

COPE

Andrew and Susan Cope

5g-grandparents

What little is known of Andrew Cope is gleaned from tax lists and census records. He was born about 1765, perhaps in Tennessee where his first child was born. He married a woman named Susan about 1785 and they had five children:

- Andrew Jesse Cope, born about 1790
- Lavina Cope, born in 1796
- Andrew Cope, Jr., born in 1798
- Chaney Cope, born in 1800
- Edy Cope, born in 1802

From 1803 to 1809, Andrew Cope appears on the tax lists of Knox County, Kentucky so the family must have moved there in 1802 or 1803. In 1810 and 1820, the family is found in the census records of Clay County, Kentucky.

It is presumed that Andrew Cope died in Clay County before 1930. Nothing further is known about his wife Susan.

Sources and Related Information

- Robert E. Lane manuscript "Descendants of Andrew Cope"
- U.S. census records – 1810, 1820
- Tax records of Knox County, Kentucky

Andrew Jesse Cope and Nancy Spurlock

4g-grandparents

Andrew Jesse Cope was born about 1790 in Tennessee, the first child of Andrew and Susan Cope. He apparently moved with his family to Knox County, Kentucky about 1803 and then to Clay County, Kentucky by 1810. He became a farmer.

Nancy Spurlock was born in 1797, also in Tennessee. Her parents were William and Elizabeth Spurlock. The family must have, at some point, moved to Kentucky.

Andrew and Nancy were married about 1815. They had ten children:

- Luchana Cope, born in 1816
- Andrew Jackson Cope, born on March 24, 1818
- William H. Cope, born in 1820
- Elizabeth Cope, born in 1822
- Nancy Cope, born in 1823
- Susannah Cope, born in 1824
- David Cope, born in 1826
- Craig Cope, born in 1829
- Mary Cope, born in 1830
- Ambrose Cope, born in 1833

Nancy (Spurlock) Cope died April 11, 1853 in Knox County, Kentucky. Andrew Jesse Cope appeared in the 1860 census in the household of his son, Andrew Jackson Cope, and died some time after that.

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- Robert E. Lane manuscript "Descendants of Andrew Cope"
- U.S. census records – 1810, 1860
- Tax records of Knox County, Kentucky

Andrew Jackson Cope and Winnie Lewis

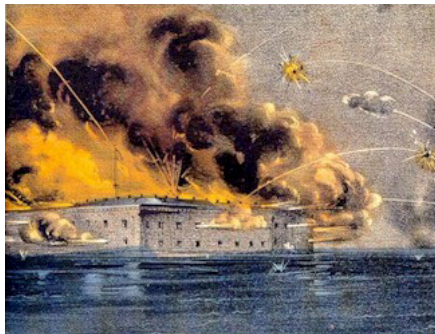
3g-grandparents

Andrew Jackson Cope, the eldest son of Andrew Jesse Cope and Nancy Spurlock, was born in Harlan County, Kentucky on March 24, 1818. He appears to have been referred to as "Jack."

Winnie Lewis was born about 1823. The names of her parents are unknown. The location of her birth has been "possibly" identified as both Virginia and North Carolina.

Andrew Jackson Cope and Winnie Lewis were married on December 7, 1844 in Knox County, Kentucky. They owned land on Red Bird Creek and had five children:

- William Cope, born on February 11, 1845
- Mary J. Cope, born on October 28, 1846
- Wylie Cope, born on June 12, 1850
- Jesse Cope, born on September 11, 1855
- Nancy Cope, born on June 26, 1857



*The attack on Fort Sumter
(origin of picture unknown)*

On April 12, 1861, South Carolina militia forces, under the command of General Pierre Beauregard, attacked Fort Sumter, the federal garrison in the harbor at Charleston, South Carolina. The American Civil War officially began.

Loyalties were divided in Kentucky. Men enlisted in both the Union and Confederate armies. "Jack" joined the 7th Kentucky Volunteer Infantry on the Union side. He enrolled on August 20, 1861 and was mustered in at Camp Dick Robinson on September 22 as a sergeant in Company I. The regimental history shows two engagements during his time of service:

- October 21, 1861 - Battle of Camp Wildcat at Rockcastle Hills, Laurel County Kentucky
- March 21-23, 1862 - Skirmish at Cumberland Gap, Tennessee

Jack was wounded, presumably at Cumberland Gap, and was discharged from the army on April 26, 1862 at Cumberland Ford, Kentucky.

There is conflicting information on the death of Winnie (Lewis) Cope, but she appears to have died while her husband was at war, on February 14, 1862.

Not a Namesake

Andrew Jackson, 7th
President of the United
States served the office
from 1829 to 1837.

Jack remarried the following year, on January 6, 1863, in Knox County, Kentucky to Rachel Honeycut, sometimes referred to as "Sarah." Rachel Honeycut was born in 1826 in North Carolina.

Soon after the marriage, the family moved to Indiana. Family lore says that the move was to escape "persecution" from Kentucky rebels. In Indiana, two boys were added to the family:

- Thomas Cope, born on April 25, 1866
- Andrew Jackson Cope Jr., born in 1869

Andrew Jackson "Jack" Cope died on December 15, 1873 in Orange County, Indiana and was buried in Elon Cemetery, Orange County.

In the 1880 census, the household consisted of Rachel (Honeycut) Cope and children Mary, Thomas and Andrew.

In 1910, Rachel was living with her daughter-in-law, Martha Ford Cope. Rachel died on April 22, 1912.

Sources and Related Information

- Maurice Baxter
- Robert E. Lane manuscript "Descendants of Andrew Cope"
- U.S. census records – 1860, 1870, 1880 and 1910
- Land records of Clay County, Kentucky
- "Kentucky in the Civil War" website
- "Don't Know Much About History" by Kenneth C. Davis, published 1995 by Avon Books

The COPE line ends with Nancy Cope, who married Richard FORD.