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Cotton

Warren L. Cotton, beloved husband of Lucille; loving father of Merlin, Kenneth, George, Warren R., and Ronald; brother of Edgar. Funeral Monday, 1 p. m., at John V. May Funeral Home, N. 4553-61 N. Milwaukee avenue. Interment Glen Oak. Member of St. Cecilia lodge, No. 865, A. F. & A. M., and International Typographical union, local 16.

Chicago Tribune
Sun, Feb 18, 1962 - Page 34

Warren L. Cotton

Warren L. Cotton, 70, of 5450 Windsor av., a proofreader for THE TRIBUNE since 1946, died yesterday in Illinois Masonic hospital. He formerly worked for the Ripon Press in Ripon, Wis., as a typographer and press foreman. Surviving are his widow, Lucille; five sons, Merlin, Kenneth, George, Warren R., and Ronald; and one brother. Services will be held at 1 p. m. Monday in the chapel at 4553-61 Milwaukee av.

Chicago Tribune
Sat, Feb 17, 1962 - Page 44

Life:

Graduating exercises of Endeavor Academy will be held Tuesday, June 11, at 10 a. m., in a tent on the campus. Sixteen will receive diplomas, the largest class ever graduated by the academy. They are Lea A. Chapman, Harold M. Coon, Warren L. Cotton, Alden Q. Ellis, Sam R. Ellis, Frank H. Ely, Floyd Wallace Hill, August George Miller, Clara Margaret Osborn, Eva Mae Perkins, Earl Eric Peterson, Lulu Marie Robertson, Ralph Stafford, Lydia Ruth Straight, John T. Taylor, Jeanette Elvira Thomson.

Portage Daily Democrat
Sat, Jun 08, 1912 - Page 3

Portage Wi

H. E. Cotton and his brother, W. L. Cotton, of Coloma have assumed the ownership of the Marquette county Epitome and that newspaper appears this week for the first under their management. Editor G. D. Browne who retires has been located at Endeavor for about eight years and he and son have built for that town a newspaper that is a credit to any of the largest cities. The senior Mr. Brown will remain at Endeavor for the present and later may decide to locate at Sauk Rapids, Minn., where his son is now the owner of a prosperous newspaper plant.

Portage Daily Register
Thu, Jan 08, 1914 · Page 3

Portage Wi

W. L. Cotton of Endeavor stopped off Wednesday and remained until Thursday a guest of his friends, G. D. Browne and C. A. Forbes and family. Mr. Cotton has recently sold his interest in the Endeavor Epitome to his brother, H. E. Cotton, and is casting about for a new location. — Randolph Advance.

Portage Daily Register
Sat, Sep 19, 1914 · Page 3

Portage WI

W. L. Cotton, who has been employed on the Times at Wild Rose was in the city Wednesday on his way to Oconomowoc to accept a position on the Enterprise at that place. He was formerly engaged in the publication of the Endeavor Epitome with his brother.

Portage Daily Register
Wed, Nov 03, 1915 · Page 3

Portage Wi

W. L. Cotton of Coloma was in the city yesterday conferring with an old friend, A. S. Collins of the state printing board. He goes soon to Wild Rose to manage Mr. Collin's paper, the Wild Rose Times.

Wisconsin State Journal
Wed, May 24, 1916 - Page 5

Madison WI

The Independent is the name of a new newspaper just established at Coloma. Vilas Follett & Son are the owners and W. L. Cotton is editor. It is the only newspaper in the town.

The Gazette
Wed, May 16, 1917 - Page 7

Stevens Point WI

WISCONSIN MEN WHO
WERE ABOARD THE
TORPEDOED TUSCANIA.

COMPANY C.
Clyde P. Diggels, Hancock.
Charles W. Eagan, Wautoma.
Earl N. Campbell, Wild Rose.
Miles Calligan, Wild Rose.
Glenn H. Gustin, Wautoma.
Lyman P. Hyse, Wautoma.
Carl Emigh, Neshkoro.
Lloyd C. Garthwaite, Wautoma.
Irvin Peterson, Saxeville.
Arlon T. Selsing, Mt. Morris.
Chas. Stratton, Wautoma.
Ellery J. Patterson, Wild Rose.
Clarence Buchholz, Wautoma.
John M. Inda, Wild Rose.
Chris E. Knurson, Racine.
Lawrence P. Miller, Hortonville.
John L. Barnes, Milwaukee.
Lyle D. Paulson, Poysippi.
John S. Hopper, Coloma.
Miner A. Johnson, Wild Rose.
John McCardle, Neshkoro.
J. J. Johnson, Wautoma.
Clarence G. Larsen, Saxeville.
Nehls F. Jensen, Pine River.
Hattie H. Rowe, Wautoma.
Warren L. Cotton, Coloma.
Leland H. McCue, Poysippi.
Norman J. Perry, Plainfield.

The Oshkosh Northwestern
Fri, Feb 08, 1918 - Page 9

Oshkosh WI

Official List of the "Tuscania" Survivors

(By United Press).

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9. — The war department this afternoon began the work of giving out the list of the survivors of the torpedoed transport Tuscania. With more than two thousand names on the lists it will take many hours to get the full lists transmitted. No list of men supposed to be among the dead or missing are given out. The following list covers men from Wisconsin who were saved from the transport:

Melvin Aarennson—Abbottsford.
Ray Anderson—Marshfield.
Clarence C. Andrew—Waukesha.
Guide Frederick Buth—Waterloo.
Joseph Bauer—Wautoma.
Oliver B. Bendixen—Wautoma.

James D. Chilson—Waukesha.
Karl R. Cook—Cumberland.
Warren L. Cotton—Coloma.
Asa V. Couse—Tomahawk.
Edward Coughlin—Baraboo.
Geo. D. Stanley—Arola.

Edward Potter—Owen.
Lou Rhodes—Trego.
Jacob S. Schneider—Appleton.
Hjalmar Swanson—Mason.
Harold Stratton—Wautoma.
Alexander Stewart—Clintonville.

WAITED ALMOST TWO HOURS FOR HIS TURN

Wisconsin Young Man Writes Miss Sue Hall of His Experiences on Tuscania

Miss Sue Hall recently received the following letter from Corp. Warren L. Cotton, a Wisconsin youth who was on the ill-fated Tuscania, in which he tells as much as is allowed of his experience. He says in part:

Somewhere in England
"I have had some exciting experiences since leaving the States. You have no doubt read about the sinking of the Tuscania, the first boat carrying American troops to be sunk. Well, our outfit was part of the consignment of troops. Some of the men got away in lifeboats, and were either lost, cast on shore or picked up by other boats. The life-boats assigned to our company were all smashed by the force of the explosion. It commenced to look pretty dark for us, but luckily a couple of British destroyers came alongside and took off the remainder of the passengers and crew. It was an hour and forty-five minutes from the time the torpedo struck until I slid down the rope to the deck of the destroyer. It wasn't the most enjoyable hour and forty-five minutes I have ever spent I can assure you, for we didn't know how long the ship was going to stay afloat. It kept listing more and more all the time. With but few exceptions everybody on the boat was cool and kept their heads. A few however, became panic stricken and jumped overboard. The destroyer I was on landed us at a British military camp in Ireland—

the first American soldiers to land on Irish soil. We crossed to England within a few days and are now at a mixed "rest camp" in England. There are lots more details about the event I could tell you if I were in the States(but we aren't allowed to tell very much about it. It is very interesting to talk to the British Tommies who have been to the front. Some of them have been "over the top" a good many times. They are all good fellows, and will do anything for a "Yank," as they call us. By the way, I haven't heard the word "Sammie" since we arrived in England—it is always "Yank." We will probably be at this camp for some time—until we are re-equipped. I think. Since I started this letter, an order came that our barracks are in quarantine on account of one or two men coming down with mumps. Don't know how long this will last."

"Decatur (IL) Herald and Review" 14 Mar 1918 p 4

GREATEST COUNTRY IS BACK OF BOYS

FORMER MARQUETTE CO. EDITOR
SAYS ALL HAVE GOOD WORD
FOR THE Y. M. C. A.

Corporal Warren D. Cotton, formerly of the firm of Cotton Brothers of the Marquette county Epitome writes a fine letter from somewhere in France. He is with Co. F, Second Supply Train, and says the soldiers over there all swear by the Y. M. C. A.

In his letter to his brother, who is now editor and publisher of the Wild Rose newspaper, Corp Cotton writes:

"All the secretaries I have met are fine fellows. I have heard every other institution connected with the army knocked, but the business knocker has no word to say against the 'Y.' During the last week there have been several good lectures and a movie here, brought by that association. Such things help out a whole lot and give us something to think about besides the war. We had a fine concert last night. A noted vocalist sang songs we had not heard in months. We all joined in the chorus and it did us good. A lecture,

recently from the states, told us of events there since we left —of the meatless and wheatless days, etc., reassuring us that the greatest country in the world is backing us to the limit."

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Mon, Jun 03, 1918 - Page 1

Portage WI

The Endeavor Epitome has been sold by G. D. Brown, formerly proprietor of the Randolph Advance, to Warren L. Cotten of Coloma. Mr. Brown has given the people of Endeavor a very good paper for the size of the town, and he will be greatly missed there in the editorial capacity.

The Representative
Thu, May 06, 1920 - Page 2

Fox Lake WI

FORMER TRIBUNE MAN BUYS ENDEAVOR PAPER

WARREN COTTON BUYS ENDEAVOR EPI-
TOME PUBLICATION.

Warren G. Cotton, who has been employed by the Tribune in this city for several months, has severed his connections with the local paper and purchased the Endeavor Epitome, of which he will be publisher and manager. Mr. Cotton is a thoroly experienced newspaper man, having formerly owned an interest in this same paper. During the war he served with the Second Division in France and established an enviable military record. The Epitome is a first class little paper which has been established there for a number of years, and under Mr. Cotton's guidance will undoubtedly be a successful publication.

The Daily Tribune
Mon, May 03, 1920 - Page 1

Wisconsin Rapids WI

ENDEAVOR EDITOR SELLS HIS PAPER

EPITOME IS TAKEN OVER BY
FORMER COLOMA SOLDIER
NEWSPAPERMAN

G. D. Browne has sold the Marquette County Epitome, which he has been publishing for the past year, to Warren Cotton of Coloma. Mr. Browne has owned the paper for the past several years during which it has been conducted by different managers until March 1, 1919, when he again assumed active control.

Mr. Browne was for some time connected with the Randolph Advance, and is well known to the people of Portage, and vicinity. In retiring from the Marquette County Epitome, Mr. Browne says:

"In again taking over the Epitome a little over two years ago we had in mind the sale of the paper at some future time when it could be disposed of to some younger man who would give it the attention it needs to place before the people a live sheet. We feel that we have succeeded in finding that man.

Warren L. Cotton of Coloma, the new proprietor, is well known at Endeavor, having spent several years there while attending school, since when he has devoted his time to the printing business with the exception of the months spent in the service of Uncle Sam overseas. The past winter has been spent at Grand Rapids, Wis., where he has been employed on a daily paper.

"The past year, since taking personal charge of the paper, it has taken rapid strides towards a successful business. We do not say this boastingly, but the business has continued to grow; many new names have been added to the list and it is certainly no dead or back-number newspaper which we are placing in new hands.

"The Epitome has many loyal supporters. There are, of course, some who are indifferent to its welfare, who have never given it any support, but this class of people we find in every community; they are indifferent to any business other than their own, and often this is sadly neglected.

"To those who have so liberally patronized the paper in the past we express our hearty thanks. We trust you will accord the same support or even better to the new owner. Now, while Endeavor is on the eve of a prosperous career in every line of business, continue your patronage to the Epitome and encourage the editor in every attempt he may make in bettering conditions of Endeavor and surrounding country morally or financially."

ENDEAVOR PAPER HAS A BIRTHDAY

THE EPITOME FOUNDED TWENTY
YEARS AGO HAS GROWN BET-
TER WITH AGE

The Marquette County Epitome with its issue of February 25, 1921, completed the 20th year of its existence and a comparison of the first issue, as we remember it, with the last number issued presents a contrast showing a marked improvement with age—both in mechanical appearance and in the matter of contents.

The Endeavor Epitome, as then known, was founded by R. E. Helms and the first number appeared Nov. 23, 1900. The apparent discrepancy between its founding date and the closing date of its 20th volume is due to the custom of omitting the Christmas holiday number each year.

The paper was sold by Mr. Helms July 20, 1906, to G. D. Browne and his son James E. Browne, who greatly improved the mechanical end of the enterprise as well as adding to the worth of its news columns. On January 1, 1914, the Epitome was purchased by Hubert E. Cotton and Warren L. Cotton and conducted by them until Sep-

tember of the same year, when the partnership was dissolved. Hubert remained here until 1917. In the spring of that year, the plant was purchased by the Union Publishing Co., with headquarters at Westfield. The Epitome was published under a joint management with the Westfield Central-Union for about a year. Then Mr. Browne, re-purchased it, and soon after returned to take active management of the sheet. The present editor, Warren L. Cotton, purchased it from Mr. Browne in May, 1920.

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Tue, Mar 01, 1921 - Page 1

Portage WI

W. L. Cotton of Wautoma was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cotton yesterday.

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Mon, Nov 05, 1923 - Page 3

Wisconsin Rapids WI

WAUTOMA LEGION AND AUXILIARY ELECT OFFICERS FOR YEAR

(Special to The Northwestern)

Wautoma, Wis.—Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fitzpatrick will head the local legion and auxiliary organizations respectively during the ensuing year as the result of the election of officers at a joint meeting of the two organizations held here. The elec-

Mrs. Clyde Gustin, treasurer; Mrs. Charles Eagan, sergeant at arms; and Miss Anna Kaninski, chaplain.

tion followed a chicken dinner served the members of the legion post by the auxiliary at the G. A. R. hall.

Dr. E. C. Parrott was elected vice commander of the legion post, G. R. Patten, adjutant; Jesse Johnson, finance officer; Dr. J. A. Cox, service officer; Charles Stratton, athletic officer; Edward A. Ueck, sergeant at arms; Royden Baxter, post historian; and Warren L. Cotton, chaplain.

Mrs. J. J. Johnson was elected first vice president of the auxiliary; Mrs. J. A. Cox, second vice president; Mrs. Ben Stahl, secretary;

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Fri, Nov 09, 1923 - Page 8

Oshkosh WI

FINED FOR HUNTING ON POSTED PROPERTY

Hancock News—The first case involving the right of the public to hunt on posted lands ever brought in Waushara county was started in the court of Justice W. L. Cotton of Wautoma on November 23 upon the complaint of Edward O'Connor.

Mr. O'Connor, having suffered severe losses in the past through the carelessness of hunters, recently decided to prohibit the public from hunting on the O'Connor farm, east of Hancock. Accordingly he had warning signs prepared and posted in conspicuous places on his land, which bore the information that no hunting was allowed.

On November 1, O. E. Smith and Lawrence Bellinger, of Stevens Point, decided to celebrate the opening of the squirrel season by shooting a few of Mr. O'Connor's pets. They found the hunting very good, but rather expensive. On November 23 they appeared in Mr. Cotton's court and were each sentenced to pay a fine of \$5 and costs amounting to \$12.43, a total of \$34.86.

To most people the mere request to keep off from another's land is sufficient, but for those who do not respect the property or rights of others, a law exists whereby the hunting on lands of another, which are "posted," or which are enclosed and used as a pasture for stock, is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$10. It is hoped that in the future our own hunters as well as our visitors from Portage county will respect the "No Hunting" signs posted by our land owners.

For nearly 40 years the O'Connors have not hunted squirrels or partridges on their big farm, but have rather sought to protect them. The O'Connor holdings include several smaller farms and tracts of land on which no effort has been made to keep hunters or trappers off.

Stevens Point Journal
Sat, Dec 05, 1925 - Page 6

Stevens Point WI

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cotton and family of Wautoma were guests yesterday at the home of Mr. Cotton's brother, H. E. Cotton. Mr. and Mrs. Cotton were accompanied here by Mrs. Cora Stillwell who spent the day with her sister, Mrs. Eva Smith.

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Wisconsin Rapids Wi

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cotton and family spent Sunday at Wautoma visiting with Mr. Cotton's brother, W. L. Cotton, and family.

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Mon, Nov 22, 1926 · Page 3

Wisconsin Rapids Wi

SERVICE MEN OF PLAINFIELD HAVE SURVIVORS' CLUB

ALL THOSE ABOARD TUSCANIA,
ILL-FATED SHIP TORPEDOED
DURING WAR, MEET TO OR-
GANIZE

(Special to The Tribune)

Plainfield, Wis. — Twenty-seven Waushara county ex-service men who were aboard the Tuscania at the time that ill-fated ship was torpedoed during the World war, met recently at Wautoma and at that time organized the "Tuscania Survivors." Steps will be taken to obtain recognition from the war department, as the survivors of the Maine did years ago.

Three Lost Lives

Seventy men from this county were aboard the ship when it was sunk, and three of them lost their lives. It was exactly nine years previous to the recent meeting that a German submarine fired upon the Tuscania, and at that same hour, 5:45 p. m., the ex-soldiers met for their reunion and banquet. Supper was served, and during the meal the men arose and stood silent for a moment, with heads bowed in respect to Russell Bennett, Alcide Carolla and Frank Sharpe, who lost their lives at the time of the catastrophe in mid-ocean. Bennett was from Plainfield and was a nephew of F. J. Luce, former merchant here.

List of Men Aboard

Following is the list of Waushara county men who were aboard the Tuscania: Norman Perry, Leo W. Spear, Vernon J. Rozzelle, Charles Eagan, Lyman Byse, Lloyd Garthwaite, Arlon P. Selsing, E. J. Patterson, John McArdle, Hallie Rowe, Lealand McCue, Glen Diggles, Joe Parkin, Frank Reader, Ed. Ueck, A. D. Robbins, John M. India, Miles Colligan, Carl Emigh, Irwin Peterson, Charles Stratton, C. W. Bucholtz, Nels Jensen, Earl Wilder, Clyde Diggles, J. J. Johnson, Joe India, Alfred Thorstad, William Horn, Harry Turner, Joe Bauer, Thomas Evans, Renne Luhm, Ingvald Sorenson, J. Swendrzynski, Adam Zielke, Clarence Larson, Silver Jarvis, Oliver Bendixon, T. A. Gerhke, J. Stranske, Chris. Knuteson, A. M. Persons, R. B. Pierce, Roy Simonson, Warren Cotton, Earl Campbell, W. G. Callahan, George Gunderson, Alvin Grambsch, A. H. McLaughlin, Henry Gethers, J. C. Hopper, John Barnes, H. R. Ameigh, Joseph Bejma, Minor Johnson, Charles Knaup, A. L. Peron, Lyle Paulson, Edward Riemer, Lewis Hanson, Lawrence Miller, Asa B. Couse, Robert F. Lind, Glen Gustin, Warren Berry and Ernest Rogers. The last three are now deceased.

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Wisconsin Rapids Wi

on Saturday to their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cotton and family spent the week-end as guests at the Warren L. Cotton home at Wautoma.

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Mon, Aug 22, 1927 - Page 3

Wisconsin Rapids WI

**Berlin Man Heads
Tuscania Survivors**

John M. Maltland of Berlin was elected president of the Waushara County Survivors of the Tuscania association at the second annual dinner and meeting of veterans at Wautoma. There were 29 present. Other officers selected were: Irvin Peterson, Wautoma, first vice-president; Earl Campbell, Wild Rose, second vice-president; Warren L. Cotton, Wautoma, secretary, and John McArdle, Redgranite, treasurer. Survivors of the sinking of the Tuscania, from Berlin, Redgranite, Wild Rose, Wautoma, Poy Sippi, Auroraville, Coloma and Hancock are members of the organization. Wild Rose was chosen as the scene of the 1929 meeting.

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Stevens Point WI

Couple Twice Wedded to Please Her D a d

Clarence Gabrielski, 20, and Minnie Dittloff, 15, of Waushara county, were married several weeks ago outside the state without the consent of the bride's parents. When they returned home the bride's father objected because the marriage was illegal under Wisconsin law. So the youthful couple were married again, this time by W. L. Cotton, justice of the peace at Wautoma, in order to win parental approval of the match.

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Fri, May 11, 1928 · Page 6

TOOK MONEY OF HIS CHAUFFEUR ARREST FOLLOWS

SHEBOYGAN MAN VISITS WISCONSIN RAPIDS WITH CARGO OF BOOZE BUT OFFICERS GET HIM

Henry Koch, Sheboygan, earned \$10 yesterday, but lost \$15 of his own money while at work.

Henry was standing in a pool hall in Sheboygan yesterday at about 2 o'clock when a man whom he claims he had never seen before walked up to him and asked him if he was looking for a job. Henry answered in the affirmative and he was engaged to accompany the man and drive a car to somewhere in the neighborhood of this city. They left Sheboygan with 30 gallons of "moonshine" in a light sedan at about 2:15 o'clock.

Gives Up Money

At this point the employer must be introduced. He was "Toots" Kessler, also of Sheboygan. Koch drove the car until the pair had passed through Plainfield and was then ordered to "throw up your hands and fork over all the cash you have with you." The man holding the gun was none other than Kessler who was seated beside Koch. Koch obliged and handed \$25 to the gunman, he claims. He was then ordered out of the car. Again he accommodated his companion.

Kessler continued toward this city with the car and its cargo of illicit liquor. That was early in the evening. Koch went back to Wautoma where he got in touch with Sheriff John Protheroe of Waushara county and had a warrant sworn out for Kessler. After getting the warrant, the sheriff, deputies, and the victim of the alleged hold-up started by auto to search for Kessler. They visited all the roadhouses on the route and arrived in this city at about 1:15 o'clock this morning. They spied the automobile which Koch said was the car he had been dismissed from.

Dismissed from.

Calls Local Officer

Sheriff Protheroe wanted to verify Koch's statement so he immediately called Officer Louis Panter and had the license number of the car looked up. The car belonged to, according to the state registration books, Michael Kuchta, whom Kock said was the owner of the pool hall near which he was hired. Officer Panter then called Chief of Police R. S. Payne at 2 o'clock this morning and the chief rushed into headquarters.

Not satisfied with what he had heard from the Waushara party, the chief questioned Koch himself. Satisfied that there was some foul play, the chief and the rest of the party set out for the Witter hotel to rouse the driver of the light sedan. They questioned the night clerk at the hotel as to the time of registration of the man who drove the car. Upon consulting the records, it was found that a man by the name of Jack Meyers of Green Bay had registered at about 1:30 o'clock.

This morning Kessler was taken back to the Waushara county jail and lodged there until his preliminary hearing in justice court shortly before noon. He appeared before Judge Warren L. Cotton, waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to circuit court. He was unable to furnish bail bonds and was ordered to the jail.

Last night he was Jack Meyers sleeping in the Witter hotel, tonight he is just "Toots" Kessler and he will lodge in the Waushara county jail.

Confesses Identity

The party learned which room he had engaged and immediately climbed the stairs to see their man. They pounded on the door with no results. The night clerk went back to the desk and rang the telephone in Kessler's room and just as Kessler answered the chief rapped on the door. The man came to the door, opened it and spoke with the official visitors.

"Are you Jack Meyers?" the chief asked.

"That's the name I registered under, isn't it?" the man replied.

"Where are you from?" the officer queried.

"Green Bay," was the answer.

"Aren't you 'Toots' Kessler from Sheboygan?" Payne asked.

"Yes, I am."

Find "Moon" in Car

After he was identified by himself and by Koch, the officers searched him to determine how much cash he had on him. They found \$17.61. He was ordered to dress himself, after the warrant was read, and was taken to the car. The car was searched and one full bottle and one partially filled bottle of "moonshine" was found in the vehicle. Officers were told by Koch that he knew nothing of the exact destination of the liquor which they were delivering, but that "it was going to some widow in this vicinity." It is thought that the illicit liquor was delivered by Kessler before he went to the hotel.

This morning Kessler was taken

WILEY HEADS CLUB

Frank Wiley, formerly of this city, has been elected president of the Wautoma Commercial club. W. L. Cotton is vice-president, Dr. A. A. Beck secretary and Edwin Schultz treasurer.

Stevens Point Journal
Sat, Jan 26, 1929 · Page 8

Stevens Point WI

The Waushara county survivors of the Tuscania met at Wild Rose Wednesday for their annual meeting and banquet. Steps were taken to form a national organization of the survivors of the transport ship which was sunk off the coast of Ireland during the war. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, C. W. Eagan; first vice president, Earl Campbell; second vice president, W. L. Cotton; secretary, Miles Colligan; and treasurer, John Swendrznski. The 1930 meeting will be held at Berlin.

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Sat, Feb 09, 1929 · Page 8

Oshkosh WI

SURVIVORS OF TUSCANIA DISASTER TO ASSEMBLE AT BERLIN FOR BANQUET

(By Special Correspondent)

Berlin, Wis.—Members of the Tuscania Survivors' association of this vicinity are planning to hold their annual banquet and meeting in this city on Wednesday, Feb. 5, at the Whiting hotel, according to C. W. Eagan, Wautoma, president of the organization.

The members of the association include the survivors of the United States transport, "Tuscania," which was sunk off the coast of Ireland, Feb. 5, 1919. John Maitland of Berlin was on board. The association has held three meetings, the last being at Wild Rose.

Besides Mr. Eagan, officers of this group are Earl Campbell, first vice president; W. L. Cotton, second vice president; Miles Colligan, secretary, and J. Swendzenski, treasurer. A similar meeting of the Tuscania survivors, national in scope, is to be held at Milwaukee.

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Mon, Feb 03, 1930 · Page 4

Oshkosh WI

Mr. and Mrs. William Smith and Mrs. W. L. Cotton and three sons visited Mr. and Mrs. John Kinney of Packwaukee Sunday. They also called on Mr. and Mrs. S. Dulin at Endeavor.

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Wisconsin Rapids WI

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cotton and sons Merlin and George spent Sunday afternoon at Wisconsin Rapids.

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Thu, Apr 23, 1931 · Page 4

Wisconsin Rapids WI

Mrs. W. L. Cotton and sons are leaving this week for Ripon after spending the school year at Coloma. Mr. Cotton has been employed at the office of the Ripon Press for the past year and a half.

The Daily Tribune
Wed, May 27, 1931 · Page 9

FAILS TO ATTEND

RIPON, Wis.—For the first time since the World war, Warren L. Cotton failed to attend the annual reunion of Tuscania survivors, because of illness in his family. Some years ago a Milwaukee group of survivors conceived the idea of having annual reunions, and the membership grew from nothing to more than 1,000. Of this number 125 attended the Milwaukee meeting last week, one member coming from as far away as Oklahoma.

Beaver Dam Daily Citizen
Fri, Feb 19, 1932 · Page 3

Beaver Dam WI

The W. L. Cotton family of Ripon entertained Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith of Coloma on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Smith took their oldest grandson, Merlin Cotton, back to his home and brought his second brother, Kenneth, to Coloma for a week.

Stevens Point Journal
Sat, Jun 30, 1934 · Page 2

MANY SEEK RIPON POST AS HEAD OF SCHOOLS

Ripon — (Special) — About 75 applicants for the office of superintendent of schools for the city of Ripon have so far been received by the board of education, it became known following a meeting of that body Wednesday night. The majority of these applicants are residents of the state of Wisconsin, although some living outside the state have applied.

Warren L. Cotton, only Ripon survivor of the Tuscania disaster at the start of the first World war, went to Hancock Wednesday afternoon where in the evening he attended a meeting of the Central Wisconsin Tuscania Survivors association held in Legion hall there.

A communitywide religious census, sponsored by the Ripon Ministerial association, but to be made a reality through the cooperation of 10 churches, will be initiated next Sunday, Feb. 9, when 90 teams of two members each from these 10 churches meet at the First Congregational church at 2 p. m. The teams will go immediately from this meeting to make their calls from 2:30 to 5 o'clock.

The Oshkosh Northwestern
Fri, Feb 07, 1941 · Page 9

Oshkosh WI

Endeavor

Mr. Warren Cotton of Chicago was calling on friends last Tuesday. He and his brother Hubert graduated from the Academy with the class of 1912 and 1907 respectively and later purchased the Endeavor Epitome which they operated for several years. Warren is now connected with the Chicago Tribune, but on account of the strike is not actively engaged at present.

Portage Daily Register
Thu, Jul 07, 1949 - Page 8

Portage WI

Bill Knutson



Doughboys met peace with silence

War-weary civilians celebrated in the city streets.

There were instant parades and patriotic proclamations.

In Appleton, Mayor J. Austin Hawes, at the insistence of an influential band of men of the cloth, ordered all saloons closed, lest the merrymaking get out of hand.

It was Nov. 11, 1918.

The end of the war to end all wars.

"Armistice Has Been Signed — Germany Stands Defeated and Ashamed Before The World's Bar of Justice," the Appleton Evening Crescent screamed in a triple-decker front page headline that rode atop a huge American flag and the terms of the armistice.

It was a time of great rejoicing in a world that hungered for peace.

But in and around a battle-torn town in France, there was a seemingly peculiar reaction to news that the war was over.

The Germans celebrated.

The Americans contemplated.

So said Col. Warren L. Cotton, a member of the American Expeditionary Forces, in a letter home, to his brother Hubert Cotton of Appleton. Col. Cotton's niece, Ruth Trudell, of Appleton, found the letter recently while going through some of her father's mementos.

She telephoned, thinking the letter might be of interest, what with the ghost of Armistice Day rolling around Sunday. I agreed.

Here is the late Col. Cotton's letter, which bore censor marks limiting what he could write about the war.

The dateline, just France.

The date, Nov. 19, 1918.

Col. Cotton had located a new typewriter.

"I suppose that in the States, there was more or less excitement when the glad news came that an ironclad armistice had been signed and the Allies and the United States were the victors," Col. Cotton began.

"Just for the sake of throwing a little light on the psychology of members of the AEF, I will try to tell you something of how the news was received here.

"Our unit was stationed in a town that had been occupied by the Boche (a less than gentlemanly term for a German soldier) but a short time before.

"The orderly room — company office — was located in a room that at one time had been a living room in a French residence, with a tres bon fireplace and all the

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Appleton WI

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comforts one could expect. The comforts were augmented in view of the fact that the Germans had left a considerable amount of equipment behind in their flight.

"We knew, on the 11th, that the conference was taking place, but weren't half expecting that anything would come of it. The night of the 10th, Heinie (another less than gentlemanly term for a German soldier) flew over and dropped several bombs in our vicinity, and that fact did not seem to imply that a cessation of hostilities was imminent.

"But on the morning in question (Nov. 11), several of us were sitting in front of the fireplace, reading and writing, when an orderly came down from headquarters with a routine order.

I receipted the order, and a few comments were made on the weather. Just as the orderly went out the door, he turned around and said in a casual way, 'The armistice was signed this morning. We got the message an hour ago.'

"We asked him if he knew any of the terms, and he told us they had not been announced yet. That was practically all the discussion there was about it, and we returned to our reading and writing.

"I picked up my magazine and held it in front of me, but I was not reading. I was thinking. I noticed that those who had been writing held their pens poised, and were looking into the fire with a faraway expression in their eyes.

"To have cheered or slammed things around or anything like that would have seemed sacrilegious, like celebrating Easter with firecrackers.

It was the same way, I have been told by numerous people who were there, on the neutral firing line. The Germans cheered and threw up their hats, but the Americans were as calm when the news came as though it had been, 'There will be an issue of cigarettes tomorrow.'

I think there was a sort of feeling that they (the victors) had been cheated out of something; as though they had wanted to get somewhere and were prevented at the last moment. Understand?

"We have moved a couple of times since then, and are now in one of the very last towns that the Americans and French took just before the truce. The town has not been damaged to any extent, as far as buildings are concerned.

"There are many released prisoners passing through — French, English, Italians, Russians, Belgians.

"And here is the news that pleases me most to tell you; our division is taking part in the someday-famous march to the Rhine. It is something that I would hate to miss; the opportunity of getting into Germany to see conditions there...

"Hope you people all escaped the Spanish flu that we have been reading so much about ('Avoid crowds, coughs and cowards, but fear neither germs or Germans,' an advice column doctor wrote about Spanish influenza in the Armistice Day edition of the Appleton Evening Crescent in 1918.)

"Write whenever you get time, and I will hurry home as fast as I can to tell you all about how it happened. There has been so much of interest that I expect to be busy several weeks after I get home just recounting it. You probably will get tired of hearing of the war stories of a garrulous old veteran."

CORPORAL, not Colonel, Warren Lee Cotton's letter found by his niece Ruth Trudell in the mementoes of her father, Warren's brother Hubert Cotton
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Wife Mona Marion Smith Cotton Brandt

Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004

View record

Name **Warren Lee Cotton**
 Marriage Date **19 Oct 1919**
 Marriage County **Waushara, Wisconsin, USA**
 Spouse **Mona M Smith**

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/168817668/person/282228971460/facts>

STATE OF WISCONSIN Department of Health—Bureau of Vital Statistics		COPY OF TRIPLICATE 142		License Number <u>168</u>
CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE		PLACE OF MARRIAGE County of <u>Waushara</u> Township of <u>Calumet</u> or Village of _____ City of _____		
I, <u>U. N. Helms</u> , hereby certify that on the <u>19th</u> day of <u>October</u> , A. D. 19 <u>19</u> , at <u>Calumet</u> , in the County of <u>Waushara</u> , State of <u>Wisconsin</u> , <u>Warren L. Cotton</u> and <u>Mona M. Smith</u> of <u>Calumet</u> , State of <u>Wisconsin</u> , were by me united in marriage as authorized by a Marriage License issued for that purpose by the County Clerk of <u>Waushara</u> County and State of Wisconsin, numbered <u>168</u> and dated the <u>14th</u> day of <u>October</u> , A. D. 19 <u>19</u> .		Registered No. _____ Signed <u>Warren L. Cotton</u>		
We, the undersigned, were present at the Marriage of <u>Warren L. Cotton</u> and <u>Mona M. Smith</u> as set forth in the foregoing certificate, at their request, and heard their declarations that they took each other for husband and wife.		Signed <u>U. N. Helms Minister</u> <u>Calumet, Wis.</u>		
[Two Witnesses] <u>Frank Wilson</u> <u>Naomi Baird</u>		Signed _____		
GROOM Name <u>Warren L. Cotton</u> Residence <u>Calumet, Wis.</u> Age <u>26</u> Color <u>White</u> { ☒ Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced } No. of Marriages <u>None</u> Birthplace <u>Wisconsin</u> Nationality <u>American</u> Relationship <u>None</u> Occupation <u>Printer</u> Name of Father, Guardian or Curator <u>Lee N. Cotton</u> Maiden name of Mother <u>Angela Paige</u>		BRIDE Name <u>Mona M. Smith</u> Residence <u>Calumet, Wis.</u> Age <u>20</u> Color <u>White</u> { ☒ Single ☐ Married ☐ Divorced } No. of Marriages <u>None</u> Birthplace <u>Wisconsin</u> Nationality <u>American</u> Relationship <u>None</u> Occupation _____ Name of Father, Guardian or Curator <u>Wm. M. Smith</u> Maiden name of Mother <u>Grace Quinn</u>		
If previously Married: Date of Marriage _____ To whom Married _____ Date of Death _____ Date of Divorce _____ Where Divorced _____ By what Court Divorced _____ To whom Divorce granted _____		If previously Married: Date of Marriage _____ To whom Married _____ Date of Death _____ Date of Divorce _____ Where Divorced _____ By what Court Divorced _____ To whom Divorce granted _____		
Was a special dispensation issued? _____ Date of Issue <u>Oct 14-1919</u>		Signature <u>W. Helms</u> County Clerk.		

Filed Oct 20-1919

<https://www.familysearch.org/en/tree/person/memories/L56N-RSS>

Warren Cotton

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Divorce Records, 1907-2015



Detail	Source
Name	Warren Cotton
Divorce Date	21 Mar 1936
Divorce Place	Wisconsin, USA
Spouse	Mona Cotton

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61485/records/140182162?tid=168817668&pid=282228971460&queryId=ac558a71-f39a-4484-a86c-817cd15f3378&phsrc=cPx37329&phstart=successSource>

Mrs. Mona Brandt

Mrs. Mona M. Brandt, 78, formerly of 712 Metomen St., Ripon, died Sunday at Berlin Memorial Hospital after a lingering illness.

Born May 14, 1899, in Coloma, she was the daughter of William and Grace Dulin Smith. Educated in Wautoma schools, she was a housewife who resided in Ripon since 1931. She married Warren Cotton on Oct. 19, 1919, and later married Herbert Brandt on Dec. 24, 1941. Mrs. Brandt was a member of Rebekahs, Eastern Star and American Legion Auxiliary.

Survivors include three sons, Merlin Cotton of Kenosha, Kenneth Cotton of Ripon and George Cotton of Racine; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one stepson, Herbert Brandt Jr. of Milwaukee. She was preceded in death by her husband.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Butzin-Marchant Funeral Home in Ripon with the Rev. Richard Carleton officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Ripon.

Friends and relatives may call from 3 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

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Wife Mildred Louise Bigsby

Mildred Louise Bigsby

in the Wisconsin, U.S., Birth Records, 1812-1921



Detail	Source
Name	Mildred Louise Bigsby
Birth Date	8 Feb 1909
Birth County	Marathon, Wisconsin, USA
Mother Residence County	Marathon

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/61482/records/840605?tid=27398617&pid=12570167734&queryId=306a19be-249a-47d8-9301-781a70691b17&phsrc=cPx37338&phstart=successSource>

Cook County, Illinois Death Index, 1908-1988

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Name	Mildred Cotton
Death Date	13 May 1955
Death Place	Cook, Illinois, USA
File Number	6033293

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/27398617/person/12570167734/facts>

RIPON MAN MARRIES MOSINEE YOUNG LADY

Ripon, Wis.— (Special) —The marriage of Warren L. Cotton of this city to Miss Mildred L. Bigsby of Mosinee was solemnized at Waukegan, Ill., Monday afternoon.

The bride is the daughter of Ernest Bigsby of Mosinee, and for several years has been a resident of Fond du Lac, where she was assistant superintendent of the Children's Home. For the past few months she has held a position in Chicago.

Mr. Cotton came to Ripon seven years ago from Wautoma and is foreman of the composing department of The Ripon Press. For the present, Mr. and Mrs. Cotton are residing at Mrs. Demings on Watson street.

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Oshkosh WI

Mrs. Warren L. Cotton

Mrs. Mildred Cotton, 46, of 862 Roscoe st., wife of Warren L. Cotton, proofreader for THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE, died yesterday in Augustana hospital. She also leaves two sons, Warren R. and Ronald L.; her father, Ernest Bigsby; two sisters, and three brothers. Services will be held at 1 p. m. Monday in the chapel at 3415 Clark st.

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Wife Lucile Robertson

Warren L. Cotton

in the Cook County, Illinois Marriage Index, 1930-1960



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Detail	Source
Name	Warren L. Cotton
Marriage Date	1 Mar 1957
Marriage Location	Cook, Illinois, USA
Spouse	Lucile Robertson
Marriage license	2433918
File Number	{4f624604-B39f-45fa-92cb-336ef3dee0d8}

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Lucile C. Robertson Principal Find a Grave Index	Burial Chicago, Cook, Illinois, United States of America Birth 1892 Death 1969	
Lucile E Robertson Principal Illinois, Cook County Deaths, 1871-1998	Death 25 May 1995 Chicago, Cook, Illinois, United States Birth 1904 Collerville, Tennessee	Parents Fred Clements, Ida Granberry
Lucile E Robertson Principal United States, Residence Database, 1970-2024	Residence April 1986 Chicago, Cook, Illinois, United States Birth October 1904	
Lucile E Robertson Principal United States, Public Records, 1970-2009	Residence from 1 August 1991 to 1 January 1998 Chicago, Cook, Illinois, United States	
Lucile Robertson Principal United States, Social Security Death Index	Death February 1970 Cook, Illinois Birth 19 June 1900	
Lucile Robertson Principal United States, Social Security Death Index	Death February 1969 Wilmette, Cook, Illinois Birth 16 October 1892	

Just a few of the many choices -

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Children: by Mona Smith



Son Merlin Lee Cotton (1920-1983) -

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Merlin L. Cotton

Merlin L. Cotton, 63, 6309 50th Ave., died Friday (Oct. 7, 1983) at Kenosha Memorial Hospital.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Warren L. (Mona Smith) Cotton, he was born July 9, 1920 at Endeavor, Wis.

He moved to Ripon at an early age. He came to Kenosha in 1949.

He was a graduate of Ripon High School, Ripon College, Columbia University, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison law school.

He married Mary Alice Watring on Oct. 22, 1949.

During World War II, he served as a U.S. Navy officer in the South Pacific.



Cotton

Racine.

Practicing law in Kenosha since 1949, he started with Don Boyle and later joined William S. Rose.

He was also a member of the Wisconsin and Kenosha Bar Associations and the Elks Club.

Surviving are his wife at home; one daughter, Mary Ellen, Chicago; two brothers, Kenneth W., Ripon, and George K., Racine; and two half-brothers, Warren, Chicago, and Ronald Cotton, California.

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Kenosha WI

Oct. 29.
Merlin Lee Cotton, 5927 5th Ave., and
Mary Alice Watring, 6915 14th Ave., Oct.
22.

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Fri, Oct 21, 1949 · Page 5

Kenosha WI



MRS. MERLIN COTTON — Miss Mary Alice Watring and Merlin Lee Cotton exchanged nuptial vows at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon in St. Mark's rectory. After a honeymoon in New Orleans, La., they will be at home in Kenosha.

Mary Watring Is Bride of Merlin Cotton

Miss Mary Alice Watring was the bride of Merlin Lee Cotton in a ceremony performed by the Rev. Ralph Altstadt at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon in St. Mark's rectory.

For her marriage the former Miss Watring chose a lovely brown satin ensemble. The dress was cocktail length, and veiling trimmed the matching hat. Orchids made up her corsage.

Miss Madeline Watring, niece of the bride, was her only attendant. She wore a taupe silk gown, matching hat and a corsage of talisman roses. Jack Stienen of Madison was best man.

Both young people are well known in Kenosha. The bride, daughter of Mrs. Mary Watring, 6915 14th Ave., is an industrial nurse at Nash-Kelvinator. She is a graduate of Victory Memorial hospital school of nursing.

Mr. Cotton is an attorney, a graduate of Ripon college and of the law school of the University of Wisconsin. He is the son of Mrs. Mona Brandt of Ripon and of Warren Cotton, Chicago.

From 3 until 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Cotton received guests at the Woman's club. They left later for a honeymoon to New Orleans, La. In two weeks they will be at home temporarily with the bride's mother.

Mary Alice Cotton

Mary Alice Cotton, 6309 50th Ave., 70, died Monday morning (July 13, 1992) at her residence.

Born June 11, 1922, in



Kenosha, she was the daughter of the late Burton Daniel and Mary (Callahan) Watring.

She was a lifetime resident of Kenosha, and

Cotton attended schools in Kenosha. She was a registered nurse from Victory Memorial Hospital School of Nursing.

On Oct. 22, 1949, she married Merlin L. Cotton at St. Mark's Catholic Church. He died on Oct. 7, 1983.

She was formerly employed at

She was formerly employed at Victory Memorial Hospital, and she was also affiliated with Cook County Hospital. She worked as an industrial nurse for American Motors Corp. for more than 20 years.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Ellen Cotton, Chicago; and a brother, Burton Watring, Kenosha.

She also was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Watring, and a sister, Viola.

The Proko Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth Cotton

Kenneth William Cotton, 71, of 533 Scott St., Ripon, died Sunday, April 4, 1993, at his home, following a brief illness with cancer.

He was born March 27, 1922, in Augusta, a son of Warren and Mona (Smith) Brandt Cotton. On May 15, 1948, he married Ferrel Scholler.

Mr. Cotton was a 1939 graduate of Ripon High School. He served with the 14th Armored Division in Europe, and enjoyed attending Army reunions with his friends. He was awarded a Victory Medal, the American Theater Ribbon European African Vice Bar, a Service Stripe and Good Conduct Medals.

Following his honorable discharge from the Army in 1946 as a Tech 5, he was employed at Speed Queen Co., serving as president of Local United Steel Workers of America.

After leaving Speed Queen, he was a rural mail carrier for Route 2 in Ripon for 40 years. He was a member of the Million Mile Club and earned a 39-year safe driving award. He served as union steward for the Rural Letter Carriers Association for most of the 40 years he was a member.

Mr. Cotton was an avid sports fan and worked part-time as a sportswriter for the Oshkosh Daily Northwestern newspaper for 20 years. He also was an official at high school and college track meets.

Mr. Cotton was a devoted husband, father and grandfather who enjoyed spending time with his family whenever possible.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Vallen, and Dennis and his wife Georgean, all of Ripon; two daughters, Jeannine Hirokane and her husband Richard of Green Bay, and Judy Winland and her husband Mark of Ripon; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one brother, George and his wife Irene of Searcy, Ark.; two half brothers, Warren of Chicago and Ron of Largo, Fla.; and one stepbrother, Herbert Brandt.

Preceding him in death were his parents; and one brother, Merlin.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Butzin-Marchant Funeral Home, Ripon. The Rev. Bryan Fritsch will officiate. Interment will be at Rosendale Cemetery.

Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

A memorial has been established for cancer research.

Butzin-Marchant Funeral Home of Ripon is handling arrangements.

Son Kenneth William Cotton (1922-1993) -

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Kenneth William Cotton - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/168817668/person/282229579762/media/4610af91-9acc-445e-9c4b-89ed7095c431>

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Ken Cotton descended from founding fathers

**By ROBERTA QUINN
Of the Northwestern Staff**

RIPON — Ken Cotton needs no introduction in Ripon. The *Northwestern's* local sports-writer is much respected for his work. He is a familiar figure at high school and college athletic events, running up and down the sidelines in order to report the complete story.

Few people realize however, that Ken's last name was passed directly down to him through four centuries from one of the best-known Puritan leaders of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, the Rev. John Cotton. Ken is an 11th-generation descendant of the Rev. John Cotton, whose family also includes his grandson Cotton Mather, famous for his part in the Salem witch trials of the late 17th century.

For those whose American history may need a bit of refreshing, the Rev. John Cotton was born in England on Dec. 4, 1585, of well-to-do parents. He entered Trinity College, Cambridge at the age of 13. He later was granted a fellowship at Emanuel College, where he earned his bachelor of divinity degree. It was during this time that the Rev. Cotton first began to feel the influence of Puritan thinking.

The Rev. Cotton accepted the ministry of the parish of St. Botolph in Boston, England, and continued to be a thorn in the side of the Episcopal Church hierarchy and the English throne. He became more convinced that the ceremonies of the established church, such as kneeling and the acceptance of the monarch as the head of the church, were unscriptural. Periods of suspension from the ministry followed until his nonconformity no longer was tolerated, forcing him to leave England in disguise and flee for his safety to America. He reached New England in September, 1633.

During his remaining years in Boston, Mass., the Rev. Cotton was an active teacher and advocate of a theocratic form of government. He had always been considered an excellent speaker and was a prolific writer, being the author of an estimated 50 books and treatises. He died on Dec. 23, 1652.

The Rev. Cotton's first son was the Rev. Seaborn Cotton, so named because he was born at sea on the voyage to America. Seaborn was the father of the Rev. John Cotton, born in Connecticut, who in turn was the father of Thomas Cotton, also born in Connecticut. One of Thomas' sons, also named Thomas, was a soldier on the Connecticut line during the Revolutionary War. Thomas fathered Willard, who also saw service during the Revolution as a member of the Windsor County, Vt. Militia. He later settled in New York state.

Willard Cotton was the father of Owen Cotton, a soldier in the War of 1812 and the owner of two mills in New York state. One of his 23 children was Emulus Plutarch Cotton, born in 1811 in New York state. E.P. Cotton joined the westward migration and moved first to Oconomowoc, Wis. E.P. was the father of Lee, born at Roche-A-Cri, who was the father of Warren, who was the father of the Rev. John Cotton's great-great-

great-great-great-great-great
-great-grandson, Kenneth
William Cotton.

E.P. Cotton moved north
after coming to Wisconsin to
what is now Adams County, to

settle on Roche-A-Cri Creek.
Like his father, he was a
miller and dammed up the
Roche-A-Cri Creek to form
what became known as the
Cottonville millpond. He built
a sawmill. Although the small
settlement of Cottonville is no
longer in existence, a tavern
located near the site has on
display the first piece of lum-
ber planed at the sawmill in
1854.

E.P. Cotton is buried in a
nearby cemetery along with
two of his wives and one son,
Roland.

Several other branches of
the Cotton family moved to
Wisconsin to settle. The Cot-
ton house, part of the Heritage
Hill historical site at Green
Bay, was the home of John
Winslow Cotton.

Ken Cotton has always known he was a descendant of the Rev. John Cotton. However, he stumbled over the genealogy enthusiast's dream when he obtained a Cotton genealogy detailing all of John Cotton's ancestors and descendants dating from 1374 to the early 1920s. Ken's most recent ancestor listed in the book is his grandfather, Lee. The genealogy was discovered by Ken's step-brother while attending the University of Wisconsin.

Ken has no family heirlooms passed down to him from his exalted ancestor, and feels no mysterious pressure to join the ministry or abide by the Puritan ideals that distinguished the Rev. John Cotton. He jokes that the family has produced far more than its share of horse thieves. "It's just interesting from the historical point of view to look back and know your family is descended from the founding fathers," he said.

But several interesting correlations exist. Like his ancestor John, Ken is a prolific writer; only the subject matter differs. And like many of his New England forebears, Ken remains in the Congregational Church. He also served in World War II, becoming yet another veteran in a family that served its country since the time of the Revolution.

Most amazing though, are the physical characteristics common to the Cotton family; like the Rev. John Cotton, Ken has a high forehead, dark eyebrows, broad nose and thick lips. Take away the wig and stock tie, add a pair of glasses, substitute a scorecard for a Bible, and the Rev. Cotton could easily pass for Ken at next week's football game. He might even enjoy it.



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Ferrel A. Cotton

Ferrel A. Cotton, age 77, of 533 Scott St., Ripon, died Wednesday, May 30, 2001, at Theda Clarke Regional Medical Center, Neenah.

She was born February 3, 1924, in Oshkosh, a daughter to William and Mary (Hempel) Scholler. Ferrel attended school in Westfield. On May 15, 1948, she married Kenneth Cotton. She worked for Ripon Knitting Works for 40 years, and was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church, Ripon.

Survivors include her children, Vallen Cotton of Ripon, Jeannine (Richard) Hirokane of Green Bay, Judy (Dennis) Gurke of Ripon, and Dennis

(Georjean) Cotton of Ripon; 9 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; 1 sister, Bernice Hahn of Oshkosh; nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and one son.

Funeral services for Ferrel A. Cotton will be Saturday, June 2, 2001, at 1 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church with Rev. Bryan Fritsch officiating. Visitation will be Saturday from 11 a.m. until the time of the service. Interment will be in Rosendale Cemetery, Rosendale. A memorial has been established.

Butzin-Marchant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

George Keith Cotton

George Keith Cotton, 79, of Searcy, AR, formerly of Ripon, passed away Saturday, June 25, 2005, at his home.



He was born November 24, 1925, in Wautoma, the son of Warren and Mona (Smith) Cotton. He was a Navy Veteran of WWII. He was a lifetime member of the Ripon V.F.W. George married Irene Kreger on August 14, 1948, and they were active members of the First Congregational Church of Ripon. After working at Speed Queen for over 25 years, he moved to Searcy in 1970.

George had been involved with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) in Searcy for many years, and served as President of the AARP Chapter. George was also involved with the Good Samaritan Center, which sought to help people in need, and also worked with the SALT (Seniors and Lawmen Together) Council. He was a member of St. Paul Methodist Church, and his service to the community of Searcy

has been a model for many.

Survivors include two sons, Keith (Angela) Cotton of Searcy and Allan (Vicki) Burr of Redgranite; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Ronald and Warren Cotton, both of IL, and several Nieces and Nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Irene on February 27, 2004; two brothers, Merlin and Kenneth; and one great-grandson, Thomas Nighbor.

Funeral service for George K. Cotton will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 1, 2005, at Butzin-Marchant Funeral Home, Ripon with Reverend Jack W. Kraaz officiating. Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery. A funeral service was held in Searcy at an earlier date. Memorials in his name may be made to the Good Samaritan Center, 1512 West Park St, Searcy, AR 72143.

Butzin-Marchant Funeral Home, Ripon, is assisting the family.
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Irene M. Cotton

Irene M. Cotton, age 81, formerly of Ripon, died Friday, February 27, 2004, in Searcy, Arkansas.

She was born March 2, 1922, in Shiocton, the daughter of Edwin and Flora (Templer) Kreger. Irene was a retired office manager and was a member of the St. Paul United Methodist Church of Searcy and the V.F.W. Auxiliary of Ripon.

Survivors include her husband, George Cotton; 2 sons, Keith (Angela) Cotton of Searcy and Allan (Vickie) Burr of Redgranite; 6 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ramona Hansen of Beaver Dam.

Funeral service will be at 2

p.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2004, at Butzin-Marchant Funeral Home, Ripon with Reverend Jack W. Kraaz officiating. Visitation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery. A funeral service was held in Searcy at an earlier date. Memorials in her name may be made to the Good Samaritan Center, 1512 West Park St., Searcy, AR 72143

Butzin-Marchant Funeral Home, Ripon, is assisting the family.

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Children: by wife Mildred Bigsby

Summer School Graduates

WARREN COTTON

ROTC Color Guard
ROTC Rifle Team
Marshal
Bookroom Aide
Latin Club Officer
Junior Chorus
Booster Columnist
Lake View Staff Editor



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U.S., School Yearbooks, 1900-2016 for Warren Cotton



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Warren Robert Cotton

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Detail Source

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Birth Date	Feb 1939
Residence Date	2007-2020
Address	1760 Charles Ave
Residence	Algonquin, Illinois, USA
Postal Code	60102
Second Residence Date	1983-2018
Second Address	1530 W Ainslie St Apt 2
Second Residence	Chicago, Illinois, USA
Second Postal Code	60640
Third Residence Date	1983-2018
Third Address	1532 W Ainslie St
Third Residence	Chicago, Illinois, USA
Third Postal Code	60640
Fourth Residence Date	1987-2017
Fourth Address	900 W Margate Ter Apt 3a
Fourth Residence	Chicago, Illinois, USA
Fourth Postal Code	60640

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Name	Warren R Cotton [Warren Cotton]
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Birth Date	8 Feb 1939
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Phone Number	561-5190
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Address	2108 W Foster Ave
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Residence	Chicago, IL
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Postal Code	60625-1218
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Second Residence Date	1993
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Second Phone Number	561-5190
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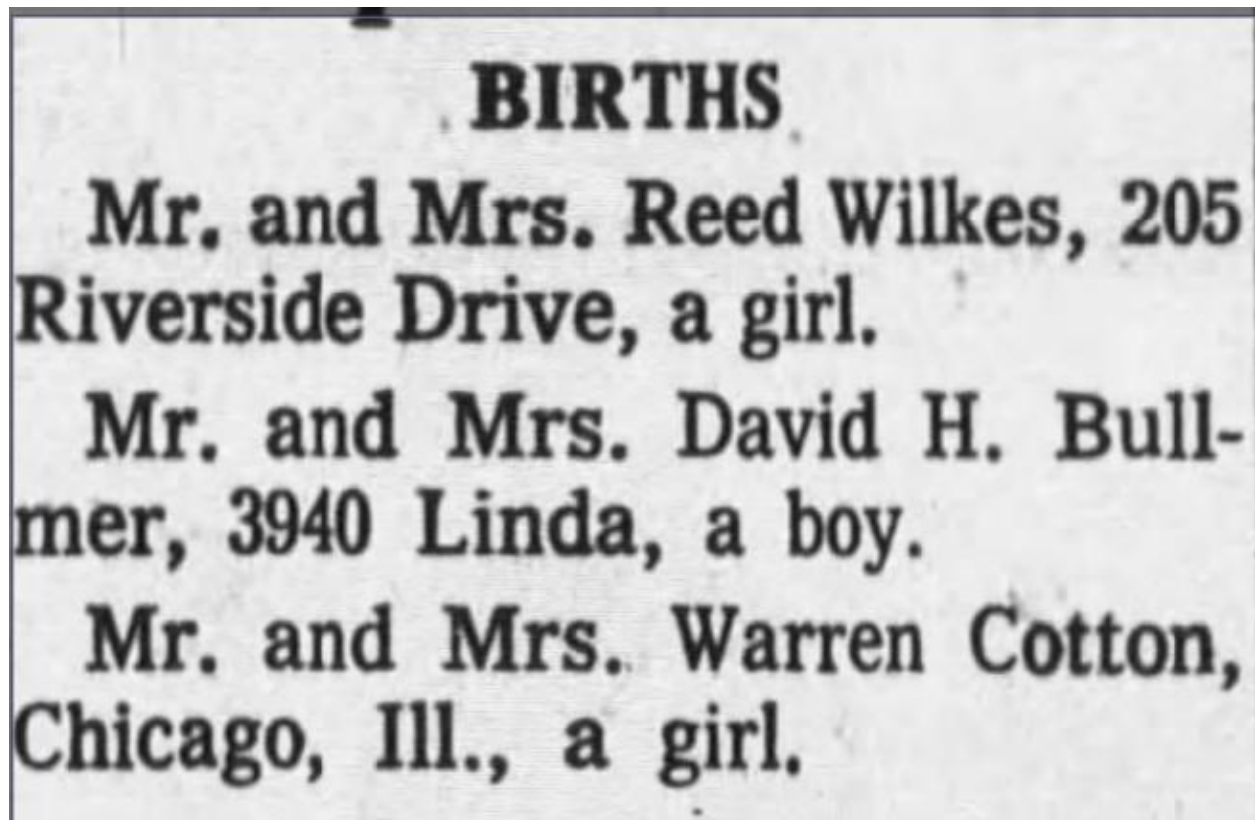
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Ronald L Cotton

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Detail Source

Name	Ronald L Cotton
Birth Date	20 Apr 1947
Address	6957 N Francisco Ave
Residence Place	Chicago, Illinois, USA
Zip Code	60645-2944

Son Ronald L. Cotton (1947 –

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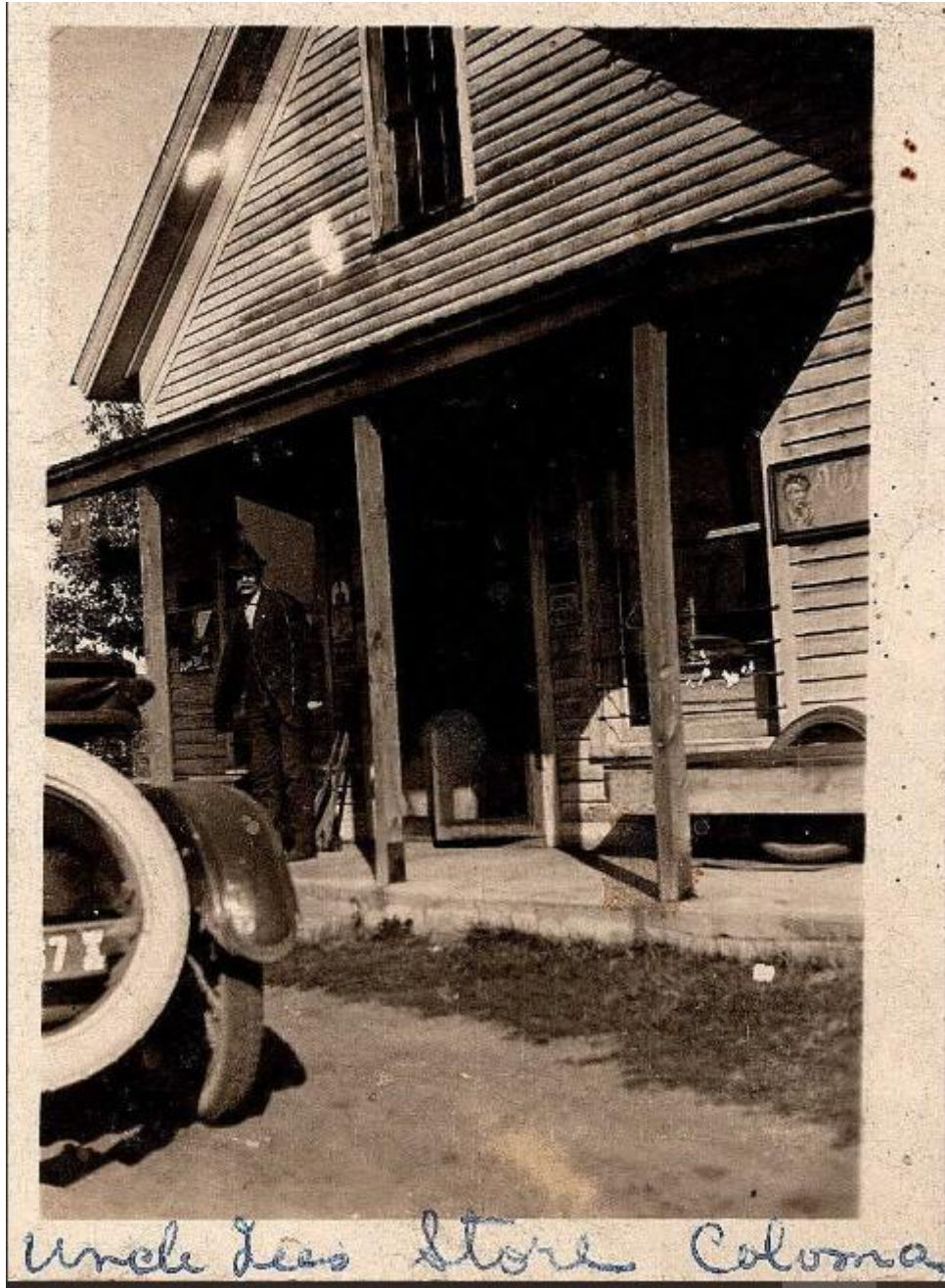
Lee H. Cotton, who has conducted a small store at Coloma Corners for several years, passed away on Friday morning after only a few

weeks' illness. Mr. Cotton's health had not been good for some length of time but he had not consulted specialists until a few weeks before his death. The wife and three sons, H. E. Cotton of Wautoma, W. L. Cotton of Ripon and Edgar Cotton of Ranger, Texas, survive. Mr. Cotton was about 73 years of age. Funeral services were held at the home on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment was made in Pleasant Hill cemetery.

Hancock friends were sorry to learn of the death of L. H. Cotton, a former Hancock resident, which occurred at his home at Coloma Corners last Friday.

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Lee Cotton's store in Coloma, Waushara WI - https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/168817668/person/282197942069/media/420d3f8a-564e-4fe4-86d5-3f07a1599b9c?queryId=325a19f1-b188-4080-b6ae-77acb1cdf3b0&searchContextTreelId=168817668&searchContextPersonId=282197942069&_phsrc=cPx37316&_phstart=successSource

Registration of Marriage	
No.	235
1. Full name of husband.....	See Herbert Cotton
2. Name of the father of husband.....	Emulous P. Cotton
3. Name of the mother of husband before marriage.....	Caroline Cotton
4. Occupation of husband.....	Carpenter
5. Residence of husband.....	Breton Adams side
6. Birthplace of husband.....	Breton "
7. Full name of wife previous to marriage.....	Angela A. Page
8. Name of the father of wife.....	Philip C. Page
9. Name of the mother of wife before marriage.....	Betsy F. Page
10. Birthplace of wife.....	Dickson, Maine, U.S.
11. Time when the marriage was contracted.....	March 19 th 1884
12. The place, town or township, and county, where the marriage was contracted.....	Hancock, Me.
13. The color of the parties.....	White
14. By what ceremony contracted.....	Short Legal
15. Names of substantiating witnesses.....	Henry E. Gibson Mary E. Gibson
16. Name of person pronouncing marriage.....	Philip C. Page
17. Residence of person last named.....	Hancock
18. Date of certificate or affidavit of marriage.....	March 19 th 1884
19. Date of registration.....	Apr. 17 th 1884
20. Any additional circumstances.....	

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Siblings

Hubert Cotton, 72, of 543 N. Union street, died in Appleton Tuesday evening.

He was born Sept. 1, 1886, in Roche Che Cri, Adams county. He lived in Appleton since 1953 and was a salesman.

He was a past high priest of Royal Arch Masons and Eastern Star and past master of Waverly Masonic lodge 51.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Wichmann Funeral home, with burial in Coloma Corners cemetery, Coloma. Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p.m. Thursday. Masonic services will be held at the funeral home.

Survivors include the widow; three daughters, Mrs. Gordon Gear, Oshkosh, Mrs. Joseph Trudell and Miss Carol Cotton, both of Appleton; two sons, Richard, Wautoma, and Lee, with the air force at Duluth; two brothers, Edgar, Ranger, Texas, and Warren, Chicago, and eight grandchildren.

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Brother Hubert Earl Cotton (1886-1959) – Appleton WI



Hubert Earl Cotton – woman not identified - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/168817668/person/282228971218/media/9929afe1-e0d2-4cc4-a424-544a9a383193>

Wisconsin, Births and Christenings Index, 1801-1928[View record](#)

Name	Cotton
Gender	Male
Race	White
Birth Date	1 Sep 1886
Birth Place	Strgs PR, Adams, Wisconsin
Father	Lee H Cotton
Mother	Angela Page
FHL Film Number	1306420

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/168817668/person/282228971218/facts>

Mrs. Hubert Cotton

PLAINFIELD — Mrs. Hubert Cotton, 69, died at 9 p.m. Sunday at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Appleton, after an illness of 11 weeks.

Funeral arrangements are being made by the Goult-Patterson-Hardell Funeral Home here.

Mrs. Cotton was the former Susie Stillwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Stillwell. She was born in the town of Plainfield March 14, 1892. She was a graduate of the Hancock High School.

Her marriage to Mr. Cotton took place in Plainfield Sept. 28, 1913. He preceded her in death two years ago.

Surviving are two sons, Richard, Wautoma, and Lee, in the Air Force on Okinawa; three daughters, Mrs. Gordon Gear, Oshkosh; Mrs. Joseph Trudell, Appleton, and Miss Carol Cotton, Plainfield; a sister, Mrs. Isabel Shippee, Plainfield; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A son, Robert, and two sisters, preceded her in death.

Mrs. Cotton belonged to the Congregational Church and held membership in the Order of Eastern Star and the Royal Neighbors of America.

STATE OF TEXAS **067-03-7 067-03** CERTIFICATE OF DEATH **4369** STATE FILE NO. **83030**

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY Eastland		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution, residence before admission) a. STATE Texas b. COUNTY Eastland	
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Ranger		c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) Ranger	
d. NAME OF (If not a hospital, give street address) Western Manor Nurs. Home		e. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) 435 So. Rusk St.	
f. PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS		g. RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS	
YES ☒ NO ☐		YES ☒ NO ☐	
3. NAME OF DECEASED a. First Edgar b. Middle Page c. Last Cotton		4. DATE OF DEATH Oct. 16, 1977	
5. SEX Male 6. COLOR OR RACE White		7. DATE OF BIRTH June 5, 1888 8. AGE (In years, months, days) 89	
9. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done, (20) KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY (Give most of working life even if retired) Farmer Farm		10. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Preston, Wisconsin 11. COUNTRY OF WHAT COUNTRY? U.S.A.	
12. FATHER'S NAME Lee Harvey Cotton		13. MOTHER'S MARRIAGE NAME Angelea Page	
14. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 456-07-8020		15. INFORMANT Miss Jessie Ella Walker	
16. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c)) PART I: DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Acute CVA CONDITIONS, if any, which gave rise to above cause (b) arteriosclerosis DATE OF ONSET (c) about 2h			
PART II: OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTING CONDITIONS (Not related to the terminal disease condition given in Part I) REC'D DEC 2 1977			
21. BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS			
22. TIME OF DEATH (Hour, Month, Day, Year) Hour 7-15 Month 10 Day 16 Year 77			
23. PLACE OF DEATH (a) (b) (c) (d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i) (j) (k) (l) (m) (n) (o) (p) (q) (r) (s) (t) (u) (v) (w) (x) (y) (z)			
24. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION Ranger COUNTY Texas STATE Texas			
25. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from 10-10-77 to 10-16-77 and set out the deceased's name, date of birth, date of death, and to the best of my knowledge from the regular entries in the records of the institution.			
26. SIGNATURE James T. Edwards 27. DATE 10-19-77			
28. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Evergreen Cemetery			
29. LOCATION (City, town, or county) Ranger (State) Texas			
30. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE Killingsworth Funeral Home-Jerry Edwards			
31. REGISTRATION FILE NO. 172 32. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR 10-20-77 33. REGISTRATION NO. #5515			

Brother Edgar Page Cotton (1888-1977) -

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Wisconsin, Marriage Index, 1820-1907

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Name **Katie L Shorey**
 Marriage Date **18 Jun 1899**
 Marriage Place **Waushara, Wisconsin, USA**
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Household members

Name	Age
Elmer J Walker	
Katie L Shorey	

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Wisconsin, U.S., Marriage Records, 1820-2004

View record

Name Katie Walker
Maiden Name Walker
Gender Female
Marriage Date 31 Mar 1912
Marriage County Waushara, Wisconsin, USA
Spouse Edgar P Cotton

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/168817668/person/282229388899/facts>

NOTE THE INFORMATION CALLED FOR ON THE REVERSE SIDE

1. PLACE OF DEATH		TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH		42245
STATE OF TEXAS		COUNTY OF <i>Castell</i>		
CITY OR PRECINCT NO. <i>Ranger, Texas</i>		GIVE STREET AND NUMBER OR NAME OF INSTITUTION <i>City County Hospital</i>		
2. FULL NAME OF DECEASED <i>Katie Cotton</i>				
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE WHERE DEATH OCCURRED <i>11 YEARS - MONTHS - DAYS</i> (SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <i>None</i>)				
RESIDENCE OF THE DECEASED STREET AND NO. <i>435 So Rush</i> CITY <i>Ranger</i> COUNTY <i>Castell</i> STATE <i>Texas</i>				
3. DATE OF BIRTH <i>Dec. 14, 1879</i>				
4. COLOR OR RACE <i>White</i>				
5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED <i>Married</i>				
6. DATE OF DEATH <i>Sept. 4, 1944</i>				
7. AGE YEARS <i>64</i> MONTHS <i>8</i> DAYS <i>20</i> IF LESS THAN 1 DAY: HOURS MIN				
8A. TRADE, PROFESSION OR KIND OF WORK DONE <i>Housewife</i>				
8B. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH ENGAGED <i>Home</i>				
9. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <i>Coloma, Wis.</i>				
10. NAME <i>Asher Shorey</i>				
11. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <i>Unknown</i>				
12. MAIDEN NAME <i>Rosilla Christian</i>				
13. BIRTHPLACE (STATE OR COUNTRY) <i>Unknown</i>				
14. SIGNATURE <i>Edgar P. Cotton</i>				
ADDRESS <i>Ranger, Texas</i>				
15. PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL <i>Congress cemetery - Ranger, Texas</i>				
DATE <i>Sept. 7, 1944</i>				
16. SIGNATURE <i>J. F. Fellingworth</i>				
ADDRESS <i>Ranger, Texas</i>				
17. DATE OF DEATH <i>September 4, 1944</i>				
18. HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED THE DECEASED FROM <i>Feb. 9, 1942</i> TO <i>Sept. 4, 1944</i>				
I LAST SAW HIM ALIVE ON <i>9-4-44</i>				
THE DEATH OCCURRED ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE AT <i>8:45 P.M.</i>				
THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF DEATH WAS: <i>Myocarditis, Chronic -</i>				
CONTRIBUTORY CAUSES WERE: <i>Leukopenia</i>				
IF NOT DUE TO DISEASE, SPECIFY WHETHER: ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, OR HOMICIDE				
DATE OF OCCURRENCE				
PLACE OF OCCURRENCE				
MANNER OR MEANS IF RELATED TO OCCUPATION OF DECEASED, SPECIFY				
SIGNATURE <i>Walter F. Jackson</i>				
ADDRESS <i>Ranger, Texas</i>				
SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR <i>Edgar P. Cotton</i>				
POSTOFFICE ADDRESS <i>Ranger, Texas</i>				
20. FILE NUMBER <i>759</i> FILE DATE <i>9/10/44</i> SIGNATURE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR <i>Edgar P. Cotton</i> POSTOFFICE ADDRESS <i>Ranger, Texas</i>				

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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Warren Lee Cotton

Name variations: Warren Lee Colton

Military:

On Tuscania: 107th Supply Co. C - corporal

Serial number: 251,900

Entered service from: Coloma, Waushara WI

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Warren L. Cotton

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father Lee H. Cotton, Coloma WI

Returned from war on: "Leviathan" Jul 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Warren L. Cotton

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Lee H. Cotton, Coloma WI (sgt, Co. F, 2nd Supply Train)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Warren Lee Cotton - b. 26 Feb 1893 New Chester WI; res: Coloma, Waushara WI. Single. Printer & book keeper, Follett & Son, Coloma WI. Tall & slender.

National Tuscania Survivors Association 1939 roster: Ripon WI - 1955 WI Survivors: 862 Roscoe St., Chicago IL

World War II draft registration (1942): as Warren Lee Cotton -- b. 26 Nov 1893 Adams Co. WI; res: Lane St., Ripon, Fond du Lac WI. Mailing address: General Delivery, Ripon WI. NOK Mrs. Mildred Cotton, no address provided. Employed at Home Printing Co., Ripon WI. Height: 5'11" – weight: 140 lbs. Registered 25 Apr 1942.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 2 Aug 1917

Discharged 15 Aug 1919

Address: Wautoma WI

Rank/unit: sergeant, Co. F, 2nd Supply Train**Birth & death:**

Born: 26 Feb 1893 (26 Nov 1893 - II) New Chester, Adams WI

Died: 16 Feb 1962 Chicago, Cook IL (Illinois Masonic Hospital)

Find A Grave record: 222937247 (cemetery info from Cook Co. IL death record & obit

"Chicago Tribune" 18 Feb 1962 p 34

Burial location: Hillside, Cook IL

Cemetery: Oakridge-Glen Oak

Tombstone:

Father: Lee Harvey Cotton, Oct 1853 Adams Co. WI – 12 Apr 1935 Coloma, Waushara WI.
Son of Emulous Plutarch Cotton & Caroline L. Lee.

Obituary: "Stevens Point (WI) Journal" 18 Apr 1935 p 5 – Lee H. Cotton, who conducted a small store at Coloma Corners for several years, died Friday morning, 12 Apr 1935, after the illness of a few weeks. Although his health had not been good a long time, he did not consult specialists until a few weeks ago. He is survived by his wife & 3 sons: H.E. Cotton (Wautoma WI), W.L. Cotton (Ripon WI) & Edgar Cotton (Ranger TX). He was about 73 years old. Funeral held at his home on 15 Apr, with interment in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Coloma WI.

Buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Coloma, Waushara WI.

Find A Grave: 78615917

Mother: Angela Page Cotton, May 1854 NY – 1935 Coloma, Waushara WI.

Name also found as Angelia & Angelea.

Daughter of Rev. Philip C. Page (F: 78853490) & Betsey F. Pool (F: 78853489)

Buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Coloma, Waushara WI.

Find A Grave: 78615914

Parents' marriage: 1884

Spouse: Mona Marion Smith Cotton Brandt, 14 May 1899 Coloma, Waushara WI – 5 Jun 1977 Ripon, Fond du Lac WI.

Daughter of William M. Smith (1872-1955, F: 118092301) & Grace O. Dulin (1875-1960, F: 118092312).

After Mona & Warren divorced, she married Herbert Frederick Brandt on 24 Dec 1941.

Herbert was born 24 Apr 1900 Milwaukee, Milwaukee WI & died 19 Oct 1974 Ripon, Fond du lac WI. F: 182136174.

Obituary of Herbert Brandt: "Oshkosh Northwestern" 21 Oct 1974 p 23 – Herbert Frederick Brandt, 74, d. 19 Oct 1974 in Fond du Lac. Born 24 Apr 1900 in Milwaukee. After his 1st wife Elsie Grams Brandt died, he married Mona Smith Cotton on 24 Dec 1941. Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Ripon WI.

Mona's obituary: "Fond du Lac (WI) Reporter" 6 Jun 1977 p 24 – Mrs. Mona Brandt, 78, formerly of 712 Metomen St., Ripon WI. Died Sunday, 5 Jun 1977 at Berlin Memorial Hospital after a long illness. Born 14 May 1899 in Coloma WI, daughter of William & Grace (Dulin) Smith. Educated in Wautoma schools. Housewife in Ripon since 1931. Married Warren Cotton 19 Oct 1919. Married Herbert Brandt 24 Dec 1941. Member American Legion Auxiliary. Survived by 3 sons: Merlin Cotton (Kenosha WI), Kenneth Cotton (Ripon

WI) & George Cotton (Ripon WI) & 1 stepson Herbert Brandt, Jr. of Milwaukee. Her husband Herbert preceded her in death.

Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Ripon, Fond du Lac WI.

Spouse Find A Grave: 182136139

Marriage to Mona: 19 Oct 1919. The couple had 3 sons.

Warren & Mona divorced 21 Mar 1936 in WI.

Warren remarried on 12 Apr 1937. Mona remarried in 1941.

Spouse: Mildred Louise Bigsby Cotton, 8 Feb 1909 Mosinee, Marathon WI- 13 May 1955 Chicago, Cook IL.

Daughter of Ernest Samuel Bigsby (1869-1959, F: 116402831) & Rayphie (Raphael) E. Merryfield (1876-1918, F: 116402792).

Obituary: "Chicago Tribune" 14 May 1955 p 53 – Mrs. Mildred Cotton, age 46, 862 Roscoe St., wife of Warren L. Cotton (a proofreader for the "Chicago Tribune") died 13 May 1955 in Augustana Hospital. Survived by 2 sons: Warren R. & Ronald L. Cotton, her father Ernest Bigsby, 2 sisters & 3 brothers. [Note Warren's 3 sons by his 1st marriage are not mentioned].

Obituary: "Chicago Tribune" 14 May 1955 p 53 – Mildred L. Cotton, 862 Roscoe St., d. 13 May 1955, Wife of Warren L. Cotton, mother of Warren R. & Ronald L. Cotton. Daughter of Ernest Bigsby. Interment in Glen Oak Cemetery.

Buried in Oakridge-Glen Oak Cemetery, Hillside, Cook IL.

Spouse Find A Grave: 220529172

Marriage to Mildred: 12 Apr 1937 in Waukegan, Lake IL. "Oshkosh Northwestern" 16 Apr 1937 p 12 – Warren L. Cotton married Miss Mildred L. Bigsby of Mosinee at Waukegan IL on Monday afternoon, 12 Apr 1937. She is the daughter of Ernest Bigsby of Mosinee & was for several years a Fond du Lac resident, where she was assistant superintendent of the Children's Home. For the past few months she has been employed in Chicago. Warren came to Ripon 7 years ago from Wautoma & is foreman of the composing department of "The Ripon Press." At present Warren & Mildred are living with Mrs. Demings on Watson St.

Spouse: Lucile/Lucille Robertson Cotton

It is unclear if "Robertson" is her maiden surname or a married surname.

She was Warren's surviving widow.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage to Lucile: 1 Mar 1957 Chicago, Cook IL – Warren L. Cotton [widowed] & Lucile Robertson

Children: by 1st wife Mona Smith

- **Merlin Lee Cotton**, 9 Jul 1920 Endeavor, Marquette WI – 7 Oct 1983 Kenosha, Kenosha WI. - Husband of Mary Alice Watring (11 Jun 1921-13 Jul 1992, F: 178170427) whom he married 22 Oct 1949. She was the daughter of Burton Daniel Watring & Mary Callahan. - WWII veteran. - Obituary: "Kenosha Sunday News" 9 Oct 1983 p 12 – photo - Merlin L. Cotton, 63, 6309 – 50th Ave., d. 7 Oct 1983 in Kenosha Memorial Hospital. Son of the late Warren L. & Mona (Smith) Cotton. Born 9 Jul 1920

Endeavor WI. Moved to Ripon WI at an early age. Moved to Kenosha in 1949. Graduate of Ripon High School, Ripon College, Columbia University & the U of WI (Madison) School of Law. US Navy officer in South Pacific in WWII. Married Mary Alice Watring 22 Oct 1949. Practiced law in Kenosha since 1949. Survived by wife, daughter & 2 brothers: Kenneth W. Cotton (Ripon) & George K. Cotton (Racine) & 2 half-brothers: Warren Cotton (Chicago) & Ronald (CA).- Buried in St. James Cemetery, Kenosha, Kenosha WI. F: 178170416

- **Kenneth William Cotton**, 27 Mar 1922 Augusta, Eau Claire Co. WI – 4 Apr 1993 Ripon, Fond du Lac WI. - Married 15 Feb 1948 to Ferrel Scholler (3 Feb 1924 Oshkosh, Winnebago WI- 30 May 2001 Neenah, Winnebago WI, F: 126805144) whom he married 15 May 1948. Ferrel was the daughter of William Scholler & Mary Hempel. - Obituary on Find A Grave: employed at Speed Queen, rural mail carrier, sportswriter. Survived by 1 brother George (wife Irene) of Searcy AR & 2 half-brothers: Warren Cotton (Chicago IL) & Ron Cotton (Largo FL) [his father's sons by his 2nd wife] & stepbrother Herbert Brandt [the son of his mother's 2nd husband]. Preceded in death by parents & brother Merlin Cotton. Buried in Rosendale Cemetery, Rosendale, Fond du Lac WI. F: 125322618
- **George Keith Cotton**, 24 Nov 1925 Wautoma, Waushara WI – 25 Jun 2005 Searcy, White AR. - Husband of Irene M. Kreger (1922-2004k, F: 127330374). Obituary: "Oshkosh Northwestern" 29 Jun 2005 p 15 – George Keith Cotton, 79, of Searcy AR, formerly of Ripon WI, died 25 Jun 2005 at his home. Born 24 Nov 1925 Wautoma WI, son of Warren & Mona (Smith) Cotton. US Navy in WWII. Lifetime member of the Ripon VFW. Married Irene Kreger 14 Aug 1948. Worked for Speed Queen for over 25 years. Moved to Searcy AR in 1970. Survived by 2 sons. His wife Irene d. 27 Feb 2004. Preceded in death by his parents & brothers Merlin & Kenneth. Burial in Woodlawn, Ripon WI. [His half-brothers are not mentioned] – Buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Ripon, Fond du Lac WI. F: 127450994

Children: by 2nd wife Mildred Bigsby

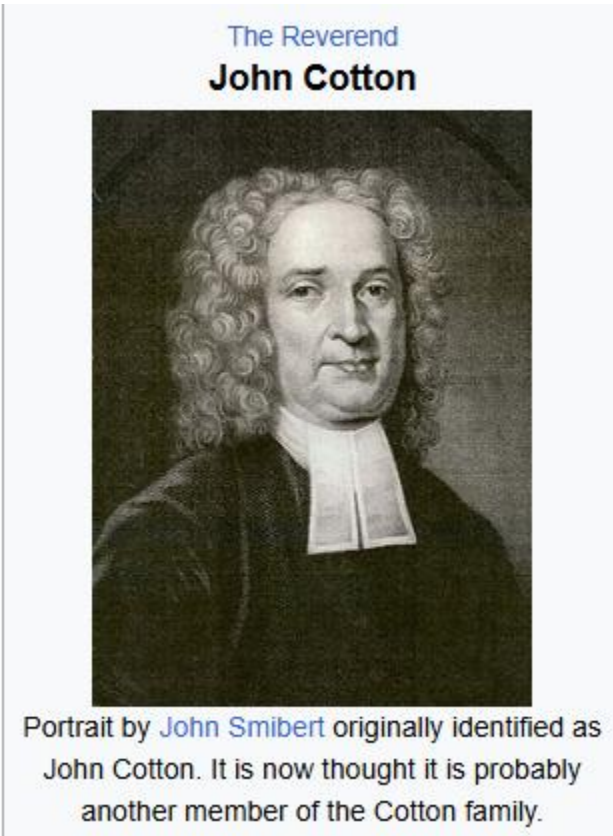
- **Warren Robert Cotton**, 8 Feb 1939 WI - Was age 1 in 1940 census.
- **Ronald L. Cotton**, 20 Apr 1947 -

Siblings:

- **Hubert Earl Cotton**, 1 Sep 1886 Adams Co. WI – 28 Apr 1959 Appleton, Outagamie WI. - Married Susie Marie Stilwell (1892-1961, F: 78615920) on 23 [28?] Sep 1913 in Plainfield, Waushara WI. Buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Coloma, Waushara WI. F: 78615915
- **Edgar Page Cotton**, 5 Jun 1888 Preston, Adams WI – 16 Oct 1977 Ranger, Eastland TX. - Husband of Katie Shorey (1879-1944, F: 69322843) whom he married 31 Mar 1912 in Waushara Co. WI. Katie was the daughter of Asher Page Shorey & Rosilla F. Christian; she was earlier married to Elmer James Walker on 18 Jun 1899 in Waushara Co. WI. They had 2 children, born 1900 & 1901. – Elmer James Walker (12 Dec 1870-13 Sep 1961, both in Wautoma, Waushara WI, F: 112182571). - TX deaths: Edgar Page Cotton, son of Lee Harvey Cotton & Angelea Page. Born Preston WI 5 Jun

1888. Farmer. SSN 456-07-8020. – His headstone is inscribed COTTEN. His TX death certificate & obituary & his wife's headstone spells his name COTTON. - Buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Ranger, Eastland TX. F: 69322843

Notes: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Cotton_\(minister\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Cotton_(minister))



John Cotton (minister)

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John Cotton (4 December 1585 – 23 December 1652) was a clergyman in England and the American colonies, and was considered the preeminent minister and theologian of the [Massachusetts Bay Colony](#). He studied for five years at [Trinity College, Cambridge](#), and nine years at [Emmanuel College, Cambridge](#). He had already built a reputation as a scholar and outstanding preacher when he accepted the position of minister at [St. Botolph's Church, Boston](#), in Lincolnshire, in 1612.

Cotton Mather

Article Talk

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Cotton Mather *FRS* (/ˈmæðər/; February 12, 1663 – February 13, 1728) was a Puritan clergyman and author in colonial New England, who wrote extensively on theological, historical, and scientific subjects. After being educated at Harvard College, he joined his father Increase as minister of the Congregationalist Old North Meeting House in Boston, then part of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, where he preached for the rest of his life. He has been referred to as the "first American Evangelical".^[2]

A major intellectual and public figure in English-speaking colonial America, Cotton Mather helped lead the successful revolt of 1689 against Sir Edmund Andros, the governor of New England appointed by King James II. Mather's subsequent involvement in the Salem witch trials of 1692–1693, which he defended in the book *Wonders of the Invisible World* (1693), attracted intense controversy in his own day and has negatively affected his historical reputation. As a historian of colonial New England, Mather is noted for his *Magnalia Christi Americana* (1702).

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Cotton Mather was the grandson of Rev. John Cotton. His mother was John's daughter Maria Cotton; his father was Increase Mather, the son of Richard Mather. Cotton Mather was a figure in the Salem MA witch trials.

The Cotton family tree:

Rowland Cotton & Mary Hurlbert



John Cotton – reverend, Puritan, Massachusetts Bay Colony, grandfather of Cotton Mather (son of John's daughter Maria Cotton & Increase Mather) – born 4 Dec 1585 England, died 23 Dec 1652 MA. Came to New England in Sep 1633, to the Boston area.



Seaborn Cotton (named because he was born at sea as John Cotton sailed to Boston MA) – a reverend



John Cotton – a reverend, born CT



Thomas Cotton – born CT



Thomas Cotton – born CT, served in the Revolutionary War from CT



Willard Cotton – Served in the Revolutionary War as part of the Windsor Co. VA militia



Owen Cotton – served in the War of 1812, had 23 children



Emulus Plutarch Cotton – moved to Oconomowoc WI, then further north, miller who dammed Roche-A-Cri Creek



Lee Cotton – born at Roche-A-Cri WI



Warren Lee Cotton – Tuscania survivor & subject of this biography



Kenneth William Cotton & his siblings & half-brothers

Pre-war:

“Portage (WI) Daily Democrat” 8 Jun 1912 p 3 – Among the graduates of Endeavor Academy, whose commencement ceremony will be held 11 Jun – the largest class in history with 16 graduates – is Warren L. Cotton.

Wartime:

“Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent” 10 Nov 1984 p 1 – on the occasion of Veterans Day, Ruth Trudell called to offer a letter she found in her father Hubert Cotton’s mementos from his brother, Colonel [Corporal] Warren L. Cotton, of the American Expeditionary Forces on the occasion of the 11 Nov 1918 Armistice. There was a peculiar reaction when soldiers heard the news. “The Germans celebrated. The Americans contemplated.” The letter dated 19 Nov 1918 is copied above.

Post-war:

“Portage (WI) Daily Register” 7 May 1920 p 1 – “Epitome is Taken Over by Former Coloma Soldier Newspaperman” - Warren L. Cotton, Coloma, is the new proprietor of the “Marquette County Epitome” newspaper, having purchased it from G.D. Browne. Cotton is

well-known in Endeavor as he attended school there for several years. He has run a printing business except for the time spent for Uncle Sam overseas. This past winter he was working at Grand Rapids WI for a daily newspaper.

"Portage (WI) Daily Register" 1 Mar 1921 p 1 – The newspaper "The Marquette County Epitome" is now in its 20th year. It began as the "Endeavor Epitome" in 1900, and was purchased 1 Jan 1914 by Hubert E. Cotton & Warren L. Cotton. They operated the paper until their partnership was dissolved in 1914. Hubert stayed on until 1917; in spring 1917 purchased by Union Publishing Co. Then repurchased by original founder G.D. Browne. "The present editor, Warren L. Cotton, purchased it from Mr. Browne in May, 1920."

Obituary:

"Chicago Tribune" 17 Feb 1962 p 44 – Warren L. Cotton, age 70, of 5450 Windsor Ave., was proofreader for "Chicago Tribune" since 1946. Died 16 Feb 1962 in Illinois Masonic Hospital. Formerly at "The Ripon Press" (Ripon WI) as typographer & press foreman. Survived by wife Lucille & 5 sons: Merlin, Kenneth, George, Warren R. & Ronald Cotton & 1 brother [unnamed] survive. Funeral on 19 Feb in chapel at 4553-61 Milwaukee Ave.

"Chicago Tribune" 18 Feb 1962 p 34 – repeats information above but adds name of brother Edgar. Interment Glen Oak Cemetery. Member Masons & International Typographical Union, Local 16.

IL, Cook County Deaths: Warren Lee Cotton, 5450 W. Windsor Ave., age 68, married, proof reader, b. 26 Feb 1893 Newchester WI. Burial in Glen Oak. Informant: Reed Franklin.

Social Security Number: 393-07-7518

Censuses:

1900 Hancock, Waushara WIc- conducted 12 Jun 1900

Lee H. Cotton, 36 WI, Oct 1863, parents b. NY, married 16 years, farmer

Angelia, 46 NY, May 1854, father b. VT, mother b. NY, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living

Herbert E., 13 WI, Sep 1886, at school

Edgar P., 11 WI, Jan 1888, at school

Warren L., 7 WI, Feb 1893

1905 WI state census – Coloma, Waushara WI

Lee H. Cotton, age [number illegible] WI, parents b. NY, merchant

Angelia, 50 NY, parents b. NY, house work

Warren, 12 WI

1910 Coloma, Waushara WI – conducted 26 Apr 1910

Lee H. Cotton, 47 WI, parents b. NY, in 1st marriage, married 26 years, retail merchant, general store

Angelia A., 55 NY, father b. VT, mother b. NY, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 3 children, 3 are living

Edgar P., 21 WI, single, laborer, odd jobs

Warren, 17 WI

1920 Coloma, Waushara WI – conducted 6/7 Feb 1920

Warren L. Cotton [Catton], 26 WI, father b. WI, mother b. NY, printer, for shop

Monah M. [Marrah], 22 WI, father b. WI, mother b. IN

1930 Wautoma, Waushara WI – conducted 2 Apr 1930

Warren L. Cotton, 37 WI, parents b. WI, age 26 at 1st marriage, printer, publishing, World War I veteran

Mona M., 30 WI, father b. WI, mother b. IN, age 20 at 1st marriage, saleslady, variety store
Merlin, 9 WI

Kenneth, 8 WI

George, 4 WI

1940 Ripon, Fond du Lac WI – Oakroch (spelling?) Rd. – rented – in 1935 the Cotton family lived in Chicago, Cook IL – conducted 10/11 Apr 1940

Warren L. Cotton, 47 WI, printer, printing

Mildred L., 31 WI, foster mother, boarding house

Warren Robert, 1 WI

And niece:

Betty Jane Fitch, 14 IL, resident of Fond du Lac in 1935

And foster children:

Winifred Johnson, 16 WI, in Fond du Lac in 1935

Vern O'Laughlin, 6 WI

Eileen O'Laughlin, 3 [blank for state of birth]

1950 Chicago, Cook IL – 862 Roscoe – conducted 19 Apr 1950

Warren L. Cotton, 56 WI, proofreader, daily newspaper

Mildred, 41 WI

Warren R., 11 WI

Ronald L., 3 IL