

I would like information to help trace Chirstian Cope's parents, if possible (it might not be). According to his unpublished biography by his son, William Henry Cope, we have this information:

Christian was born:

". . . in a log cabin located on what was known then as the Hensel Farm near Marion, Ohio, a baby boy was born. His parents, Heinrich and Christina Kopp, named him Christian."

"In the fourth year of his life his mother suddenly passed away."

". . . an epidemic of the Asiatic Cholera broke out in the community, and within a week's time Caroline, Catharine, and Lewie, baby of the family, died from the effects of the disease. The family then being broken up, Christian was bound out by his father to John and Mary Heiner of the adjoining neighborhood. At the same time Silas [elder brother] was hired by a farmer located in a community some distance away. Their father, Heinrich, then found employment on a ship sailing the Atlantic Ocean, and he was never heard from afterwards."

The above three excerpts are from pages 1 and 2 of "My Father, Christian Cope" by William Henry Cope, March 1946.

Christian Cope would have been seven years old when he began living with the Heiners, so his father, Heinrich Kopp, would have sailed away in about 1850.

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