

OLYMPIA HOTEL
{ also known as the Wayside Inn }

Carp Lake, Emmet County, Michigan

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CARP LAKE LAND MARK, NEARLY 80 TO BE RAZED FOR HIGHWAY WORK

By Marlene Cook

The former Olympia Hotel now known as the Wayside Inn, which has stood at Carp Lake for nearly 80 years, is being torn down to make way for rerouting of US-31.

The original building was built by J. D. Rowden in 1882.

The Olympia Hotel, which was located on the crossroads of the Indian Trail from Cross Village, was purchased by Oliver C. Cope in 1898 and was operated first as a hotel. In its time it was a combination store, hotel, post office, railroad ticket office, then in about 1945 it housed a restaurant.

In May, 1899, Raviloh Cope and Sam Carlton married in the Olympia, and 50 years ago Oct. 1, Miss Henrietta Cope exchanged vows with Arthur Mosier in the Olympia, which was owned by their father.

The Olympia was the first building of any size and architectural structure to be built in Carp Lake area. The lumber in the building was taken from the timber of its builder and designer Mr. Rowden, and the lumber was sawed in his own mill. The building is constructed of pine and hemlock.

Mrs. Carlton recalled the first passenger train through Carp Lake; the tracks run beside the Olympia and the passenger run was July 4, 1882.

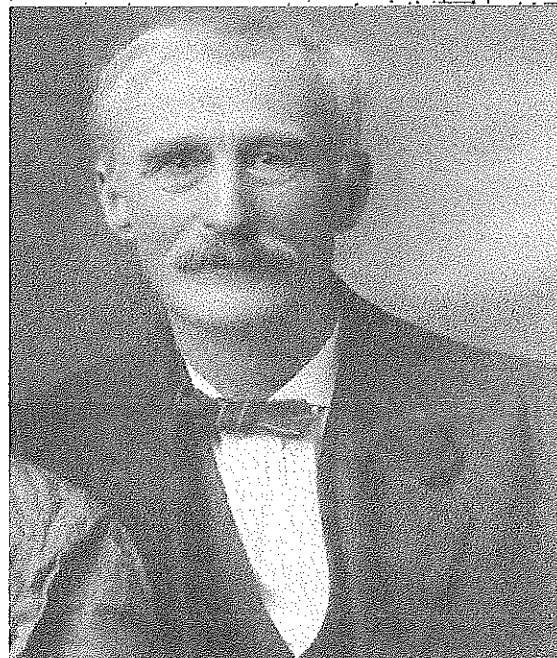
Mrs. Carlton and Mrs. Mosier

purchased the Olympia from their father in 1925 and were proprietors of the establishment until it was sold to Paul Jordon of Carp Lake in 1945. Jordon added a restaurant as a part of the hotel.

Old timers remember "the good old days" when square dancing was held upon the floors of the old hotel, and Carp Lake was a lumbering town, with the Olympia as the center of activities.

Mrs. Bernice Cameron of Pellston and her son Ben, who have purchased the building, are planning to convert the salvaged material into a new home and beauty shop. An oddity in the story is the coin found by Mrs. Cameron, it is an 1882 Indian head penny—the year the Olympia was built.

Mrs. Cameron recently completed a course at a Traverse City beauty academy.



OLIVER C. COPE

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Extracted Find-A-Grave records Oliver C. Cope

Birth: Dec. 10, 1844
Death: May 4, 1918

Oliver C. Cope, son of Frederick John and Hannah Catherine Cope, was born December 10, 1844, in Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. The C. in his name was only an initial and didn't stand for a middle name.

He moved to Eaton County Michigan in 1876, and then to Emmet County in 1878. Oliver ran away from home to Pennsylvania, and joined the Army of the Potomac. He enlisted for service in the Union Army to fight in the Civil War on the first day of March, 1865. He was a private in Captain Harrah's Company, 101st Regiment of the Pennsylvania Volunteers Infantry.

He was honorably discharged at New Berne North Carolina, on June 25, 1865. This was during the time when men enlisted for a term of three months. Oliver applied for a pension for his service during the Civil War, on March 1, 1907. Oliver was described in his civil war papers as having a florid complexion, dark hair, brown eyes, and being 5 feet eleven inches in height. His occupation was listed as farmer.

Oliver married Sarah Elvira Shaffer in 1876 in Pittsburgh. They eloped, and moved to Charlotte, Michigan, where they started one of their many hotels and restaurants. They also had hotels in Oden and Levering, Michigan, and their last one was in Carp Lake, Michigan, the Olympia Hotel. Oliver and Ella owned a boat livery, and furnished driving horses for short trips around the lake. He helped build the railroad from Petoskey to the Straits of Mackinac. That railroad later carried passengers north to Mackinaw City for Mackinac Island, and south to Petoskey daily. It also carried the majority of the freight.

Family links:

Children:

Revilo Hannah Cope Carlton (1876 - 1970)*
Armour Trauger Cope (1878 - 1969)*
Frederick John Cope (1891 - 1918)*
Charles Thomas Cope (1894 - 1918)*



Mrs. Reviloh Carlton, Mrs. Henrietta Mosier and A. T. Cope stand in front of the old Olympia Hotel, known as the Wayside Inn in recent years and talk over old times when their father Oliver Cope was proprietor there. Mrs. Carlton recalls the time when the tiny tree she leans upon was a mere sapling. Mrs. Mosier was married there 50 years ago, October 4 and Cope reminds them that he was born in the Olympia. Behind them stands the building whibeing razed to make way for a new highway. The other photo shows the Olympia as it is today. {Photo by Marlene Cook}



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O. C. COPE OF CARP LAKE, DEAD
Was Pioneer in North End of County
Operated Hotels in Harbor Springs,
Carp Lake and Oden. Came Here in 1878

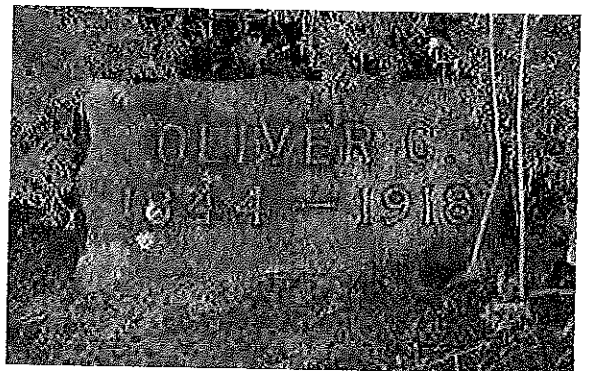
Oliver C. Cope, pioneer hotel man at Carp Lake and a resident at Levering for three years, is among the several Emmet county pioneers who have passed away this spring.

He died at his home in Levering Saturday night, May 4, and was buried in the Carp Lake cemetery Tuesday afternoon, May 6. He had been ill for six years from paralysis and for a year had suffered greatly. Several weeks ago he became suddenly worse and gradually weakened.

Mr. Cope came to Emmet county in the summer of 1878 and took up a homestead three and a half miles southwest of Carp Lake. Previous to that he resided in Eaton county two years, having moved there from the family home at Greensburg, Pa. After fourteen years on the farm he moved to Mackinaw City where he operated a meat market until 1892 when he moved to Harbor Springs where he was proprietor of the Emmet House. Two years later he purchased the Oden House at Oden and in 1898 also purchased the hotel at Carp Lake. He sold his Oden property in 1900 and spent some time in Arizona. Upon his return he operated the Carp Lake Hotel in summers and last year had a good business there.

Besides the widow he is survived by six children: Mrs. S. J. Carlton, Levering; A. T. Cope, Petoskey; Mrs. Katherine Cuchaine, Levering; Mrs. Arthur Mosier, Levering; Fred Cope, Carp Lake, and Charles Cope, Levering.

PLACE OF DEATH County <i>Emmet</i> Township <i>N. W. Berkey</i> Village of <i>Levering</i> City <i>Levering</i>		STATE OF MICHIGAN Department of State—Division of Vital Statistics CERTIFICATE OF DEATH Registered No. <i>4</i> If duly recorded in a hospital or in a place where the body is kept and recorded	
FULL NAME <i>Oliver C. Cope</i>			
PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MILITARY NOTIFICATION OF DEATH	
SEX <i>Male</i>	COLORED OR RACE <i>White</i>	MARRIAGE <i>Married</i>	HOME OF DEATH <i>May 4, 1918</i>
DATE OF BIRTH <i>December 10, 1844</i>		I HEREBY CERTIFY that I attended deceased from <i>Jan 1, 1917</i> to <i>May 4, 1918</i> , that I last saw deceased on <i>May 4, 1918</i> and that death occurred on the date stated above at <i>11 P.M.</i>	
OCCUPATION <i>Retired</i>		The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows: <i>Industrial hepatitis</i>	
PLACE OF BIRTH <i>Greensburg, Pennsylvania</i>		Contributory <i>Arteriosclerosis</i>	
NAME OF FATHER <i>Frederick J. Cope</i>		M.D. <i>W. C. Walker</i>	
PLACE OF DEATH <i>Levering, Mich.</i>		M.D. <i>W. C. Walker</i>	
NAME OF MOTHER <i>Harriet K. Cope</i>		M.D. <i>W. C. Walker</i>	
PLACE OF BIRTH <i>Levering, Mich.</i>		M.D. <i>W. C. Walker</i>	
THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE		PLACE OF BURIAL OR CREMATION <i>Carp Lake Cemetery</i>	
SIGNED <i>Mrs. S. J. Carlton</i>		DATE OF BURIAL <i>May 6, 1918</i>	
WITNESSED <i>Levering, Mich.</i>		ADDRESS <i>W. C. Walker, Levering</i>	
DATE <i>May 6, 1918</i>		SIGNATURE <i>W. C. Walker</i>	



OLIVER
1844 -- 1918
Carp Lake Cemetery

*"The Maples" Date unknown
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