

Fred Wolverston Cope

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F. Wolverson
Cope second
from left



F.Wolverson
Cope is third
from right



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Timeline

Date	Details
1909	Born
1934	Geologist (Assistant Librarian)

Biographies and obituaries

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Obituary from [North Staffordshire Group of the Geologists' Association Bulletin no 54 July 2000](#)

Emeritus Professor F. Wolverson Cope, the founding Head of Keele's Geology Department, died at St. Bartholomew's Hospital on 4 May.

He was born on 30 July, 1909, at Macclesfield and attended the King's School there before moving to Manchester University, graduating with first-class Honours in 1931. After obtaining his MSc he was a Demonstrator at Bedford College, London, before joining the Geological Survey in 1934.

Cope's Survey work was mainly in Lancashire (where he discovered the Formby oil-field), Cheshire, Derbyshire and North Staffordshire, especially in the Carboniferous, and he augmented this with private research, earning the Geological Society's Daniel Pidgeon Fund (1937) and Murchison Fund (1948) and Manchester University's DSc (1946).

Appointed as Reader in Geology at the University College of North Staffordshire in 1950, he had to establish the Department, equipping it with both apparatus and specimens, and move it from Keele Hall and army huts into its present buildings in stages in 1954, 1957 and 1970.

He was promoted to Professor in 1953 and having had a broad education himself he enthusiastically supported the Keele 4-year course, including the Foundation Year and Subsidiary subjects. Moreover he believed in the unity of 'The Department' and provided the base from which his colleagues' research and teaching could prosper.

A member of the Geologists' Association since 1932, he was an early chairman of the North Staffs. Group and one of the earliest members of the Essex Group when he retired to Clacton-on-Sea in 1976. He toured Europe extensively in his caravan, always taking a keen interest in its geology and he published a paper on igneous rocks in the Peak District when he was 87 and revised guides to that area in 1998 and 1999.

Wolverson Cope married first during his Survey years, his wife, by whom he had a son and two daughters, dying in 1961, and secondly in 1962 to father another daughter.

He was awarded the Halstead Medal of the Geologists' Association this year and was to have received an Honorary DSc from Keele this summer.

A celebration of his life will be held at Keele later this year.

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