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The Family History of  
Payton L. Holloway  
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## GENERATION ONE

Payton lane Holloway (1997- ) was born at the West Plains Regional Hospital in Dodge City, Kansas, in 1997 to Byron Eugene Holloway (1962- ) and Tyconda Lynn Holloway (1965- ). Payton's birth was relatively normal, coming out on time with a weight of 8 pounds 9 ounces<sup>1</sup>. During infancy Payton had Infantile Colic which means he would cry for extended periods of time<sup>2</sup>. He is the younger brother of Trenton John Holloway (1994- ).

In his first few years, Payton and the rest of the Holloway family lived in Dodge City, Kansas. Byron worked at Dodge City International, a semi-truck dealership, and Tyconda worked at Dodge City Medical Center as an ophthalmologist assistant. In 1998 the Holloway family purchased Duke, a black labrador retriever.

Wanting to raise their kids in a smaller town, Tyconda and Byron moved the family 24 miles southwest to Byron's hometown of Montezuma, Kansas in 2000. During the move they sent Duke to live with Linda Holloway, Byron's mother, since the new house did not have a fence to keep Duke in. Later that year Payton and Trenton each adopted a kitten. Payton's named his kitten Scooby-Doo, owing the the fact that he was a very big fan of the cartoon. Trenton named his Simba, after the character from The Lion King.

When he was four years old, Payton enrolled in pre-school. This pre-school was located in the basement of one of the local churches. It was there that he would meet his oldest friend, Carson Skidmore. Payton and Carson would play together every day at the pre-school. They would also hang out regularly outside of school thanks to the fact that Carson's grandmother live a couple houses down from Payton which made it easy to meet up.

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<sup>1</sup> Personal knowledge of the author, Payton L. Holloway.

<sup>2</sup> Colic: Facts, Causes and Treatment. (2017, June 25). Retrieved from <http://americanpregnancy.org/first-year-of-life/colic/>

When he was old enough, Payton was enrolled into the public kindergarten in Montezuma. In kindergarten Payton would once again be in school with Carson, and he would also meet other good friends of his including Michael Baeza and Peter Martens. During the summers of his early years Payton went to daycare at the house of a local woman he referred to as Aunt Stacy. Carson also went to daycare here so he and Payton were able to hang out even more. One of Payton's most vivid memories of Aunt Stacy's was the day Carson snuck out through the fence. Payton and Carson didn't enjoy being there that much, so one day when they discovered that one of the fence boards was loose and could be moved to the side, Carson decided to sneak out head home. Payton wanted to join him but was scared of getting into trouble so he stayed behind. Payton doesn't remember what regarding the parent's feelings about the escape.

When Payton was 5 or 6, his parents had to send his cat Scooby-Doo to Byron's sister's house. This was because Scooby-Doo kept defecating in Payton's closet and it was becoming a problem. Also the aunt lived in the country so the cat wouldn't be inside often. It wasn't until a few years after this that the Holloway's discovered that Scooby-Doo was a female cat and not a male one like they had originally thought. They discovered this by being told that she was pregnant, and later becoming pregnant again, and again, and again, often times being impregnated by her older offspring.

In second and third grade Payton played recreational soccer though he didn't enjoy it that much. In fourth grade he started playing recreational football in the fall and basketball in the winter. Given that he as one of the taller and bigger children on the teams he played the appropriate positions. In football he played defensive lineman and offensive lineman and in basketball he played one of the post positions.

Payton was a pretty good student though he wasn't the biggest fan of school. He received his first B grade in fourth grade. His favorite subjects were History and Math, the love for math would fade as he got older and the math got more complex. In 5th grade his whole class took a band class and got to pick their instruments. For an unknown reason the band teacher didn't let anyone play a string instrument so Payton chose drums. since he was a fan of classic rock music and drums were an important part of that genre.

In junior high, Payton attended South Gray Junior High. Though South Gray High School was located in Montezuma, the junior high was located in Copeland, Kansas which meant that Payton had to take a bus to and from school. In junior high Payton would meet more of his close friends, these are people lived in Copeland and thus went to a Copeland's elementary school.

In 6th grade Payton was still playing rec. football since sixth graders were not allowed to play on the junior high team. They were allowed to play basketball and track, so Payton did. In seventh grade he finally was able to play junior high football. Since he attended such small school, they only played with 8 players per team on the field at a time instead of the normal 11. He also continued to play basketball and track. During track season he threw shot-put and discus. In eighth grade, Payton's football team went undefeated, however, during the last game of the season Payton broke his ankle after the largest player on the opposing team landed on it while making a tackle. Due to this injury Payton was unable to play basketball or track that year.

In high school Payton stopped taking band as an elective. To fill the time slot he studied French for two years as his foreign language credit. Sports wise he only played basketball, making the varsity team his junior and senior years. In his senior year the basketball team made to Class 2A state tournament which took place at Kansas State's Bramlage Coliseum in Manhattan, Kansas. During the winter homecoming game Payton was chosen as homecoming king by his peers. Throughout his junior and senior years Payton took multiple dual credit courses through Dodge City Community College.

Payton decided to head to the other side of Kansas for college by attending Pittsburg State University. At first he was a Graphics and Imaging Technologies major though he decided it was not for him. He changed his major to Communications with an emphasis in Broadcasting.

In figure 4.9, of *Century of Difference: How America Changed in the Last One Hundred Years* "Married-Couple Households, by Year, Education, and Age" indicates the percentage of people who live in married-couple households over the years. Fischer and Hout divide this figure into three graphs, giving more clarity to the numbers based on particular age ranges. The first graph is based around 0-17 year olds.

This shows through history most people with a college degree in this age group lived in a married household. Over time however, the percentage drops as it does with the descending levels of education. This one also shows just over half 0-17 year olds in 2000 lived in a married couple household. The second graph focuses on 30-44 year olds. It shows a similar progression over time but the level of education seems to have less impact. The Exception once again being those with no diploma, who seem to generally not live in married households. The third one is for 65 and older. This one still has percentages descend as education level descends but overall keeps going up over time, unlike the other two. Once again the exception being those with no diploma, who go up for a little bit then start going down.<sup>1</sup>

Payton Holloway grew up in a small town in Southwest Kansas with two parents with Associates degrees. Neither of his parents were very good in school yet they placed a good importance on the benefits of education. His parents have always remained happily married. However, his maternal grandparents got divorced and neither of them had any sort of college degree. His paternal grandparents lived together until his paternal grandfather died shortly after Payton was born. Both his paternal grandparents had college degrees.

Growing up, most of Paytons friends lived in a married-couple household. There were a few divorces over his childhood. One that he remembers came from a couple that both held college degrees, though that came when three of their four children were graduated from high school. Most of his other friends continued living in a married couple household over their childhood and at least one has gotten married since high school, and so thus once again lives in a married couple household. However, a lot of his friends growing up either did not attend or dropped out of college and currently do not live in married couple households.

1. Claude S. Fischer and Michael Hout, *Century of Difference; How America Changed in the Last One Hundred Years* (New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2006), 82.

## GENERATION TWO

- A1a. Tyconda Lynn Thomas (1965- )**  
**A1b. Byron Eugene Holloway (1962- )**

Payton's Mother, Tyconda Thomas grew up in Dodge City, Kansas. To be more specific she grew up in Fort Dodge which is just outside of Dodge City. She grew up with her mother and father and two sisters. Her mothers name was **Thelma May Nuss (1943-2014)** and Her fathers name was **Jack Reese Thomas (1943-1995)**. She was the oldest of her the Thomas siblings and was asked to help take care of her younger sisters often.

When she was 11 years old her parents divorced and her father moved back to his hometown in Tennessee. Tyconda remained in Dodge City with her mother, though her responsibilities increased. As her mother was single at the time and was only bringing in a single income, money was tight around the household. This meant that Tyconda was unable to participate in the finer things in life.

Over the summers growing up, she would travel to Tennessee to stay with her father and his side of the family. She enjoyed this time because it allowed to kick back and relax. It also allowed her to enjoy some southern style comfort food prepared by her aunt Betty who she swears is the best cook ever. She enjoyed going the local swimming hole and spending her summer days splashing around.

When Tyconda got older she needed to get a job over the summer. She first started as a nanny for a family in Connecticut. She enjoyed spending time with the child she took care of but she was not fond of the child's mother. She felt like she cared for the child more than the mother did and resented her for it. After that job she came back to Southwest Kansas and went to college. She attended Dodge City Community College where she received an associates degree in cosmetology. During this time, her mother had set her up with a young man that she worked with. His name was **Byron Eugene Holloway (1962- )**. They began dating and would eventually get married.

Tyconda would not work in cosmetology long, as she grew tired of it and preferred working at the Dodge City Medical Center. There she worked as an assistant to the optometrist. After a while



of being married Byron and Tyconda decided to have a child. In 1994 they had their first son Trenton. At this point they were living in a trailer house on the outskirts of Dodge City. Then in 1997 they would have their second and final child, Payton.

In 2000 they decided to pack up and move 30 miles southwest to Byron's hometown of Montezuma, Kansas. There they would settle on a house in a quiet neighborhood of the small town of less than 1000. Tyconda then began work at the Montezuma clinic as a secretary. That same year she and her family would adopt two kittens, Simba and Scooby-doo. Scooby-doo would not be around the Holloway household for too long but Simba would become a staple and very close member of the family. As her children got older and participated in more events, Tyconda wanted to have more flexibility with her schedule, so she started a new job where she was her own boss. She began to sell Mountain Man products. She would go around to towns in the area and sell the food products at local businesses. It was also nice for family road trips as snacks were always readily available.

In 2017, With both kids out of the house and in college, they decided to move back Dodge City as they were growing tired of Montezuma. While back in Dodge City Tyconda would meet new friends and spend more time doing activities for herself. This is where her story is all caught up.

**Byron Holloway** was born in 1962. He was born in Montezuma, Kansas to **Linda Kay Hearn (1943- )** and **Ronald Eugene Holloway (1941-1997)**. Growing up he loved to play sports and, living in the country he had freedom to play all kinds of things at his home. When he was old enough he would attend Montezuma grade school, home of the Indians. He was not fond of school work but would meet his life long best friend Mark Holderness. They would always play together growing up and would eventually work together at the same company.

In high school Byron had become quite the athlete. He was quite good at football, his favorite sport, and was a starter on the varsity team. However, his career would be cut short one night when, in the midst of a game he went up for an interception and when he landed, did so awkwardly and tore up his knee. This injury would plague him even into adulthood with longing knee pain that would eventually require replacements of both his knees.

After high school, Byron attended Dodge City Community College and received an associates degree in Automotive Technology. He would take this degree to work at Dodge City International as a mechanic. It was here that he has his best friend Mark would be reunited and remain for the rest of their lives so far. Eventually Byron would work his way up the ladder and become the parts manager for Dodge City International. While he was in the early stages of his career though, a coworker introduced him to her daughter, Tyconda Thomas. They would fall in love, marry, and have two sons.

### GENERATION THREE

**A1a1. Thelma May Nuss (1943-2014)**

**A1a2. Jack Reese Thomas (1943-1995)**

**A1b1. Linda Kay Hearn (1943- )**

**A1b2. Ronald Eugene Holloway (1941-1997)**

Thelma May Nuss was born in 1943. She grew up in Jetmore, Kansas. She grew up on a farm with her parents and 4 siblings. In her household family was very important, and family values even more so. Growing up she was taught the value of hard work and the importance of a faith in God.

She would eventually attend Jetmore Grade School and then Jetmore High School. After that she did not attend college and instead decided to move to nearby Dodge City and start working. She worked as a waitress for a few different restaurants in the City. During this time she would meet Jack Thomas. They would eventually fall in love and marry, and have 3 daughters.

After her 3 daughters were born, Thelma began work at Dodge City International. She worked as a secretary and loved messing with people around the office, often pulling pranks on people. While working here she would meet a young man that she thought would be perfect for her eldest daughter Tyconda.

In 1984 Thelma and Jack would divorce each other as their relationship had fizzled out they had grown to resent one another. Thelma would remarry in 1995 to John Langlois. With this marriage taking place at Thelma's grandchildren's young age and the fact that her ex-husband passed away two years later, Thelma's grandchildren would see John as their grandfather and refer to him as such. In 2014, Thelma would be hospitalized a couple of days before Thanksgiving. She had not lived the healthiest lifestyle regularly drinking diet Mountain Dew, which led to heart disease. She passed away Thanksgiving day, 19 years after her ex-husband who also died on Thanksgiving day.

Jack Reese Thomas was born in 1943 in Vonore, Tennessee. Vonore is a small town in western Tennessee at the meeting of the Little Tennessee River and the Tellico River. In 1819, the Cherokee signed the Calhoun Treaty, thereby handing over modern day Monroe County (which includes Vonore) to the

United States. Shortly after Monroe County was established.<sup>2</sup> He would eventually move to Dodge City, Kansas and meet Thelma Nuss. They would eventually fall in love and have three daughters. However, they would eventually grow to despise each other and divorce.

After the divorce, Jack moved back to Vonore to be closer to his family. His daughters would visit over the summers to spend time with him. He never remarried. He died in 1995 on Thanksgiving day, 19 years before his ex-wife would pass on the same holiday.

Linda Kay Hearn was born in 1943 in Stafford, Kansas. She had one sibling, a brother. As she got older she attended Stafford High School. She did not attend college after that. She would eventually meet her husband Ronald Holloway. They lived in Fowler, Kansas for a while where Ronald was a school teacher and Linda was a bank teller.

When they decided to settle down and start a family they moved to Montezuma, Kansas where Ronald found another teaching job and Linda began work at Montezuma State Bank where she would work until retirement. They had two children together Byron and Christi. They lived in a house out in the country so as to have some freedom from the goings on in town.

Ronald would pass away in 1997, two months after Linda and Ronald's third grandchild, Payton, was born. This left Linda heartbroken but more determined to spend time with her family, including the grandchildren. She would eventually remarry after meeting Junior Robertson. She currently lives in the country outside of Montezuma, Kansas.

Ronald Eugene Holloway was born in Fowler, Kansas where he would live most of his life. He was a good student and very much enjoyed school. So much so that he would eventually become a school teacher and work in that profession until he died in 1997.

He eventually met his future wife Linda Hearn and moved with her to Montezuma, Kansas. There they started a quite life with their two children Byron and Christi. He would continue to work as a teacher

2. Wikipedia, Venore, Tennessee.

at Montezuma High School. He passed away in 1997 from lung cancer as a result of smoking cigarettes for 30 plus years.

## GENERATION FOUR

**Ala1a. Francis Martha Nevelle (1917-1972)**

**Ala1b. Gayhard Alexandra Nuss (1913-1972)**

**Ala2a. Lizzie May Gilies (1917-1990)**

**Ala2b. Reese Robert Thomas (1916-1998)**

**Alb1a. Virginia Lenore Burris (1920-2007)**

**Alb1b. Donald Hearn (1919-1974)**

**Alb2a. Phyllis Madelene Gish (1920-2011)**

**Alb2b. Lyle Eugene Holloway (1920-1998)**

Little is known about any member of the fourth generation of Payton Holloway's family line. Francis Martha Nevelle was born in 1917 in Kansas though it is unknown where. She married Gayhard Nuss in 1939 and they had 5 children. She later died in 1972.

Gayhard Alexander Nuss was born in 1913 in Kansas though it is unknown where. He married Francis Nevelle in 1939 and they had 5 children. He later died in 1972 shortly after his wife passed away.

Lizzie May Gilies was born in 1917 in Vonore, Tennessee. She married Reese Robert Thomas in 1942 and they had 3 children. She later died in 1990.

Reese Robert Thomas was born in 1916 in Vonore, Tennessee. He married Lizzie May Gilies in 1942 and they had 3 children. He later died in 1998.

Virginia Lenore Burris was born in 1920 in Stafford, Kansas. She married Donald Hearn in 1948 and they had 2 children. She later died in 2007.

Donald Hearn was born in 1919 in Stafford, Kansas. He married Virginia Lenore Burris in 1948 and they had 2 children. He later died in 1974.

Phyllis Madeline Gish was born in 1920 in Dodge City, Kansas. She married Lyle Holloway in 1946 and they had 2 children. She later died in 2011.

Lyle Holloway was born in 1920 in Fowler, Kansas. He married Phyllis Gish in 1946 and they had 2 children. He later died in 1998.