

THE AMERICAN COTTLES  
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"We aim to know the American Cottle Families and leave this acquaintance for future generations."

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The Thomas Edward - Henry Cottle family Genealogical Researchers are applying "The Modern Method of Research" to find and record sources of information about all American Cottle Families.

Our 1959 efforts found gratifying results. We appreciate the prompt response to our letters from all the Cottles that we have contacted. From this unity we have found strength in the research.

There are Cottle families in Washington, D.C.; Brooklyn, Bronx, Queens, Lackahoe, N.Y. Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento, Oakland, San Diego; Los Altos, California; Boston; Harvard; Pandolph, Massachussets; St. Louis, Missouri; Minneapolis, Minnesota; Portland; Lake Grove; Nyssa, Oregon; and many places in Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Huston, Dallas, Texas; Topeka, Kansas; Kansas City; Chicago; East Lansing, Michigan; Alaska, Hawaii, and Alberta, Canada.

A single letter has brought back to us records of four to 26 families. Any books, personal records or other items you send for us to record from, will be handled carefully and returned Via insured mail, or if you prefer not to mail your records, please send a copy.

We seek information about your father, grand father, great grandfather, back as far as you can go. Dates of their births, marriages, deaths, historical events, etc., Please include names and addresses of your father and mother, sisters or brothers and your children.

We will deeply appreciate this information about your family. The Cottle ancestry or history will not be complete without your family.

Thank you for your prompt response with your records you have today. We need them now, to continue the recording. If you find more records later, please mail them to us then.

After a few months more work we hope to make available to all the American Cottles the information we have compiled including a brief history of the early ancestors back into England, etc.;

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Sincerely,

R. F. Cottle, President, The Thomas Edward Henry Cottle Genealogicas Researchers, (A, non-monetary profit organization, rather a spiritual profit organization.)

I wrote to this Mr. R. F. Cottle asking about grandparents, his father - Thomas Edward - born November 22, 1850 at Horsley, England and died December 19, 1872, Sacramento, California, his great grandfather, William Cottle, (dates unknown).

An Indian raid near Laramie, Wyoming in 1866 and just about wiped out the family. My father was scalped by the Indians, his older brother, William was shot in the back by a poison arrow, his sister Anna hid in an empty flour barrel in covered wagon and escaped. His mother was tied on an Indian pony, her arms around its neck her legs under its stomach. She was never seen or heard from after the raid on pioneer wagon train.

The mail brings us letters from Cottles we've never heard from. This history should be very interesting to read when completed. We are grateful for your cooperation. We want every Cottle family possible included in our history. Enclosed in this letter of Cottles in so many different towns. Please give it to a Cottle you know.

So I am sending this to you and maybe some Cottle you know can tell you some history.

*This letter was sent to Kate Arnett, but I forgot who she said sent it. Maybe you can find out something by writing to this B. F. Cottle.*

The surname Cottle (Cotel, Cottell) is a contraction of the Norman or old French de Cotel' for a knife. (1)

A family de Cotel, from a small settlement or estate in Western France, furnished a man to go with William the Conqueror when he invaded England in 1066. De Cotel was the original spelling of the name in England but subsequently it varied to Coteill, Cottell and lastly to the more common form of Cottle.

Showing the French origin there are French families of Cotel, Cottell, Cotele and Coteill in Cherbourg, La Hague, Kerjilan, Auvengne, Paris and other parts of France. The first literary mention of the name in England mentions one Berangari Cotel held one hide of land in Durworth. (2) The first name on record in England as a knight is Sir Robert de Cotele, knight of Camerton, Somerset, year 1120. Four generations later, Sir Elias de Cotel, a Somersetshire knight of Sampford, Peverell (Devonshire) is also recorded. (3) The Coteles owned Camerton, Comerset with principle residences at Atworth, now corruptedly called Cottles Atworth, Wilts. The Wilts and Somerset Cotel were connected soon after the Norman Conquest. (4)

In the 29th year of Henry III, John Cotel died, leaving his three sisters as heirs; one of them, Matilda, married William Lucy of Charloote, Warwickshire, from whom descended Shakespeare's immortal Justice Shallow.

Cotel Arms was a bend gules (a shield of gold with a bend of red) which dates back in Wiltshire, into the 12th Century. (5)

The greatest man of the family at this time was Sir Ellays Cotell. He was Lord of Camerton, Somerset, Atworth Wilts, Sampford, Peverell, Halberton, Chelworth, Wraxall and Farley Wick. He was subescheator to the King for country of Wilts and with Edward I in all his wars, inclding the battle of Falkirk in 1298 against Robert Bruce. He married one of the heiresses, Margaret, of the Peverells. He gave his manor to the Church of Camerton in the year 1336. He died at Sampford, Peverell Castle the following year leaving a daughter, Editha, who married Sir Oliver de Dinham. Her inheritance, the Devonshire property, went into that family.

Pedigrees of the Cottells or Cottles appear in the Herald's visitations for Devon, Somerset and Wilts. There is also an extended pedigree printed in middle 1800 that can be found in the British Museum which brings down many branches to the Middle 1800's.

The Cottles seem to have spread chiefly through the southwestern countries.

(6) The following is a monumental inscription found on the South Aisle of the Holy Trinity church, Bradford-on-Avon, Co. Wilts. (7), one of the few remembrances to this once powerful family.

Arms: Or, a bend gules

Near this place lieth the body of /Edward Cottle/  
of Bradford-Leigh, who departed Feb. 14, 1718, age 52 yr/  
also/ Body of Edw. Cottle, Jun., Son of above and Ann/ his  
wife died Feb. 15, 1727, age 27 yr. Also / body of Ann, Wife  
of Edward Cottle Sr./ died March 13, 1728, aged 62 yrs. Richard, Son  
of Ed and Ann/ died Feb. 16, 1736, age 31 yer. Edward, Son  
of Richard and Mary/ died March 25, 1758 aged 26 years. Also,  
Mary, wife of Richard Cottle died May 30, 1773, age 69 yrs.

## EDWARD COTTLE LINE

In the year 1648 a company was formed in London for the purpose of raising money to charter a ship and go to the new world to start a new life, etc., all members to be those of some skills, carpenters, masons, blacksmiths and particularly fishermen.

They had great difficulty in getting a ship in England and could not get permission to leave so they left for Holland in two's and three's secretly, where they got a ship and set forth in the year 1652, number of passengers unknown, after a "tempestuous" passage of six weeks the vessel was wrecked on the coast of Martha's Vineyard, some were drowned and the survivors salvaged some of the cargo. Among the survivors were two men by the name of Cottle, but distantly related.

They made their way to Boston town where they were badly treated and finally expelled. This was in a time of great religious persecution and though the Puritans themselves were non-conformists and dissenters, all mercy and tolerance was missing.

The two men named Cottle, with their families and a number of the original party, moved several times to villages and farms where their skills and labor was needed and appreciated; finally made their way into Maine which was at that time a part of Massachusetts. They settled on the Kennebec River several miles above what is now the capital of Maine, Augusta. Being the earliest on the ground they had their pick of the best river bottom land and forest. They were friendly with the Indians and made an agreement with their Sachem that they would each live on his own side of the river and trade for furs and skins. Boston intolerance did not reach them here.

The oldest of the Cottles was Edward Cottle, founder of the Cottle family in America. Edward had fourteen children between his first wife, Judith (the first being Edward who died in infancy) and his second wife, Dorothy (the last being Samuel, born about 1679. Through his son, John, who married Jean Look, came one of Martha Washington's progenitors (8).

Also from Edward through John and Sylvanus come the Warren Cottle, Sr. family. Dr. Warren Cottle, Jr., married his cousin, Salome Cottle and they were the founders of Cottletown, Vermont.

Warren Cottle, Sr., moved from Vermont to Missouri in 1799 and fought in the War of 1812. Lorenzo, son of Dr. Warren Cottle, also moved southwest to Missouri and founded Cottleville just west of St. Louis in St. Charles County in the year 1840. Cottleville, Missouri, is just a few miles from Daniel Boone's birthplace.

Many of the younger men from Maine and Massachusetts became seafaring men and made many voyages to ports of the United States, to the African Coast and to the Far East.

One of the leading sea families was the Shobael Cottle family of Massachusetts through John and Mary West to James and Elizabeth Look back to Edward Cottle and Judith Osgood. From the coast of Massachusetts, these men sailed as Master Mariners and Whalers to all parts of the world.

Listed below is an account of the spreading of the Cottle line overland.

Rubidou's Trading House about 50 miles below Fort Laramie,  
June the 4th, 1849

My Dear Wife:

Having an opportunity to send a few lines to you by a Mormon on his road to the States to let you know the whereabouts we are and how we get along in this wild region.

We are all well and getting along well considering the roads and weather. The roads have been heavy a large portion of the way from St. Joseph and some of the coldest rains for the season of the year I have ever seen. Taking an overcoat and blanket both on to keep us warm. The country is rising in the heavens fast and in three days drive will be crossing the Black Hills (as they are called) and will get a good sight of the Snow Capped Mountains.

Our teams have kept up as good as when we started. We have ascertained at this place that there's about Six Hundred Teams ahead of us and so many behind that we can't keep count. It keeps us going ahead to keep out of their way and they some of them pass us and we pass some. One thing is certain, we are ahead of the crowd and will try to keep ahead.

Some of the bluffs of this river are very remarkable, lifting their heads some distance in the heavens but the country generally is a perfect waste fit only for the Buffalo and Indians.

Warren is well and getting along first rate. Thomas Cottle also in fact our Company enjoy good health.

We stopped here this evening by a first rate Spring coming out from under a high bluff and running through a valley some 8 or ten miles long and five or six broad, with tall bluffs on both sides of us.

We will commence climbing out of the valley in the morning. The ascent is very gradual from here to the top.

I was in hopes that I would have a chance to write fifty cents worth but dark has set in and will have to close as I can't see to follow the lines on the paper. Give my respects to Mr. Loving and the old Gentlemen Alvorah and family and accept for yourself my hearty wishes.

Zora Cottle

Katharine Cottle

The Mormon who carries this letter was robbed some two weeks since by the Indians near the crossing of the Platte above Fort Laramie and left without anything. I was to give him fifty cents to carry it to the states.

Thomas Cottle sends his respects to his Father and Mother and the balance of the family and all others that may think of him.

Tuesday Morning, June the 5th, 1849.

The wind has shifted round to the North west and cold enough to wear an overcoat to make it even comfortable. The weather is as changeable here as in Missouri. Are about ready to be on our way once more - but very sure we are well in the lead to the gold fields.

Some of the Texas Cottles believe they come through Dr. Warren Cottle's son, Stephan, but in any event it is interesting to note that the Cottle name played a marked roll in the history of Texas.

George Washington Cottle, the cousin of Pike Cottle through Zebolin fought and died in the Alamo at San Antonio in Texas' great fight for freedom. For this, Cottle County, Texas, subsequently was named in memory of George Washington Cottle. The county seat is Paducah. Also, from the Texas Cottles came Gail Storm, the television actress who made life aboard ship hillarious.

From this strong start the Cottle name can be traced into every state of the Union. They are exceptionally strong in Massachusetts, Texas and Missouri. Listed below is an interesting excerpt from the Vineyard Gazette, Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, Friday, August 11, 1961.

The ledger appears to have been kept by the proprietor of a general store in Holmes Hole, the entries covering the period between 1819 and 1835. Although only one name is mentioned as proprietor, that of James Cottle, the hand writing in the book indicates that half a dozen different persons made the entries. There may have been clerks employed in this store, but it is more likely that they were relatives.

The Banks history does not mention a James Cottle at a date that would be in accord with this ledger's contents. But it does mention a William Cottle who was a postmaster in Holmes Hole and who may have had a store with the postoffice. However this may have been, the entries, prices, and names of the customers provide a look into the village scene of the period. The entries indicate that Mr. Cottle was a man of varied interests, engaging in many kinds of business.

In addition to his store where he dealt in various commodities, he had use for wagons and laborers, the hauling of leads of various kinds, some of which are specified.

Some of the prices are interesting:

2 lbs. of wrot nails, 33 cents

3 bunches Cigars, 19 cents

1 pair shoes, 1.25

1/2 dozen bl. ates, 16 1/2 cents

(This reminds us that the half-cent was  
coined in that time)

1/2 gal. gin, 45 cents

6 lbs. coffee, 1.62

It seems that not only have the descendants of this fine family been increased but also the prices.

#### THE HENRY COTTLE FAMILY

Henry Cottle was born 3 May 1822, one of ten children at Horsley, Gloucestershire, England, from the parents, William Cottle and Ann Adams, whose progenitors have been traced back three further generations to Richard.

Henry was a miner by trade, 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighted 180 pounds. He had blue eyes and dark hair. He married Elizabeth Brettell 14 November 1819. They had four young children, George, Thomas Edward, William Henry and Ann, all born in Dudley, Staffordshire, England. As a young family they found passage to America. He and his family traveled through Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming.

It was in Wyoming near Laramie that the group was attacked by Indians on 24 July 1866. His wife, Elizabeth, was taken prisoner and never seen again. Her mother, Mary Round, was killed and her father, Jessie Brettell died three weeks later from tomahawk wounds. Henry and Elizabeth's child, George, was also killed and their daughter, Annie, was shot in the back with arrows but lived because of a heavy, thick overalls she wore. Henry himself was shot and left for dead but he lived and with the other survivors made their way to Utah. Later in life he moved to Sacramento, California and there died of consumption on 19 December 1872. He was not known to have married again.

Through his three remaining children he is progenitor of approximately 316 descendants found mostly in Canada and the Western States, ranging in names from Bachman to Stock.

Excerps from forthcoming history of the American Cottles.

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