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MRS. ROLLIN C. COOPER

(Wife of Cooperstown's Founder)

Emma C. Hutchin was born in West Elkton, Ohio on July 13, 1851 and spent her early youth in that locality.

In the early '60s she with her parents and sister, Grace, journeyed to Colorado, then known as "Pike's Peak", by wagon train, being among the early pioneers of that state and sharing the vicissitudes incident to the uprisings of the Indians during which many settlers were massacred and all of them passed through harrowing experiences.

On September 14, 1870 she was married to Rollin C. Cooper of Pueblo, Colorado and went at once to her new home in that city where ten years were spent. Two sons, born while in this home, passed away in infancy.

In 1880 Mr. and Mrs. Rollin C. Cooper came to Dakota Territory where once again they found themselves on the front line of pioneering and became active in the life establishment of church, school and social life in the community. Mrs. Cooper was called the "Mother of the Congregational Church" at Cooperstown. She was the first president of the W.C.T.U. at Cooperstown which was organized mainly by her efforts. (This organization is still active at Cooperstown.)

Mrs. R. C. Cooper died at Cooperstown, N. D. in October 1929. An adopted daughter passed away in 1911 at the age of 27 years. Miss Grace Hutchin, the sister of Mrs. R. C. Cooper resides at St. Petersburg, Florida.

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