

Hello,

Here is the information that I have gathered on Hattie Holcomb who is buried in Block 12 of Riverside Cemetery. Altogether kind of sad:

Hattie was born in Hazelton, Buchanan County, Iowa in June 1877, the daughter of George D. Moody and Louise L. Gilbert. She apparently lost her father at a very young age, as she was living with her widowed mother and several brothers in Buchanan County, Iowa in 1885. She married George W. Hunt on Feb. 15, 1894 at the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Independence, Iowa. By 1900 she was living apart from George (who listed himself as divorced on the 1900 census), working as a servant in the home of James Mullen in Julien, Dubuque, Iowa.

She was married to John Holcomb on Nov. 19, 1902 in Buchanan County, Iowa. Hattie and John lived in Plum Grove, Butler County, Kansas and Denver, Colorado before her death in Dec. 1932.

In the 1900 Census, Hattie is shown as the mother of three children although they were not listed with her. In later census records she does not claim any children. Following is a posting I found on an ancestry tree which explains this. It was posted by the great-granddaughter of Hazel Hunt Simpson. The letter was from The Christian Home in Council Bluffs, Iowa:

*My dear Mrs. Simpson:*

*We have your letter of the 14th, asking where you were born and the exact date of birth.*

*We do not have a record of where you were born, but the following is the record of you and your sisters:*

*July 9, 1902, received -*

*Eva L. Hunt - born Sept 26, 1894*

*Hazel H. Hunt - born Sept 13, 1896*

*Esther E. Hunt - born Aug 30, 1898*

*from Independence, Iowa. Brought by the mother Mrs. Hattie L. Hunt, who is divorced from her husband, George W. Hunt - she was given custody of the children and signed the papers.*

*Note: Mrs. Hunt was married in the fall of 1902 to John Holcomb, who lives at Jesup, Iowa.*

*Feb 25, 1913 - letter received from Mrs. John Holcomb, Potwin, Kansas, asking about her three daughters.*

The girls are listed in the 1900 Census at The Iowa Home for the Friendless in Dubuque, Iowa on Mount Pleasant. This was a charitable institution founded in 1874 as a home for homeless women and children judged worthy of support.

Regards,

Terry Embrey

P. S.

Happily, I found the three girls in the 1910 Census listed as the adopted children of Herman and Ida Myer, living in Leroy, Logan, Colorado.

Terry