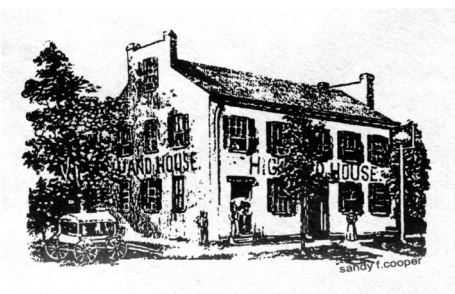




Caspar Wever Collins (1844-1865)

Caspar Wever Collins, son of Catharine and William Oliver Collins, was born in 1844. As a young child, Caspar developed a talent for art. At 17, he went with his father to the Dakota Territory to protect citizens and telegraph lines. Along the way, he recorded the sites in drawings and letters. He also made maps of most of the forts his father commanded. These were used officially by the War Department. On 30 June 1863, he was commissioned in the Army as a 2nd Lieutenant and became part of Co. G of the 11th Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. Lt. Caspar Collins was killed 26 July 1865 while escorting a wagon train to the Platte Bridge Station. Casper, Wyoming is named in his honor.

(photo is only known photo of Caspar—taken circa summer of 1853)



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