

Lady Jane of Cook County

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Named for my great, great grandmother Jane Northcott who, after an eventful life in England, emigrated to Cook County, Illinois in her mid-sixties. She had an illegitimate son (my ancestor Charles) with a local Somerset lawyer, then married, moved to London and had five more children (including twins who died in their first year) before her husband died aged 32. I've named her Lady Jane, and although we can't know what kind of people our ancestors were, I imagine her as having great courage and have written her a gritty kind of tune.