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COOPER, CORNELIUS

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Cornelius Cooper was born in New York City, New York on April 16, 1840.

In 1857, his parents C. S. and Leah (Oreckebush) Cooper and himself moved to Bumont, New Jersey. Here he married Catherine Van Buskirk on May 5, 1860. Catherine (Van Buskirk) Cooper was born on February 11, 1844, in Hackensack, Bagin County, New Jersey. Cornelius and Catherine (Van Buskirk) Cooper lived in Hackensack until 1876. They came west to Owatanna, Minnesota where they lived for four years.

In 1889, they took a homestead in Little Sauk township. In 1895 they left the farm and spent a few years in the east. In 1902, they returned to Sauk Centre where they lived until their death.

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Cornelius Cooper enlisted in the 22nd New Jersey Infantry and served at the Battle of Lookout Mountain and in the Wilderness with Grant. Shortly after the Wilderness, he was discharged from service and enlisted again in 1865.

Six children were born to the Coopers, four are living they are: John, living on the home farm in Little Sauk; Mrs. Helena Van of Geddes, South Dakota, Mrs. Aletta Jaeger, of Canada; and Cornelius, Jr. of Madras, Oregon. Harry died in 1911. Lillie died at the age of two. There are eleven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Cornelius Cooper died on November 7, 1920. Catherine (Van Buskirk) Cooper died on April 15, 1925. She is buried in Greenwood Cemetery. Cornelius Cooper is buried in Oakland Cemetery.

Taken from: Sauk Centre Herald of November 11, 1920
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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COUNT HOUSE

FOR THE CORNELIUS COOPER BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK H. PAGE 230

Newton T. Richardson and Alletta Cooper

Married at Sauk Centre, June 30, 1883

By: Rev. E. B. Haskill

Witnesses: Alice E. Haskill and J. Billings

DEATH RECORD BOOK M. PAGE 13 LINE 462

Cornelius Cooper, Born in New York City, April 16, 1840

Son of C. S. Cooper and Leah Oreckebush

Died November 7, 1920

Age 80 years 6 months and 21 days