the care of her son and wife.

Cyril, the second oldest son, died in recent years, having been chief engineer of the Cananea Copper Company at Cananea, Sonora, Mexico, with many years of experience in mining in that area. Leslie at his death some years ago was research bacteriologist at Michigan State College.

In her years of residence at Berkeley, Mrs. Cooledge kept up a correspondence with old friends of De Smet, and the town and its people always had her interest.

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