

# Lewis and Harry Garrison

## *Among the First Five Pupils of the Dakota Territorial School for the Deaf and Mute*



Lewis Edward Garrison (December 3, 1870 – October 17, 1915) was born in St. Joseph County, Michigan, to George and Elizabeth Garrison. By the 1880 United States Census, he was living with his family in Hanson County, Dakota Territory, along with several siblings, including his younger brother Harry Holly Garrison.

Lewis and his brother Harry were both enrolled at the school on December 31, 1880, placing Lewis among the First Five Pupils during the school's earliest period. Lewis attended the school until 1889.

After leaving the school, Lewis resided in Denver, Colorado, where city directories list his occupation as a paper hanger.

Lewis Edward Garrison died on October 17, 1915, in Troutdale, Multnomah County, Oregon, at the age of 44. Newspaper notices report that private funeral services were held at the Mt. Scott Park Cemetery Crematorium Chapel in Portland, Oregon. His death records list the cause of death as pulmonary tuberculosis, and indicate that he was not married.



Harry Holly Garrison (January 5, 1873 – November 13, 1944) He later became one of the earliest former pupils to actively preserve and document the school's history.

Harry was born in St. Joseph County, Michigan, to George and Elizabeth Garrison. By the 1880 United States Census, he was living with his family in Hanson County, Dakota Territory, along with several siblings, including his brother Lewis Edward Garrison.

Harry and his brother Lewis enrolled at the school on December 31, 1880, placing Harry among the First Five Pupils. He attended during the school's earliest years and left in 1890.

As an adult, Harry remained closely connected to SDSD. In February 1907, he wrote an article documenting early school history. He also located the previously lost grave of Josephine Berry, wife of founder Rev. Thomas B. Berry, helping preserve an important part of the school's early history.

Harry later lived in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he worked as a cabinet maker. He married Martha Goetz on July 1, 1913, and they had three children: Harry Holly Garrison Jr., Flora Harriet Garrison, and Irene Victoria Garrison.

Harry Holly Garrison died on November 13, 1944, in Saint Paul, Minnesota, of heart failure. He was buried at Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Montevideo, Minnesota.

