



HONORING YOUR ANCESTORS

A COOPER-MILLER MYSTERY

Researching the people buried in Mount Olivet is a journey that takes me back in time. One project, the life of Dr. Moses Cooper and Kate Miller-Cooper, has me stuck!

Moses Cooper, an English immigrant, arrived in America about 1865 and lived in

York County Veterans' Grave Registration Record for Dr. Moses Cooper. The record includes the following details:

NAME	Cooper, Dr. Moses	DATE OF BIRTH	1845	DATE OF DEATH	1888
VETERAN OF	Indian	SERVED IN		MARINE CORPS	
DATE OF SERVICE	1876/1885	ORGANIZATION	Dept. of Texas	RANK	Lt. Asst. Surgeon
CEMETERY	Mount Olivet	LOCATION		HEADSTONE	(X)
SECTION	B	LOT NO.	131	GOVERNMENT	()
INFORMATION GIVEN BY	Bradley	DATE	1-16-1936	MARKER	G A R

Washington D.C. as a boarder with the William G. Wilding family, also from England. (Source: 1870 U. S. Federal Census, Washington, District of Columbia) In 1874 Cooper graduated from Georgetown College Medical School in Washington, D. C. (Source: Georgetown University) The U. S. Army hired Moses to work as Lt. Assistant Surgeon in Texas from 1876 to 1885.

The Musselman Special Collections Department at Gettysburg College has a 35-box collection on Moses Cooper. I found Cooper's college graduation announcement of 1874 with a love note that he wrote to Kate Miller, who later became his wife:

"Dear Kate. I love you and offer to marry you as soon as I am able to support a wife. Please let me know as soon as you decide what you will do. I would like to talk with you about it the first opportunity. Ever yours, Cooper."

Kate Miller, daughter of German immigrants Yost Vormschlag Miller and Elizabeth Schuster, lived in Heidelberg Township, York County, Pennsylvania on Beck Mill Road. Cooper courted Kate for a few years before they married in 1883 in Hanover, according to the St. Matthew Lutheran Church records.

A son, Thomas Yost Cooper, was born in Texas in 1884. Moses died in 1888, and I still have yet to discover where and how he died.

The 1900 U. S. Federal Census for Hanover, Pennsylvania shows a niece, Mary E. Pfaff, possibly the daughter to Kate's sister Catherine Augusta, living with Kate. Mary E. eventually married a Henry Malkus of Hanover. So...

- Why was Kate in the Baltimore/Washington D. C. area in the 1870s?
- How did Kate and Moses meet?
- Where and how did Moses die?

On the Cooper gravestone are family names – Pfaff, Malkus, Cooper, Miller.

If you can help solve this mystery, send me your replies to volunteer@mtolivetcemeteryassociation.org.



This little cutie attended our Pet Memorial Service in September and didn't need coaxing to pose for a photo.



Pastor Kate Schroeder, St. Matthew Lutheran Church (left) and Father Ryan Fischer, St. Joseph Catholic Church (right) posed with Amy, Buddy (horse) and Tulsa (dog) following the Blessing of the Pets.

2017 Calendar

Dates and times of programs will be updated on our website.

- **Garden of Innocence**, Saturday, May 6, 2017, 11:00 AM
- **SSGT Jeremy Redding Bike to Remember**, Sunday, May 28, 2017, Time TBD
- **Memorial Day Program**, Monday, May 29, 2017 following Hanover's Memorial Day Parade
- **Pet Memorial Service and Pet Blessing**, Sunday, September 10, 2017, 2:00 PM
- **'We Salute Our Veterans' Observance**, Sunday, November 5, 2017, 2:00 PM
- **Wreaths Across America**, date and time TBD

NOTES FROM THE BOARD...

The Board of Directors for Mount Olivet Cemetery Association is proud to announce the addition to our office staff, Steve Long.

His career is in the field of information technology, and is proving to be an asset to our organization by streamlining the documentation of our records.

For years, the office has maintained records in a most cost effective way. However, it would only take one disaster to destroy these irreplaceable historic records.

Steve is a veteran of the U. S. Air Force and retired from the Conewago Valley School District. *Welcome, Steve.*

Mount Olivet Cemetery hosts numerous programs throughout the year, which benefit the families who entrust their loved ones to us and our community. However, there are significant costs that are incurred.

The overall maintenance of our cemetery continues. Because we are a non-profit organization, your tax deductible contributions help defray the expenses of large purchase items, daily expenses, and preservation of our historic cemetery.

This holiday season please consider making a donation to help defray the ever increasing expenses and to preserve our community's historic treasure.

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CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE



Imagine the Lucy Forney-Bittinger Chapel as the setting for an intimate wedding, or for a celebration of a loved one's life. It seats nearly 60 people, is a beautiful historic building, and would make a unique venue for any life celebration. Contact the cemetery office, 717-637-5294, to learn more.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

On Sunday, November 6, 2016 our community gathered to honor the men and women who served in our country's military. This year we were honored to have Jennifer Carter, Regent, Col. Richard McCalister Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution deliver a short presentation and invite us to the placing of a wreath at his gravesite. The Col. Richard McCalister Chapter celebrates its 90th year anniversary in 2017.



It is not too late to plan on attending the **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA** program, beginning at **11:50 AM on Saturday, December 17, 2016**, at the Garden of Honor at Mount Olivet Cemetery. Donations may still be made by contacting **Janet Albin** at **717-465-0550**, or **Laurie Menges** at **hanoverPAWAA@comcast.net** for more information.

For the first time, wreaths will be placed in the adjacent St. Joseph Catholic Church Cemetery! They are looking to expand to additional local cemeteries in 2017. Contact them to learn how you can help.



Right, the Garden of Honor at Mount Olivet Cemetery, built about 1994.



We used Facebook to promote our **VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE**. Starting the first Thursday in September through October, weekly blogs and Facebook posts highlighted veterans from the American Revolutionary War to today's military. Check out Mount Olivet Cemetery on Facebook, or Garden of Souls at Mount Olivet Cemetery blog.

FYI...Did you know that the Veterans Day Observance was held in 2006?