

Holcombe, Ernest Prosser	d. 13 Apr 1914	53 yrs.	R5/20
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The Evening Star, April 14, 1914, p. 8

Suicide By Shooting Is Verdict of the Coroner

Violent Death of Ernest P. Holcombe, Indian Service Employe, Changed to Despondency

"Suicide by shooting" was the verdict of Coroner Nevitt yesterday afternoon after he had investigated the violent death of Ernest Prosser Holcombe, fifty-three years old, chief supervisor in the Indian service, whose body was found in a room at the National Hotel.

Clutched in his right hand, the police state, was the weapon with which the supervisor had shot himself in the head. A domestic in the hotel discovered the dead body in the room notified a clerk and the latter summoned a policeman.

Coroner Nevitt later visited the hotel, made an investigation and reached the conclusion that Holcombe had committed suicide. No note of explanation was left by the dead man, so far as the police were able to ascertain, although it is possible that he wrote messages to his wife and others and mailed them shortly before he took his life.

Holcombe came here last Thursday to transact business with the Interior Department officials relative to his duties. It is stated, and official papers found in the room were sealed by Coroner Nevitt and turned over to government officials.

Native of Alexandria

Maj. James McLaughlin of the Indian service and Mr. Halcombe occupied the room in which the tragedy was enacted. He was shocked when he learned of the tragic death of his friend and was unable to suggest a reason for the deed. He thought Mr. Holcombe was preparing to return to Denver, Col., where he was stationed, and where his wife last night was notified of his death.

The deceased was a native of Alexandria, Va. He had been in the government service for twenty years, it is stated, and was at one time connected with the main office of the commissioner of Indian affairs. Friends say the recent despondency and suicide probably resulted from illness.

Miss Elizabeth Holcombe, a sister of the deceased, residing at the Riggs apartments, near 15th and P streets northwest, was notified of the tragedy. She notified a brother in New York, and the latter came here today to arrange for the funeral.

Holcombe, Florence	d. 8 Feb 1878		Vault
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Holcombe. In this city on the 8th of February, 1878 Florence Holcombe, only daughter of Mrs. Sara M. Holcombe and the late Lieut. A.A. Holcombe, U.S.N. The funeral will take place from her late residence, No. 224 Second street s.e. on Monday, 11th inst., at 3 o'clock p.m. Friends are invited.

Holcombe, George	b. Mar 1786 - d. 14 Jan 1828	44 yrs.	R31/50
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Biographical Directory of the United States Congress 1774-1989

A Representative from New Jersey; born in West Anwell (now Lambertsville), Huntington County, N.J. in March 1786; completed preparatory studies and was graduated from Princeton College in 1805; attended the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania; later studied medicine in Trenton, N.J. and was granted a license by the Medical Society of New Jersey; practiced medicine in Allentown, N.J., 1805-1815; held several local offices; member of the State general assembly in 1815 and 1816; elected as a Democrat to the 17th through 20th Congresses and served from March 4, 1821, until his death in Allentown, N.J., January 14, 1828; interment in the Congressional Cemetery.

The National Intelligencer, January 21, 1828

At his residence in Allantown, Monmouth County, New Jersey on Monday morning last, of consumption, the Hon. George Holcombe, a member of the House of Representatives, for the State of New Jersey, in the Congress of the United States. Dr. Holcombe was advantageously known to the public as an excellent physician, a man of honor and integrity, a poet, a scholar, and a gentleman. The urbanity of his manners, the general correctness of his conduct, the concinnity of his address, and the amiableness of his temper and disposition, endeared him to a large circle of friends and acquaintances, and challenged the admiration and esteem of society.

He was humane, generous, and benevolent. His heart melted into tenderness at the distresses and sufferings of his fellow men, and his hand was always open for their relief. His private virtues were unostentatious and exemplary, and his charities were as numerous as the occasions that called his noble sympathies into exercise. As a husband, he was kind, as a father, brother, and son, he was tender and affectionate; as a friend, he was faithful; and as a gentleman, he was accomplished.

Name	Birth/Death	Age	Range/Site
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The citizens of New Jersey will remember his worth and his services, and mingle their tears with those of the worthy family that mourn his loss.

[The large circle of the inhabitants of this city who had the pleasure of Dr. Holcombe's acquaintance, during his service in Congress, will cordially assent to the justness of the character given to him above, and sincerely lament his decease.]

Holcombe, Sarah M.	d. 13 Apr 1886	72 yrs.	Watterston Vlt.
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Holcomb. On the morning of the 13th of April, 1886, Mrs. Sara M. Holcomb, aged seventy-two, widow of the late A.A. Holcomb, U.S.N. Funeral will take place at her late residence, No. 224 Second street southeast, On Thursday, April 15th at 3 p.m. Friends are invited to attend.