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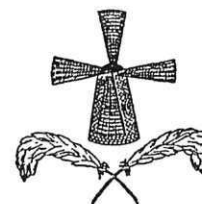
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*He who careth not whence he came,  
careth little whither he goeth.*

Why?

Why should we care who our ancestors were or where and how they lived and died?

Why spend thousands of hours digging through old records at libraries and court houses and walking countless miles through cemeteries?

Why bother to assemble these records and stories into a book that only a few people will find interesting enough to read completely?

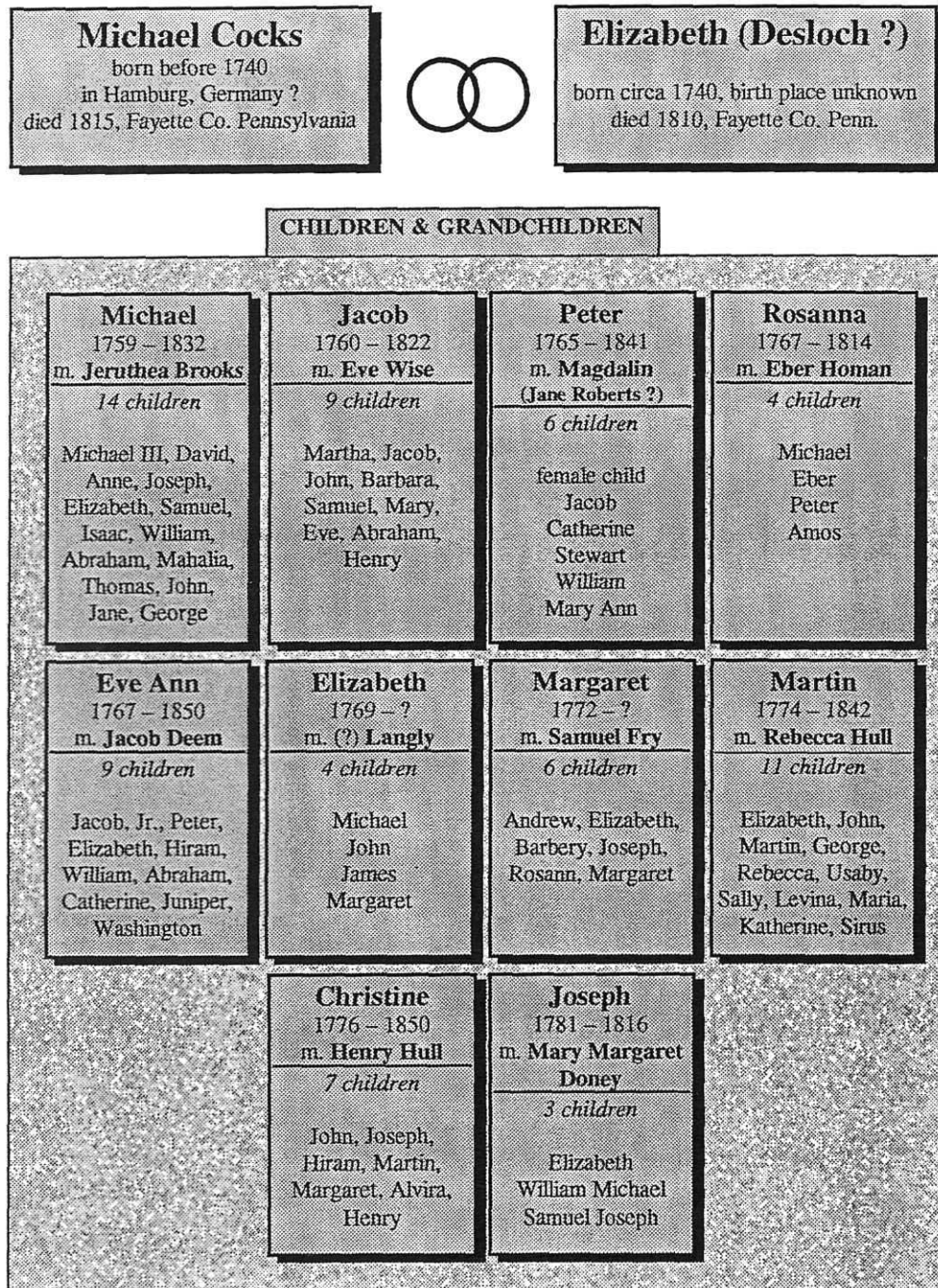
Why try to honor those who came together in love to produce us AFTER they have passed on, rather than before?

Beats me, but, why not?

Kenny Ray Cox

**Descent Chart 1: Michael Sr. & Elizabeth Cox, children & grandchildren**

(Note: Children are listed by best known order of birth, possible errors in dates concerning Rosanna, Eve Ann and Elizabeth.)





**Descent Chart 2: Line of descent from Michael Sr. & Elizabeth to Kenny Ray Cox**  
 (Note: Children are listed by known order of birth, possible errors in dates prior to 1860.)

<b>Michael</b> 1740? – 1815 m. <b>Elizabeth [?]</b> 1740? – 1810 <i>10 children</i>  Michael Jacob <b>Peter</b> Rosanna Eve Ann Elizabeth Margaret Martin Christine Joseph	<b>Peter</b> 1765 – 1841 m. <b>Magdalin [?]</b> 1774? – 1830? <i>6 children</i>  female child Jacob Catherine Stewart William Mary Ann	<b>Jacob</b> 1801 – 1885 m. <b>Jane Denman</b> 1804 ? – 1874 <i>9 children</i>  Suzanna Jacob F. Elisha D. Andrew Rebecca Jane Alpheus Samuel D. <b>Wm. Newton</b> Mary Ann
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<b>W<sup>m</sup> Newton</b> 1845 ? – 1896 ? m <sup>2</sup> <b>Ellen Adams</b> 1854 ? – 1896 ? <i>5 children</i>  Lydia Alethia Celestial E. <b>Wm Newton</b> Major  <i>plus 2 daughters by first marriage Laura &amp; Marinda</i>	<b>William N.</b> 1882 – 1966 m. <b>Frona Ann Maxwell</b> 1889 – 1964 <i>6 children</i>  Emanuel V. Allen Virgil <b>Marvin Wesley</b> Claudie Verble Alvie Lee Will Newton  <i>plus Frona's niece V. Maurine Ellis</i>	<b>Marvin W.</b> 1909 – 1984 m <sup>2</sup> <b>Anna Devota Hanks</b> 1913 – 1990 <i>2 children</i>  <b>Kenneth Ray</b> William Keith  <i>plus 1 son by first marriage Charles Wesley</i>	<b>Kenneth R.</b> b. 1940 m <sup>1</sup> <b>Terry Lynn Herren</b> b. 1940 <i>5 children</i>  Timothy Ray James Matthew David Wesley Daniel Lynn Steven Anthony  m <sup>4</sup> <b>Doris Gail Monholland</b> 1 son Christopher Paul
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## FOREWORD

by David W. Cox

The primary aim of this publication is to correct the numerous errors found in other genealogical research on the three eighteenth century men in southwestern Pennsylvania named Michael Cox. Often confused throughout history as having been one, or at best, two individuals, the compiler of this research sets out to prove their distinctness in the hopes that future researchers will not commit the same errors.

Whether spelled Cock, Cocks, Cocke, Cockes, Koch, Kocher, or Cox, the name usually spells out a real cocky character—a near prerequisite for pioneers, moving into rugged frontier lands. In one of my father's letters to me, he wrote, "*Our folks were slightly askew, tilted, different.*" Some of us Coxes are outright misfits, while others merely have gypsy feet. There have been prohibitionists and bootleggers alike; a few soldiers, a few Indian-fighters, a few watermelon peddlers. They have done odd things, and odd things have happened to them. These pages contain handsome stories demonstrating our characters' character.

Sometime between 1892 and 1896, a boy, named William Cox and his siblings were mysteriously separated from their parents. Presumably, young William never saw his parents again. He spent the rest of his childhood with an Indian family, whom he later left once adult. What were the secrets of his life? Who were his parents? How did the separation occur? Where, when and how did his parents die? Once my father began asking these questions, he then had to ask a whole host of others before ever being able to solve the mystery about his grandfather's origins. And this launched the book you hold in your hands.

Like so many other genealogical works, this work has the obvious aim of connecting the researcher to all his ancestors bearing the same name, as far back in history as possible. A second aim is to connect fellow Cox-researchers, and to place them in the family perspective. Thirdly, only hard, documented facts should find their way in these pages. Although in possession of hordes of "maybes", the researcher has excluded most of them in the interest of clarity.

However, the most intriguing hypotheses and unanswered questions have been retained. It is the "maybes" that spur us on to investigate and to find the truth out. Often, the discovery of completely unrelated information allows our imagination to take off, providing us with the "maybes," which may in turn, allow us to unravel the mysteries, and obtain the truth.

Paris, France

## **PREFACE**

by Kenny Ray Cox

The Michael Cox who married Lady Jeruthea Ann Brooks was by no means the son of Isaac, nor the son of Ruben, nor of Sir Peter Cox. Absolute, positive proof of this has been found. He was the son of Michael Cox (Cocks) Senior, and Elizabeth of Fayette County, Pennsylvania. According to Bucks County, Pennsylvania Reformed Church records, Elizabeth's maiden name was Desloch.

Family traditions usually have some truth to them, but often contain errors as well. While some hand-me-down family stories may have been helpful in our research, we have not relied on them. Nor have we relied on other genealogists' conclusions that lack solid documentation. What this book offers is proof of the above assertion backed by previously unpublished documentation.

Some documents have been printed before, but were overlooked or neglected by older family historians. In this category are militia records concerning periods before, during and after the American Revolution. These records reveal that there were at least three men of the name of Michael Cox in that same general area of southwestern Pennsylvania. They all served in the Revolution. The terms "Junior" and "Senior" were used to distinguish between our two men. No such term was used for the "other" Michael Cox, on whom there is little available information.

This "other" Michael Cox outlived both of our Michael Cox men, and he was able to apply for, and receive, a pension for his military service. Up to now, records of these three men have been mixed together, causing much confusion among their descendants attempting to research their family history.

To straighten out this mess, this book offers the previously misfiled court house documents as well as other quality documents. Also included, are allied lines of descent provided by several other historians. This book offers the newly treated court house documents as well as other documents of quality in the hopes of rectifying previous errors and erasing confusion.

Although my line of descent is from Peter Cox (who left few traces), and not from Michael, Jr. and Jeruthea Cox, I have found so much material on them, and on so many of their descendants, and have visited their farm and learned to love John Cox who still operates this farm with his lovely wife, Emily, I felt compelled to include all that I have.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I've been quite lucky to find other historians who have researched the children of Michael and Elizabeth. Trimmed portions of their carefully documented work will be found throughout this book. Readers may wish to contact the researchers directly for more ample information.

Cindy Cox Mathis's work was the first I dug into. Then Linda Moore pitched in before I wrote "Watermelon Kings" (included in this publication). As I continued my research over the years, I eventually came across information on Vaught and Maxwell ancestors.

Michael Cox Junior and Jeruthea Ann Brooks left many records that were kept through the years as the farm was handed down to each generation. Thanks to John and Emily Cox for keeping these records and allowing me to have copies of them. They are super people and have been great stewards of the Michael Cox Junior farm.

William T. Oye, descendant of Michael and Jeruthea's daughter Ann, provided invaluable research on the Hupp family that she married into.

Shirley Cox Larson is a descendant of Michael Cox Jr. She aided in editing and rewriting my texts, and, naturally, contributed to the section on Michael Jr.

Jacob Cox married Eve Wise of Hardy County, Virginia (now West Virginia), a county formed partly from the southern part of Hampshire County. Warren Packer researched his Cox roots to Jacob and Eve, who lived out their lives in Darke County, Ohio. Mr. Packer left behind a five-hundred page unfinished manuscript when he died. A copy is now in the possession of Susan Meier, who generously shared Packer's and her own research with me.

Peter Cox is my direct link to Michael Cox Senior and Elizabeth. Dorothy Wilkin Clark, of Sonora, California, has investigated her possible connection to Peter's son, William. She has kindly corresponded with me over the years, sharing her valuable doubts and insights.

Martin Cox was the direct ancestor of Ken Neely, and portions of his book *Builders of the USA* have greatly aided our research. He collaborated with Eileen and Dr. V. Dean Schwartz for a part of his work, and they did a fine job.

Joseph Cox, youngest son of Michael and Elizabeth Cox had only three children, and they are mentioned in the two *Histories of Fayette County, Pennsylvania*, quoted in this book with some corrections.



Eve Ann Cox married Jacob Deem. The Deem family history was skillfully researched by Mary Ann Bowry of Parkersburg, West Virginia. Her excellent work has been very helpful in directing my own.

Christine married Henry Hull. Robert Hull sent us Hull family information. Thank you, Robert.

We truly thank all the new friends we have made along the way for their many contributions. A special thanks to Darlene Guerra for her help in coming up with the key idea that enabled me to find my grandpa's parents. It was she who suggested that I look to see if Great-aunt Lizzie's children ever obtained a Texas Probated birth certificate. Darlene also helped organize, research, and edit my words as well as doing the complete typing of the first draft. She insisted that I give my sources. She has been a terrific friend and a lot of help.

Thanks also go to Leona Bochat for the research she has done and for the first typing of the "black box" papers. And a special thank you to Shirley Cox Larson for her delightful contributions and for re-editing and transferring the book to computer disc.

And, finally, to my son David, a simple thank you is in no way enough for the gratitude I feel. Plus, he has discovered the passion for family history. He put in thousands of hours inserting additions, correcting, rewriting, editing, making maps, and compiling the index. His own additions, his patience, and his tenacity all please me greatly.

We hope you enjoy this labor of love. Feel free to copy any part of it.

KRC



**Descent Chart 3: Cox family historians**  
from Michael Sr. & Elizabeth Cox's children  
(For a list of addresses, see Appendix 4.)

<p><b>Michael, Jr.</b> 1759 - 1832 Jeruthea Brooks</p> <p>Direct descendant researchers:</p> <p>John Cox Shirley Larson Lecta Olsen Bill Oye Leona Bochat Ilene Buchanan Carol Hazelbrook</p>	<p><b>Jacob</b> 1760 - 1822 Eve Wise</p> <p>Direct descendant researchers:</p> <p>Warren Packer Susan Meier</p>	<p><b>Peter</b> 1765 - 1841 Magdalin</p> <p>Direct descendant researchers:</p> <p>Dorothy Clark John M. Cox Kenny Ray Cox</p>
<p><b>Eve Ann</b> 1767 - 1850 Jacob Deem</p> <p>Direct descendant researcher:</p> <p>Mary Ann Bowry</p>	<p><b>Martin</b> 1774 ? - 1842 Rebecca Hull</p> <p>Direct descendant researchers:</p> <p>Eileen Schwartz Ken Neely</p>	<p><b>Christine</b> 1776 - 1850 Henry Hull</p> <p>Direct descendant researchers:</p> <p>Robert Hull Bettie Jenkins</p>



## INTRODUCTION

by Kenny Ray Cox

About 1944, when I was four years old, my Grandma Hanks caught me standing on her bedstead to get a better look at the old picture of Grandpa Hanks' parents. Her scolding soon turned to understanding as I explained I only wanted to see if it was fur or hair on the neck of the man. We got a magnifying glass and determined that what I was looking at was a very clean and manicured beard, and not the fur on his coat collar.

This curiosity was encouraged by my grandma and my parents, but I was told that we boys were expected to be extra well behaved *because* of our family roots and reputation. Of course this worked and we have been almost perfect ever since.

Questions about our Cox folks went unanswered, however. But why? We were told that Grandpa Cox grew up with an Indian family in southeast Oklahoma and that he had a younger brother named Major who had drowned as a young man; but that was all anyone knew or would tell us about my father's relatives.

One evening, in about 1953, after closing our grocery store, my dad and I delivered groceries to Papa and Mama Cox. As I got out of the pickup with the bread and eggs, I lost my footing and somehow managed to slam the truck door on my right thumb. With much courage, I hung on to the grocery sack, all the while yelling for Dad to reopen the doggoned door! Grandpa Cox was the one who poured the turpentine on my thumb and bandaged it up, and this was a lucky break for me, because it gave me the opportunity to squeeze in some good questions while we were alone... even though I'd been told not to bother him.

I asked Grandpa if he had ever hurt his thumb this badly and his reply was not that he could remember. He said that he could not recall the name of the little town he lived in as a boy, or the name of the folks he stayed with, or the name of the school he attended. He did say that he remembered fishing often in the Blue, Sandy, Clear Boggy, and Muddy Boggy rivers.

As Dad was pushing me out of the house, I got in one more question to Papa Cox. "When did Major drown?" Papa's answer was that it was while he was living in Texas (1906-1919) that he got the news about his brother, Major.

School, girls, and making money took my attention for the next forty years, but when my mother passed away, I realized how much family history she had accumulated about her Hanks, Goodbody, and McConnell folks. I inherited most of her photograph collection. It contains pictures handed down from my Hanks and Cox grandparents.





## *Photographs of Inspiration*

**Photograph 1: Stiles & Lydia Hanks**



The picture of inspiration that was over my Grandma Hanks' bed. Stiles Jackson Hanks was the first school teacher of Adamsville, Ohio, located about 45 miles south of Dalton, Ohio, where our Cox ancestors lived. Stiles died in 1878, just after his mother Nancy died. Lydia died giving birth to Riley (pictured below), in 1868.

*Photo taken circa 1865*

**Photograph 2: Anna Goodbody & Riley Hanks**



My maternal grandmother was a keeper of family records, and passed her treasures on to my mother (below). My grandpa passed away just before my fourth birthday, but my grandmother blessed us with her caring presence past the birth of my own first three children (1961).

*Photo taken circa 1940*

**Photograph 3: Anna Devota Hanks & Marvin Cox**

My mother and father were staunch Southern Baptists and Democrats, until their last few years when they voted Republican. They were grocers and small business entrepreneurs. Dad loved to hunt squirrels; he refused to let anyone hunt with him unless they used nothing bigger than a 22 caliber rifle. He would frequently say, "Shotguns ruin too much meat, besides being unsportsmanlike."

*Photo taken circa 1975*





My wife Gail and I decided to take a Mormon sponsored genealogy course, and see if we could learn more about our families. This was the best decision we ever made. Gail can trace her roots to Holland on her father's side, and she has Cherokee folks who were married along one of the *Trail of Tears* as they were marched here from the East.

As fast as the American Indian nations were driven out of their lands (often even before they were completely driven out), the Anglo-American colonists came pouring across the frontiers. My ancestors were among them. Like his father, Peter Cox (b. 1765) struck out to an area newly opened for settlement. Peter went into what had previously been called the Northwest Territory (north west of the Ohio River, covering present day states of Ohio and eastern Michigan). It was also called "Militia Lands." Peter may have been awarded this land for his service in the War of 1812, as his land record is a grant from the U.S. president, James Madison (1809-1817). There is a record of a Peter Cox serving in the War of 1812, but it is a poor reproduction of the original, and secondly no information of interest can be gleaned from it.

Unfortunately, during the period of western expansion, freshly opened territories rarely kept good records. Birth, death and marriage acts were often written years after the fact. We just do not have much information on Peter and Magdalin Cox in Ohio Territory. Most of it came from what their son Jacob reported in an 1880 Wayne County history book.

It appears that Peter and Magdalin Cox were hard working farmers who produced good, hard working children. Their oldest son, Jacob, probably helped to build their two-story, red brick home in the 1820's. Located in the rolling farm land near Dalton, Ohio, the house is still lived in, today. We know from newspaper accounts that Jacob's youngest son, William Newton Cox, raised fine horses, but apparently, was not interested in continuing to operate the farm as his father had. Perhaps it was because of the tragic loss of his wife, a daughter and his mother, all within one year. Perhaps he had been injured in the Civil War. We know that he served in this war, but the National Archives cannot provide or locate government records of this.

William Newton Cox was good at keeping his military records secret even after leaving the farm. We can determine that he served in the Civil War, as he appears on the 1890 U.S. Census of veterans, at Bonham, Texas. The rest of the 1890 census was destroyed by fire. The veterans list only indicated his military unit, Company C of the 41<sup>st</sup> Ohio Voluntary Infantry, the same unit that his older brother Jacob Freeman Cox served in.

According to the 1880 census, he had remarried to the great-granddaughter of the Reverend James Adams, a Presbyterian minister (b 1766). Four months prior to the census, our Great-aunt Lizzie was born. Her full name was Celestial Elizabeth Cox. She was born 6 February 1880 in Dalton, Wayne County, Ohio.

Great-aunt Lizzie signed this full name to birth certificates of her children, and gave Ohio as her birth place on census records throughout her life (for documents on her birth place see page 261 and 262). I suspect she knew exactly what happened to her



parents, but never told her brother (my grandfather, William Newton Cox #2), or their younger brother, Major. Lois Lynch Vaught, widow of William Newton Vaught, stated that she recalled Lizzie (her mother-in-law) saying that she was a teenager when she lost her parents and had to become a housekeeper for a Baptist preacher. Lizzie became turned thirteen in 1893. She would have been fifteen on the date of the Ardmore fire (19 April 1895). Those dates are just right. I have a copy of that letter.

When Jacob Cox died in 1885, William Newton Cox (#1) inherited a sum of money. The application to probate the will of Jacob stated that William Newton was in Chautauqua County, Kansas, which is on the Oklahoma border. However, he left no records there. Every April of the years 1886, 1887 and 1888, he returned to Ohio to receive his inheritance. In 1890, he was in Bonham, Fannin County, Texas, straight south of Blue, Oklahoma where my grandfather, William Newton (#2) was born, according to the information provided on the birth certificates of his sons Claudie and Will N. Cox (#3).

By 1892-1893, William N. Cox (#1) and family were farming on rented land at Mannsville, in Indian Territory, which later became Oklahoma. In those same years, a certain G. A. Maxwell, a peddler, picked up mail at Oakland, Indian Territory, just five miles south of Mannsville. Ten years later, G. A. Maxwell, became father-in-law to my grandfather, William Newton Cox (#2).

In September of 1895, my grandfather, William N. Cox, started the school year at the Red Oak neighborhood school of Boggy Depot, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma). He must have been a real fast learner, as he completed his education in May 1896!

In October 1896, Susan McDonnell was granted guardianship of William and Ellen Cox. Why? Unfortunately, we do not know. In February of 1897, Great-aunt Lizzie married Otho Vaught of South McAlester, Oklahoma. They got their marriage license at the U.S. Court House in South McAlester. Lizzie was listed as "from Boggy Depot;" Otho from South McAlester.

Perhaps it was the great Ardmore fire of 19 April 1895 that separated the three Cox children from their parents. Perhaps it was Mr. McDonnell who perished, rather than Mr. Neil, as was reported in the *Daily Oklahoman* newspaper's issue of that same day.

These are fascinating questions, which have not all been satisfactorily answered yet. Perhaps one day we will have documented proof to resolve all the riddles before us now.



**Photograph 4: Ken Cox,  
tombstone specialist**





PART 1  
TICKLISH POINTS



## **GRAVEYARD DUTY: THE THREE MICHAEL COXES**

by Kenny Ray Cox

Southwestern Pennsylvania had at least three men named Michael Cox who served in the Militia before, during, and after the American Revolution. Only one Michael Cox lived long enough to apply for a pension. His pension application was accredited to all three Michael Coxes as if they were one man by the Rev. Henry Miller Cox in his early book, *The Cox Family in America*. This book, with its errors, has been used by many historians who can trace their roots back to one of these three Michael Coxes. If you, dear reader, are one of those confused about the Michael Cox records, perhaps you have not seen them all.

Michael Cox, Senior brought his wife Elizabeth and their first six children over the Appalachian Mountains in 1769. He had been there before and had tomahawked the trees to mark the three hundred fifteen and one quarter acres that he named "Fruit Hill."

Because this land was claimed by Virginian as well as Pennsylvanian authorities, it was seventeen years before Michael Senior got good title to his land. The survey, patent, and warrant are available from the Fayette County Courthouse at Uniontown, Pennsylvania, and also at Harrisburg under the spelling of "Cock." Close reading shows three different spellings for Michael Cock Senior on these records.

As his sons matured and became family men, Michael Senior gave each son fifty or so acres. Records of these land transactions, plus records of his sons' land transactions, are also at the courthouse at Uniontown, including records of Michael Cox, Junior, Michael Senior's oldest son. Both the index and land records are differentiated by the use of Junior and Senior. These records clearly tell us that they were two *separate* men.

A third Michael Cox was listed in several of the same militia records as Michael Junior and Senior. It was this third Michael that outlived the other two men. His application for a pension for service in the American Revolution was erroneously attributed to both other men. S-5020 is the number given to this pension application. This Michael Cox gave a deposition in 1832, in which he itemized his war services.

He further stated that he was born in Hampshire County, Virginia (now West Virginia) but he was not sure exactly when. He said he thought that he was about seventy-five years old at that time. In 1840 he was listed on the U.S. Census of Veterans as a man living in Ohio, 84 years of age and residing with Evan Schooler.



I believe Evan Schooler was his son-in-law. There are two marriage records of a Mr. Schooler—each to a Cox girl—probably this Michael's daughters. This Michael Cox lived in the Miami Valley of Western Ohio in the counties of Darke, Miami, and Logan for most of his adult life. His veteran headstone gives no dates but I believe he died in 1841. He was laid to rest in Middleburg, Logan County, Ohio.

This Michael Cox was assigned the birth date of 27 August 1759 which is the same date that we have for Michael Cox Junior—who is buried on his farm at West Liberty, West Virginia. It is unlikely that they were born the same date. This other Michael Cox ignored his date of birth. We ignore his date of death, but we know that he was buried in Darby Creek Cemetery.

Our Michael's headstone has almost weathered away (particularly the 3 in '73').

There are many more records that separate Michael Junior from Michael Senior. These include I could find no records of any kind for a Michael Cox (Cock, Cocks or Cokes) in the Hampshire County, Virginia records. How this birth date appeared on the records of either of these men is a mystery.

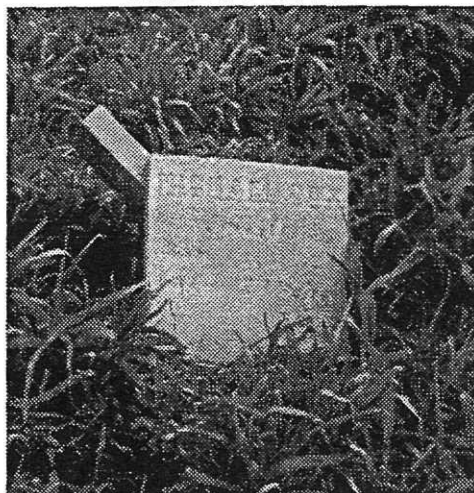
the sale of the Fayette County, Pennsylvania properties of Michael Cox Senior and his youngest son Joseph who died in 1816, by Michael Cox Junior and George Dearth, who were executors. These records were found at the court house in *Orphan Court Records*, by Mary Ann Bowry of Parkersburg, West Virginia.

The most important point is that other probate records made by Michael Junior were never returned to the court house in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. These probate records are still inside the black metal box where Michael Junior and Jeruthea, his wife, kept their most important papers. Those papers and that box remain on the West Liberty, West Virginia farm that is now the property of John Cox and his wife Emily.

This "black box" contains letters from Michael Junior's brothers: Peter, Martin and Joseph. The letter from Joseph tells Michael Junior of their father's death that occurred 24 January 1815 (see p. 72 and after).

Also in the box are receipts from all the heirs who collected their legacies from Michael Junior, including the offspring of the five daughters of Michael Cox Senior who had to wait until they "became of age" to receive their inheritances. It took several years to complete the probate. By the time this was done, Michael Junior was getting

**MICHAEL COX  
DIED 11TH JAN 1832  
AGED 73 YEARS**



Photograph 5: Michael Cox, Jr.'s Tombstone  
Located in West Liberty, WV.

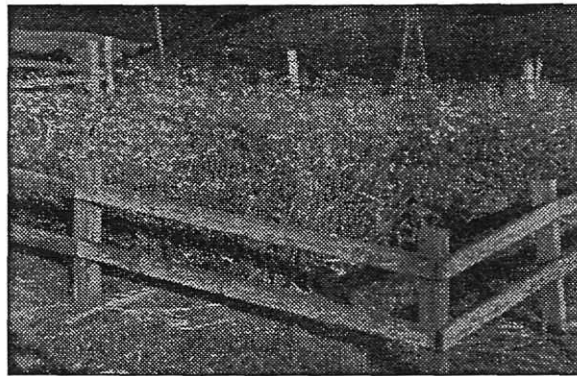




old himself, which might be the reason that these records were never registered at the Fayette County court house.

As a result, the only document to be located in Fayette County records was the will itself, which made it easy for other historians to conclude incorrectly that Michael Senior had moved to West Liberty, (West) Virginia, or to Logan County, Ohio, thus confusing him with the other two Michaels.

**Photograph 6: Cox Family Graveyard,  
West Liberty, West Virginia**



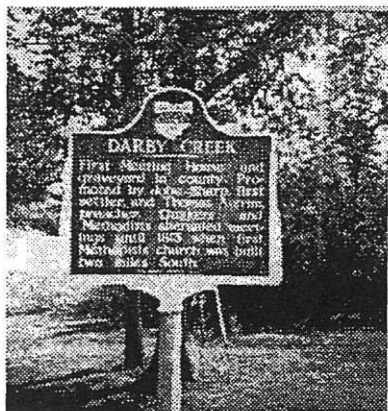
The cemetery is far from abandoned. It continues to serve as a final resting place for folks connected to this historic farm, as proved by this touching note from John and Emily Cox, dated 9 August 2000.

On 31 July 2000, we found Mike Baker (our farm hand for over 31 years), back over the hill pinned under the fender of the manure spreader. He probably died of a heart attack as he entered the field, as the manure was never spread, and the path he took, took him straight down over the hill.

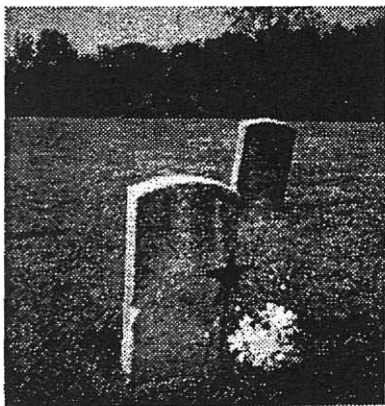
His wife, Beverly, asked if we could bury him in the Cox Cemetery. She said we were his family and this was home. So we checked with his mother and she said she would be happy if we could. The next day was unbelievable. Friends, family, and others came and cleaned up the cemetery. They put straw on the ground, put all the old Cox stones upright, placed a pot of flowers (mums) on all the Cox stones, placed black and white bows on the posts with Mike's corn stalks from the field all around the fence. A large wooden cross appeared and after the funeral at the church, cars came from all around West Liberty, and we drove up the cemetery. It was a perfect day. The weather and the view from up there were great. John and I still can't believe he's gone. (John & Emily Cox)



## Darby Creek Cemetery Records



**Photograph 7:**  
**Darby Creek Cemetery**



**Photograph 8:**  
**The "other" Michael Cox's**  
**tombstone**

Darby Creek, or Curl Cemetery is situated in Logan County, Ohio, some thirty odd miles northwest of the city of Columbus. Our Michael Cox Jr. is not buried in Darby Creek; you will find his grave some 160 miles eastwards, on the Cox farm in West Liberty, West Virginia.<sup>1</sup> This is the resting place of the "other" Michael Cox, veteran of the Revolutionary War, as his grave marker indicates.

The cemetery records on the following page give an accurate transcription of the engraving on his tomb stone (see bottom photograph).

Although the marker gives no dates for his life, his military service is indicated. In 1832, this man stated that he was born in Hampshire County, (West) Virginia, but was uncertain of his exact age. He estimated it "about 75". He then appears, alive and well, aged 84, in the U. S Census of Veterans of 1840.

These two statements place his year of birth in 1756/1757. Our Michael died on 11 January 1832, as we can clearly read on his tomb stone.

<sup>1</sup> There are two Darby Creek cemeteries. This one is the old one. It is about one mile north of the village of Middleburg, Ohio.



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## DARBY CREEK or CURL CEMETERY

Located in Zane Twp, Logan County, Ohio, 30' West Twp. Rd. 152 and 1 mile North of State Route 287. Copied by Trisabel Hone, Zanesfield, Ohio 43360 in August 1980.

## MARKER

First meeting house and graveyard in the county. Promoted by Jobe SHARP, first settler, and Thomas ANTRIM, preacher. Quakers and Methodists alternated meetings until 1813 when first Methodist church was built 2 miles south. First church built in 1805.

## FRONT SECTION:

MATHIS, Jeremiah	Oct. 16, 1826	N.J. Troops Rev. War
MCWADE, Arthur	Dec. 14, 1813	Pvt. 26 Inf. War of 1812
SHARP, Job, Jr	June 21, 1858	Cpl. Euan's Co. Ohio Mil. 1812
WEATHERBY, Benjamin	June 25, 1846	Capt. N. J. Troops Rev. War
MCQUADE, Arthur	Dec. 14, 1815	Pvt. Porter's Bn. Pa. Troops, Rev. War
SHARP, John	March 7, 1854	Capt. Amards Partisan Corps Pa. Troop, Rev. War
WARNER, John	July 6, 1845	Pvt. 2 Va. Regt., Rev. War
WARNER, Isaac	Dec. 1, 1876	Capt. 2nd Ohio Mil. 1812
COX, Michael	(No Date)	Ord. Sgt. Harrod's Pa. Troop, Rev. War
SEGAR, Thomas	April 8, 1862	Major Va. Troop, Rev. War
CRARY, Christopher	1759-1848	Rev. Soldier
CULVER, David	1764-1847	Rev. Soldier

## BACK SECTION: Copied by Trisabel Hone &amp; Dorothy Knack April 15, 1982

MURPHE, Matilda	d. Aug. 13?, 1881	38y 11m 26d? Wife of Lewis
ANTRIM, Joshua	In Memory of Joshua Antrim Who departed this life Nov. 23, 1871	Aged 59y
DOWNES, Elizabeth	b. Nov. 2, 1798, d. Sept. 5, 1885	Aged 86y 10m 3d, Wife of Jesse
DOWNES, Jesse	d. Dec. 17, 1867,	75y 11m 20d
WILSON, John	d. Mar. 22, 1851	Aged 28y 2wk. 1d
BALLINGER, Angeline G	d. Mar. 22, 1894,	69y 7m 5d, Wife of S.W.
BALLINGER, Mary	In Memory of Mary, Wife of Thos. Ballinger Who Died April 28, 1848	Aged 24 Years 3 mo. & 27 days
(Note: 4's are upside down.)		
CURL, James	d. Sept. 8, 1840,	68y 11m 14d



## JUDGING JUDGE ISAAC COX

by Kenny Ray Cox

Regrettably, no relationship between the famous Justice Isaac Cox and our Michael Sr. can be established, nor with any of the many other men of this same name. Regrettable, because Justice Isaac was a real character, and played an important role in frontier history.

The name Isaac Cox appears frequently in the early history of our country in New Jersey, Delaware<sup>2</sup>, Maryland, Virginia, and finally, in southwestern Pennsylvania and Kentucky. Two different Isaacs had wives named Susanna. The Isaac who lived and died in Delaware was a "chaisemaker" (lightweight carriages). The Isaac Cox who went from Hampshire County, (West) Virginia to Penn's southwest had a son by the name Isaac. These two men are easy to distinguish from each other, even though they did not use Junior or Senior with their names. The elder Isaac had at least a dozen children while the younger Isaac had none at all.

This elder Isaac<sup>3</sup> had brothers who also named their sons Isaac, who in turn gave the name to their sons, and so on. Not surprising then that researchers might slip up and follow the wrong path. According to some folks, the elder Isaac had a son named Michael, and this has made it easy for a few researchers to jump to the conclusion that this Michael is our ancestor. I can find no proof to support this claim; it does not appear to me in any way that he was my ancestor. The temptation is understandable as this Isaac was born about 1714, just the right age to have been the father of our Michael Senior (born circa 1736). Nonetheless, far too many accounts state that our Michael came from Hamburg, Germany, and spent 7 years of indentured servitude (probably to pay for ship passage). Furthermore, it is geographically unlikely. Michael's marriage to Elizabeth took place in Bucks County Pennsylvania, while Isaac Cox, his brothers and their offspring were all on the south side of the Potomac river in Hampshire County, (West) Virginia.

Records of these Hampshire County Cox folks abound, but no record of any Michael is to be found. However, a certain Michael Cox stated that he had been born there, when he filed his veteran's pension application (number S-5020) in 1832. Although he could not accurately state his year of birth, he claimed this western Virginia county as his place of birth. This turns out to be the very man who lived close to our two Michaels in Penn's southwest before moving on to western Ohio.

This Michael Cox served in the Revolutionary War, as did both our Michaels. Revolutionary records confirm this, using "Jr." and "Sr." to denote our two guys. Was this

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<sup>2</sup> Isaac Cox, born 1735 in Talbot County, Maryland (son of Isaac, born circa 1710); died 28 Dec. 1773 in Kent Co., Delaware; married Susanna Hanson 7 April 1763.

<sup>3</sup> According to William Oye's research this Isaac Cox was born circa 1716, married Susannah Tomlinson. They had fifteen children and named their third child Isaac (b. 1744).



other Michael Cox a son of Isaac Cox, the elder? Beats me! Frankly, I don't think so. I suspect he was the son of John Cox, born 1740 and buried at the old Marianna, Pennsylvania cemetery. So, who was this John Cox? He could have been Isaac's brother for all we know.

Isaac Cox is written about extensively in the *Horn Papers*. A descendant of Christopher Horn (court clerk and recorder during the Virginian domination of Penn's southwest), said he had found documents in an old trunk in one of his relatives' attic. This Horn descendant, William F. Horn, then living in Wichita, Kansas, proceeded to tell folks in southwestern Pennsylvania about these old papers, and eventually convinced the Green County Pennsylvania Historical Society to help him put them into book form. They are now in two volumes, plus a third oversized volume of maps of the lands of the first settlers.

The *Horn Papers* contain many historical and genealogical errors, and cannot be relied upon without other corroborating documents. But, they do give a great picture of what life was like during the last years of the 1760s and through the 1780s.

One particular chapter, "The American Revolution," gives a view from the backwoods of all the events from the Virginians' period of loyalty to the British, to the great animosity against the British, and ensuing revolts led by Governor John Cannon and Justice Isaac Cox.

After Pennsylvania won the tug of war with Virginia over the territory now in the southwest corner of Pennsylvania, most all of Isaac Cox's folks moved to the Virginia colony of Kentucky, where the younger Isaac Cox again set up a survey business and became a district court judge, just as his father had. Coxes Creek, Kentucky is only a few miles north of Bardstown, and south of Louisville, Kentucky. Indians scalped him and mutilated his body while he was out surveying. His widow, Mary Enoch, later married his partner, William May.

I truly wish that I could prove the Justice Isaac Cox, the elder, was my ancestor, as he was quite a "Cox Character."



## UNRAVELING THE TAILORS' WORK: THREE JOSEPH COXES

by Kenny Ray Cox

Two different men named Joseph Cox were born around 1780 in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. One of them was our Joseph—the youngest son of Elizabeth and Michael Cox, Senior. Joseph died young in 1816. He was survived by his widow, Mary Margaret, and three young children: Elizabeth, William Michael and Samuel Joseph.<sup>4</sup>

The Elizabeth Cox who married William Collins was not the daughter of our Joseph (son of Michael Sr.). She was the daughter of the other Joseph Cox.

This other Joseph Cox was 70 years old on the 1850 Census of Dunbar Township (p. 252, line 12). He died September 1851. According to Orphans Court Records, it took 30 years to settle his estate as he had left no will. These records give us lots of names of his heirs, including the families Works and Collins, that his daughter Elizabeth Ann married into. These records also tell us that Elizabeth Ann had at least two brothers, John W. Cox and George W. Cox.

Our Joseph, also had a daughter named Elizabeth. (Her two brothers' names, however, cannot be confused with the other Joseph's sons.) We know nothing of this Elizabeth, but both boys were apprenticed into the tailoring trade. One of them moved to Dunbar Township, thus making it very easy for family historians to mix together these two different Cox families.

William Michael Cox, son of our Joseph, did not die in the Civil War as recorded by Fayette County history books. He had at least eight children and lived in Armstrong County, Pennsylvania. He named one son, William Newton Cox—a name that continues to show up in our Cox Family History. William Michael Cox was a tailor by trade, just as his brother Samuel Joseph Cox was. However, by 1850 he had switched to farming (cf. 1860 and 1870 Census). Even though the Census records of 1850, 1860 and 1870 give 1818 as the birth date of a William M. Cox of Armstrong County, Pennsylvania, we believe this is the same person as the William Michael Cox, born to Joseph and Mary Margaret Cox, undoubtedly earlier than 1818.

Samuel Joseph Cox, was a "master tailor." He moved from Bridgeport to Connellesville, Pennsylvania, just where the other Joseph Cox lived! As stated above, this

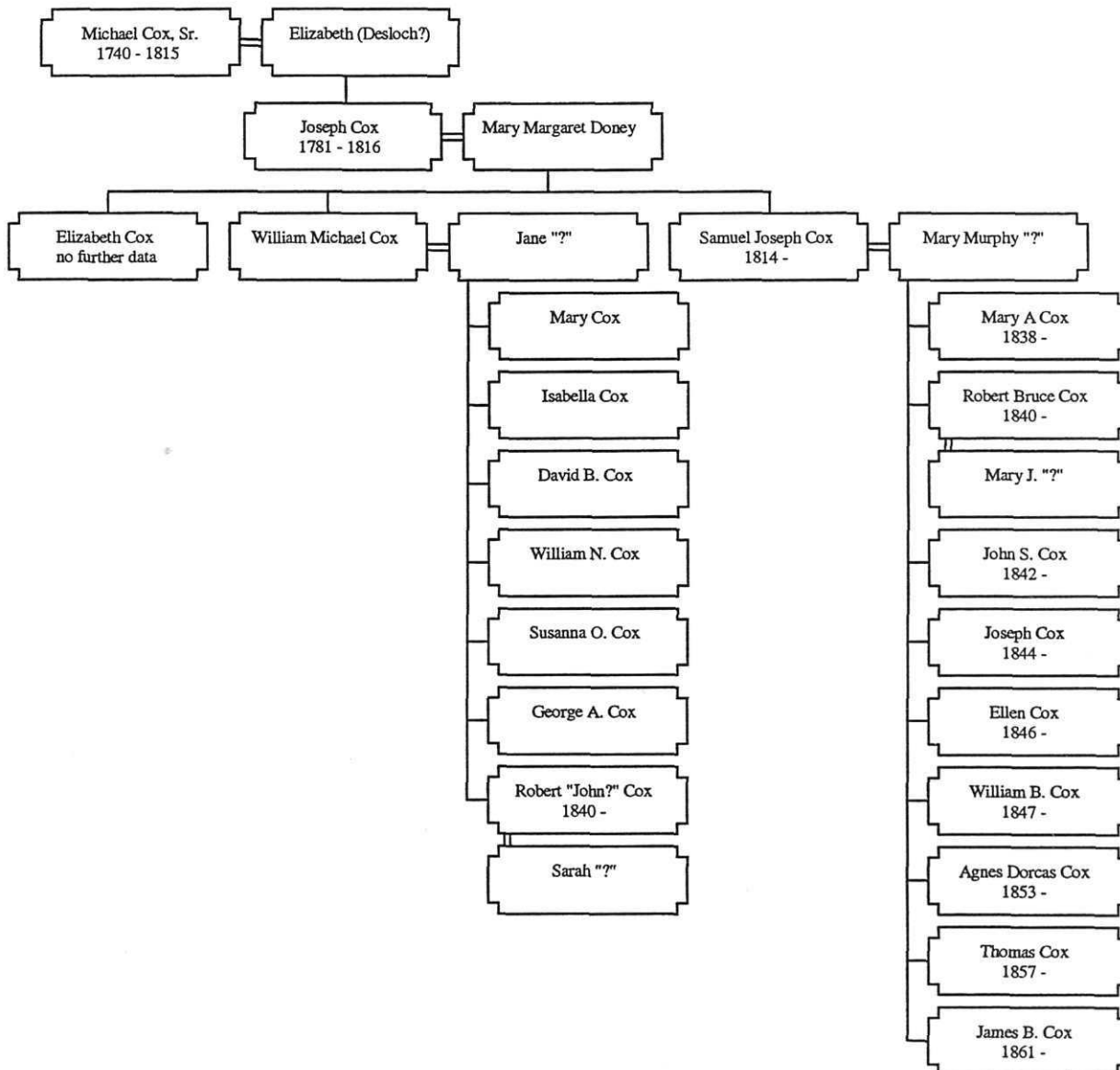
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<sup>4</sup> Sources for this information are the Census records for 1850, 1860 and 1870 for Fayette County and Armstrong County, Pennsylvania; Orphans Court Records of 1816, 1819 and 1833 for our Joseph (d. 1816), and 1851-1880 for the other Joseph (cf. Orphans Court Records: #49 in 1851 March term; #24 in 1852 March term; #48 1852 June term).



other Joseph died in 1851, and it was *his* daughter, Elizabeth, that married William Collins, and not the sister, Elizabeth, of our Samuel Joseph.

Therefore the correct line of descent of these generations from Michael Cox, Sr. is:







## CENSUS RECORDS

William Michael Cox, information collected from the following census records:

1850 Census, page 339-A	Plumcreek Township, Armstrong County, Penn.
William M. Cox 32	tailor \$600
Jane 26	
Robert 9	
Mary 7	
Isabella 4/12	[four months old] on the fourth day of October

1860 Census, page 125 Cowanshannock Township of Armstrong Co., Penn.

William Cox 41	farmer	\$1000 + \$400
Jane 36	housework	P. O. – rural village
John 21	laborer	
Mary 16	housework	
Isabella 10		
David B. 8		
William N. 6		
Susanna 4		
George A. 2		

1870 Census, page 112 Cowanshannock Township of Armstrong Co., Penn.

William Cox 52	farmer
Jane 45	housekeeper
Isabell 21	housekeeper
Wm Newton 16	farmer
Ann Jane 14	
George 11	
Lonzo (?) 5	(male)
John Cox 30	carpenter
Sarah 29	
Laura 5	
Rosetta 4	
Harvey 2	
Robert 9/12	[nine months old]

[Note: a neighbor by the name of Solomon Hull is listed; age 49, wife Harriet; children: David and June.]





## CENSUS RECORDS

Samuel Joseph Cox, information collected from the following census records:

1850 Census, page 330-A Bridgeport, Pennsylvania [now Brownsville]

Joseph S. Cox 36 tailor \$1500

[Note: the middle initial in Joseph's name looks like an A, and is indexed as an A]

Mary 29

Mary 12

Bruce 10

John 8

Joseph 6

Ellen 4

William 3

Mary A. Burns 19

Morris Silas 18 tailor

George Smith 16 tailor

1860 Census, page 1 Bridgeport, Pennsylvania

S. J. Cox 47 master tailor \$1000 R.E. + \$300 personal

Mary 38

Rob't B. 20 millwright

John S. 18 painter

W'm B. 13

Dorcas 7

Thos. N. 3

+ Mary A. Cox 21 [at Hotel Barr on bottom line]

1870 Census, page 69, Connellesville

Joseph S. Cox 55 taylor \$3000 + \$500

Mary 48 housekeeper

William B. 22 goes to school

Agnes D. 17 at home

Thomas L. 13 "

James B. 9 "

Page 66 Connellesville

Cox, Robert Lewis 31 mill right 1000 - 300

Mary A. 32 keeps house

Abraham S. 4

Nancy M. 2



The following two county history documents present numerous errors in our opinion, as explained in the opening paragraphs of this subchapter. The librarian at the Uniontown, Pennsylvania Public Library wrote in a letter to me, "*One should only use the county histories as a secondary source. [...] Documentation wasn't always an issue and mistakes were made. [...] Many times the information was quite accurate and proven. You are correct to mention those court house records. Therefore, those records are to be used as primary sources. There may be errors in some of those records during the transcribing process.*" Samuel Joseph's brother, William Michael, did not die in the Civil War. He married Jane (née?) and took his tailoring talents to Armstrong County, Pennsylvania.

Samuel J. Cox

*Biographical and Portrait Cyclopedia of Fayette County, Pennsylvania*  
by Wiley, pages 425-426

SAMUEL J. COX was born January 25, 1813 in Luzerne township, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. Michael Cox (grandfather) was born in Germany came to America and settled in the eastern part of Pennsylvania. He was one of five who came to this part of the State and settled on what is known as Cox's Run, in Luzerne township, taking what was termed "tomahawk possession" of a tract of land. The names of three of these five were Cox, Sturgeon and Porter. Isaac Doney (maternal grandfather) was of Irish extraction and came from New Jersey to western Pennsylvania.

Joseph Cox (father) was born in Luzerne township, Fayette county, Pennsylvania, was a farmer and married Mary Doney in about 1805 and died in 1816. They had three children: Eliza (deceased), William (died in the Civil War after serving about two years), and Samuel J. Samuel J. Cox was educated in the schools at Brownsville, later he learned the trade of tailor under James McSherry, and carried on the merchant tailoring business at Brownsville about thirty years when he removed to Connellsville in 1863, and has since remained there engaged in the merchant tailor business.

In 1835, he was married to Miss Nancy Work, a daughter of James Work, native of Dunbar township, Fayette County. They had the following children: James Cox (died in infancy), Mary A (deceased) who married Jackson Stahl and went to Kansas City and died there in July 1888, Robert Bruce a carpenter and contractor lives at Connellsville, John a painter, Joseph a carpenter is married and lives in Pittsburgh, Thomas Cox a rail-roader is married lives in Connellsville, James B. Cox lives in Connellsville is married and is an upholsterer by trade. Dorcas Cox lives in Connellsville with S. J. Cox.

Mr. Cox had three sons in the Civil War. John, who went out in Sickles' Brigade at the commencement of the war, fought to the close, and took part in the battle of Williamsburg and quite a number of others in the Army of the Potomac. Robert Bruce volunteered in the First Pennsylvania Reserve Cavalry and served about three years and took part in a number of battles. Joseph served three months, and took part in the capture of Morgan in the Ohio raid.

Mr. Cox has held the office of burgess of Connellsville for two terms, has been school director for two terms, and a member of the council several terms. He is a member of the Protestant Methodist Church, was one among its first members and has held all the offices of the church. He was sent as a delegate from the Pittsburgh conference to Baltimore, to the convention for the reuniting of the two branches of the church after the war. He is also a member of the Masonic order at Connellsville.



Robert Bruce Cox

*Biographical and Portrait Cyclopedia of Fayette County, Pennsylvania*

by Wiley pages 424-425

ROBERT BRUCE COX was born at Brownsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, March 24, 1840, was reared and attended the common schools there. He began life as a clerk for Jesse H. Duncan of Brownsville, iron, nails and commission house. From 1857 to 1861 he served an apprenticeship at mill-wright business under William H. Barnes of Uniontown.

In 1861, he went into the army and served till 1864. About three years before the war, however, he joined a company of cavalry, which was organized by Captain Davidson at Merrittstown. This company offered its services to the governor of Virginia at the time of the John Brown raid. On the breaking out of the war they again offered their services, but General Scott thought there was no need for cavalry to quiet the rebellious feeling at the south and they were not called into action. It was afterward attached to the Sixth Regiment Pennsylvania Cavalry at Camp Wilkins, Pittsburgh, was taken thence to Washington City [Penn.] where it was disbanded, and the First Pennsylvania Reserve Cavalry was organized under George D. Bayard as Colonel. He was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg. Mr. Cox was at the following battles: Drainsville, Virginia; Harrisonburg, Cross Keys, Cedar Mountain, Gainesville, Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Culpepper, Auburn, Bristow Station, New Home Church, Wilderness, Cold Harbor, and all the battles under General Grant in his attempts to capture Richmond. The regiment was with Sheridan in all of his raids. Mr. Cox was never out of the service one hour from the time he entered till he was discharged; he never had a furlough and received no wound. He was mustered out September 15, 1864 at Philadelphia. Since then he has been very active in the organization of martial clubs for political parties and assisted in organizing the William Kurtz Post G.A.R. at Connellsville.

After the war he returned home and engaged in the carpenter trade and was for several years in the employment of Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company at Connellsville. In 1877, he commenced as contractor and builder and has continued as such ever since.

He is a member of "King Solomon's" Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons No. 346 at Connellsville, of the Knights of Pythias, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Chosen Friends, Penn Council No 30. He has served as secretary in each.

In politics Mr. Cox has been an independent Republican. He has always been a strictly temperate man, is a member of the Baptist Church and has served as a member of council for his borough and as assessor. Mr. Cox has been twice married, first on April 13, 1864 to Mary J. Shallenburger, a daughter of Abraham Shallenburger, an old settler at Connellsville. Four children were born to them: Abraham Shallenburger, Samuel J., Anna and Nannie. His second wife was Jennie Dawson, a native of Connellsville, to whom he married in March 1889.

His parents were Samuel J. and Nancy Cox. Their family consisted of six children: James (dead) Mary, Robert B (R.B.), John C., Samuel J., and Ellen. The latter was burned to death when thirteen years of age. Samuel J. Cox (father) was born at Brownsville, lived there till 1863 when he removed to Connellsville, and has always been engaged in the merchant tailoring business. He married three times. His second wife was Mary Murphy, a native of Redstone township, and had four children: William, Dorcas, Thomas and James. She was killed at Connellsville. For his third wife he married Ella Lingham, a native of Pittsburgh.

The paternal grandfather of R.B. Cox was of German descent, born in Fayette County, and was a farmer. He served in the war of 1812-15 and was killed in battle.

Nancy Works, the mother of R.B. Cox, was a native of Dunbar township, a daughter of James Works, who was also born in Dunbar township.



## **WATERMELON KINGS**

by Kenny Ray Cox

Here is what we know and do not know about our two ancestors both named William Newton Cox.

My grandfather Will N. Cox, told me, when I was about thirteen, that he did not remember his parents. He was told that he, with his older sister Lizzie and younger brother Major, fell out of a wagon and his folks just kept on going. I tried to get more out of him, but only learned that his younger brother, Major, had drowned as a young man.

Through the years I often asked my dad about this but I never got much more out of him. It seems that our "Papa Cox" just did not know, or would not tell about his past. He did tell us that he grew up with an old Indian chief and remembered that they fished a lot in the Sandy, Blue, Clear Boggy and Muddy Boggy rivers of south-east Oklahoma, which was then Choctaw Nation of Indian Territory.

When Mom passed on 24 May 1990, my wife and I got to looking at all the old pictures and family history she had gathered and we decided to try and finish what she had started. We never knew what all we were in for.

We started by taking a genealogy course at a Mormon Church. Then we started digging.

We were amazed at how fast we uncovered facts about our families, with the exception of the Cox family. How did Papa, Lizzie and Major get to south-east Oklahoma? Where did they come from originally? What happened to Lizzie ... Major? Boy, they didn't cover all this in class!

After searching the pre-statehood U.S. Court records of south-east Oklahoma, I found a marriage record for Lizzie and Otho Vaught of South McAlester, 15 February 1897. Lizzie was from Boggy Depot, Atoka County.

School records were searched page by page until, finally, I found William Cox in school with an Alverty Cox at the Red Oak Neighborhood School of Boggy Depot 1895-1896. But, who was Alverty? It seems that Alverty was a Mulatto, one half black, and so was her Dad, David. Was William her brother? No. His age was not the same as her older brother, W. H. Cox.

Finding William N. Cox in school provided a gigantic high, but it just had to be tempered with a new problem to solve ... which I did, finally.

Well then, where were Lizzie and Major? Why were they not in school? After reading all the Choctaw Indian History books and articles I could find, I learned that because at that time, schools were few and far between, sometimes only one child of a family could go to



school. Also, the 1900 Census of Lizzie and her new family gave a clue as to why she was not able to go to school, or did it? Ready for this?

The 1900 Census showed Otho Vaught of Eufaula, Creek Nation of Indian Territory, with his new wife Lizzie, 19, his daughter Bertha, 7, born 1899. Now, was his daughter really 7, or was she born in 1899? If she was 7, then she would have been born in 1892 or 1893, not 1899... Possibly another reason for Lizzie not being in school. Now the census report was not very legible in some places. Although the 7 was very plainly a 7, the 1899 was not very plain. The second 9 was at a slant and a heavy solid line ran under this date so that the last 9 could have been a 2 with the tail of the 2 on top of the heavy line. So, Bertha was either 7/12 (seven months old) or 7 years old. Try as I might, I have not yet determined with absolute certainty which date is correct. Bertha did not appear on the 1910 Census and I have not found any other trace of her.

There were several William Coxes in both Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory in 1900. The one that seemed to fit the best is a "cow-herder", age 21, not 18, born in Arkansas. He was located just north of Eufaula in the Creek Nation.

Another William Cox was at Wister in 1900.

The 1900 Census for Lizzie showed that she and Major, her younger brother, were born in Ohio. Major was not with Lizzie in 1910. We have not found any record anywhere of Major. We only know that he drowned sometime between 1906-1910; no record has been found of exactly when or where. We did find Lizzie's father-in-law, Otho D. Vaught, and Lizzie's brother-in-law, Walter, and his wife Maggie buried in the Eufaula Cemetery. Lizzie's husband, Otho Vaught died in a Dallas, Texas hospital in 1953. He was buried at Pauls Valley, Oklahoma Mount Olive Cemetery.

I kept wondering what happened to Lizzie. I knew that she was alive in January 1949 at Sherman, Texas and had died before Otho died. I had a hard time finding out the rest. My letters to Sherman, Texas trying to locate her and her surviving children went unanswered. I also had a very hard time finding her Texas death record. Like her brothers, William N. and Major, Lizzie seemed to be playing hide and seek with us.

At last, I stumbled across the pertinent information. Great-aunt Lizzie (née Cox) Vaught died 18 February 1956, and was buried at West Hill Cemetery, Sherman Texas. Her brother, my grandpa Will N. Cox, died 26 March 1966 and was buried at White Bead Oklahoma with Grandma Cox, Grandma's sister Gertie Roach and their parents, G. A. and Cora Ann Maxwell.

The parents of Lizzie, Grandpa and Major were W. "Newton" and Ellen Loretta (née Adams) Cox. Their graves have yet to be located. We only know that they were alive in 1896, but under the care and legal guardianship of Susan McDonnell, widow of William R. McDonnell of Mannsville, Oklahoma. Although I have little proof, I believe that Mr. McDonnell, Newton and Ellen Cox were all badly burned in the great Ardmore Oklahoma fire of 19 April 1895. One Oklahoma newspaper reported that 86 businesses were destroyed and 26 horses were "roasted" in the Ardmore fire.

Why would the widow McDonnell take Mr. and Mrs. Cox into her home along the railroad tracks in Indian Territory? It may have simply been the desire to acquire more land. As an Indian (half Chickasaw) Mrs. McDonnell could count on a larger land assignment,





recalculated based on the size of her household. So, according to the Dawes General Allotment Act of 1887, the more people living in her home, the more land the government would allot her. In 1896, her allotment came to 2,200 acres, and stretched from Tishomingo northwards to Regan, Oklahoma.

It is quite likely that our great grandparents were buried somewhere along those railroad tracks or at the Kellar Cemetery, west-northwest of Ardmore, Oklahoma where other McDonnell people were buried.

In December, 1903, Papa Will took a bride of just 14½ years, Frona Ann Maxwell of Scotland, Van Buren County, Arkansas. How did they meet? Where did they meet? I've never learned the answers and I've asked Uncle Allen, Uncle Will, Aunt Hazil, Aunt Maurine, Aunt Jewel and her sister Rudel.

Frona Ann's father, George Allen Maxwell, was a peddler of mercantile items, as well as a farmer. So maybe they met on the trail somewhere, and G.A. asked Will to come help with his farm.

In 1906, only 6 weeks after Uncle Allen was born, the whole bunch decided to head for Texas where large land owners needed small farmers to help work their land. They offered a "house place" of 40 to 160 acres to any family that would come and work it. They would meet the train, furnish tools, seeds, food, anything the family needed to get started at farming. When harvest came, the land owner was given his share of the goods.

This arrangement worked out quite well and is still being used today. Papa Will became a good and very prosperous farmer in Fannin County, Texas. He had many black helpers and they produced a lot of cotton, peanuts, hay, beans, peas and watermelons ... lots and lots of watermelons!

My dad, Marvin Wesley, and his brothers, Claudie and Alvie, were born during this period of 1906-1919, south of the Red River in Texas.

Soon after, for some reason the family decided to take the ferry north across the Red River to the new state of Oklahoma. In 1920, they were farming near Bennington, in Bryan County, just between Blue River and Clear Boggy Creek. With them came Vivian Maurine Ellis, daughter of Grandma's sister, Sammie Loualma and her husband, Robert. Sammie and her husband died in 1915 of "swamp fever." Maurine had first gone to her Maxwell grandparents, but getting close to school age, the traveling peddler grandparents would not enable her to go to school. So, Grandma Cox took her in and she became a sister to the Cox brothers: E.V., Allen, Marvin, Claudie, and Will.

About 1920, they moved on to Garvin County, Oklahoma, where they farmed in at least 5 locations. In every place they lived they always had the biggest, sweetest watermelons of the county. Will N. Cox became the Watermelon King of the county.

The Great Depression years hit the Cox family just as hard as it did everyone else. But they were tough and managed to make it through by picking pecans, share cropping other folks' land and just toughing it out.

Emanuel (E.V.) became a carpenter, and later a building contractor. His boys followed him in this area of livelihood.



Allen was a milk-plant supervisor for most of his life.

Marvin, my dad, worked at Townley's Dairy in Oklahoma City with Allen only long enough to find out he did not want to do that anymore. In Tulsa, he learned that digging manholes was not the job for him either. A job in a grocery store in Tulsa seemed to be much better suited for him. Dad came back to Oklahoma City about 1937 to take a job at Honest John's Grocery, "the poor man's friend." He became the produce manager, met and married Mom and managed to save up enough money to buy his own store while working for Honest John's.

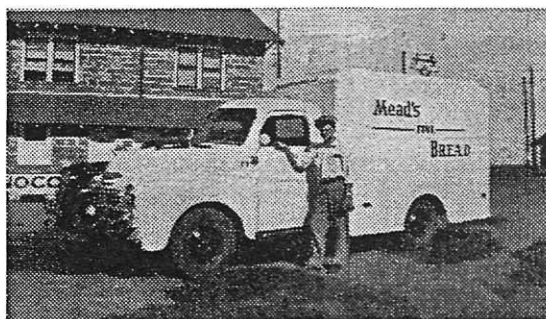
Dad had stores in several south-east Oklahoma City locations. His produce background and contacts enabled him to buy at low prices. He would often buy a full trailer load of watermelons. This would be more melons than would fit in our small store (even completely empty). The melons would cost more money than we had available, but somehow he managed to "pre-sell" to other small stores. He would get the trucker to deliver them. We would end up with our allotment of the watermelons almost cost free. It was up to my brother, Billy, and me to sell the rest of them.

So, for over 100 years, the Cox family has been the family of "Watermelon Kings."

Alvie Cox died as an infant at Direct, Texas, Lamar County (just east of the Fannin County line).

Claudie Cox became a Meade's Bread route-salesman, as did I.

Will N. Cox Jr., the "miracle baby," was born on Flag Day, June 14, 1927. It had been 16 years since Grandma had last had a baby. He was able to attend Oklahoma Baptist University, and later finished his college education in Nebraska while in the U.S. Air Force as a master sergeant.



Photograph 9: Claudie Cox and his bread van

There ain't no lazy Cox folks. My six boys are all good, hard-working men.

My older brother Charles, now retired, was long a salesman for Macklanburg Duncan Co. He is a very professional musician, as are his two daughters. Charlie's Palace night club is swinging place to be. Besides music, he and his wife Jo Ann also have a love for Appaloosa horses.

Bill has been a used-car dealer for years, however, now he and his wife Joan spend a great amount of time traveling in their motor home to sing gospel music. Their two girls are always busy teaching, tutoring, cake decorating, and raising their children.





## THE MYSTERY COUPLE

by David W. Cox

Inevitably, all research has weak areas. This work's weakest point lies in the identification of the parents of William Newton Cox II (born 1882). Who were they? We have identified them as William Newton Cox and Ellen Adams. However, should any researcher be able to prove that this William Newton Cox was not the son of William Newton Cox (born about 1845), son of Jacob Cox (born 1801), son of Peter Cox (born 1765), son of Michael Cox Sr. (born about 1736), then the entirety of this genealogical research will keel over like a ship with a gaping hole in its hull.

Here is a rapid survey of the facts and doubts. My father, Kenny Ray Cox, knew his paternal grandfather very well. They lived in the same city. The whole family was close-knit and very loving. Curiously, however, a taboo was placed on one subject: Papa Cox's childhood. The taboo held an aura of mystery associated with a vague excuse of amnesia, perhaps it was real amnesia caused by the trauma of the events.

Fact: historical archives for all frontier regions of colonial America and then the early United States are fraught with inaccuracies, and oftentimes missing completely. It is the genealogist's stumbling block with each and every pioneer generation settling on the American western frontier.

Fact: William Newton Cox II died in 1966 in Oklahoma City. When and where was he born? The birthplace and date of William Newton Cox (#2) and his sister 'Lizzie' could not be properly ascertained until my father uncovered the birth certificates of his uncles, Claudie Cox and Will Cox (see pages 300 and 301), and his great-aunt Lizzie's son, Edward Vaught (see page 262). The documents revealed that William Newton Cox was born in 1882 in Blue, Oklahoma (then Indian Territory), and that his sister was born in Ohio, her full name being Celestial Elizabeth Cox. Finding her full name was a major achievement: "Celestial" is a far cry from just "Aunt Lizzie."

Tenuous fact: this woman was the daughter of William Newton and Ellen Cox of Wayne County, Ohio. The proof offered originates on birth records and the 1880 census records of that county. As she was my great-grandfather's sister, he had to have been born of the same parents.

Fact: this William Newton Cox married Ellen Adams in Wayne County, Ohio on 5 August 1875. We have the record of their marriage.

Tenuous fact: a certain William Newton Cox served as a private in an Ohio regiment during the Civil War (1862-1865). This information appears on the Bonham, Texas Minor Civil Division's Special Schedule of Surviving Soldiers. We presume this same man was our ancestor because he served in the same unit as his brother, Jacob Freeman Cox, in the Civil War.



Fact: William Newton Cox I, traveled from Ohio to Kansas to Texas to Indian Territory. We do not know when he brought his wife and children out west from Ohio. Nor do we know the nature of his business in these western lands. It is in Indian Territory that we lose all trace of him, after he and his wife Ellen were placed as wards of a certain Mrs. McDonnell. Why would a married couple be placed as wards of a widow? Where are the legal records concerning the guardianship of the couple's minor children? Where and when did William and Ellen die? What caused their death? Where were they buried?

Tenuous fact: William Newton Cox (#2) was enrolled at the Red Oak School in Boggy Depot, Indian Territory in the 1895-1896 school year. The teacher's numerous mistakes in the rolls and attendance records leaves one wondering about the person's competence with paper and ink. In light of the gross errors the documents contain (and I have seen them), how much faith can we place in these school records?

Fact: A certain travelling salesman, named Mr. G. A. Maxwell, knew William Newton Cox (#2). We cannot be sure, but he might have known the entire family. Suffice it to say, he eventually became the young man's father-in-law. He took him to Arkansas, where he introduced him to his young daughter. Frona was only 14 years old on her wedding day; William was 21.

The rest of the story, we know. Nevertheless, there is plenty of room for imaginative speculations.

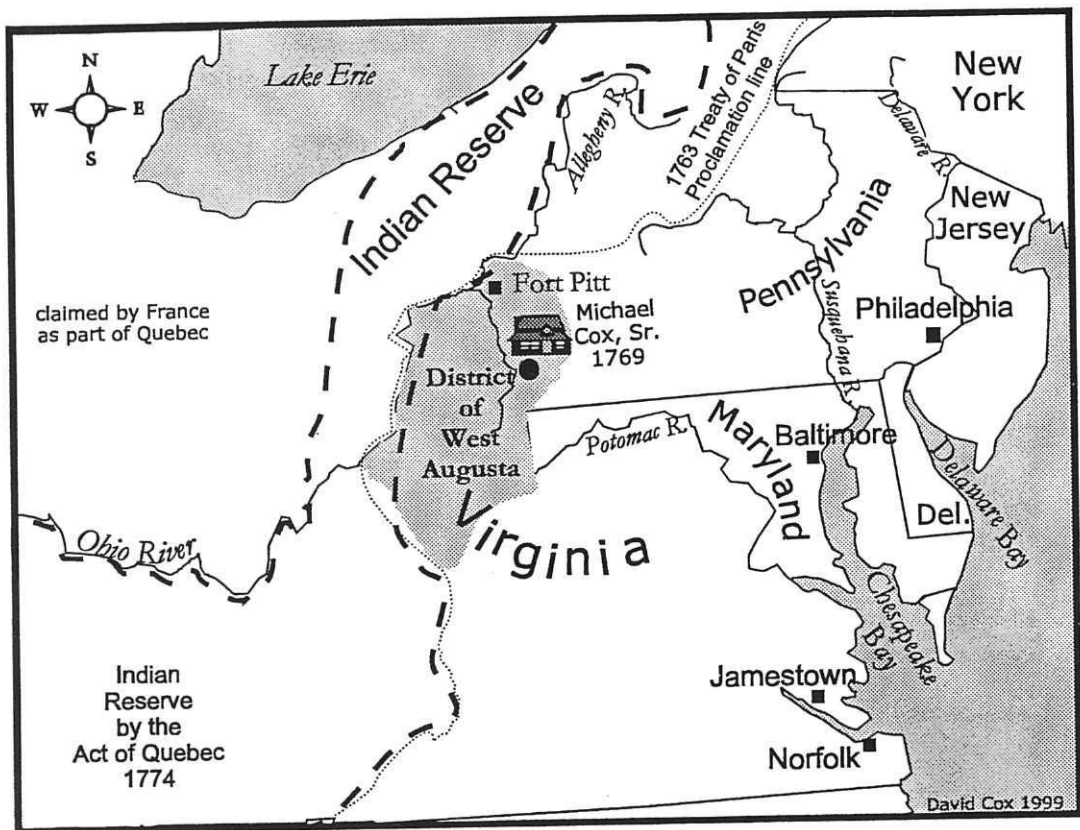
How much did 14-year old Frona know about her fiancé's mysterious background? Had her father forewarned her not to ask her beau any questions, just as my grandfather had warned my father when he was a youngster? Did she ever get up enough brazen gumption to inquire? Did William then dodge her questions? Did he ever reveal anything to his wife of 61 years?

Can any of us accept that he suffered from mental blackout? Unfortunately, we have to. And until further evidence is uncovered, we must also accept a complete blackout on his parents' activities and demise.





PART 2  
FRUIT HILL FOUNDERS



**Map 1: Fruit Hill and the 1769 Frontier Region**

Many pre-Revolutionary American settlers, like our ancestor Michael Sr., were upset with the Treaty of Paris and the Act of Quebec. Snubbing their noses at political agreements made in far-away capitals, they pushed their settlements further and further west; some ventured beyond the Ohio River. Western boundaries of the colonies were hotly contested by all sides.

**MICHAEL COX SR.**  
**LIFE, TIMES, CHILDREN &**  
**"THE BLACK BOX" PAPERS**

by Kenny Ray Cox

Among the numerous maybes concerning this individual we all descend from, is an English origin. After all, Cock/Cox is a very common family name, found all over England. But most all our documents indicate that Michael Sr. "*came from Hamburg Germany*" to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

However, there is a slight possibility that Michael Cox, Sr. was the son of a certain Michael Cock, born 1699, who came to America in 1732. This man's name appeared on a ship passengers list<sup>5</sup> as "sick." So he might have been returned to England and then came again to America at a later date.

An English baptismal record, dated 1736, in Gloucestershire indicates the baptism of a young "Michael Cox" (note the spelling), father Michael, mother Mary. But, let it be noted for future research that ships records also report the arrival of a certain Johannes Michael Cock/Koch to Pennsylvania in 1751. This record I favor.

According to our records then, Michael Cox, Sr. came from Hamburg, Germany to the Susquehanna Valley, in eastern Pennsylvania, where he served seven years as an indentured servant, probably to pay for his passage. He tried, unsuccessfully, three times to escape.

By the time he moved his family across the mountains in 1769, he and his wife Elizabeth had six children. Our second ancestor, Peter, then a toddler, rode in a "wallet" (a sort of knapsack) tied to a horse, with a sister in the other end.

Michael had been to this area previously while in the militia and on hunting expeditions. He "tomahawked" an area for himself that turned out to be three hundred fifteen and one quarter acres in what was then called the Spring Hill Township of Bedford County of southwestern Pennsylvania.

Other people found this pristine virgin area attractive, with plentiful water, game, and no one of authority to boss them around, and they came trickling in. Soon the area was populated.

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<sup>5</sup> This would have been on the ship *Pleasant* which brought a group of passengers with mostly German family names. See list 27-A on page 99 in *The Welcome Claimants, Proved, Disproved and Doubtful*, by George E. McCracken, Genealogical Publishing Co., Baltimore, 1970.



In 1772, three other men named Cox, or Cocks, were in the same general area. Just before the American Revolution began in earnest, a man named Isaac Cox came with his brothers Gabriel, Friend and Joseph and their families, journeying from Hampshire County, Virginia (now West Virginia) with Governor John Cannon. Cannon proclaimed this area to be Virginia Lands (see map of the District of West Augusta, page 59), that is, from the mountains west, from the Ohio River south, including the part that is now West Virginia's panhandle. These Cox folks were probably not related to ours, as no records have been found that would indicate that they were related to Michael Cock Senior.

Isaac Cox and John Cannon were able to set up courts and control events for a few years. They wrote many "Virginia" land warrants for the new settlers, but did not give one to Michael Cocks for his "Fruit Hill" farm that we can find.

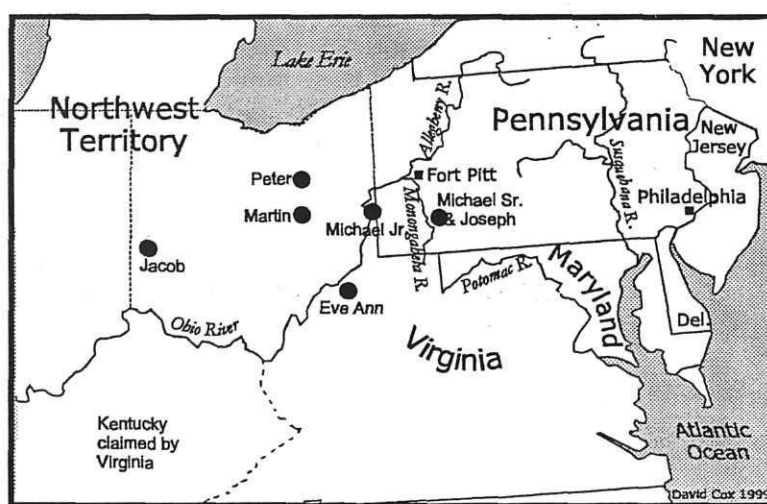
Michael never moved again, living on his farm until he died, on January 24, 1815. He was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth in early 1810. I believe they are both buried on "Fruit Hill."

Michael Senior, and/or Michael Junior, was a constable in Fayette County. Michael Junior had the papers, we know, because these papers are still in his old black metal box. Either one of the Michaels, or both, acted as a bank of sorts for their neighbors holding their grain and paying their debts. Junior could have learned this occupation from his father, as he had the same set up for a while in Ohio County.

Michael Junior moved to Ohio County, Virginia, now West Virginia. John and Emily Cox live on this land bought by Michael Junior in 1803.

Joseph received his portion of land and soon after died of injuries received in the War of 1812.

Martin moved on to Coshocton County, Ohio. Peter moved to Wayne County, Ohio. Jacob and his family moved to Darke County, Ohio.



Map 2: Cox Farms 1769-1820

Michael Sr., Elizabeth, and their youngest son, Joseph died at Fruit Hill. But Michael Jr. settled his family in (West) Virginia. Peter bought farmland when Ohio Territory opened up in 1814. Martin settled south of Peter. Jacob headed even further west to Darke County. Eve Ann and her husband settled near Parkersburg, (West) Virginia, while their cousins and neighbors pushed onwards into Virginia's Kentucky area.





When Michael Senior died, he requested that 100 acres with the farm house be divided and sold. A copy of this sale indicates that Rev. William Johnston bought the place. He was Pastor of the Dunlap's Creek Presbyterian Church. A search of this church's cemetery records does not reveal any Cox names. I believe that our Cox ancestors belonged to the German Reformed church, even though I haven't found any of their names in the incomplete records of the local German Reformed churches.

During this forty-six year period of time, "Fruit Hill" was in both Virginia and Pennsylvania. It was held in Bedford County Pennsylvania; Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania; Monongalia County of the District of West Augusta, Virginia; Washington County, Pennsylvania; and finally in Luzerne Township of Fayette County, Pennsylvania. But our Michael Sr. remained a staunch Virginian throughout this time.

It was a rough neck of the woods, and to survive you had to be a rugged individual. Michael Senior must have been a real character. According to Boyd Crumrine, in *Fayette County History*,<sup>6</sup> our Michael Cox was a "conspicuous figure" who had earned his celebrity in fighting dangerous Indians and the British during the Revolutionary War, but who, apparently, lost his flair when it came to hog wrestling. He nearly got killed trying to chase a wild hog off a neighboring cliff (see full story, next page).

Like many other men of his time in Virginia and Pennsylvania, Michael Senior was a prosperous farmer in an era of economic growth. Having acquired a rather large tract of land it was easy for him to be able to give each of his sons a farm, as Crumrine reports.

Michael's will informs us that his farm was large enough to divide up and to allow part of it to be sold off to meet debts and expenses (see will on page 70). Crumrine also reports that one of Michael's sons was a captain in the militia, who, despite the economic prosperity of his family and region, always paraded in bare feet.

Other glories of Michael Senior, include aiding a poor stranger found in the woods with a broken leg. Along with seven other men of the community, Michael volunteered to help carry the injured man in an "improvised hammock" all the way to the nearest physician in Hagerstown, Maryland, more than 120 miles away! According to James Veech<sup>7</sup>, who tells of the hospitality of the early settlers of the Monongahela area: "*There was then no carriage road across the mountains, nothing but a pack-horse path.*"

Not only did these men (literally) shoulder the burden carrying the man, they also paid for his medical care. Lastly, Crumrine reports that in September 1794, Michael was involved in laying a new road, some 6 and a quarter miles long from Kensey Virgin's ferry towards Brownsville.

Michael not only fought Indians, he fiercely protested against Pennsylvanian domination of western Virginian lands<sup>8</sup> Nevertheless, all officials were nothing but rascals

<sup>6</sup> *Fayette County History*, by Boyd Crumrine

<sup>7</sup> *The Monongahela of Old, Historical Sketches of Southwestern Pennsylvania to the Year 1800*, by James Veech, page 107.

<sup>8</sup> *Westward of Ye Laurel Hills, 1750-1850*, by Helen Vogt, McClain Publishing, Parsons, WV, 1976, page 91.



who came to put pressure on the local inhabitants to pledge fidelity to the Commonwealth, whether it be of Virginia or Pennsylvania.

The sheriff was met with a group of veritable rioters armed with guns, tomahawks, pistols and clubs. Among the rebels protesting Pennsylvania's claims was our Michael Cox.

Michael Senior was a real character. Below is the full story, taken from the *Fayette County History*, by Boyd Crumrine.

Early settlements were made along Cox Run, near Dunlap's Creek. Among them a conspicuous figure was Michael Cox, who was famous as a great Indian-fighter and an ex-Revolutionary soldier.

The Coxes were at one time quite numerous in Luzerne, but now may be looked for in vain. A story about Michael Cox and a hog stands as a laughable episode in the old man's experience. He had been so much troubled by the animal's depredations that he arose one day in his might and swore he would jerk the hog to an unmentionable place, meaning to throw him over a high bluff into a depth known locally as "hell." Accordingly Cox caught the hog by the tail, and dragging him toward the precipice put his available strength into a last pull that was to land the porker in perdition. Unluckily, Cox pulled with such vigor that he fell on the tail, descended into the place where he had hoped to send the beast. It was a terrible fall and well-nigh killed Cox, who lying where he fell and groaning out his misery attracted a lad named John Covert to the scene, and the boy running for assistance Cox was got home and to bed. His injuries were serious indeed, but he recovered after a long confinement. John Covert, the boy above named, died in Luzerne in 1881 at the age of ninety-three.

Cox had a large family and to each of his sons gave a farm. One of these sons was a captain in the militia, and what was singular for a militia captain, invariably appeared upon parade in his bare feet. One day at parade he got a thorn into one of his feet, and halting to repair damages, yelled to his men, "Go ahead, boys and march to yon mullien stalk, while I pull this blasted thorn out of my foot."

As an evidence of the kindly and self denying humanity that characterized some of Luzerne's early settlers stands the story of the man who coming into the township from Hagerstown to find employment, accidentally broke his leg only a little while after he came in. He was poor and unable to pay for such service as his case required, but eight of the inhabitants of old Luzerne improvised a hammock, laid the wounded man thereon, and shouldering the burden marched through the woods and over hills until they reached Hagerstown, and there delivered their charge into the hands of a surgeon, whom they bade attend him at their expense. Five of these men were Thomas Davidson, John Conwell, Michael Cox, Eli Virgin, and William Roberts.

In September, 1794, Jehu Conwell, Charles Porter Junior, Robert Baird, Michael Cox, Thomas Gregg, and William Oliphant laid a road thirty-three feet wide from Kensey Virgin's ferry towards Brownsville, a distance of six miles and seventy-eight perches, intersecting a road leading to Brownsville.



And here is another excerpt,<sup>9</sup> where Veech reports the hospitality of the early settlers of the Monongahela Area.

A remarkable instance of kindness to strangers occurred in what is now Luzerne Township, on Cox's Run, at a very early day. A stranger, from the vicinity of Hagerstown, by the name of Applegate, had somehow got his leg badly broken in the woods, and in that condition was found by an old settler, who at once had him borne to his cabin, where every aid and comfort within reach was provided. But it being late in the fall, and the stranger knowing that the remedy for his misfortune was time and patience, was anxious to be again among his family and friends. There was then no carriage road across the mountains, nothing but a pack-horse path. To convey him home, eight of the neighbors agreed to carry him on a sort of hammock, swung on two poles like a bier. This they did, all the way to Hagerstown! Four of the men were Michael Cock, William Conwell, Thomas Davidson and Rezin Virgin. Tradition has failed to preserve the names of the other four "good Samaritans."

From Helen Vogt's book, *Westward of Ye Laurel Hills 1750-1850* we'd like to underscore the importance of the "if" in her account of the sheriff confronted by the gang of rebels that included our Michael Sr.: "if he [the sheriff] could have escaped with his life." That if is extremely important. (We have italicized this and certain other words in the text.)

The "bottom" through which Dunlap Creek flows was once part of Bridgeport which was absorbed by South Brownsville in 1908 and incorporated into Brownsville in 1933. Above this flat land is the knoll on which are built Nemaoliin Castle and the old Jeffries home (now Crawford) which certainly answers to "Point Look Out."

The Martin plantation is where the first settlers were wont to meet for purposes of defying first the king, and then the Pennsylvania authorities, who for various reasons tried to keep them from making settlements. The Calendar of Virginia State Papers shows that 220 of the people "westward of Laurel Hill" presented a petition July 15, 1772, to the court asking that the sheriff serve no more processes as they were **not** in Pennsylvania. Always in the forefront when there was a conflict, the comment was made that "Colonel Cresap seemed to be the prime mover in this matter." Arthur St. Clair had been down in the Redstone area where the rioters took their stand on the Martin plantation, and wrote to a friend:

The sheriff knew several of them, particularly Abraham TeeGarden and William TeeGarden the Younger who was the ringleaders (sic) of this gang of villains, also John Dearth, Andrew Gudgell and **Michael Cock**.

They were all armed with guns, tomahawks, pistols, and clubs and the Sheriff is of the opinion that only for a pocket pistol which he produced, he would certainly have met with ill usage, **if** he could have escaped with his life. The "villains" and "rioters" of record became leading settlers and as an amusing aftermath of the years of conflict, Andrew Gudgell called his tract in Luzerne Township, "Peacable."

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<sup>9</sup> *The Monongahela of Old, Historical Sketches of Southwestern Pennsylvania to the Year 1800*, by James Veech, page 107



### Michael Sr. & Elizabeth Cox & Their Ten Children

**Michael Cocks (Michael Cox, Sr.)**

born before 1740, in Germany

died: 24 Jan 1815 Fayette County, Pennsylvania

married: **Elizabeth (Desloch ?)**

birth date and place unknown

died 20 July 1810

Both Michael and Elizabeth were probably buried on what later became the C. H. Swan Farm, a part of the "Fruit Hill" homestead.

### Ten Children

**Michael Cox, Jr.**

born: 27 Aug 1759, birth place unknown

died 11 Jan 1832, Ohio County, Virginia (now West Virginia)

married: **Jeruthea Brooks** (possibly the second wife; his first wife may have been Rachel Morehead)

born: 1773, New Jersey

died. 20-28 Oct 1863, Ohio County, Virginia (now West Virginia)

Both Michael and Jeruthea were buried in the small Cemetery, on the Cox farm just outside West Liberty, West Virginia

**Jacob Cox**

born: circa 1760

died: 5 Oct. 1822, Darke County, Ohio

married: **Eve Wise**, Hardy County, Virginia

died: 3 Sept. 1846, Darke County, Ohio; buried in Hillar Cemetery

**Peter Cox**

born: circa 1765

married: **Magdalin** (unknown surname perhaps Jane Roberts (?))  
in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

died: 1841 Wayne County, Ohio

**Rosanna Cox**

born: circa 1767; died: before 1814

married: Eber Homan, born 4 Sept 1764, Long Island NY. They had four boys. After Rosanna died, Eber remarried three more times and had twenty more children. Furthermore, Rosanna may not have been his first wife. Records on Eber Homan are confusing (possibly due to conflation of Sr. and Jr.), but it is certain that he received a pension for his service in the Revolutionary War (S-4405). For further details contact Mary Ann Bowry or Jill Carter (see Appendix 4 for addresses.)



**Eve Ann Cox**

born: circa 1767

died: circa 1850

married. Jacob Deem (Diehm)  
born: 9 April 1764, Frederick County, Maryland  
died: circa 1864, Woods County, West Virginia

**Elizabeth Cox**

born: circa 1769

died: ?

married. (first name unknown, possibly Jonathan) Langly

**Margaret Cox**

born: circa 1772

married: (first name unknown, possibly Samuel or Peter) Fry<sup>10</sup>

died: ?

**Martin Cox**

born: circa 1774

died: 15 April 1842, Sandusky Township, Crawford County, Ohio

married: Rebecca Hull

born: circa 1778, circa Washington County, Pennsylvania

died: circa 1858

**Christine Cox**

born: 10 Jun 1776

died: 11 Jun 1858 De Kalb County, Indiana

married: Henry Hull

born: 19 Nov 1775, Pennsylvania

died: 20 Jan 1861, De Kalb County, Indiana

**Joseph Cox**

born: 1781

Served in the War of 1812

married: Mary Margaret Doney (daughter  
of Isaac Doney) circa 1805

died: before 7 May 1816 (age 35)



Joseph Cox's father-in-law, Isaac Doney's tombstone in the Heidelberg Cemetery, located 2 miles southwest of Fruit Hill, Brownsville, Pennsylvania.

<sup>10</sup> A certain Colonel Fry was killed when he struck a tree branch while riding a horse. He was buried on the site south of Uniontown.

**Grandchildren of Michael Sr. & Elizabeth Cox**

**Children of Michael Cox, Jr.** (for complete information see page 98.)

**Children of Jacob Cox,** (for complete information see page 233.)

**Children of Peter Cox,** (for complete information see 228.)

**Children of Rosanna Cox Homan** (as per father's will):

Michael Homan	went to Wayne County, Ohio
Eber Homan (Jr.)	went to Wayne County, Ohio, and married Anna Marshall, b 1799, d 1881 at Clinton Warren Co., Ohio.
Peter Homan	went to Wayne County, Ohio
Amos Homan	went to Wayne County, Ohio

**Children of Eve Ann Cox Deem,** moved to Woods County, West Virginia

Jacob Deem, Jr.	born: 10 August 1790
Peter Deem	born: 1 July 1792
Elizabeth Deem	
Hiram Deem	born: 26 December 1796
William Deem	born: circa 1797
Abraham Deem	
Catherine Deem	born: 7 March 1801
Juniper Deem	born: 10 April 1805
Washington Deem	born: 20 July 1808

**Children of Elizabeth Cox Langly** (as per father's will)

Michael Langly  
Margaret Langly  
John Langly  
James Langly

**Children of Margaret Cox Fry** (as per Martin's will)

Andrew Fry  
Elizabeth Fry  
Barbery Fry  
Joseph Fry  
Rosanna Fry  
Margaret Fry



**Children of Martin Cox (as per father's will)**

Elizabeth Cox Cockren  
John Cox  
Martin Cox  
George Cox  
Rebecca Cox Butler  
Useby Cox Turtason  
Sally Cox Turtason  
Levina Cox  
Maria Cox  
Katherine Cox  
Sirus (also spelled Cyrus; might be a grandson)

**Children of Christine Cox Hull**

John	born: circa 1795
Joseph	born: 2 March 1798, Pennsylvania
Hiram	born: circa 1802
Martin	born: circa 1805, Pennsylvania
Margaret	born: circa 1809
Alvira	born: 20 April 1813, Ohio
Henry	born: 4 February 1815, Ohio

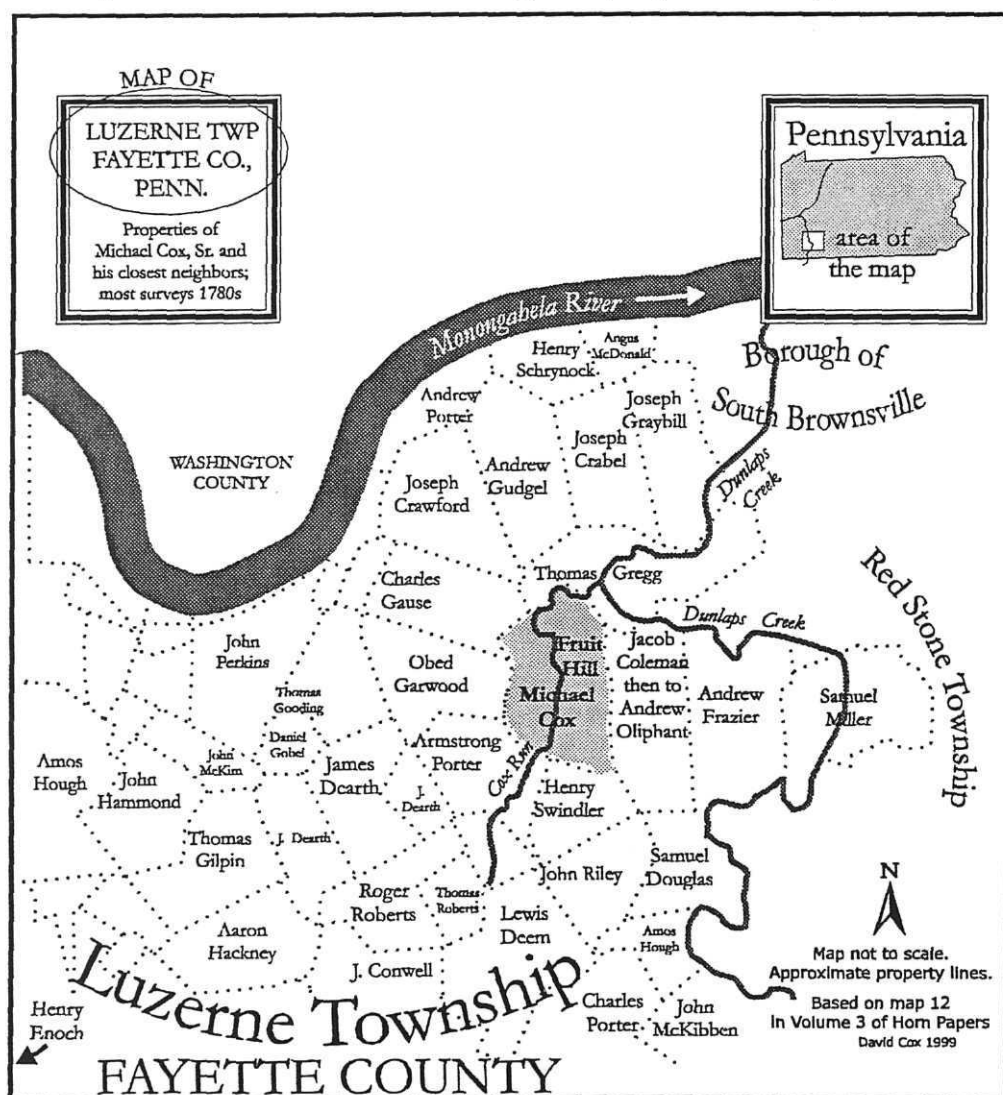
**Children of Joseph Cox**

Elizabeth	born: Fayette County, Pennsylvania
William Michael	born: Fayette County, Pennsylvania
Samuel Joseph	born: Fayette County, Pennsylvania





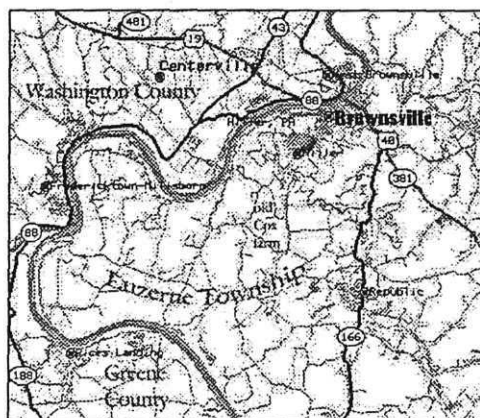
Map 3: Michael Cox Sr. and his neighbors, Fayette County, Penn.



Neighbors play an enormously important role in day-to-day rural life. We encounter many neighbors in Michael Cox Sr.'s and Michael Cox Jr.'s papers and genealogy. Some of the more important neighbors are Lewis Deem, George Dearth, Charles Porter, Roger Roberts, Henry Enoch, and that poor Henry Swindler who risked debtors' prison. This map shows where they lived.

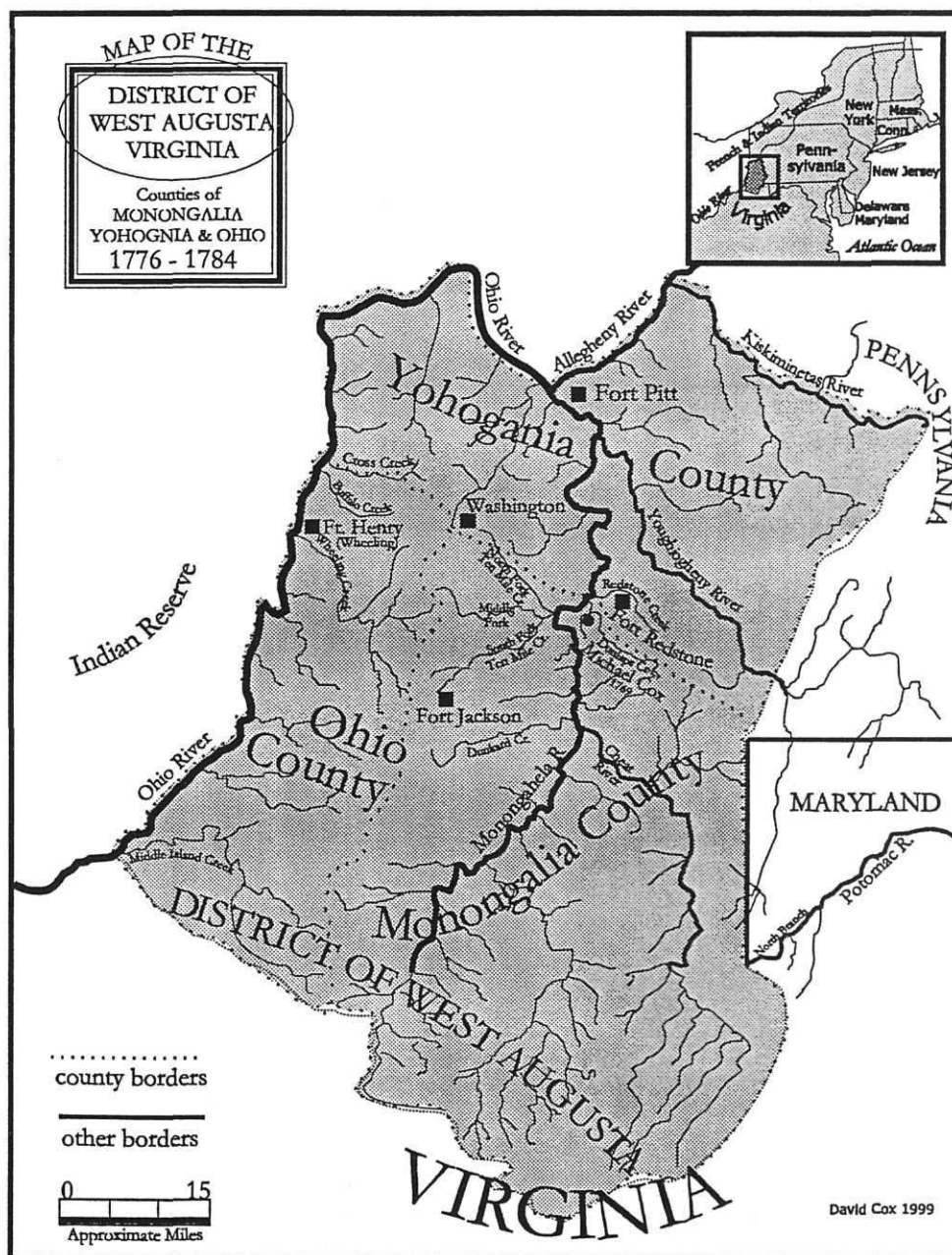
Eve Ann Cox married one of John Deem's son, Jacob. Peter Cox married Magdalin who may have been the daughter or close relative of Roger Roberts.

George Dearth (who must have been related to the James Dearth on the map) was co-executor with Michael Cox Jr. of Michael Sr.'s will.





Map 4: District of West Augusta, Virginia in 1765





Map 5: The Cox settlements



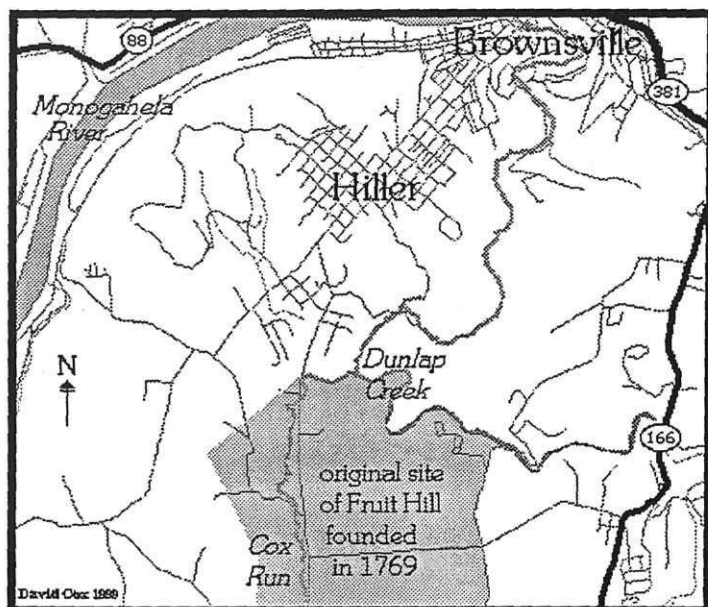
The sites where Michael Cox, Sr. and his children settled are located today in four states. We have used modern-day borders and county lines; but back then, the area was disputed territory.

Fayette County, Pennsylvania contains the Fruit Hill site founded by Michael Sr. in 1769.

Michael Jr. settled in Ohio County, West Virginia. His brother Peter settled in Wayne County, Ohio. His sister Eve Ann went to Wood County.

Hampshire County, West Virginia is the birthplace of the "other" Michael Cox, frequently confused with our ancestor.

Map 6: The Hiller and Brownsville Pennsylvania area today



The modern area of Brownsville and Hiller, Pennsylvania along the Monongahela River.

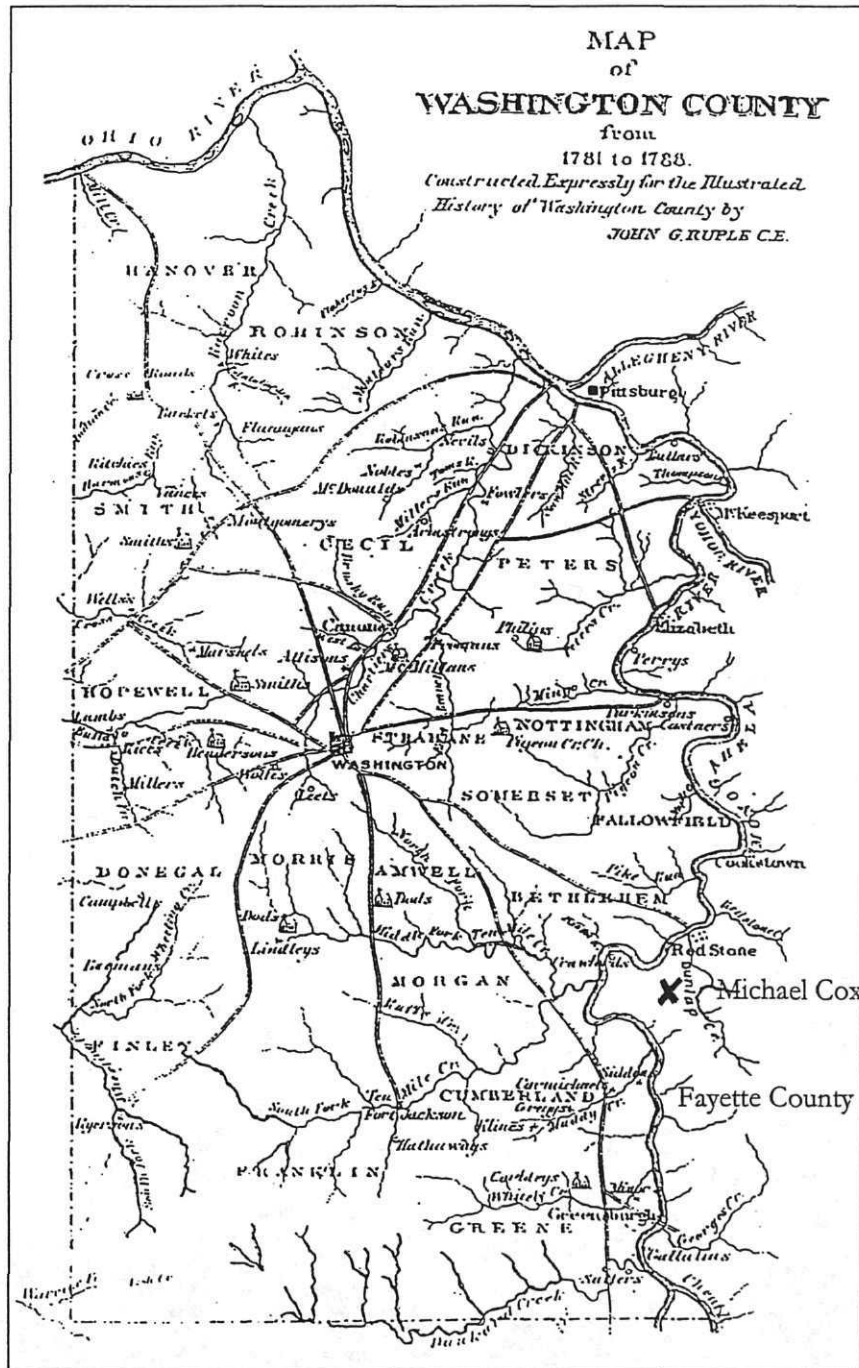
The gray area shows the location in 1769 of Michael Cox Sr.'s farm, Fruit Hill.

Carole Porter Teslovich now lives on part of the old Cox farm. Carole is a descendant of the Porters who were Michael Cox Sr.'s neighbors. According to her property deed dated 1863, the farm was then owned by Jesse Crawford. After, it went to Kenneth Calvert. One of the Calvert daughters, Mary Emma, married Columbus Porter who became owner of the farm in 1885.



### Map 7: Washington County, Pennsylvania (1781-1788)

Just west of Michael Cox's home in Fayette County Pennsylvania, was Washington County.

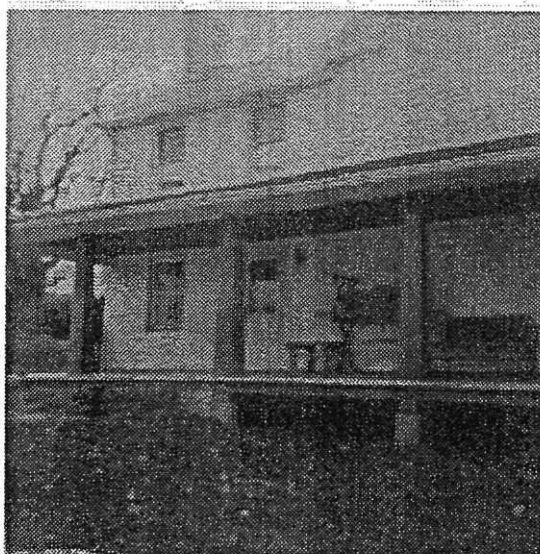
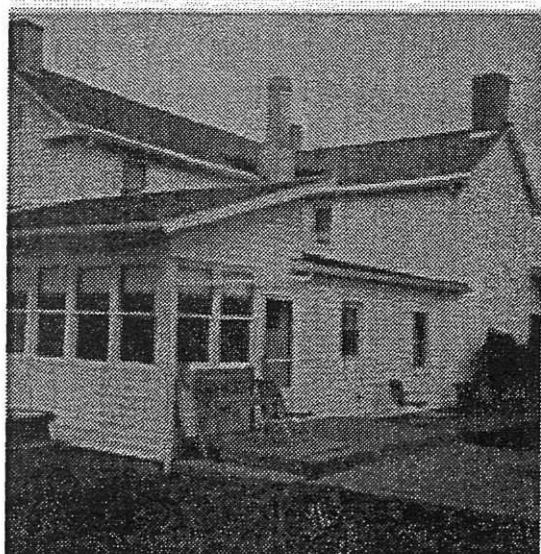
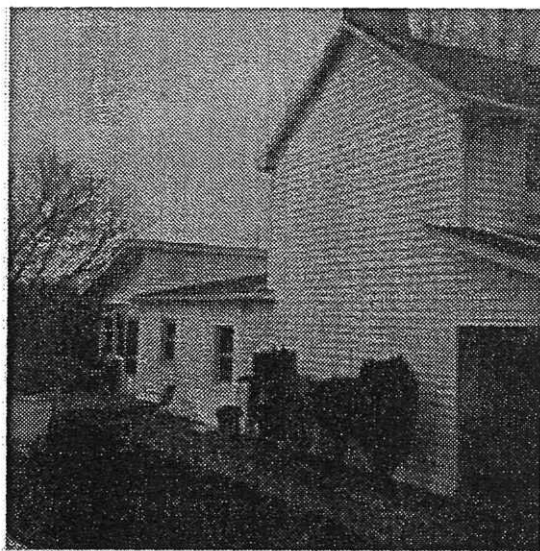




## THE HOME ON FRUIT HILL

Michael Cox Senior built the original two-story log cabin in 1769 (bottom right photo). This large home was added on to several time throughout its history. It is owned today by Carole Porter Teslovich. From the veranda (top left photo) one looks west toward Coxes Run.

**Photographs 10: The Home on Fruit Hill**







## DEEDS, PAPERS, &amp; WILL

The following pages contain deeds from the Fayette County Courthouse, Michael's will, written in 1814, and papers concerning the settlement of his estate. George Dearth was co-executor with Michael Cox Jr. of Michael Sr.'s will. Some of the probate records of this procedure were found in Orphans Court records at the courthouse in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. Additional records were never delivered to Uniontown. They remain locked up, safe in the hands of John and Emily Cox, in the black box on Michael Cox Jr.'s farm in West Liberty, West Virginia.

AFFIDAVIT OF AUTHENTIC PAPERS

Harry Vernon Cox and Blossom Delaplaine Cox lived sixty-five (65) years of their married years on the property in West Liberty, West Virginia Ohio County. Harry was born on this property 1885 and died on it 1954; property originally and continuously owned by Michael Cox and his family.

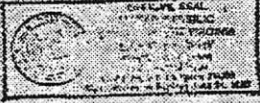
In 1978 and 1979 Blossom, John's Mother came to live with us. Our home being also on the original property/farm. Blossom died 1982 but prior to this time she gave us a black metal box, that we refer to as the "Black Box".

The papers in this Black Box were in good shape with some heat damage done over the years being in the attic where they were store. Some are more legible than others. We made copies and gave them to Kenneth Cox of Oklahoma City, OK. in 1992. He has had the papers typed into order by date and area. The typed order of papers appear to us to read as originals.

*John H. Cox*  
*Emily Ann Cox*

Date: October 14, 1994  
State of: West Virginia  
County of: Ohio

*Grand Juror*



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Transcription of the Deed on Fruit Hill  
Fayette County, Pennsylvania Deeds  
abstracted from copies of originals from Fayette County Courthouse<sup>11</sup>  
Patent Book Number 4, page 488

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Whereas Michael Cock of the County hath requested to take three hundred acres of land including and improvement on the Waters of Dunlap's Creek adjoining land of Armstrong Porter, Obed Garwood, Charles Gause and others in Luzerne Township in the county of Fayette (provided the Lands is within the last Purchase made of the Indians) on which he agrees to pay immediately into the Office of the Receiver General, for the Use of this State, at the Rate of ten Pounds per hundred Acres, in Gold, Silver, Paper Money of this state, or Certificates, agreeable to an Act of Assembly passed the first day of April 1784, Interest to commence from the first day of March 1769. These are therefore to authorise and require you to survey or cause to be surveyed, unto the said Michael Cock at the place aforesaid, according to the Method of Townships appointed, the said Quantity of Acres, if not already surveyed or appropriated, and to make Return thereof into the Secretary's Office, in Order to Confirmation, for which this shall be your Warrant.

IN WITNESS whereof the Honorable Charles Biddle, Esq. Vice President of the Supreme Executive Council, hath hereunto set his Hand and caused the Less Seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed, the Sixteenth Day of February in the Year 1786.

To JOHN LUKENS, Eqr, Surveyor General

Note written on front side of document "To Alex McClean Eqr. Deputy Surveyor Execute this Warrant, and make Return of Survey into the Surveyor General's Office according to Law "

for John Luckin Eqr

Edw Lynche

Signed Cha Biddle V.P.

<sup>11</sup> The survey, patent and warrant have three different spellings for our Michael Cox, Sr.: "COCK", "COCKS" and "COX". They are all filed under "Cock".



## Résumé of Deeds Listed at Fayette County Courthouse Fayette, County, Pennsylvania

Book A, page 92 - Michael Cox from Joseph Peters: Luzerne Township  
Book 255, page 127 - Michael Cox from Commonwealth of Pennsylvania: Luzerne Township  
Book A, page 309-Michael Cox from William Ramsey et al: Luzerne Township  
same page, Michael Cox from John Cunningham et al: Luzerne Township  
Book C, page 616 - Michael Cox from William Oliphant: German Township  
Book C, page 1081? - Michael Cox from Samuel Wilson: German Township  
Book D, page 344 - Michael Cox from John Patterson: Dunlap Creek  
Book 29, page 596 - Michael Cox from Catharine Cochran: Tyrone Township  
Book 107, page 169 - Michael Cox from Monon Nat Bank  
Book D, page 75 - Martin Cox from Michael Cox and wife: Luzerne Township  
Book A, page 210 - Jacob Cox from Michael Cox and wife: Dunlap's Creek  
Book E, page 35 - Michael Cox from James Roberts: Luzerne Township  
Book E, page 90 - Jacob Cox from Ann Kendall et al: Luzerne Township  
same book-Michael Cox from Jno Kendall et ux: Luzerne Township  
Book E, page 183 - Jacob Cox from David Merchant: Union Township  
Book 43, page 394 - Joseph Cox from William Park: Dunbar Township  
Book 99, page 477 - Joseph Cox from Enoch McLaughlin: Dunbar Township  
Book N, page 330 - Joseph Cox from Samuel Dunlap: Dunbar Township  
Book B, page 159 - Peter Cock from Michael Cock et ux near Brownsville  
Book B, page 182 - Michael Cox from Martin Cox  
Book F, pg. 370 - Michael Cox to William Homan (also Peter Cox)  
Book H, page 258 - Michael Cox to Henry Black  
Book L, g.267 - Michael Cox to William Johnston

### DEED: Book A, page 92

PARTIES: Joseph Porter to Michael Cock<sup>12</sup>

DATE OF TRANSACTION: dated Philadelphia 1 September 1784

DATE OF RECORDING: 7 January 1786

PARTY OF THE FIRST: Yeoman Joseph Porter, Fayette Co., Pennsylvania

PARTY OF THE SECOND: Michael Cock

LOCATION: did grant to be surveyed, 30 acres adjoining Armstrong Porter, Obed Garwood, Charles Gause, and Michael Cock, Luzerne Township, Fayette Co., Pa.

ORIGINAL PATENT:

CONSIDERATION : 20 Pounds

SIGNATURE: Joseph Porter, 28 Dec 1785

WITNESSES: John Cunningham, William Ramsey

JUSTICE OF PEACE: Natl. Breeding

RECORDER: Natl. Breeding

EXAMINATION OF DOWER: none

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<sup>12</sup> The name John was erased in 4 places, Michael imported by Miranda McClean before signing.



**DEED: Book A, page 209-210**

**PARTIES:**

DATE OF TRANSACTION: 17 Sept 1787

DATE OF RECORDING: ? Apr 1788

PARTY OF THE FIRST: Michael Cock, Elizabeth, his wife, Luzerne Township

PARTY OF THE SECOND: Jacob Cock, Eva his wife, Luzerne Township

LOCATION: East side of Monongahela River on Dunlap's Creek, adjoining Henry Swindler, Andrew Oliphant, Cocks other land, Beginning heap of stones Corner to Henry Swindler by his line, N 70 W 18 perches to post, Corner to Peter Cock, Cock line N 7 & 55 perches to post, by said Michael Cocks, East 72 perches to post, Andrew Oliphants, his line S 15 & 70 perches to post his corner, by Henry Swindlers S 77 1/2 perches W 58 perches to White Oak, then another of his lines, N 74 1/2 W 77 perches to Beginning, 53 acres allowing 6 % for roads.

ORIGINAL PATENT: Michael Cock, 1786

CONSIDERATION: 20 pounds lawful money of Pennsylvania

SIGNATURE:<sup>13</sup> Mich \_\_\_\_ Elizabeth Cock X [her mark]

WITNESSES: Thos Gregg, George Smith

JUSTICE OF PEACE: Nat Breeding

RECORDER:

EXAMINATION OF DOWER: Elizabeth Cock

**DEED: Book D, page 75, Fayette Co., Pennsylvania<sup>14</sup>**

**PARTIES:**

DATE OF TRANSACTION: 1798

DATE OF RECORDING:

PARTY OF THE FIRST: Michael Cox, Elizabeth, his wife, Fayette County

PARTY OF THE SECOND: Martin Cox, their son

LOCATION: 50 acres on branch of Dunlap's Creek

ORIGINAL PATENT: 1786 Michael Cox "Fruit Hill"

CONSIDERATION: natural love and affection. son, 5 shillings, lawful money

**DEED: Book D, page 343**

**PARTIES:**

DATE OF TRANSACTION: 12 Sep 1801

DATE OF RECORDING:

PARTY OF THE FIRST: Jacob Cox, Eva, his wife & Martin Cox, Rebekah, his wife

PARTY OF THE SECOND: Nimrod Gregg

LOCATION: 50 acres, 53 acres on branch of Dunlap's Creek

ORIGINAL PATENT: Michael Cox "Fruit Hill"

CONSIDERATION: \$1200.00

SIGNATURE: Jacob Cox, Eve X Cox, Martin Cox, Rebekah X Cox

WITNESSES:

<sup>13</sup> Michael Cox signed his name with probably German lettering, it looks like GOCKGES.

<sup>14</sup> Source : *Builders of the USA*, by Ken Neeley; copy at Salt Lake City.

**DEED: book F, page 370, #1**

PARTIES:

DATE OF TRANSACTION: 28 July 1810

DATE OF RECORDING:

PARTY OF THE FIRST: Peter Cox, Magdalin, his wife, Fayette Co., Pennsylvania

PARTY OF THE SECOND: William Homan

LOCATION: Lot or Piece of land situated on Cox's Run in Luzerne Township; Beginning at stake on Michael Cox's line at the corner of said Homan's other land \_\_\_\_\_ of the aforesaid Peter Cox, S one degree, W 12 perches to a Walnut Thence N 89 1/2 degrees E 10 perches to a stake and then by the Homan's other land, N 45 degrees & 16 perches to place of beginning, containing 64 perches, strict measure.

ORIGINAL PATENT: Michael Cox, Elizabeth his wife, Patent Book N4 pg. 488, conveyed Part thereof to Peter Cox & wife Magdalin

CONSIDERATION: \$5.00

SIGNATURE: Peter Cox, Magdalin **X** Cox

WITNESSES: Joseph Cox, Jacob Cox, Jr.

JUSTICE OF PEACE: Thomas Gregg

EXAMINATION OF DOWER:

**DEED: Book F, page 370 #2**

PARTIES:

DATE OF TRANSACTION: 28 July 1810

DATE OF RECORDING: 11 Oct 1810

PARTY OF THE FIRST: Michael Cox

PARTY OF THE SECOND: William Homan

LOCATION: Beginning stake Nimrod Gregg's line, adjoining road from mouth of Muddy Creek to Brownsville, then by said road, N 8 degrees East 8 perches to stake, N 51 degree W 22 perches by land of said Michael Cox to stake, S 1 degree W eight 8/10 perches to stake, by William Homan other land, S 41 degree W 16 perches to stake, N eighty 1/2 degree E to Beginning, containing 1 acre, 14 perches

ORIGINAL PATENT: Michael Cox, Book N 4 Pg. 488

CONSIDERATION: \$15.00

SIGNATURE: Michael Cokes

WITNESSES: Joseph Cox, Jacob Cox, Jr.

JUSTICE OF PEACE: Thomas Gregg

RECORDER:

EXAMINATION OF DOWER:

While there are several deeds concerning Joseph Kelly and Peter Cox (same dates, same land description), I will include only the final deed.

**DEED: Book K, page 85**

PARTIES:

DATE OF TRANSACTION: 6 Feb. 1813

DATE OF RECORDING: 23 March 1813



PARTY OF THE FIRST: Peter Cox, Magdalin his wife, Luzerne Township, Fayette Co., Pennsylvania  
PARTY OF THE SECOND: Joseph Kelly, Luzerne Township, Fayette Co.  
LOCATION: On waters of Dunlap Creek, Township Fayette, Beginning post at Armstrong Porters running N 72 degrees, W 51 perches to stone, N 35 degrees W 58 perches to Red Oak in Obed Garwoods line, N 73 degrees E 72 perches to post, N 71 degrees E 37 perches 5/10 to post in Michael Cox line, S 40 1/2 E 79 perches to White Oak in Jacob Cox now Nimrod Gregg's line, S 7 degree W 91 perches to Beginning containing 62 acres, excepting a lot containing 64 perches, conveyed by Peter and Magdalin to William Homan 28 Jul 1810. Part of Michael Cox Patent, conveyed to Peter Cox, 15 Dec 1791.  
ORIGINAL PATENT: Michael Cox, 1 Apr 1786  
CONSIDERATION: one deed said \$600.00 one deed said \$800.00 provided always pay \$600.00 in Six Penal Bonds, 1st of Sept 1813, 1st of Apr 1815, 1st day of Apr 1816, 1st day of Apr 1817, 1st day of Apr 1818, 1st day of Apr 1819, with interest.

**DEED: Book L, page 267**

PARTIES: Michael Cox, Junior & George Dearth, Executors, Last Will and Testament of Michael Cox, Senior  
DATE OF RECORDING: 7 May 1818  
PARTY OF THE FIRST:  
PARTY OF THE SECOND: Rev William Johnston  
LOCATION: "Fruit Hill" bound on Dunlap's Creek, Luzerne Township, 100 acres N side of Fruit Hill, adjoining Thomas Gregg, Clement Curtis & others to highest bidder, Beginning post & stones on Clement Curtis line, N 40 \_\_\_\_ W 88 5/10 perches to Maple, W/line of Thomas Gregg, N 48 1/2 degree, W 25 perches to White Oak, N 30 degrees E 53 8/10 perches to White Oak, S \_\_\_\_ 9 1/2 E 88 perches to White Oak by land of Nimrod Gregg, S 31 and 3/4 degrees, E 50 perches to post, S 3 degrees W 54 perches to post, by land of JOSEPH COX, DECEASED  
CONSIDERATION: \$1800.00  
SIGNATURE: Michael Cox, George Dearth

**DEED: Book P, page 344**

PARTIES:  
DATE OF TRANSACTION: 12 January 1815  
DATE OF RECORDING: 24 March 1832  
PARTY OF THE FIRST: Peter Cox  
PARTY OF THE SECOND: George Dearth  
LOCATION: Refer to DEED Book K, pages 85 & 86  
ORIGINAL PATENT:  
CONSIDERATION: TRANSFER OF MORTGAGE DEED  
SIGNATURE: Peter Cox  
WITNESSES: Dennis Springer, Silas Bailey  
JUSTICE OF PEACE: Silas Bailey  
RECORDER:  
EXAMINATION OF DOWER:



## Will of Michael Cox Sr.

Michael's will is dated 26 November 1814. He died only two months later, on 24 January 1815, as we learn from Joseph's letter (see page 72). Joseph, the youngest of Michael and Elizabeth, inherited part of the farm, but died in 1816, leaving three minor children and his widow, Mary Doney Cox. The will offers precious genealogical information. We learn the married names of his daughters. I do believe that Michael meant to give each daughter \$200.00 for herself and her children—but it did not turn out that way. If Rosanna's five children had each received forty dollars instead of four dollars then each family would have received \$200.00 total.

**Michael Cox****Book 1, page 455**

Fayette County Courthouse, Uniontown, PA 15401

Searched by Vicki J. Leonelli, Resister of Wills Office

Know all Men by these presents that I Michael Cox Senior of Luzerne Township, Fayette County and State of Pennsylvania Yeoman considering the uncertainty of this mortal life and being weak in body but perfectly sound in mind & memory blessed by God for the same do make and publish this my last will & testament in manner and form following—

First it is my will & desire that my funeral expenses & all just debts that may be incurred during my life should be punctually paid by my Executors hereafter named as soon as arrangements for that Purpose can be made after my decease—

Secondly it is my will & desire that the tract of land I now live on should be divided by a straight line on an east & west direction in such order as to have one hundred acres strict measure on the north side, to include the dwelling house & in which I now live, adjoining Thomas Gregg & others, and as arrangements can be made for this purpose after my decease, it is my desire that the aforesaid one hundred acres of land strict measure should be sold by my Executors to the highest bidder & the monies arising from such sale, as well as the money due me by notes or other wise to be disposed of & divided in manner & form hereafter Stated—

Third the balance or residue of said tract of land on which I now live supposed to contain fifty six acres be the same more or less lying on the south side of said division adjoining Clemant Curtis, Nemrod Gregg & others—I give and bequeath to my youngest son, Joseph Cox his heirs & assigns forever together with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging—

Fourth I give and bequeath to my eldest son, Michael Cox, Junior four hundred and eighty six dollars & 14 cents together with a Book account of One



hundred & thirteen dollars & 86 cents making the whole six hundred dollars. To the children of my Eldest daughter Rosanna Homan deceased-to wit-Michael, Eber, Peter, & Amos Homan I give & bequeath to each of them respectively four dollars—to my second daughter Elizabeth now Elizabeth Langly & her five children vis Michael, John, James, Margaret & Cathrine (Bamon) or (Bauson)—I give & bequeath to each of them respectively thirty three dollars and thirty three cents—to my third daughter Margaret Fry & her six children to wit – Andrew, Elizabeth, Barbary, Joseph, Rosanna & Margaret—I give & bequeath to each of them respectively twenty eight dollars & fifty seven cents to my two Daughters to wit — Eve Deem & Christine Hull — I will and bequeath to each of them respectively two hundred dollars a piece It is further my will and desire that the several sums of money or legacies aforesaid shall be paid to the respective legatees herein named who have become of age in one year after my decease & the minor children above mentioned to be paid as they become of age except the legacies given to my daughter Elizabeth and Margaret I do order my Executors to retain & give it out to them respectively at discrefion — the residue of such money that I may die possessed of

It is my will and desire that it should be equally divided among my children namely, Michael, Jacob, Peter, Martin & Joseph Cox and my daughters Elizabeth, Margaret, Eve and Christine affd the dividend that my however belong to my daughter Elizabeth and Margaret to be retained by my Executors & given out them as aforesaid —

And for the Purpose of carrying the foregoing into effect-I do hereby Constitute and appoint my eldest son Michael Cox Junior & George Dearth Executors of this my last will & testament hereby revoking all others theretofore made by me

In witness of all to each of the things herein contained I have set my hand & affixed my seal this 26th day of November in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

Michael Cox      seal

Signed Sealed published & declared by the said Michael Cox Senior  
in the Presence of

Clement Curtis, affirmed

William Chalfant, sworn

Joseph X Kelly

Comparing this signature with three other signatures of Michael Cox, it is obvious that this is not his own hand because you can actually read it!





## Joseph's Letter Announcing his Father's Death

Emily and John Cox of West Liberty, West Virginia have the original of this touching letter to Michael Cox, Jr., from his brother Joseph telling of the death of their father, dated four days after Michael Senior's death.

It looks unlikely that Joseph expected Michael Jr. and Jeruthea to make it back to Fayette County in time for the funeral. The letter contains no legible reference to the burial, only a consoling reference to religiously inspired last words, "Lord, do take me, I am willing to go!" Notice also that Joseph evokes Michael Sr.'s patriotism, undoubtedly intended as words of pride and comfort.

The long sheet of paper was used as both envelope and letter; it was folded over in lieu of an envelope, and the receiver's address and closing words were written on the outer side. From Fruit Hill home in Fayette County, Pennsylvania to West Liberty, the letter did not have far to travel. It's about fifty miles. But given the date of the letter, necessary delivery and travel time, Michael Jr. could not have made it back to Fruit Hill until at least ten days after his father's death.

As with certain other items from the famous black box, we have endeavored to create a reasonably close facsimile, complete with indications of holes and mold. We have faithfully copied the author's spelling, capitalization, and punctuation. The script we have chosen is fairly close to the original, but as it is computer generated, it is much easier on the eyes.

Words in brackets are our best guesses in deciphering this faded, and slightly damaged, old letter. Horizontal lines indicate words, or portions of words, that we have not been able to decipher. The letter has a total of four very faded lines that remain impossible to decipher.



January the 28 1815

Dear brother and sister [nephews] and  
[nieces], I take this opportunity to Let  
you know that we are in a Reasonable  
State of health at present Except brother  
Jacob Cox he has had the fluoresy but he  
is on the mend. I must now inform you  
that sence I saw [you] [Last] my Dear  
brother [redacted] of  
trouble [Dear] old father is no more on  
this Earth he is gone in the Relms of  
Patricole I think he has gone happy his cry  
was Lord do take me I am willing to go  
by request of George Dearth you must  
come up [soon] and try to [redacted]  
[appraise] [redacted] for sale  
you [redacted] [please] [redacted] [not] to [redacted] in  
this from your Resquested  
friend and brother Joseph Cox

To Mr

Michal Cox

West Liberty virginia

County of ohio

N.B. He departed his life the 24 of this  
month no m [redacted] [more] present but

Remember your friend [and] brother J. Cox



## Settlement of Michael Sr.'s Estate

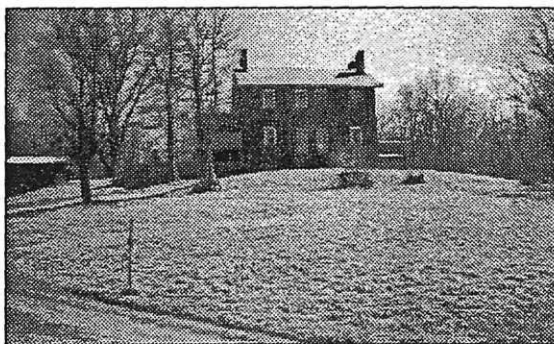
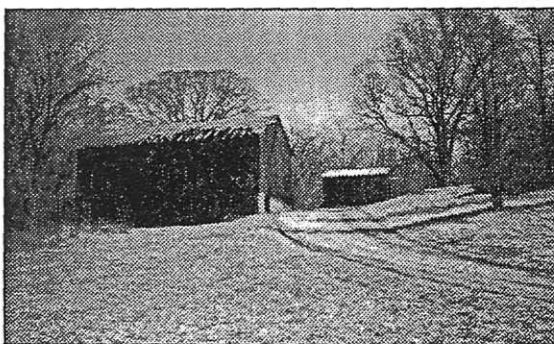
The following records, including the probate documents in the next section, finalize the disposal of Michael Sr.'s estate, as well as his youngest son's, Joseph, who died at the age of 35, in 1816, just a year after his father.

Thanks go to Mary Ann Bowry for digging out the Orphans' Court records. No corrections have been made to these documents which the modern reader will find sorely lacking in punctuation. They have been left as provided. They do not present any of the imaginative spelling to be found in the other documents that follow.

Very curiously, the age of majority is set at 14. Joseph's three children are named, but no mention is made of his widow, Mary Margaret Doney Cox.

While we know that David Porter was a neighbor, Charles Porter might have been as well. William Roberts might have been the father of Magdalin, Peter's wife. Could she have been christened Magdalin Jane Roberts?

**Photographs 11: Fruit Hill**



Two photos of the "new" Fruit Hill house, where Michael and Elizabeth died. The house is located on the northern one-third of Fruit Hill, now Wasco property. Our ancestors' original home was a log cabin. Photos courtesy of Dr. and Mrs. Schwartz.

**FAYETTE COUNTY RECORDS, UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA****ORPHANS COURT, VOLUME 1, page 183**

No. 2, JOSEPH COX, Dec'd, August 1816

The court appoints Charles Porter and William Roberts guardian of the persons and Estates of Elizabeth Cox, William Michael Cox and Samuel Joseph Cox, minor children under the age of fourteen years of Joseph Cox late of Luzerne Township, deceased until they shall severally arrive at the age of fourteen years of age.

**ORPHANS COURT RECORDS, No. 239**

JOSEPH COX, Dec'd, June Term 1819

David Porter and Margaret Cox, Administrators of all and singular the goods and chattels of Joseph Cox late of Fayette County, deceased as will grant and so much of the same as have come to their hands a knowledge of their payments and disbursements out of the same as per inventory exhibited into the Registers office and then remain in produce to the court and account of their administration duly passed before the Register whose by their appears to be a balance in the hands of the account of one hundred and thirteen dollars one cent and a half which account the court allows and confirms and under that said balance after deducting the clerk fees and the orphan of the court be and remain in the hands of said accounts until such time as it may be legally called for.

\$113.015

**ORPHANS COURT, VOLUME 1, page 242**

MICHAEL COX ACCOUNT, 18<sup>th</sup> September 1819

Michael Cox, Sr. and George Dearth Executors of the last will and Testament of Michael Cox late of Luzerne Township, Fayette County and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deceased as will such and so much by the goods, chattels, land and tenements of the said dec'd as there comes to the hands and possessions of the said accountants do offer the said payments and disbursements out of the same as our inventory exhibits into the Registers office and remaining presently to the court and account of their Executors duly sworn before the Register whereby then appears to be a balance in the hand of the accounts of Twelve hundred and twelve dollars and thirty seven cents which account the Court allows and confirms and orders that said balance after dividing the Executors fees and the court be and remain in the hand of the accountants until such time as they may be legally called on for the same.

\$1212.37



## Probate Papers of Michael Cox Sr.

Administered by Michael Cox, Junior, the original papers are in an “old black metal box” at the home of John and Emily Cox of West Liberty, West Virginia. Their original texts with their very original spelling of the period have been preserved, without any corrections. All “errors” (if we can call them such, for spelling was not as fixed or as codified as today), have been faithfully reproduced.

These notes and letters reveal the very real problem in those days of getting good, valid money. Money circulated in a chaotic fashion in early America. Banks in each colony, then state, issued their own currency. Inflation and economic crises had sure impacts on frontier life. The closure of a bank in Boston or Philadelphia, meant the invalidation of its bills. Not surprising that people on the frontier preferred hard cash, gold and silver coins no matter what their provenance.

While the longer letters are often quite interesting, they are rarely touching.

The shorter notes are invariably concerned with money—getting their “legacy” or “lakecy” (or some other spelling variant of this term used to mean their inheritance). Given that most women of the time could not read or write, it is surprising to see that Anna Fry apparently signed for herself.

Most have dates, spanning the period of 1818 to 1826; we have arranged them chronologically following the undated notes. Not everyone agreed on the spelling of the name Michael; Michall and Mical both occur.

As deciphering the spelling is no easy task, these few notes should be of help.

<i>amts</i>	a frequent abbreviation for <b>amount(s)</b>
<i>deceased</i>	can be found written as <b>dec., dec'd, deceist, decet, or deseasat</b>
<i>Exr</i>	is the abbreviation for <b>executor</b>
<i>legacy</i>	meaning inheritance, appears as <b>legasce, legecy, legicy, lakecy</b>
<i>paid</i>	winds up looking like <b>ceayd, by, beayd and bayd</b>
<i>received</i>	can be found spelled <b>recevet, re'ed, rec'd, recived, receipt</b>
<i>specie</i>	spelled <b>spacy</b> , meaning coins, hard cash, not paper bills





First come the undated notes: receipts and requests for payment on the settlement of Michael Cox, Sr.'s will. Therefore, they all date after 1815, and probably before 1823. These notes raise certain questions.

What debt did the Homans owe Samuel Randolph? Rosanna married Eber Homan, but she died before the year 1814, leaving him and their four young boys: Michael, Eber, Peter and Amos. One of these notes is signed with the intriguing expression "William and Michal Homan, agents for Eber and Peter Homan." What was the relationship between these Homans?

Received of Michael  
Cox an executor of the  
estate of Michael Cox  
deceased the sum of ten  
dollars and eight cents  
it being in full of my  
legacy left by my father  
Jacob Cox

Sir Michael Cox please to pay Henry  
Hull the sum of ten Dollars and eight  
cents in Spacy principle and so doing  
you will oblige  
your friend Martin Cox

Received of Michael Cox and executor  
of the estate of Michael Cox decedent one  
hundred and thirty dollars and eight  
cents it being in full my legacy  
Samuel Cox Margaret X Fry

Recevet of  
Michall Cox an  
excutor of  
Michael Cox  
deceet the sum of  
ten dollars and  
eight cents it  
being my lakeey  
so left by my  
father in F. H.

Sir please to pay to Samuel Randolph the money  
that is coming to me from grandfathers estate this  
shall be your receipt  
Eber Peter Homan  
William Michal Homan  
agents for Eber Peter Homan



The dated notes and letters:

[S marked out]

New County Ohio May 12th 1818  
 Sir one of the bank notes that I received of you  
 Don't prove to be good the five on Cincinnati and the  
 ten on unbanco I send them back to you take them  
 and give Mr. Jacob Leffler good money  
 I am Sir yours Andria [L or F, illegible]

Unmuntan Sept 8th 1819 Recd of Michael Cox an  
 executor of the estate of Michael Cox deceased One  
 dollar for advertising property by me  
 Yours \_\_\_\_\_

Received \_\_\_\_\_ the 21 1819 of Michael  
 Cox an executor of the estate of Michael Cox  
 deceased the sum of one hundred and twenty  
 dollars of my wife becase  
 it be in full by me Jacob Deen

Received september 8 1819 of  
 Michael Cox an executor of the  
 estate of Michael Cox deceased  
 the sum of thirty three dollars  
 and thirty three cents by me  
 Elizabeth X Langly





July 22 1820 Recd on the written order  
28 57 principle and 296 interest Thirty  
one dollars and fifty three cents of Michael  
Ers Ers of Michael Ers dec  
David Ers

This David was not mentioned in the will. Who was he? Could he have possibly been the son of Michael Jr. by a first wife?

October the 28th 1821 Sir Michael Ers  
please to pay the bearer Order For the sum of  
twenty eight and [4 illegible words and]  
principle and interest which is my legacy and this  
shall be your receipt  
Anna Fry

November the 2nd 1821 Received of Michael  
Ers and executor of Michael Ers decedent ten dollars  
and eight cents it being in full of my legacy  
Henry Hill

State of Ohio, Stark County, February 13 1822  
To Michael Ers executor of the estate of Michael Ers deceased  
[4 illegible lines]  
Received of Michael Ers executor of the estate of Michael Ers deced the sum  
of four dollars left to me in the last will and testament of Michael Ers  
deceased  
Received by me this 20th day of February 1822  
for Anna Human by Michael Human  
Anna X Human



Two items on the same piece of paper with the same date. This Jacob is probably the son of Peter:

Received of Mical Cox executor of the estate Mical Cox deceased the  
sum of four dollars left to me in the last will and testament of Mical  
deceased Received by me this 20th day of February 1822  
Mical Human

20th day of February 1822 Received of Mical Cox executor of the estate  
of Mical Cox Deceased the sum of ten dollars and eight cents left for the use  
of Peter Cox  
by me Jacob Cox

April 17th 1823 Mr. Michael Cox  
Please to pay the Bearer the Balance Due to me  
of My Father's Estate your Compliance will  
oblige yours  
Elizabeth Langley

To Michael Cox  
December the 1 1823

Receipt of Michael Cox the son  
of Ten Dollars for the use of  
Elizabeth Langley a being the  
balance of his legacy in full

Received by me Martin Cox



Letter from Benjamin and Rachel Homan, mailed from either Warren County or Clinton County in southwestern Ohio. The letter contains some interesting data on life in what was then the frontier.

October 23 1825

Dear brothers and sisters I take the opportunity to inform you that we are all well at present and hoping that theys lines may find you all in the same state of health four days ago I was at fathers and \_\_\_\_\_ they was all well at that time father had a sever spel of sickness in august last but is now well hearty and all the rest of our friends Alexander Moor is dead Anna Merrit also Abraham has broke up house keeping Aunt Ruth and the rest of her family was well the last account I had from them Aaron Homan lives on blue river in the new purchase Henry Bottu and Phebe expect to move on white river this fall 100 miles from father father received your letter about four weeks after you wrote to him and was glad to hear from you all again and we hope that you will write to us againe as soon as possible it has been very richly in some places this summer in this country and is yet but not so much as it has been Wheat is 37 a bushel corn from 10 to 15 cents pork 3 dollars Eber Peter expect if nothing happens to come up this winter to see you and as Micah wrote to the boys to send him an order to get that money from Macail cos Peter says that he may get his part of it and make youse of it if you need it Eber myself we live 21 miles from fathers on the waters of todofork Clinin county virgin township I wish to be excused for the shortness of my letter I ad no more at present to my brothers and sisters all this from Benjamin Rachael Homan Direct your letter to Lebanon post office Warren county Charm \_\_\_\_\_





Oct 23 1825

So please to pay the money coming to me  
to Michael Human if you please and  
this shall be your receipt for the same  
Peter Human

Nov 11th 1825 Received of  
Michael Cox and Exr of Michael  
Cox Deed twenty eight dollars and  
fifty seven cents and marked out twelve  
dollars and forty six cents interest being  
the full amount of an legacy due to me  
from an estate of said Michael Cox  
deceased

Joseph Fry

Dover Wayne County Ohio Sugar Creek Township  
December 30th 1825

Dear Uncle Aunt I write to you that we are all well at  
present and Peter Cox his family is well also hoping these  
lines may find you all well I received a letter from my  
father and my brother and Eber and Peter sent orders to  
my brother Muel and myself to get their money that is in  
your hands coming to them from grandfather's estate you can  
let the bearer hereof Samuel Randolph have the money for  
us and as receipt for them as their Agents to receive it I  
also send the orders they wrote to you in this letter So please  
to pay Samuel Randolph the money that is coming to me  
from grandfather's estate to me

Eber Human

William Human agent for Eber Human

January the 10th 1826  
Received of Michael Cox an  
executor of the estate of  
Michael Cox deceased the  
sum of eight dollars for the  
use of William and  
Michael Human agents by  
order of Peter and Eber  
Human

Received by me Samuel  
Randolph

September the 11th 1826

Mr. Michael Cox So please to let  
the bearer Joseph Fry have twenty  
eight dollars and fifty cents (which is  
my legacy coming from my  
grandfather) and you will oblige your  
friend Margaret Fry

The receipt below has  
many scratched out  
places.

Sept 18th 1826

Received of Michael Cox Exr of the last  
will and testament of Michael Cox deed  
thirteen dollars and eight cents interest  
due in full the legacy of Margaret Fry  
Joseph Fry

The spelling and amounts will be left up to the reader. The figures do not appear as dollars and cents, and are most likely in pounds, shillings and pence. Both pounds and dollars circulated during this period of American history. An educated guess on the signification behind what look like *ceayd*, *by*, *beayd* and *bayd* would be *paid*.

<i>an account of money receivd of the estat of my father</i>		
<i>Receivd of jacob Cox</i>	1	63 45
<i>Receivd of william cunningham</i>	1	50 0
<i>Receivd of sam craft</i>	1	70 0
<i>Receivd of william johnson</i>		12 0
<i>Receivd of jacob Cox</i>	0	50 0
<i>Receivd of martin Cox</i>	0	94 0
<i>Receivd of peter Cox</i>	0	50 0
<i>Receivd of hennery hull</i>	0	86 50
<i>Receivd of peter fry</i>	0	3 74
<i>Receivd of johnson</i>	[illegible]	
<i>Total</i>	[illegible]	
<i>Ceayd to georg dearth</i>	1	74 0
<i>by mr johnson</i>	0	53 0
<i>by joseph Cox estate</i>	0	67 83
<i>by van maxcy</i>	0	
<i>also ceayd to</i>	0	23 57
<i>beayd to theath</i>	0	90 0
<i>beayd to theath</i>	0	10 0
<i>beayd to theath</i>	[illegible]	
<i>bayd to hennery hull</i>	1	20 00
<i>bayd to elizabeth fry</i>	0	28 57
<i>beayd to jacob deem</i>	120 00	
<i>beayd to barbery fry prinabel</i>	28 57	
<i>and interest</i>	2	96
<i>ceay to estate of J</i>	10 00	
<i>ceayd to Jacob Cox</i>	10 00	
<i>payd to margaret fry</i>	130 18	



## CENSUSES OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

1790, 1800 and 1810

## 1790 LUZERNE TOWNSHIP, printed copy, page 107

Michael Cox, Sr. before 1774	3 males 16/up, 1775-1790	1 male u/16 no ages	3 females
Jacob Cox	1 male 16/up	2 males u/16	2 females
Michael Cox, Jr.	1 male 16/up	2 males u/16	1 female
John Deems	1 male 16/up	2 females	
Jacob Deems	1 male 16/up	1 male u/16	2 females
Lewis Deems	3 males 16/up	2 males u/16	2 females

## 1800 LUZERNE TOWNSHIP (alphabetical order), page 557

Jacob Cox	male 1 u/10, 3 10/16, 1 16/26, 1 26/45 female 3 u/10, 1/26/45
Michael Cox	male 2 u/10, 1 16/26, 1 45/over female 1 u/10, 1 26/45, 1 45/over
Martin Cox	male 1 u/10, 1 16/26 female 1 u/10, 2 16/26
Peter Cox	male 1 26/45 female 1 16/26

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Michael Cox	male 2 u/10, 2/10/16, 1 26/45 female 2 u/10, 1 26/45
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Lewis Deem	male 5 u/10, 1 10/16, 1 45/over female 1 10/16, 1 26/45
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## page 559

George Deem	male 1 u/10, 1 16/26 female 1 16/26
Peter Fry	male 1 u/10, 1 26/45 female 1 u/10, 1 26/45
Eber Homen	male 2 u/10, 2 10/16, 1 26/45 female 1 u/10, 1 10/16, 1 26/45

## FAYETTE COUNTY (unrelated Coxes)

John Cock	20010-00100	page 558
William Cock	10300-10100	page 558
William Cox	51010-01010	page 576
John Cox	20210-12210	page 576

**1810 LUZERNE TOWNSHIP**, printed from microfilm copy #252**page 963**

Eber Hoeman	4 males under 10, 2 aged 10-16, 45/over 2 females under 10, 1 aged 16-26
Jacob Cox	1 male under 10, 1 aged 10-16, 2 16-26, 1 45/over 1 females under 10, 2 ages 10-16, 1 45/over
Martin Cox	1 male aged 26/45 1 female under 10, 1 aged 10-16, 1 aged 16-26

**page 964**

Isaac Doney, Jr.	30100-00100
Isaac Doney	10001-01001
Jonathon Langly	00010-20100

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Frederic Hoeman	02101-21001
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Peter Cox	1 u/10, 1 45/over, 3 u/10, 1 26/45
William Hoeman	10100-00100
Peter Fry	10101-31010

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Michael Cox	1 male aged 45/over
Joseph Cox	1 male aged 26-45 1 female under 10, 1 female aged 16-26

**Bridgeport in Luzerne Township**

John Cock	21210-00110
William Cock	40210-21010

**Georges Township page 970**

Isaac Hull	22101-20110
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**Redstone Township**

Andrew Cox	10010-00100
Phillip Deem	00100-00000

**Washington Township****Whorton Township**

William Cox	30010-10010
John Fry	20001-20100

**Union Township**

Margaret Hull	12000-31110
Connellsville in Bullskin Township	

**Dunbar Township**

George Cox	01100-10010
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## PART 3

# BEYOND FRUIT HILL

Research on  
Elizabeth & Michael Sr.'s Descendants:

Michael Cox, Jr.  
Jacob Cox  
Eve Ann Cox Deem  
Martin Cox  
Christine Cox Hull  
Anne Cox Hupp

Descent Chart 4: Children of Jeruthea Ann Brooks & Michael Cox, Jr.



## MICHAEL COX, JR. & JERUTHEA ANN BROOKS KEEPERS OF THE BLACK BOX

by Shirley Cox Larson

Who was Michael Cox Junior? We know that he was the son of Michael Cox Senior. We know he served in the army during the Revolutionary War. We know he lived in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. We know that he may or may not have been married twice, we know that he lived out his last years with his wife Lady Jeruthea Brooks, who came from New Jersey. We know that he had fourteen children, their increasing numbers accounted for in both the Fayette County, Pennsylvania census and the Ohio County, Virginia (now West Virginia) census.

We know that he bought the West Virginia farm (on which his direct descendants still reside) for \$1800.00. We know that on the 9th day in June, 1829, he set his hand and seal to his will.

Study of this will raises some questions. His youngest sons, sixteen year old John and nine year old George, are listed first. They are bequeathed fifty acres of land which will be theirs when they attain the age of twenty-one. It seems strange that these young boys were his first concern—unless he was ill and had some inkling of his impending death. Then he would naturally be anxious about the future of his youngest offspring.

Michael Junior willed his son Abraham the bulk of his estate and the responsibility of caring for his wife and his son Thomas. It seems likely that Thomas was handicapped in some way for he always lived at home and he never married though he lived to be fifty-seven. In contrast, a picture of Abraham emerges as the dutiful son, the young man who proved himself worthy of receiving the farm, the man who could be depended upon to care for Michael's wife and his handicapped son, even though he was only twenty years of age. Perhaps he was like George Bailey in *A Wonderful Life*, one of those males who is "born old."

In item six, Michael Junior states that Joseph, Samuel, Isaac, William and Elizabeth have already received five hundred dollars each and they are to take no part in his estate. This was, and perhaps still is, a rather standard practice. If a young man or woman needed money to strike out and set up housekeeping independently, a parent would provide the money with the condition that the financial gift would be considered the child's inheritance, and no more would be forthcoming at the time of the parent's death. A look at their birth dates indicates that these children were all over twenty-one and might be considered Michael Junior's 'older family.' They were probably already married and away from home with families of their own.

In the codicil, a rather odd thing occurs. In the section about land passing into the hands of son John, the codicil states that if John should die "*with*" children, the land will still



revert to Abraham at John's death. In the portion speaking of the land to be set aside for son George, the document states that if George should die "*without*" children, the land reverts to Abraham. This seems odd. One is tempted to think that the word "out" was deleted from John's portion, for the way the codicil reads, he is being given nothing more than the stewardship of the land during his life. I leave it to the reader to decide if the wording was error or intentional. The reader might also find it interesting that as well as the land, Abraham was directed to give to his brothers George and John "a Horse, Bridle and Saddle, and suit of Domestic Clothing." Would that such a simple dowry could suffice today.

He is an intriguing man, this Michael Junior. He was obviously ambitious. He acted as a constable—a local law officer with limited authority, an occupation he may have learned from his father. In Michael Senior's will, Senior speaks of leaving Junior "four hundred and eighty-six dollars & fourteen cents together "*with a Book account of One hundred & thirteen dollars & 86 cents making the whole six hundred dollars.*" What was this Book account?

As for other mysteries, there is also a cryptic note among Michael Junior's papers that reads, *Received June 11th 1814 of Mikel Cox Sen thirty nine dollars and twenty five cents on account of his son Mikel for notes Sd Mikel lifted from me & for what Mikel Cox's Jr. (sic) horses sold for by Harvey Constable \$37..25, (signed) Absalom Ridgely.* Since we know that Michael Cox (Cock) Senior died in 1815 and in 1814, Michael Junior would have been fifty-five years old, I believe that "son Mikel" refers to Michael number three, Junior's son. It seems highly unlikely that Junior, a staid family man, was stealing notes from anyone.

We know from his will that Michael Junior was concerned for the welfare of his wife, his handicapped child, Thomas, and his younger children. Certainly he was successful. His legacy from Michael Senior was six hundred dollars. When Michael Junior wrote his will, he possessed a large farm, five of his children had already received five hundred dollars, he willed almost two thousand dollars to several other children and grandchildren, and he bequeathed his two youngest sons fifty acres apiece. By any standards, he was a successful man of his times, a man determined to own his own land and provide a good living—and a good life—for his wife and his children.



## FINDING MY ROOTS, OR HOW IT ALL STARTED

by Shirley Cox Larson

*Note to the Reader: This was originally written as a letter back to my sister who lives on a farm near Ayrshire, Iowa. Changes have been made for clarification.*

It started oh, so casually.

Me: (Blissfully ignorant of any scrap of knowledge about genealogy, family history, or what I was getting into.) Would it be possible to stop in West Virginia on the way to Florida? My ancestors are buried somewhere around there.

Don: Why not? (Anything to get me in the truck and on the way to Florida in a hurry and happy about it.)

I dig the family history out of the buffet. Things seem to center around West Liberty. I look up the town. By golly, it's only about 16 miles from Interstate 79. A piece of cake.

As we get closer, I look on the map. (Big mistake.) Gee, Don, if we take this little black road, it's *much* shorter than going around on the Interstate to Wheeling. Don agrees to take the road. (Another mistake.)

So we turn off the expressway onto 844, to head for 331.

You've heard of 3/4 beds? This was a 3/4 road. We only meet three cars, but they were enough. The sign carefully informs us that each bridge across this darn creek is one lane. I don't know why they bother. The entire road is one lane. Its only saving grace is that it's blacktop. This road is pure Indian trail, curving along a stream, climbing up hills and down, around switchback turns, hairpin turns, you name it. The speed limit is 45 miles an hour. We laugh. We are lucky to get up to 30.

After roughly a hundred years of driving, we arrive in West Liberty. West Liberty looks about the way Ayrshire (the small town in Iowa where I went to school) would look if it were plunked down in the hollow of the mountains, had a church with a steeple and was a hundred and fifty years older.

West Liberty/Bethany area does have something Ayrshire doesn't have. Just on the other side of the hill are two four year colleges. One is called Bethany College, the other West Liberty College. The road into West Liberty has been called "the cow path to culture". I don't know why it's called *West* Liberty, to my knowledge there is no Liberty or East Liberty. [After writing this, I have since learned that there is indeed an East Liberty. It is in Pennsylvania.]





Our family history that I hold in my hand tells us that most of our ancestors are buried in the Cox family grave yard about a mile from West Liberty. It doesn't say what direction. I can see why now. By the time we went around all those curves, I didn't know which way was up, either.

We stop in the post office to ask where the Cox family grave yard might be, even though we knew they probably hadn't had much mail delivered there lately. A very lovely, friendly lady there said she didn't know, but Mrs. Gordon across the street might know. Her husband used to be the caretaker of the cemeteries. Mrs. Gordon is the lady who lives in the house with the porch swing. The post office lady gives us directions to a couple of other graveyards. We, being reasonably intelligent people, are certain we can find the Coxes without bothering Mrs. Gordon. So off we go, with the directions already scrambled in my head, up hill and down dale. By sheer accident, we find Short Creek Cemetery, which is maybe five miles west of West Liberty. It is behind a beautiful country church, an old-fashioned one with a steeple, United Methodist and still in use. Behind this church, going straight up the side of a very tall hill, is the cemetery.

I am very excited and jump out of the car. Don is a little less excited, but he follows. We tramp all over the graveyard, which means we are climbing, climbing up that steep hill, just the thing for two people who are already a little "over the hill" to do after sitting in the car for two days.

We find Jane Cox Hedges right away and take a rubbing of her gravestone. If you look up your family history, you'll find that Jane is the youngest daughter of "our Michael". She was born in February 1819, and died on 21 May 1918. She was 97.

We walk around for a good fifteen minutes and can't find the names I really want to find, Isaac and Susan. So I look up at the sky, (this is the God's truth) and murmur, "Samuel, (my ancestor) I'm having trouble. I can't find the gravestones. I need a little help here." Almost on top of my last word, Don calls out, "Here they are." And there they were, their tombstones very clear, Isaac Cox and Susan Cox.

There were two other people named Brown buried in that plot, and I didn't realize it at the time, but they would have been Susan's relatives. She was a Brown.

We go back to West Liberty and find two other graveyards, one the Prall graveyard, which is on the side of a hill, (where else?) and very well kept. Zach Cox's grave is there and I believe he is an offshoot of one Michael's fourteen children, but I don't know which one. (I have since learned that he is Abraham's son and the ancestor of John and Emily Cox.) The other graveyard was tucked back in the corner of the town with a black wrought iron gate askew, grass a foot tall. No one is taking care of it, the gravestones tipped and unreadable, just like something you'd see in a movie. Don and I walk all over this one, and all we accomplish is to set every dog in the town barking, almost as if they know we aren't West Libertians. The cemetery was in such an unkempt state that I was relieved when I didn't find a Cox name there.

I decide maybe I am not all that intelligent, and I go back to knock on the venerable Mrs. Gordon's door. A very nice lady. She tells me that she knows of no Cox graveyard but that John Cox lives out on Route 88 a mile from West Liberty (bingo) and that farm has been in the Cox family for years.





I want to find a telephone and call John Cox, but I am a little hesitant to call up a stranger and say, Hi, I'm your cousin a few times removed. Also, it is getting late and Don does not want to be negotiating hairpin curves in the dark. So I agree to give up the search and go to Wheeling, but only if we can go to the Library and do a search there.

Wheeling is immersed in the Festival of Lights. The displays are beautiful, all different kinds of figures, a steam boat, deer, and across from the library, an eagle, just to name a few. I said to Don, gee, this looks like Niagara Falls on the Canadian side. We later found out that some guy went to Niagara Falls at Christmas time and came home and decided to duplicate the effect in Wheeling. The displays are made by the kids in the local high school.

Anyway, there was a book on the Coxes in the library put together by Leona Cox Bochat, which I skimmed and tried to absorb as much as I could in the two hours we had.

After we eat supper, I shore up my nerve to call the Coxes. Emily answers the phone. She is cautious at first, wanting to know who my Michael's wife is. I tell her Jeruthea. She asks who my ancestor is, I tell her Samuel. She becomes very excited and we chat for quite a long time. She tells me that she is having a dinner party the next evening, but if I could come in the morning, that would be fine.

I am so excited thinking about this, I don't sleep much that night. Don lies in the bed in the motel room, and after this long silence says, "I should have married an older woman."

Back we get on state road 88, which is a little better than the other two roads. It's wider and smoother, but it still has more twists and turns than an Agatha Christie murder mystery.

John and Emily live just outside of West Liberty in a beautiful brick ranch house that has a view from every direction. They are having their trees trimmed while we are there, and buzz saws are going and tree limbs are falling and leaves are scattering. But they greet us warmly. I of course look for a family resemblance in John, but really don't see any. He is short, trim, and very black haired for a man his age. He has an evenness of features that reminds me a little of my dad, nothing of myself. Emily takes us into their family room which looks out over the hills on the back of the farm. They have dairy cattle. John had open heart surgery a few years ago, so the operation is in the hands of the hired man. A little later on, we meet him. He reminds me of Sweet Baby James Taylor, except that he had a little more hair.

Emily showed me her four inch thick book on the Cox family. I don't know what all she has, pictures of the gravestones for one, and lots of information on the fourteen children for another. I tried to read some, but then we'd start talking and I'd lose track of where I was in my reading. What I discovered from Emily and she vows it is true, is that Isaac is not Michael's father, that there is a Michael Junior and a Michael Senior, and the Michael Senior is our ancestor. The Isaac mentioned in our family history Emily believes is an uncle to "our" Michael.

After we talk as fast as we can and two hours whiz by, Emily and John pile us into their Cherokee and drive us part way to the Cox family plot. Then we have to squeeze between a narrow opening in the fence and walk through the pasture up to top of the hill where the graveyard is.

It is a chilly morning, and I am feeling the wind. But when I see the graveyard, I forget the chilliness and everything else. The graveyard is on the absolute top of the highest hill.



You can see miles in all directions, all the rolling hills of the farm, John and Emily's house, the town of West Liberty. John has recently put a white rail fence around the plot to keep the cows out, but he said that he lived on the farm for years without knowing that the plot was there. He knew nothing of his history until Emily started digging into the story. The grass is tall, and the gravestones are in disrepair from time and the elements. I do have pictures, and most of the gravestones are readable, if you already know what you are reading, as Emily does.

I copied this from Emily's records:

People buried in Cox Family graveyard:

1. Michael Cox, died January 1832, aged 73 years (our Michael)
2. Jeruthea Cox, wife died 28 October 1863, age 90 (according to my calculations, she was fourteen years younger than Michael, which almost brings up the question, did he marry somebody else first?)
3. Thomas, son of Michael and Jeruthea, died 11 December 1867, age 55
4. Isaac Hupp, 1814 -1853, son of Isaac Hupp and Ann Cox Hupp. He came back to the farm to visit and died while he was there so they buried him in the family plot.)
5. (unnamed child)
6. Abraham Cox, Abraham (b. 1809):burial place, died August 1889, age 80 years (Abraham is the modern John's ancestor)
7. Elizabeth, wife of Abraham, died 11 February 1863
8. Mary, daughter of Abraham and Elizabeth, died 10 January 1851 at 2 years of age.
9. Archibald Cox died, 5 year old son of Abraham and Elizabeth.

I can almost see Jeruthea in her long black dress, walking up that hill with her sons and daughters and saying, we'll put Father here where he can see the whole farm and he will be close to us. When I die, put me at his side.

Other things of interest. The original house, the house that "our" Michael built, was torn down in 1925 (see photo page 95). But Emily showed me its old location, it was, of course, near the water well and down a bit further into the hollow behind John's house. Emily has a black box filled with handwritten business papers of both Michael Senior and Michael Junior. After we visited the graveyard, Emily and John drove us over this narrow, winding gravel path at the back of their farm through trees, trees and more trees to a vacant, dilapidated gray house on the top of a hill. This is Isaac and Susan's house (the Isaac that is Michael Junior's son) and it is also the house where Dr. John lived who was the ancestor of Leona Cox Bochat and a doctor for the Rebel army during the Civil War.

I took pictures that day: a picture of Michael's gravestone (see page 28), a picture of the graveyard (see page 29), and a picture of Isaac and Susan's house.



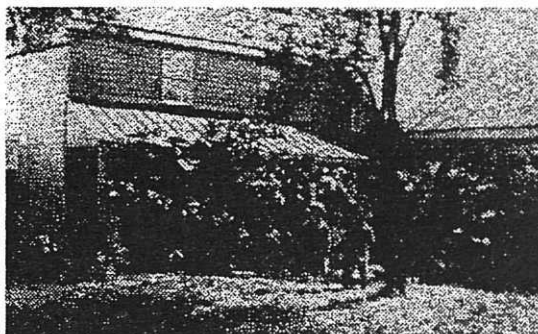
**Photograph 12: Jeruthea's tombstone**



The inscription reads:

*Jeruthea  
Wife of  
Michael Cox*

**Photograph 13: Jeruthea & Michael Jr.'s house**



Michael and Jeruthea raised their family in this house just outside West Liberty. The kindergarten-aged children in the yard are Vernon (b. 1915) and Mildred Cox (b. 1917).

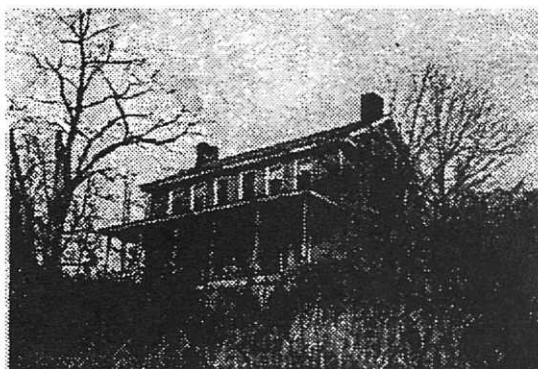
The photo was probably taken in 1923.

**Photograph 14:  
Shirley & Don Larson with John Cox**



Photo taken by Emily Cox, 1995

**Photograph 15: Isaac and Susan Cox's house**



This was also the home of Dr. John Hupp Cox.

It was all wonderful, but meeting Emily and John was the best part. They are just exactly the kind of people everyone wants to discover for new-found relatives, honest, quick, intelligent, enthusiastic, and hard-working.

I understand that they have had a lot of relatives researching the Cox family come to the farm. Since Michael and Jeruthea had fourteen children, that is understandable. They also told us that they believe Michael got a large farm because he wanted farm land for each of his children. Perhaps he didn't plan on having so many. My ancestor Samuel, his son, struck out for Illinois and was buried in the Bell Plain Cemetery.

I tried to envision farming those hills and I couldn't. Emily says there is a story about how Michael came up over the hill (which one?), looked out over the land and said, this is it, this is beautiful, this is my farm.

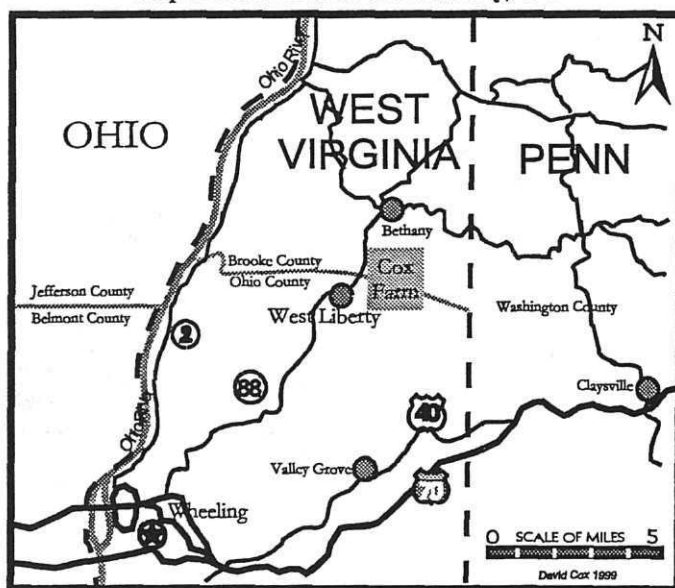


It doesn't make any sense to her. Me, either. If you know anything about our more recent Cox ancestors, you know that the Franklin Pierce Cox family moved to Illinois for farm land, and then to Iowa for the same reason. My dad, Stanley was born in Chebanse, Illinois, but Homer and Mildred were born in Manson, Iowa. From Manson the family moved to Ayrshire. It seems that finding remote places three hours from any major hub of civilization is a family trait that goes back generations!

If you decide to go to West Liberty, the town is located on the point of West Virginia that comes up between Pennsylvania and Ohio. Emily said that most of the people in the town fought with the north during the Civil War, except for Dr. John Cox, Leona's grandfather. He became a doctor in the Rebel army.

Also, take advantage of my mistake, and take 70 into Wheeling and 88 back to West Liberty. Much the best route. If, dear reader, you've read of the musical interest in my family, it might interest you to know that Michael was a fifer in the Revolutionary army. I wonder if he was there when the Americans played Yankee Doodle for the British as they surrendered?

Map 8: Cox Farm in West Liberty, WV





THE FOURTEEN CHILDREN OF JERUTHEA & MICHAEL COX JR.  
by Shirley Cox Larson

This is a place again, where the ground is fertile for research. I'll outline the questions and perhaps you, the reader, may care to try your hand at finding the answers.

1. If Michael had two wives<sup>15</sup>, who were his children by the first wife? All the current evidence points to Michael III and David as the two children by the first wife, but we do not have the answer for certain. Michael III was born around the date 1786. If Jeruthea's age and death date on her tombstone are correct, she would have been thirteen when this Michael was born, making it highly unlikely that he is her son. Even by 1790, the birth date we conjecture for David, she still would only be seventeen. By Anne's birth date, she is eighteen, by 1794, Joseph's conjectured birth date, she is twenty-one. It seems more likely then, that Anna was her first child.
2. Joseph Cox was killed by a train. How did this happen?
3. Did George also have some affliction? Like Thomas, he died a bachelor. There was that odd thing about his receiving stewardship only of fifty acres of land in Michael's will.
4. Was Mahalia, or Mahala, Cox buried with her husband John Brown in Modesto?
5. Samuel had two wives, Nancy Rodgers and Rhoda Gray. Nancy Rodgers' mother was a Hupp. Yet it is Rhoda's son who was named Milton Hupp Cox. Why?

Perhaps the reader will have questions that need to be answered as well as the ones I have posed. At any rate, it is an interesting mystery with many twists and turns.

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<sup>15</sup> William Oye's research on the Coxes states: "*Michael and his first wife, Elizabeth, had two sons: David and Michael. He then married Jeruthea Ann Brooks. Jeruthea was born in 1773... Children born in this marriage are: Ann, Joseph, Elizabeth, Samuel, Isaac, William, Mahala, Abraham, Thomas, John, George, and Jane. There were also twins that died in infancy.*"



### The Fourteen Children of Michael Cox, Jr.

#### Michael Cox, Junior

b 27 Aug 1759; d Jan 1832, West Liberty, (West) Virginia

m **Jeruthea Ann Brooks**

b circa 1773; d 28 Oct 1863, West Liberty, (West) Virginia

both buried on Cox farm

#### Their fourteen children (grandchildren on following pages):

- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Michael Cox III  | b circa 1786 Fayette County, Pennsylvania<br>d Nov 1828<br>m Leah Culp Todd<br>b 7 Mar 1789   |
| David Cox        | b 1790-1800 Fayette County, Pennsylvania  |
| Anne or Anna Cox | b 7 Jun 1791<br>d 26 Nov 1873<br>m John Hupp Jr. 19 Jan 1813<br>b 27 Jul 1780 Donegal Township, Washington Co., Penn.<br>d 12 Mar 1864                    |
| Joseph Cox       | b 10 Feb 1794 Fayette County, Pennsylvania<br>d 25 Apr 1856 buried Old Beeler Station Cemetery<br>m Rose Ann Rogers<br>b 15 Dec 1800<br>d 5 July 1872     |
| Elizabeth Cox    | b 25 Dec 1798<br>d Sept 1884<br>buried in Beck family burial ground<br>m John Wesley Beck 14 Feb 1814   |
| Samuel Cox       | b 22 Jun 1800<br>d 10 Nov 1880<br>m Nancy Rodgers 1822<br>b 1 Jul 1805<br>d 7 Mar 1846<br>m 2nd time Rhoda Gray in 1849<br>b 20 Feb 1823<br>d 20 Jan 1917 |
| Isaac Cox        | b 10 Dec 1803, Ohio County, (West) Virginia<br>d 10 Jun 1886<br>m Susan Brown   |



William Cox	b Mar 17 1805 d Jan 5 1892 m Deliah Clemens
Abraham Cox	b 20 Sep 1809 d Aug 1889 m Elizabeth Ann Foster 13 Apr 1843 b d 11 Feb 1863 West Liberty, (West) Virginia
Mahalia Cox	b 1800-1810 Ohio County, (West) Virginia moved to Modesto d m John Brown
Thomas Cox	b circa 1812 Ohio County, (West) Virginia d 22 Dec 1867
John Cox	b Feb 1813 d 17 Apr 1894 m Martha Cook 10 Apr 1851 b 1830 Ireland d 1902
Jane Cox	b Feb 1819 d 21 May 1916 m Joseph Hedges both buried in Short Creek Cemetery near West Liberty, West Virginia
George Cox	b ca 1820 d buried in Cox family burial ground near West Liberty, West Virginia (no tombstone)



**Grandchildren of Michael Cox, Jr. and Jeruthea Ann Brooks****Grandchildren by Michael Cox, III and Leah C. Todd***Data contributed by Lecta Olsen and Dean Schwartz.*

- |                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| 1. Susan Esther Cox  | b 07 Oct 1807 Ohio County, (West) Virginia<br>m Nathaniel Williams                       |
| 2. John Cox          | b 01 Mar 1811 Perry County, Ohio   |
| 3. Samuel Cox        | b 07 Mar 1812 Perry County, Ohio   |
| 4. Nancy Cox         | b 06 May 1813 Perry County, Ohio; d 23 Apr 1901<br>m Thomas Jefferson Butler Aug 24 1833 |
| 5. Elizabeth Cox     | b 18 Jul 1814 Perry County, Ohio<br>m Elias Williams 19 Apr 1834                         |
| 6. Sarah Ann Cox     | b 06 Oct 1815 Perry County, Ohio<br>m Peter Reed 18 Sep 1839                             |
| 7. Lucinda Cox       | b 06 Mar 1817 Perry County, Ohio   |
| 8. Mary Cox          | b 16 Nov 1818 Perry County, Ohio<br>m Elisha Jewell 09 Jul 1839                          |
| 9. Rebecca Cox       | b 04 Mar 1820 Perry County, Ohio<br>m James Sheden 05 Feb 1838                           |
| 10. Delilah Cox      | b 26 Apr 1821<br>m Samuel Lucas  |
| 11. Leah Cox         | b 05 Dec 1823 Perry County, Ohio<br>m Oriah Tippy  |
| 12. Dorcas Cox       | b 28 Mar 1824 Perry County, Ohio   |
| 13. Jacob Israel Cox | b 26 Dec 1825 Perry County, Ohio   |
| 14. Isariah Cox      | b 16 Aug 1827 Perry County, Ohio   |

**Grandchildren by Joseph Cox and Rose Ann Rogers**

1. Jane Cox
2. Mary Ann Cox
3. Elizabeth Cox
4. John Cox
5. Samuel Cox
6. William Cox
7. Edward Cox
8. Joseph Cox
9. Jonathan Cox
10. Isaac Cox
11. George Cox
12. Jacob Cox
13. Abraham Cox



**Grandchildren by Anne Cox and John Hupp, Jr. (per Marie Kingrey's papers)**  
(For more information on the Hupps, see page 205 and following.)

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|----------------|--|
| 1. Isaac Hupp  | b 5 Jan. 1814, d 28 Jan 1853, m. Mary Ann Atkinson |
| 2. Louise Hupp | b 10 Jun 1815, d 30 Nov 1875, m. John Clemens      |
| 3. John Hupp   | b 24 Nov 1819, d 24 Nov 1909, m. Caroline Todd     |
| 4. Joseph Hupp | b 14 Nov 1817, d 30 Apr 1886, m. Martha Hanen      |

**Grandchildren by Elizabeth Cox and John W. Beck**

- |                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| 1. John Calvin Beck      | b 19 May 1818; d 15 Sep 1885   |
| 2. James A. Beck         | b                      d                      1838                       |
| 3. Jerusha Ann Beck      | b 24 Jan 1821      d 25 Mar 1883<br>m Louis Jones Councilman 26 May 1842 |
| 4. William Fletcher Beck | b 25 Oct 1825      d 20 May 1902<br>m Sara Ann Councilman 17 Oct 1850    |

**Grandchildren by Isaac Cox and Susan Brown (per John and Emily Cox)**

- |                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| 1. Charity Ann Cox   | b 11 Mar 1827; d 25 Jan 1889;<br>Campbell Cemetery West Liberty, West Virginia<br>m Andrew Myers<br>buried Campbell Cemetery Bethany, West Virginia |
| 2. John Hupp Cox, MD | b 14 May 1831; d 08 Jul 1909<br>m 1st Barbara Waite; 2nd Evelyn D. A. Nesbitt   |

**Ten grandchildren by Abraham Cox and Elizabeth Foster**

*Data furnished by John and Emily Cox.*

1. **Ann Cox**, b 13 Feb 1844 Ohio County, (West) Virginia  
d 24 Apr 1878  
m Joseph White/Waitte
2. **Archibald Cox**, b 21 Jul 1845 Ohio County, (West) Virginia  
d 11 Jan 1851 buried on Cox farm, West Liberty, WV
3. **Wylie Cox**, b 20 Mar 1847 Ohio County, (West) Virginia, d 16 Oct 1925  
m Mary Dow 14 Oct 1868  
children:  
**Frank Clay Cox**, b 19 Aug 1869  
**Ora/Cora Cox**, b unknown/ mar ? Carmen
4. **Mary Cox**, b 19 Aug 1848 Ohio County, (West) Virginia  
d 10 Jan 1851 buried Cox farm, West Liberty, WV



5. **Elinor Cox**, b 11 Feb 1852  
m Joseph Robinson  
children:  
**Alice Robinson**  
**Bess Robinson**  
**Laura Robinson**  
**Ida Robinson**  
**Frank Robinson**
6. **Abraham Cox, Jr.**, b 19 May 1854  
m Jane Lazear 27 Mar 1878  
children:  
**Pearl Cox**, unmarried school teacher Brook County, WV  
**Lydia Cox**, m. Humphrey or Taylor  
**Mary Pearl Cox**, m Schoonmaker  
**James Cox**, m Olive Crouch  
**Evelyn Cox**, m Nolte  
**Lois Cox**, m James Drum  
**Fanny Cox**
7. **Jane Elizabeth Cox**, b 11 Jul 1855; m Lester Bates
8. **Linda Cox**, b 06 Jan 1857; m ? Magers
9. **Zachary Cox**, b 04 Jun 1858; d 29 May 1935  
m Josephine Smith 11 May 1882 (divorced)  
(see list of children, page 104)  
m 2nd Alice Comey, no children
10. **Susan Cox**, b 31 Oct 1859; d 09 Dec 1951  
m Brice Gosney, lived in Marshall County, West Virginia

**No known grandchildren by Mahalia Cox Brown**

**No known grandchildren by Thomas Cox.**

Thomas may have been handicapped and never married.

**Grandchildren by John Cox and Martha Cook**

1. **John Cox**, b 1852 Ohio County, (West) Virginia per 1870 census
2. **James Cox**, b 1853 Ohio County, (West) Virginia per 1870 census
3. **Mary Jane Cox**, b 1855 Ohio County, (West) Virginia per 1870 census
4. **Jeff Cox**, b 1863 Ohio County, (West) Virginia per 1870 census
5. **Charity Cox**, b 1865 Ohio County, (West) Virginia per 1870 census



**Grandchildren by William Cox and Deliah Clemens**  
(*per Emily and John Cox, and as given by 1850 census*)

1. **Rebecca Ann Cox**, b 1829
2. **Elizabeth Cox**, b 1831 m Albert Joseph Buchanan
3. **Loias** (spelling?) **Cox**, b 1834
4. **Mary Cox**, b 1840
5. **Hester Cox**, b 1843
6. **William Cox**, b 1845
7. **Jacob H. Cox**, b 1846

**Grandchildren by Jane Cox and Joseph Hedges**

1. **Taylor Hedges**, b 1851; d 1917
2. **Brooks Hedges**, b 1845; d 1908, m Cora Kyle
3. **Thurman Hedges**, m Cora Baker one son, Archibald
4. **Mary Hedges**
5. **Sarah Hedges**, m David Miller
6. **Eliza Hedges**

No grand children by **George Cox**. It's believed that he died a bachelor.

**Grandchildren by Samuel Cox and his two wives.** Also see pages 97, 154 and following.

Samuel first married to **Nancy Rodgers**. Children of this marriage were:

1. Elizabeth Ann Cox
2. Thomas Cox
3. Absalom Franklin Cox
4. Sarah Bridget Cox
5. Hannah Jane Cox
6. Lavinia Cox
7. John Cox
8. Isabel Cox

Samuel's second marriage was to **Rhoda Gray**. Child of this marriage was:

Milton Hupp Cox (*See pages 155 and 160.*)



## Children and Grandchildren of Zachary Cox and Josephine Smith

Zachary and Josephine had three children: Lester, Harry, and Mamie.

**Lester Whitney Cox**, b 21 Mar 1883 (moved to Pittsburgh), d 17 Oct 1961, buried in Prall Cemetery, West Liberty, West Virginia  
m **Irene** ?

**Harry Vernon Cox**, b 09 Jul 1885, d 04 Apr 1954  
m **Blossom May Delaplaine** on 15 Apr 1914 (*see p. 132*), b 18 May 1893, d 03 Dec 1982  
They had eight children:

**Mildred Cox**, b 12 Jul 1915 (no children); d 26 Jan 1966  
m<sup>1</sup> **Norman Fry**, m<sup>2</sup> **Robert Beals**, m<sup>3</sup> **Charles Blackburn**

**Walter Vernon Cox**, b 06 Oct 1917; d 25 Feb 1986  
m **Olive Lillian Hertig** 07 Oct 1946  
    **Walter Cox, Jr.** m **Sharon Walker**; 2 children

**Willard Eugene Cox**, b 09 Apr 1919; d 09 Apr 1919

**Betty Cox**, b 20 Mar 1920; d 26 Dec 1992  
m **George E. Paulovicks** 22 Dec 1941  
    **George E. Paulovicks III**, b 17 Nov 1944  
        m **Jane Ann Hudson** 28 Aug 1966  
    **Brent Douglas Paulovicks**, b 04 Dec 1952  
        m **Lynn Patricia Merrill** 24 Apr 1976  
        3 children, **Betty**, **Jennifer**, **John D.**

**Harry Lee Cox**, b 03 Sep 1922  
m **Dorothy Pape** 31 Mar 1945  
    **Alan Lee Cox**, b 20 Mar 1948 (3 children)  
    **Elizabeth A. Cox**, b 02 Oct 1954  
    **Mark Jay Cox**, b 09 Sep 1956; 1 son, **Colin Lee**

**Glenn Warren Cox**, b 21 Feb 1925  
m **Mary Katherine Bruhn** 21 Aug 1948  
    **Carole Jayne Cox**, b 16 Aug 1954 (1 son)  
    **William B. Cox**, b 29 Jul 1957 (3 children)

**John Delaplaine Cox**, b 09 Jun 1929 (*see also page 135*)  
m **Emily Lou Dorsch**, 04 Oct 1952  
    **Barbara Ann Cox**, b 09 Jan 1955  
        m<sup>1</sup> **Thomas Cervone**, 15 July 1978  
            **Jonathon Edward Cervone**, b 07 Feb 1981  
        m<sup>2</sup> **Jerry Heck** Jun 22 1991  
    **Judith Lynn Cox**, b 15 May 1958, m **Alan Potts** on 30 May 1981.

**Robert Delano Cox**, b 14 Dec 1934, m **Marianne Eggert**  
    (2 children) **Patricia Mildred Cox**, **Sabina Maria Cox**



**Mamie Cox**, b 27 Oct 1890; d 23 Dec 1988 lived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
m **Walter Milligan**, their children and grandchildren are:

**Burell F Milligan m Bina Marvin**

Burell Jr., James, Donald, Judy, Carol

**Arthur R Milligan m Wilma McAllister**

**Margaret Milligan** (3 boys), Mary Beth (2 daughters)

**Walter L Milligan m Eisa Mood**

Lenda, Ruth, Larry, David, May

**Phillip V. Milligan m Rosella ?**

Betty, Raymond, Robert

*Note from Emily Cox:*

Harry Cox brought his sister, Mamie and the Milligan children to live near him in the West Liberty, West Virginia area after their father, Walter Milligan died. The children were very young at this time. Harry helped his sister Mamie raise the family. They came from the Pittsburgh area.

Zach was divorced by his first wife, Mary Josephine Smith. He married Alice Comey. She was cremated but shares a headstone with Zachary. Her ashes were scattered in the cemetery.

Mary Josephine Smith moved to California and married a man named Raymond Wilson. She was living in Stockton, California when she wrote a letter to her son, Harry Vernon Cox at the time of the birth of their first child Mildred in 1915. Other than that no one knows whether the family kept in touch.

**OBITUARY**

MILLIGAN, Mamie M. Cox, 97, formerly of West Liberty, died Thursday in Valley View Nursing Home, Martins Ferry. She was a member of the West Liberty Federated Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter R Milligan. Surviving are three sons, A R of Elm Grove, Walter Leroy of Tucson, AZ, and Phillip Vernon of Champaign, IL; sixteen grandchildren: several greatgrandchildren. Friends received at Kepner Funeral Home, 166 Kruger St., Elm Grove, Wheeling, noon to three and seven to nine p.m. Sunday, where services will be held at 10:00 A.M. Monday. Interment in Union Dale Cemetery, Pittsburgh, PA.







## Record of Deeds of Michael Cox Jr.

At this time, I have not researched the Ohio County (West) Virginia deeds. Michael Junior obviously owned at one time more land than shown in his will. We know from his old papers that he did rent/lease some properties. The Fayette County, Pennsylvania deeds need further research to ascertain how much property Junior owned there. Note that Junior doesn't show a wife on 1803 deed; this may be a period between wives.

**DEED: Book 5 pg. 252**

## PARTIES:

DATE OF TRANSACTION: 1 July 1803

DATE OF RECORDING: original, July Term 1803

PARTY OF THE FIRST: Zachariah Sprigg, Elizabeth his wife,  
Ohio Co., (West) Virginia

PARTY OF THE SECOND: Michael Cox, Fayette Co., Pennsylvania

LOCATION: on waters of Short Creek, name of lines, Rubin Foreman, James Relp, heirs of David McClure, John Beck's, Benjamin Biggs—265 acres &amp; 13 poles.

ORIGINAL PATENT: Zachariah Sprigg, 15 May 1784

CONSIDERATION: \$1855.57

SIGNATURE: Zachariah Sprigg, X Elizabeth Sprigg

WITNESSES: John Sprigg, John Cornwall, Joseph Cox

DOWER: Elizabeth, bef Benjamin Biggs and Rbt McClure

The deed below is a typed copy. I believe Jeruthea's name is misspelled.

**DEED: Page 310 (no book number shown)**

## PARTIES:

DATE OF TRANSACTION: 2 Sept 1820

DATE OF RECORDING: 2 Sept 1820

PARTY OF THE FIRST PART: Michael Cox and Jerusha his wife,  
Ohio Co., (West) Virginia

PARTY OF THE SECOND PART: Joseph Cox, Ohio Co., (West) Virginia

LOCATION: small tract formerly belonging to Zachariah Sprigg, line names Ezekiel Rodgers, William Wilson, Michael Cox, John Beck—75 acres

ORIGINAL PATENT: Moses Linn, to John Foot, unto John Todd, unto Michael Cox

CONSIDERATION: \$533.

SIGNATURE: Michael Cox, X Jerusha Cox

WITNESSES:

JUSTICE OF PEACE: Benjm Biggs, Absalom Ridgley

RECORDER:

EXAMINATION OF DOWER: Jerusha



## Will of Michael Cox, Jr.

This will has been copied from a typed copy of someone else's transcription. Punctuation has been added to make reading easier. Certain words are characterized by archaic spelling (i.e. decend/descend, controul/control, nole/knoll, etc.). Certain errors do appear, but whether in the will or transcription, I leave to the reader's judgment.

Note that Michael Junior left ten dollars to his grandchildren by Michael III. That may not sound generous to the reader—until we remember that there were *fourteen* of them!

**Michael Cox, Junior**  
Will Book 3, Page 71  
Ohio County, (West) Virginia  
February Term 1832

I, Michael Cox, of the County of Ohio and State of Virginia, Calling to mind the mortality of my body and being desirous of arranging my temporal affairs, do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament as follows to wit:

1. I do give and bequeath to my son John Cox fifty acres of land, part of the farm on which I now live, which is particularly laid off and described in a book of accounts I have opened against my children to have and to hold unto my said son John Cox his heirs and assigns forever.

2. I do give and bequeath unto my son George Cox fifty acres of land, part of the farm on which I now live, which is particularly laid off and described in a book of accounts I have opened against my children to have and to hold unto my said son George Cox his heirs and assigns forever.

3. I do give and bequeath unto my son Abraham Cox all the rest, residue, or balance of the farm on which I now live, subject and liable in equity to the support and Maintenance of my wife Jerutha and my son Thomas hereafter to mentioned, and also subject and liable to the balance of legacies hereafter directed to be paid to have and hold all the balance of said farm unto my said son Abraham Cox his heirs and assigns forever subject to the incumbrances aforesaid. I do also give and bequeath unto my said son Abraham Cox all money I may have on hand at the time of my death, and all notes or bonds I may then have on others for the payment of money. I do also give and bequeath unto my son Abraham Cox two horses, one waggon, one, two pairs of Geers, one plow, four head of cattle, twenty head of sheep and head of hoggs, a sufficiency of pot metal, and three beds with their bedding for the use of the family for sleeping or lodging in.



4. I do give and bequeath unto my wife Jerutha the room in my dwelling house called hers, and her bed and bedding during her natural life, and I do further give unto my said wife Jerutha her boarding, support, and maintenance during her natural life, which is to be provided and furnished to hereby my son Abraham, and for which I have made his land liable.

5. I do give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Cox his boarding, clothing, washing and lodging during his natural life to be furnished to him by his brother Abraham, and for which I have made his lands subject and liable.

6. And whereas I have heretofore given to my children Joseph, Samuel, Isaac, William, and Elizabeth each five hundred dollars, which in my opinion is their full proportion of my property, I do hereby direct that they take no part of my estate whatever, they having already received their dividend and applied it to their own use.

7. I do give and bequeath unto my son David Cox three hundred dollars, he accounting with my executors for what he has already received.

8. I do give and bequeath to each of the children of my son Michael, ten dollars.

9. I do give and bequeath to my daughter Jane Cox five hundred dollars.

10. I do give and bequeath to my daughters Anne Hup and Mahala Brown each five hundred dollars.

11. Whereas I have opened a book of accounts against my children, my express intention is that the amount of their respective accounts shall be deducted from their respective shares as so much thereof paid in advance.

12. I do direct that as soon as convenient after my death that my executors do expose to sale all my personal property, except that which is hereby particularly devised, and out of the product of such sale they do as soon as they as they may collect the money proceed to pay the legacies before mentioned in proportion to the amount of the same. And I do further will and direct that all such parts of the aforesaid legacies which my personal property may not be sufficient to pay, shall be paid to the said legatees by my son Abraham Cox within eight years after my death, and for which I have made the land devised to him subject and liable in equity. I do hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint Ellis C Jones and George Jones Executors of this my last will and testament, and I do hereby revoke and annul all other wills at any time heretofore made and do declare this my last will and testament.

In witness I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of June 1829

Michael Cox

Seal

Signed, sealed, and published by the testator as and for his Last Will and Testament on our presence and we in the presence of the testator and at his request have signed our names as Witnesses

Alfred L Lauck

Samuel Jones

D McClure



### CODICIL

The fifty acres of land mentioned in the annexed will to my son John Cox, being part of my home place, is to be bound as followeth to Wit: Beginning at a thorn in Joseph Coxes line on a nole on the top of a ridge leading from my house towards Coxes between the old road and the new one, thence with Joseph Coxes line until it joins of the heirs of John Beck deceased, thence with said line until it comes to the corner of the land David McClure sold to Ellis C Jones, thence to run with said Jones line as far as may be necessary then by running thence to the big road that leads from my house to Joseph Coxes, and along that road to the place of beginning, will include and make up the said fifty acres of land. Said John Cox is to be care and controul of my son Abraham Cox until he the said John shall arrive attain the age of twenty one years.

My son Abraham is also to have the management of the above mentioned fifty acres of land until my said son John Cox becomes of age, and when he comes of age, my son Abraham shall give him a Horse, Bridle and saddle, and suit of Domestic Clothing. If my son John should die with children to whom the said land would by law decend, in that case I do direct and order that from and after the death of said John, the said property, fifty acres, shall go to and be the absolute property of my son Abraham Cox.

The land mentioned in my will and given to my son George Cox being part of my home place to be bounded as followeth to wit, Beginning at a fence between by big field and the bottom field thence on the partition fence until it joins the heirs of Henry Foley decd, thence with said Foley line until it joins the lands of Joseph Vanmeters heirs, thence with Vanmeters lines until it comes to the big road leading from my house to Joseph Coxes, thence with said road according to its several meanders to the place of beginning.

So as to contain fifty acres of land and no more, The said George Cox is to be subject to the controul of Abraham Cox until he is twenty one years of age, and the said land here described to be under the controul of Abraham Cox until said George is of age, and said Abraham is to give said George a Horse, Saddle and Bridle and a Suit of Domestic Clothing the same as John, and if it should happen that my said son George should die without children to whom by law the said land would decend, in that case from and after the death of my son George the said fifty acres of land shall go to and be the absolute property of my son Abraham.

Witness my hand and Seal this 14th day of September 1830

Testators       Michael Cox  
                     Wm McKinley   Seal  
                     John Sharp

### FEBRUARY TERM 1832

The Last Will and Testament of Michael Cox deceased is presented in Court and proved in part by the oath of David McClure and thereupon a Codicil annexed to the said Last Will and Testament was produced in Court and proved in part by the oath of John Sharp and on the same day the Last Will and Testament of Michael Cox deceased is further proved by the oath of Samuel Jones a witness thereto and ordered to be recorded and at the following April Term the Codicil to the Last Will and Testament of Michael Cox.



**Bill of Property of Michael Cox, Jr.**  
 March 7<sup>th</sup> 1832 Michael Cox, dec., page 324

NAME	ARTICLES	
Abraham Cox	3 split bottom chairs	.31
" "	1 set of windser chairs	3.62 ½
" "	1 table	.63
" "	1 dining "	1.06 ¼
John W Beck	Cupboard & furniture	1.00
E C Jones	1 chopping ax	.62 ½
John W Beck	2 " " axes	.50
Samuel Beck	1 mans saddle	3.60
William Hodge	1 shugar cettle	2.00
Zachariah Biggs	1 " " "	1.06 ¼
Abraham Cox	1 Bea	5.00
" "	1 rifle gun	12.76
William Cox	2 barrels	.25
Abraham Cox	2 "	.20
Absalom Leffler	2 "	.20
" "	2 "	.20
Allen Biggs	1 bar of soap	2.18 ¾
Absalom Biggs	2 " "	4.12 ½
Robert McFarlin	1 " "	2.62 ½
Henry Giles	1 " "	2.00
Allen Biggs	1 " "	2.50
		<hr/> 45.93
Abraham Cox	1 pare of bedsteds	0.25
" "	1 chest & pare of Helyards	2.25
Benjamin Westlake	1 handsaw	0.37 ½
William Cox	1 lot of tools	0.31 ¼
Wm Stewart	1 horse	31.50
Reason Pumphey	1 "	26.62 ½
Wm Stewart	1 "	10.50
" "	1 colt	25.00
Abraham Cox	1 "	18.25
Benjamin Biggs	1 cow	10.00
Wm Miller	1 "	7.25
Wm Jimison	2 o_____	22.75
George Jones	1 "	5.00
Wm Irvin	4 head of hogs	12.12 ½
James More	4 sm " "	2.90
Isaac Hup	2 calves	8.31 ¼
Thomas McBroom	9 sheep	12.56 ¼
Abraham Cox	1 wind mill	12.60
Reason Pumphey	to wheat	26.71
Wm Irvin	1 lot of oats	5.80
Absalom Leffler	1 lot of rye	15.37
		<hr/> 255.4?



NAME	ARTICLES	
E C Jones	10 bushels of corn	35c 3.50
Absalom Leffler	10 " "	37 ¼ 3.75
" "	1 plough	1.18
Wm Howard	1 "	.44
Abraham Cox	1 shovel plough	.60
Absalom Leffler	1 harness	3.31
" "	1 pair of harness & braces	.19
Abraham Cox	2 pair of H_____ strap	1.75
" "	H_____ & Gear	2.77
Absalom Leffler	" "	1.4?
Abraham Cox	2 collars	.90
" "	1 Fl_____ Brake	.19
Robert McFarlin	1 half bushel	.68
Wm Mathews	1 C_____ H_____	1.37
Absalom Leffler	1 log chain	1.12
" "	7 head of geese	1.40
Henry Giles	1 milk cow	8.00
Benjamin Biggs	1 lot of potatoes	3.72
E C Jones	1 " "	2.00
John W Beck	1 book	.50
Abraham Cox	3 hogs and s_____	4.25
		255.44
		45.95
		343.83

We the subscribed Executors of Michael Cox deceased do hereby certify that the above is a true list of the sale of property belonging to the estate of Michael Cox as witnessed in hand.

Ellis C Jones

George Jones

At a court held for Ohio County on the 2nd day of July 1832, A sale of Bill of the Estate of Michael Cox deceased is returned and ordered to be recorded & copy [?]

John McCollo?



## Microfilm Copy of Estate Settlement

Contributed by Mary Ann Bowry

### Ohio Co Estate Settlement, Vol. 4, page 322

February 20th 1832

A Bill of Appraisement of Michael Cox dec'd estate

Cash	10.00
The Widows Bed and Bedstead	8.00
Abraham Coxes 3 beds and bedstead and other?	27.00
Pot Metal	21.00
Two horses	60.00
one waggon	55.00
one plough	7.00
two sets of Geers	10.00
20 sheep	40.
4 cattle	48.
1 rifle, Gun & shot Pouch & horn	15.
1 Bureau	6.00
1 set of chairs	3.00
3 split bottom chairs	0.50
1 table	2.50
1 do	0.50
cupboard & furniture	2.50
axes	1.50
1 saddle	4.00
1 lot of tools	0.37 1/2
1 _____	1.50
10 tubs & barrels	6.75
two pots	1.00
6 Bea Hives	12.00
1 loom & tackles	5.00
1 pair of bedstead	0.25
Potatoes by the bushel	0.25
corn	0.25
wheat	0.50
Rye	0.30
Oats	0.20
1 chest	1.50
1 pair of _____ yards	0.75
1 cupboard furniture	2.00
1 saw _____ handsaw	0.50
5 horses	30.00
2 harness	2.50
3 ploughs	5.00
1 brake	0.50
3 pair of geers	3.00
1 pair of singletrees	0.25
1 Windmill	10.00





2 calffs		6.00
1 cow		10.00
2 Heffers		16.00
1 Bull		6.00
too steers		18.00
7 Sheep	13 ½	13.50
8 geese	13 ½	1.00
11 Hogs		13.25
1 Grindstone		0.75
4 books		0.50
Notes		
Samuel Browning	Aug 20, 1830	93.00
Samuel Cox	Apr 20, 1829	150.00
Wm Cox	Jan 10, 1829	66.87
John M Beck	Nov 22, 1828	302.44
Joseph Cox	Jan 13, 1829	DISPUTED
Wm McKinley	Aug 15, 1829 Bal	10.50
Benjamin Jeffery	May 4, 1816 insolvent	30.00
Benjamin Jeffery	Oct 29, 1816 insolvent	77.00
Andrew Howlett	Sept 28, 1816	123.00
Benjamin Jeffery	Jul 12, 1816 q-----	16.25
Andrew Howlett	Oct 30, 1816	6.97
Daniel Morris Book act July 7, 1825 query		6.00
Samuel Browning		76.08 lb of wheat
Benjamin Biggs	Mar 11, 1831	2.75
NO TOTAL		

July Term 1832, An inventory and appraisement of estate of Michael Cox Dec'd returned and ordered to be recorded.

John Sharp  
Henry Giles  
Ezekiel Rogers, *per* his mark

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E C Jones to the Estate of Michael Cox decd.



This information is written in 2 columns. It is hard to see where his number figures correspond.

Ye Cash from S Browning	\$250.00
" " from Wm McKinley	17.65
Book of accounts charged to John Hupp	\$285.00
" " " David Cox	\$145.00
Amount of personal property	343.8 $\frac{3}{4}$
Property devised to Abraham Cox	\$291.00
cash per account of Benj Biggs	0.75
cash paid to John Hupp by A Cox	50.80
transfer to next page	\$1382.19 $\frac{1}{2}$
Febuary 14th 1834	
Interest collected	4.00
	1386.19 $\frac{1}{4}$
	1175.45
	\$272.74 $\frac{1}{4}$

Apr 28, 1832	John Howlett's	rect# 1	7.00
Mar 9, 1832	Wm Pinkerton	rect# 2	2.20
Dec 15, 1832	Wm Pinkerton	rect# 3	.75
Dec 30, 1833	Wm Pinkerton	rect# 4	.75
Mar 1,	Henry Giles	rect# 5	1.00
Jun 6,	David Jones	rect# 6	.52
Oct 15	Samuel Cox	rect# 7	10.00
Apr 1	Wm McKinley	rect# 8	1.76
Jun 4,	John Hupp	rect# 9	300.00
Jan , 1834	David Cox	rect#10	195.00
Jan 30, 1834	John Cox	rect#11	4.50
Jan 30, 1834	John Cox	rect#12	3.50
Jan 30, 1834	John Cox	rect#13	4.50
Mar 1,	Wm Bryson	rect#14	2.00
Mar 2,	C W Jones	rect#15	4.00
1832 for bill paid and wheeling		rect#16	.70
1834 Abram Cox		rect#17	291.00
To 7 dollars of personal property included in the sale bill to Wm Mathews for \$7.00			
Febuary 14th 1834 amount carried over	\$1044.18		
To ____ & writing paper	0.25		
To persentage for collecting and selling			69.11
			\$1115.54

In pursance of an order appointing us the undersigned commissioners to settle with Executors of Michael Cox deceased have carefully examined the above account and compare them with voucher provided by E C Jones Executor of the said estate & find them correct as above we are being sworn according to law given under my hand this 15th day of Febuary 1834  
Jno Brady John Howlett

[page number illegible]



Ellis C Jones surviving Executor of Last Will & Testament			
1834	To	Amount due on former settlement	272.74
10 Jan <sup>y</sup>	"	Cash received from William Cox	66.87
"	"	Int on Wm Cox note	1.22
"	"	Cash received from John W Beck	302.44
10 May	"	on settlement with John and Mahala Brown	
(this amount stands charged against them in the Book of said Testator)			<u>274.50</u>
			\$937.77

<u>1834</u>			
No 1	1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	By Cash	paid Dr. McKeehan med bill 5.00
1835			
" 2	9 Jun	" "	paid Abram Cox of acct of legacy 302.44
" 3	4 May	" "	expenses ___ In prosecuting suit ___ Cox 10.00
" 4	4 Oct	" "	" " " 5.00
" 5	2 Nov	" "	costs of said suit to A Ruban ___ 37.49
" 6	5 Jan	" "	paid David Cox 20.00
" 7	" "		paid Wm Chapline Attorney per 5.00
" 8	" "		10.00
" 9	15 Feb 1834		cash paid Jno Brady & John Howlett
Auditors	2.00		
"10	20 Feb 1841		cash paid " " " " 2.00
"11	10 May 1835		Amt settled with John & Mahala Brown
			according to the books of said Testor 274.50
			paid cash above acct at 7 per cent 47.06
			\$720.47
			937.77
			720.47
			207.30

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Ordered that John Howlett and John Brady be appointed Commissioners after taking the required by law to State settle and adjust the Administration Account of George Jones and Ellis C Jones Executors of Michael Cox deceased and make return through the court.

H\_\_\_E\_\_\_Jon McColloch CC

Ohio County, Va

Personally came before the Suscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid John Howlett and made oath that he would to his best of his \_\_\_ adjust and settle the adminstration account of Ellis Jones Executor Michael Cox dec' and make and return thereof according to law. Given under my hand this 17th day of January 1841

Jno Brady

Ohio County to wit:

Personally came before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid John Brady and made oath that he would to the best of his ability adjust and settle the administration accounts of George Jones, Ellis C Jones Executors of Michael Cox deceased and make a true return thereof according to law

Given under my hand this 17 of Jan 1841, J English



## BLACK BOX OR CONSTABLE PAPERS OF MICHAEL COX, JR.

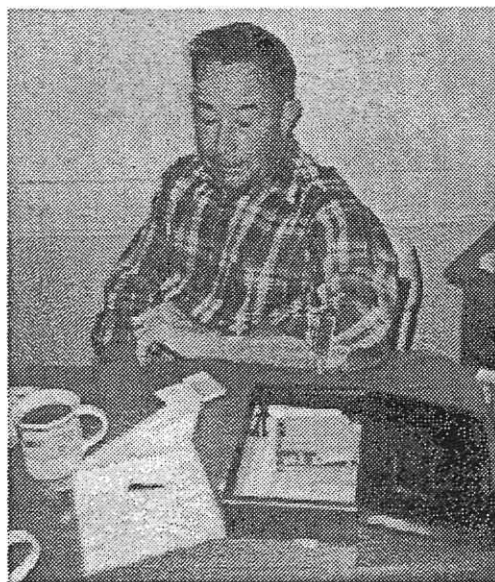
The old black metal box is about the size of a small tool box. It measures perhaps twelve by eight inches, and has a hinged top. The wrinkled, weathered papers within, date back to over two centuries. They are often difficult to read: holes, heat and moisture damage, poor handwriting. But what joy to behold!

John and Emily have many other heirlooms from their Cox and Dorsch family ancestors. These include an old violin, an old wedding gown, and hundreds of old pictures.

John and Emily have provided us a notarized "Affidavit of Authentic Papers" which readers will find on page 63.

The papers pertain to the "Constable of Fayette County." I have left the spelling as written. Punctuation has been added for easier reading.

The original texts present a character shaped somewhat like a J, which undoubtedly should be read as an ampersand (&). For readers' convenience, we have used the ampersand throughout these transcriptions. Likewise, an "s" replaces the eighteenth century character *f*, which is indeed an s, but is easily confused with an "f."



**Photograph 16:**  
**John Cox and the Black Box**

In this photo, John Cox shows the black box that was handed down to him by his mother. It contains the missing probate papers of the will of Michael Cox, Senior as well as many important papers and letters to both Michael Senior and Junior.

The small pill box (in front of John's hand) contains the splinter (placed on the paper in the foreground) that flew up his father's nose when he was about nine years old. It remained there over 50 years until a doctor was finally allowed to remove it. Actually, it was just outside the nostril, but under the skin. It is roughly half the size of a new crayon. Lightning had struck the house, came down the chimney and exploded the mantle, sending this splinter into Harry's face.



Handwritten on the back side of one paper, appears "DEED 1785." This was a tricky piece of writing to decipher. The name Junior was added in with a ^ above 'Michael.' Read closely. I believe Mr. John Rielly thought he was writing in legal terms.

Know all me by these present that I John Rielly of Luzerne Township County of Fayette and state of Pennsylvania Yeoman Do for and in consideration of one hundred and twenty pounds to me in hand paid the recpt where of I do here acknowledge do grant and sell a certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in Luzarn Township in the county and state of P joining lands of John Deem, Thomas Wilson, John Rielly, containing eighty acres be the same more or less. Know ye that I the s<sup>d</sup> John Rielly have granted, bargained and by these present for me my heirs executer administrators in free and open market according to law do grant, bargain, and sell to Eber Homan and Michel Cox Junior their heirs excutors and administrations or assigns all and singular the above s<sup>d</sup> lands and all and singular the appurtenances there \_\_\_\_\_ belonging together with all Deed evidences and writings consarned the same to have and to hold all and singular, the principal hereby granted, mentioned, or intened to be mentioned to the said Eber Homan and Michel Cox Junior to the only true and properute of the said Eber Homan & Michel Cox Junior the heirs, Executors, administrators, or asings forever by warinting and depending the same agains lawfull claims what soever the Chief & Lord of the soil there of only excpt in witness whereof The s<sup>d</sup> John Rielly to these present heave put my hand end seal this 10th day January Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and Eighty six sined and seal and delivered in presence of us

Arthur Scott      John Rielly  
Lumial Miller  
interlined be for sined

Fayette Cty

John Rielly came before me one of The commonwealths Justice the Peace for s<sup>d</sup> county the 16th day of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1786 in his proper person & acknowledged the within Bill of Sale to be his act of Deed and Desired it may be taken of record as such

Witness my hand of seal the day & date above written

<sup>1</sup>  
Nat Breading

I do sine of \_ allminey t and clame to \_\_\_\_\_ said \_\_\_\_\_ unto Mical Cox forever witnesses present for valey reseved of him six \_\_\_\_\_

Jesse Corwin    Eber Homan      Seal  
Amos Mills

Note: The writing that does not make any sense looks like Mr. Reilly's.

Febuery the 12 1784

Receve of Mical Cox and Jacob Cox Seven bushels otes two from Mical and five from Jacob upon John Peters account Recived by me,  
Peter Johnston



Fayette Cty SS

Whereas Judgment against sd Amos Mills was had before me on the 16th day of May last for this sum of Three Pounds 12/9 Debt & 3/4 cost at the suit of Leonard Clemans - These are to command you that of the goods Chattles & effects of Sd Amos Mills you Levy the afore sd Debt & cost & make sale thereof in which return to me in twenty days from the date here of - & for want of goods, chattles, & effects where on the Levy take the body of Sd Amos Mills & convey him to the common Gaol<sup>16</sup> of Sd Cty the keeper whereof hereby commanded him to receive & in close (unreadable) to keep untill Sd Debt & cost together with cost of execution be fully paid or he be thence deliverd by (unreadable) course of hand given under my hand & seal the 12 day of aust 1788

Natl Breeding

To M<sup>c</sup> Cox Constl

Edward Smith

vs

Issac Lex (uen)

Michael Cox comes into court and undertook for the defendant that in case he shall be cast in this cause he will pay & satisfy the condemnation of the court and render his body to prison in execution for the same or that he the said Michael Cox will do it for him

(Wm) or (Bm) Chaplin V \_\_\_\_\_

Fayette County The 13 day of november 1788

Ser Peles to let A-tstrong porter have the sum of Six Pounds Ten shilling the same due to me on James Broombrall Ecution and Nine Pence to Squire Breden and in so doing you will much ablige your friend

And this shall be your securyety

Job Harvey

I do Hereby testyfie to the Constabel of Luzarn that I will wait with Amos Mills for what he is in due me tell the first day of November Insuing the dat given under my hand this 15th day of March 1789

Witness

Andrew \_\_\_\_\_

John Conwell

Mr Michael Cox Bal of George Thinner

1 1/2 ye scarlet cleath 15/ 18-9

1 ye sarge 2.0

1 stick twist 100 0.10

1-3-7

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<sup>16</sup> "Gaol" is the British spelling of jail.



Note: this is two copies of pages together marked front of paper, back of paper.

Novm 10 1785 Memorandum of Sundry act  
Thomas Chalfant Receivd of Joseph Grable to Take to Kanetucke to be  
Delivered to George Close

VDK 1 Still  
1 Pot  
1 Side Saddle  
1 Duch Broad ax  
1 augur  
5 small bits  
1 Box iron  
2 Pair of Door Hinges  
Thomas Chalfant

1788  
Fayette Cty ss

Whereas judgment was had a \_\_\_\_\_ afore me on the 16th day of April last  
against Samuel Swindler for the sum of six shillings debt & three shillings  
& six pence cost at the suit of James Hawkins - These are therefore to  
require & command you that of the goods & chattles & effects of s<sup>d</sup> Saml  
Swindler you levy the afore s<sup>d</sup> debt & cost & make sale \_\_\_\_\_  
according to law returning & \_\_\_\_\_ if any & the money together with this s<sup>d</sup>  
recept return to me in twenty days from s<sup>d</sup> date there of -- for want of  
goods, chattles, & effects whereon to Levy take the body of s<sup>d</sup> Samuel  
Swindler & convey him to the common gaol of the s<sup>d</sup> Cty the keeper  
whereof is hereby commanded him to receive & in close custody to keep  
untill s<sup>d</sup> debt & cost together with cost of execution be fully paid or to be  
thence delivered by due course of law

Witness my hand & seal this \_\_\_\_ day of Sept 1788

Nat<sup>1</sup> Breading

To M<sup>c</sup> Cox Con<sup>s</sup>  
Fayette Cty ss

Wheras Judgement had against Andrew Barts before me on the 5th day of  
June last for the sum of £ 2..9..10 Debt & 3/6 cost at the suit of Enoch  
Hand\_\_ the are therefor to command you to Levy Di\_\_\_\_\_ on the goods  
& chattles of S<sup>d</sup> Andrew Barts to & amount & make sale thereof according  
to law which return to me in 20 days from \_\_\_\_date \_\_\_\_ Witness my hand  
& seal the 20<sup>th</sup> day of Octob' 1788

Nat<sup>1</sup> Breading SEAL

To Mc Cox Cons

Sir This is to inform you that Samuel Swindler has fully settled with me  
that Execution that you had against, said Swindler on my account and do





Desire and comman you to deliver up the said execution to said Swindler  
with with his paying the cost on said  
suit - In Winteness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this  
Twenith day of  
March Anna Demina 1789

Witnesses present

Charles Swan

Sarah Swan her mark

his mark

John Mc Can

Reci<sup>d</sup> May of 20th 1788 from Michael Cox one pound fourteen shillings on account  
of an executon on Samuel Swindler in behalf of John Collins

Witness

Martin Varner

Redi<sup>d</sup> by me

Thomas Rayle

Sir

This is to Inform you that Samuel Swindler has letters with me for that Execution  
that you have against S<sup>d</sup> Swindler in behalf of James Champbell Scoll Master for  
one pound Eighteen shilling and hereby Desire you to give up said execution to  
said Swindler with his paying the cost Given under my hand this 17 day of March  
1789

A n cholio Bettz

Fayette county ss

Whereas Wm Conwell Collector of Taxes in Luzerne Township  
agreeable to an act of assembly proper the 16 day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1785  
has made action to one s<sup>d</sup> James Gamble Taxable in G Township has  
been deliquent in paying the sum of fifteen shillings his assesment in  
the \_\_\_\_\_ Tax of Year 1788 within forty days after demand made  
these are to Command you that forthwith you proceed to demand  
the \_\_\_\_\_ from s<sup>d</sup> James Gamble at his place of abode or if he  
shall not be found or shall refuse or neglect to pay sum together with  
the cost s<sup>d</sup> of his goods Chattles & effects you levy the s<sup>d</sup> sum with  
costs as \_\_\_\_\_ the same Goods Chattles & effects to \_\_\_\_\_  
within six days after \_\_\_\_\_ giving due notice thereof as required  
by law & that for want of suffiesant witness whereon to levy take his  
body into your custody & convey him to the common gaol of s<sup>d</sup> cty  
the keeper wherof is herbuy required to recieve & safly keep him  
untill the afor<sup>d</sup> demand of tax & cost be fully paid & satisfied.  
Witness my hand & seal the 9th day of March 1789

Nat Breading



To M Cox Con<sup>s</sup>

Fayette city ss ( Written same as above, shortened by me)

Judgement had on 18th day of January

Samuel Miller for the sum of Nine Pounds - ten shillings Debt and 3/10 cost at suit of George Smith given under my hand and date the 30th day of September 1788

To Mc Cox Cons

Natl Breeding SEAL

Fayette City ss [written same as above; shortened by me]

Judgement had on 11th day of March last Amos Mills at the suit of Alexander Crawford for the sum of Sir Pounds seven shilling & 1/6 cost given by my hand &

seal the 3rd day of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1788

To Mc Cox Con<sup>s</sup>

Fayette Cty ss

Judgement against Tom or Sam Miller at the the suit of James Dowel L 8 - 14 - 4 Debt Interest 5/5 cost 4/6 [same as above, bottom of page missing]

Fayette Cty ss

Judgement had on the 16th day of August last

Amos Mills at the suit of Leonard Clemons for the sum of Three pounds 12/9 debt & 3/4 cost given by my hand & seal the 2nd day of Aug 1788

M<sup>c</sup> Cox Con<sup>s</sup>

Nat<sup>l</sup> Breeding

For Valey receved I promise to pay unto Eber Homan \_\_\_\_\_ order or \_\_\_\_\_ the just and full sum of eight Pounds good and lawfull money of Pennsylvania to be paid in good and Marketable wheat at fore shilling per bushel on or before the first day of November next and witness my hand and seal this 11 day of March 1789 Witness \_\_\_\_\_

Peter Cox

1789

Sir I did not intend to Call on you for any more money untill I \_\_\_\_\_ on your work further But as my son John is strained for a Boute Eight Dollars if you Please you may Let him have it as he manse to help me to chang on your bilding as soon as the wether is fitten and by so doing you will oblige \_\_\_\_\_ Th'd \_\_\_\_\_ild



To M<sup>r</sup> Michel Cox

For value Received I promise to Deliver or cause to be Delivered unto Jonathon Jones or his or for the quantity of twenty six bushels and a half of good merchant wheat in Abraham Mervels mill at or against the first day of November Next Ensuing the sale hereof it \_\_\_\_ as Witness my hand and seal this 23 day of Febuary 1791

Witness Present

his

John -- Star

mark

this 10th day of July 1791 Saml Miller one of the overseers of the poor has assumed to pay fifteen shillings Debt for Levi Merrell towards an judgment against Michael Cox Junior obtained by James Dearth Junior together with one shilling & six pence cost

Tho<sup>s</sup> Gregg

Note: This piece of paper looks like it was folded and then torn when it was opened. A hole is in the center.

A memorandum of A bargain made & concluded on this twenty sixth day of march 1791 between Charles (Carter) \_\_\_\_ of The one part and John Star of the other part both of Fayette County and State of Pennsylvania Witnessith that Charles ( Carter) letteth unto John Star the Braery field by the lower barn for \_\_\_\_ year from this date to put in spring and fall crop of which a portion \_\_\_\_ one fourth in the \_\_\_\_ and one third part of the fall grain \_\_\_\_ and sd parten \_\_\_\_ to sd Star the meadow adjoining \_\_\_\_ above field forth \_\_\_\_ years for \_\_\_\_ [illegible] Star is to have the whole produce for three \_\_\_\_ ground he clears and is to have the house \_\_\_\_ Ruben Brashing now live in and a garden for his own propose \_\_\_\_ this ensuing \_\_\_\_ and is to hav liberty \_\_\_\_ his grain

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Mikel Cox Sir please to let Enock ganse have five bushels of good sound indian corn and this shall be your receipt for the same and in so doing you will oblige your frind

Samuel Smith

Sir Be please to let Richard Knott have ten bushels of wheat  
To Mical Cox

Eber Homan



Memorandum of a bargain this day agreed upon between William Oliphant of Luzarn township one part & James Carlow of Germantownship of the other part both of the county of Fayette & state of Pennsylvania \_\_\_\_\_ that the said Oliphant doth agree to let or leass unto the said Carlow fifty acres of land a part of the tract laying or being in germantownship adjoining lands of Tom McWilliams John M Wilms & others containing 150 acres on the side next John McWilliams with the dwelling house & clear land \_\_\_\_\_ for the full term of four years from the 15th day of May last Part of said Carlow into have the privilege of all the suggar trees on the side of the run next to John McWilliams and other on said tract----- And for the consideration money the said Carlow doth promise to clear fourty seven acres of land with what is now cleared on the said place in the boundries as above & to leave sufficient good & lawfull fences on the said land as he is so bound to clear 7 what is now clearnd at the \_\_\_\_\_ expiration of the said term afore said & to give up a quiet & profable positon of \_\_\_\_\_ & for the true performace we on both \_\_\_\_\_ so bind and \_\_\_\_\_ on him Exeetor & administrator firmly by these presents in the sum of fifty poounds lawfull money of Pennsylvania & to be paid by the part not complying as above in \_\_\_\_\_ when at we have hum \_\_\_\_\_ set our hnads & seal the 21st day of December 1792 witness present C Graham Stewart Wm Oliphant  
James Carlow his mark

December 23th 1793 Received of Michal Cox one hundred Bushels of Corn at by 2/5/L12-10  
by William Oliphant

Rec<sup>d</sup> Augt 3 1793 of Mical Cox fourteen Pounds 8/3 in pence & fourteen pounds 10/ in part of \_\_\_\_\_ first payment of the land as per the article \_\_\_\_\_ even date herewith

W<sup>m</sup> Oliphant

Michael Cox

September 2<sup>d</sup> 1793 Received of Michael cox twenty six pounds 11/10 a part of the first gail of his land by me W<sup>m</sup> Oliphant

September 7th 179? mark  
Micael Cox to Anthony Swan Sr O.2.77  
Recieved by Me Anthony Swan



179?

To Michael Cox

Pay unto Abraham Stewart Seven pounds ten shilling in Specy payable  
first day \_\_\_\_ on acct of to Oblige James his Carlow

Received of Mical Cox the sum of Fifty pounds in cash it being apart of  
the second gale by me

10 November 1794

William Oliphant

1797

Received of Mical Cox Sr 15/0 & say Received by me Ga<sup>t</sup> Henry

Rec<sup>d</sup> of Michel Cox Twelve Dollars for Moses Mc fandross as witness my  
hand this \_\_ day of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1800

James Caldwell

Fayette Cty ss

The commonwealth of Pennsylvania to William Tome & Jim McWilliams  
Greeting. we command you that all \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ you and each of  
you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Union  
Town at our court of commonpleas then to be held for the court of Fayette  
the fourth Monday of September next to testify the truth according to your  
knowledge on behalf of Michael Cox defendant in a certain plea of  
trespass and ejectment at the suit of James Carlow plaintiff. \_\_\_\_ herein  
fail not under the penalty of one hundred pounds. Witness Nathaniel  
Breeding Esquire at Union Town the twenty eighth day of June in the year  
of our Lord one thousand and seven hundred and ninety Eight.

Ephraim Douglas

July 11th 1798 An account of days work  
sammel mcwilliams de to two days mowing

jacob huber de to one day mowing

0-5-0

james willson de to done day of mowing

0-5-0

jacob huber de to two and a half of reeking

de to one day of goping

0-3-9

thomas wilson de to one half days reeking

0-2-6

August the 6 1798 jacob huber de to two days mowing

0-10-0



Apryle 1 h 1798 Recevet eleven pounds four shilling and four pence it  
being in part pay for bilding a hous of Michall Cox by me  
Intaze --mom (illegible)

October the 9 1800 hennery nevel got a hous of me for three months at four dollars for the time

October the 25 1800	hennery nevel de to one	
gallon of hunerey-----		0-6-0
de to three paynhes of glas-----		0-2-3
crddid by one dore cock-----		0-6-0
by one pount of powter-----		0-5-4
by making dore and hanging it-----		0-10-0
by cash payd fabruor the 7 1801-----		0-15-0
by one pount and half of powter-----		0-8-7
		2-5-6
		0-8-3

1800	Michael Cox to Richard Weaver	£S.p
Dec 12	for Sundry expenses-----	1-0-3
	Cn by Cash-----	1-0-3

Fayette County ss

\_\_\_\_\_ of Edward Green                  Di<sup>d</sup> 1800 \_\_\_\_\_ and judg<sup>t</sup> for plaintiff  
vs     for plaintiff

Michael cox Tenant

Clerk-----	\$3.79
Atty-----	\$4.
Sheriff-----	1.95
Jury-----	1.50
	D 11.50
Plaintiff's bill	<u>6.48</u>
	\$17.78

Di<sup>d</sup> 27th 1800 Rec<sup>d</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ above costs of Michael Cox  
Ephraim Douglas

September the 1th 1800  
Received of Peter Coxe for direct tax one dollar & thirty four cents  
Benj Wells







Michael Cox D\_\_ to J Duncan  
 To 86 days Schooling 2 ½ per day 2.15  
 Firewood----- .20  
 \$2.35

M. Cox in act with Wm McKinley

21<sup>st</sup> March 1815

Oct	14	2 crocks 2/4 by butter 1/0	1·8	2·4
	28	3 yd clothe 26/3		3·18·9
		by Bees Wax	11·3	
Nov	2	by butter	2·8	
	7	Do	2·11	
	14	by cash 7/6 butter 2/7	10·1 ½	
		? 9 yds binding 4 <sup>d</sup>		3
		button 4 <sup>d</sup> silk 5 ½ / 4 yd cloth 6/7		7·4 ½
	19	by butter	2·9	
Dec	28	1/3 doz buttons 4/2	1·11·2 ½	5·6 ½
		silk & Inerst 1/6		1·6
	30	1/3 doz buttons 4/2		1·4 ½
		by straw 11 bundles	4·6·	4·19·10 ½
		by cash in full	3·4·2	
		Recd the above in full	4·19·10 ½	
		Wm McKinley		

Received Nov<sup>m</sup> 5 1811 of Michael Cox Sen. three dollars & thirty eight cents in full to this date for A Ridgely  
 Wm B [or R] ridgely

1792 [or could be 1782]

Sir

Please to let M<sup>r</sup> Samuel Bofs have eight bushels of wheat I told you I wanted but I was dissappointed where it was promised therfore I hope you will not fail and ths order shall stand good against the note for the quantity here mentioned  
 Compliance will much oblige

To M<sup>r</sup> Michal Cox Jun<sup>r</sup> your hum<sup>b</sup> Ser<sup>t</sup>  
 August 6th 17?? Sam<sup>i</sup> Swindler

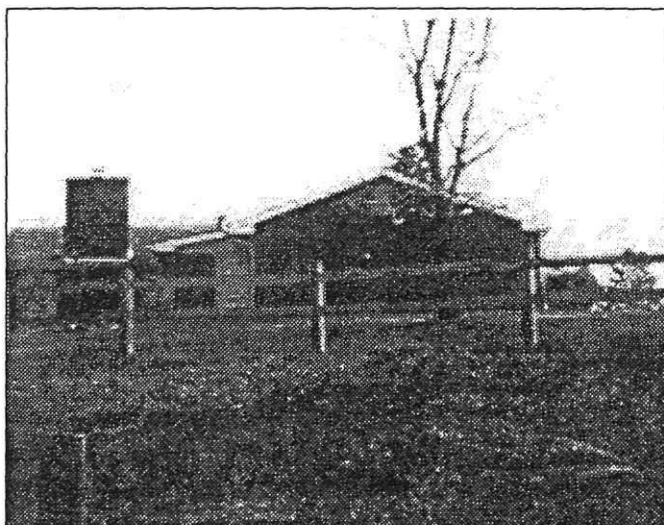
1800 Michael Cox to Richard Weaver

Dec 12 for sundry expenses \_\_\_\_\_ 1·0·3  
 Cn by cash \_\_\_\_\_ 1·0·3

**CENSUS RECORDS CONCERNING MICHAEL COX, JR.**

## Children:

Michael III	b 1775-1790	Fayette County Pennsylvania, per 1790 census
Joseph	b 1775-1790	Fayette County Pennsylvania, per 1790 census
Anne	b 1790-1800	Fayette County Pennsylvania, per 1800 census
Elizabeth	b 1790-1800	Fayette County Pennsylvania, per 1800 census
Samuel	b 1790-1800	Fayette County Pennsylvania, per 1800 census
David	b 1790-1800	Fayette County Pennsylvania, per 1800 census
Isaac	b 1800-1810	Ohio County, Virginia, per 1810 census
Abraham	b 1800-1810	Ohio County, Virginia, per 1810 census
Mahalia	b 1800-1810	Ohio County, Virginia, per 1810 census
Thomas	b after 1810	
John	b after 1810	
William	b after 1810	
Jane	b after 1810	
George	b after 1810	

**Photograph 17: John and Emily Cox's farm**



### John & Emily Cox Guardians of the Michael Cox Jr. Farm

John Delaplaine Cox (b. 1929) is a fifth generation descendant of our common ancestors, Elizabeth and Michael Cox, Sr. He descends from their first child, Michael Jr. and Jeruthea Brooks Cox. He married Emily Lou Dorsch on 4 October 1952. They have largely contributed to this labor of love.

The ownership of the Cox farm in West Liberty, West Virginia, starts with Michael Cox, Jr., who passed it to his son Abraham, who passed it to his sons Zachary and Wylie. In 1923, it went into the hands of Harry and Blossom Cox. Blossom later split the farm into two parts for her two sons, giving the Brooke County half to Glenn and the other half in Ohio County to John.

#### Some historical facts contributed by Emily Cox:

A glacier caused the flat land formation on top of what was always referred to as "the knob." There are other properties nearby that have similar flat areas. There is an original geological survey marker on the knob. Limestone was quarried on the farm up to the 1950s. Once a large piece of material was found that could not be cracked. It was taken to Bethany College and was found to be a meteorite.

The farm is part of an original post-Revolutionary War land grant that consisted of 1,000 acres granted to the Cox family in 1783. Approximately 330 of the original 1,000 acres remain in tact. The other acres have been sold or given to family members. The house, occupied now by Beverly Baker, is the third residence to be built on these remaining acres. It was built in 1925. The mailbox stands on a stone that was from the chimney of the original home. Harry Lee Cox has many fond memories of growing up on this farm. He recalls that the Beck family also received a 1,000-acre land grant at the same time as the Cox family. He remembers being told that in the area between where currently the closed Beck's restaurant and Paul Beck's house are located, there was an icehouse that supplied the local residents with ice all year long.

In 1930, the farm had six milk cows, then went to ten, then 26, and now 50 some cows are milked. The current dairy barn was constructed in the 1960s, with additions and renovations since. Electricity came to the farm in 1935 due to the Rural Electrification Administration during the presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

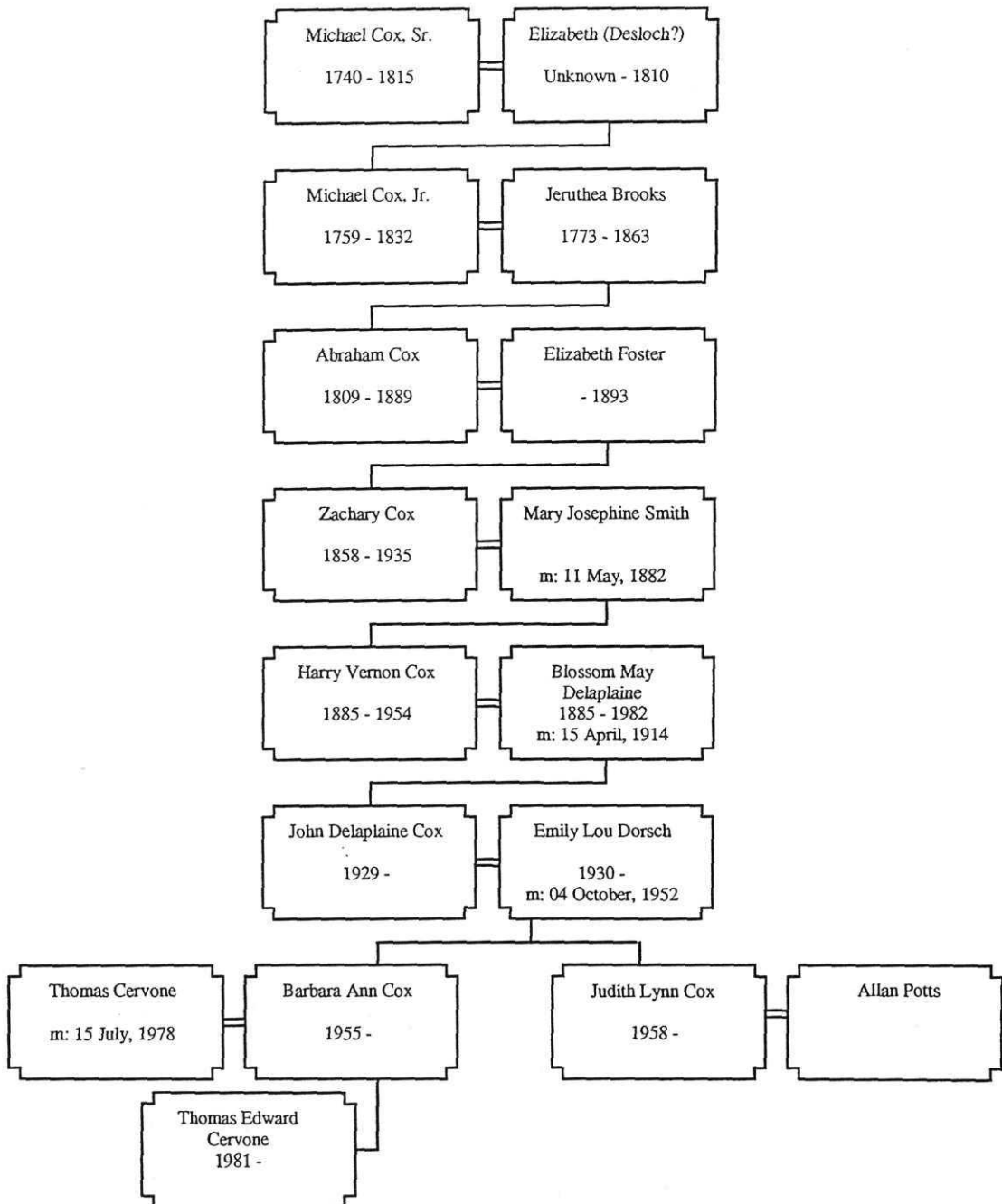
There is a family cemetery up on a hill next to the McGee property. Until Mike Baker's death on 31 July 2000 (see p. 29), no one had been interred there since the early 1930s. John Cox is a graduate of the West Virginia University College of Agriculture and passed a lot of his knowledge on to Mike Baker. John employed Mike for several years before Mike took over the operation on a lease.

Photograph 18:  
John and Emily Cox





### John Cox Line of Descent from Michael Cox, Sr.



**Michael Cox, Sr.**

b. before 1740, Hamburg, Germany (most likely)  
d. 24 Jan. 1815, Fayette County, Pennsylvania  
m. **Elizabeth** (Desloch ?) in Bucks County, Pennsylvania (?)  
b. unknown, d. 20 July 1810  
**children:** **Michael**, Jacob, Peter, Rosanna, Eve, Elizabeth,  
Margaret, Martin, Christine, Joseph

**Michael Cox, Jr.**

b. 1759, place unknown; d. Jan 1832 West Liberty, (West) Virginia  
m. **Jeruthea Ann Brooks**  
b. 1773; d. 28 Oct. 1863 West Liberty, (West) Virginia  
**children:** Michael (III), Joseph, Anne, Elizabeth, Samuel, David, Isaac  
Abraham, Mahalia, Thomas, John, William, Jane, George

**Abraham Cox**

b. 20 September 1809, (West) Virginia  
d. 14 August 1889, (West) Virginia  
m. **Eliza A. Foster**, 13 April 1843, (West) Virginia  
b. 1824, d. 14 Feb. 1863, (West) Virginia  
**children:** Ann, Archibald, Wylie, Carmen, Mary, Elinor,  
Abraham Jr., Jane Elizabeth, Lina, **Zachary**, Susan

**Zachary Cox**

b. 4 June 1858, West Liberty, (West) Virginia  
d. 29 May 1935, West Liberty, (West) Virginia  
m. **Mary Josephine Smith**, 11 May 1882  
**children:** Lester Whitney, **Harry Vernon**, Mamie

**Harry Vernon Cox**

b. 9 July 1885, West Virginia  
d. 4 April 1954, West Virginia  
m. **Blossom V. Delaplaine**, 15 April 1914  
b. 18 May 1893, d. 3 December 1982  
**children:** Mildred, Walter Vernon, Willard Eugene, Betty,  
Harry Lee, Glenn Warren, **John Delaplaine**, Robert Delano

**John Delaplaine Cox**

b. 09 June 1929, West Virginia  
m. **Emily Lou Dorsch**, 04 Oct 1952  
b. 08 March 1930  
**children:** Barbara Ann and Judith Lynn



PREDECESSORS OF BLOSSOM V. DELAPLAINE COX  
Genealogical data contributed by John & Emily Cox

Blossom's genealogical chart is extremely rich; with ancestors traceable to mid 16<sup>th</sup> century France, and mid 17<sup>th</sup> century Norfolk County, England where we find a James Cock, who emigrated to America. Below, in shortened form, is Blossom's chart. A more complete chart is available; contact John and Emily.

The Delaplaine family originated in western France, and the Cresson family in the Picardy region, just north of Paris. The Cressons must have been Protestants, as they emigrated to Holland (before 1637) with the wave of persecuted Huguenots. Later, sometime before 1658, they landed and settled in the Dutch colony of New Holland (now New York.).

Ancestor Chart 1: Ancestors of Blossom Delaplaine Cox

**Jacques Delaplaine**

b. circa 1568, Bressuire, France;  
occupation unknown;  
m. unknown; one child  
d. in Bressuire, France

**Nicholas Delaplaine**

b. 1592, Bressuire France;  
occupation: church official  
m. unknown; one child  
d. 1697, Bressuire, France

**Nicolas Delaplaine**

b. 1633, Bressuire France;  
occupation: tobacco twister  
m. 1658, Susanna Cresson, Old Dutch Church, New Amsterdam (New York)  
18 children; Susanna: b. 1637, Rijswijk, Holland, parents from Picardy, France  
d. after Susanna (d. circa 1711), New York City

Map 9: European Origins  
of the Delaplaines



**James Delaplaine**

b. 1666, New York City; occupation unknown

m. **Hannah Cock**<sup>17</sup>, John Underhills, Matinecock, Long Island, NY; 7 children

d. 12 Apr 1758, Germantown, Pennsylvania

**James Delaplaine**

b. 05 Oct 1695, New Castle, Delaware (?); occupation unknown

m<sup>1</sup> 25 Mar 1728, **Elizabeth Shoemaker**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; 4 children

m<sup>2</sup> 31 Aug 1737 **Ann Jones**,

d. 1788, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Nehemiah Delaplaine**

b. circa 1738, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; occupation unknown

m. 14 Oct 1755, **Mary Marshall**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; 3 children;

d. 18 Oct 1802, Newport, Delaware

**James Delaplaine**

b. 19 Jul 1756, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; occupation: farmer

m. 16 Sep 1787, **Mary Kirk**, Wilmington, Delaware, 5 children

d. 02 or 28 Apr 1797, Newcastle County, Delaware

**James Delaplaine**

b. 18 Jun 1795, Centerville, Delaware; occupation unknown

m. 30 Oct 1817, **Mary Hendrickson**, 7 children

d. 06 Feb 1884, Centerville, Delaware, buried in Lower Brandywine Cemetery

**Peter Delaplaine**

b. 30 Aug 1818, Delaware; occupation unknown

m. 28 Aug 1847, **Virginia Florence Kelley**, 5 children

d. 1904

**Samuel Delaplaine**

b. 04 Jul 1860, West Liberty, Ohio; occupation: carpenter

m<sup>1</sup> 04 Jun 1893, **Birdie Mae Beck**, Ohio County, West Virginia; divorced

m<sup>2</sup> 04 Jun 1914, Clara Foster, Ohio County, West Virginia

**Blossom V. Delaplaine**<sup>18</sup>

b. 18 May 1893, Brooke County, West Virginia (daughter of Birdie Mae)

m. 15 Apr 1914, **Harry Vernon Cox**, West Virginia;

8 children: Mildred, Walter, Willard, Betty, Harry, Glenn, John, Robert

d. 3 Dec 1982, West Liberty, West Virginia

<sup>17</sup> Yet another Cox/Cock link: Hannah's father was **James Cock**, b. 1635, Norfolk County, England, married **Sarah Clarke**; d. 1699 Matinecock, Long Island, New York.

<sup>18</sup> Oddly for this period of time, Blossom was indeed born one month before her parents wed.





Note from Emily Cox concerning Birdie May Beck Delaplaine Pyle.

"This is John's mother's mother. From his generation on down to present times, I have information on most of the children, husbands, children, etc. Birdie's mother, Rachel Humphrey was born in West Alexander, Pennsylvania. Her parents and grandparents are the Humphreys who organized the town of West Alexander; so it was easy to find local history and tombstones for them. West Alexander is located quite close to the truck stop where you stop when in our neighborhood, Ken."

**Rachel Humphrey**

b 16 Jul 1825, Brooke County, (West) Virginia

m 4 Jun 1846 to **John Beck**

d 28 Feb 1913, Brooke County, West Virginia

9 children:

Charity Ann Beck Zink, b 22 Jun 1848

John Humphrey Beck, b 2 Mar 1850

Susan Beck Falgattter, b 14 Mar 1852

Mary Beck, b 13 Jan 1854

Homer Beck, b 13 Nov 1855

Calvin Beck, b 28 Sep 1858

Wesley Beck, b 19 Aug 1860

Betti Beck, b 11 Feb 1861

**Birdie May Beck Delaplaine Pyle**, b 19 May 1870.



**Photograph 19: John Cox and Deem cousins**

In the photo above on the left are the cousins Howard Deem and Mary Ann Deem Bowry.

John Cox is on the right. In the middle are Boyd Deem and his friend Lou.



## Family History of Emily Lou Dorsch Cox

Emily Lou Dorsch Cox and her husband, John, live and operate the Michael Cox, Jr. farm at West liberty, West Virginia. Emily submitted the following information on her family background. She was born 8 March 1930, and married John on 4 October 1952. She is the daughter of Walter Louis Dorsch and Ida May Christy Dorsch. The following words are hers. Only a few punctuation marks have been added.

Walter L., born Oct. 20, 1900, died March 15, 1983, married Nov. 3, 1926. Ida May Christy, born April 24, 1905, daughter of Andrew Christy and Mary Parrish. died September 18, 1984.

Walter's parents: George Simon Dorsch and Lona Lasch Dorsch.

George, born July 8, 1855 and died April 1, 1939, married to Apollonia "Lona" Lasch on March 31, 1885. Lona was born Sept. 10, 1863, and died May 28, 1939. Lona's parents: Simon Lasch and Katherine Ebbert Lasch. George's parents married on 19 Aug 1849. They were: George D. Dorsch (b. 7 April 1822, d. 9 June 1911) and Katherine Keim (b. 09 Feb 1829, daughter of Jacob Kein and Elizabeth Ferbert, d. 15 Sept 1890).

The above has all been documented, but I have questions about the following:

Henrich Dorsch, born 1815, died Dec. 14, 1892, a farmer from Germany; married Elisabeth Dorsch, born 1818 and died July 22, 1891, born Germany, died Martin's Ferry, Ohio.

Emma Dorsch Breitenstein lived in Bridgeport, Ohio, died Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania.

Charles Helling, born 1848 in Duchy of Brunswick, State of Germany, married Katherine Dorsch Helling on Dec. 10, 1872. She was born Sept. 26, 1850 and died Sept. 15, 1873.

John Dorsch, born April 1, 1853 and died July 2, 1900. I think son of George and Katharina Keim Dorsch.

I know these people are related, but not sure just how.

In the Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling, WV, area where my parents are buried, my Dad's brother, Carl, who lives in Florida, and hasn't had anything to do with the rest of the family for years, bought a large plot at this Greenwood Cemetery, and moved all these stones from Martins Ferry, Ohio cemetery. He had the stones all cleaned up and at great expense, but I don't know any details of this. I came across this when I was in the cemetery office asking questions about Delaplaine relatives. And she asked my name and I told her this was on my husband's side of the family. Then I told her I didn't know much about my side, as I thought most had come from Germany. She asked the name, and said well had I checked out the new plot – and here was all these Dorsch stones! My uncle



Carl (who has not died, but his wife has) has his stone and his wife's there. So lights began to flash, and I copied names and dates as follows:

Katharina, wife of George, born Feb. 9, 1829, died Feb. 15, 1890, then under her name is George Dorsch, born April 7, 1822, died June 9, 1911. Then around this large stone are individual stones with these names: Katharina Dorsch Helling, John Dorsch, George Dorsch, Mary Dorsch, Elizabeth Dorsch (who I know, and she never married) and last, Casper Dorsch (who I know Elizabeth and Casper to be my grandfather's brother and sister).

I also believe that Mary could be a sister to my grandfather, but if so, she would have been married to a [?] Shoddy. She was born 1858, and had a daughter, Dorothy, and they would have lived in Martins Ferry, Ohio and Columbus, Ohio. I did go and look up these people in the Martins Ferry, Ohio library, but only got birth and death dates, nothing of family.



FAMILY HISTORY OF WILLIAM T. OYE  
William T. Oye's Line of Descent from Michael Cox, Sr.

**Michael Cox, Sr.**

b. before 1740, Hamburg, Germany (most likely), d. 24 Jan. 1815, Fayette Co., Pennsylvania  
m. **Elizabeth** (Desloch ?) in Bucks County, Pennsylvania (?)

b. unknown, d. 20 July 1810

children: **Michael**, Jacob, Peter, Rosanna, Eve, Elizabeth,  
Margaret, Martin, Christine, Joseph

**Michael Cox, Jr.**

b. 27 Aug 1759 (place unknown), d. 11 Jan. 1832, West Liberty, Ohio Co., (West) Virginia

m. **Jeruthea Ann Brooks**, b. circa 1773, d. 28 Oct 1863

children: **Michael**, David, Anne, **Joseph**, Elizabeth, Samuel, Isaac,  
William, Abraham, Mahalia, Thomas, John, Jane, George

**Joseph Cox**

b. 16 Feb 1791 Fayette, Co., Pennsylvania, d. 19 Apr 1856, Marshall County (West) Virginia

m. **Rosanna Rodgers**, b. 15 Dec 1800, m. 16 Sep 1815, d. 5 Jul 1872

children: Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Jonathon, Joseph, Jacob, Isaac,  
Abraham, **Edward**, Samuel, George, William, Jane, John

**Edward Cox**

b. 6 Oct 1834 Marshall Co., (West) Virginia, d. 14 Aug 1923

m. **Sarah Elizabeth Lowe**, b. 9 Nov 1838, m. 14 Jan 1858, d. 12 Aug 1883

children: John Virgil, Alice, Mary

**Alice Cox**

b. 17 Mar 1862 near Arthur, Illinois, d. 19 Aug 1950, buried at Arthur, Illinois

m. **Michael Mentzer**, b. 9 Nov 1838, m. 15 Dec 1885, d. 3 Dec 1933

children: **Clara**, Pearl, Sarah, Ralph, Geneva

**Clara Elma Mentzer**

b. 19 Sep 1886, near Arthur, Illinois, d. 4 Aug 1938, buried at Arthur, Illinois

m. **John Peter Oye**, b. 5 Sep 1882, m. 28 Sep 1904, d. 4 Aug 1938

children: John M., **Willie B.**, Lela Marie

**Willie Burdette Oye**

b. 19 May 1909, d. 20 Apr 1995

m<sup>1</sup> **Ruby Juanita Thomas**, b. 25 Dec 1910, m. 25 Dec 1927, d. 12 Oct 1974

m<sup>2</sup> Margaret Craycroft 19 Aug 1978, divorced in 1988

children: **William Thomas**, Harold Duane, Gerald Wayne

**William Thomas Oye**

b. 20 Jul 1928, Decatur, Illinois

m. **Dolores Elaine Williams**, b. 31 May 1932, m. 9 Jun 1951

children: William Nolan, Dianna Lynn, Garry Allen



In his letter of 26 January 1999, William Oye informed us of the following:

[I] received more discs from Family Tree Maker. On the Passenger and Immigration List Index<sup>19</sup> 1538-1940, I found the following listing:

Primary individual, Cock, Micharl [sic]  
Place: Philadelphia  
Year: 1732  
Age: 33

I had not found it before because of the way they spelled Michael, with the r instead of e. It was probably a typo but it wouldn't bring it up. Also Cock not Cocks. Think it might fit? Also I'm still not sure where to put David that I had as a son of Michael and Elizabeth, and was their other son Michael that married Leah Todd.

Listing of inhabitants in 1785 Fayette Co., PA.:

Cock, John Union Twp  
Cock, Michal Jr. Luzerne Twp  
Cock, Michal Sr. Luzerne Twp  
Cocks, Jacob Luzerne Twp  
Cox, Joseph Springhill Twp

Surname Index to Fayette Co. Cemeteries:

Cock-Christ Episcopal Church cemetery  
Cox-Christ Episcopal Church cemetery and Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church cemetery-Dunbar Twp.

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<sup>19</sup> Source: Strassburger, Ralph Beaver, *Pennsylvania German Pioneers: A publication of the Original List of Arrivals in the Port of Philadelphia from 1727 to 1808*.



COX FAMILY RESEARCH BY WILLIAM T. OYE  
contributed January 1999

MICHAEL COX (1)

Michael Cox and Elizabeth had the following children:

- (2) Michael 27 Aug 1759
- (2) Jacob
- (2) Peter
- (2) Martin
- (2) Joseph
- (2) Rosanna
- (2) Eve Ann
- (2) Elizabeth
- (2) Margaret
- (2) Christine

MICHAEL COX (2)

Michael Cox, son of Michael and Elizabeth Cox, was born 27 Aug 1759. Michael married Jeruthea Ann Brooks. Jeruthea was born in 1773. Michael was a private of the Rangers on the Frontier 1778-1783, also private in Captain Andrew Lowley's Company, Lieut. Elija Mills Company and Ensign David Rubels Washington County Militia Fifer in the 8th PA Regiment-Continental Line. Children born to this marriage are:

- (3) David
- (3) Michael
- (3) Ann 7 Jun 1791
- (3) Joseph 16 Feb 1794
- (3) Elizabeth 25 Dec 1797
- (3) Samuel 22 Jun 1800
- (3) Isaac
- (3) William 17 Mar 1805
- (3) Mahala
- (3) Abraham 20 Sep 1809
- (3) Thomas 1811
- (3) John 2 Feb 1813
- (3) George
- (3) Jane Feb 1819

There were also twins that died in infancy. Michael died 14 Jan 1832 and Jeruthea 28 Oct 1863. They are buried in the Cox graveyard near West Liberty, Ohio County, WV.

MICHAEL COX (3)

Michael Cox, son of Michael and Jeruthea Cox, married Leah Todd on 3 Jan 1809.



## ANN COX (3)

Ann Cox, daughter of Michael and Jeruthea Cox, was born 7 Jun 1791. Ann and John Hupp were married 19 Jan 1813. John, son of John and Anne Rowe Hupp, was born 27 Jul 1790. Children born to this marriage are:

- (4) Isaac
- (4) Joseph
- (4) Louise
- (4) John

John Sr. died 12 Mar 1864, and Ann 26 Nov 1875.

## ISAAC HUPP (4)

Isaac Hupp, son of John and Ann Hupp, married Mary Atkinson.

## JOSEPH HUPP (4)

Joseph Hupp, son of John and Ann Hupp, married Martha Heyman.

## LOUISE HUPP (4)

Louise Hupp, daughter of John and Ann Hupp, married John Clemens 10 Mar 1835. Children born to this marriage are:

- (5) Isaac
- (5) Louisa
- (5) Alonzo
- (5) William
- (5) Vaturia

## JOHN HUPP (4)

John Hupp, son of John and Ann Hupp, married Carolene Todd, 1 Mar 1853.

## JOSEPH COX (3)

Joseph Cox, son of Michael and Jeruthea Cox, was born 16 Feb 1794 near Brownsville, PA. Joseph and Rosanna Rodgers were married 16 Sep 1815 in Washington County, PA. Rosanna, daughter of Francis and Elizabeth Rodgers, was born 15 Dec 1800 in Washington County, PA.

Children born to this marriage are:

- (4) Elizabeth           19 Aug 1820
- (4) Mary Ann           1822
- (4) Jonathon
- (4) Joseph
- (4) Jacob
- (4) Isaac               7 Jul 1830
- (4) Abraham           17 Dec 1832
- (4) Edward            6 Oct 1834
- (4) Samuel            17 Nov 1836
- (4) George





- (4) William 1840
- (4) Jane 1842
- (4) John 1843

Jacob, George, John and Jane died as children. Abraham died 11 Apr 1839. Joseph Sr. was struck by a train and killed 19 Apr 1856 in Loudenville, WV. Joseph is buried in the Foster cemetery at Beeler Station near Loudenville. Rosanna died 5 Jul 1872 and is buried at the Clark cemetery near Fish Creek in Marshall County, WV.

#### ELIZABETH COX (4)

Elizabeth Cox, daughter of Joseph and Rosanna Cox, was born 19 Aug 1820. Elizabeth and Isaac Gorby were married 15 Dec 1842. Isaac was born 23 Aug 1823. One account states they had four children, but no names were given. Isaac died 19 Feb 1888 and Elizabeth 6 Jun 1902.

#### MARY ANN COX (4)

Mary Ann Cox, daughter of Joseph and Rosanna Cox, was born in 1822. Mary Ann married Joseph Clark who was born 3 Jan 1820. Children born to this marriage are:

- (5) Jason
- (5) Francis M.
- (5) Thomas A.
- (5) Hannah
- (5) Absalom
- (5) Pheobe

Joseph died 13 Mar 1860 and is buried in Franklin cemetery, Marshall County, WV. Mary Ann died 4 Mar 1908 at the home of her daughter Hannah Oliver in Hackney, OH. She is buried at Cameron, WV.

#### JOSEPH COX (4)

Joseph Cox, son of Joseph and Rosanna Cox, married Sarah Fain. Children born to this marriage are:

- (5) William
- (5) Rose Ann
- (5) Alta
- (5) Lucy

#### ISAAC COX (4)

Isaac Cox son of Joseph and Rosanna Cox, was born 7 Jul 1830. Isaac and Louisa Burgess were married 31 May 1849. Louisa was born 7 Sep 1828. Children born to this marriage:

- (5) Rose Ann Jan 1850
- (5) Virgil Apr 1852

Louisa died 23 Apr 1852 and was buried with their infant son Virgil. Isaac married Margaret Crow 28 Jan. Children born to this marriage are:

- (5) Spencer



- (5) Dexter
- (5) Alex                      5 Sep 1862
- (5) Benton
- (5) Amanda Jane

Isaac died 14 Jul 1905 and Margaret 12 May 1910. They lived and died in Marshall Co., WV.

#### ROSE ANN COX (5)

Rose Ann Cox, daughter of Isaac and Louisa Cox, was born in Jan 1850. Rose Ann married Finley McCreary.

#### ALEX COX (5)

Alex Cox, son of Isaac and Margaret Cox, was born 5 Sep 1862. Alex married Mary Redd.

#### EDWARD COX (4)

Edward Cox, son of Joseph and Rosanna Cox, was born 6 Oct 1834 near Loudenville, WV. Edward and Sarah Elizabeth Lowe were married 14 Jan 1858. Sarah, daughter of George and Mary Ann Lowe, was born 9 Nov 1838. Children born to this marriage are:

- (5) John Virgil            10 Oct 1858
- (5) Alice                    17 Mar 1862
- (5) Mary                    12 Jan 1866

Sarah died 12 Aug 1883 near Arthur, IL. Edward married Anna Eagleton Miller 12 Feb 1889. Anna, daughter of Alexander and Mary Eagleton, was born 19 Jan 1849. Edward died 14 Aug 1923, and Anna 9 Feb 1934. They are buried at Arthur, IL.

#### JOHN VIRGIL COX (5)

John Virgil Cox, son of Edward and Sarah Cox, was born 10 Oct 1858. Virgil and Elizabeth Thomas were married 7 Mar 1882. Elizabeth was born near Loami, IL. Children born to this marriage are:

- (6) Alberta                25 Jan 1883
- (6) Celia                  16 Sep 1885
- (6) Minnie                24 Dec 1888
- (6) Bruce                 3 Jul 1893

Virgil died 30 May 1923. Elizabeth died 1 Feb 1945 in Haskell, OK.

#### ALBERTA COX (6)

Alberta Cox, daughter of Virgil and Elizabeth Cox, was born 25 Jan 1883. Alberta married Cal Weaver. There were no children. Alberta died 7 Dec 1918.

#### CELIA COX (6)

Celia Cox, daughter of Virgil and Elizabeth Cox, was born 16 Sep 1885. Celia married Cody Aud. Children born to this marriage are:

- (7) Valeria                7 May 1909
- (7) Leo                    7 Feb 1911 Leo married Julia [(née?)].



## VALERIA AUD (7)

Valeria Aud, daughter of Cody and Celia Aud was born 7 May 1909. Valeria married Lloyd Shiflet. Valeria died 18 May 1962.

## MINNIE COX (6)

Minnie Cox, daughter of Virgil and Elizabeth Cox, was born 24 Dec 1888. Minnie married Frank Stanfield.

## BRUCE COX (6)

Bruce Cox, son of Virgil and Elizabeth Cox, was born 3 Jul 1893. Bruce married Lulu Brady and they had a child:

(7) Alberta Marie 3 Dec 1923

Bruce died 17 Jul 1948.

## ALICE COX (5)

Alice Cox, daughter of Edward and Sarah Cox, was born 17 Mar 1862 near Arthur, IL. Alice and Michael Mentzer were married 15 Dec 1885 at Sullivan, IL. Michael, son of Jacob and Catherine Faye Mentzer, was born 22 Apr 1862. Children born to this marriage are:

(6) Clara Elma 19 Sep 1886

(6) Pearl Edna 25 Oct 1888

(6) Sarah Ann 10 Jan 1891

(6) Ralph Allen 17 Jan 1893

(6) Geneva Kathryn 9 Apr 1902

Alice and Michael were divorced 12 Apr 1916. Michael moved to Fortville, IN. Michael later married Elizabeth Bolton. Michael died 3 Dec 1933 near Fortville, IN. Alice died 19 Mar 1950. Both are buried at Arthur, IL.

## CLARA ELMA MENTZER (6)

Clara Elma Mentzer, daughter of Michael and Alice Mentzer, was born 19 Sep 1886. Elma and John Peter Oye were married 28 Sep 1904. John, son of John H. and Anna Oye, was born 5 Sep 1882. Children born to this marriage are:

(7) John Michael 27 Jan 1906

(7) Willie Burdette 19 May 1909

(7) Lela Marie 18 Mar 1913

John Sr. and Elma died 4 Aug 1938 and are buried at Arthur, IL.

## JOHN MICHAEL OYE (7)

John Michael Oye, son of John and Elma Oye, was born 27 Jan 1906. Michael and Iva Hale were married 20 Mar 1924. Iva, daughter of Claude and Nannie Hale, was born 7 Jan 1904. Children born to this marriage are:

(8) Helen 13 Jan 1925; Helen died 13 Jan 1925.

Michael died 25 Aug 1992.

**WILLIE BURDETTE OYE (7)**

Willie Burdette Oye, son of John and Elma Oye, was born 19 May 1909. Willie and Ruby Juanita Thomas were married 25 Dec 1927. Juanita, daughter of Rolla and Sadie Thomas, was born 25 Dec 1910. Children born to this marriage are:

- (8) William Thomas 20 Jul 1928
- (8) Harold Duane 13 Apr 1933
- (8) Gerald Wayne 13 Apr 1933

Wayne died 17 Aug 1954 and Juanita 12 Oct 1974. They are buried at Arthur, IL. Willie and Margaret Craycroft were married 19 Aug 1978. They were divorced in 1988. Willie died 20 Apr 1995.

**WILLIAM THOMAS OYE (8)**

William Thomas Oye, son of Willie and Juanita Thomas Oye, was born 20 Jul 1928 at Decatur IL. William and Dolores Elaine Williams were married 9 Jun 1951 at Arthur IL. Dolores, daughter of Nolan and Mildred Owen Williams, was born 31 May 1932 at Tuscola IL. Children born to this marriage are:

- (9) William Nolan 29 Jul 1953
- (9) Dianna Lynn 1 Sep 1955
- (9) Garry Allen 5 Jul 1958

**HAROLD DUANE OYE (8)**

Harold Duane Oye, son of Willie and Juanita Thomas Oye, was born 13 Apr 1933. Duane and Myrtle Faye Ryherd were married 21 Feb 1953. Faye, daughter of Edward and Iva Proffitt Ryherd, was born 7 Nov 1935. Children born to this marriage are:

- (9) Debra Sue 31 Oct 1953
- (9) Sandra Lynne 3 Dec 1954
- (9) Becky Ann 23 Nov 1955
- (9) Kathryn Elaine 5 Jan 1958
- (9) Karen Jean 13 May 1965

**LELA MARIE OYE (7)**

Lela Marie Oye, daughter of John and Elma Oye, was born 18 Mar 1913. Lela and Fred Craycroft were married 30 Dec 1935. Fred, son of William and Ida Craycroft, was born 17 Mar 1907. There were no children. Fred died 18 Jul 1965. Lela died 7 Aug 1996.

**PEARL EDNA MENTZER (6)**

Pearl Edna Mentzer, daughter of Michael and Alice Mentzer, was born 25 Oct 1888. Pearl and Lee Martin Hutchinson were married 25 Dec 1909. Lee, son of John and Mary Hutchinson, was born 15 Nov 1885 in Pike County. Children born to this marriage are:

- (7) Charles Alfred 6 Oct 1911
- (7) Karl 20 Jul 1914

Pearl died 11 Feb 1918. After her death the boys were raised by their grandmother, Alice Mentzer. She had their names changed to Mentzer. Lee died 24 May 1957.



## SARAH ANN MENTZER (6)

Sarah Ann Mentzer, daughter of Michael and Alice Mentzer, was born 10 Jan 1891. Sarah and Jesse McKinnie were married 25 Apr 1911. Jesse, son of Charles and Emma Jane McKinnie, was born 24 Jul 1886. Children born to this marriage are:

- (7) Emma Alice      16 Apr 1912
- (7) Jesse Kathryn    3 Nov 1919
- (7) Betty            22 Sep 1920

Sarah died 18 Jun 1970 and Jesse 25 Jan 1971. They are buried at Long Beach, CA.

## ALLEN RALPH MENTZER (6)

Allen Ralph Mentzer, son of Michael and Alice Mentzer, was born 17 Jan 1893. Ralph and Gladys Vermillion were married 21 Feb 1916. Gladys was born 1 Feb 1898. Children born to this marriage are:

- (7) Etta Katherine    2 Dec 1916

Ralph died 17 Dec 1918.

## GENEVA KATHRYN MENTZER (6)

Geneva Kathryn Mentzer, daughter of Michael and Alice Mentzer, was born 9 Apr 1902. Geneva and Charles O. Throckmorton were married 28 Jul 1934. Charles, son of Joseph and Buena Throckmorton, was born 15 Jan 1895. Charles had a son Robert from a previous marriage. There were no children born to this marriage. Charles died 2 Sep 1975. Geneva died 12 Jan 1993. They are buried at the Mt Hope cemetery in Urbana, IL.

## MARY COX (5)

Mary Cox, daughter of Edward and Sarah Cox, was born 12 Jan 1866. Mary and Jacob Knutzen were married 18 Apr 1883. Jacob was born 27 Mar 1854. Children born to this marriage are:

- (6) Elsie            12 Nov 1883
- (6) Edward
- (6) Dora
- (6) Virgil           25 Jan 1891
- (6) Ira              27 Jan 1900

Jacob died 24 Dec 1900. Mary and Frank Hunt were married 31 Jan 1903. Frank was born 29 May 1868. Ira died 2 Jul 1917, Mary died 21 Feb 1931 and Frank died 24 Oct 1945.

## ELSIE KNUTZEN (6)

Elsie Knutzen, daughter of Jacob and Mary Knutzen, was born 12 Nov 1883. Elsie and Charles Gibson were married 22 Feb 1902. Charles was born 22 Feb 1880. They had a daughter:

- (7) Mary            13 Feb 1903

Mary died 5 May 1942, and Elsie died 21 May 1960. Charles died 10 Jan 1963.



## EDWARD KNUTZEN (6)

Edward Knutzen, son of Jacob and Mary Knutzen, married Mabel Mumford. Children born to this marriage are:

- (7) Harold
- (7) Viola
- (7) Earl

## DORA KNUTZEN (6)

Dora Knutzen, daughter of Jacob and Mary Knutzen, married Harry Harshbarger. Children born to this marriage are:

- (7) Rex
- (7) Ralph
- (7) Lawrence
- (7) Myrtle
- (7) Joe

Dora died 17 Jul 1924.

## VIRGIL KNUTZEN (6)

Virgil Knutzen, son of Jacob and Mary Knutzen, was born 25 Jan 1891. Virgil married Mae Durall. Virgil died 20 Jan 1974.

## SAMUEL COX (4)

Samuel Cox, son of Joseph and Rosanna Cox, was born 17 Nov 1836. Samuel and Caroline Smith were married 13 Jan 1870. Caroline was born in 1844. On one record Caroline is called Katherine. Children born to this marriage are:

- (5) Maude 17 Jan 1879
- (5) Charles Edward 6 Apr 1881

Samuel died 27 Aug 1930 and Caroline in 1931.

## CHARLES EDWARD COX (5)

Charles Edward Cox, son of Samuel and Caroline Cox, was born 6 Apr 1881. Edward and Nellie York were married 29 Sep 1903. Nellie was born 11 Nov 1881. Children born to this marriage are:

- (6) Russell 13 Jul 1904
- (6) Bertha Ann 26 May 1906
- (6) Lawrence (George) 18 Dec 1907
- (6) Dorothy 5 Apr 1909

Edward later married Flossie Bullock. Flossie was born 23 Mar 1886. Children to this marriage are:

- (6) Gladys 20 Dec 1912
- (6) Evelyn 20 Feb 1914
- (6) Richard 13 May 1915
- (6) Ruth 23 Aug 1918
- (6) Edith 31 Mar 1923

Flossie died 30 May 1967.



## BERTHA ANN COX (6)

Bertha Ann Cox, daughter of Edward and Nellie Cox, was born 13 Jul 1904. Bertha married Raymond Ellis Sparks. Children born to this marriage are:

- (7) Everett
- (7) Lawrence Warren      6 Feb 1932
- (7) Harold Wayne        6 May 1934

## LAWRENCE WARREN SPARKS (7)

Lawrence Warren Sparks, son of Raymond and Bertha Sparks, was born 6 Feb 1932 in Jasper Co., IL. Lawrence married Carol Maxey in 1954. He married Patricia Ann Clark, daughter of Chester and Laura Lewis Clark, on 11 Feb 1959. Pat was born 17 Mar 1936. Known children born to this marriage are:

- (8) Pamela Sue            24 Apr 1959
- (8) Lawrence Warren Jr.   25 Feb 1960
- (8) Dixie Jo                26 Nov 1961
- (8) David Joe              26 Nov 1961
- (8) Kenneth Donald        14 Dec 1962
- (8) Ronald Lee             18 Dec 1963

Pamela died 24 Apr 1959. Lawrence and Clara Yvonne Smith, daughter of Kenneth and Mildred Grove Smith, [married] 22 Apr 1988 in Eddyville, KY.

## HAROLD WAYNE SPARKS (7)

Harold Wayne Sparks, son on Raymond and Bertha Sparks, was born 6 May 1934 near Newton IL. Wayne and Joyce Evelyn Bickers were married 8 May 1952 in Newton IL. Joyce, daughter of George and Geneva Miller Bickers, was born 21 Dec 1934 near Newton, IL. Known children born to this marriage are:

- (8) Tony Harold            11 Feb 1953
- (8) Rhonda Radell         6 Feb 1955
- (8) Jeny Dwayne            4 Feb 1963

## LAWRENCE COX (6)

Lawrence Cox, son of Edward and Nellie Cox, was born 18 Dec 1907. Lawrence and Mildred Margaret VonLanken were married 1 Jan 1938. Mildred, daughter of George and Anna Klink VonLanken, was born 23 Aug 1911. They adopted a son in 1955:

- (7) Max Edward            3 Mar 1954

## MAX EDWARD COX (7)

Max Edward Cox, son of Lawrence and Mildred VanLanken Cox, was born 3 Mar 1954. Max and Cindy Margaret Reed were married 29 Jun 1974. Cindy was born 24 Mar 1957. Known children born to this marriage are:

- (8) Heather Ann            29 Jan 1976
- (8) Kelly Reed              4 Jun 1981
- (8) Ashley Catherine      6 Mar 1983





## DORTHY COX (6)

Dor[olun]thy Cox, daughter of Edward and Nellie Cox, was born 5 Apr 1909. Dorthy married Cecil Roberts. Children born to this marriage are:

- (7) Carolyn Lavella
- (7) John Edward
- (7) Wilma Roberta

## RICHARD COX (6)

Richard Cox, son of Edward and Flossie Cox, was born 13 May 1915. Richard married Alene Taylor.

## WILLIAM COX (4)

William Cox, son of Joseph and Rosanna Cox, was born in 1840. William married Smithey Lowry. Children born to this marriage are:

- (5) Ralph
- (5) Willard
- (5) Clifford

Records indicate that William had a second wife and to this marriage a child was born who was killed at the age of two years.

## ELIZABETH COX (3)

Elizabeth Cox, daughter of Michael and Jeruthea Cox, was born 25 Dec 1797. Elizabeth married John Wesley Beck, son of Col. Beck on 15 Dec 1814. Children born to this marriage are:

- (4) Fletcher
- (4) Jerusha

On one record Elizabeth is called Betty. Elizabeth died 15 Sep 1884.

## SAMUEL COX (3)

Samuel Cox, son of Michael and Jeruthea Cox, was born 22 Jun 1800. Samuel married Nancy Rodgers, daughter of Francis and Elizabeth Rodgers. Children born to this marriage are:

- (4) Newton
- (4) Joseph
- (4) Frank

Samuel later married Rhoda Gray. Samuel died 10 Nov 1880.

## ISAAC COX (3)

Isaac Cox, son of Michael and Jeruthea Cox, married Susan Brown. Children born to this marriage are:

- (4) Charity Ann
- (4) John H.



## CHARITY ANN COX (4)

Charity Ann Cox, daughter of Isaac and Susan Cox, married Andrew Myers. Children born to this marriage are:

- (5) Susan
- (5) John A
- (5) Ehrett C
- (5) Irene

## JOHN H COX (4)

John H Cox, son of Isaac and Susan Cox, married Barbara Ann Way. Children born to this marriage are:

- (5) Annie Lee

## WILLIAM COX (3)

William Cox, son of Michael and Jeruthea Cox, was born 17 Mar 1805. William married Nancy Jones. Children born to this marriage are:

Louisa

- (4) Sabastian

William married Delilah Clemens. Children born to this marriage are:

- (4) Katherine
- (4) Rebecca

William died 5 Jan 1892.

## MAHALA COX (3)

Mahala Cox, daughter of Michael and Jeruthea Cox, married John Brown and moved to California.

## ABRAHAM COX (3)

Abraham Cox, son of Michael and Jeruthea Cox, was born 20 Sep 1809. Abraham married Eliza Foster. Children born to this marriage are:

- (4) Elenor
- (4) Wylie
- (4) Abraham
- (4) Linda
- (4) Zach
- (4) Ann
- (4) Jane
- (4) Susan

## THOMAS COX (3)

Thomas Cox, son of Michael and Jeruthea Cox, was born in 1811. Thomas never married and died 11 Dec 1868.

**JOHN COX (3)**

John Cox, son of Michael and Jeruthea Cox, was born 2 Feb 1813. John married Martha Cook. John died 17 Apr 1894.

**GEORGE COX (3)**

George Cox, son of Michael and Jeruthea Cox, never married.

**JANE COX (3)**

Jane Cox, daughter of Michael and Jeruthea Cox, was born in Feb 1819. Jane married Joseph Hedges. Children born to this marriage are:

- (4) Susan
- (4) Sarah
- (4) Taylor
- (4) Mary
- (4) Eliza
- (4) Brooks
- (4) William

Jane died 21 May 1916.

This completes the known information on Michael and Elizabeth Cox and their descendants.<sup>20</sup> I want to thank Geneva Throckmorton, Joan Browning, Ken Cox, and Judy Nacke for sharing their Cox Family information with me. Other information obtained from court and census records and personal knowledge.

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<sup>20</sup> Mr. Oye also has detailed information on the allied branches of the Curtis, Hunt, and Lowe families. For those interested, contact Mr. Oye at the above address.



## FAMILY HISTORY OF DOROTHY WILKIN CLARK

Dorothy has been researching her Cox ancestors for years. As we were, she is faced with a barrier: Who was the father of William H. Cox, her great-great-grandfather? Was he a descendent of our Peter Cox or of a certain Thomas Cox? The answer after years of research is that nothing can be proved. Neither she nor I could ever find where that Thomas came from. Both Dorothy and I have really scrubbed Stark and Wayne Counties. But we have not solved the mystery yet.

I favor Peter as her William's father, which would make him the uncle of our William Newton (#1) because of the obituary of one of our kin that mentions Kendalville, Indiana as where some of our folks went. Also Seitz folks were not found either. So going round about did not work. Dorothy's William Cox could have very well been a son of Peter and Magdalin. But neither of us can prove or disprove it.

We are including snippets of her genealogy in the hopes that other researchers might take up the challenge of finding who William's ancestors were. Her work is very pro, very meticulous. She has checked records on land grants, births, baptisms, marriages, deaths, wills, deeds, abstracts, guardianships, military records, newspapers, probates and orphans, ships' passenger lists, Pennsylvania immigrants, German pioneers, surname card indexes, etc.

In one of her letters to us, she wrote: "It's highly possible that my William was related, probably a son of one of Peter's brothers. Samuel Joseph listed above was three years older than William, would be a cousin and the likely person to have taught William the tailoring trade."

In January 1998 Dorothy speculated that William's father was likely to have been a certain Wayne County Ohio resident named Thomas Cox: "My gut feeling is that Thomas is really the one to look at because he was listed in the 1820 and 1830 Census records for Wayne Co. (Wooster Twp.) with a son the age of William; William joined the Wooster Baptist Church in 1831 at age 16; William and Mary named their sons William J., Thomas J., and Andrew (no Peter)."



William H. Cox died tragically in 1897. He committed suicide at his son's home in Kendallville, Indiana. Here are excerpts from the *Kendallville Standard*. His death made the front page of the March 19th issue of the Indiana newspaper (pages 1 and 8):

**CUTS HIS THROAT –  
W. H. Cox, an old and  
Respected Citizen Ends His Life**

The city Friday was startled with the news that Mr. W. H. Cox, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of this city, had ended his existence by cutting his throat with a razor, at the home of his son, T. J. Cox, on Diamond Street, during the noon hour.

For some months the old gentleman has been in poor health which caused his mind at times to be unbalanced, and during one of these spells he took his life.

After eating his dinner he went up stairs and in a few minutes called to his daughter-in-law. She immediately went to the head of the stairs where a sad sight met her eyes. The father was lying upon the floor, with some old clothing under his head for a pillow and was covered with blood.

A messenger was immediately dispatched for Mr. Thomas Cox, who had left but minutes before to resume his work up town. Drs. Williams and Gilbert were summoned but ere they arrived death had claimed the unfortunate man.

Mr. Cox was a gentleman highly esteemed by all who knew him. He had many friends who keenly regret his tragic death and who sympathize deeply with the sorrowing relatives. The deceased was 82 years of age and left seven children, Mrs. M. F. Bowen of Avalon, Missouri, Andrew Cox of McPherson, Kansas, Mrs. E. B. Creditor of Wichita, Kansas, Mrs. Jennie Hayward, Mrs. L. V. Lewis, T. J. and W. J. Cox of this city, aside from other relatives, who mourn his sudden departure from them. The funeral took place from the Baptist Church, Sunday morning at 10:30.

**OBITUARY  
William H. Cox**

William H. Cox was born in Wayne county Ohio, April 19, 1816, departed this life March 12, 1897, aged 80 years, 10 months and 21 days.

He united with the regular Baptist church in Wooster, Ohio on the first Sunday in May 1831. He married Mary A. Sites in Massillon, Stark county, Ohio, Feb. 10, 1838. To them were born three sons and six daughters. Two of the daughters died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox moved to Indiana in 1843 and settled in Peru, Miami county. From there they moved to Miami, which town Mr. Cox helped to lay out, and in 1856 they moved again and settled in Kendallville, which, with the exception of a few months residence in Bryan, Ohio, became their permanent home.

Mrs. Cox died April 15, 1883.

Mr. Cox has been a man of sterling qualities all through his life and was one of Kendallville's best known and most respected citizens.

During his residence in Indiana he has always been closely identified with the Baptist denomination and has been a leader of the church in this city, being one of the founders of the church in 1857.

He leaves behind him three sons and four daughters to mourn the loss of a kind Christian father.

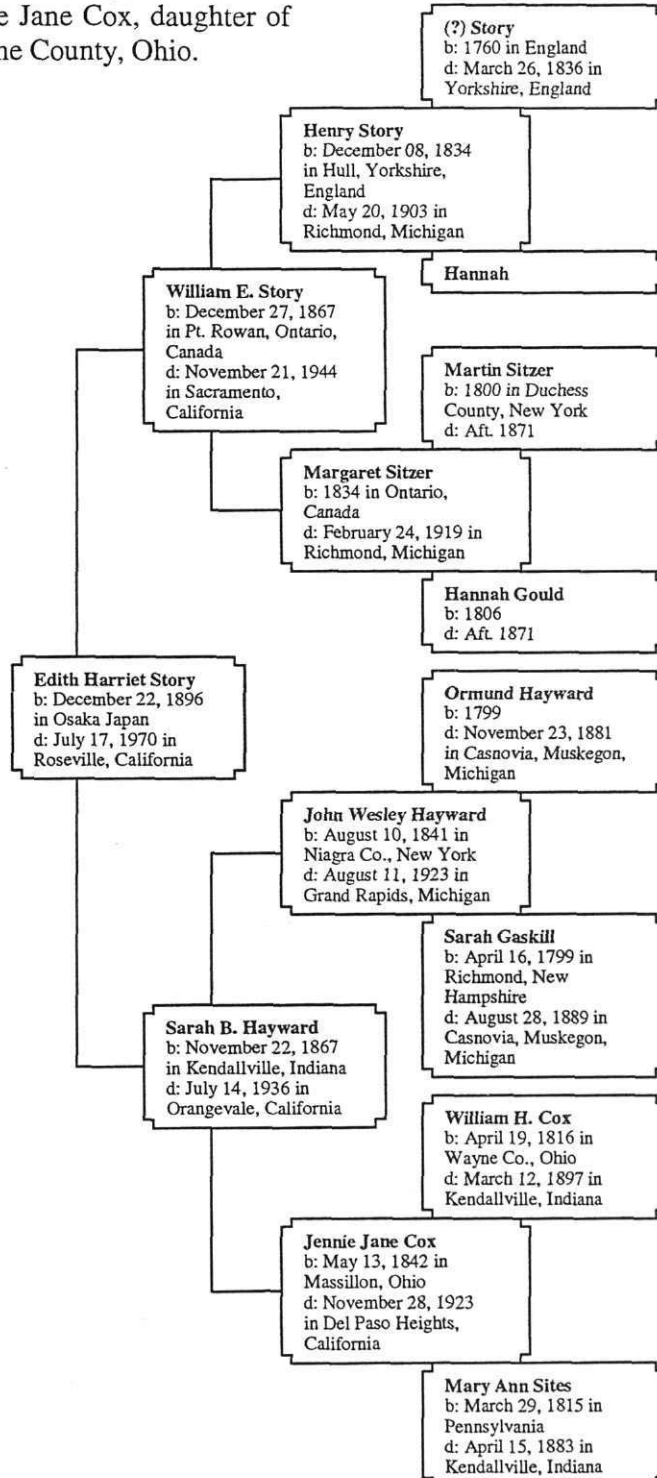
The funeral was held from the Baptist church Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock and the remains were laid to rest in Lake View cemetery.





### Dorothy Wilkin Clark's Mother's Line of Descent from William H. Cox

Dorothy is the daughter of Edith Harriet Story and Fred Wilkin. Dorothy's maternal grandmother was Jennie Jane Cox, daughter of William H. Cox of Wayne County, Ohio.

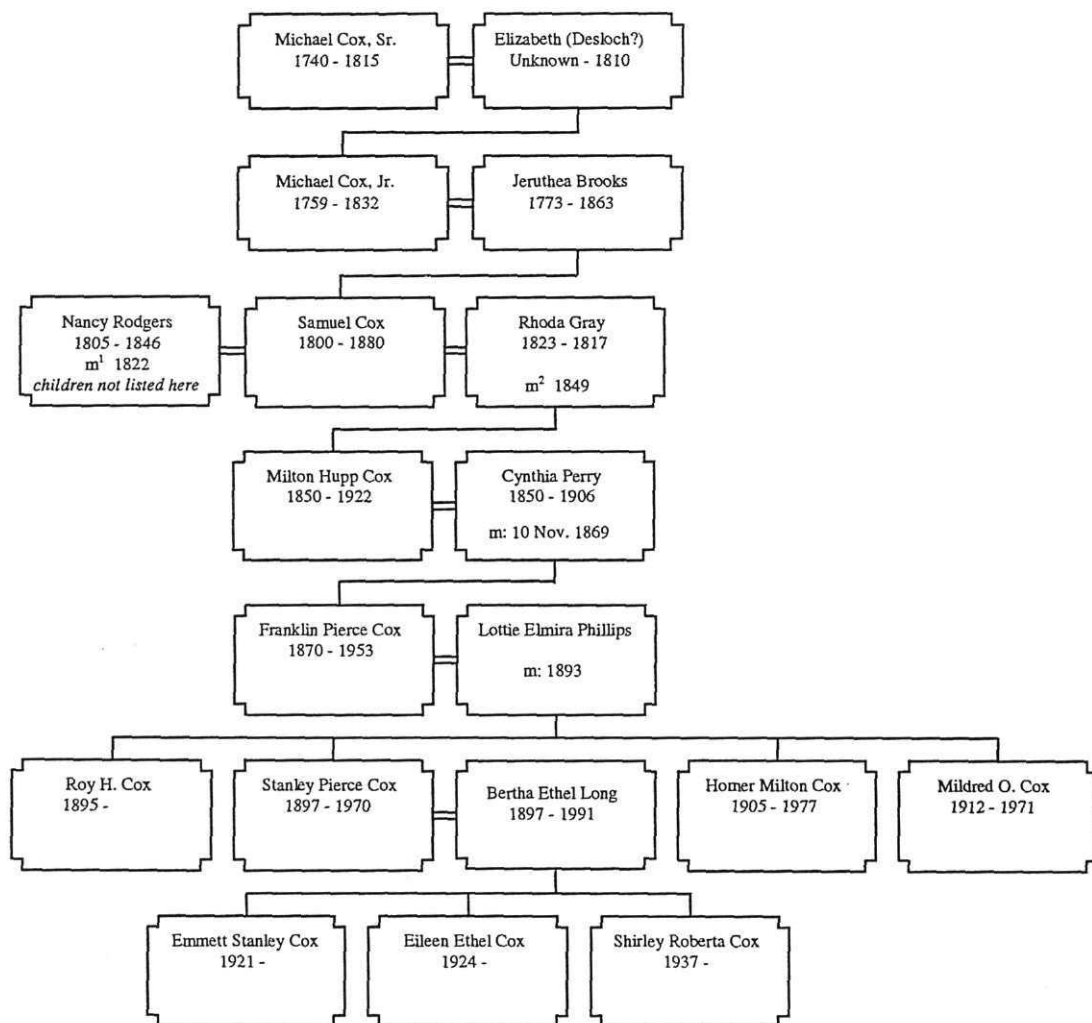




## FAMILY HISTORY OF SHIRLEY COX LARSON

Shirley is the great-granddaughter of Milton Hupp Cox (see biography on page 160), who was a grandson of Jeruthea and Michael Cox, Jr. As Shirley, herself notes, "There are many lines of this family that, for reasons of space, could not be included." However, we have tried to include a maximum of Shirley's closest living cousins.

Descent Chart 5: Line of descent from Michael Sr. to Shirley Cox Larson





**Michael Cox, Sr.**

b. before 1740, Hamburg, Germany (?), d. 24 Jan. 1815, Fayette Co., Pennsylvania

m. **Elizabeth** (Desloch ?), b. unknown, d. 20 July 1810

children: **Michael**, Jacob, Peter, Rosanna, Eve,  
Elizabeth, Margaret, Martin, Christine, Joseph

**Michael Cox, Jr.**

b. 27 Aug 1759 (place unknown), d. 11 Jan. 1832, West Liberty, (West) Virginia

m. **Jeruthea Ann Brooks**, b. circa 1773, d. 28 Oct 1863

children: **Michael**, David, Anne, Joseph, Elizabeth, **Samuel**, Isaac,  
William, Abraham, Mahalia, Thomas, John, Jane, George

**Samuel Cox**

b. 22 Jun 1800, d. 10 Nov 1880

m<sup>1</sup> 1822 **Nancy Rodgers**, b. 01 Jul 1805, d. 07 Mar 1846

children: Elizabeth Ann, Thomas, Absalom  
Franklin, Sarah Bridget, Hannah Jane, Lavinia, John, Isabel

m<sup>2</sup> 1849 **Rhoda Gray**, b. 20 Feb 1823, d. 20 Jan 1917, one son: **Milton Hupp Cox**

**Milton Hupp Cox**

b. 17 Oct 1850, d. 08 May 1922

m<sup>1</sup> 10 Nov 1869, **Cynthia Perry**, b. 07 May 1850, d. 15 Dec 1906

children of first marriage:

<b>Franklin Pierce</b>	b. 25 Oct 1870	d. 1953
Thomas Willard	b. 08 Jul 1872	d. 21 Sep 1959
Gertie Bell	b. 04 Jan 1875	d. 11 Apr 1963
Mary	b. 13 Dec 1876	d. 15 Sep 1952
Cora Anna	b. 22 Feb 1878	d.
Lily	b. 08 May 1881	d. 25 Jun 1928
Milton Arthur	b. 04 Jul 1886	d. 20 Jan 1977
Oma Frances	b. 16 Jul 1889	d. 26 Jul 1963

m<sup>2</sup> 29 Dec 1909, **Minnie Gill**

**Franklin Pierce Cox**, b. 25 Oct 1870, d. 1953

m. **Lottie Elmira Phillips**, 28 Sep 1893

four children: Roy, Stanley, Homer, Mildred

**Roy Harvey Cox**, b. 03 Oct 1895, d.

m. **Ruth Mae Lindsay**

three children:

**Ruth Miriam Cox**, b. 21 Nov 1922, d. 23 Jul 1980

**David Franklin Cox**, b. 11 Oct 1927, d.?

**Roger Lindsay Cox**, b. 23 Mar 1931



**Stanley Pierce Cox**, b. 21 Aug 1897, d. 28 Aug 1970  
m. **Bertha Ethel Long**, b. 19 Jul 1897, d. 4 Mar 1991  
three children: **Emmett Stanley**, **Eileen Ethel**, **Shirley Roberta**

**Emmett Stanley Cox**, b. 09 Jun 1921  
m. **Verna Olson** 19 Nov 1944  
six children:

**Randolph Emmett Cox**, b. 4 Sep 1945  
**Nancy Jane Cox**, b. 21 Jul 1948  
**Sherilyn May Cox**, b. 07 May 1952  
**Richard Stanley Cox**, b. 07 Feb 1954  
**Robert William Cox**, b. 13 Sep 1956  
**Regan Frank Cox**, b. 24 Oct 1963

**Eileen Ethel Cox**, b. 27 Jul 1924  
m. **Ronald Earl Backstrom**, 18 Jul 1951  
two children:

**Julie Janine Backstrom**, b. 20 Apr 1956  
**Jane Janell Backstrom**, b. 24 Sep 1950

**Shirley Roberta Cox**, b. 01 Apr 1937  
m. **Donald Larson**, 06 Jun 1959  
three children:

**Kristin Evan Larson**, b. 13 Feb 1961  
**Kara Eileen Larson**, b. 07 Feb 1964  
**Keith Donald Larson**, b. 18 May 1965

**Homer Milton Cox**, b. 28 Dec 1905, d. 15 Nov 1977  
m. **Elsie May Grein** on 05 Oct 1927, d. 15 Nov. 1977  
two children:

**Homer Eugene Cox**, b. 12 Oct 1928, d. 19 Sep 1987  
m. **Lillian Irene Nau**, 04 Nov 1948  
children:

**Joemae Barbara Cox**, b. 07 Sep 1949  
**Jeanann Margaret Cox**, b. 26 Feb 1951  
**James Milton Cox**, b. 19 Feb 1953, d. 19 Feb 1953  
**Judith Kathryn Cox**, b. 28 Jul 1954

**Franklin Thomas Cox**, b. 1 Oct 1937, d. 1 Jan 1998  
m. **Ronda L. McVicker**, 31 May 1958  
children:

**Timothy Franklyn Cox**, b. 08 Aug 1960  
m<sup>1</sup> **Karen Irwin**, 28 May 1983  
child: **Stephanie Cox**, b. 07 Feb 1987  
m<sup>2</sup> **Connie Ginkens Wailes**  
**Paige Evonne Cox**, b. 27 July 1961  
m. **Andrew Risteen**, 24 Jan 1984

**Mildred O. Cox**, b. 10 May 1912, d. 1971



MEMORIES ABOUT MY COX CLAN  
by Shirley Cox Larson

I found it extremely interesting that Ken, in his introduction, reports that he was exhorted to watch his behavior because of his family's reputation and roots. When I was growing up, I was told that since I was a Cox, I had to be careful what I said and did. I also understood that I was to apply myself to my school work and "amount to something".

Perhaps all parents use this tactic. But as Ken says, of course it worked and we are all now practically perfect in every way, just like Mary Poppins.

It seems to me now, looking back, that my Cox uncles were a literate bunch. My great uncle Arthur (Milton Arthur) with the help of his wife Julia and their daughter, published the Ayrshire Chronicle, a weekly newspaper. My uncle Roy was a minister. My father, Stanley, had little formal education, only a few semesters beyond his eight grade diploma, yet I still consider him one of the most intelligent, literate men I've ever known. He was an avid reader of the Des Moines Register at a time when it was Pulitzer Prize material, he could do math like a whiz, and he was interested in the world and its politics. I know that my great Uncle Arthur was a dyed in the wool Republican while my father was a Roosevelt/Truman Democrat. My father often stopped in the print shop to talk away an evening with Uncle Arthur. I surely wish I could have been a mouse in the corner for those discussions.

My Uncle Roy served in both World War I and II. An excerpt from a recorded memory of his experience in World War I (he was twenty-three) reads:

In 1918, I was drafted into the army and served in the 313th Engineers. After six weeks of training, my regiment boarded a ship for France. After fourteen days, we landed in Liverpool, England. We then traveled across England and crossed the channel to France. We slept in pup tents and barns and traveled at night. Sometimes we slept in deserted houses. We were on twenty-four hour alert when the armistice was signed. I then played cornet in the Regimental Band from January of 1919 until June at which time I was discharged as a Musician Third Class.

In 1942, he was pastor of the Methodist Church in Spirit Lake and, at the age of forty-six years, he certainly would not have had to serve again. Yet he says:

I was [...] Chaplain of the Spirit Lake American Legion. One of my duties was to see twenty-five to thirty draftees off on the train each month. As I saw them leave [...] I felt I should be doing more myself. I went to see Bishop Magee to get his consent to go also. He objected, saying I would lose my promotions, and he didn't think at my age that I would be sent overseas.[...] I kept up my work seeing the men leave, but the conviction grew that I should go myself. So I again went to see the Bishop and this



time he endorsed my application. I was sent to Omaha where I passed my physical. On August 10, 1942, I was sworn in as a First Lieutenant. [...] My first airplane ride was across the Atlantic Ocean. We landed in Scotland, went by train to London, and then flew to Paris. I was then assigned to the Quarter Master Group stationed at Rennes, France.

The story now shifts to Mr. Egbert Peters, a man who had met Miriam, Roy Cox's daughter, at Morningside College and asked her to marry him. Mr. Peters says:

I was in the European Theater for 21 months directing artillery fire from over the front lines in a little Piper Cub. When the war in Europe ended, we were in Pilsen, Czechoslovakia. When in a staging area in France, I was able to meet for a few hours with Roy before leaving for home. The story, as I told it, was that I asked if I could marry his daughter and he said no, but I beat him home and we were married anyway. I arrived in the States 20 July 1945 and left for home via troop train from Camp Shanks where I started. We were married on 29 July in the Methodist Church in Spirit Lake, Iowa, with "Uncle" Stanley giving the bride away. We honeymooned in a little cottage on Lake Okoboki (Iowa) and while there the atom bomb was dropped, ending the war in the Pacific.

Uncle Roy arrived home safely from World War II and, presumably, gave his belated blessing to his daughter's marriage. He served as pastor in Methodist churches in Iowa until his retirement in 1961. He died in 1986 at the age of 91.

Uncle Homer was a "tinkerer" and was the first man in Palo Alto County to get his amateur radio license. Uncle Homer had the first "home recording studio". He was also one of the first people to sell television sets in the late 1950's and also, I believe, one of the few people who could—or would—climb the roof on a big, old, two-story farmhouse to install an antenna. I remember our first television set. We were so far from any major station that mostly we sat about watching dim outlines of people covered by snow. Uncle Homer and Aunt Elsie were also among the first "snowbirds". They journeyed regularly to Arizona to escape the cold Iowa winters. Unfortunately, during one of their winter sojourns, their RV was hit by another vehicle which failed to stop at a stop sign and both were killed in Mesa, Arizona in 1971.

Grandfather Franklin also "tinkered". His specialty was violins. He made over a hundred in his shop during his lifetime, always trying to get each one to sound better than the last. He would have been extremely interested in the new discoveries about the Stradivarius violins, that the wood had been soaked for years, and that the varnish was a special preparation that contained minute quantities of stones.

If Grandfather played the violin, it must have been early in his career. I never remember him picking up the instrument. My father was the musician. How he loved music. He played the violin, the trumpet, and had a passing understanding of the baritone, the trombone, and the tuba. I remember that he says he went to Emmetsburg, the county seat town in Palo Alto, and learned to play from a man who used to play with John Philip Sousa. He also sang in quartets, both male and mixed. He could read music and hold a part very well, and it frustrated him to try and sing with people who could not read or hold the pitch. He passed along both his love of words and music to all three of his children. I have a degree in music education, as does my daughter. All



three of my children are active in music; Kara and Kris play professionally in bands, and Keith is a regular member of the Cocoa Village Playhouse where they present four musicals a season.

As for literacy, I have written twenty six romance novels, modern and historical.

As I have been working on Ken's book with him, it has been revealing to me to look at the women's signatures on the deeds. Notice how many women's signatures have "X" as their middle name? Perhaps the reader has already deduced the truth. That X indicates that the women could not write their name. More and more, I become eternally grateful to those women—and men—who fought for the right to be educated, fought to win the vote, fought for equality. We owe them a debt that is much larger than we can repay.

**Photograph 20: Lottie Elmira Phillips & Franklin Pierce Cox**



**Photograph 21: Bertha Long Cox & Stanley Pierce Cox, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**





Milton H. Cox  
from *Past and Present of Iroquois County, Illinois*  
by J. W. Kern, M. A. [published circa 1906]

Milton H. Cox, who has retired from agricultural life and makes his home in the village of Chebanse was born in Marshall county, Virginia, October 17, 1850, and is a son of Samuel and Rhoda (Gray) Cox, who were natives of that county and in 1865 became residents of Belle Plain township, Marshall county, Illinois. The father departed this life in 1880, since which time the mother has lived with her son, Milton H. Cox, and is now eighty-three years of age.

In the state of his nativity, Mr. Cox of this review spent the first fifteen years of his life and then accompanied his parents on their removal to the middle west. He was afforded a common-school education but he started out in life with very limited financial resources. He was reared to the occupation of farming and resorted to that department of activity as a means of livelihood, continuing to engage in general farming pursuits up to the time of his retirement from active life. He worked persistently and energetically, placing his fields under a high state of cultivation and adding many modern improvements to his farm. As the years passed he harvested good crops and thus added to his income from the sales of both grain and stock. He is still the owner of five hundred and seventy-five acres of rich and productive land in Lincoln township, Calhoun County, Iowa.

Mr. Cox was married on the 10th of November, 1869, in Belle Plain township, Marshall County, Illinois to Miss Cynthia Perry, a resident of that place, and they have become parents of eight children: Franklin P., who is operating one of his father's farms in Calhoun county, Iowa; T. Willard, who is farming in North Dakota; Gertie B., the wife of J. H. Nordhausen, who is operating a part of her father's land in Iowa; Mary, who makes her home with her parents; Cora, the wife of George Blaney, a farmer of Chebanse township; Lillian, the wife of Harvey Allen, who is farming a part of her father's land in Iowa; Arthur M., a printer of Chebanse; and Oma, still at home.

Mr. Cox has always given his political support to the democracy but in more recent years has had strong prohibition tendencies because of his attitude on the temperance question. He was police magistrate of Chebanse in 1903 and 1904 and served as school director for eight years. In early life he held membership with the Christian church but, as there was no congregation of that denomination in this part of the county, after his removal to Illinois he placed his membership with the Congregational church, of which he is now a trustee. He affiliated with the Knights of Pythias lodge, No. 570, of Chebanse, and passed through all of the chairs but the lodge has since been disbanded. He belongs to Iroquois camp, No. 994, M. W. A., in which he has also filled most of the offices. His life has been characterized by the performance of each day's duty as it has come to him and, brooking no obstacle that honest effort can overcome, he has steadily worked his way upward until, having long since left the ranks of the many, he today stands among the successful few.

**Map 10: From Ohio to Illinois**

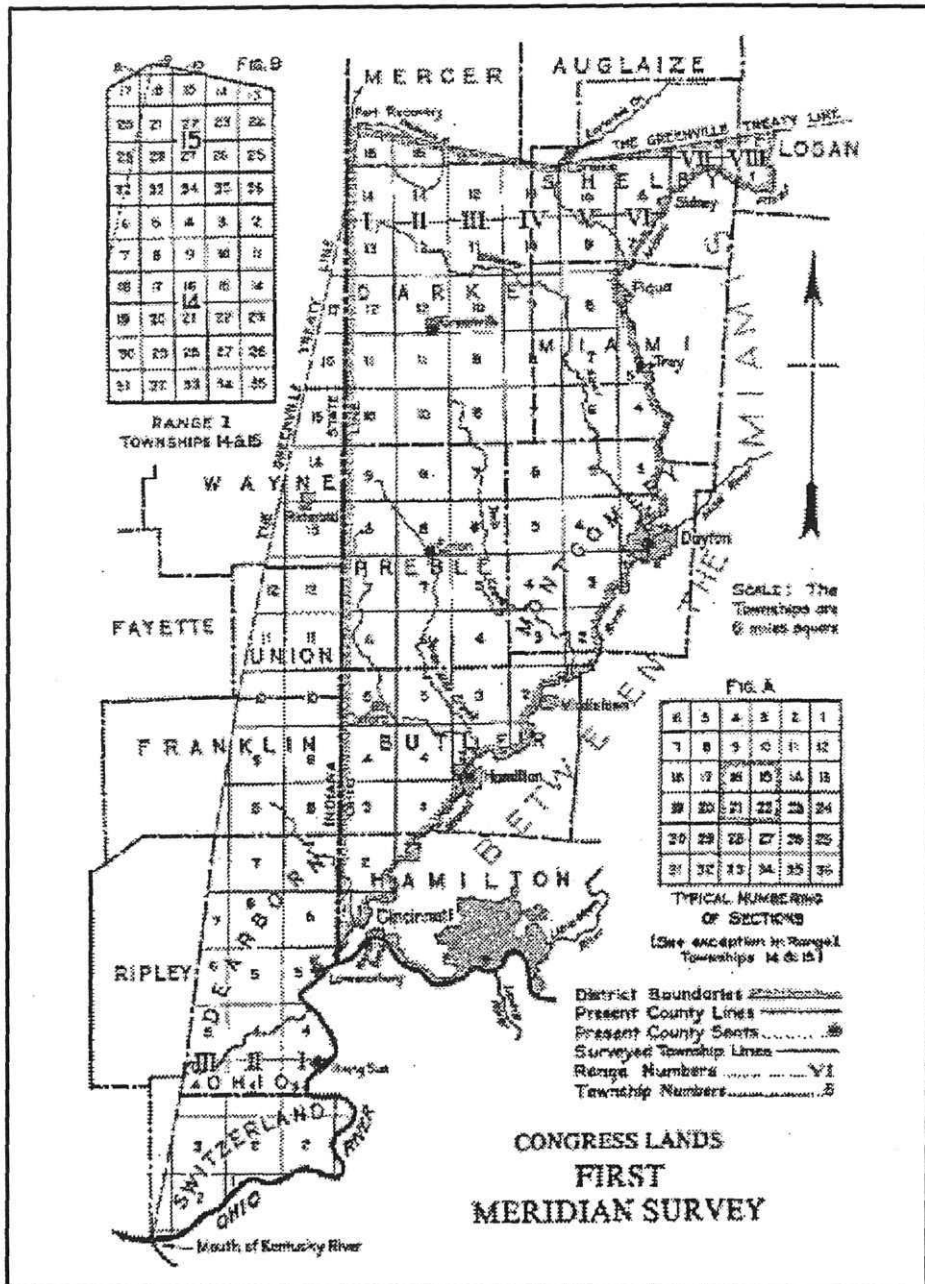
While Peter Cox settled in Wayne County, Ohio, his brother Jacob Cox settled in Darke County, Ohio. Jacob's children (Shirley Cox Larson's ancestors) went westward to Kendallville, Indiana. The northeast corner of Indiana was the home of Eli Cox and the Echards.





Map 11: Organization of southwestern Ohio

When Jacob Cox settled in Darke County, Ohio's southwestern corner and a portion of southeastern Indiana were being organized out of the so-called "Congress Lands".



## JACOB & EVE WISE COX

by Kenny Ray Cox

Jacob Cox was the second child of Elizabeth and Michael Cox, Sr. Like his brothers, Michael Jr., Peter, and Martin, Jacob also left his father's farm in southwestern Pennsylvania. He headed west into the wilds of Ohio Territory, settling in Darke County, on the western edge of the frontier. Today Darke County borders the state of Indiana.

Although all his children were born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, they all remained in Darke County, or close by, until their deaths. Two of their descendants have produced significant genealogical research. And we will start with their genealogical data, before presenting family data for Jacob and Eve.

Dr. Susan Meier of Elk Grove, California, found Warren Packer's name in a genealogical publication and became acquainted with him in the late 1970s. Warren allowed her to copy his unfinished manuscript. Warren died a few years later without completing his Cox history.

In 1996, Susan learned of my research from an Internet connection and contacted me through Darlene Guerra. I sent for the Warren Packer manuscript at once. I can only describe his work as enormous. We're so grateful that he put this branch together.

From reading his manuscript, it became obvious to me that he traveled extensively to county courthouses, libraries, and cemeteries, just as I do. He had also interviewed living descendants in the various areas. A work of this magnitude couldn't be accomplished any other way.

In the interest of brevity, I've omitted the writings of *Darke County, Histories*. Allied lines are too numerous to list here. Anyone with connection to this branch should contact Dr. Susan Meier, 4974 Willow Vale Way, Elk Grove, CA 95758-4106.

I can only tell you that if you belong to this family group, your history would be complete with Warren's work. There are approximately thirty-seven rolls of microfilm in his research, which can be consulted at the Family History Center, in Salt Lake City, Utah.



## Warren Packer Line of Descent from Michael Cox, Sr.

1

Michael and Elizabeth    b before 1740 ? Germany  
                                  d 24 Jan 1815 Fayette County, Pennsylvania  
                                  m Elizabeth (?)  
                                  b                                    d 20 Jul 1810

2

Jacob Cox                    b ca 1764 [1760 more likely]  
                                  d 05 Oct 1822 Darke County, Washington Township, Ohio  
                                  m Eve Wise, parents John & \_\_\_ Wise, Hampshire Co., VA  
                                  [note: Hardy County (now in West Virginia) was carved out of  
                                  Hampshire County Virginia in 1785.]  
                                  b ca 1763 Hampshire County, Virginia  
                                  d 03 Sept 1846 Darke County, Ohio, Washington Township  
                                  both buried in Hiller Cemetery, Darke County, Ohio

3

Jacob Cox, Junior            b 14 Jul 1787 Fayette County, Pennsylvania  
                                  d 03 Apr 1842 Darke County, Ohio  
                                  buried Hiller Cemetery, Darke County, Ohio  
                                  m Elizabeth Wise, Pendleton County, Virginia  
                                  b 12 Mar 1800 Hardy County, Virginia [now West Virginia]  
                                  d 04 Mar 1877 Darke County, Ohio, Washington Township  
                                  buried Manuel Cemetery Darke County, Ohio

4

Jesse Cox                    b 24 Apr 1817 Darke County, Ohio, Washington Township  
                                  d 27 Sep 1873 Darke County, Ohio  
                                  m Prudence Jane Wintermute 6 Feb 1839 Darke Co., Ohio  
                                  b 01 Mar 1819 Sussex County, New Jersey  
                                  d 01 April 1903 Darke County, Ohio  
                                  both buried Bethel Cemetery, Greenville, Darke County, Ohio

5

Jacob Cox                    b 12 Aug 1841 Darke County, Ohio  
                                  d 13 Oct 1887 Darke County, Ohio  
                                  m Mary Eleanor Bechtolt 14 Mar 1869 Darke County, Ohio  
                                  b 11 Apr 1848 Warren County, Ohio  
                                  d 05 Jul 1909 Darke County, Ohio  
                                  both buried Greenville City Cemetery, Darke Co., Ohio



6

Harry Sylvester Cox    b 09 Feb 1881 Darke Co., Ohio German Township  
d 26 Aug 1956, Barryton, Mecosta County, Michigan  
m Orie Denta Grooms, 12 Dec 1900, Darke Co., Ohio  
b 23 Jun 1881, Adams County, Ohio  
d 21 Sep 1964, Barryton, Mecosta County, Michigan  
both buried Flake Cemetery, Mecosta County, Michigan

7

Mardel Mae Cox        b 31 Mar 1904 Darke County, Ohio  
d 13 Dec 1989, Phoenix, Maricopa Co., Arizona  
m Melvin Packer, 17 Oct 1920 Gratiot Co., Michigan  
b 30 Dec 1899 Isabella County, Michigan  
d Feb 1971, Phoenix, Maricopa Co., Arizona  
[Note: both death dates per Social Security Death Index]

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Warren Melvin Packer   b 03 Jul 1921 St. Louis, Gratiot Co., Michigan  
d Nov 1980, Phoenix, Maricopa, Arizona  
m Marion Gladys Diehm 19 Oct 1946, Boyne City, Michigan  
b 28 May 1922  
d  
[Note: Warren's death date per Social Security Death Index]

Warren did genealogical research by visiting local court houses, records centers, and descendants beginning in the 1950s. He generously shared his only copy of his nearly finished COX Family manuscript with a new found cousin, Susan Meier, for photocopying on a visit to San Francisco. He allowed her to take it home, 100 miles away, and return it to him the next day.

Warren did not live to publish his history. However, Susan has shared his COX manuscript with several libraries and individual researchers, as she knew Warren would want her to do. All of Warren's approximately 30 boxes of genealogical research materials are available on microfilm at the Family History Center, LDS Library, Salt Lake City, Utah, or by loan to local FHC libraries.



## Susan Meier Line of Descent from Michael Cox, Sr.

- 1  
Michael & Elizabeth      b. before 1740 ? Hamburg, Germany  
                                 d. 24 Jan 1815, Fayette County, Pennsylvania  
                                 m. Elizabeth ?  
                                 b. (unknown); d. 20 Jul 1810
  
- 2  
Jacob Cox, Senior      b. ca 1764  
                                 d. 05 Oct 1822, Washington Township, Darke County, Ohio  
                                 m Eve Wise, parents John & \_\_\_ Wise, Hampshire Co., VA  
                                 [note: Hardy County (now in West Virginia) was carved out of  
                                 Hampshire County Virginia in 1785.]  
                                 parents: John & \_\_\_ Wise, Hardy County, Virginia  
                                 b. circa 1763, Hardy County, Virginia  
                                 d. 03 Sep 1846, Washington Township Darke County, Ohio  
                                 both buried in Hiller Cemetery, Darke County, Ohio
  
- 3  
Abraham Cox      b. 23 Feb 1801, Fayette County, Pennsylvania  
                                 d. 30 Dec 1873, German Township, Darke County, Ohio  
                                 m. Hannah Waggoner 23 May 1819 Darke County, Ohio  
                                 b. 27 Feb 1797, Berks County, Pennsylvania  
                                 d. 31 Aug 1880, German Township Darke County, Ohio  
                                 both buried in Dininger Cemetery, Darke County, Ohio
  
- 4  
Mary Cox      b. 18 Jul 1819 Darke County, Ohio;  
                                 d. 1915, Indiana  
                                 m. John W Brown 24 Nov 1838 Darke County, Ohio  
                                 b. 1812, New Jersey; d. Jan/Feb 1844 Darke County, Ohio
  
- 5  
Margaret Ann Brown      b. 15 Oct 1840, Darke County, Ohio  
                                 d. 22 Oct 1916, Sioux City Woodbury County, Iowa  
                                 buried Ponca Cemetery, Ponca Dixon County, Nebraska  
                                 m. James A Fisher Capt., 21 Nov 1865, Indianapolis, Indiana  
                                 b. 04 Apr 1837, Clinton County, Indiana  
                                 d. 02 Mar 1910, Old Soldier's Home Los Angeles, California  
                                 buried Los Angeles National Cemetery, Los Angeles, Calif.



6

George Franklin Dell Fisher      b. 17 Oct 1870, Ponca Dixon County, Ohio  
d. 30 Oct 1948, Sioux City Woodbury County, Iowa  
buried Ponca Cem., Ponca Dixon County, Nebraska  
m. Susan Jane Bobier, 11 Mar 1897 Sioux City, Iowa  
b. 28 Mar 1878, Lime Grove Dixon Co., Nebraska  
d. 12 Apr 1944, Hospital Sioux City, Iowa  
buried Ponca Nebraska Cemetery

7

Helen Margaret Fisher      b. 01 Jun 1910 Sioux City Woodbury County, Iowa  
d. 12 Sep 1980 Sacramento, California  
m. Adolph Leo Meier, 30 Apr 1928, Sioux City, Iowa  
b. 29 Mar 1909, Crofton Knox County, Nebraska  
d. 20 Sep 1979, Sacramento, California  
both buried St. Mary's Cemetery, Sacramento, California

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Susan Theresa Meier      b 15 Dec 1942, Sioux City, Woodbury County, Iowa  
m<sup>1</sup> Donald Charles Gmeinder  
b 18 Jun 1939, Sioux City, Iowa  
children:  
    Keith Donald Gmeinder  
    Donna Sue Gmeinder  
m<sup>2</sup> Richard Tillson M. S. W.  
m. 11 Aug 1990, Ashland, Oregon

Susan Meier Tillson is a professor emeritus of California State University, Sacramento. She retired as Chair of the Criminal Justice Division in 2000. Her husband, Richard Tillson, is now a retired Deputy Director for the Institutions and Camps branch of the California Youth Authority and is working as a senior fellow at the National Council on Crime and Delinquency. Susan and Richard enjoy family, friends, traveling, live theater, reading, cooking, and most of all, each other's company!

Susan has been working on her family genealogy for over twenty years. She has generously shared data and correspondence with us. Her documentation is rich, well written, and contains many family anecdotes. Her address is included in Appendix 4 of this book (see page 379).



**Photograph 22:**  
**Susan Meier Tillson**



### Children of Eve Wise & Jacob Cox

#### Jacob Cox

- b. circa 1760-62, Pennsylvania
- d. 05 Oct 1822 Darke County, Ohio
- m. **Eve Wise**, Hardy County, Virginia
- b. circa 1763, Hardy County, Virginia
- d. 03 Sep 1846
- both buried in Hiller Cemetery, Darke County, Ohio

#### Nine children:

#### Martin Cox

- b. ? Aug 1782, Fayette County, Pennsylvania
- d. 08 Dec 1855; Darke County, Ohio
- m. **Doritha Likens**, 12 May 1809 (daughter of John Likens)
- b. 05 June 1789, Hardy County, (West) Virginia
- d. 05 Aug 1871, Hiller Cemetery, Darke County, Ohio

#### Jacob Cox

- b. 14 Jul 1787, Fayette County, Pennsylvania
- d. 03 Apr 1842, Hiller Cemetery, Darke County, Ohio
- m. **Elizabeth Wise**; 1816, Hardy County, Virginia
- b. 12 Mar 1800, Hardy County, Virginia
- d. 04 Mar 1877

#### John Cox

- b. 1788, Fayette County, Pennsylvania
- d. 1868, Ukiah, California
- m. **Eliza Gardner**

#### Barbara Cox

- b. 30 Sep 1791, Fayette County, Pennsylvania
- d. 21 Aug 1873, Hiller Cemetery, Darke County, Ohio
- m. **George Stingley**
- b. 04 Aug 1787, Virginia
- d. 06 Mar 1869, Hiller Cemetery, Darke County, Ohio

#### Samuel Cox

- b. 07 Oct 1793, Fayette County, Pennsylvania
- d. 16 Apr 1819, Hiller Cemetery, Darke County, Ohio  
(Samuel died at age 25.)





**Mary Cox**

b. 1795, Fayette County, Pennsylvania

d. 1871

m. **Daniel Waggoner**, 02 Dec 1819

b. 1800, Berks Co., Pennsylvania

d. 09 Mar 1876, Darke Co., Ohio

**Eve Cox**

b. 23 Oct 1798, Fayette County, Pennsylvania

d. 13 Dec 1866, Hiller Cemetery, Darke County, Ohio

m. **Hugh Martin**, 22 Oct 1823

b. 28 Dec 1801

d. 07 Apr 1842, Hiller Cemetery, Darke County, Ohio

**Abraham Cox**

b. 23 Feb. 1801, Fayette County, Pennsylvania

d. 30 Dec 1873, Dininger Cemetery, Darke County, Ohio

m. **Hannah Waggoner** 23 May 1819

b. 27 Feb. 1797

d. 31 Aug 1880, Dininger Cemetery, Darke County, Ohio

**Henry Cox**

b. circa 1803 Fayette County, Pennsylvania

d. Miami County, Ohio

m. **Anna Long**

b. 1806

The following pages are devoted to the offspring of each of Jacob and Eve's nine children.

**Children of Doritha Likens & Martin Cox (b. 1782, son of Jacob, born circa 1760)**

This couple had four children, but they may have had three other daughters. Doritha was the daughter of John Likens. Israel and John were fifers in the Civil War. Israel died of dropsy on 16 July 1877. According to a county record, John died 20 May.

**Israel Cox**                      b 03 Jul 1809 Darke County, Ohio  
   d 16 Jul 1877 Washington Township Darke County, Ohio  
   m **Eve Livengood** 20 Jul 1832 Darke County, Ohio  
   b 02 Jul 1810 Pennsylvania  
   d 22 Mar 1877 Greenville Cemetery, Darke County, Ohio

**John Cox**                        b 05 Jun 1812 Darke County, Ohio  
   d 20 (or 02?) May 1862 Shiloh Tennessee  
   field hospital Civil War

**Martin Cox**                    b 19 Aug 1822 Darke County, Ohio  
   d 27 Jul 1823 Hiller Cemetery, Darke County, Ohio

**Elizabeth Cox**                b 20 Jul 1825 Washington Township Darke County, Ohio  
   d 6 April 1911  
   m **Samuel Cole** 20 Mar 1844  
   son of Sam and Mary [Elston] Cole  
   b 08 Apr 1821; d 11 Oct 1916  
   children:

Henry M. Cole    b 17 Mar 1845  
   m Elizabeth Porter

Mary Jane Cole   b 17 Jan 1847  
   m John McClure

William Cole      b 03 Mar 1849  
   m Clarrissa Alexander

John Riley Cole   b 01 Mar 1851  
   m<sup>1</sup> Julia Manuel, m<sup>2</sup> Elva Lewis

Evangeline Cole   b 11 Feb 1854      d 22 May 1854

Isabella Cole      b 19 Jul 1855  
   m Thomas L Brewer

Samuel Cole       b 20 Jul 1857      d 20 Apr 1876

Elmer E. Cole     b 16 Apr 1866      d 28 Mar 1920

twins                b 15 June 1863      d 17 June 1863

**Children of Elizabeth Wise & Jacob Cox (b. 1787, son of Jacob, born circa 1760)**

This couple had twelve children: Jesse, Job, Hannah, Samuel, Martin, Jacob, Mary, John, Eliza, an unnamed infant, Israel, and William. The information on this and the two following pages, was found by Mr. Packer in the notebook of Ora Newton Cox of Greenville, Ohio.

**Jesse Cox**      b 24 Apr 1817; d 27 Sep 1873 Bethel Church Cemetery  
m **Prudence Jane Wintermute** 06 Feb 1839  
b 01 Mar 1819 Sussex Co., NJ; d 01 Apr 1903 Darke Co., Ohio  
    Sarah Elizabeth      b 23 Nov 1839;      m Elijah Evans  
    Jacob W.              b 12 Aug 1841;      m Mary E Bechtolt  
    Mary Ann             b 21 Mar 1844;      m Ernest C White  
    William Henry        b ca 1854;          m Catherine Harris  
    Abraham  
    Isaac  
    Charles N.  
    Joseph M.  
    Harry Leonard  
    Julia

**Job Cox**        b 8 Feb 1819; d 29 Sep 1834 at the age of 15

**Hannah Cox**   b 24 Apr 1821; d 30 Dec 1902  
m 25 Apr 1840, **R. Lorezo Dixon**, Greenville Township  
b 07 May 1812, North Carolina; d 08 Feb 1878  
    Lavina Dixon, b circa 1843, m James S Bennett 27 Oct 1864  
    John Dixon, b circa 1845, two marriages:  
        m<sup>1</sup> Florence Roark, m<sup>2</sup> Mary Robinson  
    William Dixon      b circa 1847          m Mary J Passon  
    Robert L Dixon     b circa 1849          m Mary A Clay  
    George R Dixon     b 13 Jan 1854        m Rachel Harris  
    Harvey Dixon       b 17 Aug 1852; d ? Jan 1872

**Samuel Cox**    b 07 Oct 1823, d 16 Apr 1849  
m **Melinda Wisener** 29 Feb 1846  
b 02 Feb 1827, d 12 Jun 1863 (m<sup>2</sup> William Martin)  
    Aaron Cox           b 02 Dec 1846; d 15 Dec 1846  
    Sarah Cox           b 12 Jun 1848;      m Frank Thomas

Note: Like his uncle of the same name, Samuel died at the age of 25. His widow remarried to his cousin, William Martin, son of Eve Cox and Hugh Martin (see page 174).



**Martin Cox** b 20 Jun 1826, d 15 Dec 1876, Darke County, Ohio  
m 06 Apr 1854, **Sarah Manuel**

b 14 Jun 1824, d 14 Feb 1879 Darke County, Ohio  
children:

Courtner Cox, b 18 Mar 1855; d 02 Aug 1862  
Lucy Cox, b m William Henning  
Delia Helen Cox, b 15 Jun 1860; m John Stiver  
Otho L. Cox, b ca 1864; m Ella Skidmore

**Jacob Cox**, b 02 Jan 1829, d 22 Oct 1829 (at 10 months of age)

**Mary Cox**, b 17 Aug 1830, d ca 1913

m **Phillip Lee Rogers**, Washington Township, 02 Apr 1849  
b ca 1822, d ca 1904, served in Company G 152, Ohio N.G.I. in the  
Civil War.

children:

Jeremiah Rogers, b ca 1850, d 1926  
Sarah E. Rogers, b ca 1851, d 1931  
Phillip Rogers, m Mary Frank  
Byron Rogers, b 21 Jul 1855, m Ida Baker  
Phoebe Rogers, b 20 Apr 1858, m David Houpt  
Lavina Rogers, b 11 Apr 1861, m John House  
Lincoln Rogers, b 17 Mar 1864, d 1831  
Brownlow Rogers, b 28 Jun 1866, d 1939  
Jemima Rogers, b 28 Jun 1866  
Burnside Rogers, b 17 Apr 1871d ?  
Carrie Rogers, b 01 Dec 1874, d 07 Apr 1888

**John Cox**, b 17 Mar 1833, d 07 Apr 1922 Darke County, Ohio

m<sup>1</sup> **Mary J Crowel** 06 Apr 1854

b 01 Feb 1831, d 03 Apr 1874

children:

Margaret Caroline Cox, b 21 Apr 1855, d 16 Dec 1873  
Samuel Cox, b 01 Jan 1859, m Rebecca A McClure  
Sarah Matilda Cox, b 28 Sep 1860, d 09 Jan 1879  
Clara Belle Cox, b 21 Nov 1856, m John Weisner  
Minerva Ann Cox, b 30 Sept 1864, m Moses A DeHoff  
Laura May, b 06 Oct 1868, m Charles Bickel  
m<sup>2</sup> **Henrietta Snell** 29 Dec 1908



**Eliza Jane Cox**, b 26 Feb 1835, d 28 Jul 1904, Darke County, Ohio  
m **Samuel Van Fleet**, Washington Township 04 Dec 1856  
b 17 Jan 1830, d 12 Jan 1887

children:

John Henry Van Fleet, b 04 Mar 186?, d 01 Feb 1881  
Jacob Van Fleet, b 06 Jan 186?, d 21 Sep 186?  
Rebecca Jane Van Fleet, b 23 Jun 1862, d 1949  
Phoebe Alice Van Fleet, b 08 Nov 1864, m William Neff  
infant  
Samantha Ann Van Fleet, b 26 Aug 1869, d 30 Sep 1884  
Frank Wilson Van Fleet, b 12 Mar 1872, m Fanny Huber  
Wallace Cole Van Fleet, b 28 Jun 1874m Ethel Haupt  
Walter Cox Van Fleet, b 28 Jun 1874m Viola Kretzman

infant                      b. 1 Dec 1836, d 9 Dec 1836

**Israel Cox**                      b 22 Jun 1838, d 17 Sep 1889 Old Center, Indiana  
m **Christina Landers** 20 Dec 1860 Dark County, Ohio

children:

William H. Cox, b ca 1865, m Lona Goldman  
Mary Cox, b                      m James Ulrich  
Cyrena C. Cox, b 05 Oct 1873, m Orloff J Cotton  
Emma Cox, b 1876, m<sup>1</sup> John Crawford, m<sup>2</sup> Thomas Murray  
Isaac Cox, b 17 Mar 1877, m Nevada Ulrich  
Alva Otho Cox, b 03 Oct 1879, m<sup>1</sup> Fannie L Craig, m<sup>2</sup> Priscilla ?  
Otto Samuel Cox, b ca 1881, m Nora C McCullough

**William Cox**, b 27 Jan 1841, d 22 Mar 1905  
m **Margaret Van Fleet** 22 Aug 1872  
b 32 Oct 1850, d. 25 Oct 1933

children:

**Ora Newton Cox**, b 22 June 1873, m Jennie Young  
Harriet Angeline Cox, b 05 Nov 1874, d 03 Mar 1902  
infant , b 08 Oct 1876, d 11 Oct 1876  
John Jacob Cox, b 18 Dec 1877, m Golda Klace

**Children of Eliza Gardner and John Cox** (son of Jacob, b. ca 1760)

Information on this couple is sketchy. Apparently, they had seven children born between 1816 and 1830. We have no names for these children, nor can we be absolutely sure of the maiden name of their mother. John owned land in Darke County, Ohio. He had a northeast quarter in section 31, township 12, range 2, as well as some land in section 36, township 12, range 1. According to Susan Meier, John died in Ukiah, California in 1868.

**Children of George Stingley and Barbara Cox** (b. 1791, daughter of Jacob, b. 1760)

George Stingley was born 4 Aug 1784 in Virginia, d. 6 Mar 1869.

This couple had eight children.

Moses Stingley	b 5 Mar 1817, d 6 May 1836
Abraham Stingley	b 19 Apr 1818, d 11 Aug 1823
Henry J. Stingley	b 1819, d (unknown), m. Rebecca Nue
Louisa Stingley	b 25 Dec 1821, d (unknown), m. Harrod Mills
Amelia Stingley	b (unknown), d (unknown), m. Noah Arnold
Eve Stingley	b 1827 (?), d (unknown), m. Manilus Wilcox
Mary Ann Stingley	b (unknown), d (unknown), m. William Arnold
Rachel Stingley	b 24 Mar 1831, d (unknown), m. Ivens D Parent

**No known marriage/children for Samuel Cox** (b. 1793, d 6 Apr 1819, son of Jacob)**Child of Mary Cox** (b. 1795, d. 9 Mar 1876, daughter of Jacob, b. ca 1760)

Mary had one son, John, before she married to **Daniel Waggoner** on 2 Dec 1819. We learn from Jacob's will, that the boy was bound to his grandfather by an indenture dated September 4, 1820.

**John Cox**                      b before Dec 1819, d (unknown)

**Children of Hugh Martin & Eve Cox** (b. 23 Oct 1798, d 13 Dec 1866, daughter of Jacob, b. ca 1760. Hugh Martin was born 28 Dec 1801, d. 7 Apr 1842).

This couple had six children:

Isaac Martin	b 1828, d. 1910; m. Sarah M. (née?)
William Martin	b 16 Dec 1828; m. Melinda Wisener (widow of Samuel Cox, see p 171)
Mary Ann Martin	b 18 Apr 1830; m. Benjamin H Clark
John C. Martin	b ca 1832; m. Cynthia A Weisener
Joseph Martin	b 08 Jul 1834; m. Jane Van Fleet
Henry Martin	b 1837 Darke County, Ohio; d 1863



### Children of Hannah Waggoner & Abraham Cox (b. 1801, son of Jacob, b. ca 1760)

Photograph 23: Hannah Waggoner and Abraham Cox

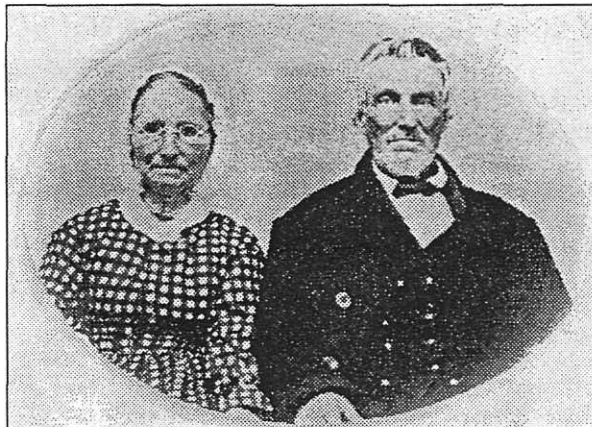


Photo and genealogical data provided by Susan Meier

**Abraham Cox** (grandson of Michael Cox, Sr.) was born 23 February 1801, and died 30 December 1873. He married **Hannah Waggoner** on 23 May 1819. She was born 27 February 1797, and died 31 August 1880. They lived and died in Darke County, Ohio.

They had three children: **Mary, Jacob, and Sabina.**

**Mary Cox** b 18 Jul 1819; d. 1915 in Indiana

m<sup>1</sup> **John Brown** in 1838; m<sup>2</sup> **Henry Hansberger** on 7 April 1846

Mary suffered a sunstroke in 1850. She was pregnant with Belle at the time, and her son William was just a toddler. The stroke left her paralyzed from the waist down for the rest of her life. She lived to the age of 96. She thought it was a shame that she should be living in a near useless state while younger people were dying. Henry Hansberger, her second husband, died before 1900.

Children of **MARY COX** and **JOHN BROWN** are:

- i. **MARGARET ANN BROWN**, b. October 15, 1840, Darke Co., Ohio; d. October 22, 1916, Sioux City, Woodbury Co., Iowa; m. (1) **FRANCIS B. SEACOY**; m. (2) **SQUIRE JEFFERIS**, February 02, 1858, Darke, Ohio; m. (3) **JAMES A. FISHER**, November 21, 1865, Indianapolis, Marion, Indiana. Margaret was buried at Ponca Cemetery, in Dixon County, Nebraska. **JAMES A. FISHER** was buried at Los Angeles National Cemetery, Los Angeles, California.
- ii. **ANTHONY "TONE" BROWN**, b. November 04, 1842, Indiana or Ohio; d. January 31, 1877, Ponca Cemetery, Ponca, Dixon, Nebraska. At age 24, Anthony was living with his sister Margaret Fisher and family in Iowa.

Children of **MARY COX** and **HENRY HANSBERGER** are:

- iii. **WILLIAM D. HANSBERGER**, b. 1847, OH; m. **ELIZABETH OSWALT**, 1873.
- iv. **ISABELLE "BELLE" HANSBERGER**, b. March 1850, Darke Co., Ohio; d. March 17, 1916, Union City; m. (1) **ROGERS**; m. (2) **GEORGE WASHINGTON BOBIER**, December 08, 1875, Dixon Co., Nebraska. Burial: 1916, Space 74, Union City Cemetery.





**Jacob Cox**      b 18 May 1822; d. 20 May 1874  
married Frances Waggoner, February 1849  
both are buried in Dininger Cem., Darke Co., OH  
Jacob and his family lived adjacent to his parents, Abraham and Hannah Cox.  
FRANCES "FANNY" WAGONER's maiden name was provided by Warren Packer.

Children of JACOB COX and FRANCES WAGONER are:

- i. HANNAH CATHERINE COX, b. September 27, 1850, OH; m. LEVI HANSBARGER.
- ii. MARY JANE COX, b. September 07, 1853, OH; m. JOHN G. NORRIS, December 17, 1874, Darke Co., OH.
- iii. ABRAHAM COX, b. January 18, 1857, OH; d. March 31, 1933; m. ELLEN LYDIA HILLER, February 03, 1880, Darke Co., OH. Both Abraham and Ellen were buried in Snell Cemetery, Darke Co., Ohio. Ellen's parents were John V. and Lydia (Hendricks) Hiller.
- iv. RACHEL ANN COX, b. November 22, 1859, OH; m. JESSE JAMES BATTEN, March 20, 1881, Darke Co., OH.
- v. SARAH ELIZABETH COX, b. August 23, 1862, OH; m. WILLIAM H. NORRIS, February 06, 1881, Darke Co., OH.

**Sabina Cox**      b 26 Mar 1824; d. ?  
married HENRY REICHARD, August 09, 1866 in Darke Co., OH.  
Sabina was reported as living with Hannah (Waggoner) Cox, her mother, in the 1880 census. HENRY REICHARD died before 1880, as Sabina was listed as a widow.

Child of SABINA COX and HENRY REICHARD is:

- i. ANN/MARY E.<sup>5</sup> REICHARD, b. April 1867, OH; m. DAVID K. NORRIS, 1881, OH.  
In 1880 census, she was living with Hannah Cox, grandmother.

**Children of Anna Long & Henry Cox** (b. 1803, son of Jacob, born circa 1760)

This couple had nine children:

Joseph Cox	b ca 1829, m. Mary Ellen Weddle
Peleg Cox	b ca 1831, m. Elizabeth Coppock 10 Aug 1854
Harb D. Cox	b 13 Feb 1834, d 06 May 1910, m Barbara Coprock
Alice Cox	b ca 1837
Aurilla Cox	b ca 1837
Weller B. Cox	b 06 Aug 1840, m Louisa M Conaway
Minerva Cox	b 10 Dec 1848, d 12 Mar 1903 m William Patty Wilkerson, 09 May 1935 Miami County, Ohio
Elizabeth Cox	b (unknown)
Sarah J. Cox	b (unknown)



## WILL OF JACOB COX, 1821

Jacob was the second son of Elizabeth and Michael Cox, Sr., and a younger brother to my direct ancestor Peter Cox. Jacob's will gives valuable genealogical information. Particularly intriguing is the story of his illegitimate grandson, John, son of Mary. Unfortunately, aside from the legal aspect of indentureship to his grandfather (certainly an act of kindness), we have no information on John's or his mother's life. But it is definitely good material for novelists.

filed: 28 November 1822

location not shown

Darke County, Ohio

In the name of God, Amen. I, Jacob Cox of the County of Darke and State of Ohio, being in perfect health of body and sound and deposing in mind, memory and understanding, considering the certainty of Death and the uncertainty of Life and being willing to settle all my worldly affairs and thereby be prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence, do therefore make and publish this my last Will and testament in manner and form following

First, and principally I commit my body to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereinafter mentioned and after my just debts and funeral charges are paid.

First, I give and bequeath unto Martin Cox, my oldest son, north east quarter of Section No. 14 in Township Twelve Range One east of the meridian, lying in the County Of Darke aforesaid and one horse and two cows which property he has already received and the land I have deeded to him fee simple which is the said Martin's full portion.

I also give and bequeath unto Jacob Cox my second son, a fraction Section No 13 Township and Range and County aforesaid, containing one hundred and ninety three acres and 6/100, for which he received a patent from the United States, the entry was made in his own name and I advanced the money to pay for the land; and likewise the south east quarter of Section No. Six in Township No 12 Range 2 east of the meridian in Darke County, containing 146.04 acres of land, amounting in all to three hundred and ninety nine acres, which is 19 acres more than his share and thirty eight dollars the said Jacob Cox is in debt. He likewise received one horse and two cows which is his full portion and thirty eight dollars over.

And further I give and bequeath unto John Cox, my third son, the north east quarter of Section No. 31 in Township No. Twelve of Range no.



Two in the County aforesaid. containing one hundred and sixty acres of land, which entry was made in the said John's name and he has received a patent from the United States; and likewise the fraction Section No. Thirty Six in Township 12 Range one in the County aforesaid, containing two hundred and twenty seven acres, amounting to three hundred and eighty seven acres of land, which entry was likewise in his own name; and he has received sixty seven acres more than his share, which amounts to one hundred and thirty four dollars which I have received apart the residue he is debt for. He has likewise received one horse and two cows, which is his portion in full of the moveable property.

I likewise give jointly unto Martin, Jacob and John Cox one wagon and harness for their use.

I further give and bequeath unto Abraham, my fourth son, the north half of Section No. One, Township Eleven Range One in the County aforesaid, for which I intend making his in fee simple, one horse and two cows that he received, which is the said Abraham's portion.

I further give and bequeath unto Henry, my fifth son, the south half of the last mentioned Section One, Township Eleven, Range One East in Darke county, which he now lives on which he, the said Henry is not to have possession of until after my decease, at which time he shall possess the same in fee simple with all the moveable property then on the place owned by me in my lifetime and Henry and Abraham shall have the wagon and harness I now use jointly between them which he shall not

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I further give and bequeath unto Barbara Stingley, my eldest daughter, the south east quarter of Section No Twelve Township No. Eleven, Range One East, where she now lives for which she has received a deed in fee simple. She has received thirty seven dollars and one horse which is her full portion of my real and personal property.

I further give and bequeath unto Mary Waggoner my second daughter, the northeast quarter of Section No. Thirteen in Township Eleven Range No. One in the county aforesaid, for which she has received a deed in fee simple and likewise to receive one mare and two cows, which is to be her full portion of my real and personal property.

And further I give and bequeath unto Eve, my third daughter, and unmarried woman, the northwest quarter of Section No. 14 in Town No. Twelve Range No. 1, for which she has received a deed in fee simple; and further she is to have two cows and one horse worth forty dollars and upwards to be delivered on the day of her marriage, which is to be her full portion of my real and personal property.

And whereas my grandchild, John Cox, bound to me by an indenture bearing date September 4, 1820, bound by his mother, Mary Waggoner, then at the birth of the said John, Mary Cox, I by the indenture was bound to make him a deed in fee simple when he arrives to the age of 21 upon the conditions of the indenture the southeast quarter of Section No. Eleven in Town No. Twelve of Range One in the county of Darke aforesaid and if I should decease before the said John arrives at the age of twenty-one years, I therefore request my youngest son, Henry, to take charge of the said apprentice and comply with the requisition of the indenture as far as his education, boarding, clothing and lodging and the



said Henry is to be entitled to the said apprentice's labors with the accounting for same to the executor and the said Henry Cox will pay the tax of apprentice's land till he arrives at full age of twenty one years.

And further if I should die before my wife, I will her to claim the right of dower off the place I now live on with real and personal property and so have the north end of the new house I am now building during her natural life and so much of the household furniture as she shall stand in need of.

And lastly I hereby appoint my two sons, Martin and Jacob Cox, my sole executors of this my last will and testament, annulling all else by me made as heretofore by me made and this only to be taken for my last will and testament and none other and I hereby authorize my executors to make all the deeds mentioned in the will to the persons entitled to receive them in fee simple if I should die before I execute them.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of January eighteen hundred and twenty one

Jacob Cox seal

Signed, sealed, published and delivered by Jacob Cox, the above named testator, for his last will and testament in the presence of us at his request and in his presence and in the presence of each other have subscribed our names as witness thereunto.

Archibald Bryson

Peter Livengood

Be it remembered that at a special Court of Common Pleas at Greenville on the 28th day of November, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, before the Honorable Enos Terry, John\_\_\_ and James Rush, esquires, associate Judges of our said court of Common Please, came Martin Cox and Jacob Cox being the executors named in the within written last will and testament of Jacob Cox, deceased, which last will and testament being proven by the oath of Archibald Bryson and affirmation of Peter Livengood, subscribing witnesses thereto, is ordered to be recorded.

And the said Jacob Cox and Martin Cox pray administration of said Jacob Cox, deceased, according to the tenor and effect of the said will and testament and to them it is granted.



## EVE ANN COX & JACOB DEEM

by Mary Ann Deem Bowry

In the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, several families from Fayette County, Pennsylvania traveled down the Ohio River to make their homes in the Ohio Valley. Some of these men had been aware of the area due to their conversations and assistance with George Washington who had explored the area in the years previous.

Families traveling together included the following:

- Jacob Deem and wife Eve Ann, and several children;
- Adam Deem and wife Catherine Fought (Fout), and children;
- James Fought (Fout), brother to Catherine;
- Thomas Pribble, and family, whose wife was Hanna Enoch;
- John Deem, brother of Jacob and Adam who later married Mary M. Dils (Dilts); and I'm sure many other families not mentioned.

Jacob Deem, Sr. located in an area of hills, plenty of timber and two good streams.

In researching early Wood County court records, I found that Jacob Deem was exempt from taxes for several years, however, no reason was given. On 6<sup>th</sup> September 1802, Wood County Court recorded the following:

On a motion of Jacob Deem and for reasons appearing to the Court, it is ordered that he be exempt from the payment of his County levy for the year one thousand eight hundred and one. Present: Thomas Lord, Thomas Pribble, Hezekiah Bukey, John, Neal, Joseph Spencer—Gentlemen Justices.

Jacob Deem and Eve Ann Cox Deem were known as kindly folks. They cared for their family members and when their son Abraham Deem died, cared for his children. Records also indicate they provided care for Nancy Golden Deem's mother and children. History records the Deem involvement in organizing the Mount Zion Baptist church where many descendents are buried. I have several stories about the honesty of Jacob Deem and his truthfulness. Also, many stories regarding the involvement of fox hounds and the running of foxes over the countryside.

I was told by my grandfather Deem that Jacob and Patty were buried behind the barn and at one time, stones were placed there. This area was in the Slate district of Wood County. Graves and stones were moved to make way for progress and only Jacob's tombstone survived the long years. His tombstone is at the Mount Zion Baptist Cemetery now, a DAR marker is placed there.



The Civil War was a tremendous deterrent to this area. Being located at the junction of two navigable rivers, the citizens saw many troop movements. Some of our family favored the North and some the South. Michael Deem, son of William Deem and Washington (twin of William), served for the North. A shooting match was held between the twins Washington and William, and Washington being the better shot was allowed to go to war.

A son of Peter Deem, Abram, was killed after the war for his southern beliefs. His story was written up in *Life Magazine* several years ago. Three men were hanged for the murder.

The Deem "clan" raised many children who became school teachers and even today this profession is prominent among Deems. My grandfather Deem carried the mail, and of course, knew everyone on the route. My grandfather had a remarkable memory. He could tell you who was related to whom. Because there were so many Williams in the family, they began to call them "Billy Q," "Billy Y," and so on. Once during a report for school, I approached him about my family tree. He talked so fast in giving me the information that I had to make several trips to clarify all of it. The only mistake—and really not that—was the "Patty" instead of Eve Ann, as I learned later. Years later, this information started me on my pursuit of a most interesting quest.





## FAMILY HISTORY OF MARY ANN DEEM BOWRY

The Coxes, Hulls, and Deems operated farms relatively close to each other, on opposite sides of the Monongahela river, and in neighboring counties.

Eve Ann Cox, daughter of Michael and Elizabeth, married Jacob Deem (Diehm) Sr., son of Johannes and Anna Christina (Bruenig ?). Eve Ann and Jacob moved to, and are buried near, Parkersburg, West Virginia. Jacob died at the ripe old age of 100! Mary Ann Deem Bowry, who has done extensive research and collected so much information, contributed the following details on her lineage.

**Michael Cox, Sr.**

b. before 1740, Hamburg, Germany (most likely)  
d. 24 January 1815, Fayette County, Pennsylvania  
m. **Elizabeth** (Desloch ?) in Bucks County, Pennsylvania (?)  
**children:** Michael, Jacob, Peter, Rosanna, **Eve Ann**, Elizabeth,  
Margaret, Martin, Christine, Joseph

**Eve Ann Cox**

b. 1767 (listed as aged 83 in 1850 census, not in 1860 census)  
d. probably before 1860 in Wood County, (West) Virginia  
m. **Jacob Deem** (veteran of American Revolution, no. S 10522)  
b. 9 April 1764, Hagerstown, Frederick County, Maryland  
d. 1864, Wood County, (West) Virginia  
**children:** Abraham, Jacob Jr., Peter, Elizabeth, Hiram,  
**William**, Catherine, Juniper, Washington

**William Deem**

b. 1797 in Pennsylvania  
d. 17 April 1885, Slate District, Wood County, West Virginia  
m. **Nancy Golden**, 21 March 1824, Wood County, West Virginia  
b. 8 November 1802, Virginia  
d. 20 March 1893, Slate District, Wood County, West Virginia  
**children:** Jonathan, Myranda, Sarah, James, Elinor,  
Nancy, Michael, **William**, Washington, Martha

**William Alonzo Deem**

b. 16 March 1839, Wood County, (West) Virginia

d. 20 May 1916, Wood County, West Virginia

m. **Abigail Hanna Deem**

b. 6 November 1852; d. 5 January 1940, Wood County, West Virginia

children: **Washington, William, Lilly, Lemuel, Grace**

Photograph 24: "Late" Deem



Photograph 25: Frances Holland



*Wedding day  
photographs taken  
12 October 1893*

**Washington Lafayette "Late" Deem**

b. 10 March 1872, Wood County, West Virginia

d. 12 June 1960, Parkersburg, West Virginia

m<sup>1</sup> **Frances Holland**, 12 Oct 1893, Athens County, Ohio

b. 31 October 1870, Indian Run, Athens County, Ohio

d. 5 April 1937, Wood County, West Virginia

ten children: **Clarence, Ada, Nora, Marian, Roland, Walter,**

**Kermit, Edith, Howard, Elva, Catherie, Stewart**

m<sup>2</sup> **Roxie Butler**, 9 January 1942, Parkersburg, West Virginia

b. 1906, Gilmer County, West Virginia

one child: **Basil Ray Deem**, b. 9 Dec 1944, Wood County, West Virginia

**Clarence Cameron Deem**

b. 16 July 1894, Mineral Wells, Wood County, West Virginia

d. 7 November 1946, Washington County, Ohio

m<sup>1</sup> **Capitola Ruth Dickens**, 4 Sept 1915 (sister of the second wife)

b. 2 February 1895, Jackson County, West Virginia

d. 10 April 1921, Parkersburg, West Virginia

children: **Howard and Kathleen**

m<sup>2</sup> **Viola Pickens Rice**, 27 June 1924 (sister of the first wife)

b. 20 November 1897, Jackson County, West Virginia

d. 1 December 1982, Parkersburg, West Virginia

children: **Boyd, Viola, Doris, Mary Ann, Lloyd**



### Mary Ann Deem

b. 26 November 1931, Parkersburg, West Virginia

m. **Billy Gene Bowry**, 27 January 1950

b. 20 July 1930, Mineral Wells, West Virginia

#### five children:

Judith Dianne Bowry, b. 31 Dec 1953,  
m. 23 Jun 1973 Robert S. Modesitt  
2 children, 1 grandchild

Janeen Lynn Bowry, b. 21 Nov 1957  
m. 14 Oct 1979 David W. Barrett  
1 daughter

Joan Dale Bowry, b. 17 April 1959  
m<sup>1</sup> Timothy L. Jones,  
m<sup>2</sup> David L. Florence  
2 daughters

Rick Cameron Bowry, b. 30 Jan 1961  
m. Lula Jane Nelson (no children)

Jill Lorraine Bowry, b. 2 Dec 1963  
m. 22 June 1984 Matthew W. Sams  
three daughters and two sons



**Photograph 26: The Bowry Kids**  
front: Rick, Janeen, Joan  
back: Dianne and Jill



**Photograph 27:**  
Mary Ann Deem Bowry



BOWRY FAMILY  
by Mary Ann Deem Bowry

Bill and I went to high school together having met at a Halloween Party shortly before my dad died in 1946. We graduated from high school in 1949 with Bill playing sports such as football, basketball, and baseball. He was the "first player" chosen to participate in the West Virginia North-South baseball game in 1949. His military service took him to Korea for one year tour of duty and he obtained the rank of Staff Sergeant in the Air Force.

After returning home, he was employed at E. I. du Pont as a production foreman with 34 ½ years of employment before retirement.

Several years ago, we purchased a farm consisting of 73 acres at Torch, Athens County, Ohio, where we raised cattle and spent our summers at the old 100-year-old farm house-moving back to Parkersburg in the winter so our children could attend Wood County schools. Bill and our son Rick continue to have cattle on the farm even today.

My life has been one with many challenges. Our children five in number, were always active with sports, cheer leading, baton twirling, modeling, dance and kept me busy sewing, transporting and keeping together an active brood. Our four daughters, Dianne, Jan, Joan, and Jill (known as the Bowry Brats) were state champions in baton twirling.

With all the children in school during the day, one of my friends suggested I might like to volunteer at a health care facility. This volunteerism led to my continued schooling in the arena of health care. First, I took a class in nurses-aide training at Parkersburg Community College which I found was so much fun I continued classes and in two years I received two degrees, I was the first graduate at the Institute of Gerontology in May, 1977 and Social Services Tech in June 1977, with honors-*Magna Cum Laude*. Parkersburg Community college has now become West Virginia University at Parkersburg.

After graduating, I was asked to join the staff of the same health care facility where I had spent several years volunteering. During my employment, my administrator trained me in every aspect of health care-one year in training-and I took a state and federal exam to become a licensed health care administrator: License No. 219.

I continued to work as a social worker, assisting activities, and initiated several programs that continue even today. One such program is the uniting of local health care residents in participating in a sternwheel ride around our Blennerhassett historical Island.



Again, back in school at Glenville State College, I received my Bachelor of Arts graduating in 1981. I became employed at the Willows in Parkersburg with the Glen-Mark Corp. After three years at that facility, I transferred to another Glen-Mark facility at Sistersville, WV. Traveling over 75 miles per day for six years, I was the Administrator of Care Haven of Sistersville, Tyler County, WV with a capacity of 66 beds. Our facility was awarded several citations by the company and the state for our excellent care.

Due to Bill's illnesses, I retired from Care Haven; however, retirement was not in the cards. After two months retirement, I became a consultant and social worker at a facility in Harrisville, Ritchie County, WV. On the road again, traveling 36.8 miles one way, I was back in the business of caring for our elderly population.

After finding a competent replacement for my job, I was retiring again. And again, I was able to get back to my genealogy and the love of my life.

During August, 1998 and June, 1999, I maintained the office of two businesses owned by our third daughter. These two businesses have been quite a challenge and completely different than health care. Their businesses have been in hauling fly ash, dirt, rocks, gravel, etc. I intend to go back to assist them as soon as school starts.

Bill and I have a white toy poodle named Hillary who keeps us active.

I belong to several historical societies, including the James Wood Chapter of the American Revolution, and continue to volunteer for the Sheltered Workshop of Wood County. Our grandchildren - ten- and our one great grand daughter are very active, and as grandparents we support their activities.



## MARTIN COX & REBECCA HULL

by Robert E. Hull

March 1991

Martin COX (circa 1780 to 1842)<sup>21</sup>

Rebecca HULL (circa 1777 to after 1850)

- 1780, circa. Martin COX born probably in Fayette County Pennsylvania son of Michael COX Sr. & Elizabeth (née ? Desloch ?)
- 1780, circa. Rebecca HULL born (after 1774), location unknown but probably in Washington County Pennsylvania daughter of John HULL Sr. Rebecca (née ?) circa 1778 in Pennsylvania - see 1850 census Crawford County Ohio
- 1798, circa. Martin COX married Rebecca HULL, probably either in Fallowfield, Washington, Pennsylvania or, more likely, in Luzerne, Fayette, Pennsylvania
- 1798, 21 Apr. Deed (D:75) made in Fayette County Pennsylvania Michael & Elizabeth COX sold 50 acres for 5 shillings to son Martin COX. Recorded 21 May 1798.
- 1799, circa. daughter Elizabeth born in Fayette County Pennsylvania.
- 1800, Luzerne, Fayette, Pennsylvania federal census: Martin COX household has  
1 M[ale] under 10, 1 M 16-26, 1 F[emale] under 10, 2 F 16-26. (p 557).
- 1800, 30 Aug. son John born in Fayette County Pennsylvania
- 1801, 12 Sep. Deed (D:343-44) made in Fayette County Pennsylvania Jacob COX et ux [wife] and Martin COX et ux sold 103 acres to Nimrod GREGG.
- 1803, circa. Son Martin born in Fayette County Pennsylvania

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<sup>21</sup> We have eliminated numerous abbreviations in the original text of this subchapter, by Robert Hull. Those that remain are: M=male, F=female, Pa.= Pennsylvania. Finally, the Latin word for wife "ux" is used throughout.





- 1804, Deed (5:440) made in Ohio County Virginia. James & Arness SNODGRASS by attorney William IRWIN sold 55 ½ acres to Martin COX.
- 1805, circa. Son George born in Fayette County Pennsylvania
- 1806, 28 Oct. Daughter Rebecca born in Fayette County Pennsylvania
- 1808, 4 Apr. A Martin COX (who married Rebecca) sold 55¼ acres in Ohio County Virginia between Short Creek and Glenns Run to Joseph WILSON near land that Henry & Christinia HULL bought in 1821 while in Coshocton County Ohio (6:318).
- 1809, circa. Son Cyrus born.
- 1810, Luzerne, Fayette, Pennsylvania federal census: Martin COX household has 1 M under 10, 1 M 26-45, 1 F 16-26 (p 963).
- 1811, circa. Daughter Sarah "Sally" born.
- 1811, 2 Nov. Deed (1:28) made in Coshocton County Ohio. Robert GIFFIN et ux to Martin COX.
- 1812, Martin COX and brother-in-law, Henry HULL (married Christinia COX), were volunteers in 2 Bn, 2 Regt, 4 Bde, 3 Div in Ohio Militia. Unit defended Mansfield frontiers under command of Capt. William Beard.
- 1812, Martin COX appeared in Capt. Beard's 2d/2d company muster roll, War of 1812. Martin COX lived in HAMMEL place, about a mile southeast of New Castle, Coshocton County Ohio (Norton Newell Hill, *History of Coshocton County, Ohio: Its Past and Present, 1740-1881*, Neward, Ohio: A. A. Graham & County, 1881. p. 569). No date was specified, however--REH.
- 1813, 5 June. Deed (1:101) made in Coshocton County Ohio. Martin & Rebecca COX sold 50 acres in T3 R6 S9 out of SE corner of tract for \$100 to David COX. Witnesses: Stephen MERYDITH, Isaac MERYDITH, Caterine STOTTS. Border land of Robert GIFFIN, Martin COX. Rec 24 June 1813.
- 1814, Martin COX appeared on Coshocton County Ohio tax list.
- 1815, circa. Twins, Maria and Levina, born.
- 1815, 30 Jan. Will of father, Michael COX Sr., proven in Fayette County Pennsylvania; signed 26 Nov 1804 (or 1814). (W.B. N1, p 146). Died 24 Jan 1815.
- 1816, Daughter Katherine born.
- 1818, Martin COX appeared on Coshocton County Ohio tax list.
- 1819, Sep. At the Sept Term of the court, Martin COX received \$120 from the will of his father (N1:146).



- 1824, 29 Apr. Deed (4:142) made in Coshocton County Ohio. Joshua COCHRAN et ux to Martin COX.
- 1828, 29 Feb. Deed (4:789) made in Coshocton County Ohio. Martin COX et ux to Joshua COCHRAN.
- 1829, 6 Apr. Deed (5:101) made in Coshocton County Ohio. Martin COX Sr et ux to Martin COX Jr.
- 1830, 16 Jan. Deed (5:428) made in Coshocton County Ohio. Martin COX Sr et ux to Stephen BEATY.
- 1830, 8 Feb. Deed (1:320-21) made in Crawford County Ohio. Stephen BEATY et ux to Martin COX.
1830. Sandusky, Crawford, Ohio federal census: Martin COX household had 2 M under 5, 1 M 15-20, 1 M 30-40, 1 M 50-60, 3 F 5-10, 2 F 10-15, 1 F 20-30, 1 F 50-60 (p 171).
- 1834, 30 Oct. Deed (3:527) made in Crawford County Ohio. Martin COX et ux to Cyrus COX.
- 1840, Sandusky, Crawford, Ohio federal census: Martin COX household had 1 M 10-15, 1 M 60-70, 1 F 60-70 (p 16).
- 1841, 5 July. Martin COX made will, Crawford County Ohio (W.B. 10, pp. 51-52).
- 1842, 15 Apr. Death of Martin COX in Sandusky Twp, Crawford County, Ohio.
1850. Sandusky, Crawford, Ohio federal census: Dwelling 966, family 970, p 395 Enumerated 28 Aug 1850

HOPER	(Valerius) P.	32	M	Farmer	R.E.V. \$0	Virginia (line 30)
	Savina	28	F		Oh	
	Ira M.	3	M		Oh	
	Rebecca M.	2	F		Oh	
	William L.	9/12	M		Oh	
COX	Rebecca	72	F	R.E.V. \$3000		Pa. (line 35)

Most of this information from Eileen B. Schwartz, 335 Whitfield, Wichita KS 67206. Mrs Schwartz traces her line from Martin & Rebecca Hull Cox.

Info sent to me by Bette H. Jenkins, Route 2 Box 173, Guthrie Center IA 50115. Mrs Jenkins traces her line from Henry & Christinia (COX) HULL.



## FAMILY HISTORY OF EILEEN SCHWARTZ

Eileen descends from Michael and Elizabeth Cox and John & Rebecca Hull of Ohio County (West) Virginia. Hull family history is closely linked to the Cox line with Cox/Hull marriages dating back to the late 18<sup>th</sup> century.

The data below is as furnished by Eileen Schwartz. It differs little from our research. She gives Martin Cox's date of birth as circa 1780, while we place it at 1774. She gives his mother's date of death as before 1814, while we place it in 1810.

**Eileen Bonicamp Schwartz's Line of Descent from Michael Cox, Sr.****Michael Cox, Sr.**

- b. circa 1740, immigrant and veteran of the American Revolution
- d. 24 Jan. 1815, Fayette County, Pennsylvania
- m. **Elizabeth** ( \_\_\_\_ ?)
- b. unknown, d. before 1814, Fayette County, Pennsylvania

**Martin Cox**

- b. circa 1780, Fayette County, Pennsylvania
- d. April 1842, Sandusky Township, Crawford County, Ohio
- m. **Rebecca Hull** circa 1798 in Fayette County, Pennsylvania
- b. 1778 Washington County, Pennsylvania;
- d. after 1850 in Sandusky Township, Crawford County, Ohio

**John Cox**

- b. 30 August 1800, Fayette County, Pennsylvania
- d. 6 December 1870, Coshocton County, Ohio
- m. **Mary Hammel** 25 January 1826 in Coshocton County, Ohio
- b. 6 April 1807, Fayette County, Pennsylvania;
- d. 8 February 1870 in Lee County, Iowa

**Naomi Cox**

- b. 6 April 1844, Coshocton County, Ohio
- d. 13 July 1900, Farmington, Van Buren County, Iowa
- m. **John Wesley Hufford**, 24 January 1864
- b. 15 February 1843; d. 14 December 1924 in Farmington, Iowa

**William Loren Hufford**

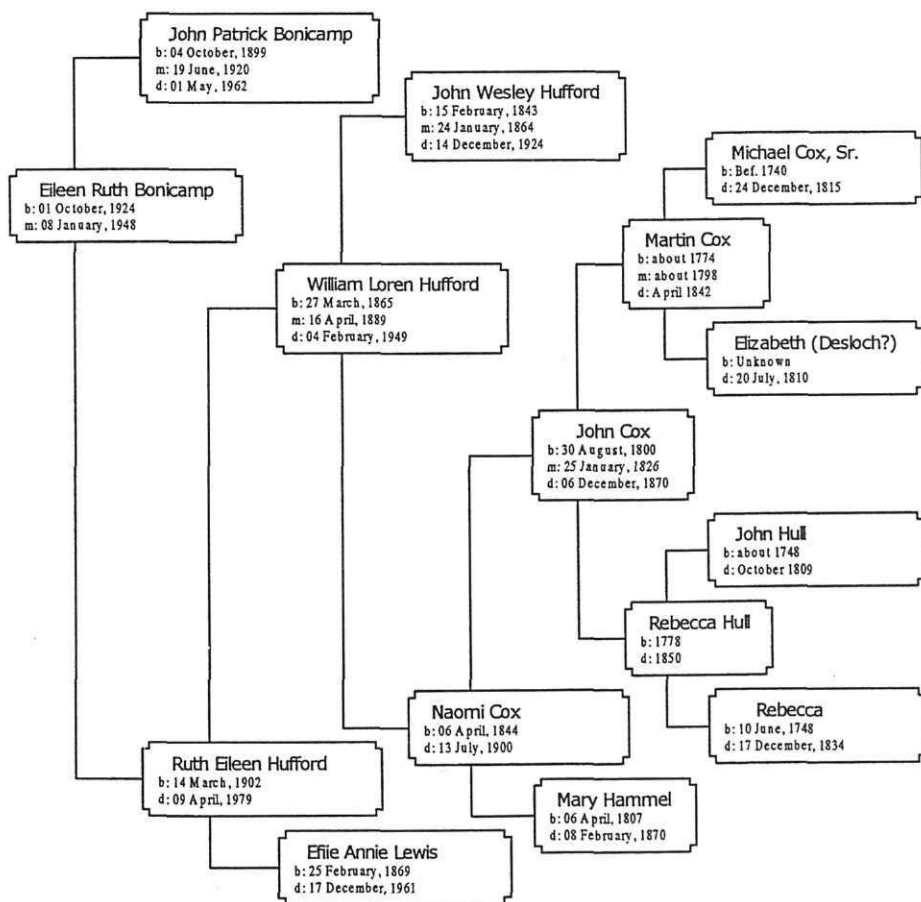
b. 27 March 1865, Charleston, Lee County, Iowa  
d. 4 February 1949, Fort Madison, Lee County, Iowa  
m. **Effie Annie Lewis**, 16 April 1889, Croton, Lee County, Iowa  
b. 25 February 1869; d. 17 December 1961 in Fort Madison, Iowa

**Ruth Eileen Hufford**

b. 14 March 1902, Farmington, Iowa  
d. 9 April 1979, Blackwell, Oklahoma  
m. **John Patrick Bonicamp**, 19 June 1920, Quincy, Illinois  
b. 4 October 1899, Keokuk, Iowa; d. 1 May 1962, Wichita, Kansas

**Eileen Ruth Bonicamp**

b. 1 October 1924, Blackwell, Oklahoma  
m. **Veryl Dean Schwartz**, 8 January 1948, Kansas City, Kansas  
b. 11 May 1924, Leonardville, Kansas

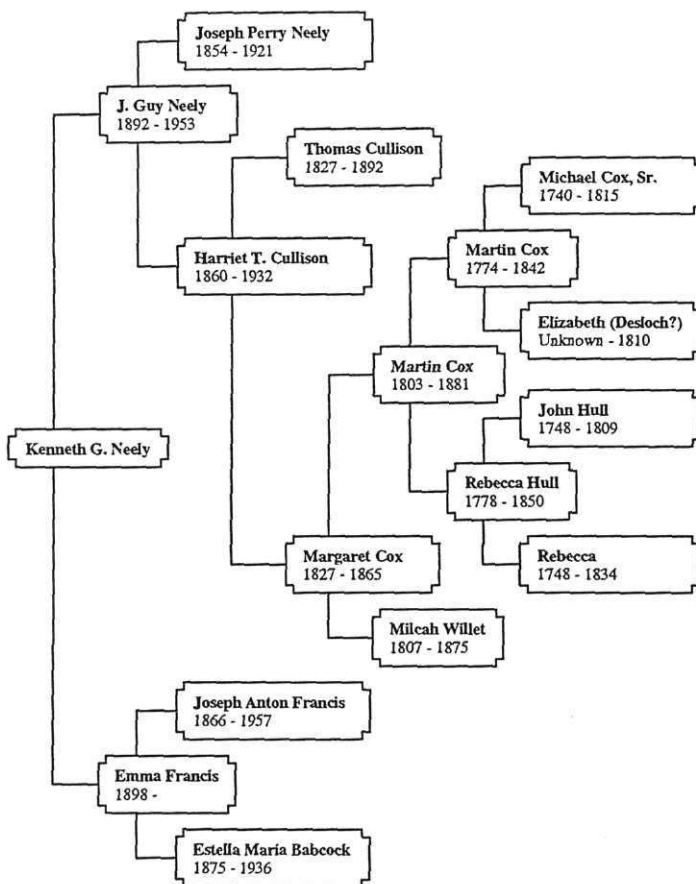
**Ancestor Chart 2: Ancestors of Eileen Ruth Bonicamp Schwartz**



## FAMILY HISTORY OF KEN NEELEY

Kenneth Neeley<sup>22</sup> descends from Martin Cox (son of Michael Cox, Sr.) and Rebecca Hull. He is the son of Emma Francis and J. Guy Neely. Emma was born on 28 February 1898 in Arlington, Virginia, and died in Gridley, California on 2 August 1992. The chart below begins with Ken's father.

Ancestor Chart 3: Ancestors of Kenneth Neeley



<sup>22</sup> For Ken Neeley's complete family history, see his privately published book, *Builders of the USA*, available in the Salt Lake City L.D.S. genealogical library.

## CHRISTINE COX & HENRY HULL

by Robert E. Hull

Robert Hull's data was compiled in 1990. We thank him for generously sharing his data with us. We have eliminated numerous abbreviations in the original text of this subchapter, by Robert E. Hull. Abbreviations that remain are: M=male, F=female, Twp=township, pb=probably born (?), pd=probably died (?). As for other sections of this book, we scanned and edited Robert's pages, but the scanning produced a great number of errors. Despite our best efforts, we regret that some errors may remain, and we do apologize.

Henry HULL (1774 to 1861) & Christinia COX (1776 to 1859)

- 1774, 19 Nov. Henry HULL born in Pennsylvania probably modern Washington Co., Pennsylvania son of John HULL and Rebecca (date from gravestone inscription, place from 1850 census).
- 1776, 10 June. Christinia COX born in Pennsylvania probably Fayette Co., Pennsylvania daughter of Michael COX and Elizabeth of Luzerne Twp, Fayette Co., Pennsylvania (date from gravestone, place from 1850 census).
- 1782, Henry HULL a possible signer of a petition to form a new state, along. with John HULL and George HULL (Helen L. Harriss, *Two Lists of Early Residents in Southwestern Pennsylvania: Signers of a Petition to Form a new State*, p 10). If this was the same Henry HULL, due to his age this obviously would be an attempt by someone to get an extra signature on the petition-*REH*.
- 1794, circa. Henry HULL m. Christinia COX probably either in Fallowfield Twp, Washington Co., Pennsylvania or in Luzerne Twp, Fayette Co., Pennsylvania (speculation *REH*).
- 1795, circa. Son John born in Washington Co., Pennsylvania.
- 1798, 2 March, son Joseph born in Pennsylvania.
- 1800, Henry HULL appears in Fallowfield Twp., Washington Co., Pennsylvania federal census (p 44):  
3 M under 10, 1 M 10-16, 1 M 26-45, 1 F under 10, 1 F 26-45



- 1801, 14 September Deed (DB 1-Q, p 593) made in Washington Co., Pennsylvania. John & Rebecca HULL sold 49 ½ acres on Pigeon Creek for \$20 to son Henry HULL. Rec 23 Nov 1801.
- 1802, circa. Son Hiram born in Pennsylvania.
- 1805 circa. Son Martin born in Pennsylvania.
- 1809 circa. Daughter Margaret born in Pennsylvania.
- 1812, circa. Henry HULL on friendly terms with Wyandot Indians, who were living in a camp in the center of Section 20 (Norman Hill, *History of Coshocton County Ohio*, published 1881, p. 581).
- 1812, 26 Aug. Henry HULL and brother-in-law Martin COX (Martin m Rebecca HULL) were volunteers in 2 Bn, 2 Regt, 4 Bde, 3 Div in Ohio Militia. Unit defended Mansfield frontiers under command of Captain William Beard
- 1813, 20 Apr. Daughter Alvira born in Ohio.
- 1815, 4 Feb. Son Henry H. born in Coshocton Co., Ohio.
- 1820, Henry HULL in Perry Twp, Coshocton Co., Ohio federal census:  
2 M under 10, 2 M 10-16, 1 M 16-26, 1 M 45 and over,  
2 F under 10, 1F 16-26, 1 F 45 and over.
- 1850, Henry HULL in Harrison Twp, Knox Co., Ohio federal census:
- |           |          |                    |        |                    |
|-----------|----------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|
| HULL,     | Henry    | 76 b. Pennsylvania | farmer | real estate \$5000 |
| Christina | 75       | b. Pennsylvania    |        |                    |
| Henry     | 35       | b. Ohio            | farmer |                    |
| Alvira    | 36       | b. Ohio            |        |                    |
| JENKINS,  | Augustus | 18 b. Ohio         |        |                    |
| HULL,     | Henry    | 16 b. Ohio         | farmer |                    |
| FILLMORE, | Hannah   | 11 b. Ohio         | school |                    |
- 1859, before. Henry and Christinia moved to DeKalb Co., Indiana, probably to be near children Hiram, Martin, Margaret, Alvira and Henry, who earlier moved to that county. Henry and Christinia taken care of by daughter Alvira, who did not marry until 1863. Hiram and Louisa HULL moved to DeKalb Co., Indiana. in 1851 (David Boatman, Hull Family Register, p 166). John & Margaret (HULL) JENKINS moved to DeKalb Co., Indiana ca 1845 (HFR, p. 166). Henry H. HULL moved to DeKalb Co., Indiana. in 1851 (HFR, p 167).
- 1859, 11 June. Christinia died in DeKalb Co., Indiana.
- 1859, June. Christinia buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Newville, DeKalb Co., Indiana.





1860, Henry HULL appears in Concord Twp. DeKalb Co., Indiana federal census:

HULL, Henry	86	farmer	\$3500 real estate,	b. Pa.
			\$375 personal estate	
Alvira	43	b Ohio		

1861, 20 Jan. Henry died in DeKalb Co., Indiana.

1861, Jan. Henry buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Newville DeKalb Co., Indiana.

Source for most data: Bette H. Jenkins

Miscellaneous:

1806 a Henry HULL appears in Trumbull Co., Ohio tax list, p. 79.

1807 " p. 25

1808 " p. 21

1809 " p 45

1810 " p. 26

1820 " p. 252

Michael COX Jr. (brother of Christinia COX) born circa 1760, died 14 Jan 1832,  
West Liberty, Ohio Co., Virginia, buried Ohio Co., Virginia



DESCENDANTS OF HENRY AND CHRISTINIA (COX) HULL  
by Robert E. Hull<sup>23</sup>

1. Henry HULL, b 19 Nov 1774; pb Pennsylvania; d 20 Jan 1861; pd DeKalb Co., Indiana. son of John HULL Sr. & Rebecca (nee ?); m circa 1794 in Pennsylvania to Christinia COX, b 10 Jun 1776; pb Pennsylvania; d 11 Jun 1859; pd DeKalb Co., Indiana; daughter of Michael COX Sr. & Elizabeth (nee ?) of Luzerne Twp. Fayette Co., Pennsylvania; Henry & Christinia both buried Evergreen Cemetery, Newville, DeKalb Co., Indiana.
  - + 2. John HULL, b circa 1795 in Pennsylvania.
  - + 3. Joseph HULL, b 2 Mar 1798 in Pennsylvania.
  - + 4. Hiram HULL, b circa 1802 in Pennsylvania.
  - + 5. Martin HULL, b circa 1805 in Pennsylvania.
  - + 6. Margaret HULL, b circa 1809 in Pennsylvania.
  - + 7. Alvira HULL, b 20 Apr 1813 in Ohio.
  - + 8. Henry H. HULL, b 4 Feb 1815 in Ohio.
  
2. John HULL (Henry<sup>1</sup>), b circa 1795 (or 1800?), pb Washington, Co., Pennsylvania; d after 1860; m/1 29 Apr 1819 in Coshocton Co., Ohio to Elizabeth HENDERSON. At least 6 children. They resided in Howard Twp, Knox Co., Ohio in 1820. John m/2 31 Mar. 1842 in Knox Co., to Ann WADDELL. 5 children:
  - + 9. George W. HULL, MD, b 4 Feb 1820 in Ohio
  10. son, on 1840 census
  11. son, on 1840 census
  12. Henderson HULL, b 1835 in Ohio; d 1895
  13. Norman HULL, b 1840 in Ohio
  14. Jacob HULL, MD, b 22 Jun 1841 in Ohio
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  15. Matilda HULL, b circa 1844
  16. Hannah HULL, b circa 1845
  17. Henry HULL, b 1849; died in infancy
  18. Lucinda HULL, b circa 1850
  19. Louisa HULL, b circa 1852

<sup>23</sup> We have eliminated numerous abbreviations in the original text of this subchapter, by Robert E. Hull. Those that remain are: M=male, F=female, Twp=township, pb=probaby born (?), pd=probably died (?).



3. Joseph HULL (Henry<sup>1</sup>), b 2 Mar 1798; pb Washington Co., Pennsylvania; d 17 Sep 1873; pd home of son, Dr. Henry Clay HULL, Washington Co., Iowa; buried Crawfordsville Cemetery, Crawford Twp, Washington Co., Iowa; m 6 April 1825 in Coshocton Co., Ohio to Elizabeth VAN WINKLE, b 1801 in Virginia; daughter of Moses VAN WINKLE & (?) TYLER.
- + 20. Henry Clay HULL, MD, b 3 Feb 1826 in Ohio
  - + 21. John C. HULL, b 14 Jun 1827 in Ohio
  - 22. Isaac HULL, b 11 Apr 1830 in Monroe Twp, Knox Co., Ohio
  - 23. Thaddeus HULL, b 1832 (or 11 Apr 1830) in Monroe Twp, Knox Co., Ohio; d 1920 in Wellington, KS; m 1852 to Malinda Lydia McGUGIN of Knox Co., Ohio; resided in Gambier, Ohio.
  - 24. Margaret HULL, b 13 Mar 1834 in Monroe Twp, Knox Co., Ohio; m Friendly LEWIS of Gambier, Knox Co., Ohio; resided in Gambier, Ohio.
  - 25. Hester Ann HULL, b 13 Aug 1836 in Monroe Twp, Knox Co., Ohio; died young
  - 26. Joseph E. HULL, b 5 Jul 1838 in Monroe Twp, Knox Co., Ohio; m Ann E. (nee ?); resided in Gillespies, Illinois at time of father's death.
  - + 27. Moses HULL, b 20 Aug 1840 in Ohio
4. Hiram HULL (Henry<sup>1</sup>), b circa 1802 (1808?); pb Washington Co., Pennsylvania; alive 1851; farmer; m/1 Sarah SLOAN; m/2 Louisa (nee ?); Hiram & Sarah resided in Harrison Twp, Knox Co., Ohio; he & Louisa moved to Concord Twp. DeKalb Co., Indiana, in 1851.
- 28. Henry HULL, b 24 Mar 1834 in Ohio; d 11 Sep 1911; m 1859 to Sarah A. WIDNEY
  - 29. Christinia HULL, b circa 1835 in Ohio
  - 30. Margaret HULL, b circa 1836 in Ohio
  - 31. Martin HULL, b circa 1839 in Ohio; m 1859 to Ellen JOHNSON
  - 32. Orange HULL, b circa 1840 in Ohio; m Harriett (nee ?)
  - \* \* \* \* \*
  - 33. Louisa F. HULL, b 1850 in Ohio
  - 34. Mary HULL, b Indiana
  - 35. Augustus HULL, b Indiana
  - 36. Myron HULL, b Indiana
  - 37. Sarah HULL, b Indiana
  - 38. Woosey HULL, b Indiana



5. Martin HULL (Henry<sup>1</sup>), b circa 1805 (or 1812?); d 7 Oct 1864; pd DeKalb Co., Indiana; buried Evergreen Cemetery, Newville, Indiana. m 29 May 1859 to Elizabeth JOHNSON, resided in Coshocton Co., Ohio, Knox Co., Ohio and DeKalb Co., Indiana. American Legion Records indicate he served in the Civil War but no unit was designated in records. No known children.
6. Margaret HULL (Henry<sup>1</sup>), b circa 1809 (or 1815?); pb Pennsylvania or Coshocton Co., Ohio; d (1890?) in DeKalb Co., m 31 Mar 1831 in Knox Co., Ohio to John JENKINS, b circa 1810; pb Prince Georges Co., MD; d Dec 1889; pd DeKalb Co., Indiana; son of John J. & Nancy "Ann" HIGDON. They lived in Knox Co., Ohio for 14 years and the remainder of their lives in DeKalb Co., Indiana
  39. Martin JENKINS, b 27 Jan 1832; d 8 Oct 1899; m/1 1859 Clarissa DRAGGO; m/2 1862 Nancy ANTHONY
  40. Henry JENKINS, b 1 May 1834; d 7 Jan 1910; m 1860 Martha Jane JOHNSON
  41. Mary Ann JENKINS, b 1 Feb 1836; d 12 Jan 1911; m 1853 Joseph KOCH.
  42. Alvira JENKINS, b 1836; d 1911; m 1857 Jacob B. WHITE
  43. Sarah JENKINS, b 1840; m/1 1857 Franklin HERRICK; m/2 1877 Loren S. SAYLOR
  44. Ellen JENKINS, b 1841; m Albert J. MELTON
  45. John H. JENKINS, b Jul 1843; d 7 Mar 1901; m 1865 Mary E. DILLEY
  46. Orange Tim JENKINS, b 1845; d 13 Feb 1889; m/1 Emma AIKENS; m/2 1844 the same Emma AIKENS
7. Alvira HULL (Henry<sup>1</sup>) b 20 Apr 1813; pb Ohio; d 17 Feb 1879; pd DeKalb Co., Indiana; m 1863 Henry MAXWELL, his second wife; she took care of her parents in their latter years, not marrying until after their deaths; buried Evergreen Cemetery, Newville, Indiana; Henry and Alvira had no children.
8. Henry H. HULL, (Henry<sup>1</sup>) b 4 Feb 1815; pb Coshocton Co., Ohio; d 25 Apr 1898; pd Newville, DeKalb Co., Indiana; m 24 Apr 1856 in DeKalb Co., Indiana to Mrs. Melissa REX, widow; d 1905 in DeKalb Co., Indiana. daughter of Joshua & Martha WRIGHT. Resided in Coshocton Co., Ohio, Knox Co., Ohio, and DeKalb Co., Indiana. He lived on father's farm until age 21, receiving education in public schools of Knox Co., Ohio. He studied medicine when 19 years of age and began practice at 21 years of age. He moved to Newville DeKalb Co., Indiana, in 1851, and built up a large practice. He became a Mason in 1857 and was a member of William Hacker Lodge No. 326, Newville, Indiana.
  47. Lorinda HULL, b circa 1857 in Indiana
  48. Charles F. HULL, b circa 1859 in Indiana; d 22 Aug 1866



49. C. Ott HULL, resided in Auburn, Indiana
  50. Inez HULL, b circa 1863; m 1883 Dallas HEADLEY
  51. Ida HULL, b circa 1864; d 16 Mar 1865
  52. Thomas M. "Mellie" HULL, b deaf; alive 1905 when his mother died.
9. George Washington HULL, (John<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>), b 4 Feb 1820; pb Ohio; m/1 M. E. JENNINGS; m/2 Hannah B. MURPHY. Graduated Electric College of Medicine, Cincinnati; Ohio in 1861. He practiced medicine in Lexington, MO but was run out due to his Union sympathies; returned to Newville, Indiana for a while with his uncle Henry HULL; went to Labette Co., KS after Civil War to practice medicine.
53. J. Scudder HULL, graduated from Electric College of Medicine, Cincinnati, Ohio in 1896.
20. Henry Clay HULL, (Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>), b 3 1826, pb on farm, Mount Vernon, Knox Co., Ohio; d 21 Sep 1907?; pd Washington Co., Iowa; m/1 Mary LYBARGER; 1 child; m/2 1854 Mrs. Jane L. NABB, b 1822 in Pennsylvania; d 9 May 1880 Washington Co., Iowa; buried Old Crawfordsville Cemetery; 1 child; m/3 1881 Margaret VAN HORN, b 1849 Pickaway, Miami Co., Ohio; d 1931; buried New Crawfordsville Cemetery, Crawford Twp., Washington Co., daughter of John VAN HORN & Jane MATHERS. He graduated from Electric Medical Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio on 5 Jun 1852. He practiced medicine with his father in Washington Co, Iowa. WWI veteran.
54. Joseph H. HULL, MD, b 1850 in Ohio
55. Emma HULL, b 1856 in Iowa; d before 1860
56. Nellie HULL, b 1882 in Iowa
- 21 John C. HULL, MD, (Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>), b 14 Jun 1827; pb farm Mt Vernon, Knox Co., Ohio; d 11 Nov 1900; pd Kearney, Buffalo Co., Nebraska; buried lot 1701, space 8, east field; m 15 Feb 1855 Trenton, Henry Co., Iowa to Nancy UPDEGRAFF, b 22 Apr 1832 Shelbyville, Shelby Co., Indiana; d 16 Mar 1911, Kearney, Nebraska; daughter of Abraham UPDEGRAFF, b 30 Sep 1807; d 13 Jun 1855 Henry Co., Iowa, & Elenor CURRIGAN, b 1806 in Pennsylvania. John graduated from Electric Medical Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio in 1853.
57. Charles M. HULL, b 1857 Trenton, Henry Co., Iowa; d 13 Mar 1910 Kearney, Nebraska
- + 58. Frank Wilson HULL, b 1858 in Iowa
59. Howard J. HULL, b 1861; pb Trenton, Henry Co., Iowa; m Lucy SIZER, b Springfield, MA.
60. George M. HULL, b 1862; pb Trenton, Henry Co., Iowa; d 1907 pd Kearney, Nebraska; m 1887 Blanche L. HARRINGTON, b 1866; pb Geneseo, IL 1892.



27. Moses HULL (Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>), b 20 Aug 1840; m 13 Jul 1861 to Elizabeth Jane BENNETT in Knox Co., Ohio; Moses b Monroe Twp, Knox Co., Ohio
61. Charles Franklin HULL, b 22 May 1863; pb Mount Vernon, Knox Co., Ohio; d 4 Dec 1944; pd Washington Co., Iowa; m Edna Evelyn FLETCHER
54. Joseph H. HULL (Henry C.<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>), b 1850; pb Knox Co., Ohio; d 17 Dec 1922; pd Washington, Washington Co., Iowa; m Jennie E. WELCH, b 20 Jun 1851; d 11 May 1933; pd Washington, Iowa.
- + 62. Henry Clinton HULL, b 1874 in Iowa
63. Daisy HULL, m Charles STARTSMAN who was an electrical engineer, N Orange, NJ
56. Nellie HULL (Henry C.<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>), b 20 Apr 1882; pb Brighton, Washington Co., Iowa; d 1961; pd Crawford Twp, Washington Co., Iowa; m Rev. Wilson Gardner ROBERTSON of United Presbyterian Church of Crawfordsville Twp., Iowa.
64. Margaret Louise ROBERTSON, b 9 Apr 1909; m 1951 Chester F. ELY
65. Infant male, b and d 15 May 1884
66. Herman HULL, b 14 Jul 1887; pb Crawford Twp, Washington Co., Iowa; d 15 Oct 1889
58. Frank Wilson HULL (John C.<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>), b 23 Feb 1858; pb Mount Pleasant, Henry Co., Iowa; d 22 May 1922; pd Denver, Colorado; m 3 Feb 1885 Florence Alberta WILSON, b 23 Feb 1867; pb Monmouth, Warren Co., IL; d 18 Mar 1901; pd Denver, Colorado; daughter of Peter W. WILSON, b 3 Jul 1820; pd Roseville, NJ; d 16 Sep 1908; pd Kearney, Nebraska & Harriet SEIDLE, b 24 Nov 1823; pb Pennsylvania; d 21 Feb 1918; pb Denver, Colorado. Buried Kearney, Nebraska. Frank graduated Univ. of Michigan (Law) in 1883; Buffalo Co., Nebraska judge 1884-87; hospital administrator for Denver General Hospital 1900-1922.
- + 68. Cecil B. HULL, b 1885
- + 69. Donald C. HULL, b 1888 in Nebraska
62. Henry Clinton HULL, MD (Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Henry C.<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>), b 7 Sep 1874; pb Washington Co., Iowa; buried Elm Grove Cemetery; m Hattie Berdo, b 9 Sep 1880; pb Iowa.



- 70. Catherine Jane HULL, b 1910; graduated Iowa University in 1931
- 71. Josephine B. Hull, b 1913
- 72. Harriette Hull, b 1915

68. Cecil Bertram Hull (Frank<sup>4</sup>, John C.<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>), b 23 Dec 1885; m Ella MAC CARMICHAEL

73. Hugh Carmichael HULL, b 13 Sep 1919

74. Nancy Ann HULL

69. Donald Cameron Hull (Joseph<sup>4</sup>, Henry C.<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Henry<sup>1</sup>), b 28 Jul 1888; pb Kearney, Buffalo Co., Nebraska; d 20 Apr 1946; pd Denver, Colorado; m/1 1 Jun 1916 in Denver, Colorado to Geneva Mary BALLOU, b 30 Jan 1887; pb Denver, Arapahoe Co., Colorado; d 17 Aug 1954; pd Denver, Colorado.

75. William Ballou HULL, b 30 Aug 1917

76. Betty Florence HULL, b 16 Sep 1920

Sources: *Hull Family Register*, edited by Robert Boatman, pp. 105, 165-167.  
Miscellaneous notes from Bettie H. Jenkins

Map 12: Ohio counties and lands in 1814







## ANNE COX & JOHN HUPP, JR.

by David W. Cox

Anne was born to Jeruthea and Michael Cox, Jr. in 1791. She married John Hupp, Jr. on January 19, 1813. John Hupp, Jr. was born on July 27, 1780 in Donegal Township of Washington, County, Pennsylvania. Anne and John had four children: Isaac (1814-1853), Louise (1815-1875), John (1819-1909), and Joseph (1817-1886).

Hupp family history<sup>24</sup> is American history. The Hupps were pioneers on the western frontier of colonial America. They bore arms in the Revolution, and were Indian fighters. Like Michael Cox, Sr., they arrived in what is now southwestern Pennsylvania in 1769, and like him, they were loyal Virginians.

Five Hupp brothers brought their families out from the Shenandoah Valley to settle in what is now Greene County, Pennsylvania. They were Philip, John, Frank, Palser (also called Everheart), and a fifth whose name has been lost to historians.

In her 1959 study of the Hupps, Marie Kingrey noted: "From mouth to ear tradition, one brother married a Squaw, and as two of the brothers were killed by Indians, one can only surmise why one brother's name was not preserved. Frank Hupp was shot by Indians at Jonathan Link's cabin twelve miles east of Wheeling on Middle Wheeling Creek in the year 1771. John Hupp was killed while defending Miller's blockhouse on Buffalo Creek, Easter Sunday, March 31, 1782."

Historians frequently cite John's wife, Anne Rowe Hupp, as a heroine during the Indian attack on Miller's blockhouse (Easter Sunday, 1782). She saved the lives of her four children as well as the families of Jacob Miller, Sr., and Edward Gaither. These men, however, lost their lives outside the fort, in an ambush by Shawnee Indians.

In 1861, her greatgrandson, John C. Hupp of Wheeling, Virginia contributed a long account of the episode for Alfred Creigh's *History of Washington County Pennsylvania* (1871):

[...] from his concealment behind fallen timber, a savage fired upon Hupp, wounding him mortally; he, however, after he was shot, ran some sixty or seventy yards and sank to rise no more. Miller, being an elderly man, was boldly rushed upon by the merciless wretches, with loud and exultant yells, and tomahawked on the spot.

Flushed with success, the savages now left their hapless victims, scalped and pilfered of all clothing, to join in the beleaguerment of the block-house.

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<sup>24</sup> See *Genealogy, History and Biographical Records of the Descendants of Philip Hupp & Mary Buzzard, John Shain & Mary Turpin, and Allied Families*, compiled by Flora Shepherd, 1981, Topeka Kansas.



[...] Providence panoplied a female hero with a courage sufficiently unfaltering for the dire emergency, in the person of Ann Hupp. [...] nerving her arm and steeling her heart to the severe duties of the moment, she, with true Spartanism, snatching up a rifle fired at the approaching savages, and then "ran from porthole to port-hole," protruding its muzzle in different directions—to convey the idea of great forces in the house—at each presentation causing the savages to cower behind trees or other objects for protection.

This happily conceived and promptly executed strategy of this pioneer heroine, without doubt, saved the inmates from what was otherwise inevitable—an immediate and horrible death. [...] all hearts in that block-house were overflowing with thanks and gratitude to a kind and merciful Preserver for vouchsafing to them His aid and protection when their great and terror-filling peril was impending, and for saving them from the ruthless hands of the merciless savages.

Here are a few passages on Hupp genealogy written by Marie Kingrey in 1959:

The first Hupp family came from Holland, to the Atlantic coast, and settled in Washington County, Pennsylvania. When they came to America they changed the spelling of their name from Huppe to Hupp. Our Revolutionary ancestor, John Hupp Sr., was born in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, March 31, 1747. [...] He settled in what is now Green County, Pennsylvania. In 1777, he received grants for two tracts of land, located on the West banks of Buffalo Creek, in [what was then] Washington County, Pennsylvania.

John Hupp [Sr. ...] married to Anne Rowe Hupp. Anne Rowe Hupp is listed as a heroine of the Revolutionary war in *Notable Women of Pennsylvania*, which is found in the Historical Library in Washington County, Pennsylvania. A historical marker also stands in Pennsylvania honoring her for her bravery. [...] John Hupp Sr., our ancestral grandfather, was killed by Shawnee Indians, as was his brother Frank.

Isaac Hupp, their oldest son, married Mary Ann Atkison. He was shot by an Indian and died in 1853, leaving his widow and four children. About ten years later, she moved her four children westwards through Kentucky, on a trail blazed by Daniel Boone.

Isaac and Mary Ann Hupp's eldest child, John Cox Hupp, became a distinguished physician in Wheeling, West Virginia.

According to Gibson Lamb Cranmer:

In 1873 he inaugurated the policy in the Wheeling schools that when a female teacher does the work of a male instructor she shall have the same remuneration and rank as he would. He made a successful effort before the board of education to obtain free school education for colored children, and to establish free night schools.



Below, based on Marie Kingrey's 1959 work, is the line of descent to Dr. John Cox Hupp and his two sons. We have no information on the new generation Hupps<sup>25</sup>.

**John Hupp, Sr.**, b. 1750, d. 31 March 1782

m. **Anne Rowe**, b. 1757, d. 26 June 1823

(daughter of Adam Rowe whose wife (name?) was killed in Indian ambush in 1776)

four children: Mary, Margaret, Elizabeth, **John**

(John Sr., Anne, and their daughter Margaret were buried at Miller's Cemetery, Donegal Township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, near the site of Miller's blockhouse.)

**John Hupp, Jr.**, b. 27 July 1780, d. 12 March 1864

m. **Ann Cox**, b. 7 June 1790 (or 91), d. 26 Nov 1875

(daughter of Michael Cox, Jr. and Jeruthea Ann Brooks)

four children: **Isaac**, Louisa, John, Joseph

**Isaac Hupp**, b. 5 Jan 1814, d. 28 Jan 1853

m. **Mary Ann Atkinson**

five children: **John C.**, Atkinson, Isaac, Emaline, Mary

(Isaac is buried in the Cox cemetery, West Liberty, West Virginia)

**John Cox Hupp (M.D.)**, b. 1 April 1842, d. 26 July 1930

m. **Margaret Bennet**

two children:

**Joseph Hupp**, b. 25 Aug 1863, d. 9 May 1949

m. **Bell Curie**

four children: William, **John**, Claude, Pearl

**John C. Hupp**, b. 4 May 1893, d.

m. Mable Robinson

three children: Glen, Raymond, Doris

**John Hupp**, b. 12 Nov 1867, d. 14 Sep 1941

m. Nan Smith

three children: Virginia, Clarinda, Mattie

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<sup>25</sup> It is interesting to note that Isaac's sister, Louisa (b. 1815, d. 1875) married a John Clemens while William Cox (son of Michael Jr. and Jeruthea, b. 1805, d. 1892) married Deliah Clemens.





## PART 4

### SCRAMBLING BACK UP THE WAGON

Finding my Direct Line to  
Elizabeth & Michael Sr.

Peter Cox  
Jacob Cox  
William Newton Cox #1  
William Newton Cox #2



## Kenneth Ray Cox Line of Descent from Michael Cox, Sr.

1

### Michael Cox, Sr.

b. before 1740, Hamburg, Germany (most likely)

d. 24 Jan. 1815, Fayette County, Pennsylvania

m. **Elizabeth** (Desloch ?) in Bucks County, Pennsylvania (?)

b. unknown, d. 20 July 1810

children: Michael, Jacob, **Peter**, Rosanna, Eve, Elizabeth,  
Margaret, Martin, Christine, Joseph

2

### Peter Cox

b. 1765, most likely in eastern Pennsylvania

d. 1841, Wayne County, Ohio

m. 25 Dec 1796, **Magdalin** (possibly Magdalin Jane Roberts)  
Old Swedes Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

b. between 1756-1774, d. before 1830

children: infant, **Jacob**, Catherine, Stewart, Mary, William

3

### Jacob Cox

b. 29 Aug 1801, Fayette County, Pennsylvania

d. 14 Mar 1885, Dalton County, Ohio

m. 4 Dec 1823, **Rebecca "Jane" Denman**

b. 13 Dec 1805, Ten-Mile, Washington County, Pennsylvania

d. 18 Apr 1874, (tuberculosis) Wayne County, Ohio

children: Suzanna, Jacob Freeman, Elisha D., Andrew, Rebecca Jane,  
Alpheus, Samuel Denman, **William Newton**, Mary Ann

4

### William Newton Cox I

b circa 1845, Wayne County, Ohio

d after 1896 (date, place and circumstances remain unknown);

was in Kansas in 1885, Texas in 1890 and in Indian Territory 1892-1896

m<sup>1</sup> 1 Feb 1870, **Caroline Broadback**, b. unknown, d. 30 May 1874

children: Laura M. and Amanda E.

m<sup>2</sup> 5 Aug 1875, **Ellen Adams**, b circa 1854, Cumberland Co., Illinois

children: Lydia, Alethia, Celestial E. "Lizzie", **William Newton**, Major



5

William Newton Cox II

b. 12 Mar 1882, Blue, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma)

d. 26 Mar 1966, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

m. 26 Dec 1903, **Frona Ann Maxwell**, Scotland, Van Buren County, Arkansas

b. 11 Sep 1889 Scotland, Van Buren County, Arkansas

d. 27 Sep 1964 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

both buried Whitebead Cemetery, Garvin County, Oklahoma

six children: Emanuel V., Allen V., **Marvin W.**, Claudie V., Alvie L.,  
William Newton III; plus Frona's niece, Vivian Maurine Ellis

6

**Marvin Wesley Cox**

b. 09 Feb 1909, Leonard, Fannin County, Texas

d. 24 Aug 1984 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Resthaven Cemetery

m<sup>1</sup> 27 Dec. 1927, **Ina Gene Edwards**, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma

one child: Charles Wesley

m<sup>2</sup> 22 Apr 1938, **Anna Devota Hanks**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

b. 13 Mar 1913, Hackett, Sebastian County, Arkansas

d. 22 May 1990, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Resthaven Cemetery

two children: **Kenneth Ray** and William Keith

7

**Kenneth Ray Cox**

b. 29 Jun 1940, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

m<sup>1</sup> 24 Apr 1957, **Terry Lynn Herren**, Denton, Texas

b. 9 Mar 1940, Whittier, California

five children: Timothy Ray, James Matthew, David Wesley,  
Daniel Lynn, Steven Anthony

m<sup>2</sup> Online (née Rodriguez) Vigil

m<sup>3</sup> Adena (née Leming) Hibdon

m<sup>4</sup> 20 Jun 1979, **Doris Gail Monholland**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

b. 17 Feb 1956, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

one child (adopted Gail's son) Christopher Paul





## Descent Chart 6: Peter &amp; Magdalin's Descendants

*Generation No. 1*

1. PETER<sup>2</sup> COX (*MICHAEL*<sup>1</sup>) was born 1765 in unknown, either Pennsylvania or Germany, and died 1841 in Wayne County, Ohio. He married MAGDALIN. She may have been born Jane Roberts.

Children of PETER COX and MAGDALIN are:

- i. INFANT<sup>3</sup> COX, born between 1795 - 1800.
2. ii. JACOB COX, born 29 August, 1801, Fayette County, Pennsylvania; died 14 March, 1885, Dalton, Pennsylvania.
- iii. CATHERINE COX, born about 1803.
- iv. STEWART COX, born between 1810 - 1820.
- v. WILLIAM COX, born about 1816.
- vi. MARY ANN COX, born between 1810 - 1820.

*Generation No. 2*

2. JACOB<sup>3</sup> COX (*PETER*<sup>2</sup>, *MICHAEL*<sup>1</sup>) was born 29 August, 1801 in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and died 14 March, 1885 in Dalton, Ohio. He married JANE DENMAN 04 December, 1823.

Children of JACOB COX and JANE DENMAN are:

- 3a. i. ELISHA<sup>4</sup> COX, born 20 Mar 1825; died 03 May 1901; married (1) SARAH ANN TUCKER; married (2) MARGARET ECKERT. List of descendants on page 234.
- 3b. ii. SUZANNA COX, born about 1829; died unknown.
4. iii. JACOB FREEMAN COX, born 1831; died 23 June, 1880, Wayne Co., Ohio.
- iv. ANDREW COX, born about 1833. Listed in *History of De Kalb County, Indiana 1885*. Married BARBARA ANN HELWIG.
- v. REBECCA JANE COX, born about 1836; married WESLEY D. HARPER, 27 Dec., 1860.
5. vi. ALPHEUS COX, born about 1838.
6. vii. SAMUEL DENMAN COX, born 01 June, 1842, Wayne Co., Ohio; died 17 January, 1908, Ashtabula, Ohio.
7. viii. WILLIAM NEWTON COX, born about 1845, Wayne County, Ohio; died unknown, death remains a mystery.
- ix. MARY ANN COX, born about 1851; died 27 January, 1852.

*Generation No. 3*

3a. ELISHA<sup>4</sup> COX (*JACOB*<sup>3</sup>, *PETER*<sup>2</sup>, *MICHAEL*<sup>1</sup>) was born 1825, and died 1901. His second marriage was to MARGARET ECKERT.

Children of ELI COX and MARGARET ECKERT are:

Mary, Margaret, Wm F., Anna, Cora, Jacob, Hiram, John, and Oren (see p. 234.)



3b. SUZANNA<sup>4</sup> COX (*JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born about 1829, and died unknown. She married SEBASTIAN ECHART(D).

Child of SUZANNA COX and SEBASTIAN ECHART(D) is:

- i. ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> ECHART(D).

4. JACOB FREEMAN<sup>4</sup> COX (*JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1831, and died 23 June, 1880 in Wayne Co., Ohio. He married MARY SLUSSER 29 December, 1863.

Child of JACOB COX and MARY SLUSSER is:

- i. ROBERT<sup>5</sup> COX (changed his last name to Slusser).

5. ALPHEUS<sup>4</sup> COX (*JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born about 1838. He married (1) MARY CROZIER. He married (2) DORA FRITZ.

Child of ALPHEUS COX and MARY CROZIER is:

- i. OLIVER<sup>5</sup> COX, born 14 May, 1870.

Children of ALPHEUS COX and DORA FRITZ are:

- ii. EDITH CLEO<sup>5</sup> COX, born 04 October, 1894.
- iii. THELMA MARY COX, born 15 May, 1898.
- iv. RUTH ELENDALE COX, born 4 October 1901.

6. SAMUEL DENMAN<sup>4</sup> COX (*JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 01 June, 1842 in Wayne Co., Ohio, and died 17 January, 1908 in Ashtabula, Ohio. He married CATHERINE ANN MASTERS.

Children of SAMUEL COX and CATHERINE MASTERS are:

- i. MELVIN E.<sup>5</sup> COX.
- ii. NORVAL H. COX, born 11 November, 1870.
- iii. CLARENCE WESLY COX.
- iv. ORISSA ESTELLA COX, married A. C. NEWMAN.
- v. PEARL C. COX.

7. WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup> COX (*JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born about 1845 in Wayne County, Ohio, and died unknown. He married (1) CAROLINE BROADBACK before 1870, in Ohio. In 1874, she died of consumption. He married (2) ELLEN ADAMS 05 August, 1875 in Wayne County, Ohio. The deaths and burial places of this couple remains a mystery.

Children of WILLIAM COX and CAROLINE BROADBACK are:

- i. LAURA M.<sup>5</sup> COX, b. 06 February, 1871.
- ii. AMANDA or MARINDA COX, b. 25 March, 1873; d. 09 March, 1875.

Children of WILLIAM COX and ELLEN ADAMS are:

- 8. i. CELESTIAL "LIZZIE" ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> COX, born 06 February, 1880, Wayne County, Ohio; died 18 February, 1956, Sherman, Texas.
- 9. ii. WILLIAM NEWTON COX, born 12 March, 1882, Blue County, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory (Oklahoma); died 26 March, 1966, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- iii. MAJOR COX, born May 1884, died 1906/1910 drowned Eufala, Oklahoma (?).

*Generation No. 4*

8. CELESTIAL "LIZZIE" ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> COX (*WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 06 February, 1880 in Wayne County, Ohio, and died 18 February, 1956 in Sherman, Texas. She married OTHO VAUGHT 15 February, 1897 in Boggy Depot, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory.

Children of CELESTIAL "LIZZIE" COX and OTHO VAUGHT are:

- i. JOHNNIE<sup>6</sup> VAUGHT, born 02 September 1899; died before 1900.
- ii. BERTHA VAUGHT, born 26 November 1898; died about 1905 (choked on corn cob).
- iii. EDWARD VAUGHT, born 02 August 1902; died 22 June 1976.
- iv. JESSE VAUGHT, born 01 July 1904; died 05 April 1937.
- v. MYRTLE VAUGHT, born 01 June 1905; married HENRY WILEY BRIANS.
- vi. WILLIAM NEWTON VAUGHT, born 08 January, 1908; died 06 January 1973, Lubbock, Texas; married LOIS LYNCH 25 March 1934.
- vii. OTHO J. VAUGHT, born September 1909; died after 1910.
- viii. HENRY VAUGHT, born 01 September 1910.
- ix. HOWARD VAUGHT, born 27 February 1912; died 02 July, 1973, Dallas, Texas.
- x. <unnamed child>, born 27 February 1912; died March 1912
- xi. VERNON VALE VAUGHT, born 17 March 1914.
- xii. THOMAS VAUGHT, born 10 January 1917.
- xiii. ALENE VAUGHT, born 27 October 1919.
- xiv. GERALDINE VAUGHT, born 27 October 1919; died 05 May 1994.

9. WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup> COX (*WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 12 March, 1882 in Blue County, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory (Oklahoma), and died 26 March, 1966 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He married FRONA ANN MAXWELL 27 December, 1903 in Scotland, Arkansas, daughter of GEORGE MAXWELL and CORA REYNOLDS.

Children of WILLIAM COX and FRONA MAXWELL are:

10. i. EMMANUEL V.<sup>6</sup> COX, born 06 February, 1905, Scotland, Van Buren County, Arkansas; died 13 September, 1971, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
11. ii. ALLEN VIRGIL COX, born 27 April, 1906, Arkansas; died 07 April, 1993, Enid, Oklahoma.
12. iii. MARVIN WESLEY COX, born 09 February, 1908, Leonard, Texas; died 24 August, 1984, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
13. iv. CLAUDIE VERBLE COX, born 31 August, 1910, Texas; died 18 May, 1963, Chickasha, Oklahoma.
- v. ALVIE LEE COX, born 09 September, 1911, Texas; died 21 July, 1912, Direct, Texas.
14. vi. WILL NEWTON COX "Jr.", born 14 June, 1927, Oklahoma.

*Generation No. 5*

10. EMMANUEL V.<sup>6</sup> COX (*WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 06 February, 1905 in Scotland, Van Buren County, Arkansas, and died 13 September, 1971 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He married JEWEL HESTER HARPER 18 July, 1925 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, daughter of JAMES HARPER and DAISY WALL.



Children of EMMANUEL COX and JEWEL HARPER are:

15. i. COLLEEN<sup>7</sup> COX, born 30 April, 1926, Whitebead, Oklahoma.
- ii. ALBERT COX, born 13 February, 1928; died April 1928.
16. iii. JIMMIE E. COX, born 23 September, 1930, Guthrie, Oklahoma.
17. iv. GERALD LEE COX, born 24 August, 1933, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
18. v. DALE AUSTIN COX, born 24 August, 1939, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
19. vi. LINDA ANN COX, born 05 April, 1944, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

11. ALLEN VIRGIL<sup>6</sup> COX (*WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 27 April, 1906 in Arkansas, and died 07 April, 1993 in Enid, Oklahoma. He married (1) BULAH ANN ELLIS 16 March, 1926 in Maysville, Oklahoma. He married (2) MARY GRIMES after 1970.

Children of ALLEN COX and BULAH ELLIS are:

20. i. GENEVA FRANCIS<sup>7</sup> COX, born 08 January, 1927.
21. ii. THEDA JO COX, born 18 September, 1928.
22. iii. BOBBY ALLEN COX, born 21 January, 1932.
23. iv. LEVA JOY COX, born 30 June, 1934.

12. MARVIN WESLEY<sup>6</sup> COX (*WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 09 February, 1908 in Leonard, Texas, and died 24 August, 1984 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He married (1) INA GENE EDWARDS 27 December, 1927 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, daughter of JOHN EDWARDS and LILA STEPHENSON. He married (2) ANNA DEVOTA HANKS 22 April, 1938 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, daughter of RILEY HANKS and MARY GOODBODY.

Child of MARVIN COX and INA EDWARDS is:

24. i. CHARLES WESLEY<sup>7</sup> COX, born 13 November, 1932.

Children of MARVIN COX and ANNA HANKS are:

25. ii. KENNETH RAY<sup>7</sup> COX, born 29 June, 1940, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
26. iii. WILLIAM KEITH COX, born 11 August, 1941, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

13. CLAUDIE VERBLE<sup>6</sup> COX (*WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 31 August, 1910 in Texas, and died 18 May, 1963 in Chickasha, Oklahoma. He married HAZIL PALMER 31 August, 1932 (b. 1912 Ardmore, OK).

Children of CLAUDIE COX and HAZIL PALMER are:

27. i. CLAUDE CARROLL<sup>7</sup> COX, born 08 June, 1936.
28. ii. JOE GLENN COX, born 10 October, 1939, Ardmore, Oklahoma.
- iii. MONA RUTH COX, born 01 October, 1941.

14. WILL NEWTON<sup>6</sup> COX III (*WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 14 June, 1927 in Oklahoma. He married (1) PEGGY LOU ELLYAN FOX 11 February, 1949 (div. 1960). He married (2) VICTORIA GRACE FLANDERS-EASTWOOD 1960 (div. 1972).

Children of WILL COX and PEGGY FOX are:

29. i. KIM WAYNE<sup>7</sup> COX, born 07 December, 1953.
- ii. DAVID LEE COX, born 03 June, 1955, died 11 Feb 1978

*Generation No. 6*

15. COLLEEN<sup>7</sup> COX (*EMMANUEL V.<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 30 April, 1926 in Whitebead, Oklahoma. She married FRANCIS GOSLING 12 March, 1946 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Children of GOLDIA "COLLEEN" COX and FRANCIS "BUD" GOSLING are:

- i. F.G. SKIP<sup>8</sup> GOSLING, born 24 May, 1947.
- ii. STEVE ALLEN GOSLING, born 01 February, 1951.
- iii. SUSAN LYNN GOSLING, born 01 February, 1964.

16. JIMMIE E.<sup>7</sup> COX (*EMMANUEL V.<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 23 September, 1930 in Guthrie, Oklahoma. He married BARBARA CUMMINGS 22 December, 1951 in Oklahoma City.

Children of JIMMIE COX and BARBARA CUMMINGS are:

30. i. CYNTHIA LYNN<sup>8</sup> COX, born 11 August, 1956.
31. ii. EDDIE VAN COX, born 01 March, 1958.

17. GERALD LEE<sup>7</sup> COX (*EMMANUEL V.<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 24 August, 1933 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He married SHIRLEY JEAN SEAGRAVES 31 August, 1956 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Children of GERALD COX and SHIRLEY SEAGRAVES are:

32. i. CHRISTI ANN<sup>8</sup> COX, born 05 February, 1960.
33. ii. BARRY ANDREW COX, born 11 November, 1963.

18. DALE AUSTIN<sup>7</sup> COX (*EMMANUEL V.<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 24 August, 1939 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He married (1) JACKIE LAMB. He married (2) LYNETTE YVONNA PAYNE-HENSLEY 05 August, 1967 in Moore, Oklahoma.

Children of DALE COX and JACKIE LAMB are:

- i. ANGELA LYNN<sup>8</sup> COX, born 29 November, 1960.
- ii. GREGORY DALE COX, born 23 September, 1963.

19. LINDA ANN<sup>7</sup> COX (*EMMANUEL V.<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 05 April, 1944 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She married (1) JAMES DEMO. She married (2) DOUGLAS SEMELBAUER 1989.

Child of LINDA COX and JAMES DEMO is:

- i. MICHAEL<sup>8</sup> DEMO, born 23 July, 1974.

20. GENEVA FRANCIS<sup>7</sup> COX (*ALLEN VIRGIL<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 08 January, 1927. She married ELBERT FREMONT STUBBS.



Children of GENEVA COX and ELBERT STUBBS are:

- 34. i. CAROL JOY<sup>8</sup> STUBBS, born 1951.
- 35. ii. LYNETTE STUBBS, born 1952.
- 36. iii. DON DELBERT STUBBS, born 1956.

21. THEDA JO<sup>7</sup> COX (*ALLEN VIRGIL<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 18 September, 1928. She married (1) REAFORD EZEL BROWNING 27 August, 1948 in Chickasha, Oklahoma. She married (2) JACK CLARENCE EDGE 09 June, 1990.

Child of THEDA COX and REAFORD BROWNING is:

- 37. i. GLYN ALLEN<sup>8</sup> BROWNING, born 26 August, 1952.

22. BOBBY ALLEN<sup>7</sup> COX (*ALLEN VIRGIL<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 21 January, 1932. He married JULIA DELI CARTER 03 October, 1954.

Children of BOBBY COX and JULIA CARTER are:

- 38. i. JODY ALLEN<sup>8</sup> COX, born 31 January, 1956.
- ii. CARLA COX.
- iii. LONNIE DEAN COX, born 17 October, 1960.
- iv. MARY COX.
- 39. v. KELLY JOEL COX, born 27 January, 1960.
- vi. JOANNA COX.

23. LEVA JOY<sup>7</sup> COX (*ALLEN VIRGIL<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 30 June, 1934. She married RONALD WILLIAM SORENSON.

Children of LEVA COX and RONALD SORENSON are:

- i. DIANA JOY<sup>8</sup> SORENSON, born 05 January, 1958.
- ii. WESLEY WILLIAM SORENSON, born 26 March, 1963.

24. CHARLES WESLEY<sup>7</sup> COX (*MARVIN WESLEY<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 13 November, 1932. He married JO-ANN HUGHEY 18 June, 1954 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Children of CHARLES COX and JO-ANN HUGHEY are:

- 40. i. CHARLA ANN<sup>8</sup> COX, born 12 July, 1960.
- ii. DANA JO COX, born 09 August, 1962.

25. KENNETH RAY<sup>7</sup> COX (*MARVIN WESLEY<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 29 June, 1940 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He married (1) TERRY LYNN HERREN 24 April, 1957 in Denton, Texas, daughter of ELDON HERREN and ROCHELLE WIGGIN. He married (2) ORLINE RODRIGUEZ VIGIL 1975 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He married (3) ADENA LEMING HIBDON 1977 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He married (4) DORIS GAIL MONHOLLAND 20 June, 1979 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, daughter of LUTHER "CARLTON" MONHOLLAND and LOMETTA "DEAN" CLARK.



Children of KENNETH COX and TERRY LYNN HERREN are:

- 41. i. TIMOTHY RAY<sup>8</sup> COX, born 21 April, 1958, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- 42. ii. JAMES MATTHEW COX, born 09 January, 1960.
- 43. iii. DAVID WESLEY COX, born 10 September, 1961.
- 44. iv. DANIEL LYNN COX, born 02 March, 1963.
- 45. v. STEVEN ANTHONY COX, born 29 March, 1966.

Child of DORIS MONHOLLAND and adopted by KENNETH COX is:

- 46. vi. CHRISTOPHER PAUL<sup>8</sup> COX, born 08 April, 1975.

26. WILLIAM KEITH<sup>7</sup> COX (*MARVIN WESLEY<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 11 August, 1941 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He married JOAN MARIE WHITLOCK 19 February, 1961 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, daughter of WILLIE WHITLOCK and RUBY DECOCQ.

Children of WILLIAM COX and JOAN WHITLOCK are:

- 47. i. BRENDA LEE<sup>8</sup> COX, born 07 December, 1962, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- 48. ii. ANITA LYNN COX, born 20 October, 1969, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

27. CLAUDE CARROLL<sup>7</sup> COX (*CLAUDIE VERBLE<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 08 June, 1936. He married (1) JOYCE TUCKER 26 December, 1960. He married (2) Nancy Miller 01 August 1998.

Child of CLAUDE COX and JOYCE TUCKER is:

- 49. i. DEBORAH RENÉE<sup>8</sup> COX, born 26 August 1968; married Scott Garner

Child of JOYCE TUCKER by her first marriage to WILLIS WRIGHT is:

JERRY LEE WRIGHT, born 15 November 1956

28. JOE GLENN<sup>7</sup> COX (*CLAUDIE VERBLE<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 10 October, 1939 in Ardmore, Oklahoma. He married (1) VIRGINIA ELLEN RYAN. He married (2) DEBORAH RHYS 07 March, 1979.

Children of JOE COX and VIRGINIA RYAN are:

- 50. i. VIRGINIA JULIE MARIE<sup>8</sup> COX, born 21 November, 1959.
- 51. ii. LORI LEE COX, born 30 March, 1961.
- 52. iii. RUTH ELLEN COX, born 06 December, 1962.
- 53. iv. LISA JO COX, born 30 March, 1965.

29. KIM WAYNE<sup>7</sup> COX (*WILL N.<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 07 December, 1953. He married (1) BEVERLY WHITE. He married (2) LINDA BROOKS YORK.

Children of KIM COX and BEVERLY WHITE are:

- i. TOYBE ANN<sup>8</sup> COX, born 15 December, 1970.
- ii. JIM DAVID COX, born 03 September, 1974.
- iii. JOE BRYAN COX, born 24 March, 1978.

Children of KIM COX and LINDA BROOKS YORK are:

- iv. LINDSAY NICOLE COX, born 26 June, 1987.
- v. COURTNEY CHRISTINE COX, born 06 July, 1989.



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**30. CYNTHIA LYNN<sup>8</sup> COX** (*JIMMIE E.<sup>7</sup>, EMMANUEL V.<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 11 August, 1956. She married DALE MATHIS 06 October, 1973.

Children of CYNTHIA COX and DALE MATHIS are:

- i. JASON<sup>9</sup> MATHIS, born 17 October, 1975.
- ii. BRANDON LEE MATHIS, born 20 April, 1979.

**31. EDDIE<sup>8</sup> VAN COX** (*JIMMIE E.<sup>7</sup> COX, EMMANUEL V.<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 01 March, 1958. He married (1) HELEN LORTON 20 August, 1976. He married (2) KAREN ELIZABETH BOOHER 07 February, 1981. He married (3) LAURA JONES 22 December, 1995.

Child of EDDIE VAN COX and HELEN LORTON is:

- i. SARAH DAWN<sup>9</sup> COX, born 20 July, 1979.

Children of EDDIE VAN COX and KAREN BOOHER are:

- ii. EMERALD DAE<sup>9</sup> COX, born 18 March, 1982; died 28 November, 1998.
- iii. JIM THERON COX, born 01 May, 1984.

**32. CHRISTI ANN<sup>8</sup> COX** (*GERALD LEE<sup>7</sup>, EMMANUEL V.<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 05 February, 1960. She married WILLIAM DAVID EISCHEID 20 October, 1984.

Children of CHRISTI COX and WILLIAM EISCHEID are:

- i. JESSICA BLAIR<sup>9</sup> EISCHEID, born 24 September, 1987.
- ii. WILLIAM ANDREW EISCHEID, born 19 June, 1990.

**33. BARRY ANDREW<sup>8</sup> COX** (*GERALD LEE<sup>7</sup>, EMMANUEL V.<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 11 November, 1963. He married ANGELA KAY CUDDEBACK 29 October, 1988.

Children of BARRY COX and ANGELA CUDDEBACK are:

- i. BAYLOR<sup>9</sup> COX, born 18 May, 1994.
- ii. LAWRENCE LEE COX, born 21 November, 1998.

**34. CAROL JOY<sup>8</sup> STUBBS** (*GENEVA FRANCIS<sup>7</sup> COX, ALLEN VIRGIL<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1951. She married WENDALL THOMAS.

Children of CAROL STUBBS and WENDALL THOMAS are:

- i. LISA<sup>9</sup> THOMAS, born 1980.
- ii. LESTER THOMAS, born 1983.





35. LYNETTE<sup>8</sup> STUBBS (*GENEVA FRANCIS<sup>7</sup> COX, ALLEN VIRGIL<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1952. She married JERRY KING.

Child of LYNETTE STUBBS and JERRY KING is:

- i. BENJAMIN<sup>9</sup> KING, born 1976.

36. DON DELBERT<sup>8</sup> STUBBS (*GENEVA FRANCIS<sup>7</sup> COX, ALLEN VIRGIL<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 1956. He married CHRISTINE COTTRELL.

Children of DON STUBBS and CHRISTINE COTTRELL are:

- i. JERRY SHANE<sup>9</sup> STUBBS, born 1977.
- ii. KARA REGINA STUBBS, born 1980.
- iii. DANYKA CHRISTINE STUBBS, born 1984.

37. GLYN ALLEN<sup>8</sup> BROWNING (*THEDA JO<sup>7</sup> COX, ALLEN VIRGIL<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 26 August, 1952. He married TERESA LYNN HOBAUGH.

Children of GLYN BROWNING and TERESA HOBAUGH are:

- i. MANDY LYNN<sup>9</sup> BROWNING, born 25 August, 1979.
- ii. BETH ELLEN BROWNING, born 08 January, 1981.
- iii. ANNA RUTH BROWNING, born 26 August, 1983.
- iv. EMILY MAE BROWNING, born 22 November, 1985.

38. JODY ALLEN<sup>8</sup> COX (*BOBBY ALLEN<sup>7</sup>, ALLEN VIRGIL<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 31 January, 1956. He married CHRISTINA LYNN CHERRY-WALLGREN.

Children of JODY COX and CHRISTINA CHERRY-WALLGREN are:

- i. ASHLEY CHRISTINE<sup>9</sup> COX, born 05 October, 1978; married ROBERT HARGROVE, 04 September, 1999.
- ii. CHRISTOPHER WADE COX, born 26 February, 1980.
- iii. JESSICA LYNN COX, born 04 April, 1985.
- iv. JULIA CAITLYN COX, born 20 November, 1990.
- v. CHRISTOPHER L. COX, born 01 March, 1994.
- vi. ADRIAN KEEVEN COX, born 16 June, 1997.

39. KELLY JOEL<sup>8</sup> COX (*BOBBY ALLEN<sup>7</sup>, ALLEN VIRGIL<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 27 January, 1960. He married JANA DEE GRUBBS 29 July, 1978.

Children of KELLY COX and JANA GRUBBS are:

- i. NICHOLAS ALLEN<sup>9</sup> COX, born 06 January, 1982.
- ii. CAMERON KYLE COX, born 06 May, 1987.



40. CHARLA ANN<sup>8</sup> COX (*CHARLES WESLEY<sup>7</sup>, MARVIN WESLEY<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 12 July, 1960. She married (1) DAVID EPLEY 21 November, 1982. She married (2) JAMES DOUGLAS BUNDY 13 December, 1990.

Children of CHARLA COX and DAVID EPLEY are:

- i. CHELSEY ANN<sup>9</sup> EPLEY, born 11 February, 1984.
- ii. CHAD RYAN EPLEY EPLEY, born 01 July, 1987.

Child of CHARLA COX and JAMES BUNDY is:

- iii. GREGORY MICHAEL<sup>9</sup> BUNDY, born 09 September, 1992.

41. TIMOTHY RAY<sup>8</sup> COX (*KENNETH RAY<sup>7</sup>, MARVIN WESLEY<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 21 April, 1958 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He married LYNDA KAY BALCH 10 August, 1974 in Clovis, New Mexico, daughter of BOBBIE BALCH and FRANCIS WHEELER. They reside in Clovis, New Mexico.

Children of TIMOTHY COX and LYNDA BALCH are:

- i. JASON TRINITY<sup>9</sup> COX, born 02 March, 1975.
- ii. SHELLY DENISE COX, born 17 May, 1977.
- iii. NATHAN SCOTT COX, born 14 August, 1980.
55. iv. RICHARD LYNN COX, born 17 August, 1983.

42. JAMES MATTHEW<sup>8</sup> COX (*KENNETH RAY<sup>7</sup>, MARVIN WESLEY<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 09 January, 1960. He married (1) DEBRA SUE SHAW 22 April, 1976, daughter of ROBERT SHAW and EMILY SMITH. His fourth marriage is to (4) JANETTE KAY COOK August 1999. They reside in Westminster, Colorado.

Children of JAMES COX and DEBRA SHAW are:

- i. MICHELLE YVONNE<sup>9</sup> COX, born 08 November, 1976.
54. ii. LEEANNE MARIE COX, born 16 August, 1979.

43. DAVID WESLEY<sup>8</sup> COX (*KENNETH RAY<sup>7</sup>, MARVIN WESLEY<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 10 September, 1961. He met FRANÇOIS JEAN PINTO 09 May, 1986 in Paris, France, son of JOSÉ NUNES PINTO and MARGARITE ROUSSEAU. They reside in Paris, France.

44. DANIEL LYNN<sup>8</sup> COX (*KENNETH RAY<sup>7</sup>, MARVIN WESLEY<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 02 March, 1963. He married ADELLA LUCAS HARVILLE 06 May, 1981, daughter of CARROLL HARVILLE and CLARA MITCHELL. They divorced. He later married, then divorced (2) KATHY R. HAGEN. Daniel resides in Sparks, Nevada. Adella and Cody reside in Oklahoma.

Child of DANIEL COX and ADELLA HARVILLE is:

- i. CODY LYNN<sup>9</sup> COX, born 27 October, 1983.



45. STEVEN ANTHONY<sup>8</sup> COX (*KENNETH RAY<sup>7</sup>, MARVIN WESLEY<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 29 March, 1966. He married (1) DYANNE ECKDAHL 02 June, 1990 in Vail, Colorado, daughter of ARTHUR ECKDAHL and NANCY WALLING. He married (2) LORRIE MANES-KEIM 29 June, 1997. They reside in Aurora, Colorado.

Child of STEVE COX and DYANNE ECKDAHL is:

- i. BRITTANY MORGAN<sup>9</sup> COX, born 21 August, 1993.

Child of STEVE COX and LORRIE MANES-KEIM is:

- i. RYLEIGH NICOLE<sup>9</sup> COX, born 6 September, 2000.

46. CHRISTOPHER PAUL<sup>8</sup> COX (*natural son of Doris Gail Monholland, adopted by KENNETH RAY<sup>7</sup>, MARVIN WESLEY<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 08 April, 1975. He married (1) REBECCA HENNINGTON 1994. He married (2) JESSICA LAURA JOSLIN 1997. They have now divorced. Christopher resides in Oklahoma City.

Child of CHRISTOPHER COX and JESSICA JOSLIN is:

- i. JENCIE ELIZABETH<sup>9</sup> COX, born 21 October, 1998.

47. BRENDA LEE<sup>8</sup> COX (*WILLIAM KEITH<sup>7</sup>, MARVIN WESLEY<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 07 December, 1962 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She married STEVE HERSCHEL MOORE 04 June, 1982 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They reside in Oklahoma.

Children adopted by BRENDA COX and STEVE MOORE are:

- i. TYLER COLE<sup>9</sup> MOORE, born 13 January, 1991.
- ii. ALEXIS MICHELE MOORE, born 12 March, 1995.

48. ANITA LYNN<sup>8</sup> COX (*WILLIAM KEITH<sup>7</sup>, MARVIN WESLEY<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 20 October, 1969 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She married JOEL KIMBALL May 1984 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, son of AUBREY KIMBALL and ANITA PARKER.

Children of ANITA COX and JOEL KIMBALL are:

- i. MARY ELIZABETH<sup>9</sup> KIMBALL, born 12 February, 1985.
- ii. DAVID WESLEY KIMBALL, born 09 June, 1986.
- iii. DANIEL AARON KIMBALL, born 07 June, 1988.
- iv. JAMES KELVIN KIMBALL, born 31 March, 1992.
- v. PAUL ISAAC KIMBALL, born 25 April, 1992.
- vi. JOANNA LEE KIMBALL, born 28 March, 1994.

49. DEBORA RENEE<sup>8</sup> COX (*CLAUDIE CARROLL<sup>7</sup>, CLAUDIE VERBLE<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 26 August 1968. She married SCOT GARNER. They have no children.



**50.** VIRGINIA JULIE MARIE<sup>8</sup> COX (*JOE GLENN<sup>7</sup>, CLAUDIE VERBLE<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 21 November, 1959. She married LEWIS CRESPO.

Children of VIRGINIA COX and LEWIS CRESPO are:

- i. MARK<sup>9</sup> CRESPO, born 11 April, 1982.
- ii. BLAKE CRESPO, born 18 March, 1984.

**51.** LORI LEE<sup>8</sup> COX (*JOE GLENN<sup>7</sup>, CLAUDIE VERBLE<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 30 March, 1961. She married (1) JOE TOTTE. She married (2) BOBBY HUTCHINSON.

Children of LORI COX and JOE TOTTE are:

- i. CHRISTOPHER W.<sup>9</sup> TOTTE, born 12 June, 1981.
- ii. RYAN J. TOTTE, born 29 September, 1984.

**52.** RUTH ELLEN<sup>8</sup> COX (*JOE GLENN<sup>7</sup>, CLAUDIE VERBLE<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 06 December, 1962. She married MAC ERWIN.

Children of RUTH COX and MAC ERWIN are:

- i. JARED LEE<sup>9</sup> ERWIN, born 08 February, 1984.
- ii. KERI LYNN ERWIN, born 07 September, 1987.

**53.** LISA JO<sup>8</sup> COX (*JOE GLENN<sup>7</sup>, CLAUDIE VERBLE<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 30 March, 1965. She married (1) BUTCH STARK. She married (2) JASON STRAW.

Child of LISA COX and JASON STRAW is:

- i. DALLAS AARON<sup>9</sup> STRAW, born 31 August, 1999.

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**54.** LEEANNE MARIE<sup>9</sup> COX (*JAMES MATTHEW<sup>8</sup>, KENNETH RAY<sup>7</sup>, MARVIN WESLEY<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 16 August, 1979.

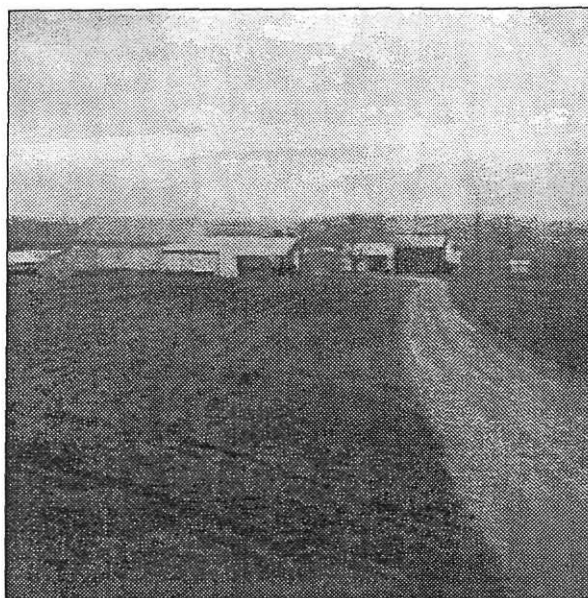
Child of LEEANNE MARIE COX is:

- i. ARIEL MADISON<sup>10</sup> WATTS, born 04 October, 1996.

**55.** RICHARD LYNN<sup>9</sup> COX (*TIMOTHY RAY<sup>8</sup>, KENNETH RAY<sup>7</sup>, MARVIN WESLEY<sup>6</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>5</sup>, WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 17 August, 1983.

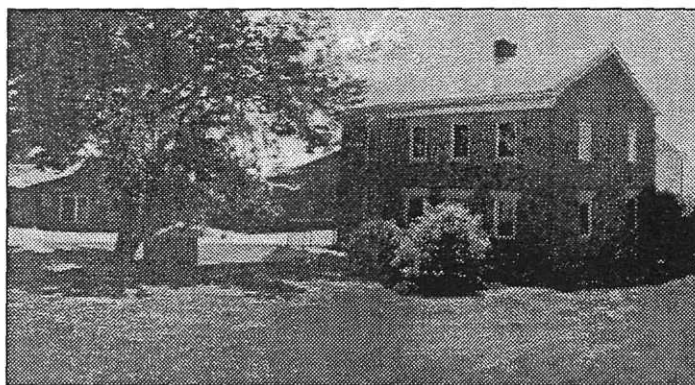
Child of RICHARD LYNN COX and KINDRA LESLY is:

- i. SIERRA DENISE<sup>10</sup> LESLY, born 12 August, 2000.



Down this road is the house you see below.  
This is the house that Peter Cox built.

The modern day address is:  
1333 S.W. Lebanon Road  
Dalton, Wayne County, Ohio.



**Photograph 28: Peter Cox's brick home in Dalton, Ohio**  
*Built circa 1820*

## **MAGDALIN & PETER COX, SON OF ELIZABETH & MICHAEL SR.**

by Kenny Ray Cox

Peter Cox (Cocks) was probably born around 1765 rather than 1775 as his son Jacob said in his "reminiscences." The census records all indicate this and if Peter rode on a horse with his sister across the mountains to their new home on the first day of March 1769 as his dad's deed indicates, then 1765 seems to fit much better than 1775.

The only marriage record for a Peter Cox that seems to fit is a record at the old Swedes Church in Philadelphia on Christmas Day 1796 to a Jane Roberts. Roberts is a name found very close to Fruit Hill but a check of wills of the Roberts people included neither the name Jane nor Magdalin.

Peter and Magdalin owned several pieces of land when they decided to move to Ohio in 1814. Some land was sold "on credit." This mortgage was later sold. It appears that several trips were made between the new Ohio home and the old place.

Peter probably served in the War of 1812 but the record of it is so bad that we can not be sure of its contents.

The land he acquired in Ohio was very different than the land his father and brothers had chosen in that it was almost perfectly flat. But there was one similarity, a natural spring that produces a run of water to fill the needs of the homestead and livestock, just as Michael Senior and Michael Junior had.

When I first found this farm, it was a crisp, cool August Sunday morning—so cool that I had my heavy J.B. Hunt Transport Company jacket on. I had a section map of Sugar Creek Township of Wayne County, Ohio and had determined that the North East quarter of Section 14, Township 16 and Range 11 must be about one and a half miles east and one and a half miles south of the town of Dalton. But I knew that Dalton had had a very bad fire a long time ago and so I was not certain that the center of town today is the same as the center of the town in the past. So after parking my rig behind Hardee's, I walked north to the town's center and in so doing, satisfied myself that it was the same today as it had been back then.

As I walked east, I passed by the place where the inn had been. I continued on in the same direction to the place where the tavern portion of the old inn had been moved and transformed into the town's museum and library. This library is closed except for every once in a while when someone will open it up for a day or two.

Continuing east, I came upon a father and son working on an antique car. Old vehicles are always of interest to me, and I really appreciate folks who restore them. I lingered and visited and asked if they knew their "legal land description." They



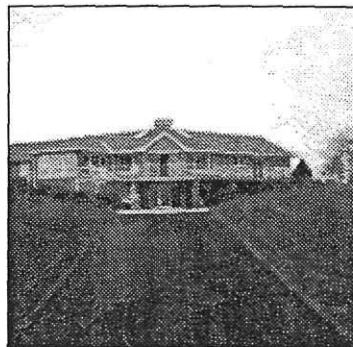


laughed and said, "Heavens, no. But it's time for a break anyway, so let's go to the house and we'll find our deed and see what it is."

Together they determined that the place I was looking for was probably Mr. Gerber's place—and if it wasn't, then he would know where the Cox farm was as he had lived there all his life. I thanked them, thinking they were fine folks to make me feel so welcome and take the time to understand and help me in my search for the old Cox farm. I wish I could remember their names.

I continued east on the old Lincoln Highway to Lebanon Road where I turned south to the Herman Gerber farm. But wait—across the road I saw a man working in his garden. I went to him and asked what he knew of the past history of these farms. He told me that his wife had been a Goudy and that her family was one of the first to come to Wayne County, Ohio when it was first opened up for settlement in 1814. He assured me that Mr. Gerber would be able to tell me "all about it."

As I turned down the gravel drive to the two-story brick home of Mr. Gerber, a car approached and stopped. There was a man and woman in the car, and the man driving started to ask who I was. I could sense that they thought I was probably a process server or a UPS driver as I was in my all brown uniform. I explained that I was looking for my ancestor's home. The lady said she was Herman Gerber's sister and that all she knew about the farm was that it had been purchased by their father in 1920 from a Mr. Irwin who had just ruined the land by over fertilizing with chicken manure—which, dear reader—if you are not familiar with the ins and outs of animal fertilizer—is very hot stuff and burns the land. It took several years to get the land balanced and the farm back to good productivity. I followed them to the house. There we met Mr. Herman Gerber.



**Photograph 29:**  
New brick home  
of H. Gerber,  
Dalton, Ohio.

Outside the house, Mr. Gerber listened to my whole story attentively and said, "How do you spell your last name?"

I told him "C- O- X."

"Hmmm." he replied, "hang on a minute, I'll be right back." He went upstairs and returned with a large envelope that he proceeded to dump on the car trunk. Enclosed were all the *original* deeds of that farm.

Now, I had copies of these deeds, but these were the originals—not copies—and they should have been at the Court House, not his house. And when I saw the grant to Peter Cocks, it was like "Wow" I did not want to touch it without white gloves on. Oh, how I wanted to trade with him. Unfortunately, he wouldn't trade.

The deeds showed that the land had passed from Peter to Jacob to Mr. Irwin to Herman's dad in 1920, and now to Derry Neuenschwander, whose son Craig and wife Rachel live on this farm.



Herman told me that his dad had bought the place just after Herman's birth. So even though he was not born there, he had lived there all his life.

When I expressed my desire to take pictures of the place, Herman's brother-in-law agreed to help. He explained that he had worked on the farm for the elder Mr. Gerber and had helped to build portions of the old barn standing over there and had helped pour the cement for the front porch when the old one finally wore out. He remembered the elder Mr. Gerber saying that this 'ole house' was at least a hundred years old when he bought it in 1920 and that the brick was made "on site," at a brick kiln right there on the farm. So there it was, the farm house that Peter Cox built. And it was still being lived in. It was a wonderful moment for me. To think that after all the hours, postage and money I had spent on this search, I finally had something to show for it all.

A couple of years later, my son David came home from Paris and rode with me eleven days. We were able to visit this farm together and it was great to watch him go through what I had experienced emotionally. He must have taken a million pictures. We got to visit with the man who sometimes opens the little museum. This man has an organic garden. He and David talked till after dark.

From the skimpy early day records of Wayne County, Ohio, we believe the family of Peter and Magdalin Cox consisted of six children. Unfortunately, we have no clear information on Magdalin's maiden name.

Their first child very likely died in infancy. Five others were born after her: Jacob, Catherine, Stewart, William, and Mary Ann. Jacob Cox was born 29 Aug 1801, died 14 March 1885. He married Rebecca Jane Denman on 4 December 1823. Stewart was born between 1800 and 1810. He married Ann Garretson on 9 November 1824. Catherine was born in 1803. She married John Stout on 16 January 1823. Mary Ann was born before 1810. She married Thomas Lamb 10 August 1824, and she died 27 January 1853. William was born between 1810 and 1820. He married Margaret Ann Beal on 5 November 1832.

Another William Cox (unrelated?) was born in Wayne County, Ohio on April 19, 1816, and joined the Baptist Church in Wooster in 1832 and married on February 10, 1838 in Stark County, Ohio to Mary Ann Sites. This may be the same William but not enough proof of it has been found to verify his identity. This couple had a daughter they named Jane and lived in Kendallville, Indiana, as other of our Cox folks did.<sup>26</sup>

I haven't found a will for Peter. On the 1830 Census an older man is listed as living with Jacob. This could be Peter. Jacob had his land, and Peter's possessions could have already been given to other children. I searched for a grave; I even asked Mr. Gerber if there had been any graves on the farm.

I searched the area thoroughly but found nothing. We'll just have to assume that Jacob didn't get his father a headstone. I've never found out what happened to his wife Magdalin, either. Though I searched surrounding counties, thinking he may have moved, this search was unproductive.

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<sup>26</sup> For more information on this contact Dorothy Wilkin Clark





### Peter and Magdalin Cox and their children:

**Peter Cox** b 1765, place unknown, perhaps the Susquehanna River valley at Peach Bottom, near the Maryland border; d 1841, Ohio, burial place unknown  
m **Magdalin** (Jane Roberts?); b 1756-1774, d. before 1830

#### Children:

1. female b between 1795-1800
2. **Jacob Cox** b 29 Aug 1801 Fayette County, Pennsylvania  
d 14 Mar 1885 Dalton, Ohio  
m **Jane Denman** 04 Dec 1823  
b Ten-Mile, Washington County, Pennsylvania  
d 18 Apr 1874 Wayne County, Ohio
3. Catherine Cox b 1802-04  
m John Stout 16 Jan 1823 Wayne County, Ohio
4. Stewart Cox b between 1810-1820  
m Ann Garretson 09 Nov 1824 Wayne County, Ohio
5. William Cox b between 1810-1820  
m Margaret Ann Beal 05 Nov 1832
6. Mary Ann Cox b between 1810-1820, d 27 January 1853  
m Thomas Lamb 10 August 1824

Our information on Peter's year of birth comes from several sources and results in several years. He was born in 1775 according to *Wayne County History*. The 1790 census set his birth before 1774 and indicated that he was the son of Michael Cox Sr. The 1800 census put his birth sometime between 1756 and 1774. The 1810 census put his birth before 1765, while the 1820 census placed it before 1775. The 1830 census listed him living with Jacob Cox in the years 1761-70. The census of 1840 contained the same information.

As for his wife, Magdalin, the deeds of Fayette County, Pennsylvania and the census of 1800 set her birth between 1756 and 1774. The census of 1810 set her birth between 1766 and 84. Her date of birth is not shown in the census of 1820. We have no information on her maiden name, marriage date, or place of birth.

Jacob is listed in the *Wayne County Ohio History*. The 1810 census Fayette County Pennsylvania and the 1820 census Wayne County, Ohio also provide information on the household.



## DEED ON PETER'S FARM

Wayne County Ohio, Office of Recorder Deed Book Vol. 114, page 642-643

United States  
James Madison, President  
To  
Peter Cocks

James Madison President of the United States of America. To all to whom these presents shall come greeting. Know ye that Peter Cocks of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, having deposited in the General Land office a certificate of the Register of

the Land office at Canton thereby it appears that full payment has been made for the north east quarter of Section fourteen of Township sixteen in Range eleven of the lands directed to be sold at Canton by the Act of Congress entitled "An act providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the Territory north west of the Ohio and about the north of Kentucky River and of the acts amending of the same there is granted by the United States unto the said Peter Cocks, the quarter Lot an Section of land above described to \_\_\_\_\_ and to hold the said quarter Lot and Section of land with the appurtenances unto the said Peter Cocks his heirs and assigns forever. In testimony thereof I have caused these letters to be made Patent and the Seal of the General Land Office to whereunto affixed. Given under my hand at the City of Washington the twenty seventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen and of the independence of the United States of America the fortieth.

By the President James Madison  
United States General Land Office  
Josiah Meigs Commissioner of the General Land Office  
Received and Recorded May 25th 1886, Huey Marshall, Recorder

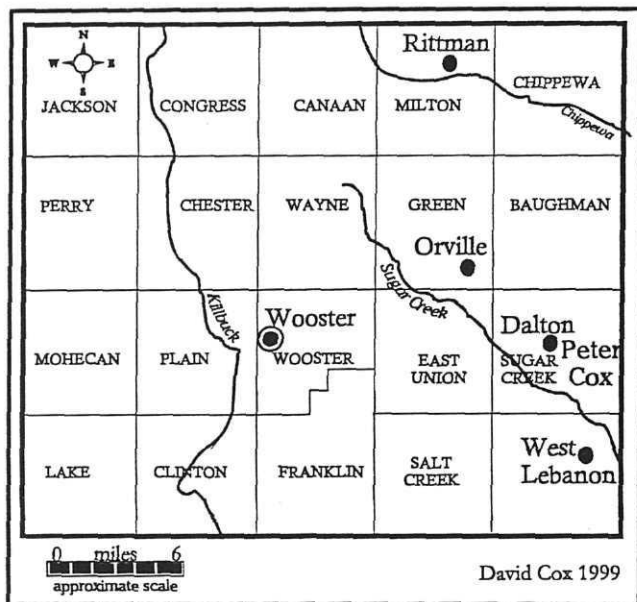
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Map 13: Wayne County, Ohio Townships



Peter Cox settled his family on a quarter section farm (half a mile by half a mile) just southeast of the town of Dalton in Sugar Creek Township Wayne County.

For researchers, Wooster is the place to visit. For those who can't make the trip, the web site [www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com) has oodles of information and links to Wayne and other Ohio counties.

Wayne County Probate Court  
107 W Liberty St  
Wooster, OH 44691

Wayne County Public Library  
304 N Market St  
Wooster, OH 44691

Map 14: The Coxes in Ohio



To better situate Wayne County, it is just to the southeast of Akron and northeast of Columbus, the state capital.

Peter Cox settled in Wayne County, while his brother, Jacob, settled in Darke County on the western edge of the future state. Peter's grandson, Samuel Denman Cox, died in Ashtabula County, located in the far northeast corner of the state.

Logan County contains the burial place of the "other Michael Cox".

## **JACOB COX & JANE DENMAN, SON OF MAGDALIN & PETER**

by Kenny Ray Cox

When I went into the Wayne County Public Library in Wooster, Ohio and told the librarian what I needed, she began to grab books and dig in the files. I had information so fast that my head was buzzing. She insisted that I also go to the Courthouse that very day. After all the years of searching for family history on William Newton's family, my dream of putting the family story together was finally being realized.

I'll start with the will of Jacob Cox. Unfortunately, the exact date that it was written is not clear on my copy. The will clearly shows William Newton as his son. It states: "My son Newton to have \$100.00 and all obligations that I hold against him for taking care of me during my life. Should he fail, the estate will be divided equally."

By March of 1885, at his death, Jacob had gotten rid of all his belongings except for a stove and bookcase, and had rented out his farm. Executors paid Jacob A. White for a year's boarding for Jacob. This must mean that between June of 1880 and March of 1884, Newton had left his father.

On the application to Probate the will, Newton is in Chautauqua County, Kansas. By April of 1886, executors have collected notes (owed) from heirs, stating Will N. owed \$179.85. All accounts show heirs receiving equal amounts, so Newton obviously didn't stay with Jacob in the last year of his life.

It would be interesting to know how Jacob based his interest on his children's notes. Alpheus seems to have owed the largest amounts as Seiberling & Cox does the collecting. He is supposedly in Doylestown, not far from Wooster. Why didn't he collect it himself? Perhaps he also owed this company money.

Jacob may have owned several pieces of property. On April 1, 1886, \$2000.00 was collected on real estate. On April 1, 1887, another \$3000.00 was paid on Jacob's estate. On April 2, 1888, \$4270.75 was paid. This could mean a payment was made annually for three years on one piece or payments could have been made separately.

I was able to read a few newspapers while in the Wayne county Library. I found Jacob's obituary (see p. 236) and his story in the Wayne County History Book. He had lived in Wayne county on the same land since his early teens. He married Jane Denman, of Ten-Mile, Washington County, Pennsylvania on December 4, 1823. They celebrated their fifty year anniversary. Jane died the 18th day of April 1874. They raised eight of their own children. He had financially supported his church and stated



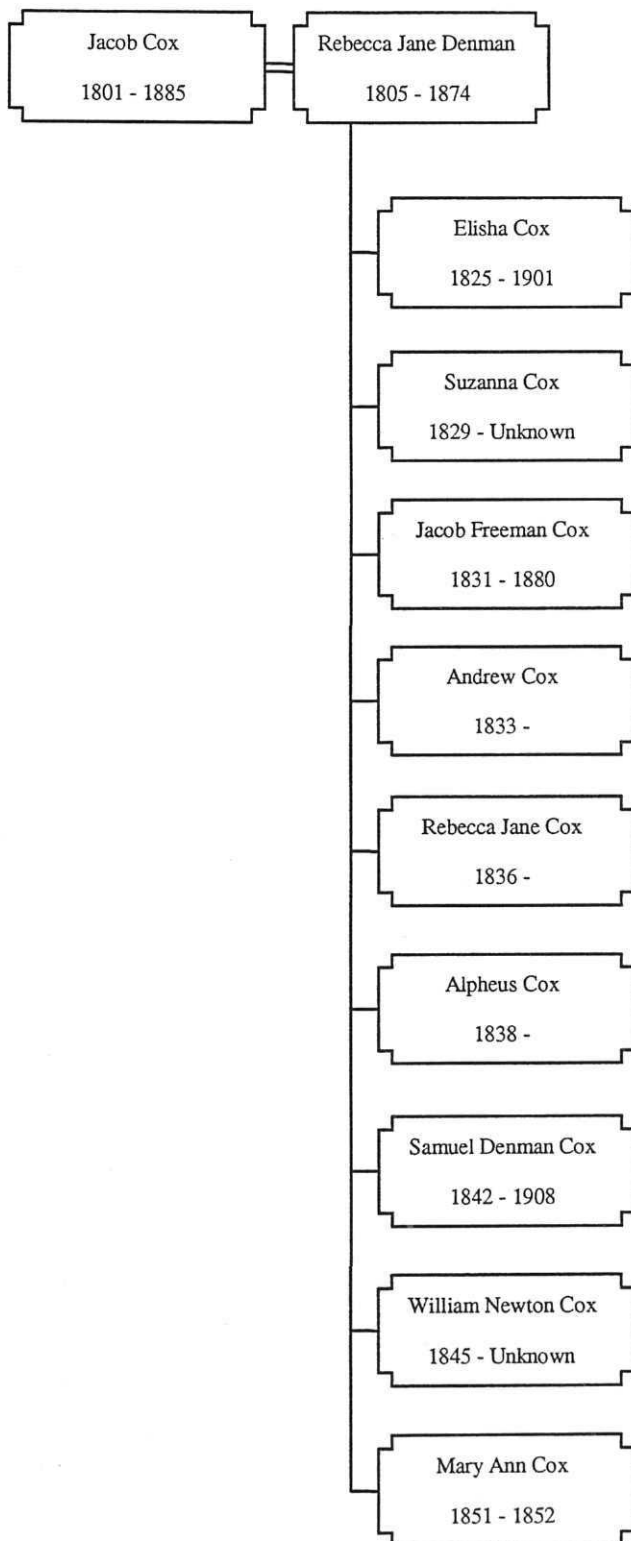
that any monies left of his estate go to the Baptist Mission Society. Perhaps William Newton and Ellen Loretta became missionaries.

Looking at the census records, Jacob probably took care of his father, in his final years. If that was Peter living with him in 1830 and 40, where did he bury Peter? I've searched surrounding counties and didn't find any clue. He must have buried him on the farm. Why isn't there a tombstone? Some Denman children were living with Jacob in 1850-1870, probably his wife's siblings. Newton lived with his father about 39 years (with wives and children). This tells us that Jacob raised a great many children during his lifetime.

Jacob had two sons in the Civil War. I talked to a gentleman in Wooster, who told me that Alpheus had served, but I've never located this information. Jacob Freeman Cox served 10-8-1862 to 7-17-1863 with NSN Army 41st Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He died of cirrhosis of the liver on 23 June 1880. Also serving was William Newton Cox (#1), my great-grandfather.



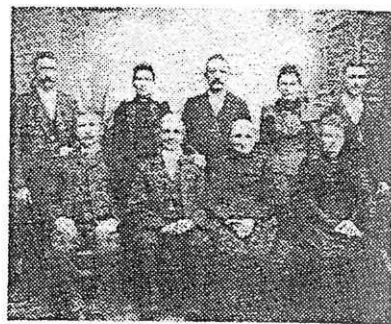
Children of Rebecca Jane Denman & Jacob Cox





### Children and grandchildren of Rebecca Jane Denman & Jacob Cox

1. **Elisha D. Cox**, born 20 Mar 1825; died 03 May 1901.<sup>27</sup>  
m<sup>1</sup> **Sarah Ann Tanner** 10 Feb 1848, b 1824; d 11 Apr 1851.  
m<sup>2</sup> **Margaret Eckert** 27 Feb 1853; b. 5 Mar 1830 in Darmstadt, Hesse, Germany, daughter of Peter Eckard and Margaret Hartman. They lived in Corona (Corunna), Indiana. They were Baptists. Elisha figures in the 1885 probate records of Jacob Cox. He was a blacksmith and a farmer. Margaret lived her final years with daughter, Margaret Jane Clinesmith, in Angola, Indiana.



Photograph 30: Eli Cox and family  
Eli and Margaret are front center, children not identified.

Eli and Margaret had nine children:

1. **Mary Ellen Cox**, b. 5 Feb 1855; d. 23 Dec 1862
2. **Margaret Jane Cox**, b. 25 May 1857; m. 11 Apr 1878 **Jacob Clinesmith**, b 16 Jul 1851; their daughter was named **Elta**, b 04 Jul 1882, d. 13 Jul 1889.
3. **William Franklin Cox**, b. 30 Apr 1859; m. 23 Feb 1887 to **Margaret Brown** b. 6 Jun 1866 in New York. They were Presbyterians and lived in Graham Co. Kansas, Washington Co. Kansas, Clay Co. Kansas, and Indian Territory for six years. They had two children who died young and one daughter: **Mary Margaret Cox**, b. 18 Jan 1893 in Clay Co., Kansas.
4. **Anna Cox**, b. 4 Mar 1861; m. 5 Mar 1882 **James R. Frederick**, b 11 July 1854. They lived in Kendallville, were Methodists and Republicans. He was a carpenter. Child b. & d. 27 Mar 1889; **Zella Frederick** b. 18 Jan 1891.
5. **Cora Etta Cox**, b. 18 Jul 1863; m. 5 Oct 1883 **George Clinesmith**, b. 1857 in Steuben Co. IN. Their children were: **Archie G. Clinesmith**, b. 10 Mar 1885, d. 17 Mar 1885; **Birtie May Clinesmith**, b. 25 Jun 1889; **Jacob Henry Clinesmith**, b. 27 Mar 1891; and **Nina J. Clinesmith**, b. 15 May 1898.
6. **Jacob Peter Cox**, b. 17 Apr 1866 (no other information).
7. **Hiram Biff Cox**, b. 15 Mar 1868; m. 17 Mar 1892, **Ida R. Hovarter**, b. 08 May 1871. (Direct ancestors of **John M. Cox**, Tucson, AZ; address on p. 379).
8. **John Fuller Cox**, b. 14 Apr 1870; d. 11 Nov 1880
9. **Oren Wesley Cox**, b. 26 Aug 1873; m. 18 Mar 1902 to **May Adeline Holman** b. 20 Feb 1878 Lebanon, Boone Co., Indiana. Oren was a painter, a Republican, and member of the Church of Christ. Their three children were: **Bulah Cox**; **Francis Cox**, b. 3 Feb 1903; d. 25 Jul 1905; **Raymond Wesley Cox**, 11 Sep 1906 Vester, Kansas.

<sup>27</sup> Genealogical information on Elisha D. Cox and descendants from the privately published book *Peter Eckard Ancestry* graciously provided by R. Michael Eckard His address figures in Appendix 4, p. 379. Copy of this book at Dalton and Akron libraries.





2. **Suzanna Cox**, b ca 1829 (1850 census); d unknown, lived in Corunna (formerly spelled Corona) in 1885 and Kendalville Indiana, 1908; m Sebastian Echart (spelled with final d or t). One child: **Elizabeth L. Echard**.

3. **Jacob Freeman Cox**, b 1831; d 23 Jun 1880 Wayne County, Civil War Veteran; m. **Mary E. Slusser**, 29 Dec 1863, divorced. They had one son, **Robert Cox** (he later changed his name to **Robert Slusser**)

4. **Andrew Cox**, b ca 1833; d unknown. Lived in Corona (Corunna) in 1885 and Kendalville, Indiana in 1908. Listed in *History of De Kalb County, Indiana 1885*, p. 727.

5. **Rebecca Jane Cox**, b ca 1836; d unknown; lived in Dalton Ohio 1908. She married **Wesley D. Harper** on 27 Dec 1860.

6. **Alpheus Cox**, b ca 1838; d unknown, lived Doylestown Ohio 1885, and Wadsworth Ohio 1908; m Mary Crozier. Their child was:

1. **Oliver Cox** b 14 May 1870 Wayne County, Ohio; m Dora Fritz. They had three children: **Edith Cleo Cox** b 04 Oct 1894; **Thelma Mary Cox** b 15 May 1898; **Ruth Eleendale Cox** b 04 Oct 1901

7. **Samuel Denman Cox**, b 01 Jun 1842 Wayne County, Ohio; d 17 Jan 1908, Ashtabula, Ohio (*see obituary p. 236*)

m **Catherine Ann Masters**. Their five children were:

1. **Melvin E. Cox** (lived in Cleveland, Ohio 1908)
2. **Norval H. Cox** b 11 Nov 1870, lived 1908 Cleveland
3. **Clarence Wesley Cox** (lived in Cleveland, Ohio 1908)
4. **Orissa Estella Cox**, m. A. C. Newman, lived Albion, PA
5. **Pearl C. Cox**, lived in parents' home in 1908

8. **William Newton Cox**, b. ca 1845 Wayne Co., Ohio; death still unknown. He was in Chautauqua, Kansas in 1885, Bonham, Texas in 1890 and Mannsville, Indian Territory (Oklahoma) in 1896.

m<sup>1</sup> **Caroline Broadback**, b. ca 1850; d. 30 May 1874. Two daughters:

1. **Laura M. Cox**, b 06 Feb 1871
2. **Amanda E. Cox**, b 25 Mar 1873

m<sup>2</sup> **Ellen Adams**, b ca 1854 Cumberland Co., Illinois; death unknown. Five children:

1. **Lydia Ursula Cox**, b 02 Mar 1876 in Wayne Co., Ohio.
2. **Alethia Barty Cox**, b 06 Mar 1878 in Wayne Co., Ohio.
3. **Celestial Elizabeth ("Lizzie") Cox**, b 06 Feb 1880 in Wayne Co., Ohio; d 18 Feb 1956 Sherman, Texas.
4. **William Newton Cox**, b 12 Mar 1882, Blue, IT (?); d 26 Mar 1966 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
5. **Major Cox**, b ? May 1884, Ohio (?); d 1906-10 drowned Eufaula, Okla. (?), (perhaps buried at Deeres Chapel Cemetery, 5 miles west of Eufaula).

9. **Mary Ann Cox**, b 14 Mar 1851; d 27 Jan 1852





## OBITUARIES OF JACOB COX AND SAMUEL DENMAN COX

WAYNE COUNTY DEMOCRAT  
March 25, 1885

By death another old land mark has been called from the state of \_\_\_\_\_ in the person of Jacob Cox of this township who died Sunday morning of last week, at the advanced age of 83 years, 6 months and 15 days. Father Cox was a native of Fayette County, Pennsylvania and removed to Wayne County, Ohio with his father October 1814 on the farm owned by the deceased, inherited from his father Peter Cox, who died in 1841.

The subject of this sorrowful sketch was married to Jane Denman, Dec 4th, 1823 and were the mother and father of nine children, eight of whom are still living. Their fiftieth bridal was celebrated at which their eight children with their families were present. His wife died April 18th 1874.

Father Cox was an honored member of the Baptist Church at Moscow, this township, and in his declining years his memory would run back to the times when his family was around him and the surviving members of the family will remember of the pleasant times spent at the old home as the center where so many endearing recollections will ever cluster even when the stranger will plow the fields and other knees will bow at the old fireside around the family altar in that dear old home, as they are scattered and gone. And now in summing up his many virtues, the one particular trait that far outshines all the balance; was his undying and disinterested devotion to his Christian faith and his church. So devoted and true was he to the church which he espoused that for years he was looked upon as one of the pillars of the church building, he was one of those who throwing aside all worldly interest came to the rescue with his proverbial zeal and liberal considerations, until the debt was lifted. He takes a receipt in full of all his earthly indebtedness, written on the immortal tables of the souls, up to the throne of God and Angels, where he will bear the welcome "Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord" I.B.D

ASHTABULA BEACON-RECORD  
Tuesday, January 21, 1908, page 2  
Austinburg

Jan 20-The funeral of Samuel Denman Cox was held from the home Sunday at 1 p.m. Rev Conkle officiating. After a short but impressive service the remains were laid to rest in the Center Cemetery. The floral tributes were profuse and beautiful. Mr. Cox had a paralytic stroke Thursday forenoon. No hopes were entertained for his recovery and his children were sent for and were all with him when he died, Friday about noon.

Samuel Denman Cox was born June 1st 1842 in Dalton, Wayne County, Ohio. On December 6th, 1866, he was married to Miss Catherine Ann Masters who survives him. Five children were born of this union. Melvin E, Norval H, and Clarence W of Cleveland. Mrs. A. C. Newman of Albion, PA, and Pearl C. Cox who with his family reside at home. These sons and daughters with their families were all present at the funeral. Other relatives present were Alpheus Cox, Wadsworth, Ohio, brother of the deceased. Two nephews William Cox of Barberton, Ohio and A. E. Cox of Cottonville, Ohio; also a niece, Mrs. Ida Shultz of Dalton, Ohio. Two sisters and a brother of Mrs. Cox, Mrs. J. A. Stofer, Canton, Ohio and Mrs. Matilda Masters of Massillon, Ohio and Andrew Masters of Cleveland; another brother, Andrew Cox of Kendallville, Ind., and two sisters, Mrs. W. D. Harper of Dalton, Ohio and Mrs. Suzanne Eckard of Kendallville, Ind., were unable to be present.

Mr. Cox was a kind husband and father and a good friend and neighbor. He will be greatly missed from our midst.





## Church Histories of Wayne County, Ohio

Compiled and edited by  
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Wayne County Public Library  
Wooster, Ohio

### MOSCOW BAPTIST CHURCH

Begun in the 1840's or 1850's, this church building was located about a mile south of U. S. Route 30 on County Road 52, at the crest of the knell which is now wooded, nearly across the road from the Edwin Steiner home. This small frame Baptist church served the residents in the area known as Moscow, but which for a period of time had the name McQuaid.

The Moscow Baptist Church was sometimes known as the "Arnold Church" because it was located on a corner of Joseph Arnold's land and a number of Arnold families attended there. It was a very plain white frame building perhaps 25 by 40 feet in size, had two pot-bellied stoves, and stood about 50 feet from the present road. It had two doors on the south and the pulpit on the north end, and two rows of benches with an aisle in the middle.

Family names included Arnold, Danner, McQuaid, Metzger, Derthick, Irvin, and Harbaugh. Though never large in size, it was quite active before the turn of the century. In 1892, it had a series of revival meetings and four years later the Dalton Gazette notes that the church had an ice cream and strawberry festival on Saturday night for the benefit of the Church and Sunday School.

Decline set in by the turn of the century. J. E. Metzger, the pastor, held preaching services only the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Bravely the church advertised its services in the Gazette until rather suddenly, without explanation, the last announcement occurred on March 21, 1907. This probably marks the time the church closed permanently. The last funeral is thought to have occurred April 5, 1905. For some years the building stood empty. Finally in the summer of 1917, John Danner purchased the building in private sale and moved it across the road and a little south and used the lumber in constructing his barn. It is now the Edwin Steiner barn.



REMINISCENCES OF JACOB COX  
from *Wayne County Ohio History*  
page 845-46

John Kenney and John Goudy were the first settlers in Sugar Creek township, and John and James Goudy were the next, and after them came my father, Peter Cox, and then Samuel Cook, William Homan, and Rev. James Adams, who was the first preacher in the locality. William Homan was the first Justice of Peace, elected about 1826. At an early day an election was held where Sugar Creek, East Union, Baughman and Greene corner, and every man who attended it went home with two offices. The first school-house built was on the farm where I live, and Samuel Cook was the first man to teach school in Sugar Creek Township. It was a subscription school, and the rates were fifty cents per capita per month to the pupil, and in the absence of money most anything else received for pay. The first school-house erected in Dalton stood upon the site of the present cemetery, the first teacher being Peter Vooches. The first church (Presbyterian) was built near the south-west corner of the quarter now owned by S. Snively, Samuel Arnold owning the land at that time, Rev. Adams being the first minister. This was the first church built in the town or township. William Goudy built the first grist-mill on lands now owned by John Cully three miles south-west of Dalton. It was constructed of logs, had one run of burrs, made of niggerheads, the neighbors helping to dig the race. It was built in 1823-24. William Goudy and Sarah Bates were probably the first couple married in the township in 1815. John Kenney's wife was the first woman buried in the Presbyterian graveyard west of Dalton.

Jacob Cox was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania August 29, 1801. His father Peter Cox was a farmer and a native of Pennsylvania, on the Susquehanna River, and was born in 1775. His grandfather emigrated at an early date from Hamburg, Germany, and after his arrival, as was the usage, was sold, his period of servitude being seven years, during which time he made three unsuccessful efforts to escape. When he crossed the Allegheny mountains to settle in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, he had six children, two of whom, Peter, the father of Jacob, and a sister, were packed in wallets, one in one end and one in the other, and placed on horseback.

Peter and his family, on their removal to Ohio, temporarily located in Stark county in 1814, and in October of the same year they removed to Wayne county, although he had been to the premises before harvest and erected a cabin on the farm--one hundred and sixty acres which his father had previously entered. Peter died in 1841.

Jacob Cox married to Jane Denman, of Ten-Mile, Washington county, Pennsylvania, December 4, 1823, and had nine children, eight of whom are living. Their fiftieth bridal was celebrated December 4, 1873, at which their eight children, with their families, were present. His wife died April 18, 1874. For his years, Mr. Cox is quite a remarkable man, never having had a fever, never having taken but two portions of medicine, and never in bed sick only when he had the measles.



DEEDS OF JACOB COX  
Wayne County, Ohio  
Listed by Volume number

We have located seven deeds concerning Jacob Cox. The names of recorders and justices of the peace spelled differently; I have left them as seen.

The first deed involves the transaction between father and son, from Peter to Jacob. I think it is interesting that while Jacob's father Peter had only half the land that Michael Sr. had, it was enough for 71 years.

**Deed Vol. 6, page 167**

Peter Cox to Jacob Cox

Date of Transaction: Sept 15, 1827

Date of Recording: Sept 17, 1827

Peter Cox, Wayne County, Ohio

Jacob Cox, Wayne County, Ohio

Location N 1/2 or 80 acres, N part of NE 1/4 of Sec 14, T16, R11

Original Patent-not listed

Consideration: \$231.25

Signature: Peter Cox

Witnesses: Jacob McFarland, Job McArty

Justice of Peace: William Homan

Recorder: L Cox

Examination of Dower: None

**Deed: Vol. 7, page 413**

Robert Laughlin to Jacob Cox

Date of Transaction: 9 Nov 1829

Date of Recording: 18 Nov 1829

Robert Laughlin and Margaret Laughlin, Wayne county, Ohio

Jacob Cox, Wayne county, Ohio

Location: E 1/2, SE 1/4, S 2, Twp 22, R 15, except 10 acres=70 acres

Original Patent: Levi Stevenson

Consideration: \$350.00

Signature: Robert Laughlin, Margaret Laughlin, Wayne County, Ohio

Witnesses: John Erich, David Clark

Justice of Peace: John Erich

Recorder: L Cox

Examination of Dower: Margaret Laughlin

**Deed: Vol. 12, page 223**

Parties: Jacob Cox & wife to A Allison

Date of Transaction: 17 Aug 1833

Date of Recording:

Party of the First: Jacob Cox, wife Kesiah Cox<sup>28</sup>, Fayette County, PA

Party of the Second: Alexander Allison, Wayne County, OH

Location: E 1/2 of SE 1/4, Sec 2, Twp 22, R 15, -10 acres=70 acres

Original Patent: Levi Stephens

Consideration: \$400.00

Signature: Jacob Cox, Keziah Cox- her mark

Witnesses: John C H\_\_\_\_, Geo Taylor

Justice of Peace: Michael ? Sawery, Fayette county, State of Penn

Recorder: Richard Beason, Uniontown, Penn 6 Dec 1833

Examination of Dower: Keziah Cox

**Deed: Vol. 48, page 334**

Parties: Jacob Cox

Date of Transaction: 16 Jan 1858

Date of Recording: 3 May 1858

Party of the First: Jacob Cox. Jane his wife, Wayne County, Ohio

Party of the Second: William F Plginfrietz, Wayne County, Ohio

Location: N 1/2 of NE 1/4, Sec 4, Township 11, R 11,

containing 1 acre, 83 perches

Original Patent:

Consideration: \$100.00

Signature: Jacob Cox, Jane Cox, her mark

Witnesses: Charles McClelland. Joseph McClelland

Justice of Peace: Joseph McClelland

Recorder: Emanuel Schnckers

Examination of Dower: Jane Cox

**Deed: Vol. 48 page 336**

Parties: Wm. Plginfrietz to Jacob Cox

Date of Transaction: 16 Jan 1858

Date of Recording: 3 May 1858

Party of the First: William F Plginfrietz & Malinda, his wife

Party of the Second: Jacob Cox, Wayne county Ohio

Location: NW 1/4, Sec 14, Twp 16, R 11, containing 3 acres & three perches

Original Patent:

Consideration: \$150.00

Signature: Charles McClelland, Joseph McClelland

Witnesses: Wm. P Plginfrietz

Justice of Peace: missing; Recorder: missing

Examination of Dower: Malinda Plginfrietz

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<sup>28</sup> Jacob and Keziah (Armcast) were from Fayette County, Pennsylvania. We have not found a connection to our branch. They did have a son Michael written about in Fayette County History. He became a riverboat builder and operator, piloting steamboats from Brownsville, Pennsylvania all the way to new Orleans.



**Deed: Vol. 49 page 10**

Parties: Wm. F Plginfrietz to Jacob Cox

Date of Transaction: 21 Dec 1858

Date of Recording: Rec. 17 Jan, 1859, rec. same day

Party of the First: William F Plginfrietz. Malinda his wife

Party of the Second: Jacob Cox, Wayne County, Ohio

Location: part of N 1/2, NE 1/4, Sec 14, Twp 11 Rg. 11, containing 1 acre, 83 perches

Original Patent:

Consideration: \$100.00

Signature: Wm. F Plginfrietz, Malinda Plginfrietz

Witnesses: D H Kerr, F Fluke

Justice of Peace: Fredrich Fluke

Recorder: Emanuel Schnckers

Examination of Dower: Malinda Plginfrietz

**Deed: Vol. 49, page 9**

Parties: Jacob Cox to Malinda Plginfrietz

Date of Transaction: 22 Dec 1858

Date of Recording: 17 Jan 1857, rec. & recorded same day

Party of the First: Jacob Cox, Jane his wife

Party of the Second: Malinda Plginfrietz, Wayne county

Location: N 1/2, NE 1/4, Sec 14, Twp 11, R 11, 1 acre, 83 perches

Original Patent:

Consideration: \$100.00

Signature: Jacob Cox, Jane Cox, her mark; Witnesses: Rebecca Jane Cox, F Fluke

Justice of Peace: Frederick Fluke

Recorder: Emanuel Schnckers

Examination of Dower: Jane Cox





WILL OF JACOB COX  
Filed Mar 15, 1885, Probate Court of Wayne County, Ohio

\_\_\_\_\_ of all I Jacob Cox of Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County, Ohio. Do publish this my last Will and Testament as follows. Its my will that all my past Debts and funeral expenses be paid out of my estate. All my personal property be sold at Public Sale by my Executors as soon as convenient after my death.

All my real estate that I may own at my death to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ by my executor and put in good repair, and sell the farm within that year either at private or public sale and divide the proceeds of the sale of the farm and also proceeds of the personal property as follows:

My son Newton to have one hundred dollars and all the obligations that I now hold against him, for taking care of me during my life over and above the \_\_\_\_\_ heirs. should my son Newton [cease?] \_\_\_\_\_ to take care of me or die before me, then in that case the [said?] amounts be collected by my executors and other money of my estate and distribute as follows:

My executors to distribute my estate equally among my eight heirs namely Eli Cox, my daughter Susanna Eckard, Andrew Cox, J.F. Cox, Alpheus Cox, Rebecca J. Harper, S.D. Cox and Newton Cox (excepting the following \_\_\_\_\_) Executors to collect the following notes that I hold against the following heirs one note against my son Alpheus \$388 dollars, my son Andrew \$200 dollars, my son Samuel Cox \$100 dollars, my son J.F. Cox for \$50 dollars. My executors to take out of their amounts their fees and court fees and the other expense of selling the estate and the balance to be paid to the Baptist Home Mission Society in the \_\_\_\_\_ Association.

I hereby revoke all former wills by me made. I hereby nominate and appoint David Rudy and Wesley D Harper my Executor of this my last will and Testament.

Given under by hand the 19th day of April \_\_\_\_\_

Signed acknowledged by \_\_\_\_\_

the said Jacob Cox in \_\_\_\_\_

our presence and signed by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ his request in his presence

Witness D.L. Rudy

David Rudy

Jacob Cox

seal



### APPLICATION TO PROBATE WILL

David Rudy came to Probate Court in the matter of Jacob Cox (deceased), Sugar Creek Township, Last Will and Testament. Who died on March 14, 1885, leaving no Widow. The following named persons, all of his next of kin resident in the State of Ohio.

Eli Cox	son	Corunna, Indiana
Andrew Cox	son	Corunna, Indiana
Susan Echard	daughter	Corunna, Indiana
Alpheus Cox X	son	Doylestown, Ohio
Rebecca Harper X	daughter	Dalton Ohio
Samuel Cox X	son	Jefferson Ashtabula Ohio
Newton Cox	son	Creek-Chautauqua County, Kansas

Jacob P. Cox decd + \_\_\_\_\_ of +  
Robert Cox X grandson \_\_\_\_\_ Brook of \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_ County, Ohio

March 19, 1885 by Isaac Johnson, Probate Judge<sup>29</sup>

### EXECUTOR'S BOND

March 20, 1885  
David Rudy and Wesley D Harper-Principals  
Luther McDowel, Daniel L Rudy- Sureties  
Penal Sum - Eighteen Thousand Dollars

### NOTICE TO HEIRS

Probate Court notifies Alpheus Cox, Rebecca Harper, Samuel Cox, Robert Cox<sup>30</sup> that last Will and Testament was produced in court the 19th day of March of 1885 and there will be a hearing before this court the 30 day of March 1885 at 9 A.M.

### RETURN

David Rudy swears that on the 25th of March, 1885, he served notice by delivering a copy to Robert Cox.  
Signed David Rudy  
We the undersigned persons acknowledge service of notice, Isaac Johnson.  
R. J. Harper, S. D. Cox, A. F. Cox

<sup>29</sup> Isaac Johnson's writing has real flair, lots of wild L's and C's. This is a standard probate form. Four big X's appear. Blank lines indicate that I can't read the words. Robert Cox address is not written clearly. Jacob Freeman died after will was written.

<sup>30</sup> We can assume that; being only 11 days since, first hearing, that these Cox children were easy to contact and that the others were out of state. Robert was the son of Jacob Freeman Cox who died of cirrhosis of the liver, 23 June 1880. Freeman was a small man, 5' 6", thin and sickly. He tried but never got a pension for his service in the Civil War. Robert continued to fight for his father's pension, but not enough records could be found for it. Even though Robert was given his father's inheritance at Jacob's death, he had his name legally changed to Slusser.





### ORDER TO APPRAISE PERSONAL PROPERTY

The State of Ohio, Probate Court  
To A. P. Moser, Thomas Cully and John Tschartz, being appointed by the  
Probate Court to take an Inventory and Appraisal of the personal goods  
and chattels of Jacob Cox

30 March, 1885, Isaac Johnson

### OATH OF APPRAISERS

We will truly, honestly and impartially appraise the estate exhibited to us  
belonging to the estate of Jacob Cox

A. P. Moser, Thomas Cully, J.H. Tschartz  
W. A. Scott, Notary Public

### NOTICE OF APPRAISEMENT

An Inventory and Appraisement of the State and Property of Jacob Cox  
late of Wayne County, Ohio will be taken at his late residence in Sugar  
Creek Township on the 25 day of April 1885 and continue from day to day  
thereafter, if necessary, until completed

18 day of April, 1885, Isaac Johnson  
State of Ohio, Wayne County, s.s.

David Rudy, swears that between the 16 day of April and 19 day of April,  
1885, caused copies of the above notice to be served upon all of the next  
of kin of said Jacob Cox, caused 3 copies of said notice to be put up in a  
conspicuous place within Sugar Creek, Township, in said County.

David Rudy  
Isaac Johnson,  
8th day of May, 1885

### PERSONAL GOODS AND CHATTELS

Belonging to the Estate of Jacob Cox; Book Case and Stove \$8.00  
A. P. Moser, Thomas Cully, J.H. Tschartz, April 25, 1885

### NOTICE OF APPRAISEMENT - SCHEDULE E

U.S. Treasury Notes	\$1.00
National Bank Notes	\$326.00
Specie	\$1.24
Total	\$328.24

A. P. Moser, Thomas Cully, J. H. Tschartz,  
April 25, 1885



## SCHEDULE A - DEBTS DUE THE ESTATE - APRIL 25, 1885

Name	Description	Principal	Interest	Due/Value
S. D. Cox	note	20.00	1.91	21.91
S. D. Cox	note	28.50	17.88	46.38
S. D. Cox	note	50.00	43.42	93.42
A. F. Cox	note	6.55	4.11	10.66
Andrew Cox	note	100.00	93.73	193.73
Newton Cox	note	150.00	29.83	179.85
Brennanon & Horst		144.00	7.64	151.64
Brennanon & Horst		260.00	11.70	271.70
Fremont Cox	note	50.00	2.34	52.34
Al. F. Cox	Book Act	388.00		388.00
Fremont Cox <sup>31</sup>	Book Act	42.00		42.00
TOTAL				1453.68

A. P. Moser, Thomas Cully, J.H. Tschartz, Appraisers

## RECEIPTS AND ACCOUNT OF ESTATE (listed by dates)

Mar 10, 1885	pay for monument for said deceased Stansbery [&] Wilhelm	\$120.00
Apr 01, 1885	for boarding, one year for dec'd, extra care while sick Jacob A. White	\$138.75
Apr 07, 1885	for coffin and burial, etc., W. D. Kosier	\$55.00
Apr 07, 1885	for conducting funeral services, J. G. Madge	\$5.00
Apr 07, 1885	in full for digging graves and cleaning house Frank Kosier	\$5.00
Aug 06, 1885	in full for sawing lumber, William Shifferty	\$3.70
Oct 25, 1885	for nails, W.F. McDowell & Co.	20 cents
Nov 02, 1885	Auctioneering farm October 31, 1885 David Bremmer	\$5.00
Mar 06, 1886	repairing fence, etc., Jacob A White	\$22.00
Mar 08, 1886	Sale Bills, Advertizing sale, executors notice W. A. Scott	\$13.47
Mar 17, 1886	Carrying chains, surveying lands John C. Brink _____ county surveyors	\$10.00
Mar 18, 1886	Publishing notice for sale of farm of Jacob Cox, dec'd "Orrville Crescent" Jas. A Hamilton	\$15.00
Mar 19, 1886	Carrying chain, survey lands, farm of Jacob Cox, dec'd C. S. Wertz	\$1.00
Mar 20, 1886	Carrying chain, surveying lands in full John Echard	\$1.00
Mar 29, 1886	Received for damage and disappointment on lease of farm Em'uel Beck	\$25.00
Apr 02, 1886	Making deed, W. A. Scott	\$1.00
Jun 06, 1886	Court Fees Isaac Johnson, Probate Judge	\$21.60

<sup>31</sup> Fremont appears as spelled in original. It does not read Freeman, as in Jacob Freeman Cox (b. 1831).



**PROBATE COURT, WAYNE COUNTY, OHIO, MAY 31, 1886**

*In account with said Estate, in first partial account*

Date	Description	Amount
Apr 1, 1885	money on hand	328.24
Apr 1, 1885	rec. personal property	8.0
Jun 10, 1885	rec. Orrville Bank	100.00
Apr 1, 1886	rec. rent on farm	350.00
same	rec. on sale of real estate	2000.00
same	on notes against the heirs as directed by will	
same	S. D. Cox note by will	50.00
	interest	43.42
same	S. D. Cox note by will	48.50
	interest	19.79
Same	Alpheus F Cox by will	388.00
	interest	6.55
Same	interest	4.11
	Andrew F Cox note by will	100.00
	interest	95.73
Same	William N Cox note	150.00
	interest	29.85
<b>Total</b>		<b>3722.12</b>

**SAID EXECUTORS CLAIM THE FOLLOWING CREDITS**

Apr 1, 1885	paid Jacob A White	138.78
7, 1885	paid Frank Kosier	5.00
7, 1885	paid W D Kosier	55.00
7, 1885	paid J E Madge	5.00
7, 1885	paid Mosier, Cully & Tschartz appr.	3.00
Jun 15, 1885	paid tax	21.81
Jun 15, 1885	worked road tax	1.70
Aug 6, 1885	paid Wm. Shifferty	3.77
Oct 25, 1885	paid W F McDowell	0.20
Nov 2, 1885	paid David Bremmer	5.00
Dec 3, 1885	paid W D Huntsberger	2.40
Dec 17, 1885	paid Tax	29.67
Apr 2, 1885	paid W C Scott	1.00
Mar 6, 1885	paid J A White	22.00
Mar 8, 1885	paid W C Scott	13.70
Mar 10, 1885	paid Stansbery & Wilhelm	120.00
Mar 17, 1885	paid J C Brinkerhorf	10.00
Mar 18, 1885	paid J A Hamilton	15.00
Mar 19, 1885	paid C S Wertz	1.00
Mar 20, 1885	paid John Echard	1.00
Mar 29, 1885	paid Emuel Beck	25.00
May 30, 1885	for making account	2.00



## ON PARTIAL DISTRIBUTION

Apr 10, 1886	paid S D Cox	425.56
same	paid Andrew F Cox	425.56
same	paid Eli D Cox	425.56
same	paid A F Cox	425.56
same	paid Susanna Eckert	425.56
same	paid R J Harper	425.56
same	paid Wm. N Cox	425.56
May 3, 1886	paid H Marshall	1.00
Jun 8, 1886	paid Tax	7.82
Jun 8, 1886	paid Probate Judge	21.63
Jun 8 1886	Ex--con on \$3722.	168.88
TOTAL		3660.05
Balance for further Settlement		\$62.14

$$\$3722.19 - \$3660.05 = 62.14$$

**ADMINISTRATOR & EXECUTOR ACCOUNTS**  
**PROBATE COURT, WAYNE COUNTY, OHIO**  
**First partial Account - filed June 8, 1886**

Distributed as follows

Apr 28, 1888	Eli D Cox	97.90
same	Susan Eckert	97.90
same	Robert Cox	97.90
	R J Harper	97.90
	Andrew F Cox	97.90
	W N Cox	97.90
	Sieberling & Miller Co.	
	Alpheus Cox	78.59
	S D Cox	97.90
TOTAL	783.20	

## WAYNE COUNTY PROBATE COURT

Final Account of Jacob Cox, deceased,  
June 7, 1888  
Debits----8179.90  
Credits----7396.65  
Balance for dist. \$783.25  
distribution receipts on file  
Heard & appr. June 5, 1888---Hiram Swartz, Judge  
OFFICE OF RECORDER, WOOSTER, OHIO

May 3, 1886

Received for Record of David Rudy & W D Harper, Executors of Jacob  
Cox, Dec'd Mortgage Deed from John W Erwin Fee \$1.??



## Second &amp; Final Account

Date	Description	Amounts
___ 8, 1886	bal. on hand	62.14
Apr 1, 1887	received on real estate	3000.00
same	interest	180.00
Apr 2, 1888	received on real estate	4270.75
Apr 17, 1888	interest	512.48
Sep 10, 1886	rec. Orrville Bank	154.53
TOTAL		8179.90

## SAID EXECUTORS FOLLOWING CREDITS

Apr 1, 1887	paid D F Roebuck as per order	80.00
same	paid Sieberling and Co. of Al Cox	272.44
	paid W N Cox Legacy	352.44
	paid S D Cox	352.44
	paid Eli D Cox	352.44
	paid Andrew F Cox	352.44
	paid Robert Cox	575.83
	paid Rebecca J Harper	352.44
	paid Susannah Eckert	352.44
	paid FFH Pope	3.00
	paid Dague & Buchannon	0.20
	paid W S Orr	2.00
	paid tax	92.88
	paid road tax	10.80
Jul 2 1888	Seiberling & County, for Alph. Cox	500.00
same	Robert Cox Legacy	500.00
	Rebecca J Harper	500.00
	S D Cox	500.00
	Andrew F Cox	500.00
	Eli D Cox	500.00
	Susannah Eckart	500.00
	W N Cox	500.00
	for making account	3.00
Executor compensation 1279.91 at 4-- 6901.99 at 2 prct		189.14
tax		42.70
cancelling mrtg		0.25
road tax		4.27
Probate ___ & ___	5.50	
TOTAL		7396.65
Balance in hand this date		\$783.25



These receipts on Jacob Cox's estate may interest historians of 19<sup>th</sup> century economics. Robert curiously wrote his name "*Robbert Cox*." Rebecca's husband signed on her behalf for \$500. Executors paid fire insurance to W. S. Orr, attorney for J. W. Metz.

#### PROBATE COURT - SECOND AND FINAL ACCOUNT

To W. D. Harper

Dear Sir:

We this day received \_\_\_\_\_ from you containing currency \$500.00 which is apply on our claim against the estate of Jacob Cox deceased in the interest of Alpheus F. Cox, one of the heirs

Respectfully, Seiberinling, Miller & Co.

Doyletown, Ohio, Apr. 4th 1888

Manufacturer's of Empire Exclestor Mowers, Reapers, Twine Binders  
American and Erie Express Office.

Dalton, Ohio, April 20, 1887

Recd of WD Harper, Executor of the Estate of Jacob Cox, dec'd three dollars in full for doctor bill. F. F. H. Pope

Dalton, Ohio, April 20, 1887

Rec'd of WD Harper, twenty cts in full on a account  
\_\_\_\_\_ & Buchannon \_\_\_\_\_

Wooster, Ohio, Jan 14, 1887

Recd of WD Harper Exr of estate of Jacob Cox decd /55 cts to apply on costs in case of Jacob W. Matz vs. Martin et al. Costs are estimated & this receipt is not one in full. W.S. Orr atty.

May 17, 1887 David Rudy paid tax for Jacob Cox, dec'd  
personal property 10,000. tax \$92.88

April , 1887 Dalton

Received of Exr's as per order of Alpheus Cox, \$80.00  
D. T. Roebuck

April 2, 1888

Received five Hundred Dollars for a part in full on partial distribution, as one of the heirs of said estate Wm. N. Cox

Treasurer's Office, Wayne County, Ohio Apr 23, 1888

Last half of Taxes for 1887 on property of Jacob Cox, Dec'd  
\$4270. tax 42.70



## CENSUS RECORDS

**1850 Sugar Creek Township**

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Sebastian Eckard	age 27	farmer	Germany
Suzanna	age 21		Ohio
Elizabeth L.	age ?		Ohio

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Jacob Cox <sup>32</sup>	age 48	farmer	Pennsylvania
Jane Cox	age 44		Pennsylvania
Andrew	age 17		Ohio
Rebecca	age 14		Ohio
Alpheas	age 12		Ohio School
Saml Denman	age 8		Ohio School
Wm. N	age 5		Ohio
Margaret A Denman	age 13		Ohio School

**1860 Sugar Creek Township**

page 87-b, #1232

Jacob Cox	age 57	Farmer	Rev \$8200	Pv1005	Pennsylvania
Jane	age 54				Pennsylvania
Jacob	age 28	labor	Pv \$250		Ohio
Samuel	age 18				
Rebecca	age 24				
William	age 13				
Sarah <sup>33</sup>	age 15				

**1870 Sugar Creek Township, P. O. East Union**

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Jacob Cox <sup>34</sup>	age 68	Farmer	Rev \$8820	Pv \$570	Penn.
Jane	age 64	kephse <sup>35</sup>			Penn.
William	age 23	Farmer		Pv \$500	Ohio
Caroline	age 21	kephse			Ohio
Denman, Joshua	age 17	farm hand			Iowa

<sup>32</sup> Jacob Freeman Cox and Eli Cox, were not living with their parents.<sup>33</sup> Sarah was a servant, not a daughter.<sup>34</sup> William and Caroline stated they were married within the year. Feb. Joshua attended school, both men were US citizens. Next door was the Rudy family.<sup>35</sup> Undoubtedly means "keeps house."

**1880 Sugar Creek Township**

SD 6th, ED #237

#345 18th day of June, 1880

Name	Age	Occupation	Born	Father	Mother
Cox, Newton	age 32	farmer	Ohio	Penn.	Penn.
Ellen	age 26		Illinois	Ohio	Kentucky
Laura M.	age 9		Ohio	Ohio	Illinois
Alethia B.	age 2		Ohio	Ohio	Illinois
Celestial E.	age $\frac{4}{12}$		Ohio	Ohio	Illinois
Wolfard, Sarah	age 13	servant	Ohio	Ohio	Ohio
Hough, Franklin	age 17	laborer	Ohio	New York	Ohio
Cox, Jacob	age 79	retired farmer	Penn.	Germany	Penn.

Celestial's age of four months is indicated by the fraction of four over twelve. Jacob's father, Peter, is listed here as a native of Germany. This may or may not be correct, however it would account for our not being able to find any US records on him. Nevertheless, I believe he was probably born in Pennsylvania.

**CEMETERY RECORDS – SUGAR CREEK TOWNSHIP**

Dalton Cemetery, Ohio, page 600

The spring of 1874 was devastating for Wm. Newton Cox. His mother, Jane, died on 18 April 1874. His young wife, Caroline, died six weeks later on 30 May 1874, at about age 24. We know the two women died of tuberculosis. Then his daughter Miranda (or Amada as listed elsewhere) died nearly one year later in March 1875.

The three individuals who died in 1851 and 1852 were: Samuel Denman, Jane's father, thus Wm. Newton Cox's maternal grandfather. His baby sister Mary Ann, may have died at 18 *months* on January 21, 1852. Sarah Ann Cox was the first wife of Eli, Wm. Newton's eldest brother. Her maiden name was Tanner. She died at the age of 27.

While these headstones are hard to read, the abbreviations are not so difficult:

- ♦ "d/o W. N. & C. B." = daughter of William Newton Cox & Caroline Broadback
- ♦ "O.V.I." = Ohio Volunteer Infantry    ♦ "w/o" = wife of    ♦ "mo." = months

Caroline Cox	(d/o W. N. & C. B.)	no date
Marinda M.	(d/o W. N. & C. B.)	no date
J. Freeman Cox	Vet. '61-'65; 41 <sup>st</sup> O. V. I.	
Jacob Cox	died March 14, 1885 – 83 years 6 mo.	
Jane Cox	died April 18, 1874 – 68 years 5 mo.	
___ A ___ Cox	18 __ died January 27, 1852	
Sarah Ann Cox	(w/o Eli) died April 11, 1851	
Samuel Denman	died Jan. 1, 1852 – 86 years; Vet. War of 1776	

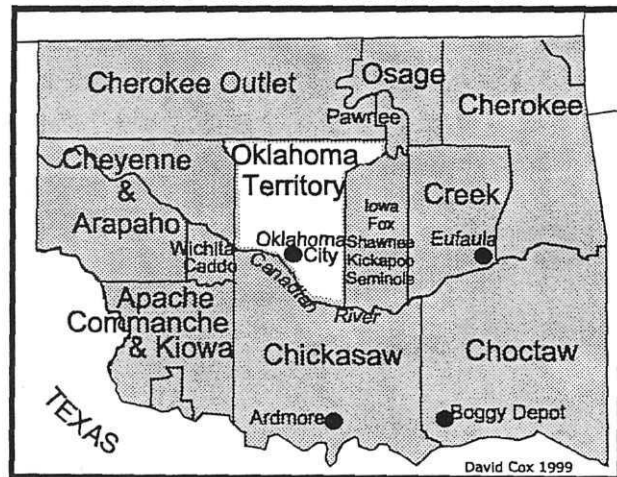


Map 15: Oklahoma and the Coxes

Movements of Cox family members: 1885 - 1940



Indian & Oklahoma Territories in 1890



## **WM. NEWTON COX I & ELLEN ADAMS, SON OF JANE & JACOB**

by Kenny Ray Cox

Who were the parents of my Grandpa Cox? I started asking this question over and over again when I was quite young. I was told not to bother Grandpa as he did not know or did not want to talk about the subject. He once told me that he really could not remember much about his childhood except fishing a lot in what is now southeast Oklahoma. He had been told that he, his younger brother Major and older sister Lizzie "had fallen from the wagon and their folks just kept on a-going!" He said he did go to school for a short time and that he lived with an Indian family. I asked my parents, my uncles, my aunts, and even my grandpa, himself. No one knew anything, except maybe his older sister, my great-aunt Lizzie.

My Uncle Allen told me that the Indian family Grandpa Cox had lived with wanted to adopt him, but he did not want his last name changed. Allen also told me the Indian man had a common last name, but had forgotten what it was. My Uncle Will helped by saying that he would not be surprised if Grandpa's dad was yet another William.

Next, I learned from Uncle Allen that Lizzie died in Sherman, Texas. I visited the cemetery there, located her grave, got a record of her funeral and cemetery charges. These showed her name as Elizabeth. A copy of her obituary also has her name as Elizabeth. The key to unlocking the mystery of who my grandfather's parents were lay in other records she left. It was my good friend, Darlene Guerra, who found what was needed: an application for a Texas probated birth certificate for Edward Vaught, her eldest son. This gave Lizzie's maiden name as "**Celestial Elizabeth Cox.**" Now we had it! All this time we had been looking for these three kids' parents without even knowing their exact names.

Tuesday, the day after Memorial Day, 1991, I was at the library before they opened! Soon I had the 1880, 1870, 1860 and 1850 Census records of this Cox family. Together they tell us that Aunt Lizzie, Celestia(l) Elizabeth Cox, was the child of William Newton Cox and Ellen Loretta Adams. Lizzie was just barely old enough to make it on the 1880 census.

It had been a long search. The 1880 census record for Dalton, Wayne County, Ohio lists her as "Celestia E. Cox" four months old, father listed as William Newton Cox, just as her brother (my grandfather) was named, just as my uncle Will is named, and just as one of Lizzie's sons is named! She was born on the 6th day of February 1880 near Dalton, Wayne County, Ohio. Grandpa was born in 1882, and his brother in



1884, after the 1880 Census. It is most unfortunate that the 1890 census records were all destroyed by fire.

Despite years of research and combing through archives and cemeteries in southern Oklahoma, what we know today of my great-grandparents, remains frustratingly skimpy.

The facts, as we know them, based on the few records that I have found that fit together concerning our William Newton Cox (#1) are:

- William Newton Cox (Sr.) was born in Wayne County, Ohio, the eighth of Jacob and Jane's nine children. His year of birth was between 1845 and 1847 according to information from census reports from 1850 to 1870. We know that his father and family called him "Newton," not William. As an adult, he lived with and took care of his aging parents, bringing his young wife, Caroline, into their household.
- In 1870, Newton's marriage to Caroline Broadback (born 1849) was to be short-lived. They had two daughters, Laura (born 1871) and Amanda (born 1873 or 1874). Disaster struck early on: Caroline and Newton's mother, Jane, both died of consumption by the spring of 1874. Imagine the heartache in the family. Then Amanda died before reaching the age of two in March 1875. Amanda's tombstone carries the name "Marinda."
- 1875: Dalton, Ohio marriage record. In August of that year, William Newton Cox Sr. remarried. His second wife was Ellen Loretta Adams (born circa 1854). Laura was counted in their household in the 1880 census.<sup>36</sup> We do not know what became of her later in life. Ellen gave birth to five children. Lydia, the first, was born in March 1876, and died at nine months of age. Alethia was born in March 1878 (her death date is unknown). Then, in February 1880, came Celestial Elizabeth, better known as "Lizzie." William Newton Jr. was another March baby, born in 1882. Their fifth and last child, was Major, born in May 1884. He was fated to an early death. He drowned sometime before 1910. We have no further information on him.
- November 1876 and November 1877: two Dalton, Ohio newspaper articles report Newton's triumphs, trials and tribulations with horses.

CENTRAL OHIO FAIR  
AT OROVILLE  
(21 November 1876,  
page 3, column 2)

William N Cox: 1st  
Premium - Filly - 2 yrs  
old, 2nd Premium -  
Single Gelding

DALTON GAZETTE  
(14 November 1877, page 3)

On Monday of last week, Mr. W.N. Cox had a runaway of his own. He had been driving through the country and when he arrived at home had to open the gate and after doing so made a misstep as he attempted to get into the buggy, and his horse started to run, throwing Mr. Cox to the ground. The horse "surveyed" the farm - without benefit of chain man or a stake driver and when through, had made a nice pile of kindling wood of said buggy.

<sup>36</sup> Their farming household also included the elderly father, Jacob, plus a 13 year old maid-servant, Sarah Wolfard and a young laborer named Franklin Hough, aged 17. For the deaths in this family see page 261, Wayne County Probate death and birth records.



- 1880: William and Ellen were still in Dalton, Ohio as per Lizzie's birth record.
- 1882: William Newton and Ellen had to have been in Blue, Choctaw Nation, the birth place of my grandfather, according to my Uncle Will's birth certificate.
- Sometime between 1880 and early 1884, Newton went to Chautauqua County in southeastern Kansas prior to his father's death (March 1884) and had to return to Ohio for the settlement of Jacob's estate. We do not know why he went to Kansas. It is tempting to image that he and Ellen went there as missionaries given Jacob's generous donation to the Baptist Mission Society. This, however, is pure conjecture. Many fortune seekers were attracted to the Oklahoma/Kansas border area at that time, with greedy eyes fixed on lands in Indian territories that remained off bounds until the Oklahoma Run of 1889.
- April 1888, Newton collected the final settlement on his inheritance from his father's estate. Each April from 1885 to 1888, Newton (or "W. N." as he signed his name), returned to Dalton, Ohio for payments on his legacy.
- My great-grandfather was a veteran, listed as member of Company C, Ohio Vol. Infantry on the veterans rolls of residents of Bonham, Texas in 1890.
- William N. Cox was an "intruding non-citizen, renting farmer," at Mannsville, Chickasaw Nation of Indian Territory in 1893. This was 12 miles east of Ardmore, Oklahoma. G. A. Maxwell, my grandfather's future father-in-law, was at Oakland, Indian Territory, 5 miles south of Mannsville, in 1893. The neighbors were Wm. R. and Susan McDonnell. This information comes from the 1892-1893: Dawes Commission roll of renters.
- Son, William Cox (#2) was in school at Boggy Depot, for the school year 1895-96. He would have been fifteen at the start of the school year.
- Guardianship of William and Ellen Cox was granted to the widow, Susan McDonnell, in October, 1896. The Chickasaw court record states in simple terms: "Guardianship of W'm and Ellen Cox is hereby granted to Susan McDonnell."
- Lizzie Cox was married in 1897 and reported her residence as Boggy Depot.
- Both Lizzie and Major resided in Eufaula by 1900.
- The marriage record for William N. (#2) and Frona Maxwell in Arkansas, 26 December 1903, lists his parents as deceased.
- He and Ellen may have died before his brother Samuel (1908) as Samuel's obituary does not include him in the list of siblings who did and who could not attend Samuel's funeral.

Unfortunately, neither of these last two records can be considered as conclusive.

Absolutely no information on the deaths of William Newton or Ellen Cox has been found today. They may have been unlucky survivors of a tragedy, from which they likely did not recover. It is only certain that they wound up as wards of a certain Mrs. McDonnell.



There were many tragedies in Indian Territory those days. I stumbled across many different Cox folks' tragedies in my research: coal mine deaths, train wrecks, drownings, shootings, kerosene stove and lantern explosions. Lots of Coxes were in the territory; they had come from all parts of the nation. There were mechanics named Cox, teachers named Cox, blacksmiths named Cox, hostlers and even hustlers named Cox.

We can only hypothesize. Perhaps William and Ellen Cox were badly burned in the great fire of 19 April 1895 that destroyed the town of Ardmore, Oklahoma. Perhaps they had tried to save their neighbor, William McDonnell. This could explain why Mrs. McDonnell cared for them. (Before statehood could take place, land in the territory had to be "allotted" to each and every Indian. The Dawes Commission ran its survey of the population. Full-blood Indians got more than part-Indians, heads of households got even more. Children got less. Perhaps becoming a guardian of two disabled adults helped Susan to obtain even more land than she would have otherwise. As a widowed half-blood Indian, head of family with children and guardianship over two adults, she was awarded 2,200 acres of land near Tishomingo.

Finding this much information took a great deal of work and over a year of research. At that time (May 1990 to May 1991), I was working a five-day-a-week, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. job in Oklahoma City. I spent every Saturday at the Oklahoma Historical Society library and most every Monday night till 9 o'clock as well. I blazed through census records, Indian rolls, lists of intruding non-Indian citizens, lists of employees of Indians... focusing on southern Oklahoma because my grandpa knew he had grown up "somewhere" in the southeastern part of the territory that became the state of Oklahoma in 1907.

Unfortunately, pre-statehood records were very poorly kept, except for Cherokee records in northeastern Indian Territory. Choctaw and Chickasaw records are just plain, downright, terrible. Furthermore, they are not all together. Some have been moved to the National Archives in Fort Worth, Texas, while some are still at Tishomingo, Oklahoma. The Cherokees still have theirs at Tahlequah. Some of the information that I found at the Oklahoma Historical Society nearly sent me off the edge of reality. There was a William Cox in the school record at the Red Oak Neighborhood School of Boggy Depot in 1895-96. He was listed with Alverty Cox. Who was Alverty? It turns out that she was a mulatto and had a brother named W. R. Was our William her brother? No, his age did not match. But still, I wondered why the other Cox children were not in school.

There were several William Coxes in both Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory on the 1900 census. The one that seems to fit the best was a "cow-herder" age 21 (not 18 as it should have been), born in Texas. He was located just north of Eufaula in the Creek Nation in the very town where Great-aunt Lizzie lived, but still not the right fellow. Another William Cox was at Wister in 1900.

By 1990, the 1920 Census records still had not yet been released, but I had a copy that my mother had somehow acquired. It shows my father with his folks in Bennington, Bryan County, Oklahoma. So, I went back and got the 1910 census for Fannin County, Texas. That 1920 census reported my grandfather's birth as in





Oklahoma; the 1910 census indicated "United States!" I then searched the 1900 census of Indian Territory, Oklahoma Territory, Texas and Arkansas, and came up with a crop of William Coxes, though none of them corresponded to my grandfather. The Indian Territory census is incomplete; it lacks a portion called "Panola" which is probably where my grandfather was located at that time.

So, I began the grueling task of going through the U. S. Court records, and Chickasaw and Choctaw records. Hardly any of these microfilmed records are indexed; it was torture looking at one frame at a time. I found a William (sometimes "Willie" Cox in the Red Oak neighborhood school of Boggy Depot who was about the right age. Then I found a marriage license for Lizzie Cox of Boggy Depot to Otho Vaught of South McAlester. My grandfather's older sister! This information tied the two of them together and to the same town. And as mentioned above, the 1900 census showed Lizzie and Otho living in Eufaula, Creek Nation of Indian Territory, living with them was Major Cox, Lizzie and grandpa's little brother. So now we had these Cox kids all in the same place.

Grandpa married in 1903, in Arkansas, to a girl of the unusual name of Frona, the 14½-year-old daughter of a peddler named George Allen Maxwell. He may have been responsible for finding a caring home with a nearby school where at least one of the Cox children could go after their parents were no longer able to care for them. G. A. Maxwell figures on a list of patrons who picked up mail at Oakland, a small town, just south east of Mannsville where William N. Cox Sr. was on a list of non-Indian citizen renting farmers. These two lists were not dated. However, these towns had post offices *only* in 1892 and 1893. I then began to wonder if Grandpa and his father could have had the same first name.

Now the census records indicated that great-aunt Lizzie reported her birth place as Ohio. I wrote inquiries to all 88 Ohio counties. None of the information I got back would fit the details I had on my great-aunt. Although the June 1880 Census of Wayne County, Ohio reported a "Celestia E. Cox" (aged four-twelfths of one year; father: Newton Cox). This was not enough to prove anything at that time as I did not know Lizzie's full name.

Once I found Lizzie's father, William Newton Cox, I also located Jacob Cox, his father. Jacob died the 14th day of March in 1885. His application to probate papers lists Newton's residence as Chautauqua County, Kansas. But why? Newton received an extra \$100.00 for caring for Jacob in his old age.

Why was he in Kansas? I hired a researcher to go to the Chautauqua County Courthouse and Cowley County Courthouse to look for any index with the name of Cox or Adams. Newton's wife was Ellen Adams and I thought perhaps her folks were in Kansas. No records on her family were found.

Why was he in Texas, then two years later in Indian Territory? In 1890, William Newton Cox was caught on the census of veterans in Bonham, Texas, just a few miles south of the Red River that makes the Texas/Oklahoma border. In 1892, or 1893, his post office address was Mannsville, I. T. some 5 miles north of Oakland, where G. A. Maxwell picked up his mail.



Perhaps he was working for the railroad being built through Indian Territory. Perhaps he was buying horses from the Osage to sell in Ohio. Perhaps he was scouting for lands, in the soon-to-be-opened Cherokee Strip. According to history, there were 100,000 men in Arkansas City, Kansas (just west of Chautauqua County), waiting on the Free Land. I have checked the Runs of Oklahoma Territory and have found seven men named William Cox who made land claims. Each of these men were checked out, but none was the right man.

A certain Willie Cox was a shoeshine boy at Stillwater, Oklahoma in 1889. A William N. Cox was found in 1910 in Kansas, although he married December 26, 1903 on the same date as my grandparents, it was to another lady and in another state; furthermore, he died in California. Actually, I've tracked down quite a few William Coxes who might have been my great grandfather, only to find their histories did not match. What happened to Ellen? What happened to Lizzie's half-sister Laura?

Okay, so now I know who the parents of Grandpa were, but I still want to know what happened to them. So I returned and searched every single roll of Choctaw court records, then Chickasaw records, Creek, Cherokee, and all the rest.

So what happened to bust up this family? Only the fire at Ardmore fits the time slot and is near the area. This fire started about 1 a.m. in a livery stable on 19 April 1895. Imagine the chaos of neighbors rushing out of their homes to fight the flames. A certain Mr. Neil was reported as likely to die from his burns about the chest, face and arms. Could Mr. McDonnell also have been badly burned but not reported in the papers? Were the Cox folks also burned? My speculations, based on the records found are: Newton Cox, his wife Ellen and neighbor, W. R. McDonnell were badly burned while fighting the Ardmore fire, 19 April 1895. 76 businesses went up in flames and "26 horses were roasted" (as one Oklahoma newspaper eloquently reported). Mr. McDonnell died and was buried in the Kellar Cemetery, close to the place where his family lived in the Wheeler community.

By October of 1896, he and Ellen required a guardian to care for them, the widow McDonnell, their neighbor. The Cox children were cared for by Susan McDonnell and the three younger ones were sent to a town with a school that at least one of them could attend — Boggy Depot — perhaps by the peddler G. A. Maxwell. Mr. McDonnell's brother lived 17 miles northwest of Ardmore, near what is now Oil City. It is reasonable to believe that Susan buried her husband next to his other family members near there. She was then granted 2,200 acres of land north of Tishomingo, on both sides of the north-south railroad. Her land was almost to the town of Reagan and south all the way to Tishomingo. I have probably missed some burial grounds in this area, and hope to go back again. It is quite possible our Cox folks are there or at Kellar Cemetery.

I have walked caillions of cemeteries in southern Oklahoma, looking for the graves of Newton and Ellen Cox. I have never found them. Perhaps there was no money for head stones, or perhaps I missed them. Maybe you will find them someday.

What happened to Lizzie and Grandpa's parents? All grandpa told anyone was that he and his sister and brother were told that they "*fell from the wagon and their folks kept on a-goin'.*" A likely story? Or truth?



## William Newton Cox and Children

**William Newton Cox** b. ca 1845 Wayne County, Ohio; d. unknown

We do know that he was in Chautauqua, Kansas in 1885, Bonham, Texas in 1893 and Mannsville, Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) in 1896. But we have absolutely no trace of either him or his wife Ellen after 1896 when they became wards of Susan McDonnell.

1<sup>st</sup> marriage **Caroline Broadback** b. ca 1850; d. 30 May 1874

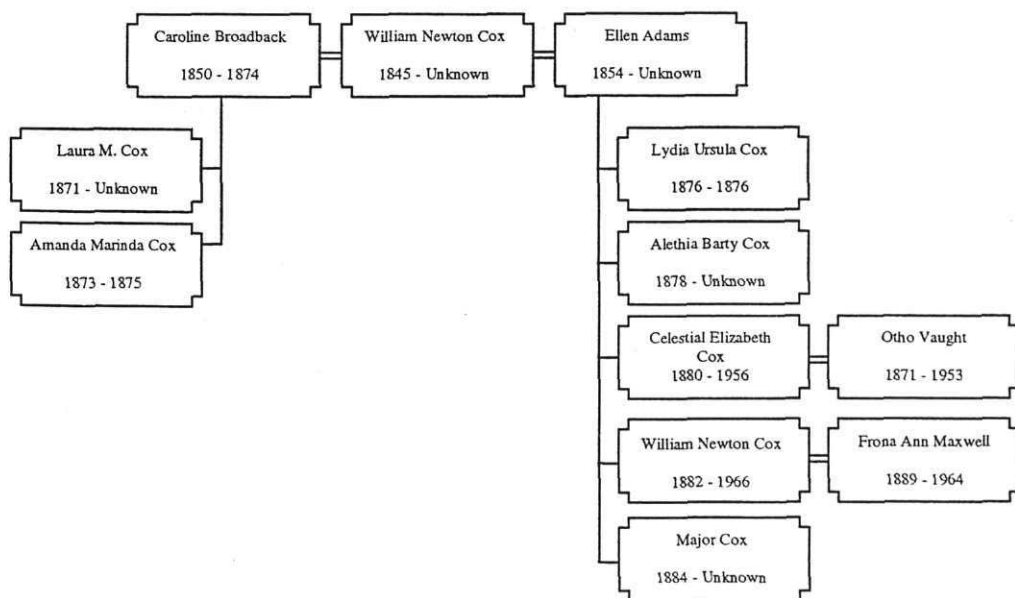
Children:

1. Laura M. Cox b. 06 Feb 1871, d unknown
2. Amanda E. Cox b. 25 Mar 1873, d 9 Mar 1875

2<sup>nd</sup> marriage **Ellen Adams** b. ca 1854 Cumberland Co., Illinois; d. unknown

Children:

1. Lydia Ursula Cox b. 02 Mar 1876 Wayne Co., Ohio  
d. 07 Dec 1876
2. Alethia Barty Cox b. 06 Mar 1878 Wayne Co., Ohio  
d unknown
3. Celestial Elizabeth Cox b. 06 Feb 1880 Wayne Co., Ohio  
d. 18 Feb 1956 Sherman, Texas
4. **William Newton Cox** b. 12 Mar 1882, Blue, Oklahoma  
d. 26 Mar 1966 Oklahoma City, Okla.
5. Major Cox b. ? May 1884, Ohio (?)  
d. between 1900-10, perhaps Eufaula, Oklahoma







## WAYNE COUNTY, OHIO MARRIAGE RECORDS

Let us start with the 1875 marriage license for the happy couple, William and Ellen. Notice the error in the far right column. It was not Jacob who was joined to Ellen in holy matrimony, but his son William. Other Wayne County marriages for Cox folk figure below, and on the next page follow birth and death records for the Coxes.

WAYNE COUNTY OHIO MARRIAGES  
Wayne County Public Library  
1823-1866

Alpheus Cox	Mary Crozier	26 Sep 1861 Vol 6 pg 18
Catherine Cox	John Stuart	16 Jan 1873 Vol 2 pg 42
David Cox	Mary Ann Mum	13 May 1843 Vol 4b pg 180
Eli Cox	Margaret Eckert	27 Feb 1853 Vol 4 1/2 pg 92
Eliza Cox	John T. Richard	24 Dec 1847 Vol 4 b pg 359
Maria Cox	Solomon Vanmeter	19 Oct 1842 Vol 4 b pg 62
Mary Cox	Thomas Lamb	10 Aug 1824 Vol 2 pg 69
Mary Ann Cox	Jacob Nagles	29 Mar 1838 Vol 4a pg 726
Mary Ann Cox	Stephen Hall	05 Nov 1846 Vol 4b pg 264
Rebecca Jane Cox	V.D. Harper	27 Dec 1860 Vol 5 pg 728
Samuel D. Cox	Catharine Maniera	07 Dec 1866 Vol 7 pg 14
Sarah Cox	John Paarsu	01 Mar 1827 Vol 3 pg 33
Stewart Cox	Ann Garretson	04 Nov 1824 Vol 3 pg 69
Teresa Cox	Joseph Vanmeter	26 Jul 1853 Vol 4 1/2 pg 111
William Cox	Margaret Hunt	05 May 1832 Vol 3 pg 246

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<p><i>William A. Cox</i> and <i>Ellen Adams</i></p> <p><b>LICENSE</b></p> <p>Issued the <u>31<sup>st</sup></u> day of <u>July</u> A.D. 1875 to the above named parties</p>	<p>The State of Ohio, } WAYNE COUNTY } <i>Jacob Cox</i> having made application for a LICENSE for <i>William A. Cox</i> and <i>Ellen Adams</i> and being duly sworn, says that of the age of 21 years, and has no wife living; and that <i>she</i> is of the age of 15 years, resident of said County, and has no husband liv- ing, and that said parties are not nearer kin than second cousins.</p> <p><i>Jacob Cox</i> Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31<sup>st</sup> day of <u>July</u>, A.D. 1875</p> <p><i>John H. Adams</i> Minister of the Gospel</p>	<p>The State of Ohio, } WAYNE COUNTY } I do hereby certify, <i>John H. Adams</i> Minister of the Gospel <i>Ellen Adams</i> were joined in Holy Matrimony by me on the day of <u>July</u> A.D. 1875</p> <p><i>Rev. J. H. Adams</i> Pastor and recorded this day of <u>August</u> 1875</p> <p><i>John H. Adams</i> Minister of the Gospel</p>
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## WAYNE COUNTY, OHIO BIRTH &amp; DEATH RECORDS

These records contain quite a few inconsistencies in spelling, and some errors in birth dates, notably for great-aunt Lizzie, born 6 February 1880, not March. The census correctly gives her birthdate as February. For her father, our great-grandfather, William Newton, you have the choice in abbreviations: either W. A., W. N., Wm. N., or W. S., all the same individual.

Wayne County Probate-Death Records

30 May 1874	Carolina Cox age 23	housekeeper	Vol 1 P53	SugarCrkTwp	consumption
18 Apr 1874	Jane Cox age 68	housekeeper	Vol 1 P53	SugarCrkTwp	consumption
09 Mar 1875	Marinda Cox age 1	child	Vol 1 P53	SugarCrkTwp	brain fever
07 Dec 1876	Lydia Ursula 9 mos	child	Vol 1 P82	SugarCrkTwp	(information) of membrane
14 Mar 1885	Jacob Cox	farmer	Vol 1 P158	SugarCrkTwp	old age

Wayne County Probate-Birth Records

01 mar 1868	_____ Cox	Alfred Cox Mary Cox	Vol 1 p12 #527	Wayne (Dalton)	20 apr 1868
03 nov 1868	Mary Elizabeth	Mary Riddle	Vol 1 p19 #885	Wayne(Woodster)	15 jun 1869
10 aug 1868	_____ Cox	Samuel Cox Katherine Cox	Vol 1 p21 #957	SugarCrTwp	20 apr 1869
14 may 1870	Oliver A Cox	Alpheus Cox Mary Cozier	Vol 1 p51 #15	Raughman Twp	01 jul 1871
11 nov 1870	Noral H Cox	S.D.Cox C.A. Masters	Vol 1 p50 #12	Dalton(sugarcrk)	01 jul 1871
06 feb 1871	Laura M. Cox	W.N.Cox Caroline Broadback	Vol 1 p49 #9	SugarCr	01 jul 1871
25 mar 1873	Amanda E Cox	W.N.Cox Caroline Broadback	Vol 1 p96 #10	SugarCr	22 may 1873
02 mar 1876	Lidia V Cox	W.A. Cox Ellen Adams	Vol 1 p16 #12	Sug-Crk	24 may 1876
07 aug 1876	Maud Cox	William Cox Jennie Shephard	Vol 2 p72 #06	Lodi(MedinaCo)	30 may 1877
06 mar 1878	Alathia Barty	Wm.N. Cox Ellen Loretta Adams	Vol 2 p100#11	SugarCrTwp	22 may 1878
06 mar 1878	Clarence Westley	S.D. Cox Catherine A.	Vol 2 p100#12	Dalton	22 may 1878
* 06 mar 1880	Celesta E Cox	W.S. Cox Ellen Adams	Vol 2 p222#13	SugarCr	19 may 1880
25 jun 1880	Orissa Estella	S.D. Cox C.A. Masters	Vol 2 p264#05	SugarCr	21 may 1881
04 oct 1894	Edith Cleo Cox	Oliver Cox Dora Fritz	Vol 3 p164#8	Milton	01 jun 1899
15 may 1898	Thelma Mary Cox	O.L. Cox Dora Fritz	Vol 3 p279#13	Milton	01 jun 1899
04 oct 1901	Ruth Elenendale	Oliver Cox Dora Fritz	Vol 3 p279#19	Wadsworth	02 jun 1902

TEXAS PROBATED BIRTH CERTIFICATE  
FOR EDWARD VAUGHT  
son of Celestial Elizabeth Cox

This document was the first rung up the ladder in locating my great grandparents, William N. and Ellen Cox. It clearly gives great-aunt Lizzie's full name and Ohio as her place of birth.

**STATE OF TEXAS**  
**CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD**

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

1. PLACE OF BIRTH  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF MS KENTON CITY OR PRECINCT NO. EVANOLA 272396 AUG 28 1942

2. FULL NAME OF CHILD Edward Vaught

3. SEX Male 4. DATE OF BIRTH August 2, 1942

5. FATHER Otha Vaught 6. MOTHER Celestial Elizabeth Cox

7. RESIDENCE AT TIME OF BIRTH Evansville, Mississippi 8. RESIDENCE AT TIME OF BIRTH Evansville, Mississippi

9. COLOR OR RACE White 10. COLOR OR RACE White

11. BIRTHPLACE Mississippi 12. BIRTHPLACE Ohio

13. TRADE, BUSINESS OR SERVICE Farmer 14. TRADE, BUSINESS OR SERVICE Farmer

15. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH ENGAGED Farmer 16. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH ENGAGED Farmer

17. NUMBER OF CHILDREN BORN TO THIS MOTHER 9 18. NUMBER OF CHILDREN BORN TO THIS MOTHER 9

I HEREBY CERTIFY TO THE BIRTH OF THIS CHILD WHO WAS BORN ALIVE AT Evansville, Mississippi ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE.

SIGNATURE Celestial Elizabeth Vaught AFFIDAVIT A

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF Haywood  
BEFORE ME ON THIS DAY APPEARED Celestial Elizabeth Vaught  
KNOWN TO ME TO BE THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THE CERTIFICATE ATTACHED, DEPOSED AND ON OATH DEPOSED AND SWEAR THAT THE FACTS STATED IN THE FOREGOING BIRTH CERTIFICATE ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF HER KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, AND THAT SHE WAS ACQUAINTED WITH THE FACTS AT THE TIME OF THE EVENT.

SIGNED Celestial Elizabeth Vaught  
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 20th DAY OF October 1942.

(SEAL) NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR Haywood COUNTY, TEXAS.

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF Haywood  
BEFORE ME ON THIS DAY APPEARED Edward Vaught  
KNOWN TO ME TO BE THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS AFFIDAVIT AND ON OATH DEPOSED AND SAYS THAT THE FACTS STATED IN THE FOREGOING BIRTH CERTIFICATE ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF HIS KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, AND THAT HE IS ACQUAINTED WITH THE FACTS AND THAT HE IS NOT RELATED TO THE INDIVIDUAL BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE.

SIGNED E. J. Howard  
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 20th DAY OF October 1942.

(SEAL) NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR Haywood COUNTY, TEXAS.

STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF Haywood  
THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF Edward Vaught  
ATTACHED HERETO, WAS SUBMITTED TO THIS COMET, AS PROVIDED FOR IN H. S. NO. 814, 48TH L.S., P. 8, 1928.  
IT IS THE ORDER OF THIS COURT THAT THIS RECORD BE ACCEPTED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR FILING IN THE STATE BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS.

SIGNED Jake L. Fox CO. JUDGE  
DATE Dec-20-42 OF Haywood COUNTY.

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT REPRODUCTION OF THE ORIGINAL RECORD AS RECORDED IN THIS OFFICE. ISSUED UNDER AUTHORITY OF SECTION 191.051, CHAPTER 678, HEALTH & SAFETY CODE, 1989.

ISSUED Dec 20 1942

Richard B. Bayne  
CLERK OF COURT  
STATE CLERK

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## CELESTIAL "LIZZIE" COX VAUGHT, DAUGHTER OF WM. N. COX I

by Kenny Ray Cox

My great-aunt's and my grandpa's family history was shrouded in mystery. However, thanks to her records, I was finally able to unravel the puzzle of my own origins. 'Begin to unravel' would be more appropriate, for there is still much more work to be done. She left behind few records, but very precious ones. I never got to meet her, at least not that I can remember.

She died before I turned 16. She was buried in Sherman, Texas, far away from my family in Oklahoma City.

Facts found in the records:



Photograph 31:  
Celestial Elizabeth  
"Lizzie" Cox Vaught

- Lizzie stated in all census records (1880, 1900, 1910, and 1920) that she was born in Ohio in 1880. But the main key to solving the mystery of who my great grandparents were was the birth certificate for her son Edward.
- Otho and Lizzie were wed in November 1897 in McAlester, Indian Territory. He was 28; she was just 17, although she claimed to be 18. Their marriage record was found in the U.S. Court Records of McAlester (at the time South McAlister, with an i not an e).
- Otho had one sister listed in his obituary, named Corda McCrary, reported as living in Altahoma, Texas.
- Otho stated that he was born in Missouri and his parents were born in Kentucky. His father, Otho de Frederick Vaught, served two one-year hitches in the Civil War, Company D of the Kentucky Volunteer Infantry.
- The last of their eleven children were twin girls. Otho and Lizzie's children gave them some twenty-three grandchildren.

Curiously, Lizzie's obituary indicates that she was born in Caddo, Oklahoma, but we now know with certainty that she was born in Dalton, Ohio. Another strange



point: Otho's obit reads that he was a longtime resident of Pauls Valley, and died while he was visiting relatives in Dallas, and his wife resided in Sherman Texas. Why was Otho buried in Pauls Valley and Lizzie in Sherman?

Apparently, Lizzie and Otho never told their children any family information, or they didn't know themselves. After reading all the Choctaw Indian History books and articles that I could find, I searched the pre-statehood U. S. Court records of southeast Oklahoma for any clue that would lead me to Lizzie and found a marriage record for Lizzie Cox and Otho Vaught of South McAlester, February 15, 1897. Lizzie was from Boggy Depot in Atoka County.

The 1900 Census shows an Otho Vaught of Eufaula, Creek Nation, Indian Territory, with a wife Lizzie (born in Ohio) and daughter Bertha, age 7, born 1899, (this must mean seven months, as her birth date was Nov 1899) and a brother-in-law, Major Cox, age 16, born May 1884, in Ohio. Lizzie must have lied on her marriage record as the 1900 census states that she was 19 years old, had been married for three years and birthed two children, with one living. She gave her age as 18 on the marriage license when in fact she was 20. Walter Vaught age 13 and Fred Vaught age 62 were living in the house. These two individuals were respectively: Otho's brother, and his dad, whose complete name was Otho Fred Vaught.

The 1910 Census of Eufaula, McIntosh County, Oklahoma did not show a Major living with Lizzie. I've never found any other records of Major. I've concluded that he must have drowned, as my grandparents always said, between the years 1906 and 1910. In a search of the Eufaula Cemetery, we discovered the graves of Lizzie's father-in-law, Otho D. Vaught and her brother-in-law, Walter and his wife Maggie.

With the tiny Ohio clue, I was sure I'd be able to find them soon, but it was not to be. The 1890 Census for the entire United States burned in a major fire. A few records do exist, but none that help. I thought that the 1880 Census of Ohio should at least show Lizzie as a baby. I searched it, but found only older children named Lizzie Cox. I wrote to all 88 county courthouses in Ohio to see if they had any records of Lizzie and two younger brothers. Eighty counties used my SASE to reply "sorry". The other eight counties were searched by using hired local historians, but no records were found.

It seemed apparent that Lizzie was a nickname. I tried Elizabeth, Mary E, Susan E and various other combinations. In the 1880 Census of Wayne County Ohio, a Celestial E., age 4/12 (i.e. four months old) was found with her father, listed as Newton Cox. The girl was the exact right age, as the census was taken in June of 1880. Going backwards to the 1870, 1860, 1850 census, we found her father was named William Newton Cox—the same name as my grandfather, Papa Cox!

It was Darlene Guerra, then living in Victoria, Texas, who suggested looking at Texas probated birth certificates. When Social Security was set up, folks had to have a birth certificate. Texas allowed people living there who could prove where and when they were born—no matter where it took place—to apply for a Texas Certificate. Darlene sent me a list of all Vaught folks who had applied. It included three of Lizzie's children. Lizzie signed these applications giving her full name as Celestial Elizabeth Cox Vaught.



I sent for a certificate for Edward Vaught. His mother was Celestial Elizabeth Cox, born in Ohio. Edward was born in Eufaula, Oklahoma in 1902. This proves beyond a reasonable doubt that Lizzie was the daughter of William Newton Cox of Wayne County, Ohio.

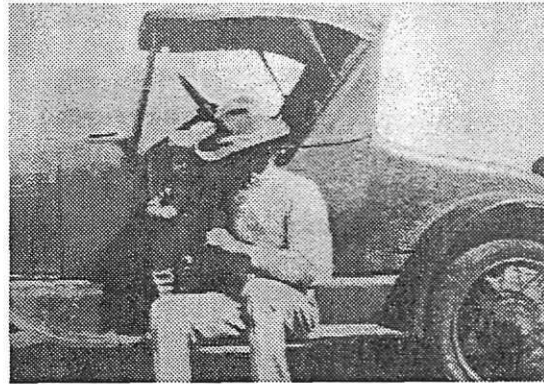
When I opened the mail and found that name I was very excited. My yelling woke up all the sleeping welfare folks on my block. It was surely difficult to wait over the Memorial Day Holiday until Tuesday to get to the library.

Celestial E. Cox was found in Wayne County, Ohio, 4 months old in June of 1880. Her father was "Newton" on this 1880 record, but turned out to be "William Newton Cox" on older records. This meant that my grandfather was a Junior. A courthouse record gives us February 6, 1880 as Lizzie's birth date. There is no record for Will Newton, nor for Major. This indicates that they were born elsewhere.

How the three Cox children got to Boggy Depot, Choctaw Nation in Indian Territory is still a mystery. Some clues have been found, but not enough proof to be sure of. I suspect they may have got there with the help of the peddler, G. A. Maxwell.



**Photograph 32:**  
Lizzie Cox Vaught and daughter



**Photograph 33:**  
Jesse James Vaught and Charles

Photos graciously contributed by Margie Vaught.





DESCENDANTS OF CELESTIAL "LIZZIE" COX  
AND OTHO VAUGHT  
Incorporating research contributed by Margie Vaught

*Generation No. 1*

1. CELESTIAL "LIZZIE" ELIZABETH<sup>5</sup> COX (*WILLIAM NEWTON<sup>4</sup>, JACOB<sup>3</sup>, PETER<sup>2</sup>, MICHAEL<sup>1</sup>*) was born 06 February, 1880 in Wayne County, Ohio, and died 18 February, 1956 in Sherman, Texas. She married OTHO VAUGHT 15 February, 1897 in Boggy Depot, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory.

OTHO<sup>1</sup> VAUGHT was born 09 September, 1871 in Kentucky (or perhaps in Missouri), and died 23 October, 1953 in Dallas, Texas.

At least the first seven of their fourteen children were born in Eufala, McIntosh County, Oklahoma. (Possible burial place for Johnnie, Bertha, and perhaps Major Cox Deeres Chapel Cemetery, 5 miles west of Eufaula).

Children of OTHO VAUGHT and CELESTIAL COX are:<sup>37</sup>

- i. **JOHNNIE<sup>2</sup> VAUGHT**, born 02 September, 1898; died before 1900.
- ii. **BERTHA VAUGHT**, born 26 November, 1899; died about 1905 (choked on a corn cob).
2. iii. **EDWARD VAUGHT**, born 02 August, 1902; died 22 June, 1976.
3. iv. **JESSE VAUGHT**, born 01 July, 1904; died 05 April, 1937.
- v. **MYRTLE VAUGHT**, born 01 June, 1905; m. HENRY WILEY BRIANS. They lived in Monkstown, Texas.
- vi. **WILLIAM NEWTON VAUGHT**, born 08 January, 1908; died 06 January, 1994, Lubbock, Texas; m. LOIS LYNCH, 25 March, 1934.
- vii. **OTHO J. VAUGHT**, born September 1909; died after 1910. Although listed in the 1910 census, he is missing from the census of 1920.
- viii. **HENRY VAUGHT**, born 01 September, 1910.
- ix. **<unnamed female>**, born 27 February, 1912; died March 1912. (Howard's twin sister.)
- x. **HOWARD VAUGHT**, born 27 February, 1912; died 02 July, 1973, Dallas, Texas.
- xi. **VERNON VALE VAUGHT**, born 17 March, 1914. Lived in Sherman, Texas.
4. xii. **THOMAS VAUGHT**, born 10 January, 1917.
- xiii. **ALENE VAUGHT**, born 27 October, 1919.
5. xiv. **GERALDINE VAUGHT**, born 27 Oct. 1919; died 05 May, 1994 in Hannibal, Missouri; m. WILLIAM A. JACKSON, 30 Jan 1942.

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<sup>37</sup> Howard appears in the *Social Security Death Index 1937-1997*; it also indicates a certain William Vaught (born same date in Texas) is listed as having died 6 Jan 1994 in Lubbock, Texas. This may not be the same individual. No Vaughns are listed.



*Generation No. 2*

2. EDWARD<sup>2</sup> VAUGHT (*OTHO*<sup>1</sup>) was born 02 August, 1902, and died 22 June, 1976. He married JEWELL DIAL 1925.

Children of EDWARD VAUGHT and JEWELL DIAL are:

- i. LEONARD<sup>3</sup> VAUGHT.
- ii. EDWARD L. VAUGHT.

3. JESSE<sup>2</sup> VAUGHT (*OTHO*<sup>1</sup>) was born 01 July, 1904, and died 05 April, 1937. He married WILLIE MAE ADAMS 19 June, 1926 in Honey Grove, Texas.

Children of JESSE VAUGHT and WILLIE ADAMS are:

- i. CHARLES<sup>3</sup> VAUGHT.
- ii. MARY FRANCES VAUGHT.

4. THOMAS<sup>2</sup> VAUGHT (*OTHO*<sup>1</sup>) was born 10 January, 1917. He married DOROTHY LOUISE MASSEY 1939.

Children of THOMAS VAUGHT and DOROTHY MASSEY are:

- i. BETTY ANN<sup>3</sup> VAUGHT.
- ii. PAT VAUGHT.
- iii. JERRY VAUGHT.
- iv. KENNETH RAY VAUGHT.
- v. MIKE VAUGHT.
- vi. JIMMY VAUGHT.
- vii. MARSHAL VAUGHT.
- viii. RUSSEL VAUGHT.

5. GERALDINE<sup>2</sup> VAUGHT (*OTHO*<sup>1</sup>) was born 27 October, 1919, and died 05 May, 1994. She married WILLIAM A. JACKSON 30 January, 1942.

Children of GERALDINE VAUGHT and WILLIAM JACKSON are:

- i. GERALD<sup>3</sup> JACKSON, born 01 February, 1945.
- ii. PATRICIA ANN JACKSON, born 1952.
- iii. CYNTHIA LYNN JACKSON, born 03 May, 1956.





GENEALOGY OF LIZZIE COX AND OTHO VAUGHT  
by Margie Scalley Vaught

Thanks for allowing me to contribute to your book. I'd like to write one called "Oh, my darling Valentine," after our ancestor, Valentine Vaught. The Vaught Association has several books out, notably: *There was a Gasper in the Family*, *The Oxcarts Through the Cumberland Gap*.

I've been doing research on the Vaught line for over ten years now. I have traced them back to the original **Johan Paulas Vogt**, born 1680 in Thalfang Village, Luckenberg, Germany. Now I want to head to Germany to find out more.

We only knew of **Major Cox** and a **William Cox**. (Okay, they just told me that there was a William Cox, but I always thought they were one in the same.)

I have many pictures of Lizzie and her children. We have looked for Lizzie's parents for over 10 years. I come from Otho and Lizzie's son **Jesse James**. Technically, I am an "out-law" or "in-law" Vaught. Let's see, Jesse married Willie Mae Adams and they had a son **Charles Otho**, who had a son **James Otho Vaught**—that's my hubby, so I am an grand-daughter-in-law to Jesse James. My maiden name is Scalley and I have worked on that line, but like the Cox's line, it stops at my great-grandfather Thomas Scally.<sup>38</sup>

James and I have four children, our oldest boy turned 20 in August 2000, a daughter 18 studying marine biology in Hawaii, another daughter 15, and then the big surprise came last year (in 1999): another little girl!



Photograph 34:  
Margie Scalley Vaught

<sup>38</sup> He appears and marries a **Matilda Ann Evans** in 1883, they had my grandfather in January 1885 and by March 1885 Matilda had passed away and Thomas was nowhere in sight. We get the impression that the family did not care for Thomas and there were stories that he ran out on Matilda and that she died of heartache. I think that she died of complications of childbirth and Thomas was overwhelmed and my grandfather was then raised by aunts. I have a picture of Matilda and Thomas and a copy of their wedding announcement in which Matilda's family requested "no gifts." Thomas appears to be an older man and supposedly came from Ireland. I have looked through all the 1880 census records for the state in which Matilda lived and all the death records for that state trying to find out what happened to **Thomas**. My grandfather made up many stories about who his father was, a railroad man, though I have no idea. In the picture we have of Thomas it has one of those comedy pins, you know with the two masks, making us wonder if he might have been a member of some traveling acting team that came through.



Otho Vaught had one brother, **Walter**, and four sisters, **Corda** (boy there are stories about her! It seems she had a chicken ranch – both types!); **Ida**, **Nora**, and **Annie T.** Their mother, Otho D. Vaught's wife, was **Annie Boon Spiers** from Kentucky.

I have copies of their father's Civil War papers and even got to see the originals once when I was in Washington DC on business. Otho's father appears in an Adjutant General's report of Roll of Company "C" Ninth Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry. It reads: "Otho D Vaughte, Rank Private, Enrolled Aug 21, 1862, Mustered in when Oct 28, 1862, where New Market, Kentucky, period 1 year, Mustered out when Sept 11, 1863 where Eminence, Kentucky."

I also have copies of Jessie James Vaught's honorable discharge papers, obituary notices on Jesse James Vaught, William Newton Vaught, Edward Vaught and his wife, Geraldine Vaught Jackson, death certificates on Jesse James Vaught, William Newton Vaught, Edward Vaught, Lizzie Vaught, Otho Vaught, a letter from Lois Vaught, William Newton's wife, plus some pedigree charts and ancestor's charts, descendant charts and family group sheets.

This is what I have found on Corda. She had a chicken ranch (and brothel). She was not a very nice lady, I have been told. Myrtle said that they used to pray that she would find God before she died. There is also a story that she killed Dr. McCrary whom she had married. The night he was found killed, a big diamond was missing from the jewelry store and Corda was gone. Shortly thereafter, she purchased a house and farm in Texas.

According to family information, **Corda Vaught** married a **Dr. John H. McCrary** and had a boarding house in Anadarko, Oklahoma. I found on the 1900 Soundex for Indian Territory living with **John H. McCrary**, age 30 with no children in the Choctaw Nation area. I then found Corda living in Galveston, Texas. I have an old picture of her in front of a house numbered 820 Avenue D. I looked through old Galveston phone books and found that in 1919 the house was owned by Kappa Pi Fraternity. In 1920, it was owned by a J. E. Rumsey, but 1922 gives no listing. Then in 1923, it shows *McCrary Corda Mrs.* as owner of the building. In 1924-25 listed *McCrary, Corda (Wid John H.) Furnished Rooms*. The 1926-27 phone book also shows this; but in 1928-29 it shows that a Harry Holcombe was living there and does not say "ROOMS FOR RENT."

I found out that she married this Harry Holcombe in August 1927. In 1930, they were both listed at that address, however it says Corda McCrary in 1932. Harry is gone and now listing McCrary Corda (Wid. J. H.) until 1935.

And now on to the ancestors! We'll begin with the immigrant Johan Paulas Vogt, whose name was anglicized to Vaught once he reached American shores.



JOHAN PAULAS VOGT AND DESCENDANTS  
by Margie Scalley Vaught

JOHAN PAULAS (JOHN PAUL) VOGT

born 1680 Luckenburg, Germany (near Frankfurt), died 1761 Shenandoah Valley, Virginia. John Paul came to Virginia in 1733 with his wife MARIA CATHERINA, also known as Catherina Margaret. They were married between 1704 and 1714, probably in 1705. Their children were: Catherina Margaret, Mary Catherine, John Andrew, and John Casper.

They came to America on the "Charming Betty" that originated out of London, England, John Ball, Master. It arrived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 11 Oct 1733. On board were Johan Vogt 53, Andreas Vogt 12, Casper Vogt 8, Maria Vogt 46, Catherina Vogt 18, Maria Vogt 16, (Source: *Pennsylvania German Pioneers*, Vol. 42 pp. 135-136).

By 1735, John owned land in the northern neck of Virginia in what then was Orange Co., Virginia. Much of the land in the great fork between the Rappahannock and Rapidan rivers today in Madison and Culpepper counties. John Paul Vogt's patent was for 640 acres and was recorded in January 1735. Today this land is in Madison County near the Culpepper County line. In July and October of 1744, John Paul Vogt bought land in the Massanutten Mountain area in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley of David Logan. He added more land in 1745. John Paul Vogt died on this land near the Shenandoah River in 1761. At that time, Orange County had been divided, and this land was now in Augusta County. Today, this same land is in Rockingham County.

His will was dated 9 Oct 1759, proved 18 Aug 1761. His will named sons: Andrew and Gasper and a daughter who had married Christian Clements.

Andrew Vaught married Elizabeth (?) in Orange County, Virginia most likely in 1741 1742 or 1743. John Andrew Vaught was assignee of John Parkes for 600 acres at the head of Reed Creek, surveyed in 1753 and 1754. Andrew was to pay interest on the land in 1762. Andrew sold land in the Peaked Mt. area to his brother Gasper in 1762, then more in 1768. By 1772, the Vaught name appears on militia lists from southwest Virginia. Most records for Andrew and his sons are from the Wythe County area. In 1770, Reed Creek and Cripple Creek were in Botetourt County. By 1772, it was Fincastle County, and in 1777 the area was in Montgomery County. In 1790, their land was in Wythe County and some Vaughts lived just across the new county line in Smyth County that was formed in 1832. The old records are hard to be for sure just which sons and daughters belonged to which sons of John Paul Vaught. There was an Andrew senior and an Andrew junior, however, who were most likely father and son. Other names of Vaught men were: George, John, Gasper, Christian, David and Henry.



Andrew Vaught probably died about 1787 in Montgomery County, Virginia if we understand the land division records correctly. Many of the Vaughts remained loyalists during the Revolution. At their trial John and David were released on their own good behavior. Andrew Vaught of Cripple Creek was included in this group by the testimony of Peter Kinder of 17 August 1780 (Andrew Jr., most likely). John and David were fined 1,000 pounds each, which may explain why they left for Kentucky!

Information in the book *There Was A Gasper In The Family* tells us that Gasper married Elizabeth Butcher in 1773 in Fincastle County, Virginia and they went to Pulaski County, Kentucky in 1809. He was recorded as Jasper and Casper in Kentucky records. They moved from land that was in both Wythe and Smyth Counties of Virginia to land on both sides of Pitman Creek in Pulaski County, Kentucky. Gasper paid \$1,100 to Robertson Burge for this land.

Elizabeth died in 1821 or 1822. Gasper died in 1830. All their children were born in Virginia.

Catherine married Michael Creagar 16 June 1795 in Wythe County, Virginia. Another possible daughter was Barbara who married George Goodman in 1798. The other children of Gasper and Elizabeth are listed in the Kimberling Church Baptismal records that include John Vaught who married first Patsy Newby in 1814 and secondly Nancy White 24 Nov 1818 in Pulaski County, Kentucky.

**John Vaught** married **Patsy Newby** in 1814 and **Nancy White** 24 Nov 1818 in Pulaski County, Kentucky. The book, *There Was A Gasper In The Family* has a lot of information about this family, but we have yet to find a copy of it. The writers found church records of Kimberling Church, old letters, county records, census records, and cemetery records. These apparently include a son, **Valentine** who was the grandfather of the **Otho Vaught** who married **Lizzie Cox**.

**Valentine Vaught** appears as the head of a household on the 1840 census of Owen County, Kentucky age 20/30. With him are two teenage boys and a lady 20/30. These boys may have been brothers or cousins. Valentine married 17 Dec 1839 to Elizabeth Williams who was much older than he was. In 1850, it was Elizabeth who was the head of the house, age 46, with three younguns: Otho 11, Henry 5, and Sara 2. Valentine was 30 and a stonecutter. The 1860 census shows Elizabeth 54, Frederick 17, William H. 15, and Sara 11. Perhaps Valentine and Otho had both left to join the service.

Another peculiar item is that Frederick was left off the 1850 census. By 1870, William Henry Vaught had married, had had three kids and was the operator of the *Owen Hotel and Saloon*. Living at the hotel was his mother, Eliza 56, and his sister Sara 22. So far, we have not found Valentine, Otho, or Frederick on any 1870 census. The Civil War records of Otho D. Vaught have been found, however, and show that he served two one-year hitches in the Civil War with a year separating them.

The 1900 census gives the name "Fred" as the father of the Otho who married Lizzie Cox but the death certificate of this Otho states that his father was Otho D. So, will the real father of the Otho that married Lizzie Cox please stand up and tell us –



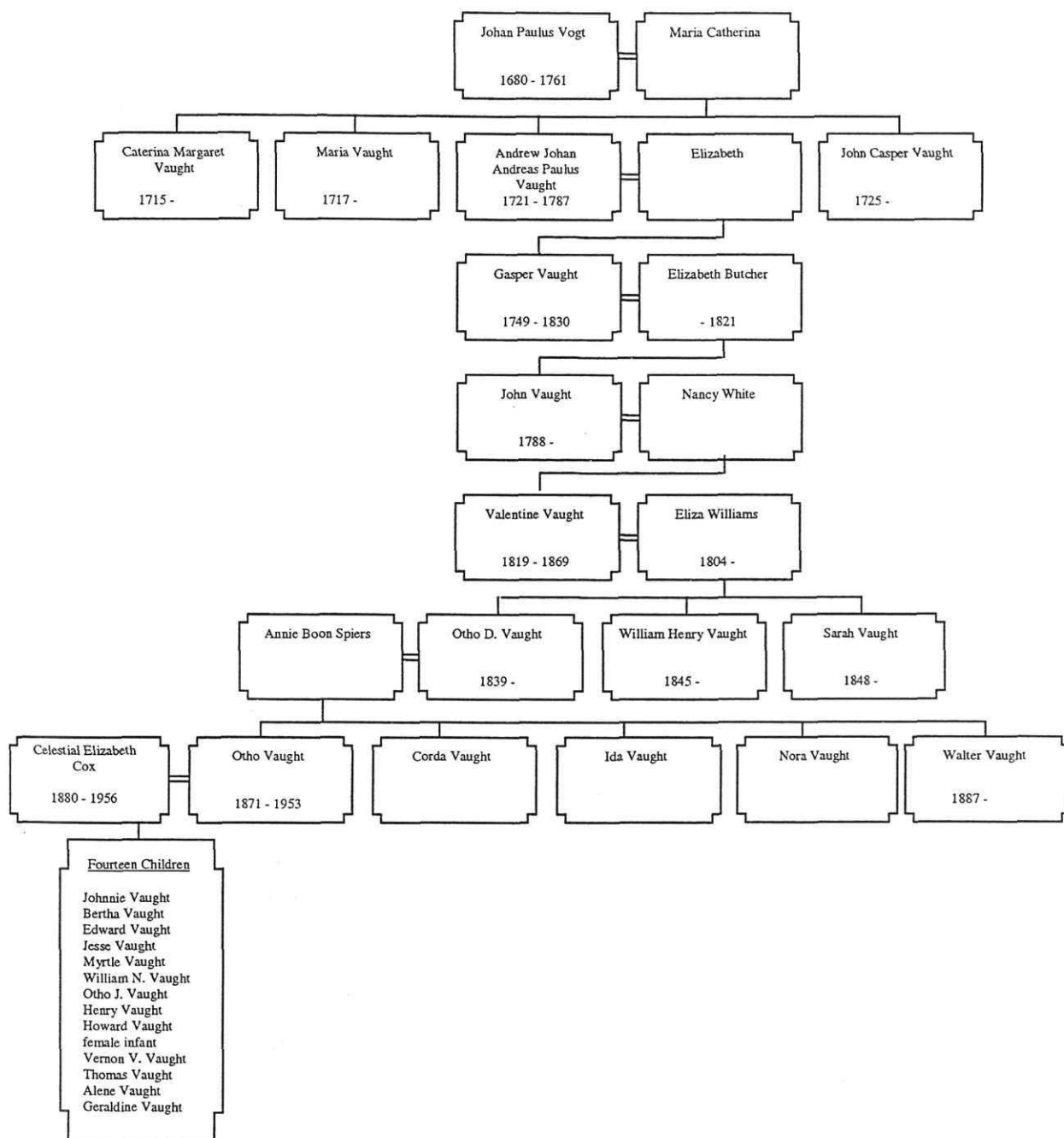
Did you have a brother named Frederick? What happened to him? What happened to Valentine? Where were you guys in 1870?

Otho married Annie Boon Spiers 31 March 1868 in Louisville, Kentucky. They soon went to northern part of Missouri where Corda was born 15 Sep 1869 and Otho was born 14 May 1871. The exact place these two were born has not been ascertained. They should be on an 1870 census report, but if they are, we can not find them. There were other children but we know only of Walter who was born 27 March 1887 in Grayson County, Texas.

Corda married first to a Dr. John H McCrary about 1890. After he died, she married Harry Holcomb in Galveston, Texas. It seems she never had any children.

Walter Vaught was born with a club foot. Walter was living with his brother Otho in 1900 on the north side of the South Canadian River at Eufaula, Creek Nation of Indian Territory. Walter married Maggie Ransom 8 Aug 1908. She was related to the town marshal who tossed Walter in the pokey on more than one occasion for his antics while drinking. Walter is buried next to his father, Otho D. Vaught in the Greenwood Cemetery at Eufaula, Oklahoma.

Otho married Lizzie Cox, whose complete name was Celestial Elizabeth Cox 15 Feb 1897 of Boggy Depot, Atoka County, Choctaw Nation of Indian Territory. They had 14 children, one named for her dad and younger brother: William Newton Cox. Lizzie was born near Dalton, Wayne County, Ohio on 6 February 1880.

*Descendants of Johan Paulus Vogt*

**Bertha Vaught** born 26 Nov 1898

When Bertha was the age of six or so the family was shelling corn and had a tub sitting in the middle of the floor. Bertha ran by and grabbed a handful and put it in her mouth and ran sucking the corn down her throat. She choked to death. (I have also heard it was a corn cob that got logged in her throat.)

**Johnnie Vaught** (male) born 2 Sept 1899<sup>39</sup>

This child's information was obtained from Geraldine's personal papers that her husband copied and sent to us. These are things that she had kept for years, he stated. This child died young.

**Edward Vaught** born 2 August 1902

Ed married a **Jewell Dial** around 1925 and had two sons; Edward L., and Leonard. Leonard was two years old when **Jesse Vaught** and **Willie Mae Adams** married. Leonard was the oldest of the two boys and he went into the service, W.W.II, and was a prisoner of war for four to five years.

Edward and Jewell lived in Monkstown.

He died 22 June 1976 and was buried 24 June 1976 in the West Hill Cemetery, in Sherman, Texas. The funeral home there sent me both his information and his ex-wife's. I am not sure when they divorced, however, they are buried close together.

**Jesse James Vaught** born 1 July 1904

Jesse joined W.W.I and served for a time in Lawton, Oklahoma and was some sort of a cannon man. His regiment was the 18<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery. We have pictures of him loading the cannons. This is where he damaged his eardrums. He was also the barber for the company. He also was a blacksmith for his company. Apparently his eardrums burst from this type of work. He died 5 April 1937 from *otitis meningitis*. Jesse is buried in the Newcastle Cemetery.

Jesse married **Willie Mae Adams** 19 June 1926 in Honey Grove, Fannin County, Texas. They had two children, **Charles Otho Vaught** and **Mary Frances Vaught**. All the family calls Willie Mae "Goodmama." For her 90th birthday all she wanted to do was go fishing and dancing. Willie Mae remembers **William Newton** and wife **Fronie Cox**, and I will try to get some of those stories as well. I have pictures of the house they lived in Indian Territory.

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<sup>39</sup> 1900 census data states Bertha was born Nov 1899 and that Lizzie had had "2 children - 1 living." However, I see 1898 as his birth date and 26 November 1899 for Bertha. KRC



**Myrtle Vaught** born 1 June 1905

Myrtle married a **Henry Wiley Brians** who was about 21 years older than her. Otho, her father, told her to never bring him to his house and she didn't. Henry kept bees out in the yard close to the house, Mary (Jesse's daughter) had long hair and the bees would get in her hair. He was real patient with her. Henry and Myrtle lived in Monkstown, where he died.

Myrtle moved to Bonham, living there until she was in a real bad car wreck, then lived in nursing homes in Bonham and Sherman, for many years. We visited with her in 1994. She had memories of her early childhood, and at times she would lapse into tears.

She remembered an **Uncle Willie** that was her mother's brother. She talked about being the oldest daughter and having to take care of the twins. She stated that her brothers called her "Baby" and would bribe her with nickels to not tell that they were into the whiskey. She stated that when she got older they had to bribe her with sharing the whiskey with her.



**Photograph 35: Myrtle Vaught and her twin sisters**

She did not know that some of her brothers were dead. When I talked about it she would cry and say that someone was playing a joke on her and told her that they were dead but she knew it was not true. She said that they would pray all the time that Allene would find God as she was always in trouble and was "not a good girl."



She also said that her dad was mean at times and would beat them with his belt. She said that he drank too much and her mother would just wait for him to drink too much and pass out. Apparently, Lizzie protected the children from Otho's mean streak as much as possible.

Here is Myrtle when I visited with her in 1994 while she was at a Sherman Nursing Home. I have since been told that she has passed away. I need to get a copy of her death register from Sherman to get the actual date.

**Photograph 36: Myrtle Vaught Brians in 1994**

**William "Bill" Newton Vaught** born 8 Jan 1908

He married Lois Lynch on 25 March 1934 in Young County, Texas. Apparently, he drank quite a bit. He and Lois were divorced late in life, and were remarried some time later. They had two daughters: **Betty** and **Joyce**.

Bill died 6 January 1994 and was buried 8 January 1994 in the Lubbock Cemetery, Lubbock, Texas. His wife Lois is still alive and comes to Graham, Texas every once in a while to visit her sister Alma. Lois is currently living in New Mexico.



**Photograph 37:**  
**William Newton Vaught**

**Otho J. Vaught** born 1909

He was listed on the 1910 Census but did not make it to the 1920 census. This child makes sense as it carries on the "Otho" name that has come down from **Valentine** and **Eliza Williams Vaught**. But apparently this name comes from the Williams family and not the Vaught family. I have not found any other Othos in the Vaught line all the way back to the original VOGT that came from Germany. However, Eliza had a nephew (or something like that) by the name of Otho Williams, and this must be where it came from. Willie Mae stated that she never heard them speak of him except to say that they had a baby boy that died.

**Henry Vaught** born 1 Sept 1910

I don't have much information on Henry other than that he married a **Marie** and is still alive. They had one daughter.<sup>40</sup>

**Howard Vaught** born 27 Feb 1912

I think that Howard is the one that for many years owned a bar of some sort. We have a picture of him in the bar. I was able to locate most of his information from the Social Security index and found that he died in July 1973 in Dallas, Texas. He was buried in Samuels Cemetery. I have that he married an **Eleanor** and had a son named **Dwayne**.

**Female Vaught** born 27 Feb 1912

This information comes from Geraldine's papers. It looks like this baby was a twin to Howard. It shows that she died March 1912 and was buried in Deere's Chapel, Oklahoma. I have not done any

<sup>40</sup> I found Henry Vaught in Clovis, New Mexico living with his daughter in the year 2000. Lois lives in Albuquerque with daughter Joyce Giles. Mary Vaught Layfield lives in Graham, Texas. KRC



research on this child other than to place her in the family. I don't know whether it is possible that she might be another Vaught's child. Willie Mae again did not know about this child, however, she stated that the Vaughts were very closed-mouth people.

**Vern Vale Vaught** born 17 March 1914

Vern is still alive and living in Sherman, Texas. He is the one that supposedly has a picture of Otho in his wallet. He married a lady named **Jewel**, but that is all the information I have for him. They had no children and Vern remarried after Jewel died.

**Thomas Vaught** born 10 Jan 1917

Thomas came to visit us when we were in Texas in 1994. He was suffering from cancer at that time and was receiving chemotherapy. His second wife **Maxine Hanson** came with him. His first wife was **Dorothy Louise Massey**; they were married about 1939.

He and Dorothy had 8 children: **Betty Ann, Pat, Jerry, Kenneth Ray, Mike, Jimmy, Marshal, and Russell Vaught** I have that Betty Ann married a **James Caldwell**. But I don't know about the others.

Thomas married Maxine in 1979. Apparently they are no longer married. Shortly after we met him, he left where he was living and moved in with one of his daughters. I am not sure if he is still living as he was not in good health when we saw him.

**Geraldine Vaught** born 27 Oct 1919

Geraldine married a **William A Jackson** 30 January 1942. Unfortunately, Geraldine died 5 May 1994, about 2 months before I found out about her. She is buried in Grandview Cemetery in Hannibal, Missouri. Her husband William Jackson sent me some things about her and pictures of her. He was still alive in 1994. He stated that she had the list of these siblings and kept them and instructed him to give them to anyone that asked. She had three children: **Gerald** born 1 Feb 1945 who married a Carol Noah; **Patricia Ann** born 1952 married a Mr. Perkins and had two children; and **Cynthia Lynn** born 3 May 1956.

**Alline Vaught** born 27 Oct 1919

I have very little information on her. She apparently is still living. She has been married several times and has some children I think. I am not sure where she is at this time.



## FUNERAL RECORDS

### Record of Funeral: Mrs. Elizabeth Vaught

Residence: 409 S Elm Street  
Occupation: Housewife  
Date of Birth: Feb 6, 1880 age 76 yrs, 2 mos., 12 days  
Date of Death: Feb 18, 1956, 12:30 a.m.  
Services: at Central Baptist Church  
Rev Lloyd Ledbetter, Sherman, Texas  
Religion: Baptist  
Birthplace: Caddo, Okla.<sup>41</sup>  
Place of Death: residence  
Cause of Death: natural causes  
Contributory causes: acute heart attack  
Name of father: unknown  
Name of mother: unknown  
Date of Funeral: Feb 19, 1956, Sun. 2:30 p.m.

### Standard Certificate of Death

Otho Vaught  
Place of Death: Dallas, Texas  
Residence: Pauls Valley, Garvin, Oklahoma  
Occupation: Farming  
Date of Birth: Sept. 9, 1871, age 82 years, 1 mo., 14 days  
Date of Death: Oct. 23, 1953  
Birthplace: Missouri<sup>42</sup>  
Name of father: Otho D Vaught, Tenn.  
Name of mother: don't know  
Cause of death: Heart, intestinal Obstruction  
Funeral Director: Stufflebean Funeral Home, Pauls Valley, Okla.  
Burial: Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma  
Informant's signature: Henry Vaught of Dallas, Texas

Facts found in records: Lizzie stated that she was born in Ohio; Otho stated that he was born in Missouri and his parents were born in Kentucky. Apparently they never told their children any family information or they didn't know themselves. Otho's obit reads that he was a longtime resident of Pauls Valley, visiting relatives in Dallas, wife in Sherman Texas. Which son is the Tom reported living in Pauls Valley? Why was Otho buried in Pauls Valley and Lizzie in Sherman?

<sup>41</sup> This is an error. We know she was born in Dalton, Ohio.

<sup>42</sup> Yet another error? Our sources indicate he was born in Kentucky.



## OBITUARIES

### MRS. ELIZABETH VAUGHT DIES AT SHERMAN HOME

Mrs. Elizabeth Vaught, 76 a native of Caddo, Oklahoma [sic], died in her home, 409 S Elm, Saturday at 12:30 p.m. Funeral service will be held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Central Baptist Church. Burial will be in the West Hill Cemetery. A member of the Central Baptist Church, she was born in Caddo, Oklahoma, and moved here 20 years ago from Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. The Rev. Lloyd Ledbetter will officiate. In charge of arrangements is the Dannel Funeral Home. Survivors are six sons, Edward Vaught and Vern Vaught of Sherman, William Vaught of Lubbock, Henry Vaught of Dallas, three daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Brians of Monkstown, Mrs. Aline DeCordova of Dallas, and Mrs. Geraldine Jackson of Hannibal, MO and 26 grandchildren.

### DALLAS MORNING NEWS 24 Oct. 1953

VAUGHT, OTHO, Pauls Valley, Okla., passed away Friday. Survived by sons, Edward, William, Henry, Howard, Vernon and Thomas Vaught, daughters Mrs. Myrtle Bryan, Mrs. Geraldine Jackson, Mrs. Aylene DeCordova; sister Mrs. Corda McCary; twenty-three grandchildren, one great-grandchild. Remains sent overland to Pauls Valley for services and interment.

DUDLEY M. HUGHES FUNERAL HOME  
400 West Jefferson W0-5134

### PAULS VALLEY ENTERPRIZE Oct. 29, 1953

Funeral rites were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Stufflebean Funeral Chapel for Otho Vaught, 82, a long time resident of Pauls Valley. Burial was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery Rev. Alva Hutchinson officiated at the rites. Vaught, who was in Dallas, visiting relatives died October 23, in St. Paul's Hospital, Dallas. Survivors include his wife of Sherman, Texas; three daughters, Alene Vaught of Dallas, Myrtle Bryant of Monkstown, Texas and Geraldine Henderson of Hannibal, Mo.; six sons, Edward of Sherman, Bill of Lubbock, Texas, Henry and Howard of Dallas, Tom of Pauls Valley and Vern of Sherman; one sister Corda McCurry of Altahoma, Texas: twenty three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.



## WM. NEWTON COX II, & FRONA ANN MAXWELL SON OF WM. N. COX I

by Kenny Ray Cox



**Photograph 38: Frona Maxwell Cox**  
*Photo circa 1955*



**Photograph 39: Will N. Cox**  
*Photo circa 1925*

When I was a child, growing up in Oklahoma City, my dad purchased a second house on SE 15<sup>th</sup> Street in Oklahoma City, and my Hanks grandparents left their home in Hartford, Arkansas and moved into it. During the hours my Mom and Dad worked at the family grocery store, Billy and I stayed with our grandparents. Grandma had an old picture of our Hanks' ancestors hanging on a bedroom wall that intrigued me, and I used to lie on the bed and look at it and wonder where those people came from. My mother, Anna Devota Hanks, and Grandma Hanks would tell me stories about our ancestors and how we were related to Abraham Lincoln. I really wanted to know about the Cox family, too, but they would only say it was "unknown."

When I was about thirteen years old, Papa Cox (my grandfather) was doctoring my smashed thumb. We were alone, so I started quizzing him about his family. He told me that he remembered living with an Indian family in southeast Oklahoma, and fishing frequently on the Blue, the Sandy, the Clear Boggy, and Muddy Boggy Rivers. I've been to these rivers and they are well named. The Blue is the prettiest water in Oklahoma. At the time of Papa's childhood, the area around these rivers was located in the Choctaw Nation of Indian Territory.

"Papa" said that he had a sister named Lizzie and a brother named Major. They were told that they "fell off the wagon," and their folks kept right on going, obviously an apocryphal story. Papa was pretty sure he had already moved to Texas when he got the news that Major had drowned. I questioned my Dad on Cox family history, too, but he couldn't add anything. They just didn't know how three little children got to the southern Indian Territory.





When Mother passed away on May 24, 1990, my wife and I were looking at all the pictures and accumulated documents pertaining to my mother's family history that she had kept so carefully. We decided to finish what Mom and Grandma Hanks had started.

We took a genealogy course at the Mormon Church and then we started digging for nuggets of truth. Little did we know what a long journey we were beginning. We were amazed at how fast we uncovered information about our families—with the one exception of Papa Cox's branch. How did Papa, Lizzie and Major get to Oklahoma? Where did they come from originally? What happened to Lizzie—and Major? Thorny problems like these hadn't been covered in our course!

William Newton Cox attended the "Red Oak" Neighborhood School of Boggy Depot during the school year of 1895-1896. Red Oak school was one of the few in the Choctaw Nation and because of this, only one child per non-Indian family was allowed to attend.

Boggy Depot was a very important town during the 1830's and again during the 1860's but was almost nothing by the 1890's. Most of the townsfolk had moved to Atoka, Oklahoma. When the east/west railroad was built south of Boggy, the town was moved closer to the railroad. William, or Will, as he was called as his age progressed, lived with an Indian family whose name we have not learned. Uncle Allen remembered his dad saying the Indian man was a chief or an important government official of some kind, and had a simple last name. Perhaps it was Willis Nathaniel Jones.

In December of 1903, when William Newton Cox was twenty-one years old, he took a bride of fourteen. I've asked each of my uncles if they have any idea how Papa met his wife. Her name was Frona Ann Maxwell of Van Buren County, Scotland, Arkansas. Her parents were George Allen Maxwell and Cora Ann Hawkins Maxwell. William's new father-in-law, G. A. , was a farmer as well as a peddler of general merchandise. Perhaps Papa worked for him on a farm or met him on the trail. Or perhaps G. A. found him after the wagon fall.

Two sons, Emanuel V. (referred to as E. V.) and Allen Virgil, were born to William Newton and Frona in Arkansas. In 1906, when Allen was only six weeks old, William and Frona moved to Texas. The Maxwells also moved to Texas. Large land owners needed small farmers to work their land and advertised for them, offering a "house place" of 40 to 160 acres to any family who would come and work. The owners promised to meet the family at the train, and furnish tools, seed, food, and anything else the family needed to get started. When harvest time came, the land owner was given his share of the crops.

According to Uncle Allen's memories, Papa may have been a cook for a while in Trenton, Texas. No one is sure how they got to Texas, or why they went, but Papa soon had a "farm place" to cultivate. He hired many black workers and was a successful farmer in Fannin County, Texas.

Frona's parents, G. A. and Cora Ann, were living at Blue Ridge, Collin County, Texas. The Maxwells seem to have stayed close to their daughter. Another daughter, Sammy-Lou Alma, had married Robert C. Ellis, and their daughter, Vivian Maurine



was born the 19th day of March 1914, in Bonham, Texas. Sammy and Robert died of "swamp fever," leaving their 18-month-old daughter an orphan. Maurine then went to live with the Maxwells, but G. A.'s life style of peddling made it difficult for her to stay in school. So Aunt Frona and Uncle Will Cox took her into their household when she was about five or six, and she became a sister to the Cox boys.

When she married, Frona gave her a one-piece, orange pair of pajamas to wear on her honeymoon. The only buttons were at the shoulders. She and Bob drove to Lexington to get married at a small Methodist Church.

Aunt Maurine, ran a hot dog stand in the Capital Hill business district of Oklahoma City in the 1950s and 1960s. For fifteen cents you could buy the world's best hot dog made with Wonder buns, Williams' wieners, Schwab's chili, and topped with number-one white onions! Only the best was good enough!

The Lord must have sent Maurine to Grandma Cox for a good reason. Maurine was there at Will Newton Junior's birth (Grandma was 38 years old), and she was there at G. A.'s death (this was Grandma Cox's father). Maurine was the glue that held that family together. Aunt Maurine was always there when needed — every birth, every death, every sickness, for every one of us. She was always there.

Marvin Wesley, my dad, and his brothers Claudie and Alvie were born during the period of 1906-1919. Alvie died as an infant and is probably buried at the Direct, Texas cemetery.

Papa Will was always moving and finding something better for his family. G. A. and Cora's children were about the same age as the Cox children, so I'm sure with their combined efforts, there was always plenty of food on the table.

Uncle Allen told me that Papa supplied a good horse and new buggy for trips to and from school. E. V. was the tractor driver and Allen was the fastest and best cotton chopper and lead man, even though he wasn't yet a teenager. Marvin and Claudie were old enough to bring drinking water, and to run and fetch. Perhaps they played marbles and helped around the house, too. Their last Texas home was on the Joe Goss plantation, now owned by the Pilgrim Family.

About 1919, something happened that caused them to head north across the Red River to Bennington, Oklahoma (near Blue). By late 1920, they were in Garvin county, Oklahoma, (Pauls Valley) where they farmed in at least five locations. At every place they lived, they always had the biggest, sweetest watermelons. Papa Will became the "Watermelon King."

It was during this period that Lizzie, Will's sister, and her husband Otho Vaught moved to the Pauls Valley area from Eufaula, Oklahoma. I'm not sure how long they lived there, or exactly when they moved on to Sherman, Texas. We do know that Papa and Lizzie wrote letters. Uncle Will has them.

Time rolls on and the good times are gone. Great-grandparents G. A. and Cora Maxwell divorced. Cora remarried a man named Tom Ellis, but this marriage did not last.. I found her divorce papers on one of my trips through Purcell. It seems that she tried to be a good wife to him, but his mother lived with them as did his daughters. The



women began to make trouble for Cora. Unfortunately, Tom treated her cruelly as well, and told Cora that if she couldn't get along with his daughters, she would have to leave. Cora was forced to live with her children. All she asked from Tom was \$25.00 for attorney fees.

Tom Ellis must have been quite a character. His first wife died at Norman Central State Hospital in 1923. She and Tom were the parents of Uncle Allen's first wife, Bulah. I located divorce papers for Tom's second marriage which was dissolved in 1924. So Tom had remarried twice before marrying great-grandma Maxwell. Stella and Ella were from Saint Louis.

There is an interesting story here. It is quite probable that Ella was a mail-order bride. Tom had only seen her on one occasion before their marriage. Ella claimed to be a resident of Missouri, and, became acquainted with Tom through letters in the mail. They were only married two weeks when she began to receive letters "clandestinely." She asked members of Tom's family to resist the urge to tell Tom about the letters. However, the facts came to light. On investigation, Tom discovered the letters were from men, and many contained money.

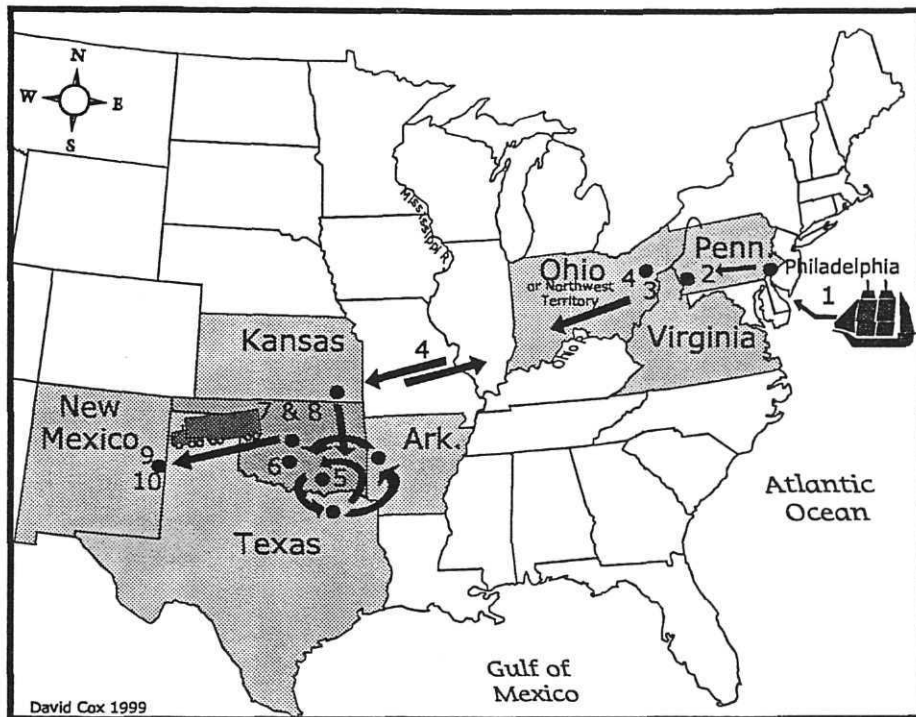
He confronted Ella and she confessed matter-of-factly that she often visited men and was probably not the sort of woman he should have for a wife. Within a few days. Ella left the house to go to a man who had sent her money to defray her traveling expenses.

Meanwhile, great-grandpa G. A. Maxwell, had married the widow Nancy Whitehead. They moved to Wills Point, Texas in 1928. G. A. came back to the Pauls Valley Area to visit on Decoration Day in 1928. He took sick and died. They buried him in the Whitehead Cemetery. Years later, great-grandma Maxwell married again to a Mr. Bleer of Wichita Falls, Texas. She came back to the Pauls Valley area just to visit, got sick and died. And so, they buried her next to G. A.

Perhaps it was a lack of money that deprived them both of headstones, or perhaps it was because both were so darn ornery. Thanks to cousins and brothers, they now have markers, although the rumbling ground may have those markers turned upside down by now. Both George Allen Maxwell and Cora Ann (Reynolds) Maxwell-Ellis-Bleer were real characters!



Map 16: Ten Cox Generations' Westward Moves Across America



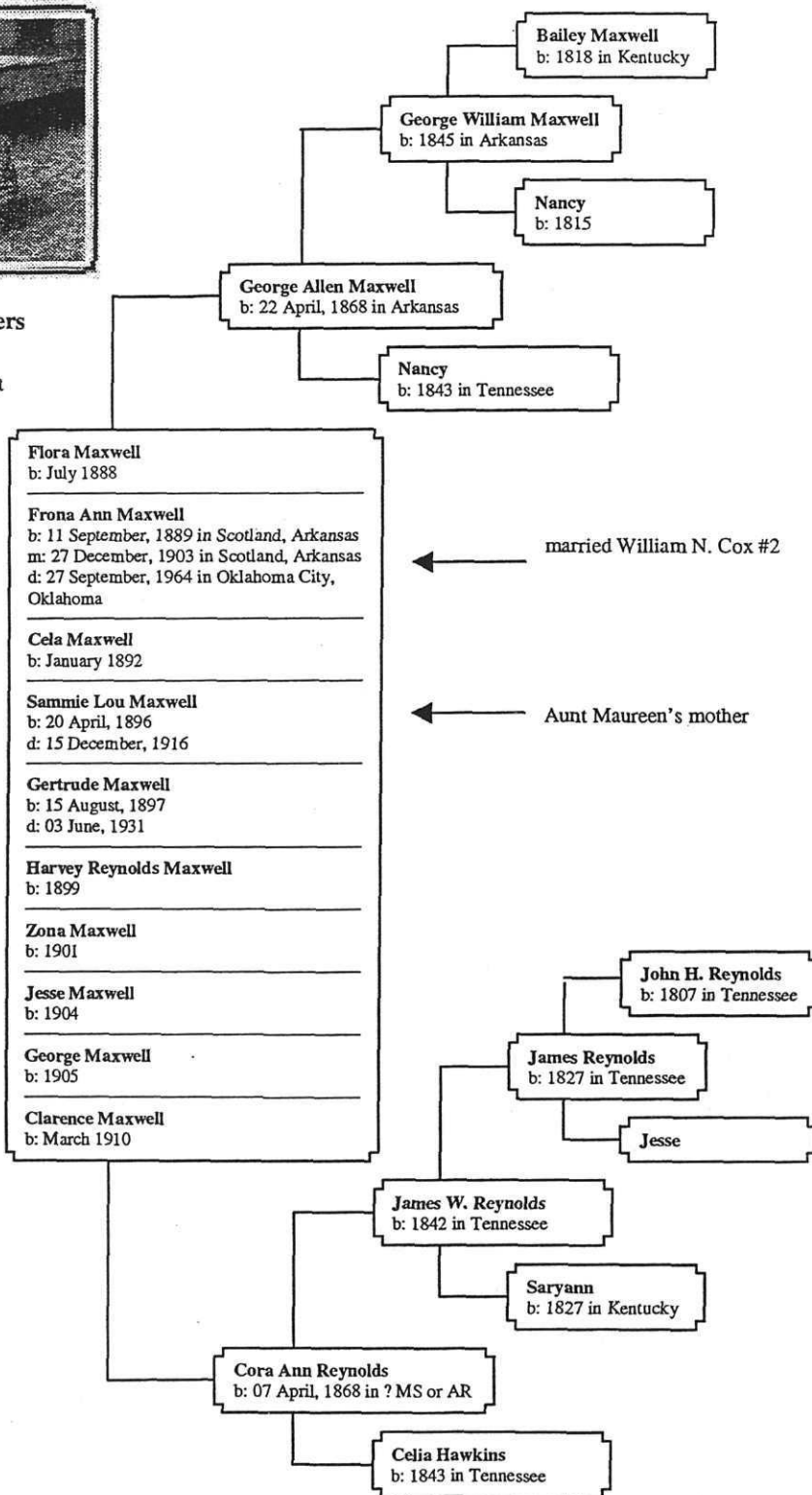
1. Michael Cox likely landed on American shores about 1752. He came from Hamburg, Germany. He married Elizabeth in Philadelphia. The original nationality of this couple may or may not have been German.
2. By 1769, Michael and Elizabeth Cox settled on the Monongahela River in what is today western Pennsylvania, but at that time was territory also claimed by Virginia. Their son Peter married Magdalin and they began their family in this area. Their son Jacob was born there.
3. In 1814, Peter bought land in the newly opened territory, settling his family in near the town of Dalton in what would later be organized as Wayne County, Ohio.
4. Jacob grew up in eastern Ohio. He married Jane Denman. Of their nine children, Wm Newton, later cared for his aging parents just as his father had cared for Peter. After his mother's and his young wife's deaths from tuberculosis in 1874, he remarried to Ellen Adams. They began having children in Dalton. One of their children was Lizzie. After 1880, Wm Newton and Ellen struck out for a new life in the west before his father died.
5. In 1882, between a halt in southern Kansas and a halt in northern Texas, their son William Newton Cox #2 was born in Blue, Indian Territory (later Oklahoma). Something terrible must have happened to the family around 1895.
6. William Newton Cox #2 made his way to Arkansas with his future father-in-law, G.A. Maxwell. There Wm married Frona and took her into southern Oklahoma where Marvin was born.
7. Marvin grew up in this area. He first married Ina Gene Edwards who gave birth to Charles, then he married Devota Hanks who gave birth to Kenny and Billy. They all grew up in Oklahoma.
8. Kenny married Terry Lynn Herren, started driving trucks, then set out for California and New Mexico. They had five sons, while Charlie and Jo-Ann Hughey had two daughters, as Billy and Joan Whitlock did.
9. They have all become grandparents. Their grandchildren's names are on several pages in this book.
10. With the births of Ariel Watts, and Sierra Denise Lesly, Kenny Ray Cox is now a great-grandfather!



## Ancestor Chart 4: Frona Maxwell's Siblings and Ancestors

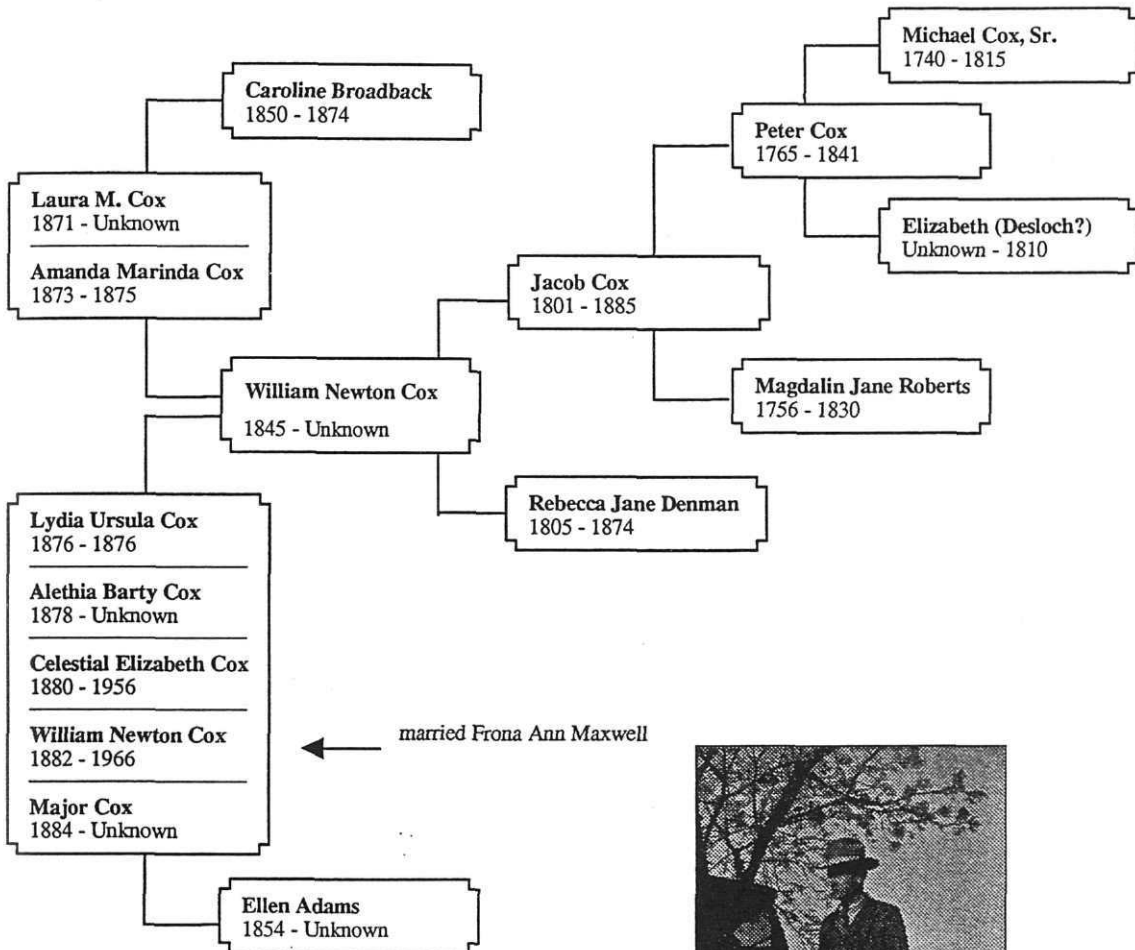


**Photograph 40:**  
Frona Maxwell Cox and sisters  
from left to right:  
Flora, Frona, Celah, and Zona





Ancestor Chart 5: William Newton Cox's Siblings and Ancestors



Photograph 41: Will Cox



**Frona Ann Maxwell & William N. Cox and descendants****William Newton Cox**

b 12 Mar 1882 Blue, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory (Oklahoma)  
d 26 Mar 1966 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
married **Frona Ann Maxwell** 26 Dec 1903 Scotland, Van Buren, Arkansas  
b 11 Sep 1889 Scotland, Van Buren, Arkansas  
d 27 Sep 1964 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
both buried Whitebead Cemetery, Garvin County, Oklahoma

**Six children (plus Frona's niece, see next page):**

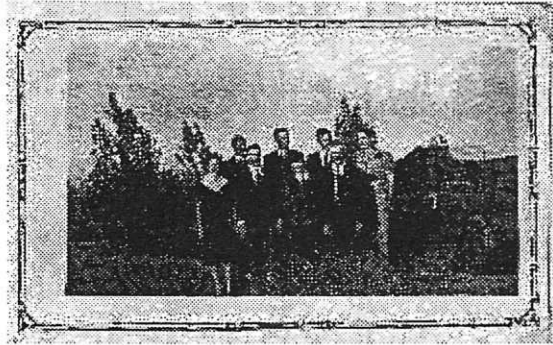
<b>Emanuel V.</b>	b 06 Feb 1905, Scotland, Van Buren County, Arkansas d 13 Sep 1971, Oklahoma City, buried in Resthaven Cemetery
married	<b>Jewel Hester Harper</b> 18 Jul 1925, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma b 04 Nov 1906 Johnsonville, McClain, Oklahoma d 12 Oct 1994 Oklahoma City, buried in Resthaven Cemetery
<b>Allen Virgil</b>	b 27 Apr 1906 Scotland, Van Buren, Arkansas d 07 Apr 1993 Enid, Oklahoma
married <sup>1</sup>	<b>Bulah Ann Ellis</b> 16 Mar 1926, Maysville, Oklahoma b 03 Nov 1909 Asher, Oklahoma d 23 Mar 1970 Enid, OK buried in Memorial Park Cemetery
married <sup>2</sup>	<b>Mary Grimes</b>
<b>Marvin Wesley</b>	b 09 Feb 1908 Leonard, Fannin County, Texas d 24 Aug 1984 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Resthaven Cemetery
married <sup>1</sup>	<b>Ina Gene Edwards</b> 27 Dec 1927, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma b 11 Feb 1911 Stratford, Murray, Oklahoma d Mar 1955 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma divorced Jan 1938
married <sup>2</sup>	<b>Anna Devota Hanks</b> 22 Apr 1938, Oklahoma City b 12 Mar 1913, Hackett Sebastian County, Arkansas d 24 May, 1990, Oklahoma City, Resthaven Cemetery
<b>Claudie Verble</b>	b 31 Aug 1910 Celeste, Hunt County, Texas d 18 May 1963 Chickasha, Grady, Oklahoma
married	<b>Hazil Palmer</b> 31 Aug 1932, Alex, Grady, Oklahoma
<b>Alvie Lee</b>	b 09 September 1911, Fannin County, Texas d 21 July 1912, Direct, Lamar County, Texas
<b>William Newton</b>	b 14 June 1927, Garvin County, Oklahoma
married <sup>1</sup>	<b>Peggy Lou Ellyan Fox</b> , 11 Feb 1949 (div.)
married <sup>2</sup>	<b>Victoria Grace Flanders-Easterwood</b> (div.)

Frona's niece, Maurine was included in the household. She was not adopted, however.



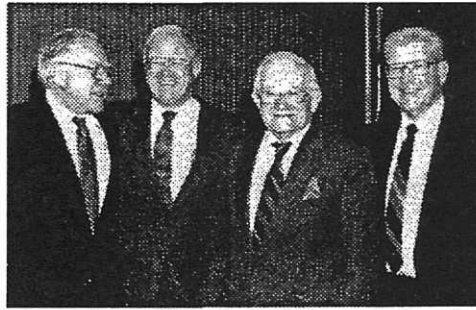


**Vivian Maurine Ellis** b 19 Mar 1914 Bonham, Fannin, Texas  
d 26 Dec 1991 Oklahoma City, Resthaven Cemetery  
married **Robert Almon Thompson**, Purcell, Oklahoma  
b 30 Sep 1912; d 04 Aug 1970 Oklahoma City, Knob Hill Cemetery



**Photograph 42: Will & Frona Cox and children**

Front: left to right: Maurine, Claude, Will Sr.  
Back: left to right: E.V., Marvin, Allen, Frona



**Photograph 43: Will, Dale, Allen and Jimmie Cox**



**Photograph 44: Children of E.V. & Jewel Cox**  
from left to right: Linda, Dale, Gerald, Jim, Colleen



**Photograph 45: Descendants of E.V. & Jewel**

**Jewel Harper & Emanuel V. "E.V." Cox and their descendants**

**Emanuel V.** b 06 Feb 1905, Scotland, Van Buren County, Arkansas  
d 13 Sep 1971, Oklahoma City, buried in Resthaven Cemetery  
m. **Jewel Heaster Harper** 18 Jul 1925, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma  
(For more information on Jewel's family see page 302.)  
b 04 Nov 1906 Johnsonville, McClain, Oklahoma  
d 12 Oct 1994 Oklahoma City, buried in Resthaven Cemetery

**Six children:** Colleen, Albert (died in infancy), Jimmie, Gerald, Dale, and Linda

**Goldia Colleen Cox** b 30 Apr 1926, Whitebead, Garvin County, Oklahoma  
m **Francis "Bud" Gosling**, Oklahoma City, 12 March 1946  
b 21 Mar 1926, Manchester, Iowa; d 08 Sep 1974  
**Children:**  
F.G. "Skip" Gosling b 24 May 1947, m Joyce Butler Ray  
Steve Allen Gosling b 01 Feb 1951, m<sup>1</sup> Carla Geist 13 June 1971  
m<sup>2</sup> Vickie Lee Parker 1 July 1977, b. 22 Jan 1953,  
Lee M. Gosling b 07 Apr 1978  
Matthew S. Gosling b 06 Feb 1980  
Susan Lynne Gosling b 01 Feb 1964, m<sup>1</sup> Andrew Franke  
m<sup>2</sup> Ronald Robertson 24 Dec 1995

**Albert Val Cox** b 13 Feb 1928, d Apr 1928

**Jimmie E. Cox** b 23 Sept 1930, Guthrie, Logan County, Oklahoma  
m **Barbara Cummings**, 22 Dec 1951, Oklahoma City  
b 01 Dec 1931  
**children:**  
Cynthia Lynn Cox b 11 Aug 1956, Sumpter, SC  
m Dale Mathis, 06 Oct 1973  
Jason Mathis, b 17 Oct 1975  
Brandon Mathis, b 20 Apr 1979  
Eddie Van Cox, b 01 Mar 1958, Oklahoma City, OK  
m<sup>1</sup> Helen Lorton, 20 Aug 1976  
m<sup>2</sup> Karen Elizabeth Booher  
Sarah, b. 20 Jul 1979  
Emerald, b. 18 Mar 1982, d. 28 Nov 1998  
Jimmie, b. 01 May 1984  
m<sup>3</sup> Laura Jones, 22 Dec 1995, Chickasha, OK

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Photograph 46:  
Jimmie Cox



Photograph 47: Jimmie,  
Barbara, Eddie Van Cox



Photograph 48:  
Jimmie Cox & family

Note from Eddie V. Cox: "Some Thoughts about E.V. Cox"

He would always tickle you and ask if you had "garments on your back," or "ants in your pants." I still use them today. Grandma and Grandpa Cox had a cabin at Lake Texoma. One weekend, we were all going to the cabin. He came over to our house and picked up my bicycle. He hauled it to the cabin in the trunk of his car so I could ride it. I think of him everyday since I'm named after him and my other grandfather.



Photograph 49:  
Emerald Cox

Poem by Eddie V. Cox: "My Daughter"

*To lose her so quick, doesn't seem right,  
To go on without her takes all my might.  
Her smile and presence was such a delight,  
A three point shot was always in sight.  
Her emotion like her name shone so bright,  
She so loved animals and for them she'd fight.  
Her spirit runs thru Karen, Sarah and Jim.  
My daughter Emerald will always be a gem!!*



**Gerald Lee Cox** b. 24 Aug 1933, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
m. Shirley Jean Seagraves, 31 Aug. 1956, Oklahoma City  
b. 28 Nov 1933, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
Christi Ann Cox, b 05 Feb 1960, m Wm. David Eischeid  
Jessica Blair Eischeid, b. 24 Sep 1987  
William Andrew Eischeid, b. 19 Jun 1990  
Barry Andrew Cox, b. 11 Nov 1963,  
m. Angela Cuddeback, 29 Oct. 1988  
Baylor Cox, b. 17 May 1994  
Lawrence Lee Cox, b. 21 Nov 1998

**Dale Austin Cox** b. 24 Aug 1939, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
m<sup>1</sup> **Jackie Lamb**  
Gregory Dale Cox, b 23 Sep 1963  
m. Stacy Bennett  
Ryan Austin, b. 12 Sep 1990  
Angela Lynn Cox, b 29 Nov 1960 [?]  
m. Larry Risenhoover  
m<sup>2</sup> **Lynette Y. Payne-Hensley**, 5 Aug 1967  
David Hensley, 05 Feb 1958  
m. Sherry Colston  
Darren Hensley, b. 07 Jun 1960

**Linda Ann Cox** b. 05 Apr 1944, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
m<sup>1</sup> **James Demo**, b 23 Jan 1944; d 31 Jan 1990  
1 Michael Demo, b. 23 Jul 1974  
m<sup>2</sup> **Douglas Semelbauer**, 1989



Photograph 50: Dale & Lynette Cox



Photograph 51: Gerald Cox & family 1996  
Front row: Andy, Shirley, Gerald, Blair  
Back: Angela, Barry holding Baylor, Bill, Christi

**Bulah Ann Ellis & Allen Virgil Cox and their descendants**

**Allen Virgil Cox** b 27 Apr 1906 Scotland, Van Buren, Arkansas  
d 07 Apr 1993 Enid, Oklahoma  
married<sup>1</sup> **Bulah Ann Ellis** 16 Mar 1926, Maysville, Oklahoma  
b 03 Nov 1909 Asher, Oklahoma  
d 23 Mar 1970 Enid, OK buried in Memorial Park Cemetery  
**children:** Geneva, Theda Jo, Bobby, Leva  
married<sup>2</sup> **Mary Grimes**

Photographs 52: Allen Cox and family



Allen, Bobby, Theda Jo, Geneva, Leva, Bulah



Allen, Theda Jo, Bobby, Bulah

**Geneva Francis** b 8 Jan 1927, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
married<sup>1</sup> **Elbert Fremont Stubbs**  
m<sup>2</sup> Donald DuFour,  
m<sup>3</sup> Royce Newell,  
m<sup>4</sup> Jesse Gant  
**children:**  
1 Carol Joy Stubbs b 1951  
m<sup>1</sup> John Montemayer  
m<sup>2</sup> Wendall Thomas  
Lisa Thomas b 1980  
Lester Thomas b 1983  
2 Lynette Stubbs b 1952  
m Jerry King  
Benjamin b 1976  
3 Don Elbert Stubbs b 1956  
m Christine Cottrell  
Jerry Shane b 1977  
Kara RaeJena b 1980  
Danyka Christine b 1984



Photograph 53:  
Theda Jo Browning  
and family

**Theda Jo Cox** b 18 Sep 1928, Chickasha, Grady, Oklahoma  
m<sup>1</sup> **Reaford Ezel Browning**, 27 Aug 1948, Chickasha, Oklahoma  
b 29 Jan 1933, Amber, Oklahoma  
d 24 Aug 1988, buried Chapel Hill Memorial, Oklahoma City  
m<sup>2</sup> **Jack Clarence Edge**, 09 Jun 1990, Kingfisher, Oklahoma  
b 06 Jan 1924, Norfolk, Oklahoma

**One child:**

Glyn Allen Browning b 26 Aug 1952, Worland, Wyoming  
m Teresa Lynn Hobough  
Mandy Lynn Browning, b 25 Aug 1979  
Beth Ellen Browning, b 08 Jan 1981  
Anna Ruth Browning, b 26 Aug 1983  
Emily Mae Browning, b 22 Nov 1985

**Bobby Allen Cox**, b 21 Jan 1932, Chickasha, Grady, Oklahoma  
m **Julia Deli Carter**, 03 Oct 1954, Enid, Oklahoma  
b 13 Aug 1934, Marian, Arkansas

**Six children:**

- 1 Jody Allen Cox 31 Jan 1956  
m<sup>1</sup> Carla Kell Campbell  
m<sup>2</sup> Christina Lynn Cherry-Wallgren, 11 Feb 1990  
Ashley Christine Cox, b 05 Oct 1978  
m. Robert Hargrove, 4 Sep 1999  
Christopher Wade Cox b 26 Feb 1980  
Jessica Lynn Wallgren Cox, b 04 Apr 1985  
Julia Caitlyn Cox, b 20 Nov 1990  
Christopher L. Williams Cox (adopted), b 1 Mar 1994  
Adrian Keeven (adopted), b. 16 Jun 1997
- 2 Carla
- 3 Lonnie Dean b 17 Oct 1960, Pryor, Oklahoma  
m<sup>1</sup> Mary Kathryn Ruesing, 27 Jul 1981, div. 1991  
m<sup>2</sup> Susan Hoffman, 28 Oct 1995, b. 17 Oct 1961
- 4 Mary
- 5 Kelly Joel b 27 Jan 1960, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
m Jana Dee Grubbs, 29 Jul 1978, b. 18 Sep 1959  
**children:**  
Nicholas Allen, b 06 Jan 1982  
Cameron Kyle, b 06 May 1987
- 6 JoAnna

**Leva Joy**, b 30 Jun 1934, Chickasha, Grady, Oklahoma  
m **Ronald William Sorenson**

**Children:**

Diana Joy Sorenson, b 05 Jan 1958  
Wesley William Sorenson, b 26 Mar 1963

**Hazil Palmer & Claudie Verble Cox and descendants**

**Claudie Verble Cox** b 31 Aug 1910 Celeste, Hunt County, Texas  
d 18 May 1963 Chickasha, Grady, Oklahoma  
married **Hazil Palmer** 31 Aug 1932, Alex, Grady, Oklahoma

**Three children:** Claude, Joe Glenn, and Mona Ruth

**Claude Carroll Cox** b 08 Jun 1936 Oklahoma City  
His first marriage was to **Joyce Tucker** on 26 Dec 1960  
(now divorced). She brought into their household her son:  
**Jerry Lee Wright** b 15 Nov 1956, father was Willis Wright.  
Child of Claude & Joyce:

**Deborah Renée Cox** b 26 Aug 1968, m. **Scott Garner**

His second marriage was to **Nancy Miller** on 1 Aug 1998



Photograph 54: Claudie & Hazil Cox

**Joe Glenn Cox** b 10 Oct 1939 Ardmore, Oklahoma  
m<sup>1</sup> **Virginia Ellen Ryan** 18 Oct 1958  
b 03 Sep 1943  
1 **Virginia Julie Marie Cox** b 21 Nov 1959  
m **Lewis Crespo**  
Mark Crespo b 11 Apr 1982  
Blake Crespo b 18 Mar 1984  
m<sup>2</sup> **Harvey Ramos**  
Raymond Wesley Ramos b 19 Feb 1996  
2 **Lori Lee Cox**, b 30 Mar 1961  
m<sup>1</sup> **Joe Totte (div.)**  
Christopher W. Totte b 12 Jun 1981  
Ryan J. Totte b 29 Sep 1984  
m<sup>2</sup> **Bobby Hutchinson**  
3 **Ruth Ellen Cox**, b 06 Dec 1962  
m **Mac Erwin**  
Jared Lee Erwin, b 8 Feb 1984  
Keri Lynn Erwin, b 7 Sep 1987  
4 **Lisa Jo Cox**, b 30 Mar 1965  
m<sup>1</sup> **Butch Stark**  
m<sup>2</sup> **Jason Shaw**  
Dallas Aaron Shaw b 31 Aug 1999  
m<sup>2</sup> **Deborah Rhys** 07 Mar 1979  
b 28 Oct 1946  
1 **Thomas Wayne Hall** b 25 Jun 1971  
(his father was Terrance Hall)



Photograph 55:  
Joe Glenn Cox



Photograph 56:  
Mona Ruth Cox

**Mona Ruth Cox** b 01 Oct 1941





### **Peggy Fox & Will N. Cox and descendants**

Uncle Will has been my biggest supporter in this crazy Cox character hunt. Will has been so supportive, contributing money for research at times when I needed it most. He has contributed ideas, stories, and given me so much encouragement.

He attended but did not graduate Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee. He completed college at University of Omaha (Nebraska) while in the US Air Force. The Air Force sent him to Guam, Germany, and the Philippines where he was assigned to be a business administrator for the chaplains. He was a chief master sergeant.

He retired from the Air Force in San Antonio went to work for Texas A&M University as an accountant. He retired after 12 years. He now does tax work. Uncle Will is very frugal; he has invested wisely.

Though he never married Judy Peters, he might as well have, they do everything together except live in same house. She was my insurance agent. Will's son Kim is a very busy computer whiz. He works for a bank. He has been in Australia often. One of his children was born there.



**Photograph 57:  
Will and Peggy Cox**

**Will N. Cox** b 14 June 1927, Garvin County, Oklahoma  
lives in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas  
married<sup>1</sup> **Peggy Louellyn Fox**, 11 Feb 1949 (div. Nov. 1960)  
married<sup>2</sup> **Victoria Grace Flanders-Easterwood**, Dec 1960 (div. 1972)

#### **Will and Peggy had two children:**

**Kim Wayne Cox** b 07 Dec 1953 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
m<sup>1</sup> **Beverly White** (div.)  
1 Toybe Ann Cox, b 15 Dec 1970, m. Michael Kernan 19 Aug 1995  
2 Jim David Cox, b 03 Sep 1974, m Mary Christena Belz Larken 1 April 2000  
3 Joe Bryan Cox, b 24 Mar 1978  
m<sup>2</sup> **Linda Jeannine (Brooks) York**, 22 Dec 1982  
4 Lindsay Nicole Cox, b 26 Jun 1987  
5 Courtney Christine Cox, b 07 Jul 1989

**David Lee Cox** b 03 Jun 1955, died 11 Feb 1978, buried in Resthaven Cemetery,  
Oklahoma, City, Oklahoma



### Vivian Maurine Ellis & Robert Thompson and their descendants

For a more detailed and very interesting account on the Ellis branch see page 298.

**Vivian Maurine Ellis** b 19 Mar 1914 Bonham, Fannin, Texas

d 26 Dec 1991 Oklahoma City, Resthaven Cemetery

married

**Robert Almon Thompson**, Purcell, Oklahoma

b 30 Sep 1912

d 04 Aug 1970 Oklahoma City, Knob Hill Cemetery

one child:

**Linda Kay**

b 20 Aug 1948 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

married **Robert Lynn Moore** 20 Oct 1967

b 02 Mar 1947 Altus, Oklahoma

one child:

Robert Douglas Moore

b 30 Jun 1974

m<sup>1</sup> Misty Dawn Bowman

m<sup>2</sup> "Angel" Florence Elizabeth Fannin

**Photograph 58:**  
**Maurine Ellis Thompson**



**Photograph 59:**  
**Linda K. Thompson**



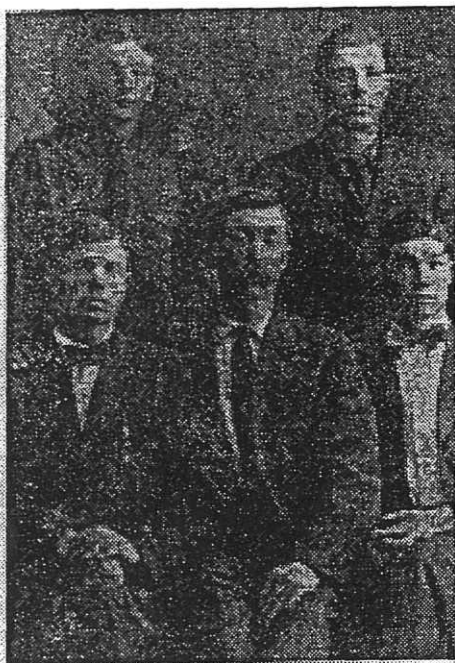
**Photograph 60:**  
**Doug, Linda & Bob Moore**



After I married Ken in 1979 Aunt Maurine instantly became a very special aunt. She became my best friend, my confidant, and my second mother. She was a very special lady. She always wanted to be needed and was always available. Because her feet hurt so badly, she usually wore house shoes. She loved the Lord, and enjoyed talking about the Bible. When she couldn't attend church she got out her Bible, turned on her TV, and had church. She liked to listen to Dr. Garrison.

She always talked about her love for her daughter Linda, son-in-law Bob, and grandson Doug Moore, and the rest of her family. She loved everybody. I never heard her say anything bad to or about anyone. Once when I was so ill, she came to our home took care of me, cleaned the house, washed and ironed, cooked, took me to the doctor and hospital all in one day. We talked on the phone all the time. Her love, concerns, her attitude is why I really loved her. She was one of a kind. She was truly a Cox character. God only takes the best, and He did. As when he took my precious dad on January 12, 1999. *Gail Cox*

## GEORGE W. ELLIS



Son Tom Ellis with his boys, Ira, Ted, Cam and at Ira's leaving for WWI, 1917.



Mary Ann (Mollie) Ellis and granddaughters Gladys, Alma, Emmalee, Beulah and Irene, 1924.

Photographs 61: Ellis Family

George W. Ellis (1844-1927) may have been inspired by "Go West, Young Man" when he relocated in the late 1870's in Texas, leaving friends and family in Corinth, Mississippi. George was born in Bedford, Tennessee, moving as a child to Corinth area, growing up on a farm. At the inception of the Civil War, George enlisted in Company A, 32 Mississippi Infantry serving as private. He returned to marry his childhood sweetheart, Mary Ann "Mollie" Dilworth, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Suitor) Dilworth, on February 1, 1866 at Tishomingo County. The Dilworth family had been in Mississippi since 1838.

George and Mollie had three children—Laura, William (died as youth), and Thomas—while farming in the Kossuth area.

In the 1870's they migrated to Grayson County, Texas, near Denton where they bought 30 acres in 1883. Daughter Laura had married Robert Lee Donnell (son of Rufus Jefferson Donnell) in Corinth and they followed the Ellis family in 1895 to Indian Territory for better farm land. When the Indians would raid at night, the Ellis and Donnells would sleep in the cotton piles in case the homes were burned out. Later Ellis moved to Whiskey Bend north of Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, while the Donnells went to Tecumseh, Oklahoma.

George and Mollie lived with their son Tom in later years; both are buried in Maysville, Oklahoma cemetery (1927 and 1932). George's obituary described him as "a consecrated and consistent member of the Methodist Church." Grandchildren remember Mollie as a "Shouting Methodist." None of the family remember any contact with the Mississippi branches of the Ellis-Dilworth family. Farming was the occupation of George as well as son Tom. However, a wide variety of careers sent grandchildren and great-grandchildren to many parts of the country.

Tom Ellis married Maggie Head and their children grew up in Maysville, Oklahoma. Theodore, Ira, Cameron, Silas, Gladys,

Alma, Emmalu, Beulah and Irene. Laura and Robert Donnell had six children-Dollie, Lola, Garrie, Jennie, Dailila and Alva.

Several of Tom's children moved to California. Theodore (1892-1963) married Bonnie Lynch, settled in Ventura, Ca. with children-Art (1912-1952) m. Hester Duke (Artie Jean m. Earl Watson, son Richard); Melvin m. Lorraine Morrill (Tom m. Tima Niebel-sons Robert, Ron; James m. Diane Carpenter-Craig, Nicole); Leon lives in Oregon with his family.

Ira (1894) is a retired farmer, married Willie Crawford, lives in Wayne, Oklahoma. Five children live in area-Dawson; Harold (Toni, Terry, Tina); Raymond m. Zoe (Gary, Linda); Jean m. Ken Greene (Carol, Paul, Kristi); Sidney (Toby).

Cameron (1896-1963) served as constable of Camarillo, California; married Mary Bradbury; children are Jewell (1921-1976) (Sandra Clark), Gene m. Evelyn Thompson (Jerry, Diana). Silas (1897-1958) married Dee Malone and settled in Ventura, California. Children are Ernest m. Ann Staeger (Billy, Jim, Linda, Ernest, Brenda); Hazel m. Tom Eskridge (Terry, Larry); Jack m. Sharon Miller (Jeff, Chris); Ted m. Susan Smith (Gerry, Randy, Lonnie, Cindy).

Gladys (1902-1982) married Dowell Harper and were farmers in Pauls Valley. Emmalu married Simon Scally, now retired farmers; daughter Yvonne (M.D.) m. Tom Fine (Greg, Joe). Alma married Wallace McClug, moved to Oxnard, California, where Joan m. Ray Hoffman (Dean) and William m. Martha Stachey (Catherine, Tom).

Buela (1910-1970) married Allen Cox. Four children are Geneva m. Fremont Stubbs (Carol, Lynetta, Dan); Theda m. Reaford Browning (Glyn); Bob m. Julie Carter (Jody, Kelly, Lonnie) and Joy m. Ron Sorensen (Dianna, Wesley). Irene married Reese Wilkerson, retired in Denver City, Texas, children Sharon m. Paul Garraway (Kimberly, Kelly), Linda m. Michael Todd (Michael).

Laura's line was traced by her granddaughter, Delores Schuster of West River, Maryland. Of the six children born to Laura and Robert Donnell, two died as infants (Garrie and Dollie). Two generations are traced on the remaining children: Lola (1891-1981) married Chester Whitehead and their children are Flora, Flossie, Marvin, Hazel, Buster, Barbara, Bob, Bill. Jennie (1896) m. John Roberts and their children are Lorene, Leonard, Melvine, Edith, Neva, Floy, Wayne, Glen and Lou. Dailila (1899-1946) m. J. R. Childers; children are James, Laura, Martha, William, John, Roy, Wilma, Jesse, May and Charles. Alva Ray (1911-1969) has no information available.

Second generations in Lola's family are: Flora married Marvin Frazier. Children are Patrice m. Roger Burris (Debora) and Delores m. William Schuster (John). Flossie m. James Varbel; child Kathy m. Randy Randal (James). Marvin m. Betty Randolph. Hazel m. Dalles O'Neal (DeAnn, Arthur, Jolene, James, Phyllis, Ronnie, Terry); Buster m. Margie (Cynthia, Cheryl); Barbara m. Rudy Debord (Connie, Sharon); Bob m. Shirley Ashworth (Tanmara); Bill m. Wanda Greenlee.

Jennie's children are Lorene m. Truman Leach; Edith m. Clinton eeed; Neva m. Clarence R. Tate. Dailila's line is James m. Wemona Bryant (Vera); Laura m. Willie Cloud; Martha m. Charles Webber (Richard, Wayne); William m. O. Bryant; John (Red, Mike, Letress, Kenny, Tim); Wilma m. Mitchell Radulonich (Loretta, Mitchell, Lee); Jesse had 8 children; May's children are Jim, Bill, Clem, Ronald.

by Martha McClung

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Alcorn County Historical Society  
Corinth, MS 38834



Claudie's birth certificate lists his father's birthplace as simply the Choctaw Nation, while his brother Will's birth certificate is more precise, giving Blue, Oklahoma, which was indeed in the lands of the Choctaw Nation.

# OKLAHOMA BIRTH CERTIFICATE FOR WILL N. COX

The most significant detail on this document is the place of birth of the father: "Blue, Oklahoma" which at the time of his birth was Indian Territory.

**STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH**  
**Oklahoma State Board of Health**  
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

1. PLACE OF BIRTH  
County Garvin  
Township \_\_\_\_\_  
Village or \_\_\_\_\_  
City Missville  
(If in a hospital or other institution, the name of the same to be given, instead of the street and house number.)

Registration  
Dist. No. 4257  
Primary \_\_\_\_\_  
Dist. No. 458-418  
Registered No. 330

2. FULL NAME OF CHILD Will Newton Cox Jr.  
(If the child dies without a name before the certificate is filed enter the words "Died unnamed." If the living child has not yet been named at the date of filing certificate of birth the space for "Full name of child" is to be left blank, to be filled out separately by a supplemental report.)

3. Sex of Male  
4. Twins, Triplets or others \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Number in order of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
6. Legitimate? Yes  
7. Date of Birth June 14-1927  
(month) (day) (year)

FATHER  
Full name Will Newton Cox  
Residence Missville, Okla.  
Color or race White  
at last birthday 34 years.  
Birthplace, at least state or foreign country, if known Blue, Okla.  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Trade, profession or particular kind of work \_\_\_\_\_  
General nature of industry, business or other establishment in which employed (or employer) \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER  
Full maiden name Frances G. Medford  
Residence Missville, Okla.  
Color or race White  
Age at last birthday 37 years.  
Birthplace, at least state or foreign country, if known Blue, Okla.  
Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
(a) Trade, profession or particular kind of work \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) General nature of industry, business or other establishment in which employed (or employer) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children b to this mother, including present birth \_\_\_\_\_  
21. Number of children of this mother now living \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE  
I hereby certify that I attended the birth of this child, who was \_\_\_\_\_  
(Born alive or stillborn)  
(Signature) M. W. Logan  
(Physician or Midwife)  
Address Missville, Okla.  
Filed July 15 1927 Anna Henderson  
Registrar

19. \_\_\_\_\_  
20. \_\_\_\_\_  
21. \_\_\_\_\_

You use a one or two per cent silver nitrate solution in the infant's eye immediately after its birth?

State Department of Health  
State of Oklahoma  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA 73152

ROGER C. PIRRONG  
SEAL - REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy, original of which is on file in this office. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the official seal to be affixed, at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this date.

September 15, 1999

CERTIFIED COPY MUST BE  
VALIDATED IN THREE COLORS

## JEWEL HARPER COX

Wife of E. V. Cox

Family History and Pioneer Days in Indian Territory



Photograph 62:  
Jewel Harper Cox

The following account on pioneer days in Oklahoma comes from Aunt Jewel's mother, Daisy Ellen Wall Harper. She was born in 1871 and died in 1940. She married James N. Harper in 1894. Her father was Samuel Clough Wall (1842-1931); her mother was Ellen Jackson Thompson Wall (1844-1903).

The information was contributed by Cindy Cox Mathis, daughter of Jimmie and Barbara Cox, (Ellen's great-granddaughter). Mrs. Harper did not date her article, but it must have been written in the early 1930s, since it was a WPA project.

Genealogical data follows on page 304.

My mother came to Oklahoma from Joplin, Missouri. I don't know what year she came, but she was married in 1863. She came in a covered wagon. Her brother-in-law made the trip three times before he got settled. She lived with her oldest sister, Polly Spencer.

My father was born August 24, 1842 at old Mayhew in the Choctaw Nation. His mother and his father both died in two weeks of his birth, in a week of each other. His mother, Miss Eunice Clough, was sent here as a missionary to the Indians from New Hampshire. At her death, her request was for him to be sent back East to her home and be educated as a preacher. He was sent back East but didn't receive much education, and when he was about nineteen years of age, his half brothers wrote to him and told him he had better come back to Oklahoma or Indian Territory as it was then, so he could get his land; so he did. He traveled by stage on land and on boats on water. He came back to where his sisters lived in the Choctaw Nation and he married a Cherokee girl, and put in a home, and she died, and he then worked for his brother-in-law, Giles Thompson. He married two of my father's sisters.

Giles Thompson owned the old salt works during the Civil War at Boggy Depot and owned a lot of slaves. He was robbed during the Civil War. They thought it was the Belle Star gang. Giles Thompson died and then my mother, Ellen Jackson, and my father married. He still held land





and they both did up until the Dawes Commission came on the scene and they was throwed off although he had been on the Indian roll all his life and drawed money the same as a full-blood. Our family spent over \$1,000 fighting the case, and then lost.

My mother and father lived between Maysville and Lindsay when they were first married. They called it Kickapoo Flat. They had their homes there. Mother owned the land near the Washita [river] and father owned that south of hers on the hill. They established a post office on father's place which is still there, Wallville, Oklahoma.

I was born on the Washita between Maysville and Lindsay, then called Kickapoo Flat. I was born on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 1880. My father lived to be nearly 89 years old, and he also fulfilled his mother's wish. He was a minister of the gospel many years before he died.

When I was small, the men and boys run horse races in sight of our house at White Bead. There was an Indian School at White Bead. They called it Pierce Institute. It was built by the Methodists, and sat on a 10 acre campus and provided education for the Indian and the white children. Mrs. Jessie Moore was my teacher. She was an Indian. Her maiden name was Jessie Randolph. Her father was Bud Randolph, an Intermarried. I think her mother's name was Sally Moncrief. She was an Indian.

They used to have preaching her out in the open and also have dances for the young folks to go to for entertainment. But they were carried on nice! My older sisters (this would have been half sisters fathered by Giles Thompson) went then, but my mother never allowed us younger girls to go, as there was much whiskey then.

I think Jessie Moore is holding an office. Anyway, she run against Mabel Basset once. I voted for her.

I will tell of our picnic when she was teaching at White Bead, something similar to our school picnics now, only we had no cars. We went in wagons. The boys brought wagons and ice cream freezers and ice, and us girls brought lunch. We met at the school house and on our journey we met lots of full blood Indians in wagons and buggies going to Pauls Valley to get supplies. They were coming from Fort Sill where they were guarded by soldiers. The boys began hollering John. Miss Jessie kept telling them they had better quit, but they thought it was funny until one Indian pulled a white woman's scalp off his head. He were all scared, and there was no more hollering. We went on about a mile and stopped and put up our little stands and swings and were eating our dinner and the soldiers came along. And wasn't we glad! We sure had a fine time jumping the rope, saying readings, playing games, anything a child should enjoy.



### Descent Chart 7: Samuel C. Wall and Ellen Jackson

Samuel and Ellen Wall were the maternal grandparents of Jewel Hester Harper. She married E.V. Cox in 1925.

1 Samuel Clough Wall 1842 - 1931  
 .. +Ellen Jackson 1844 - 1903 (her first husband was Giles Thompson (d. 1861)  
 .....2 Daisy Ellen Wall 1871 - 1940  
 ..... +James Nathaniel Harper 1872 - 1958  
 ..... 3 Infant Harper 1895 - 1895  
 ..... 3 Lawrence Virgil Harper 1896 - 1976  
 ..... +Nannie Adams  
 ..... 4 Lorene Harper 1917 -  
 ..... +Dan Hibdon  
 ..... 5 Dan Hibdon  
 ..... 5 Nancy  
 ..... 3 Infant Harper 1898 - 1898  
 ..... 3 Grace Ellen Harper 1900 - 1986  
 ..... +Oscar Hulsey  
 ..... 3 James Custer Harper 1902 - 1986  
 ..... +Vera Hutchins  
 ..... 4 Katherine Jo Harper 1925 -  
 ..... 3 Rudel Daisy Harper 1904 -  
 ..... +Minyard Alexander Whitney Harris 1897 - 1969  
 ..... 4 James Billy Harris  
 ..... 3 **Jewel Hester Harper 1906 - 1994**  
 ..... +Emmanuel V. Cox 1905 - 1971  
 ..... 4 Goldia Colleen Cox 1926 -  
 ..... + "Bud" 1926 - 1974  
 ..... 5 F.G. Skip Gosling 1947 -  
 ..... 5 Steve Allen Gosling 1951 -  
 ..... 5 Susan Lynne Gosling 1964 -  
 ..... 4 Albert Cox 1928 - 1928  
 ..... 4 Jimmie E. Cox 1930 -  
 ..... +Barbara Cummings 1931 -  
 ..... 5 Cynthia Lynn Cox 1956 -  
 ..... +Dale Mathis 1954 -  
 ..... 6 Jason Mathis 1975 -  
 ..... 6 Brandon Lee Mathis 1979 -  
 ..... 5 Eddie Van Cox 1958 -  
 ..... +Helen Lorton 1958 -  
 ..... 6 Sarah Dawn Cox 1979 -  
 ..... \*2nd Wife of Eddie Van Cox:  
 ..... +Karen Elizabeth Booher 1956 -  
 ..... 6 Emerald Dae Cox 1982 - 1998  
 ..... 6 Jim Theron Cox 1984 -  
 ..... \*3rd Wife of Eddie Van Cox:  
 ..... +Laura Jones



..... 4 Gerald Lee Cox 1933 -  
..... +Shirley Jean Seagraves 1933 -  
..... 5 Christi Ann Cox 1960 -  
..... +William David Eischeid 1960 -  
..... 6 Jessica Blair Eischeid 1987 -  
..... 6 William Andrew Eischeid 1990 -  
..... 5 Barry Andrew Cox 1963 -  
..... +Angela Kay Cuddeback 1965 -  
..... 6 Baylor Cox 1994 -  
..... 6 Lawrence Lee Cox 1998 -  
..... 4 Dale Austin Cox 1939 -  
..... +Jackie Lamb  
..... 5 Angela Lynn Cox 1960 -  
..... 5 Gregory Dale Cox 1963 -  
..... \*2nd Wife of Dale Austin Cox:  
..... +Lynette Yvonna Payne-Hensley  
..... 4 Linda Ann Cox 1944 -  
..... +James Demo 1944 - 1990  
..... 5 Michael Demo 1974 -  
..... \*2nd Husband of Linda Ann Cox:  
..... +Douglas Semelbauer  
..... 3 William Raymond Harper 1909 - 1976  
..... +Hortense Driskell  
..... 4 Geraldine Laverne Harper 1933 -  
..... 4 Kenneth Rex Harper 1939 -  
..... 3 Hazel Beatrice Harper 1911 - 1977  
..... +Clarence Dennis  
..... 3 Viola Iona Harper 1912 -  
..... +Jim Beck  
..... 3 Eunice Lohoma Harper 1915 -  
..... +Elmer Coffey  
..... 3 Carl Clinton Harper 1919 - 1986  
..... +Peggy  
..... \*2nd Wife of Carl Clinton Harper:  
..... +Beverly  
..... 2 Eunice Ellen Wall 1882 -  
..... 2 Samuel Franklin Wall 1886 -

## **MARVIN WESLEY COX & DEVOTA HANKS, SON OF WM N. COX II**

by Kenny Ray Cox

My dad, Marvin Wesley Cox, was living in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma when he married Ina Gene Edwards of Stratford, Oklahoma. He bought a small house, moved it to the rear of Papa's farm. To supplement his income, my dad picked pecans, worked on other farms, bought and sold eggs, and raised watermelons, working as hard as he could for his bride and his new son Charles. But this was a miserable life for his young wife, and she could not take it.

While Dad was at work one day, Ina left. Grandma Cox and Maurine kept the baby until Dad remarried.

Dad had not been able to go to school as much as his older brothers had. When he and younger brother Claudie were of school age, the older ones had all grown up and moved on. My dad remembered feeling he had too much work to do helping Papa to worry about his education. In fact, he was in the 4th grade seat for four consecutive years. But he had a gift for numbers and was determined to succeed.

It was quite clear that something had to change, so Dad traveled to Texas to work for his older brother Emanuel at construction jobs. Next he worked at Townley's Dairy in Oklahoma City, with Allen, who lived there for a while, only to find he did not want to do that. In Tulsa, he found another job that was not for him, digging manholes.

It was in a grocery store in Tulsa that Marvin found the work he was most suited for, as he really knew his onions and taters.

He came back to Oklahoma City about 1937, to take a job at "Honest John's Grocery," the Poor Man's Friend. He became the produce manager.

This job had an added bonus, for Dad met Mom while she was shopping.



**Photograph 63:  
Devota Hanks Cox**

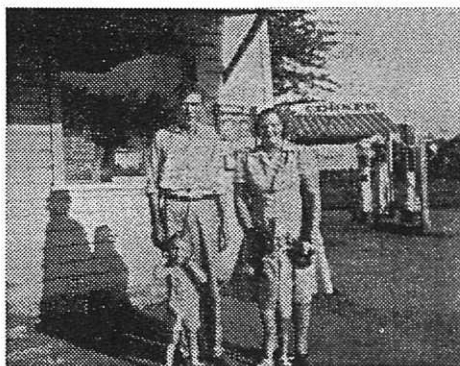


Marvin Wesley Cox married Anna Devota Hanks on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April in 1938. Devota worked as a driver for the Oklahoma League for the Blind. They rented a small house one half block from the store, and Charles came to live with them. Life was certainly better now. Dad had a good job and a new wife, and his son was once again with him.

On the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June in 1940, a really big event happened. I was born. On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August in 1941, Billy was born. At each birth, Maurine was there with Mom. What would we have done without her help?

My dad bought his first grocery store, on credit, Bert's Corner Grocery on Central Avenue and SE 15<sup>th</sup> Street in Oklahoma City. He signed a rental agreement for the building and fixtures; signed a note for the stock, and put all he had, \$111.00 in the cash register for change.

Business was good during the war years. Dad could buy things that were rationed, using his connections with Honest John owners. As I recall, they were D. A. Stricklin and Red Smalley. Red taught Dad how to buy low, sell quickly, and then do it again. Dad's motto became "A fast nickel beats a slow dime...anytime."



Photograph 64: Marvin and Devota Cox 1943  
Their first grocery store.  
Billy (l.), Kenney (r.)

Another business man, Bill Cornelius, convinced him to become a partner and buy an Honest John Store located at 800 NE 4<sup>th</sup> St. Dad and Bill changed the name to *B & M Market*. Dad sold the Central Avenue Store to a man named Rose.

Meanwhile Marvin had invested in some real estate. He bought two rental houses at 322 and 324 SE 15<sup>th</sup> mainly to move my Hanks grandparents from Hartford, Arkansas to Oklahoma City. They were both in failing health, but were able to care for us boys while mom and Dad worked. By this time, Charles had gone to live with his mother and her new husband. It was easy for our grandparents to care for Billy and me, since we were such good kids. (?)

Dad bought a nice, large house on the SW corner of 15<sup>th</sup> and Byers. He had started building a 2-car garage out of cement blocks when he and his partner decided to dissolve their partnership. Consequently, the garage became a store.

My dad asked his brother E. V. how to redo the walls and convert to a larger building. I remember his reply. E. V. never said a word, just backed his one ton flat bed truck around, backed into the garage, and drove right through the back wall. E. V. Cox was a character and the E. V. Cox Construction Company, continues to "build Oklahoma."



The store opened without a name and business was good from the first day. A name contest was held and a crippled man suggested By-Er-Rite and won \$10.00 worth of groceries. By-Er-Rite was a little gold mine. I can remember stacks of money on our new Duncan Phyfe dining table. This same table that Billy and I used to dust with socks on our hands in preparation for the Sunday get-togethers is still being used in my house.

E. V.'s oldest son Jimmie helped in this store, and I remember when Mom played a joke on him. He had said he would NEVER drink any of the goat's milk that we sold. So one busy Saturday, Mom had his food ready.

When he came back to the store, Mom said, "Did you eat all of your lunch and drink your milk?"

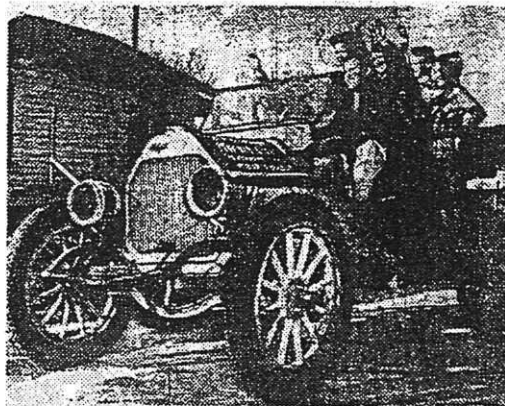
"Of course," he said.

"Well, that was goat's milk you drank."

He was never convinced.

Mom and Dad traded two hundred pounds of sugar for a 1909 Willys-Overland four-door touring car. They went to Kansas with a trailer to get it from the people who were selling it, some of Mother's kin from the Goodbody family.

After cleaning the spark plugs and filling it with good gas, Dad started the car by pulling it with a tractor. Then he drove it onto the trailer, brought it home, and had it restored by Puckett's Garage on SE 29<sup>th</sup> St.



**Photograph 65: Marvin's 1909 Overland**

Appeared in *The Daily Oklahoman*, p.4, Jan. 7, 1948.

"Just rarin' for a ride, are, front, Kenneth Cox 7; Harold Rogers, 16, and V.C. Bearden, 12, and back row, Charles Sanders, 9, Eugene Smith, 8, and Billy Cox, 6."

That car was the star attraction in the 89'er parade in the Capitol Hill section of Oklahoma City for several years. It is now on display in a Philadelphia Museum.

Dad was having severe migraine headaches that caused him to have occasional blackouts. This happened once while he was on the 29<sup>th</sup> Street railroad tracks. He was saved from being hit by a train by an employee at N & R Feed Store. In 1945, because of these headaches, he traded the By-Er-Rite Grocery and the big house on the corner for a motel in Hot Springs, Arkansas. While he was in Hot Springs, he took the baths and just "chilled out" for a while.

Before too long, he was back in Oklahoma City, looking for a location for a store. He tried to buy back the By-Er-Rite, but they wouldn't sell. So he moved





Grandma Hanks to another house, put the old house at the rear of the lot; moved the other rental house east near Temple Baptist Church, and proceeded to build "Cox By Er Rite Grocery." So within a two-block stretch of SE 15<sup>th</sup> Street, we had three different stores.

As Bill and I grew up, we became more and more a part of the grocery business. Dad taught us to be honest and hard working. He also taught us a trade is not a good trade unless all parties are happy.

Dad would buy more watermelons than he could possibly stock. The fruit cost more money than Dad ever had in hand; nevertheless, he managed to "pre-sell" and get them delivered to local stores. With this deal, our store's portion of watermelons came out almost free. My younger brother, Billy, and I got in the action and sold plenty in our youth. You might say that three generations of Cox boys were "Watermelon Kings."



Photograph 66: Billy, Butch and Kenny  
photo circa 1953

Mom and Dad were always helping others in one way or another. If some one was out of a job, Dad would hire him to work on a rental house, or paint, or plow the garden or do whatever else needed to be done. Mom was always collecting clothes for the kids in Gander Flats. She helped with the Sharon Mission that was sponsored by the Temple Baptist Church.

The church was a big part of our lives. The preacher always knew where Dad was if he wasn't at church. Squirrel hunting had a code name—Sunshine Mission. When Mom was asked, "Where's Marvin," she always smiled and said, "I believe he's at Sunshine Mission today."

Dad had a way of getting the best—and most—work out of other people. He could chastise you with humor and that kept you from getting angry about it. Being good with numbers, he was a good Domino player. The pastor, Brother Dickson, and his wife were frequent guests at our house, but the good brother could never learn to play dominoes as well as Dad. After selling the store to Don Fox, owner of Honest-John stores, the final years of Dad's life were spent at "Bill's Used Car Lot," playing dominoes with his friends.

Dad passed away the 24th day of August, 1984. He was loved by all who knew him. The Exchange Baptist Church was not large enough for all those who came to his funeral. The church had 800 seats—all full. So, folks stood along walls and in the vestibule. Speakers were set on the front steps and sidewalks for those who could not enter. Dad was a real character, with real character!

Mom lived another 6 years and died on May 24th of 1990. My other two beloved surrogate parents, my Hanks grandparents, were Riley Clay Hanks, who died June 12, 1944. and Mary Anna Goodbody, who passed away on December 12, 1961.





A sampling of my mother's poetry and prose:



*I may not go and scatter flowers  
where you are sleeping 'neath the sun and dew  
But if one lies in pain through weary hours  
I send the flowers there, dear heart, for you.*

*Life claims our best, you  
would not have me waste a single  
day in selfish idle woe.  
I fancy that I hear you bid me haste,  
lest I should sadly falter as I go.*

*Perchance so much now seems incomplete  
was left for me in my poor way to do.  
And I shall love to tell you when we meet  
that I have done your errands, dear, for you.*



*For You, Marvin*

*The things you loved, I have not laid away  
to mould in the darkness, year by year.  
The songs you sang, the books you read each day,  
are all about me, intimate and dear.  
I do not keep your chair a thing apart,  
lonely and empty, desolate to view.  
But if one comes weary sick at heart,  
I seat him there and comfort him for you.  
I do not go apart in grief and weep,  
For I have know your tenderness and care.  
Such memories are joys that we may keep;  
and so, I pray for those whose lives are bare.*



*Thanksgiving 1986*

*Thanksgiving Day, says the dictionary, is a giving of thanks to God for the blessings He has given us during the past year. It is usually a day spent with family and loved ones and enjoying the harvest of the past year. But this year was different with me. I simply wanted to spend it alone with just Jesus and the memory of bygone years when Dad was still with us. I wanted to go to his grave if the weather permitted and it did; it is a beautiful day. I just wanted to stand there by his grave and relive our married life until God saw fit to take him to the place that He had prepared for him.*

*Wonder what it is like? Wouldn't you like to know? According to the gospel, we've never seen anything to equal its beauty. And I'm sure that he is enjoying that blessed rest God has promised, and that he so deserved. As I think back over our lives together from where I first met him at the Honest John's Grocery Store at 501 S Harvey, OKC, I almost tremble when I think of the good times and the bad that we shared with each other. Yes, there were some bad days, but the good outnumbered them by far.*



*And I go on*

*I do not know what God has planned to come to me today.  
I only know that He has promised me to be my stay.  
And that His hand has mapped out all the way  
that I must go.*

*I do not know the road o'er which my feet must run the race.  
But I do know, though rough it be,  
though steep in many a place,  
that He has said "Sufficient is my grace."\*  
And I go on.*

\* II Cor. 12-9



MEMORIES OF MARVIN AND DEVOTA COX  
by Joan Cox

Bill has many precious memories of both his parents. His Dad was his role model as well as his fishing and hunting buddy. He taught all three of his sons not to be afraid of hard work and to be creative in finding solutions to their problems. He knew how to have a little fun while he worked.

Bill and I were married in 1961. I learned to love his parents dearly and I have many precious memories of them as well.

One of the first stories I remember them telling was that Dad got to the church late the day of his wedding. Since his first marriage had not turned out so well, he felt he needed to give this marriage a lot of thought. He sat on a stool at the drugstore contemplating the question of matrimony until he was almost too late for the ceremony. As it turned out, he made the right choice. They had a good life together, full of good times and laughter as well as trials and hardships.

I was visiting with my mother-in-law, whom I always called Mom, one day a year or so after Dad had died. As she lay on the couch she kept looking at a picture of the two of them which had been taken a few years before. She said, "I wish I didn't feel the way I do. I just can't help it. I miss Daddy so much. It seems like I miss him more now than ever. I can lay here and look at his picture and remember everything that was said the day it was taken. He was sitting behind me and the photographer said to him, 'Can you move a little closer?' Dad said, 'Yes sir, I can move a whole lot closer if she'll let me.'"

He loved to joke and had a unique way of saying things. He seemed to have a humorous saying for everything. One of our favorites was "I see said the blind man to his deaf and dumb daughter, who stuck her wooden leg out the window to see if it was raining."

Our all time favorite was: "Saw sah cros ky, saw my leg off and call me shorty." It became a family byword. We taught each one of our grandchildren to say that phrase when they learned to talk. It sounded so cute coming out of their little mouths. Tyler was the exception. When he was about three he would only say, "Saw so cros ky, call me shorty." "No," I would say. "It's saw my leg off and call me shorty." Tyler's wise reply was, "Why Grandma Joan, that would hurt me!" I never could get him to say it.

Dad had a special deep bellied laugh he liked to belt out when he was acting silly. Our five year old granddaughter, Joanna, laughs like this when she is being silly. It must be hereditary since she never met her great grandpa.



You couldn't be around him too long before you began seeing humor in things the same as he did. I remember working at his grocery store in Del City one day and getting a lesson in his humor. My folks didn't tease quite like he did and I had to learn his ways.

A customer came into the store looking for shortcake and it was all gone. Dad turned to me and said, "What, it's all gone. Why you know I was saving it for ----." He said it with a twinkle in his eyes but I didn't catch it just then. I thought he was scolding me for selling the last package of shortcake. I soon learned to join in the fun and tease him right back.

Having grown up on the farm, Dad never got over his love of seeing things grow. He was proud of his vegetable garden and loved to take people on a tour to see how well things were growing. Mom cooked and canned everything he grew. I think his favorite birthday gift from us was a pickup load of gypsum for his garden.

Bill still talks about the two acres of okra Dad planted one year. It did REAL good, much to the grief of the fair-skinned, fourteen-year-old, redhead who had the privilege of helping to keep it picked. He itched all summer.

Dad was an expert Domino player. He loved to play his hand and everyone else's. After the first round of a game he usually knew just about what the other players were holding. His last few years he delighted in keeping dominoes going at Bill's car lot every day.

Dad knew he was seriously ill before the rest of us did. When we told him Anita and JoEl were expecting their first child he was so pleased, but he said, "I wish I could be here to see it." I said, "Why Dad, you will be." "Honey, I don't think so," he said, sadly. This was before he ever went to the doctor. Sure enough, he was diagnosed with cancer and did not live to see any of our grandchildren.

Dad had a strong faith in God and his redemption through the blood of Jesus Christ. So did Mom. This was reflected in his last days in the hospital. There were times when the pain medicine didn't help. During those times we would read the Bible to him. "Just read anywhere," he would say. "It's all good." Many times we would sing hymns to him. "Victory In Jesus" was his favorite. (It was his theme song, and it was sung at his funeral.) The scripture and the songs would soothe him when the medicine did not. In the hospital room, he would look off into space and say, "See that choir up there? They've got a seat reserved for me."

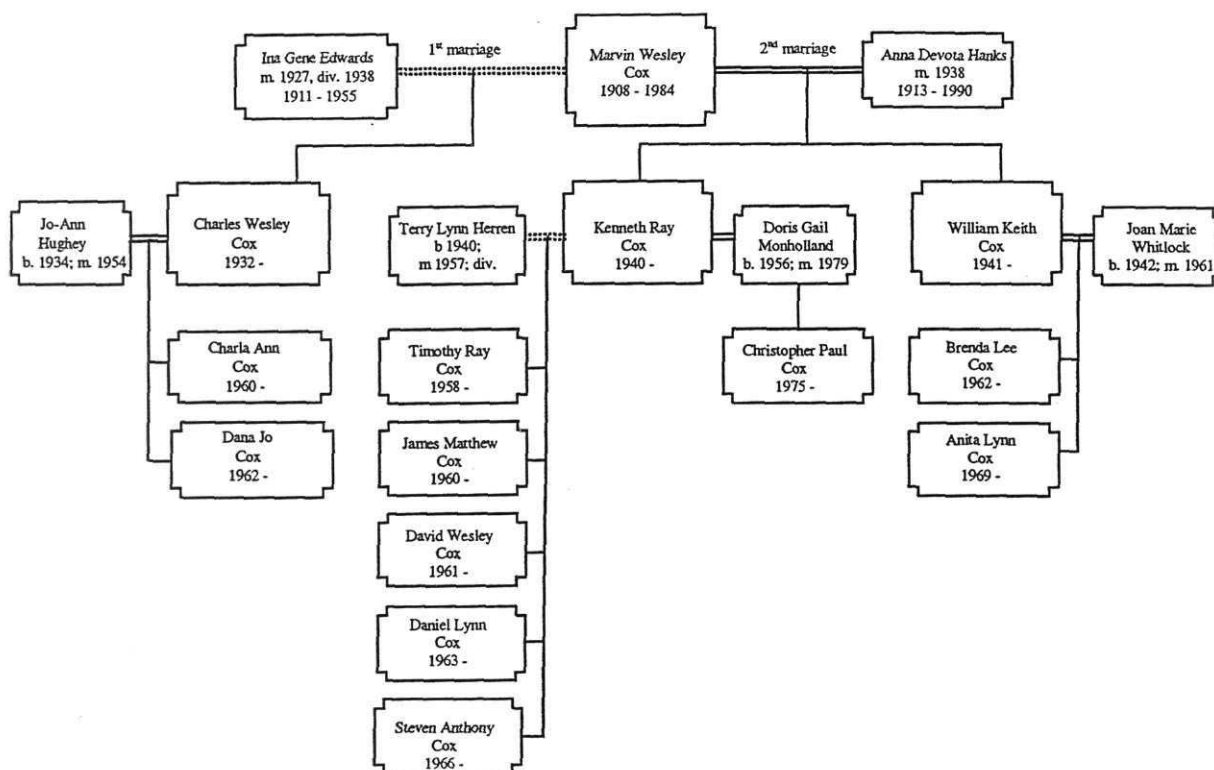
Bill loved to hear his Dad sing while they worked. One of the songs he liked to sing was ... "Everything Is Beautiful In Its Own Way..."

Dad was a beautiful man inside and out. We love him, we love his memory, and we are sure he is singing in that heavenly choir right now, and so is Mom.



## Descendants of Marvin Wesley Cox and his two wives, Ina Gene and Devota

Marvin first married Ina Gene Edwards on 27 December 1927 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. They had one child, Charles, then divorced in January of 1938, see next page. Marvin's second marriage was to Anna Devota Hanks on 22 April 1938. They had two sons, Ken and Billy. For more genealogical data on Ina Gene, see page 318. For more genealogical data on Devota's ancestry, see page 323.



**Charles Wesley Cox**

b. 13 Nov 1932, Pauls Valley, Garvin County, Oklahoma

m. **Jo Ann Hughey**, 18 Jun 1954, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, b. 17 Jul 1934

Two daughters were born of this marriage:

1. **Charla Ann Cox**, b. 12 Jul 1960

m<sup>1</sup> **David Epley**, 21 Nov 1982

Chelsey Ann Epley, b. 11 Feb 1984

Chad Ryan Epley, b. 01 Jul 1987

m<sup>2</sup> **James Douglas Bundy**, 13 Dec 1990, Tulsa, Oklahoma

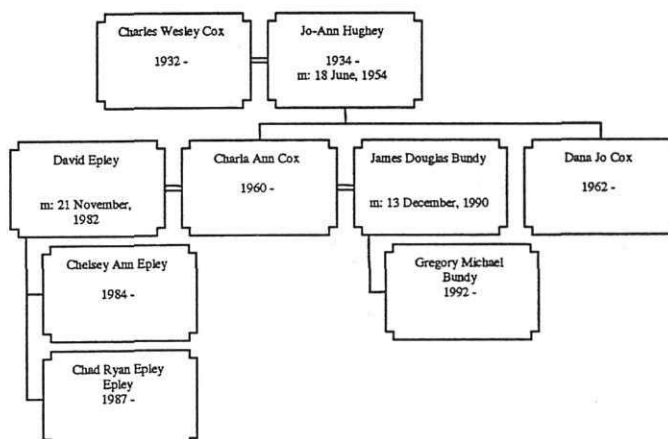
Gregory Michael Bundy, b. 09 Sep 1992

2. **Dana Jo Cox**, b. 09 Aug 1962

**Photograph 67: Charlie Cox & family**



back: Jo Ann, Charlie, Charla, Doug  
front: Chelsey and Chad



Don't miss out on Chelsey's rollicking contribution to this family history.  
Turn to page 320 and learn more about some of the horsing around in this family.

**Kenneth Ray Cox**

b. 29 Jun 1940, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

m<sup>1</sup> **Terry Lynn Herren**, 24 Apr 1957, Denton, Texas, div.

b. 9 Mar 1940 Whittier, California

1. **Timothy Ray Cox**, b. 21 Apr 1958 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

m **Lynda Kay Balch**, 10 Aug 1974, Clovis, New Mexico

b. 11 Jun 1958 to Bobbie Balch and Francis Lee Wheeler

**Jason Trinity Cox**, b. 02 Mar 1975

**Shelly Denise Cox**, b. 17 May 1977

**Nathan Scott Cox**, b. 14 Aug 1980

**Richard Lynn Cox**, b. 17 Aug 1983

child of Richard is **Sierra Denise Lesly**, b. 12 Aug 2000

2. **James Matthew Cox**, b. 09 Jan 1960, Edmond, Oklahoma

m<sup>1</sup> **Debra Sue Shaw** 22 Apr 1976, divorced

b. 28 June 1959 to Robert Shaw and Emily Fay Smith

**Michelle Yvonne Cox**, b. 08 Nov 1976

**LeeAnne Marie Cox**, b. 16 Aug 1979

child of LeeAnne is **Ariel Madison Watts**, b. 4 Oct 1996

m<sup>4</sup> August 1999, **Jannette Kay Cook**<sup>43</sup>

3. **David Wesley Cox**, b. 10 Sep 1961 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

life-partner: **Jean François Pinto**, 10 May 1986, Paris, France

b. 12 June 1940, France, to José Pinto and Marie "Patty" Rousseau

4. **Daniel Lynn**, b. 02 Mar 1963 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

m<sup>1</sup> **Adella Leigh Harville**, b. 2 Dec. 1963, divorced

b. 2 Dec. 1963, Texas, to Carroll W. Harville and Clara Lee Mitchell

**Cody Lynn Cox**, b. 27 Oct 1983

m<sup>2</sup> **Kathy Rae Hagen**, divorced

5. **Steven Anthony**, b. 29 Mar 1966, Hollywood, California

m<sup>1</sup> **Claudia Dyanne Eckdahl**, 02 Jun 1990 in Vail, Colorado

**Brittany Morgan Cox**, b. 21 Aug 1993

m<sup>2</sup> **Lorrie Manes-Keim**, 29 Jun 1997 in Tucson, Arizona

b. 8 Sept 1964, AZ, to Ronnie Mane and Connie Dunn Woodbury.

**Ryleigh Nicole Cox**, b. 6 Sept 2000

m<sup>2</sup> **Orline (née Rodriguez) Vigil**

m<sup>3</sup> **Adena (née Leming) Hibdon**

m<sup>4</sup> **Doris Gail Monholland**, 20 Jun 1979, b. 17 Feb 1956, Oklahoma City

6. **Christopher Paul Cox** (adopted by Ken) b. 08 Apr 1975

m<sup>1</sup> 15 Jan 1994, **Rebecca Hennington**

m<sup>2</sup> 01 Nov 1997, **Jessica Laura Joslin**

**Jencie Elizabeth Cox**, b. 21 Oct 1998

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<sup>43</sup> Jannette Kay (née Cook) Cox informed us that her maternal grandfather, George Peter Roth, "was German and came over with the underground Mormon rescue that happened during the Holocaust. They came through Canada." They settled in the Salt Lake City area. Janette is the daughter of Shirley Dale Cook and Elizabeth Kathryn Roth.





**William Keith Cox**

b 11 Aug 1941, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

m **Joan Marie Whitlock**, 19 Feb 1961, Oklahoma City

1. **Brenda Lee Cox**, b 07 Dec 1962

m **Steve Herschel Moore** 04 Jun 1982, Oklahoma City, b 18 Nov 1959

Tyler Cale Moore, b 13 Jan 1991 (adopted)

Alexis Michele Moore, b 12 March 1995 (adopted)

2 **Anita Lynn Cox**, b 20 Oct 1969

m **JoEl Kimball**, May 1984, b 28 Oct 1958 Oklahoma City

Mary Elizabeth Kimball b 12 Feb 1985

David Wesley Kimball b 09 Jun 1986

Daniel Aaron Kimball b 07 Jun 1988

Paul Isaac Kimball b 25 Apr 1990

James Kelvin Kimball b 31 Mar 1992

JoAnna Lee Kimball b 28 Mar 1994

**Photograph 68: Bill and Joan Cox family portraits**



Bill & Joan Cox



Steve & Brenda Moore



Anita & Joel Kimball



Steve and Brenda's children:  
Alexis and Tyler



The Kimball Kids:  
James, Daniel, Paul, Mary, JoAnna, David

Don't miss out on Mary's delightful contribution to this family history. Turn to page 330 and learn more about her Grandpa Bill. And if you haven't read it already, go to page 312 and see what their Grandma Joan has to say about Great-Grandpa Marvin.

For elements on the Kimball's at the Alamo, and family history, turn to page 357.



## FAMILY HISTORY OF INA GENE EDWARDS

Ina Gene Edwards was Marvin Cox's first wife, and the mother of Charles Wesley Cox. Ina Gene and Marvin married on 12 December 1927 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, and Charlie was born 13 November 1932.

Ina Gene's mother, Lila B. Stephenson, was married twice. Ina Gene was born from the second marriage to J.T. Edwards. She had three half-brothers. We have but skimpy information on the families. We know that J.T. Edwards had a brother called "Ace" who was a boilermaker in Fort Worth, Texas. We also know that their parents were born in Alabama.

*Generation No. 1*

1. LILA BERTA<sup>1</sup> STEPHENSON was born 1882 in Arkansas. She married (1) SAM AMSEY. She married (2) JOHN THOMAS EDWARDS 1908.

Children of LILA STEPHENSON and SAM AMSEY are:

- i. JACKIE DAVID<sup>2</sup> AMSEY, b. 1902.
- ii. WILLIAM SAM AMSEY, b. 1904.
- iii. CARL BRANUM AMSEY, b. 1906.

Children of LILA STEPHENSON and JOHN EDWARDS are:

2. iv. INA GENE<sup>2</sup> EDWARDS, b. 11 February, 1911, Stratford, Oklahoma; d. March 1955, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- v. LILA MILDRED EDWARDS, b. May 1909.
- vi. DON EDWARDS.
- vii. CLEO EDWARDS.
- viii. VELMA ALEYNE EDWARDS.
- ix. ARRAH LUCILLE EDWARDS.
- x. HAZEL MARIE EDWARDS.

*Generation No. 2*

2. INA GENE<sup>2</sup> EDWARDS (LILA BERTA<sup>1</sup> STEPHENSON) was born 11 February, 1911 in Stratford, Oklahoma, and died March 1955 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She married MARVIN WESLEY COX 27 December, 1927 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, son of WILLIAM COX and FRONA MAXWELL.

Child of INA EDWARDS and MARVIN COX is:

3. i. CHARLES WESLEY<sup>3</sup> COX, b. 13 November, 1932.

*Generation No. 3*

3. CHARLES WESLEY<sup>3</sup> COX (*INA GENE<sup>2</sup> EDWARDS, LILA BERTA<sup>1</sup> STEPHENSON*) was born 13 November, 1932. He married JO-ANN HUGHEY 18 June, 1954 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Children of CHARLES COX and JO-ANN HUGHEY are:

4.
  - i. CHARLA ANN<sup>4</sup> COX, b. 12 July, 1960.
  - ii. DANA JO COX, b. 09 August, 1962.

*Generation No. 4*

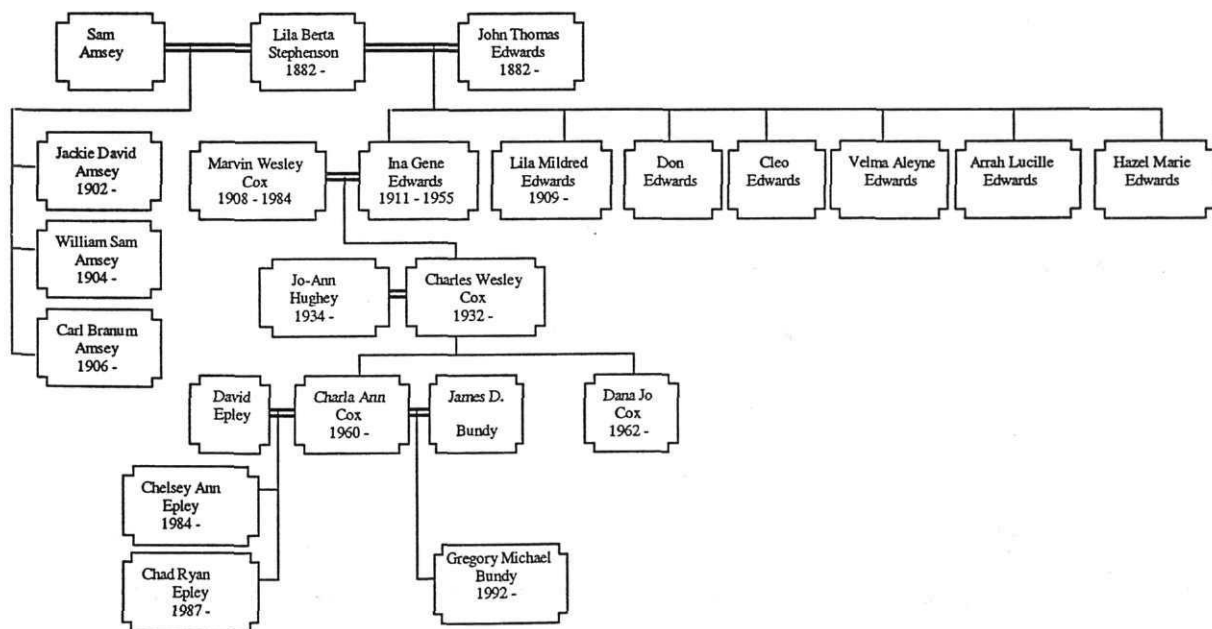
4. CHARLA ANN<sup>4</sup> COX (*CHARLES WESLEY<sup>3</sup>, INA GENE<sup>2</sup> EDWARDS, LILA BERTA<sup>1</sup> STEPHENSON*) was born 12 July, 1960. She married (1) DAVID EPLEY 21 November, 1982. She married (2) JAMES DOUGLAS BUNDY 13 December, 1990.

Children of CHARLA COX and DAVID EPLEY are:

- i. CHELSEY ANN<sup>5</sup> EPLEY, b. 11 February, 1984.
- ii. CHAD RYAN EPLEY EPLEY, b. 01 July, 1987.

Child of CHARLA COX and JAMES BUNDY is:

- iii. GREGORY MICHAEL<sup>5</sup> BUNDY, b. 09 September, 1992.

**Descent Chart 8: John Thomas Edwards' Descendents**



A CHARLIE COX FAMILY STORY  
by Chelsey Ann Epley

This is a brief story about my family. Tidbits of some of our travels through life that we have taken and the love, joy and sorrow we have shared.

My papa, Charles Wesley Cox, was born on November 13, 1932, and grew up in Moore, Oklahoma. Papa played on several radio shows. Back then, country stars did not bring with them their own band. Therefore, when they (Merle Haggard, Marty Robbins, Minnie Pearl, etc.) would come to Oklahoma City Music Hall (Civic Center), the band Papa played in would back them up. One day while Papa was playing steel guitar on Merle Lindsey's Radio Show at Elmwood Dance Hall, on South Shields in Oklahoma City, he met my granny, Jo Ann Hughey. Granny was taking her nephew to perform on that show. Charlie was playing steel guitar that particular day because the regular steel player was away. (God worked out the details perfectly, knowing Papa couldn't on his own). Papa asked Granny if she would like to go to the State Fair; she agreed as long as Papa would take her to see the animals.

Granny said that Papa was a fanatic about his teeth being clean, and while at the fair they would have to go hunt a bathroom so that Papa could brush his teeth. She said that he always carried with him toothpaste and a toothbrush, and that he would brush his teeth after every meal. (Hey, that's probably who I inherited that phobia from.)

Papa was the romantic type. On Valentine's Day, of course, he proposed to Granny while they were taking out the trash at Granny's sister's house. How's that for romantic! They were married in that beautiful rock house with the pond on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street in Harrah, Oklahoma.

Papa and Granny enjoyed each other and also enjoyed playing pranks on their dearest of relatives and friends. For instance, they would go out bullfrog hunting, and then take the bullfrogs in paper sacks up to their friends' house at midnight for them to open up! Another time they worked for an entire month perfecting the apartment of Granny's soon-to-be-wed brother, only to come back, while the honeymooners were away, to completely redesign the apartment: move the kitchen to the bedroom, move the living room to the dining room, etc., take the labels off all of the canned goods, put rice in anything that had pockets or holes, and wired bells under their mattress. Papa and Granny enjoyed music and horses together.

Then, they had a girl whom they were going to name Dana Lee or Dana Lea (depending on the gender), but the name did not fit this one. So my mom, Charla Ann, went without a name for five days, until they could find a name that would fit her. She inherited Papa's musical talent, but that would not be discovered for many, many years



later. Until then, she deeply engrossed herself in play—to the point that she would not come into the house for a potty break, even when her diaper would be full and drooping down around her knees!

Finally, the real Dana came along, my mom's sister, Dana Jo. She overflowed with musical talent and at a very young age—an awesome drummer. She played with Papa for years; they thoroughly enjoyed that time together. Like many of us, Dana was a procrastinator even at the age of three. One day after frustrating her mother, three-year old Dana put her little hands onto her hips and said to Granny, "I didn't promise you a rose garden!" That was precious! Another precious moment was when Dana was learning how to use the "potty." She was so steadfast about going that she fell steadfastly asleep!

My mom and aunt were very creative. Actually, it was mostly Dana with the creative juices, my mom just joined in. I have been told that there was a picture in the living room of their great-grandpa and grandma Cox sitting together. Well, Dana and Charla dressed up to look like them in the picture. Then they would charge a penny for Papa and Granny to come into the living room to watch them perform.

I was told those girls would play everything from Barbies, to army men, to dress up, to grocery store, to cowboys. Yes, cowboys! They would wake up around 5 AM (yes, this is true, although even to this day, I haven't seen either of them wake up that early) go out to the back pasture on horseback and "cook up" a whopping ole breakfast (burnt bacon, eggs, and black, gritty coffee) on a large, flat sandstone. Granny would have been killed if she had tried to serve them such a breakfast. But those girls thought they were geniuses. Although they were creative and enjoyed their adventures together, they would get into some trouble and be sent to their separate rooms.

But, did this stop them from communicating with each other – no! They would go into their closets (which backed up to each other), cut through a small hole and send notes back and forth to each other. Some of those notes, I heard, fell through the walls and never reached the other's hand. Too bad the house has burned since then, I would love to get my hands on those notes.

Finally, one more little story about these two. Papa was a sales manager for Macklenburg Duncan Company in Oklahoma City; therefore, he traveled a lot. One time, Granny went with Papa, and Aunt Chloe stayed with the girls. Dana hooked Sugar Lump (her Shetland pony) to an old wheelchair, because they were going to play horse-n-buggy. Well, King (the German shepherd, which was almost as big as the pony) began chasing the pony-drawn wheelchair around the driveway until they hit the trash cans and came tumbling over. To this day, my mom says that she can still hear Aunt Chloe's laughter.

Now, I should tell you how I got here. My mom was playing the bass guitar at my grandparents' country and western dance club, Charlie's Palace. My father was hanging from the rafters of this log cabin establishment setting up the lights for a local television show. They became best of friends and soon married! The best part was that they had me and my brother, Chad.



Hard times have come for awhile: divorce, remarriage, etc. I now have another brother, Gregory Michael Bundy, who has recently turned seven. Oh, by the way, I am almost 16 years old, and am the tall, skinny girl my papa has always wanted. He and I share Tuesday nights together every week. He comforts me and makes me laugh. He is always there for me, and for our family. I hope that God brings me a husband like my Papa; that would be just grand.

(written November 1999)



FAMILY HISTORY OF ANNA DEVOTA HANKS  
by David W. Cox

Devota Hanks married Marvin Wesley Cox in 1938. She was 25. He was 29 and had just gone through a divorce. Four months after their 46<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on 22 April 1984, Marvin died. Devota lived another six years, passing away on 24 May 1990. She and Marvin produced two sons, and raised them with Charles, Marvin's first son by Ina Gene Edwards.

Although only a Cox by marriage, Devota certainly had plenty of Cox character. She enjoyed pranks and practical jokes. She lost one third of her left index finger in an accident while still a young woman (when she pointed to a frozen cut of meat that her brother Clay was cutting with a meat cleaver, and she never went to the doctor). She loved retelling the story of how she used to shock fellow church-goers by placing the finger under a nostril while seated in the choir.

From my earliest childhood days, I remember my grandmother as fun loving. She taught us grandchildren a very old game that she called "Fox and Geese" which we played with buttons from her sewing machine's bottom drawer and a homemade board. She was family-loving and partial (she had her favorites among her offspring and offspring's offspring), rather erudite in Biblical matters, and very devoted to her church, her "Savior", and her principles (an ultimate source of conflict between the two of us). She had many talents: teaching, counseling, writing poetry, cooking, sewing, quilt-making. She was an excellent counselor as I recall; ironically, tact was not her forte. But perhaps it would have been in contradiction with the American pioneer spirit that undergirded her character.

Devota's paternal line takes us to a connection with Abraham Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln. The Hanks line leads to Malmesbury in Wiltshire, England; it can be traced about as far back as the religious history of Malmesbury, England—the 5<sup>th</sup> century AD! The *Hanks Historical Review* noted in its first issue<sup>44</sup>, "The Hanks have been in Malmesbury since before King Athelstan's day and it appears that at least two Hankses were named by him, and that the name goes back at least a hundred years further, and probably more than that."

First we'll sketch Devota's paternal lineage, the Hanks side, then her maternal lineage, the Goodbody line. The Goodbody family originated in Ireland.

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<sup>44</sup> *Hanks Historical Review*, Vol. 1, issue 1, May 1991, p. 1. (address: P.O. Box 191, Monroe, OH 45050).





## HANKS FAMILY LINE

Thomas Hanks (or Hanckes) was among the first Hankses to emigrate from England to America, settling in the Norfolk Virginia area around the year 1653. Here is Devota's direct line of descent from Thomas.

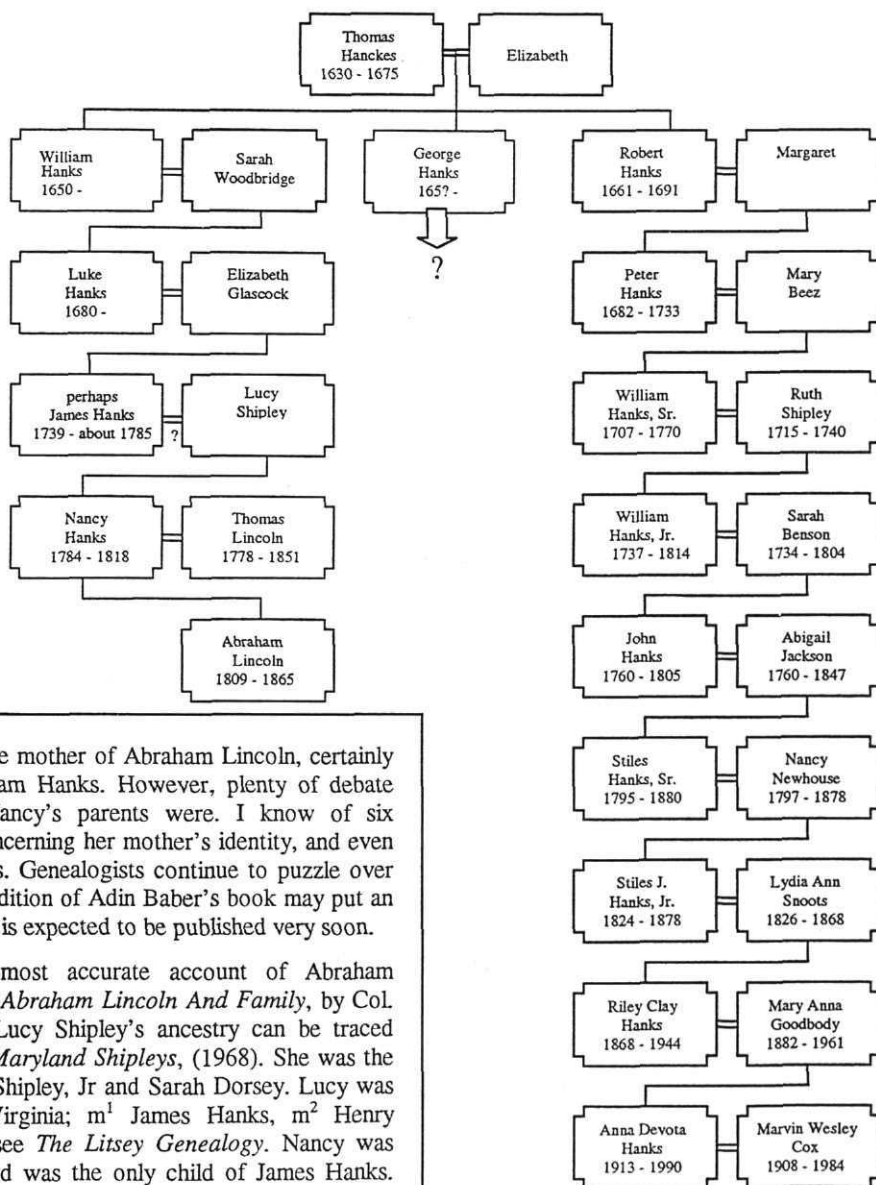
1. **Thomas Hanks** (b. before 1630; d. 1674 perhaps) was born in Wiltshire County, England. He most likely died during Bacon's Rebellion (8 April 1674), near Farnham, Virginia. He and his wife **Elizabeth** (maiden name unknown) had at least three sons, William, George and Robert. All three sons settled in Richmond County, Virginia.
2. **Robert Hanks** (b. 1661; d. 1691) married **Margaret** (née ?), mother of Peter.
3. **Peter Hanks** (b. 1682; d. 1733) married **Mary Beez** on 20 Aug 1702 in Ann Arundel County, Virginia. Their children were: Lydia (b. 1704), **William** (b. 1707), Elinor (b. 1709) and Peter (b. 1711).
4. **William Hanks** (b. 25 July 1707; d. 1770) first married **Ruth Shipley**, the mother of Peter and **William**. His second marriage was to Ruth Ryan. Their children were: Rachel, Jonathan, Margaret, and Joseph. Both William Hanks Sr. and Jr. were Methodist ministers.
5. The younger **William Hanks** (b. 27 April 1737 in Ann Arundel County, Md.; d. 15 July 1814 in Bedford County, Pa.) married **Sarah Benson** (b. 1734; d. 1804); she was the mother of **John** (b. 1760), Rachel (b. 1761), Fleetwood (b. 1764), Nancy (b. 1769), Leah (b. 1771), Mary (b. ?), Sarah (b. 1781), and Benjamin (b. 1779). His second wife was Jemimah Fisher.
6. **John Hanks** (b. 1760; d. 1805) became a Quaker. He married **Abigail Jackson** in Lovettesville, Loudoun County, Virginia. After John died, she married Jacob Houser on 21 Aug 1806. She was born 1760; died 18 Jan 1847 in Adamsville Ohio. The children of John and Abigail were: Jeramiah (married Catherine Shively), **Stiles**, Cephas, Isaah, Leah, and Elizabeth.
7. **Stiles Hanks** (b. 1797; d. 23 Sep 1863) married **Nancy Ann Newhouse** 18 Sep 1817 on the Maryland side of the Potomac River. She was from Lovettesville, Virginia (b. 1 Nov 1793; d. 5 Oct 1878 Adamsville, Ohio). Stiles was also born in eastern Virginia. He died and was buried in Dresden, Ohio. Their children were: Cephas G. (b. 1820), John C. (b. 1822), **Stiles Jr.** (b. 1824), Stephen (b. 1826), William (b. 1828), Isaac (b. 1830), Emily Jane (b. 1833), Mary (b. 1835), and Andrew Newhouse (b. 1838).
8. **Stiles Hanks, Jr.** (b. 1824; d. 1878) married on 14 Jun 1849 to **Lydia Ann Snoots** (b. 24 July 1826; d. 6 Dec. 1868). He was a school teacher. Their children were: Henry (b. 1853), Amy (b. 1854), Ella (b. 1859), Jane (b. 1862), Homer (b. 1863), Adisson (b. 1865), William (b. 1866), and **Riley** (b. 1868 in Dresden, Adams Township, Muskingham County, Ohio). On 23 Feb 1871,



Stiles remarried to Sarah Best Bowden. They had two children: Lydia Ann and Charles Mahlon.

9. **Riley Clay Hanks** (b. 1868, d. 1944) married on 17 February 1901 to **Mary "Anna" Goodbody** (b. 1882, d. 1961). They had five children: Floyd Arthur (b. 1902; d. 1902), Riley "Clay" (b. 1904, d. 1958), Earnest "Ray" (b. 1909, d. 1928), **Anna "Devota"** (b. 1913, d. 1990), and "Joseph" Buel (b. 1919, d. 1979). Ray was killed when a train hit his milk truck. His brother Clay was injured but recovered. Devota and her brothers were the ninth generation American-born Hanks.

**Descent Chart 9: The Hanks Line and our Connection to Abraham Lincoln**



Nancy Hanks, the mother of Abraham Lincoln, certainly descends from William Hanks. However, plenty of debate exists over who Nancy's parents were. I know of six differing theories concerning her mother's identity, and even more for her father's. Genealogists continue to puzzle over her lineage. A new edition of Adin Baber's book may put an end to the conflict; it is expected to be published very soon.

The best and most accurate account of Abraham Lincoln's ancestry is *Abraham Lincoln And Family*, by Col. Ralph E. Pearson. Lucy Shipley's ancestry can be traced back to England in *Maryland Shipleys*, (1968). She was the daughter of Robert Shipley, Jr and Sarah Dorsey. Lucy was born in 1765 in Virginia; m<sup>1</sup> James Hanks, m<sup>2</sup> Henry Sparrow, Sr. Also see *The Litsey Genealogy*. Nancy was born 5 Feb 1784 and was the only child of James Hanks. Lucy and Henry Sparrow, Sr. had eight children.



## GOODBODY FAMILY LINE

Oscar DeWilde McCollum, Jr.'s privately published 1981 genealogical research ("McCollum Family: The Antecedents and Descendents of a Patriarch," 1981, pages 27-29) provides the following information on **William Goodbody**: "[He] was born in Dublin, Ireland and was farmed out to a cruel master while just a boy. When his treatment became unbearable, he hid on a ship sailing for America. [...] a kind man paid his passage so he would not be sent back to his former master." This story offers a striking similarity to Michael Cox, Sr.'s. It was the fate of many an immigrant.

The Dublin birth must be taken with a grain of salt. A baptismal record dated 18 Nov 1811, Rosenallis, Queens (now Cobh, Cork County), Ireland indicates he was the son of **William Goodbody** and **Elenor Holmes**. We do know for certain that following a heat stroke, he was placed in an insane asylum in Jacksonville, Illinois where he died on 10 March 1858. His wife, **Eliza Barton**, died just before him. Their four children were then taken in by various neighbors: Anna Maria (b. 1842; married Christopher Tripp 1860), John (b. 1845), William (b. 1846), Samuel (b. 1849).

**William Augustus Goodbody** (b. 14 Aug 1846) was raised by the neighbor James Lewis. William eventually went to Kansas and operated a farm in Timber Hill township of Bourbon County, near Fort Scott." There, he married **Jane A. McConnell** (b. 13 July 1849, d. 8 Feb 1883) on 10 April 1870. Jane died of pneumonia only two months after the last of their five children was born:

- **John Goodbody** (b. 17 Dec 1870, d. 1934) married Josephine Shannon and had two children: Ella (b. 4 April 1897, d. ?) and John E. (b. 1899, d. 4 July 1983) whose second marriage was to Ruth Marie Bollinger. They owned the 1909 Overland automobile featured on pages 308 and 374+.
- **William Goodbody** (b. 5 Oct 1873, d. 27 May 1948) married Margaret Regan and had four children: Elizabeth, Mary, William, Velma.
- **Emery Goodbody** (b. 30 Sept 1875, d. ?)
- **infant son** (b. 3 Dec. 1877, d. 4 Dec 1877)
- **Mary Ann "Anna" Goodbody** (b. 25 Nov 1882, d. 12 Dec 1961) married Riley Clay Hanks (see preceding page), and had five children.

Oscar McCollum describes the hard life of this poor girl called Anna. His sources of information were her unpublished autobiography, and information provided by her daughter Devota Hanks Cox.

Anna Goodbody received a bad start in life when her mother died when she was just two months and 13 days old. Of course, her father could not take care of such a small baby, so she lived in five different homes before she was five years of age. Then, on 1 January 1887, her father gave her to her uncle and aunt, Joseph and Sydney McConnell, to raise. Anna was never adopted by Joe and Sydney, as was Buel Allen, Sydney's nephew, who was also raised in this household. As Anna grew up and started school she was expected to help with the household chores [... Her uncle and aunt] operated the Grand View Hotel in Hartford, Arkansas



[...] Anna had to clean the guest rooms every morning before going to school and could not leave until the job was completed [...] She always felt she was an unwanted child. [...] When she was 17 years old, Joe beat her [...] She believed she could not stand it any longer and appealed to her brother who lived in Kansas. He took her to live with him for a while. After coming back to Hartford the next year, she wanted to marry Riley Hanks, but Joe would not permit it. So Riley brought a ladder which he put up to her window, and they eloped.

Not much information is available on the early members of this branch of the McConnell family. The earliest data refers to:

- (1) Joseph McConnell was born in East Tennessee, probably in the early part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century [...] married Mary Ann McClatchey, and two daughters were born to them:
- (2) Mary Almeda McConnell, b. 20 Oct 1847, d. 9 May 1940  
m. Eugene Buchant McCollum, b. 22 April 1830, d. 3 Aug. 1904  
seven children: Melcina, Idona, Emma, Clarence, Ira, Oscar, Gertrude
- (2) Jane A. McConnell, b. 13 July 1849, d. 8 Feb. 1883  
m. 10 Apr 1870, William Goodbody, b. 14 Aug 1846

**The descendents of William and Jane Goodbody are as follows:**

- (3) John Alexander Goodbody, b. 17 Dec 1870, d. 1934  
m. Josaphine "Josie" Shannon, b. 1874, d. 1949  
Both are buried in Fulton, Kansas
- (4) Ella T. Goodbody, b. 4 April 1897, d.  
m. Burt H. King, b. 1886, d. 1945, buried Fulton, Kansas
- (4) John Elsworth Goodbody, b. 28 Feb. 1899, d. 4 July 1983  
m. 1<sup>st</sup> Mona Barrett, divorced  
(5) son  
m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ruth Marie Bollinger 12 Jan. 1938
- (5) Carol Ann Goodbody, b. 26 Sept 1940  
m. 1<sup>st</sup> Joe Vogel 6 Aug 1960, Div.  
(6) John Christopher Vogel, b. 9 Apr 1961  
(6) Matthew Joseph Vogel, b. 12 Oct 1966  
m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Leonard Dean Haulette 20 Oct 1972
- (5) John David Goodbody, b. 13 Dec 1947  
m. Phillis Gayle Lowry  
(6) Diana Lea Goodbody, b. 3 Aug 1976
- (3) William Clinton Goodbody, b. 13 Dec 1873, d. 27 May 1948  
m. 11 Sept 1900 Margaret Frances Reagan, b. 26 Nov 1885,



- d. 25 Jan 1958 (daughter of Matthew and Mary Ellen Riordan Reagan)
- (4) Elizabeth Gladys Goodbody, b. 30 Nov 1902, d. 5 Jan 1955  
m. 1<sup>st</sup> 21 May 1930 Paul Lee Stewart, b. 11 May 1898 (son of Henry and Mary Stewart)  
(5) Sharon Eileen Stewart, b. 27 Aug 1942  
m. 2<sup>nd</sup> 8 Jan 1964 Ronald Wilson, div. Oct. 1969  
(5) Robert Paul Wilson, b. 30 Dec 1964  
(5) Harry James Wilson, b. 27 Mar 1966  
(5) Veronica DeAnna Wilson, b. 29 June 1967  
m. 3<sup>rd</sup> 21 Feb 1975 Robert Walter Reynolds
- (4) Mary Forestine "Teen" Goodbody, b. 10 Dec 1909  
m. 29 Apr 1936 Earl Otis "Yank" Rowley, b. 22 Jan 1912  
(son of Otto and Noel Lee Baker Rowley) no children
- (4) William Augustine "Bud" Goodbody, b. 15 Aug 1911  
m. 14 Sept 1935, Lois Iren Taylor, b. 8 Oct. 1916  
(daughter of William L. and Ola Madge Pritchette Taylor)
- (5) William Clinton Goodbody II, b. 13 Feb. 1936  
m. 1<sup>st</sup> 28 Apr 1958 Sharon Lee Williams, div. Mar 1962
- (6) William Dean Goodbody, b. 27 Aug 1959  
m. 23 June 1979 Gretchen Elizabeth Schafer  
(7) Kristopher Michael Goodbody, b. 6 June 1980
- (6) Crystal Lynn Goodbody, b. 28 Mar 1961  
m. 20 July 1979 Bobby Dean Clayton, b. 28 May 1956  
(7) Eric Dean Clayton, b. 19 Feb. 1980  
(7) Brett Dwayne Clayton, b. 10 Aug 1981
- m. 2<sup>nd</sup> 7 Dec 1964 Sharon Louise French, div. Jan 1965
- m. 3<sup>rd</sup> 12 Feb 1966 Forestine Cleo Robb, b. 30 Dec 1943 (daughter of Sylvia Robb)
- (6) Wesley LeRoy Goodbody, b. 24 Dec 1966
- (6) Richard Clint Goodbody, b. 3 July 1970
- (5) Wanda Lea Goodbody, b. 7 Apr 1960 (sic)  
m. 14 July 1979 Marion Joel Kelly, b. 8 Nov 1943
- (4) Velma Anna Goodbody, b. 4 Oct 1916, d. 16 Sept 1981; unmarried
- (3) Emery Elsworth Goodbody, b. 30 Sept 1875, d.
- (3) son, b. 3 Dec 1877, d. 4 Dec 1877
- (3) Mary Ann "Anna" Goodbody, b. 25 Nov 1882, d. 12 Dec 1961  
m. 15 Feb 1901 Riley Hanks b. 4 Dec 1868, d. 12 Jun 1944



- (4) Floyd Arthur Hanks, b. 1 Aug 1902, 4 Nov 1902
- (4) Riley "Clay" Hanks, Jr., b. 4 Sep 1904, d. 2 Jan 1958  
m. Nannie Lee "Peggy" Franklin
- (5) Donald Clay Hanks, b. 21 Feb 1931, m. Alice
  - (6) Pamela Sue Hanks, b. 7 Nov 1956
  - (6) David Clay Hanks, b. 11 Apr 1958
  - (6) Peggy Lucille Hanks, b. 5 Apr 1959
  - (6) Paul Riley Hanks, b. 6 Sept 1965
- (5) Sarah Ann Hanks, b. ,  
m<sup>1</sup> Brian Littleton 23 Jul 1958, div. Mar 1971
  - (6) Kim, b. 25 Feb 1961
  - (6) Timothy, b. 11 Apr 1962
  - (6) Angela, b. 15 Mar 1964
  - m<sup>2</sup> 15 Aug 1975 Max Whitaker
- (5) Carrol Lee Hanks, b. 13 Mar 1940  
m. Ray Meade, div.
  - (6) Matthew James Meade, b. 22 Jul 1967
  - (6) Laura Lee Meade, b. 25 Sep 1969
  - (6) Melissa Ann Meade, b. 30 Aug 1978
- (5) Charles Raymond Hanks, b. 9 July 1941  
m. 7 Dec 1963 Linda
  - (6) Desiree Hanks, b. 28 May 1969
  - (6) Heath Clay Hanks, b. 29 May 1979
- (5) Joyce Merlene Hanks, b. 24 Nov 1942  
m. Robert Grissom
  - (6) Michelle Dianne, b. 15 Mar 1971
  - (6) Kristin, b. 21 Apr 1967
- (5) Wayne Riley Hanks, b. 8 Aug 1949  
m. Sherry div. June 1976
  - (6) Michael Wayne Hanks, b. 10 Aug 1966
  - (6) Sharah, b. 25 Mar 1969
- (4) Ernest "Ray" Hanks, b. 3 Sep 1909, d. 7 Mar 1928
- (4) Anna "Devota" Hanks, b. 12 Mar 1913, d. 24 May 1990  
(for full details on descendants see page 314)
- (4) Joseph Buel Hanks, b. 30 Jan 1919, d. 12 Nov 1979  
m. 26 July 1941 Juanita Allen; (After Joe died, she married  
Gene Wells b. 25 Dec. 1925) Joe and Juanita adopted:
  - (5) Duane Allen Hanks, b. 11 Feb 1955
  - (5) Janita Kay Hanks, b. 9 May 1957, m. Jeffrey Stone
    - (6) April Kathleen Stone, b. 17 Aug 1995
    - (6) Ivy Joelle Stone, b. 15 July 2000



MY GRANDFATHER, BILL COX  
by Mary Kimball

"Watch this!" said grandpa.

With one flick of the wheel we started to skid across the deserted, icy parking lot. With calm precision he maneuvered the car out of the spin.

"That is what you do if you lose control of your car."

"Wow!" I exclaimed.

It was a terribly cold day. An ice storm had pounded the city the night before. The streets were dangerous at best. Only those who desperately needed to go out did. Here we were, getting bread and milk like it was any other day! Why? Because grandpa wanted to teach me how to drive on ice! He did a good job of it, too. I'll never forget what he taught me that day, or any other day for that matter, and it is always fun.

From grandpa, all eight grandchildren have learned and are still learning the importance of hard work. It seems like he is always working.

As a boy he helped his dad out at the family grocery store. When he was 16 he worked at a service station. Later on he was the manager of a company Apco station. Then he became a partner with his father in a flour company. They would deliver Bakewell flour to Pizza Hut, other restaurants and grocery stores. Eventually he would own that business too. In the early '70s he started a used car dealership. It was called Christian Motor Company. It continued for about 27 or 28 years.

Grandpa's health has not been good for a long time. He has a tumor in his pituitary which affects the growth hormone, which affects *everything* in his body. It has not always been easy for him to keep on working, but he does. We have seen God use this difficulty to teach him many lessons in life.

It was about 1995 that God called Grandpa to preach and into music evangelism. It was soon clear that he could not be a full time evangelist and a car dealer at the same time.

After being in the used car business for nearly 30 years, he was called on to make a choice. Either give up singing and preaching the gospel, or give up the car lot. He decided the car lot would have to go. Grandpa knew what his priorities were.

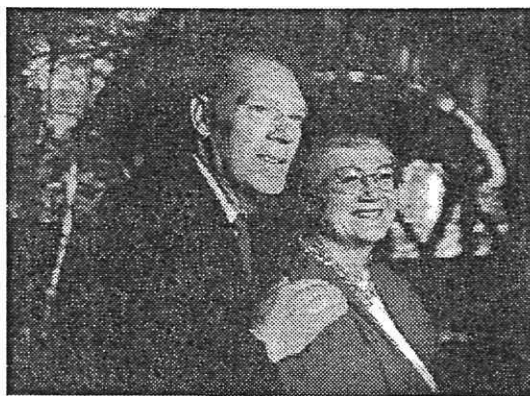
Have I introduced my family yet? I'm sorry. I suppose I'd better do that. My grandpa's name is William Keith Cox, but everybody calls him Bill. We grandchildren call him Papa Bill. We call our grandma, Grandma Joan. They have two children, Brenda and Anita. Brenda married Steve Moore. The Lord blessed them with two





children, Tyler and Alexis, whom they adopted. Anita married JoEl Kimball, and the Lord has blessed them with six children. Mary (that's me), David, Daniel, Paul, James, and Joanna. Both Brenda and Anita homeschool. Brenda cleans houses, decorates cakes and is a ventriloquist. Anita cleans offices. When it comes to work it seems like Grandpa has taught them well.

One thing that I will always remember about Papa Bill and Grandma Joan is their wonderful Christian testimony.



**Photograph 69: Bill and Joan Cox**



## ME AND MY BUNCH

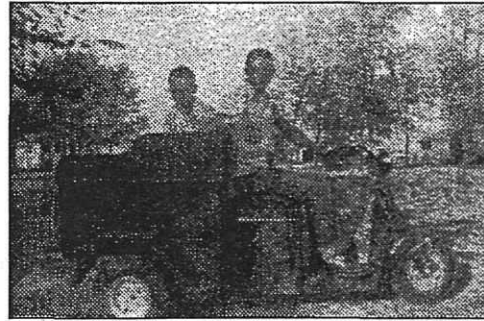
by Kenny Ray Cox

1940: I was born in an upstairs apartment, near the Oklahoma Capitol. Dear Aunt Maurine was the attendant at my birth because Dr. R. C. Mills arrived half an hour late. By the time he got there, she and a couple of other ladies had already done the job for him.

1944: my first business was a 1¢ candy stand on the southeast corner of our yard at 426 S. E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street in Oklahoma City.

1950: Del City, Oklahoma, I met Terry Lynn Herren when my mother invited all the neighborhood kids to my tenth birthday party. Less than seven years later, Terry and I eloped. When we married, I was in the eleventh grade and she was in the tenth.

1954: I bought a "Whizzer" motorbike and got my first traffic ticket. The Whizzer was followed by a burnt-orange Cushman Truckster to use for grocery deliveries and school. It gave a lot of trouble. We traded it for a new blue one, and a two-wheel Cushman Pacemaker for Bill. The two-wheeler was just plumb beautiful, and really was a "girl-attractor." Mine had a tow bar that we could hook to the station wagon on the evening trip home from my parents' grocery store. I built sideboards for the bed and put a seat across it. This helped a little bit to attract a few girls.



Photograph 70: Billy and Kenny Cox 1955

1955: My best friend was Herbert Motzenbacher, whose dad also had a neighborhood grocery store. The most interesting customer of the store was "Cowboy Spann." He was the house mover who moved my dad's rent houses. He was also a bootlegger. (Oklahoma was a dry state then.) He had several girls working in old converted city buses. I saw many deputy sheriff cars parked near those busses when I delivered chicken feed to his 60-acre estate of woods behind the top of the town addition. One day, I saw a "city-slicker" poking through a pile of glass. Later, I asked Cowboy what that was all about, and he said the man was a revenuer looking for a "storm cellar door that might lead to a still." I doubt he ever got past the pile of manure next to the pile of glass. But he sure missed the bus!



Cowboy gave me all the manure I wanted and a dump truck to use to deliver it with as well as a front loader to load it up. Terry and I hauled several loads to her dad's nine-acre farm and we helped him produce the world's best garden. This old truck had no glass in the windows, and was *very* air-conditioned.

1956: My first car was a 1941 Buick four-door, bought for \$50.00. The second vehicle was a 1949 I.H. ¾-ton pickup. That pickup was used to buy and sell watermelons. Dad knew a Mr. Cox (no relation) who had a patch out near Tuttle, Oklahoma. It was full of nettles and yellow jackets. I bought the whole patch for \$10.00, and hauled melons out of there on into September.

My next car was a 1952 Chevy coupe with no back seat. It was just right for delivering donuts before school. With a shelf up high, I could get 50 dozen donuts in it. With an early start, I was at school by the second hour, missing only homeroom hour. Terry worked after school at the TG&Y five and dime store in Midwest City.

After my family closed our store, I would head over to Midwest City. Usually, her brother, Doug, would come by and we would visit till 9 p.m. He and his girlfriend, Donna, would join us for a meal or a snack somewhere. Before I got my first car, Doug and Donna would let Terry and me double-date with them in Doug's 1949 Cadillac. A date was usually a gospel concert, a movie, or the state fair. We liked the singing at the Nazarene church that the Herrens belonged to. I went on Sunday nights quite often. After church, we usually found our way to the Plaza Restaurant in Midwest City.

The Herrens were very strong Republicans and holiness, while my folks were very strong Democrats and Southern Baptists. This led to many heated discussions, especially between me and Mrs. Herren. She was a very good lady, and I wish now that I could tell her how right she was about politics.

24 April 1957: I timed my donut route so as to arrive at Midwest City High School, right behind Mrs. Herren's car as she took Terry to school.

We skipped school that day and drove to Cooke County, Texas to get married. Although we had rented a garage apartment and had everything all figured out ahead of time, it sure was tough going to the store and on to the Herrens' to pick up Terry Lynn's things the next day.

21 April 1958: Tim, our first child, was born. Had he been born a girl, he would have been named "Shelly Denise" and if a boy Terry wanted "Christopher Robin." But I pleaded with her not to, and she finally agreed to settle on Timothy Ray. Before he was born his "petite" mother was 59 inches tall and 49 inches around!

6 June 1958: Tim attended my high school graduation ceremony. He was the best baby there! The other babies cried, Tim just watched in amazement.



**Photograph 71:**  
Childhood sweethearts  
Ken Cox and  
Terry Lynn Herren,  
in 1955 at age 15.



Our days of always having more than enough money in our pockets just came to an end. We were soon broke. I sold the slick, customized 1952 Chevy coupe and bought a 1947 Chevy. We painted it with a brush, sold it, and bought a 1941 Ford pickup that we did the same thing with.

One day, my older brother Charlie called the store and asked if I would like a bread route. As Dad was beginning to experience some financial difficulties (I'm sure from helping me so much), and since Bill was beginning to get more involved in the store, I left. We moved 20 miles north to Edmond, Oklahoma. I learned how to work for folks who had much more rigid rules. I started work at 5 a.m. and got home after dark, all for about \$75 per week.

1959: Charlie was running a very good Van's Bread route to southwest Oklahoma City, and was a very good salesman. He was able to improve himself by going to Supreme Cookies and Crackers. He was successful in persuading the folks at Van's to give me his route, even though I was not experienced enough for it and others were in line for it ahead of me. He gave me only one week to learn it, rather than the two or three customary weeks. This was a real challenge but I was able to do it and even improve sales somewhat. This route was half the miles and twice the pay of my previous Van's route to Guthrie, Cashion, Crescent, Seward, Coyle and Langston.

We sure needed the extra money as Matthew was on the way. According to the doctor, Matt should have arrived about Thanksgiving, but even induced labor in December could not get him to arrive until Saturday afternoon, January 9<sup>th</sup> 1960. My supervisor "Jonesy" walked in to Smith and Griders Supermarket and sternly said, "Give me your route-book!" Puzzled, I did. Then he smiled and said, "Take my VW to the hospital and go see your new son!"

Tim and Matt have grown into fine family men. Like their parents, they both married young. Tim and Lynda Kay Balch (yet another neighborhood boy-girl romance) tied the knot in 1974. With the first of their four children, Jason born in 1975, Terry and I became grandparents at the age of 35! By the time Jason's three siblings (Shelly, Nathan, and Richard) came along, Terry and I were used to being young old-people. Tim and Lynda celebrated 25 years of marital bliss on 11 August 1999. Tim swears the only way out of that marriage is, "being carried out feet first through the front door." Ain't that romantic?

Matt also married young. He is the father of two grown daughters, and became a grandfather at the age of 37. Aiel was born to his daughter, LeeAnne, on 4 October 1998. Matt served in the US Air Force for a few years, but was too business-minded to stay in. He is a fast-paced carpet dealer in Denver, Colorado. Like his dad, Matt is now in his fourth marriage. He says, "The other three times, I was just practicing."

1960: After Matt was born, Terry and I bought a nice, but small, brick home in northeast Oklahoma City for just \$75 down and taking over the payments. My boss, Mr. Van Antwerp was furious and thought I should live in the town of Edmond, even though my route was in Oklahoma City.



Meanwhile, Dad had sold the store at 324 S.E. 15<sup>th</sup> to Don Fox, who was then the owner of Honest John stores. Dad was really itching to get back into the grocery business and had found one for sale in the Carter Park addition of Del City. He convinced me to go in with him and we made a real nice superette out of a very small store by utilizing the former owners' living quarters. We named this store "Cox Lucky Dollar."

One day our Rainbo Bread salesman, Johnny, came in and said the Rainbo route adjoining his had suddenly come open. Even though our store was doing very good, we were not taking very much out of it. So I started a campaign to get that bread route. I sold my interest to Dad for \$100 and Bill was more than glad to quit his job and take my place at the store.

The Rainbo route was by far the best job I had ever had. We traded our small home for a new three-bedroom in Del City which was really needed as David was on the way to help fill it up. It was one of the nicest homes in Del City. We got all new furniture, a 1950 Chevy pickup in A-1 condition, and a 1956 Chevy Nomad station wagon. This is where I should have stayed, but did not.

1961: This is where we were living when our third son, David, was born. This time the obstetrician wasn't good old Dr. Mills, but Dr. Casper. David always thought there was something special about having been brought into this world by a doctor who had the same name as his favorite, unworldly, cartoon character, Casper the Ghost. David was born with a "lazy" eye (Dwain's syndrome). But nothing else about him is lazy in the least! With grants and loans, he put himself through college in Albuquerque, Washington, D.C., and Paris, France. He got a job with the World Bank in Paris as an editorial assistant. Shortly after arriving in Paris and starting that job in 1986, he met his life-mate, Jean François Pinto. They've been together ever since. David has taught English in Paris universities and companies but now translates for television, magazines, and film companies in Paris, France.

1963: Daniel, our fourth child, was born that year on 2 March. He was a very good looking baby, and still is quite handsome. He'll tell you so himself. Dan has become a carpenter and contractor doing business in the Reno-Sparks, Nevada area. He also married one of his childhood sweethearts, Adella Harville, and they had one son, Cody Lynn. Cody is a straight A student and a football star. Dan and Adella divorced. Both remarried, but following his last attempt at marital bliss, Dan has managed to stay "safely single" as he would put it, and enjoys racing, and winning, motorcycle competitions.

Back to 1963: We quickly got a chain-link fence installed to keep the boys corralled. As it turned out, we did not stay much longer. A small store and gas station on my route was for sale. It certainly looked like it could be improved and made profitable. It had a small apartment attached. Without consulting Terry, I sold the nice house and furniture in Del City to buy the store. This venture was a failure. Soon, not only were we flat broke, but our spirits were broken. I got a milk route, then a Bond Bread route and tried to sell fences at night. I was so miserable.





1964: After collecting a big commission check from fence sales, I left Oklahoma City for Tucson, Arizona on the bus, leaving Terry behind with four boys and a junker of a car in a small rent house. As soon as I could, I brought my family to Tucson. We found a big, old house for \$70 a month. It had five bedrooms and two screened-in porches. Once we got it cleaned and fixed up, it was quite nice. Terry and the kids loved it.

1965: I became unhappy with working for Rainbo of Tucson, and tried my hand at being an independent contractor. It was successful to a degree, but not as much as I had hoped for. After selling "Four Star Distributing" (named for my, then, four sons), I took off west again to Los Angeles, California and to Pepsi. This was a good job, and the only job that offered us health insurance. It actually paid for the birth of our fifth son, Steven. But of course, the urge to return to being a successful, independent businessman was very strong.

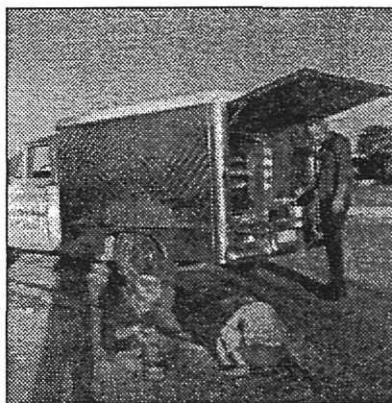
1966: Even though Terry had had a ligation of her Fallopian tubes after Dan's birth, Steve came along like a star from heaven. And he was born in Hollywood on 29 March. If God has five boys planned for a couple, then that couple will have five boys, no matter what you do to prevent it. And boy am I ever glad of it! Steve has become a real joy to us.

Steve married Claudia Dyanne Eckdahl and they had one child, Brittany Morgan, born 21 August 1993. She is such a delight. Now Steve is married to Lorrie Manes-Keim, whose mother once worked with us in Tucson, Arizona. Steve and Lorrie were sweethearts at a very tender age. They were little kids at that time in Tucson. Now together again, (and just had a baby girl, Ryleigh) Steve and Lorrie produce videos from home movies and produce television commercials in Denver, Colorado. Not surprising for a kid born in Hollywood.

So there we were in southern California. And yet... the prickly-pear pastures of Tucson were calling me back.

Terry did not like our life in California much either. So when my Tucson friend, Bill Carr called to tell me of a catering truck that was for sale, well... it seemed like divine intervention.

Together, Terry and I built up Hazel's Chuck Wagons from one truck to a half dozen, going through the normal trials and tribulations of any business. Our only mistake was trying to grow too fast. We were very successful, but not as smart at handling the fast growth. When our competitor offered to buy us out at a very good price, once again I took up an offer without consulting Terry. That probably began the downfall of our marriage.



Ken and Terry's chuck wagon. (1967) Ken watches sons Dan (left) and David in the dirt. Those boys still enjoy playing in the dirt. Dan rides dirt bikes, and David gardens.

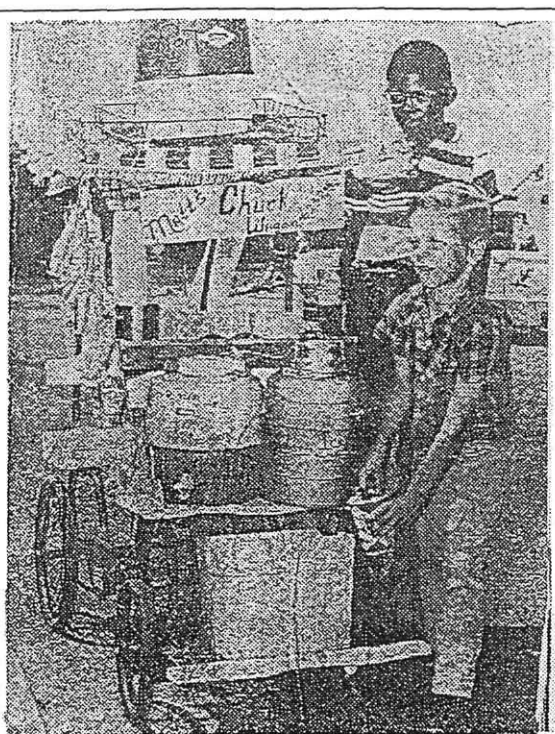


A nice, big, long, vacation did not perk her up any. We soon found ourselves back in Oklahoma City and at Rainbo. Then to Mead's Fine Bread as a contractor at Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Once in Ponca City, I put two routes into one and Terry and I had a bread and pastry thrift store. It was a successful operation. But Rainbo in Albuquerque offered me a job, a route, with a future distributorship opportunity. I took it. This move was a good one as Terry and the boys did not like the smell of Ponca City, an oil refinery town.

Albuquerque was a lot like Tucson and a very nice place to live. Still, I did not like working "for" anybody. I almost got a Hostess Cake distributorship, but settled for Jill's Pastries at Tucumcari, New Mexico. It was a small affair, but grew as I added other items. After a while, the itch to move again had to be scratched. A Mortons potato-chip distributorship came open at Clovis, New Mexico, I was able to get it with a \$6,000 loan from my dad. It was a very good distributorship.

We bought two warehouses and a rent house with two of the three paying the mortgage. We paid Dad back in six months, we bought a big house, we had hobbies, the boys had toys (and Tim fell in love with the daughter of one of the renters, Miss Lynda Balch, and nothing could prevent their marriage in 1974). All was better than ever for me and my bunch. But my part-time hired hand's father was a Bekins Van Line household goods mover. He was making much more money than I was. He suggested I make a "go-round" with him to see if I liked the business. So, I did. And I did! I sold Mortons, kept the rental properties, bought the old truck and became a



### Concession On Wheels

Seven years old and already a businessman, Matt Cox prepares to serve a thirsty customer from the varied stock he carries on his rolling concession. The pocket-surrey, equipped with snacks and cold drinks, cruises 1st Ave. between Grant Rd. and Blackledge St. during the hot hours of the day, with Matt in command, assisted by 12-year-old James Moses. Matt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Cox, 811 E. Alhambra St., and a 3rd grader at Helen Keating School, began his concession two weeks ago, and has netted about \$50. When he returns to school he plans to continue his business on Saturdays. (Shaffer photo)

In Tucson, even young Matt was successful with his mini chuck wagon. Even Tucson, Arizona newspaper reporters were interested.

**Photograph 72: Matt Cox & his Chuck Wagon**



Bekins man. I paid for the old truck in 17 months, then ordered a new Peterbuilt with a long wheel base and a Cat engine. The Clovis Camper Shop built a quite nice 8 x 6 x 9 foot camper (including shower, stool, refrigerator, closets, etc.).

I did very well with Bekins until I fell down four flights of outside stairs with a washer. The bounce on my fanny crushed two discs of my lower back. But I did not scratch the washer! Terry and I had divorced by this time, after eighteen years of marriage. The child support payments agreed to became impossible to make. The time off work was cushioned somewhat as my co-driver continued to operate the truck. After back surgery, I sold the truck for enough to pay the back taxes due.

For one year I was married to Online Rodriguez Vigil who had two sons, D.J. and Tony. They were marvelous kids. In the church school of Sherwood Baptist Academy, they both learned quickly. I was disappointed when their mother took them back to Albuquerque after our marriage ended.

Marriage number three lasted 50% longer than the second—a grand total of 18 months! Adena Mae “Dink” Leming Hibdon had two teenagers, Rick and Debbie. They were fun to be with, and got along fine with my five sons. Adena lived next to my parents’ grocery store in the 1950’s.

After the two short marriages, the back surgery, and a teaching job that paid next to nothing, I was able to get back onto a bread truck. With just one customer, I had a good job. They then offered me a route in Enid, Oklahoma. My new wife, Gail, and I bought a trailer house and moved it to Enid with Dan and Steve and Chris. This arrangement was short-lived. Dan and Steve did not like Enid, and returned to their mother in Clovis, New Mexico.

I got a big bonus when I married Doris Gail Monholland on 20 June 1979: her son, Christopher Paul. The money I spent to legally adopt Chris was the best money I ever spent, for he has become a real Cox character with strong character. He is working his way up the corporate ladder with Golden Corral Restaurants. He has given us another granddaughter.

Gail and I joined some other folks starting a pastry distribution company. We did fine at this until my son, Tim, told us of an opportunity moving trailers locally for Magnetic Peripherals Inc. The contractor that Tim was working for was paying his wages with “good-for-nothing” checks. MPI then suggested breaking the contract and giving us the job. Even though we had no money to speak of, we scrounged, bought and fixed junked trucks, borrowed from Dad, my ex co-driver, and finally got a bank loan. K. R. Cox Trucking lasted nine years, with parts of it lasting several more years.

Gail and I have now been married over twenty years and we have experienced a good life. Her poor health has been tough to deal with, but she is a tough lady and is handling things very well. She is becoming a good family history researcher.

After my mother died in 1990, I used every Saturday to research our Hanks and Cox family history. This was great, but it offered no pay or health insurance. For that reason I joined J. B. Hunt Transportation, thinking my history researching was done for. In reality, it turned out to be a blessing in disguise. Gail and I have been able to get



to many different libraries, court houses, and the old farms of many ancestors. Gail rides with me often so that we can work on our family histories together. So, thank you J. B. Hunt for providing free transportation, health insurance, and the good income that has allowed all this research.

### My Bunch



From left to right, back: Matt and Tim  
front: David, Steve, and Dan (c. 1970)



Christopher Paul Cox



First marriage to  
Terry Lynn Herren Cox



Second marriage to  
"Lynn" OnlineRodriguez



Third marriage to  
Adena Hibdon



Fourth marriage to  
Doris Gail Monholland



Ken Cox with his big bunch  
at Christmas 1998, Clovis, NM.

Back left to right:  
Matt, Dan, Ken, Steve, Lee Ann, and  
Lorrie

Middle:  
Jean François, David, Richard, Terry  
Lynn, Michelle, Linda, Nathan, Tim

Front:  
Jason, , Shelly, Buddy  
and Leroy the super-dog



## EXPERIENCES THAT LAST FOREVER

by Doris Gail Monholland

Ken and I have spent years searching for our family roots, we have been to libraries, cemeteries, court houses and funeral homes. Even to a closed up jail looking for any records to help us. One night we slept in our Volkswagen car in front of an old farm house where Grandpa and Grandma Cox had once lived in Direct, Texas.

Just after we got married in 1979 we went to Tahlequah, Oklahoma in search of my grandpa, William Leonard Monholland, whom I had lost contact with over the years. After looking at least a half a day, we finally found him. What great joy when I saw that frail, thin, white-haired man sitting on the front porch of his home. We spent the day talking, catching up on lost time, getting to know each other again. Just a few months later, he passed away.

Ken and I have walked cemeteries in eastern Oklahoma looking for my Monholland, Clayton, Clark and Parsons family branches. I have gone to the office of the Cherokee Nation in Tahlequah. We also traveled to Corbin, Kentucky, where I met a distant cousin that I never knew. His name is John Pridemore. His mother, Martha Louise Pridemore, was my grandpa Monholland's oldest sister. Kentucky is where my Monhollands lived before some moved to Cherokee County, Oklahoma. It's so exciting to meet family you didn't even know existed.

Doing family history can be painful for some people, if you unlock skeletons in a closet, like I have. Murder, incest, mayhem, disorderly conduct abound through several generations of my family. But on the other hand, we have preachers and gospel singers. Traveling with Ken on the truck has taken me to all 48 continental states and to two Canadian provinces. We have walked many a cemetery along the way, and have been to libraries in Fort Wayne, Indiana; Houston, Texas; Iowa City, Iowa; Independence, Missouri; Salt Lake City, Utah and all through Oklahoma. Sometimes I would get fussy about stopping so much. "*Oh, do we have to?*" or "*Ken we don't have time,*" I would complain. If I didn't want to walk a cemetery or go to a library he would say, "*You can stay in the truck and take a nap, or watch t.v.*"

Once we walked through an old cemetery at Armstrong Academy that was a nightmare. Tall weeds, grass bushes and briers – stupid me, I was in shorts. We had to walk quite a distance to find it. It was hot; boy was it hot, and the smell was awful. I kept on complaining, and Ken recommended that I either sit under a shady tree or in the car. But, no, stubborn and still complaining, I said, "If you're going, so am I!" I would whine, "Ken it's not here, it's just not here." And Ken, matching my stubbornness, answered, "It's here somewhere; I smell it." After a lot of blood, sweat and some tears, we found it. My legs were bleeding from walking through the briers.





Then, there was the old jail at Ardmore, Oklahoma that we visited to try to find records on Grandma and Grandpa Cox's parents. The jail is now being used for storage. That day the electricity was off; no air or lights. Talk about haunted! After seeing a dead rat stuck between two small windows in a door leading to the solitary confinement cell, I had a "can't breathe" feeling and claustrophobia. And onwards to Boggy Depot Cemetery before sunset! When we arrived it was getting dark, there was no one around. Although it was nicely kept and fenced in, it had the same smell as other cemeteries. Maybe because it is near four rivers. It was sure eerie.

I have really enjoyed going to Whitebead Cemetery. I've tried growing different flowers and miniature rosebushes around our Cox and Maxwell family stones. But for some reason they don't survive. Whitebead is near Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. It's well cared for, thanks to donations from families whose loved ones are buried there. Ken's Uncle Will has provided money for this cause for several year, taking over for Aunt Jewel after she passed away. Recently in Pennsylvania, I saw a cemetery that sloped so steeply I could not even imagine how they bury people there. I have seen gargoyles in some cemeteries. We were told once that gargoyles are used as sentry guards.

I mustn't forget about meeting John and Emily Cox who live in West Liberty, West Virginia on the old Michael Cox, Jr. Farm. What wonderful people. Then, I met Don and Shirley Larson, who has contributed to, and helped to edit Ken's work. Shirley is a descendant of Michael Cox, Jr., and is a professional writer.

Ken and I have both found a lot of information on our families. It is a great feeling when you have looked long and hard, and then one day, unexpectedly, you find them. Sometimes I wonder what it would have been like to have been there on the Trail of Tears when my great-great-grandparents, John Hilary Clark and Mary Ann Timpson Clark got married. I just can't quite imagine what it was like to walk that long trail, and even to be married on it. My great-grandparents were Jay Tecumseh Clark and Mary Ann Scott. Jay Tecumseh Clarks' parents were John Hilary and Mary Ann Timpson Clark. Jay Tecumseh Clark was stabbed by a blacksmith put on his horse which took him home to the holler where he fell off his front porch and died. His wife kept his body at home until they buried him. He was buried at Park Hill Cemetery. There is a holler named after her where she homesteaded; it's called Granny Clark Holler, and is located south of Park Hill, Oklahoma on the bend of the river. The only way into Granny Clark Holler is on horse back or four-wheel drive pickup. We recently got to visit the holler with my mother Dean Monholland and learned all about it.

These past twenty years of marriage have been rich. During the last ten, we have searched long and hard to find our ancestors. We've had bad times, but the good outweigh the bad by far. I appreciate Ken for all his hard work and for making our lives what they are. So, crazy or what? How do you end a project like this? Impossible. It goes on and on and on.



Photograph 73: Gail and Ken Cox



### Photographs 74: All my grandchildren



I have a grand total of nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter (not pictured here).

Tim and Lynda have four children. In this 1994 Christmas photo from left to right are the parents in the back row.

On the left is the eldest, Jason, at age 19. In front center is Shelly, age 17. Behind her is Nathan, age 14. And the little guy on the right is Richard, age 11.



Matt, my second son, and his first wife, Debbie, had two girls: Michelle (left) and LeeAnne. Today, LeeAnne is a mother, making me a great-grandfather. Her daughter, Ariel, was born in 1996.



Cody (left) is the son of Dan (right) and his first wife, Adella. Cody was born in 1983.

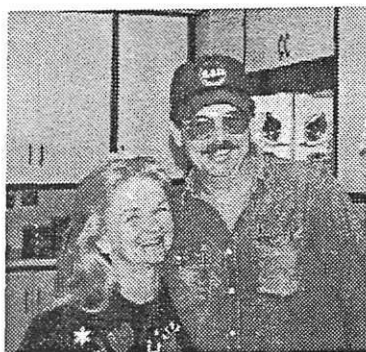


Steve and his first wife, Dyanne, had one daughter, Brittany Morgan. She was born in 1993.

Steve and his second wife, Lorrie, now have a daughter, Ryleigh Nicole Cox, born in 2000 (see photo next page).



A recent addition to my list of grandchildren is Jencie. She was born in 1998 to Christopher and Jessica.



**Photograph 75:**  
Tim and Terry Lynn Cox



**Photograph 76:**  
Matt Cox with Kenny Ray Cox



**Photograph 77:**  
David Cox & Jean François Pinto



**Photograph 78:** Dan Cox



**Photograph 79:**  
Steve & Lorrie Cox



**Photograph 80:** Chris Cox



**Photograph 81:**  
Ryleigh Nicole Cox  
Steve and Lorrie's daughter born Sept. 2000



**Photograph 82:**  
Sierra Denise Lesley (Cox)  
My great-granddaughter born August 2000,  
daughter of Tim's son Richard.



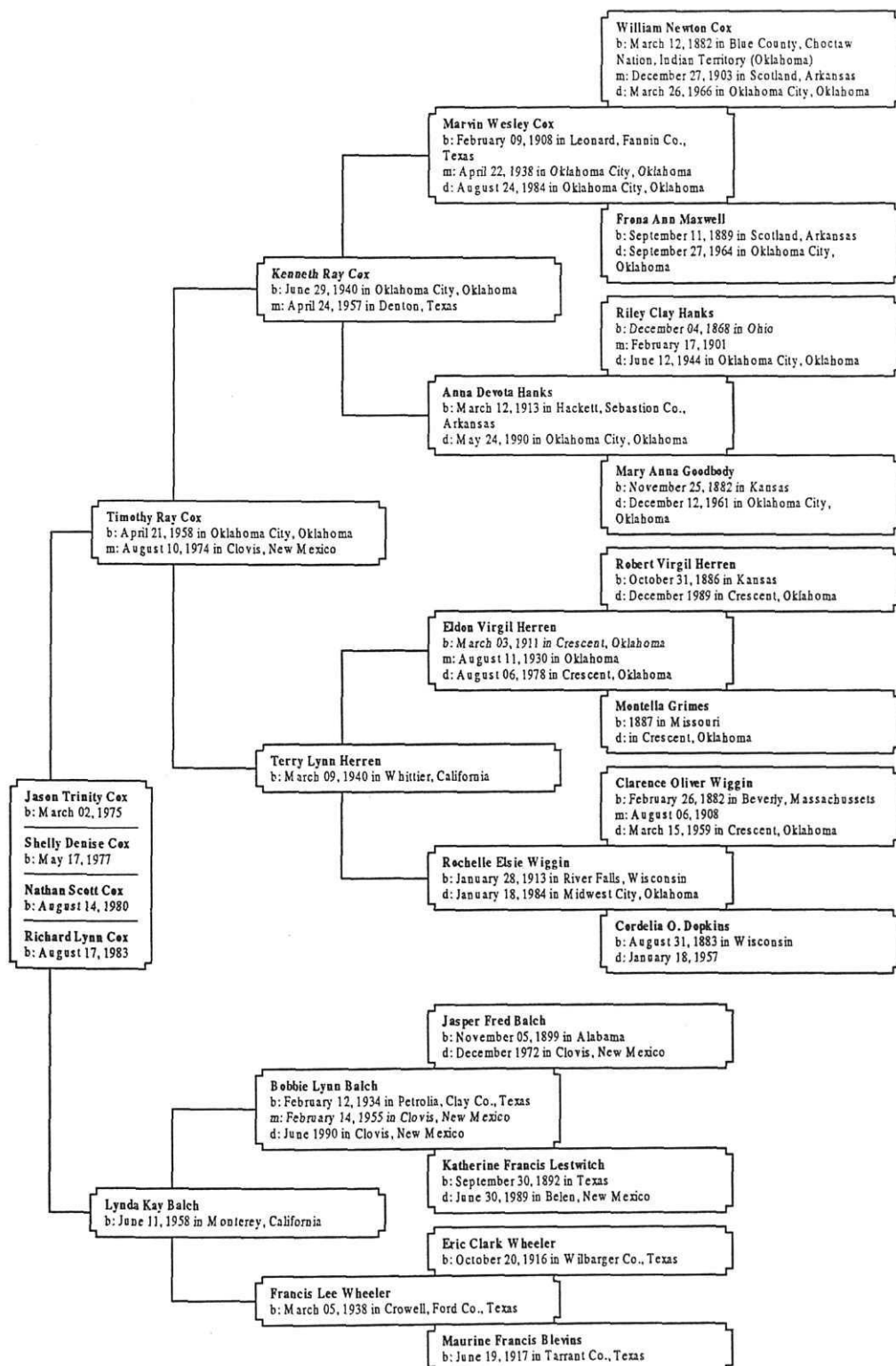


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MY GRANDCHILDREN



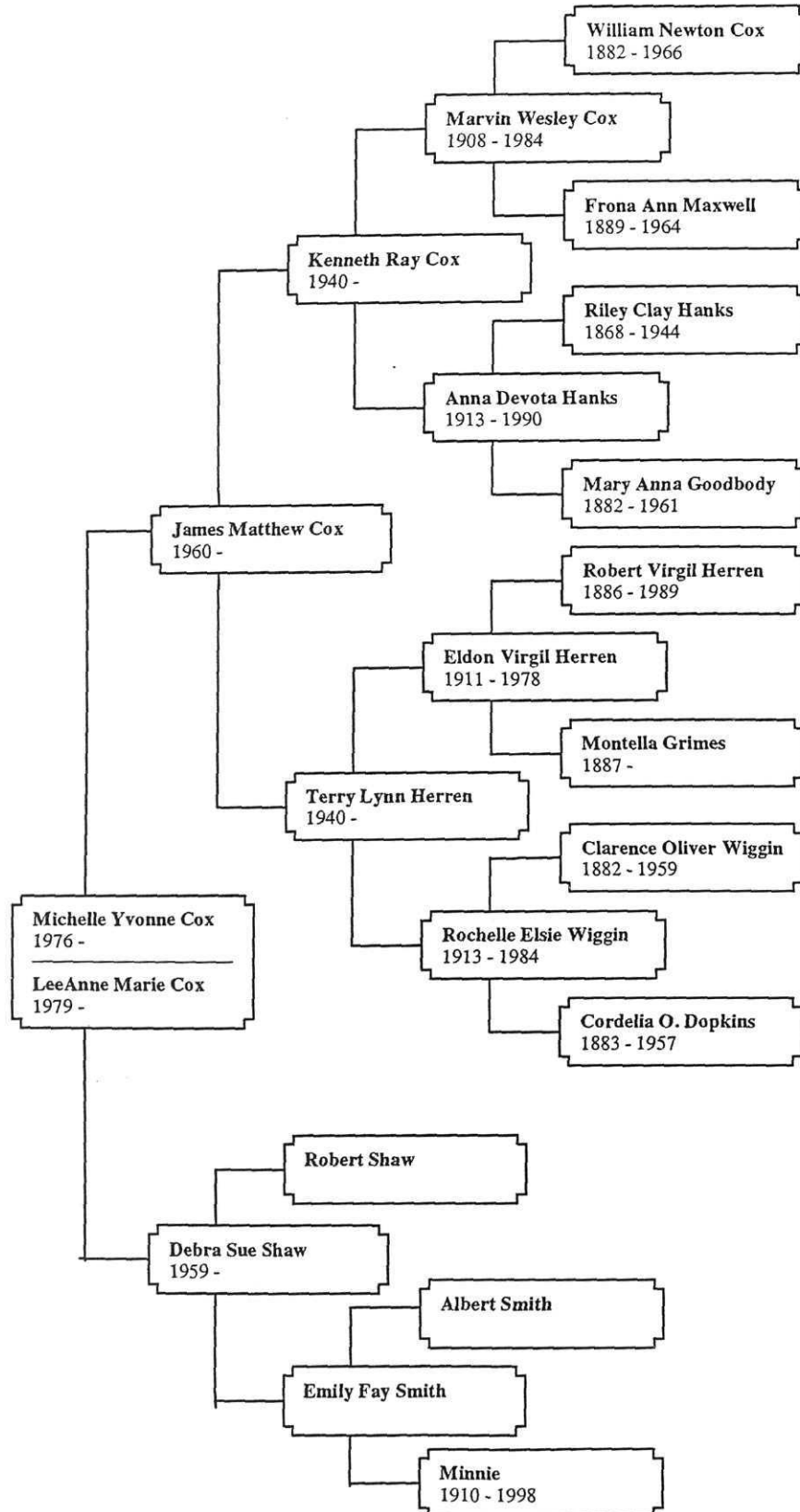


## Ancestor Chart 6: Ancestors of Jason, Shelly, Nathan, and Richard Cox



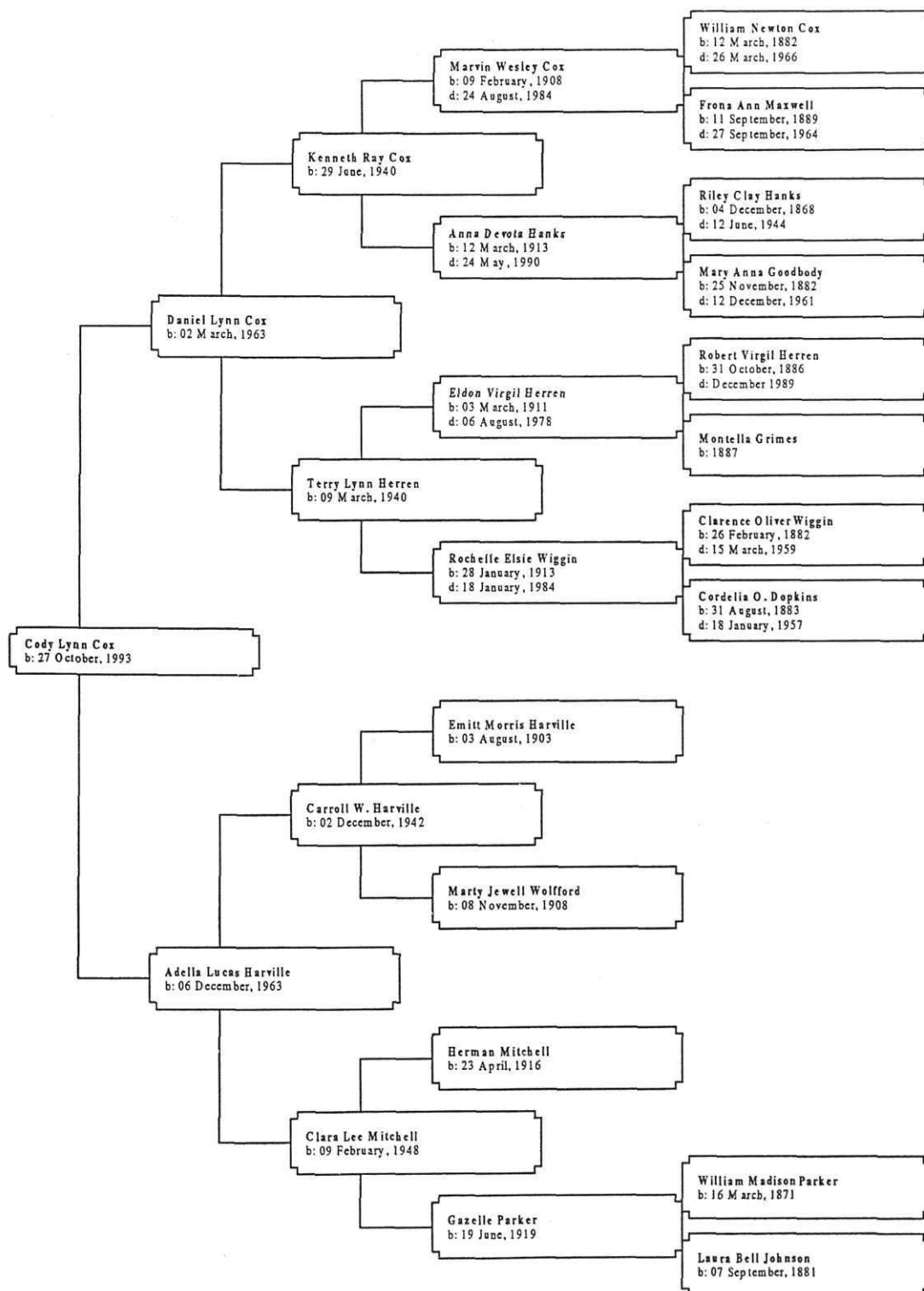


Ancestor Chart 7: Ancestors of Michelle and Lee Ann Cox



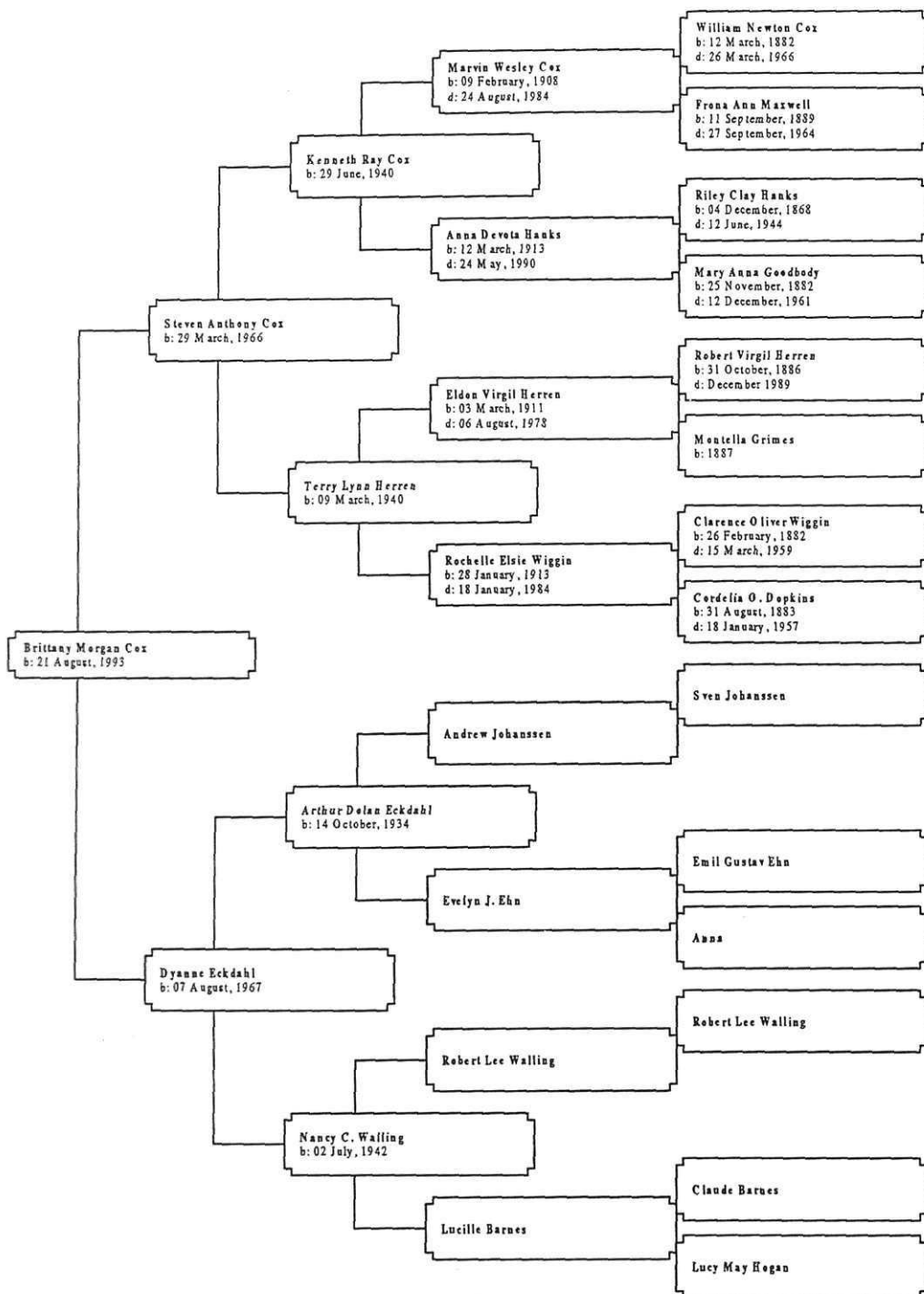


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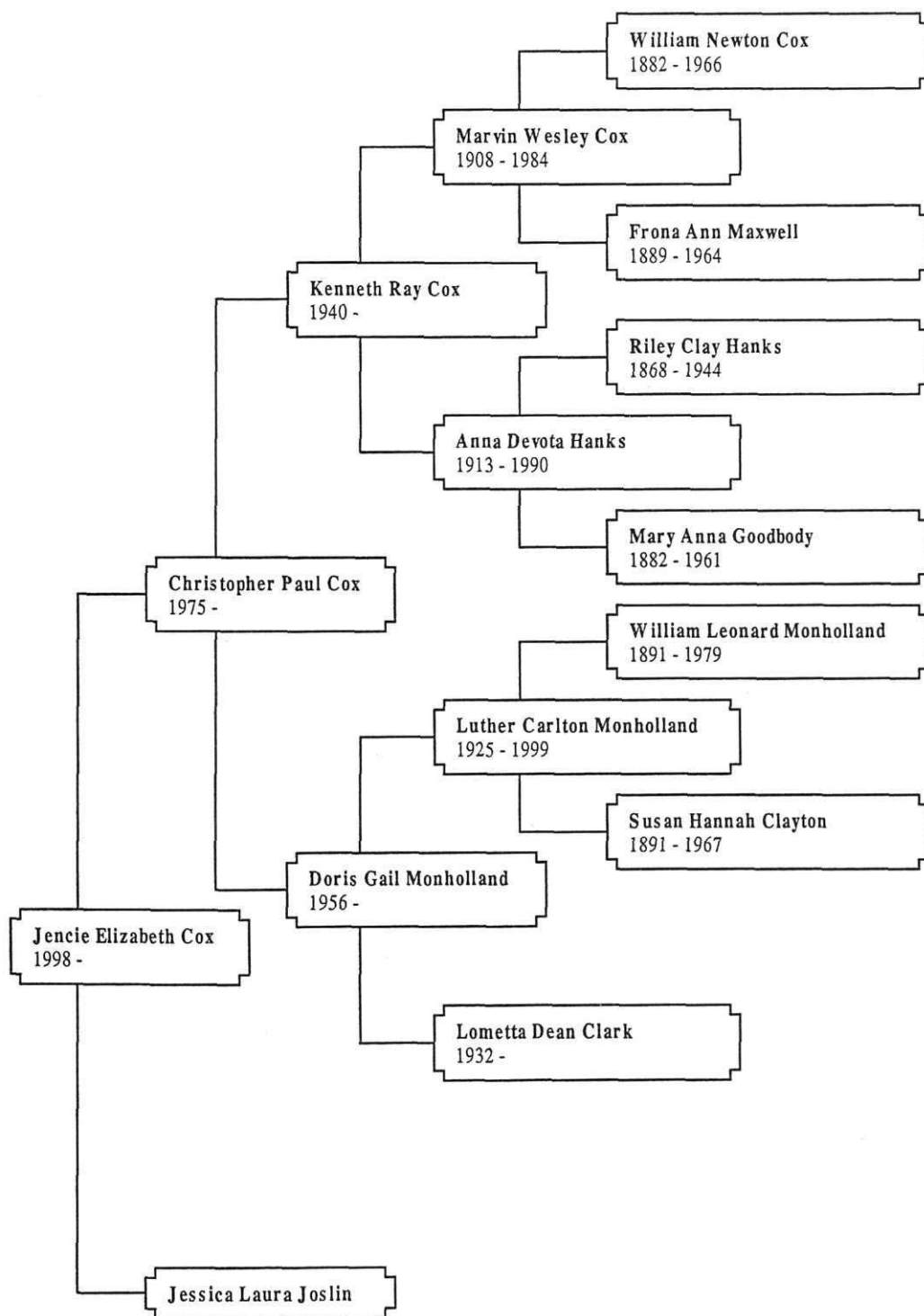


## Ancestor Chart 9: Ancestors of Brittany Morgan Cox





## Ancestor Chart 10: Ancestors of Jencie Elizabeth Cox





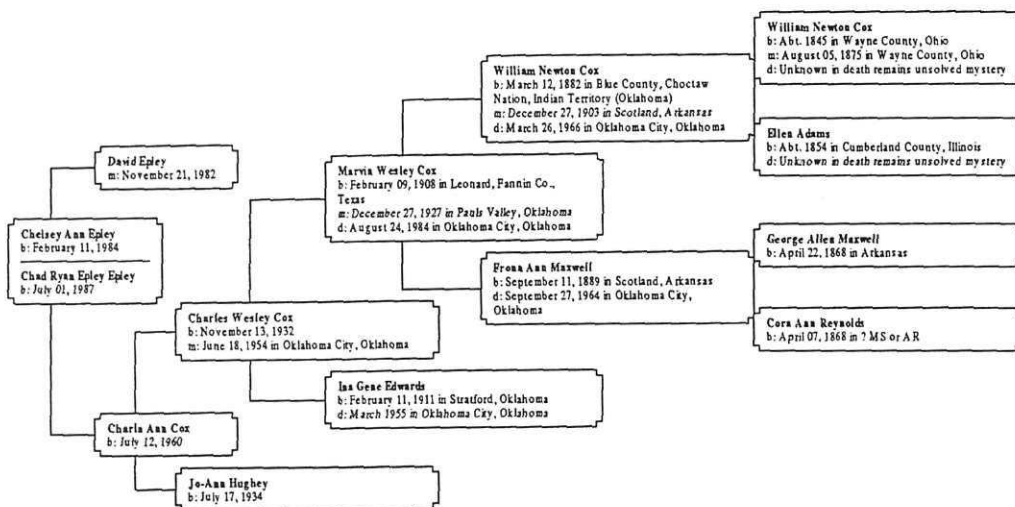




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MY BROTHERS' GRANDCHILDREN

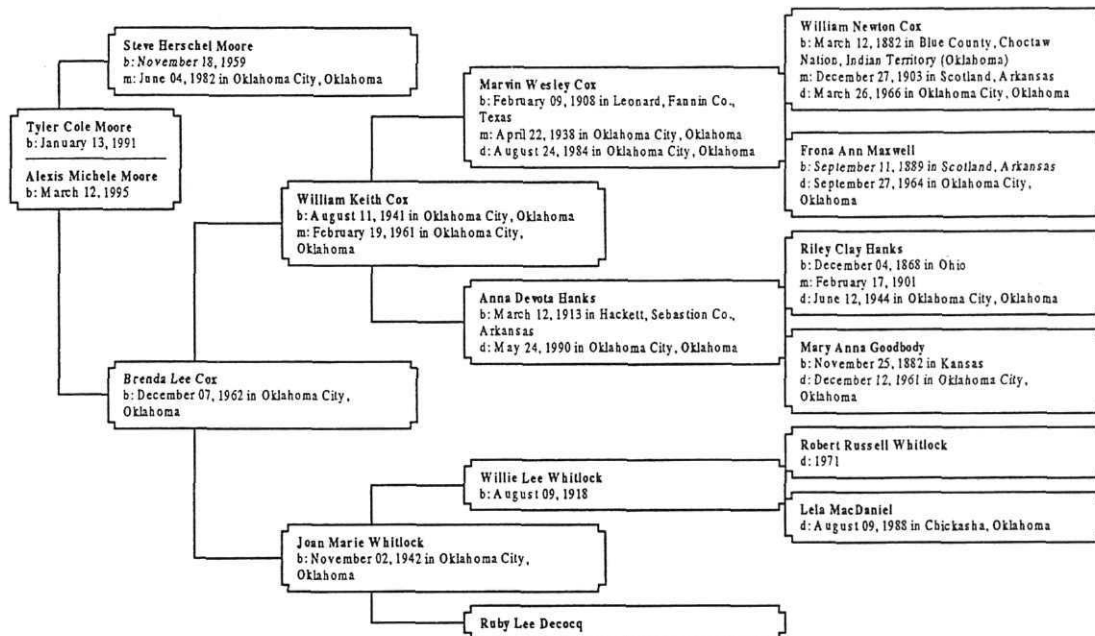


## Ancestor Chart 11: Ancestors of Charlie's grandchildren by Charla



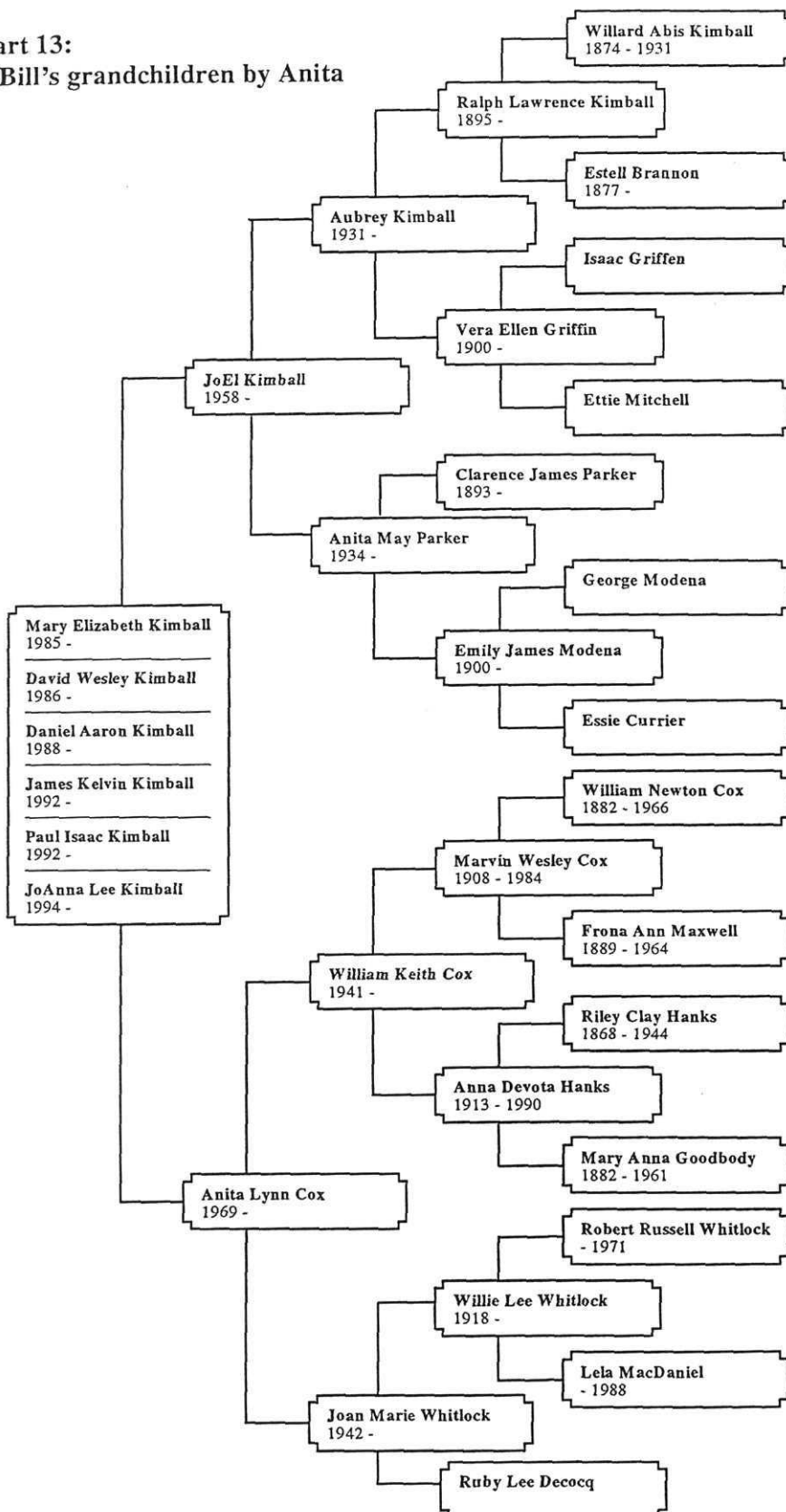


## Ancestor Chart 12: Ancestors of Bill's grandchildren by Brenda



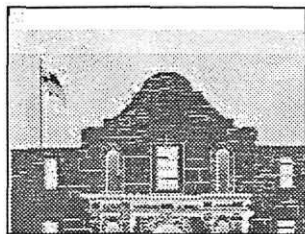


Ancestor Chart 13:  
Ancestors of Bill's grandchildren by Anita





KIMBALL FAMILY HISTORY FOR ANITA'S CHILDREN:  
THE ALAMO  
by David W. Cox



You kids are related to Lieutenant George Chester Kimbell (also spelled Kimble and Kimball, and even "Kembolde" if you go back far enough in English history<sup>45</sup>) was born two centuries ago, in 1803. In the year 1836, this brave young man was living in Gonzales, Texas. He was one of the thirty-two men from the town who headed out to aid William Travis at the Alamo.

On March 1, 1836, they broke through the Mexican lines surrounding the mission. Five days later, he and everyone else in the fort were dead. George left behind a two-year son and a young wife who was pregnant with twin girls.

His wife's maiden name was Prudence Hardin. One of Prudence and George's descendants, Faye Imken, said in a newspaper interview<sup>46</sup>, "My great-grandmother, Prudence, was washing clothes on Nashes Creek when he told her goodbye. It must have been terrible for them." And terrible it was. Not only did she lose her husband, she then had to leave her home because of the war and couldn't return for an entire year. When she did, "She found that Santa Anna's army had taken all her livestock, but that one old hen had escaped with only a broken leg from a soldier's bullet. During the time the family had been gone, this hen had several chicks. Prudence saw this as her new start, settled her family in and went to work." That's the pioneer spirit!

Prudence had already been widowed once before. Her first husband was Ira Nash. He was killed by Indians. Her third marriage ended with divorce in 1845. Divorces were rarely permitted back then, so it must have been a rough marriage! In 1849 she married Clairborne West, one of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence. That marriage lasted till Prudence's death in 1862.

Kimble County, Texas was named for old George. The spelling may be different, but it's him alright! His son, Charles Chester Kimble became a Texas Ranger at age 16, then practiced medicine in that county. That middle name "Chester" came from George's father. Chester was born in 1764 and died in 1839. He was a sea captain for

<sup>45</sup> See *History of the Kimball Family in America from 1634 to 1897 and of its Ancestors the Kemballs or Kemboldes of England*, by Morrison and Sharples, Heart of the Lakes Publishing, Interlaken, NY, 1981.

<sup>46</sup> *Community Life Northwest*, Caller-Times Publishing Co., Corpus Christi, Texas, June 12, 1986.



while, until his wife, Lucy Satterlee, begged him to give it up. So they settled in Beech Woods, Penn. for a more peaceful life. (Let's hope it was, at least!) Good going Lucy!

So you see, kids, it's not George you should hope to take after (he got himself killed young while trespassing on Mexican property)! It's Prudence and Lucy you want to take after! Prudence survived all kinds of hardships, and Lucy knew how to get what she wanted in life. And believe me, she was right because life is too short not to live it up to the fullest – in peace, harmony and love! May you have all three!





## APPENDICES





## APPENDIX 1: GEOGRAPHY SECTION

by David W. Cox

“Stone-kicking” as my father calls it, involves careful examination of cemetery tomb stones, which as we all know, contain a wealth of information about the resources, beliefs and family traditions.

This book includes old maps as well as maps specially re-drawn to help researchers and curious readers to go to locate or reach the places mentioned in this book. It is our hope that the maps will help to place the mass of information contained in the book into its proper geographical, as well as historical perspective. Unless otherwise indicated, the maps that I have drawn are not to scale.

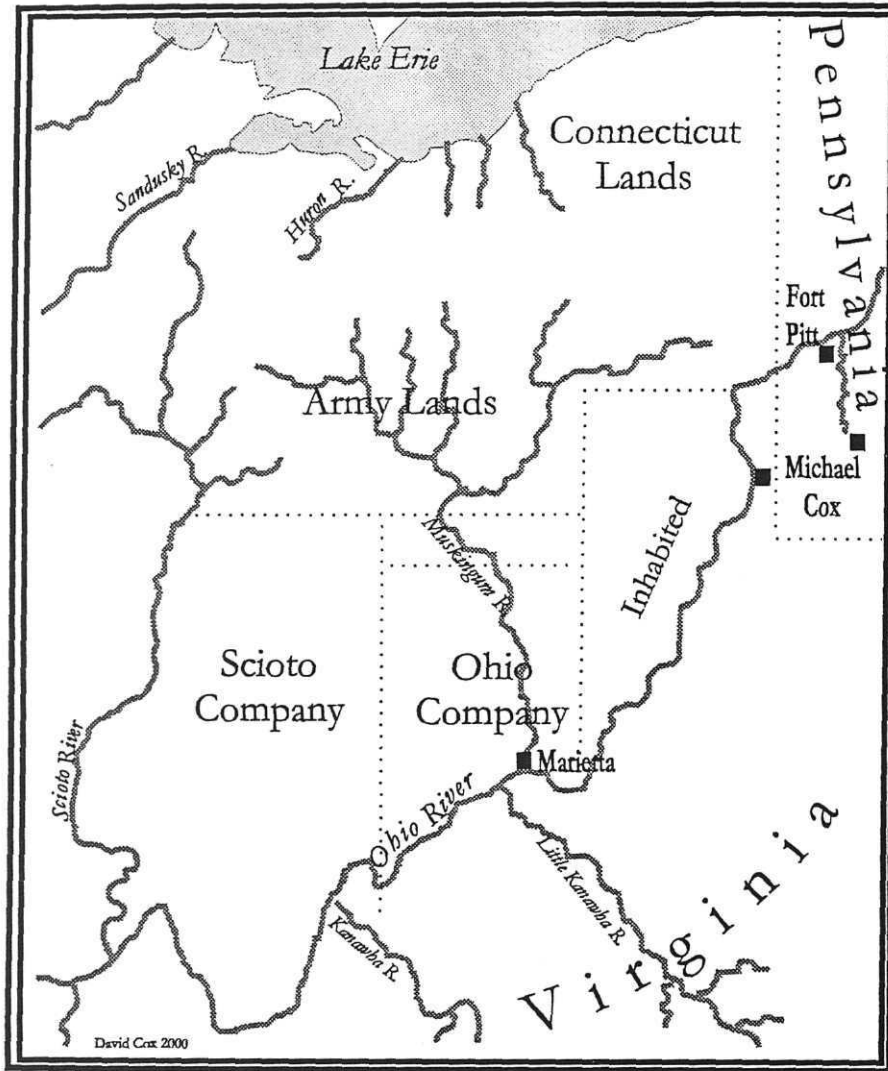
Political boundaries in the early frontier period of American history were not as fixed and definite as one would expect. Nor was the frontier as fixed as most people commonly believe.

Michael Cox, Sr., lived for 46 years in what is now Brownsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania. But his “address” changed many times, though the farm never moved. Before his arrival, the region was hotly disputed frontier territory. The French and Indian War ended in 1763 with the Treaty of Paris, but skirmishes were to continue in the region for years to come. Michael earned a reputation as a valiant Indian fighter. When Michael and his family arrived in 1769, his Fruit Hill farm was in territory claimed by both Pennsylvania and Virginia’s District of West Augusta. Virginia eventually gave it up to Pennsylvania. From then on, Pennsylvania authorities redefined county lines as populations moved, migrated and changed the face of America’s frontiers.

Hopefully our maps will be an invitation to head on out and enjoy some serious stone kicking!

### MAPS ON THE INTERNET

Kudos to the US Library of Congress for its map collections made available over the Internet. A wealth of information is available on your own desk with a few clicks by visiting their site. I highly encourage you to go explore. At the time of this writing the web site’s name is The Library of Congress: American Memory. The address is <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ammemhome.html>. Check their link for 19<sup>th</sup> century panoramic maps. They are wonderful!



Map 17: Early 19<sup>th</sup> century Ohio River settlements and claims



Virginia Land Grants in Pennsylvania  
by Raymond M. Bell

Southwestern Pennsylvania was claimed by both Pennsylvania and Virginia at the time of the Revolution. Pennsylvania began giving land grants in 1769. This came to an end about 1774, when the dispute with Virginia heightened. In 1779 and 1780, Virginia granted land certificates to settlers in the disputed territory. Nearly 830 were granted in what is now Pennsylvania. The certificates (mostly for 400 acres) listed the name of the applicant, date of certificate, date of settlement and location (generally by name of stream). After the boundary dispute was settled Pennsylvania resumed land grants about 1784. Two types of grants were made: those based on Virginia Certificates, which were honored by Pennsylvania if there was no prior claim, and those granted directly based on Pennsylvania claims.

In 1776, Virginia had set up three counties: Yohogania, north of a line drawn from Follansbee to Washington to Brownsville to Uniontown: Ohio, south of Yohogania and west of a line drawn from Washington slightly southwest, and Monongalia, south of Yohogania and east of Ohio<sup>47</sup>. In granting certificates to settlers in these counties in 1719 and 1780, Virginia required the settlers to list the bona fide date of settlement on the land. The original list of certificates for Yohogania and Ohio counties is preserved at Morgantown in the West Virginia Collection at West Virginia University Library.

The Monongalia list apparently was destroyed by fire before 1800. A reconstructed list for the Pennsylvania part of Monongalia County has been made from the township warrant maps of Greene, Washington and Fayette counties (W. F. Horn, *The Horn Papers*, vol. 3 [Waynesburg, Pa., Greene County Historical Society, 1945]). It has not been possible to find the dates of settlement, and townships have been published in *The National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, vol. 45 (1957), pp. 132-36.

A study of the dates of settlement as listed for Ohio and Yohogania counties is interesting. For Ohio County they are:

1771:	4	1775:	63
1772:	49	1776:	26
1773:	76	1777:	8
1774:	104	Total:	330

George Cox	1774 Ohio River	Gabriel Cox	1769 Monongahela R.
Israel Cox	1776 Buffalo Creek	Gabriel Cox	1777 Monongahela R.
Peter Cox <sup>48</sup>	1773 Buffalo Creek	Gabriel Cox	1777 Monongahela R.
John Cox	1774 Peters Run		
Joseph Cox	1774 Pigeon Run		

<sup>47</sup> These three counties made up the District of West Augusta.

<sup>48</sup> Not our ancestor. This Peter was the son of Gabriel Cox.



THE MASON AND DIXON LINE  
Uniontown and Fayette County Pennsylvania  
by Walter "Buzz" Storey

The Mason and Dixon line is one of the imperishable names in the American experience. Conceived to settle a colonial boundary dispute, it has passed into history and folklore as the traditional dividing line between North and South. And it wasn't accomplished without trouble in this area.

The line is the southern boundary of Fayette and Greene counties, separating Fayette from Garrett County in Maryland, and Preston and Monongalia counties in West Virginia, and Greene from Monongahela.

The Mason and Dixon Line originated as a means to settling a border battle between Pennsylvania and Maryland. Two young English astronomers and mathematicians, Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon were called upon in 1763 to survey the line.

They started with a circle drawn on a 12-mile radius from New Castle, Del., which had been designated as the northern boundary of Delaware.

From there, they headed on a straight line to the west, first through settled farmland but soon into the wild country, "shooting the stars" and keeping a wary eye out for Indian attacks.

Their destination was a point in the wilderness "five degrees of longitude: west from the Delaware River, which had been declared in the original land grant to the Penns as the western limit of Pennsylvania."

The little expedition toiled over the mountains, all going reasonably well until they reached the Monongahela River. At that point, their escort of friendly Iroquois began to get nervous about encroaching on lands claimed by the Delawares and Shawnees, even though they were the overlords of the other tribes.

The surveyors proceeded nevertheless, as far as Dunkard Creek (whose meandering course they crossed three times) at the present site of Mount Morris to Greene County. Hostile Indians stopped them there, 232 miles along in their journey but 23 miles short of their objective.

Indians weren't the only people who took a dim view of the boundary survey. Maryland acquiesced readily enough, settling the border all the way to the point where the three states of Pennsylvania, Maryland and present day West Virginia meet-just south of Markleysburg.

Virginia was another matter. Its leaders, who had originally sent George Washington out in 1753 to stake their claim, said that this section was theirs-and they were unhappy about Pennsylvania surveyors running a line through it.

Virginia claimed the land now covered by Fayette, Greene and Westmoreland counties, and parts of Allegheny and Beaver. They first set up the District of West Augusta, then the counties of Monongalia, Yohogania, and Ohio.

Pennsylvania countered by establishing Westmoreland County and for several years parallel courts and county offices were conducted, punctuated by sharp clashes between rival groups of settlers. The dispute was finally settled in 1780, when Virginia accepted the Mason and Dixon Line and the prospect of long frontage along the Ohio River. But the fussing wasn't over yet.

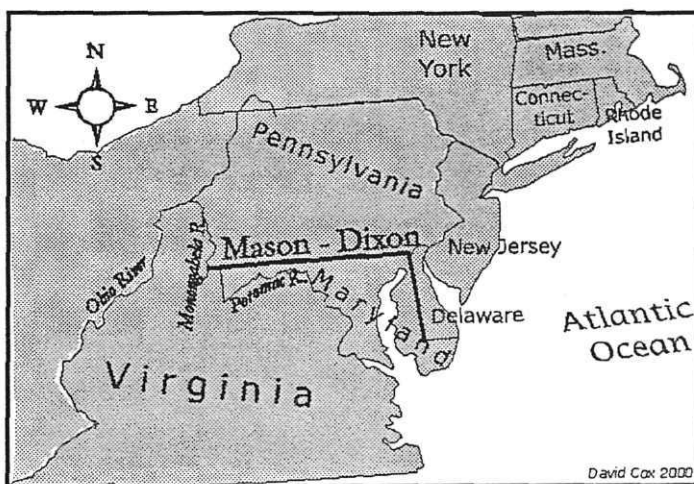
In 1782, Col. Alexander McClean, the noted surveyor from Uniontown, who had worked as an assistant under Mason and Dixon in the original survey, was commissioned to complete the line. At Dunkard Creek, he ran into an irate mob of Virginians who had settled in the present Greene County area. Many Virginians had moved northward into the present area of Greene and Washington, following rumors that the western boundary of Pennsylvania would be the Monongahela River.

Greatly annoyed, McClean appealed for militia (that day's equivalent of the National Guard.) They stopped the rioting and the settlers were pacified when Pennsylvania promised to recognize their Virginia land grants. (Another move by settlers in what is now Washington County to create a new state, out of parts of Pennsylvania, Virginia and Ohio, with the capital at Pittsburgh, was short-lived.)

In 1784, McClean completed the Mason and Dixon Line to its original destination, the point that is now the southwestern corner of Greene County.

From there, McClean turned due north to the Ohio River west of Pittsburgh-thus creating the Virginia (now West Virginia) Panhandle. He didn't stop there but continued surveying on a line north to Lake Erie, delineating the entire western boundary of Pennsylvania (except for one small portion which had previously been mapped.)

The Mason and Dixon Line was resurveyed in 1863, after West Virginia became a state during the Civil War, and again in 1902. No serious discrepancy was found in either case-the Mason and Dixon Line was an extraordinary accomplishment, as was McCleane's follow-up work.



Map 18: The Mason-Dixon Line





The Great Fire in Ardmore, Indian Territory caused damage to J. A. Cox's racket store and to Shaddick & Cox's blacksmith shop. Who were these individuals named Cox? Were they of any relation to William N. and Ellen Cox?

# PURCELL

HOME FIRST, THE WORLD AFTERWARD

PURCELL, CHICKASAW NATION, INDIAN TERRITORY, FRIDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>, 1895

## A CITY OF RUINS

From Which Ardmore Will  
Rise to More Resplendent  
Greatness - The Fire and  
its Effects

From the Ardmoreite:

Thursday's sun sank on a bustling city, peopled by a happy prosperous population. Magnificent brick structures and extensive stocks of merchandise told the tale of past and present prosperity. With nothing to fear and with no presentiment of an impending calamity, this happy, prosperous people left their various places of business, repaired to the their several homes and at the usual hours lay down to sleep and pleasant dreams.

Outside all was well; the stars from a clear sky looked down in their brightness on the fairest city within the dominion of the Indian Territory. The invisible watchman from the towers of the blue vault of heaven seemed to proclaim the cheerful tidings of all is well. The ARDMOREITE on Thursday afternoon had visited its usual haunts, but it carried no tidings of the morrow. No forebodings of ruin and desolation at the destructive hand of the dread fire fiend found utterance or lodgment in its forecasts for the future. Alas, how treacherous and fickle the plans and anticipations of the future! The above picture is of Ardmore as she stood forth Thursday at the close of business in her pride and grandeur as the wonder of the reading and calculating world. To draw the picture of Friday morning is a task which fails our imaginative ability.

Where stood our stately buildings were only smoking smouldering ruins, surrounded by grim, haggard and tottering walls. Hundreds of thousands of dollars, the accumulation of year of toil, had gone up in fire and smoke. It was 1 o'clock Friday morning when a fusillade

from guns and pistols aroused the sleeping inhabitants to a sense of the situation. Thousands of people rushed madly forth and to the scene of destruction. From that hour until the gray dawn of morning, brave hands and heroic hearts fought against fate and the elements all with but little avail. To go into the details of the origin and extent of the fire is not our purpose, for this issue of the ARDMOREITE is gotten out under difficulties and was only made at all possible through the fraternal and highly appreciated courtesy of the Purcell Register.

To say that the burnt district will be rebuilt is only to utter a foregone conclusion and assert a positive fact. And Main street will be a solid array of brick and stone. No wooden houses will mar its beauty or endanger its safety. Of course for immediate temporary purposes, board shanties will be erected, but a contract has been signed for their early replacement by stone and brick. Another and splendid result will be the widening of the street twenty four feet and reducing it to a uniform grade. So we see that with all the heavy losses good results will follow.

Of our own personal loss we will say it was complete and fell heavily upon us, but with the aid of partial insurance and good credit we will replace our old plant with a new and much more valuable one, so instead of the ARDMOREITE dying it will only be replaced by the finest office in the Indian Territory. Our order has already been placed and by this time the material is shipped.

We will continue to occupy the field and to issue the best daily and weekly paper ever circulated in this country. Our job department cannot be excelled.

Right here we want to say that the many kind words and heartfelt regrets expressed by our friends has made Ardmore and her progressive people, next to our family circle and our God, the nearest and dearest objects in our affections.

The names of firms and individuals are given in the appended list:

## MAIN STREET - SOUTH SIDE

A. Moss, dry goods.  
Charles Simmons, billiard hall.  
J. N. Barall, general merchandise.  
Barber shop.  
McGee's meat market.  
A. Kloski, two stores - grocery and dry goods.  
W. F. Whittington, two story brick, dry goods and groceries.  
J. A. Mays, insurance office  
N. H. McCoy's collecting agency  
M. Wheeler, groceries and feed  
Tom Noland, billiard hall.  
Roe's meat market.  
J. H. Palmer's restaurant.  
Burch & Anderson's opera house, two story brick.  
Kerney & Wyes, hardware.  
W. A. Payne, groceries.  
Williams & Pennington, two story brick building.  
Brown's section house.  
Dr. Von Keller's office.  
Dr. J. L. Littell's office.  
Dr. J. L. Wood & Son, dentists.  
Alliance Courier, total loss.  
Ardmore Job Printing House, J. W. Colledge, proprietor, total loss.  
Will Boyd's sleeping apartment.  
Major G. T. Glenn's sleeping apartment.  
Wind-Bag newspaper, Stephens & Co., total loss.  
Ramsey & Ross, druggists.  
K. Carson, the jeweler.  
Joe Biggar's fruit stand and lunch house.  
Joe's fruit stand.  
Davis' barber shop.  
Texas billiard hall  
H. Conley, shoe maker.  
J. L. Johnson, saddlery & harness.  
J. A. Morgan, sewing machine agency.  
Dr. J. F. Robinson, general merchandise.  
J. W. Davenport, groceries.  
F. Pycatt's meat market.  
I. Goldsmith, cigar maker.  
Charley Durie, agricultural implement dealer.  
J. A. Cox's racket store.  
Central hotel, Mrs. Holder proprietress, two story frame.  
J. Stoffa, merchant tailor.



These two pages a facsimile of the article on the fire that appeared in the Purcell Register on Friday, April 26, 1985. It offers valuable information for genealogists interested in the Ardmore, Oklahoma area.

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E. S. Wiseman, general merchandise, two story brick.

John Fleming's law office.

John Hinkle's law office.

Robert H. West's law office.

T. H. Parker, jeweler, two story brick.

Commissioner A. Walcott's office.

McKelvy & Hill's collecting agency.

Hyden & Jackson, groceries, two story brick.

J. H. Stauffenberg, merchant tailor.

Bivins & Williams, general hardware, wagons, buggies, etc., two story brick.

## MAIN STREET - NORTH SIDE

Johnson, Cruce & Cruce, law office.

J. F. Gwinn, general blacksmith.

T. B. Johnson, coal dealer.

Masonic Temple, three story brick.

Ledbetter & Bledsoe's law office.

Douglas & Douglas, architects.

Barry & Norman's law office.

Dr. Ben F. Garrison's office.

Dr. Bogies's office.

London & Banks, booksellers and stationers.

G. M. Yarbrough's music house.

Ben F. Garrison's drug store.

Mrs. A. Rawlons, milliner, Frank Frenley building.

Mrs. Pranter's shooting gallery.

T. N. Coleman's drug store.

Tandell & King's land office.

Redfield & Son's insurance office.

Dr. Folsom's office.

Dr. Booth's office.

## COURT STREET - WEST SIDE

T. B. Johnson's meat market.

John Steed's restaurant.

Chinee laundry.

Campbell, Fowler & Kendrick's law office.

United States court house & jail.

## COURT STREET - EAST SIDE

Ardmore, daily newspaper and job printing office, two story frame.

C. B. Kendrick's law office.

R. E. Lee's law office.

Boyd & McBride's billiard hall.

J. B. Smith & Co.'s two story brick building.

## MAIN STREET - NORTH SIDE

C. A. Whitehurst, dry goods and groceries.

Rennie & McClure's law office.

Dick & Brown's law office.

Stephens & Co. Real estate office.

Lum Johnson's insurance office.

Alex Pannell's real estate office.

Mike Sneed's sleeping apartment.

Fielder Bros., general merchandise.

W. O. Duston, Big Cash Store, dry goods.

J. B. Spragins & Co., hardware, wagons and farm implements, two story brick.

M. E. Wyse, general merchandise.

C. Miller's barber shop.

Wallace & Wallace, fruit and restaurant.

J. W. Randol, gen. merchandise.

George Frasher, cream bakery and confectionery.

D. M. Spiegle & Co., confectionery and restaurant.

Clark's barber shop.

Ardmore Hardware Company, two story brick.

A. Felkner, grocers.

J. C. Thompson's law office.

Dr. Alvis' office.

Dr. Adams' dental office.

O. W. Patchell's law office.

Dr. A. C. Bell's office.

Frame & Green's city drug store, two story brick.

Riner & Scivally, dry goods, millinery and groceries, two story brick.

J. N. Jordan's shoe shop.

Bottoms & Hamilton's shoe store.

Patrick & McFadden, tailors.

W. S. King, jeweler.

Palsoe drug store, two story brick.

Gus Aaronson, groceries.

Parker, Noble & Colbert, wholesale groceries, two story brick.

R. Hardy's two story building.

Drs. Hardy & Scaife's office.

Stones & Dent, printing co.

Potterif, Hardy & Hardy's law office.

Dr. A. E. Walter's dental office.

## NORTH CADD STREET

Lebo's meat market.

Douglas' barber shop.

Abbott's pool hall.

Hams & Sloan, groceries.

Harper & Cecil's livery stable,

J. C. Meachim's grain and feed store.

City restaurant.

Havens' blacksmith shop.

R. T. Dallas, groceries.

## MILL STREET

Judge J. C. Gibbon's court room.

Shaddick & Cox, blacksmith shop.

W. F. Whittington's two story Sherman House.

Chickasaw Machine Works.

## DAMAGED

The City National Bank, two story brick building.

Glenn & People's dry goods store.

Frankfurt Bros.' Dry goods store.

First National Bank, two story stone structure.

Johnson, Cruce & Cruce's brick occupied by the postoffice and J. S. O'Mesley.

Maxey Grocery Company.

W. C. Downing's photo gallery.

The law offices of Herbert & Lewis, A Eddleman and Judge Stuart Dennie were warmed up over the two banks, and when the window glass began to break it was thought they would go, but they only of all the legal fraternity in Ardmore, occupy their old offices.

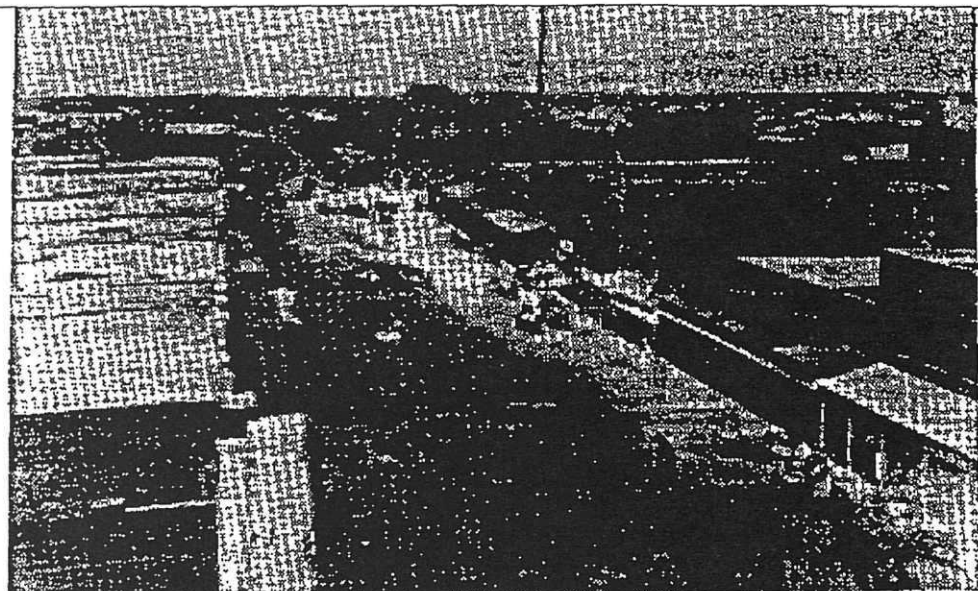
The above list is probably lacking in a few names, but in the absence of an official report, it is as nearly correct as is possible.

The loss to property is now conservatively estimated at about \$750,000, insurance \$250,000. It was a great fire and one that will long be felt, and remembered. It has, we trust, taught a valuable lesson, that of the necessity of water and organized protection. This lesson, while a dear one, will bear valuable fruit in the future. The calamity has thoroughly demonstrated the courage and enterprise of our people. They are not the kind to pine over disaster.

Great was, great is, and great will Ardmore ever be.



The article below appeared in the *Daily Oklahoman*, April 23, 1939, Hist. Sect., p. 13



*Ardmore in 1893 during territorial days, and as its main business street looks now.*

**ARDMORE, April 22.—(Special).—**The present modern city of Ardmore, with its fine churches, schools and business institutions, had its beginning in the old 700 ranch operated on the site of Ardmore at the time the Santa Fe first came into the Indian Territory in 1837.

Richard McIlash originally owned the townsite, and he, with A. E. Roff and L. F. Adkins, were among the first pioneers of this section. McIlash and Roff both built residences here in 1889.

The first general store in Ardmore was established by Frank and R. E. Prentiss, and the late Robert F. McIlash sold the first bill of drygoods here bought over a counter. Later McIlash served as a member of the first board of county commissioners.

C. L. Anderson erected the first brick building, which he used for his bank, the old First National. A man named Bradley founded the first daily paper.

In 1888 a small school house was built, known as King's college, and a subscription school came into existence. In this, the first religious services were held.

Ardmore rapidly took the lead as the center of southern Oklahoma, and farmers regarded it as their headquarters. Cotton poured into the city and in one year more than 50,000 bales were marketed on the city streets.

The town continued to build, even in the face of the financial panic of 1893-94, but a blow was struck at its growth on the early morning of April

19, 1896, when a fire, originating in a livery stable, wiped out the business district. However, before the end of the first day after the fire, reconstruction had begun and in six months hardly a trace of the blaze could be seen.

Ardmore was incorporated as a city of the first class on Dec. 14, 1898, under the mayor and aldermanic form of government which continued until Jan. 7, 1909, when it changed to the commission form of government. The present commission-manager form of government was adopted in 1921. Virgil Short is the present city manager, and P. M. Jackson, Ardmore mayor.

Southern Oklahoma forged ahead with the discovery of oil at Healdton in 1913. The city of Ardmore and surrounding areas prospered and grew. New fields were brought in at Hewitt, Fox and other nearby locations.

The second great disaster in Ardmore's history occurred on Sept. 27, 1915, when most of the business district and a part of the residential section was wrecked and nearly 50 persons killed in an explosion of casinghead gasoline. A stunned Ardmore cleared away the debris, buried its dead and immediately set to work to rebuild.

One of the outstanding men developed in this part of the state was the late Charles D. Carter, who for 19 years represented the third district of Oklahoma in the national congress, and at the time of his death was a member of the state highway commis-

sion under Gov. Henry S. Johnston. He came to Ardmore in 1889 and was engaged as a clerk in one of the stores of the new town.

Another prominent early day political factor in southern Oklahoma and Indian Territory was Lee Cruce, who became the second governor of the state. Previously W. A. Ledbetter, L. J. Akers and Clint Graham had gone as delegates from this district to the constitutional convention.



## The Town of Caddo, Indian Territory (Oklahoma)

(Author unknown)

This is a brief history of Caddo and excerpts taken from the newspapers printed at Caddo, Choctaw Nation starting in January 1874.

Caddo received its post office in 1872 when the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad built through Indian Territory. It was a typical boomtown, invaded with a flow of settlers from the Old South and Texas, as well as European immigrants (Swedes, Germans and Irish). The route of the Butterfield Stage Coach was only six miles west of Caddo at Nail's Crossing over Blue River and ten miles north at Boggy Depot. With the coming of the railroad, families who lived near Nail's Crossing and Boggy Depot moved to Caddo. The Choctaws prospered in agriculture. Wilson N. Jones was one of the wealthiest men in the territory and was principal chief of the Choctaws. His home was twelve miles east of Caddo at Cade. Sympathetic with the South during the Civil War, the Choctaws joined the Southern Confederacy. The Confederate army occupied the Choctaw Nation with troops stationed at Boggy Depot, Fort Washita, Fort McCullough and other points near Caddo.

The following were businesses at Caddo in 1874: C. E. Harkins, Attorney; C. J. Williams, M.D. Physician and Surgeon; D.A. Folsom, Groceries; U.M. Cooper, Photographer; J.B. Jones, Surgeon & Physician; Walner & Welch, General Merchandise; Marchand & Fenlon, General Merchandise; Frank Fox, Gro. & Notions; M. Haller, Boot & Shoe Shop; Hancock's Gro.; M. M. Impson & Co.; Meat Market; G.W. Harlan & A. A. Conine, Blacksmith & Wagon Shop; A.D. Chase, Nursery; O.W. Brown, Carpenter & Builder; Dr. Jones, City Drug Store.

Map 19: Caddo, Oklahoma



### CHURCH DIRECTOR

November 20, 1874,  
1st Sabbath, Rev. Allen  
Wright; 2nd Sabbath, Rev.  
J.S. Murrow; 3rd Sabbath,  
Rev. Mr. Collet; 4th  
Sabbath, Rev. R.J. Hogue,  
Pastor.

R.P. Jones was School  
Prof. W.A. Welch was  
Postmaster, Jimmy  
Clinton had a restaurant.  
Doctor E.J. Lemon.

Friday, Nov. 13, 1874, Last  
Sunday at Forbes  
LeFlores's, John Donnelly  
& A.M. Lafferty had a  
fight, Donnelly shot  
Lafferty 3 times. He died  
Monday, and was buried  
yesterday.



## APPENDIX 2: NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND OBITUARIES

A TRIBUTE  
published in the pages of  
**THE DAILY OKLAHOMAN**  
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA  
SEP 28 1964

**Memorial Obituary**

Entered Into Eternal Rest  
Saturday, Sept. 26, 1964

**Mrs. Cox Dies  
At 75, Plans  
Are Scheduled**

Mrs. Anna Devote Cox, 75, died at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, 1964, at her home, 2201 S. Robinson, Oklahoma City. She was born May 24, 1889, in Pauls Valley, Okla.

Mrs. Cox was married to Marvin Wesley Cox, who died Aug. 25, 1963, in Oklahoma City. She was a member of the Exchange Avenue Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Marvin W. Cox, who died Aug. 25, 1963, at the age of 74. She was born May 24, 1889, in Pauls Valley, Okla.

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### COX

Marvin Wesley, 74, died Aug. 25 in Okla. City. He was born Feb. 9, 1908 in Trenton, TX. Came to Okla. City in 1930 from Pauls Valley. Operated Cox By Billie Grocery until 1961. Had worked with his son in the auto business. Was a mason and a member of Exchange Avenue Baptist Church. Was a member of UCT and had been married for 46 years. Survived by wife Anna Devote of the home, 3 sons, Charles Wesley Cox of Shawnee, Kenneth Ray Cox and Billy Keith Cox both of Okla. City, 3 brothers, Allen V. Cox of Enid and W. H. Cox, San Antonio, TX. 1 sister, Maureen Thompson, Okla. City, 10 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren. Services will be 11:00 a.m. Tuesday Aug. 27 at the Exchange Avenue Baptist Church with interment Reshavan Memory Gardens. Under direction of Capitol Hill Funeral Home.



### COX

Anna Devote, age 77, after a lifetime of devoted service to the Lord, and her family made her joyful entrance into Heaven May 24, 1964. We weep for our loss but rejoice to know that she is in the presence of the Lord. Having been preceded in death by her husband Marvin she leaves three sons, Charles, Ken, and Bill, their wives, 10 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Those who knew and loved her are invited to celebrate her "Victory in Jesus" at 10:00 AM, Saturday, May 26, 1964 at CAPITOL HILL FUNERAL HOME, 2201 S. Robinson in Oklahoma City, Ok. Interment at Reshavan Memory Gardens.



**COX**

Jewel, died at her home October 12, 1994. She was born Jewel Hester Harper on November 4, 1906 in Jonsonville, Ok. and was one of ten children. She leaves two surviving sisters in Pauls Valley, Viola Beck and Lahoma Coffey. She married E.V. Cox in 1925, who died in 1971. They have five children who survive: Colleen (F.G.) Gosling, Jimmie (Barbara) Cox, Gerald (Shirley) Cox, Dale (Lynne) Cox and Linda (Doug) Semelbauer. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Jewel was a member of the Oakcrest Church of Christ, Golden Agers, Ladies Bible Class and volunteered at Hillcrest Hospital for many years. She was also a member of the Centennial Peony Flower Club. Viewing will be from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday at Resthaven Funeral Home in OKC. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday at the Resthaven Funeral Home Chapel with burial in Resthaven Memory Gardens. Memorials may be made to Oakcrest Church of Christ, Oklahoma County Hospice or the charity of your choice.

RESTHAVEN  
FUNERAL HOME

500 SW 104

794-4482

**MRS. ALLEN V. COX  
SERVICES THURSDAY**

Funeral services for Mrs. Allen V. (Beulah) Cox, 68, who died early Tuesday in a local hospital following a long illness,



Mrs. Cox

will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in the First Nazarene Church.

Rev. Frank Ekilern will officiate and burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of the Henninger-Alten Funeral Home.

She was born in Asher and attended schools in Pauls Valley and Mayesville. She and Allen V. Cox were married March 17, 1926, in Mayesville and lived in Chickasha and Ardmore until moving to Enid in 1930. They owned and operated the Cox Laundry here for 15 years.

Mrs. Cox was a member of the First Nazarene Church and taught a Sunday School class for a number of years.

Her parents and three brothers preceded her in death.

Survivors include a son, Rev. Bobby Cox, Ft. Worth, Tex.; three daughters, Mrs. Don (Geneva) DuFour, Ardmore; Mrs. Reaford (Jo) Browning, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Ronald (Joy) Sorensen, Duluth, Minn.; nine grandchildren; one brother, Ira Ellis, Wayne; four sisters, Mrs. Alma Slaughter, Ventura, Calif.; Mrs. Simon (Emma Lee) Skelly, Pauls Valley; Mrs. Dowell (Cladya) Harper, Pauls Valley; and Mrs. Renee (Irene) Wilkerson, Denver City, Tex.

**ALLEN VIRGIL COX**

The funeral services for Allen Virgil Cox, 86, Enid, will be Friday, April 9, 1993 at 2:00 p.m. at the Brown Funeral Home Chapel with pastor Brian Savage officiating. Burial will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery under direction of Brown Funeral Home.

Allen Cox was born April 27, 1906 in Van Buren, Arkansas to William and Frons (Maxwell) Cox. He died Wednesday, April 7, 1993 in Baptist Hospital in Oklahoma City. At six weeks of age, his parents took him to Texas and later they moved to Okla-

homa. On March 17, 1926 he married Beulah Ellis in Mayesville, Oklahoma. She preceded him in death in 1970. He was a dairy plant supervisor for 40 years.

He worked at Townleys, Cooper Farms, and Loys Dairy Plants until moving to Enid in



Allen V. Cox

1954 where he owned and operated Cox's Laundry, and retired in 1987. On Feb. 14, 1972 he married Mary Jane Ortner Grimes in Enid.

He was a

deacon at the Seventh Day-Ad-

ventist Church. Memorials in his

memory may be made to the

Seventh Day-Adventist Church

Building Fund.

Survivors include his wife,

Mary Jane, of the home; 3 daugh-

ters: Geniva Gant of Pottsboro,

Texas; Jack and Theda Jo Edge

of Kingfisher, Okla.; Ron and Joy

Sorensen of Grand Rapids, Min-

nesota; 2 sons: Bobby Allen and

Julia Cox of Burlington, Texas;

Gary and Juanita Grimes of

Boise, Idaho; 18 grandchildren;

33 great-grandchildren; 1

brother, Will N. Cox, Jr. of San

Antonio, Texas. He was preceded

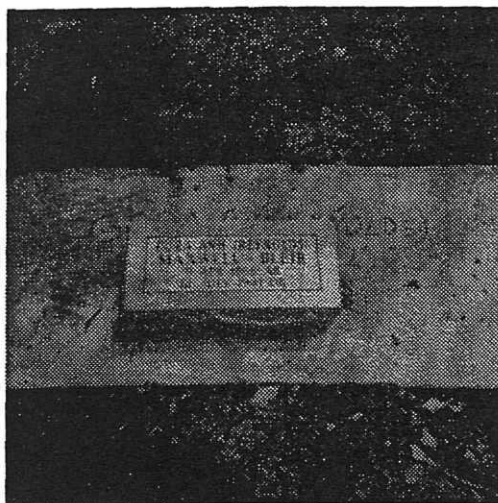
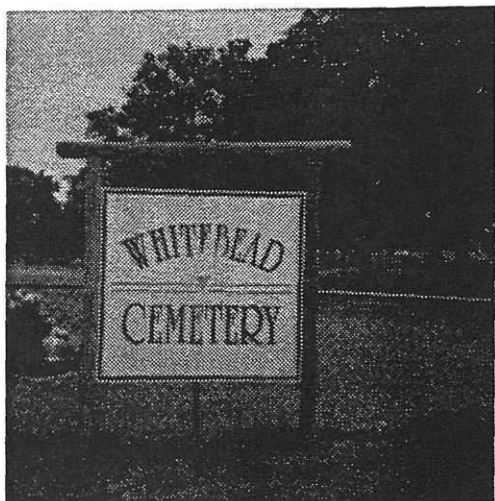
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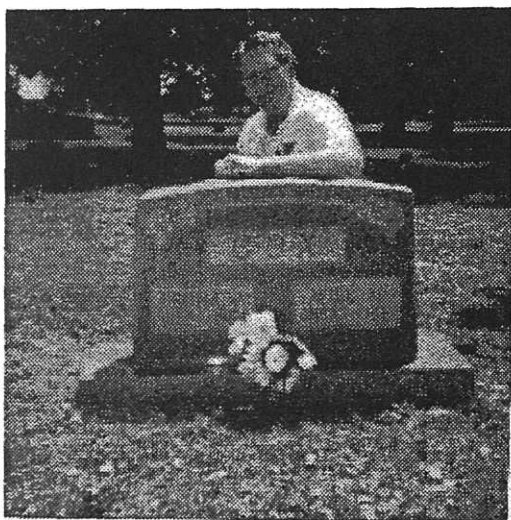
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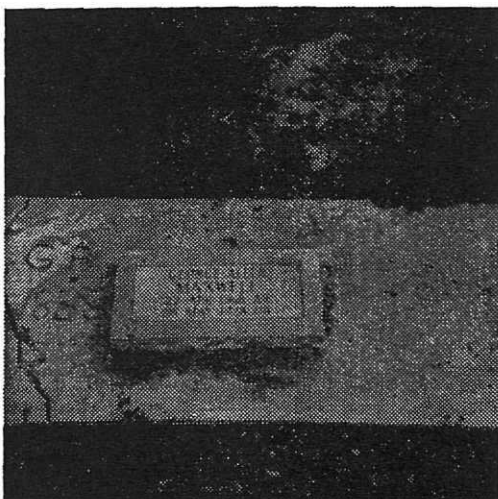
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Whitehead Cemetery is located on the south bank of the Washita River, and a quarter mile west of I-35. Take Kimberlin Road at exit 74, west  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile, turn right (north)  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile towards a tall communications tower. The village of Whitehead is about one mile west.



This is the tombstone of my paternal grandparents, Frona Ann Maxwell and Will N. Cox.



Pictured above are the tombstones of Frona's parents, Cora Ann and George Allen Maxwell. The new markers were placed directly on the concrete slabs.



# Young Singers Shine On Gospel Horizon

*Events Offer Exposure for Christian Musicians*

By Pat Gilliland  
Religion Editor

Bill Cox sometimes worries that old-fashioned country gospel music is not reaching enough young people.

But then singers such as Danielle Bates and the Side By Side quartet come along and Cox's fear subsides, at least for a while.

Even as the telling of the Bible's stories via rock, rap, pop and even jazz music expands, bright new performers shine on the Southern gospel horizon.

For Bates, 15, of Oklahoma City, singing the gospel comes as naturally as a grateful child trying to honor the example of her mother, gospel singer Barri Bates.

Mike Long, a friend of the Bateses, plays in a Christian rock band. But the Church at Edmond member said he finds it worthwhile as a Christian musician to enjoy all types of music.

That's why he came to Bill and Joan Cox's Fourth Saturday Gospel Singing in July.

"I'm open to every style," Long said. "I want something like this to happen every night, or at least every week."

People willing to drive a ways can usually find a gospel singing somewhere in the state.

In Konawa, the music started Saturday afternoon and continued into the early hours Sunday.

Frank Arnold Ministries, a

Tulsa-based gospel music promoter, will sponsor the Semi-annual Gospel Sing featuring nationally known artists Aug. 13 to 15.

Singing conventions are regularly scheduled in eastern Oklahoma, often at churches where directions take the place of an address.

Steve and Linda Medlin present a Gospel Music Show every Friday at the Harrah Theater in downtown Harrah. In west Oklahoma City, gospel music programs are offered each Friday and Saturday at the Church of Jesus, 8206 SW 3, formerly the So Fine Club. The Coxes' monthly program is at Springfield Grace Fellowship Church, 8300 S Santa Fe, in Oklahoma City.

Some are free; others charge admission. Some organizers encourage camping and picnics. Some provide concession stands, a way for organizers or sponsors to raise a little extra money while supplementing spiritual nourishment with snacks.

For some aspiring recording artists, "singings" are a place to start. Bill Cox offered the Side By Side quartet, based in Meeker, as an example.

"They'd seen our advertisements on Channel 34. They showed up one night for the pre-show, one song. Well, we had a cancellation that night, and they were so good that we went ahead and put them on the main program," Bill Cox said.



Bill and Joan Cox lead a monthly gospel sing at the Springfield Grace Fellowship Church, 8300 S Santa Fe, in Oklahoma City.

He encouraged them to make a recording. So they drove to Nashville, Tenn., on a Friday night, made a recording on Saturday then drove home Sunday. They've made three more albums since then, and they were featured at the Konawa sing, Cox said.

"So many of the people who have come to the program have gone on to make a recording and enlarge their horizons," Cox said, naming the Fifth Sunday Quartet and For By Grace as other examples.

A combined quality of music and ministry makes the best performance. A dramatic personal story of faith or an unwavering smile can overcome a weak voice. Likewise, the most superb vocal technique loses its luster if not attached to a faithful, or at least faith-seeking, heart.

Long, the Christian rock band member, said he thinks some of his peers lose valuable perspective by being unwilling to listen to the old-time performances.

"Nowadays, the youth are so closed-minded. I wish they'd forget the trends" and just listen to a variety of music, Long said.

The Coxes hope singing programs such as the one they sponsor will provide opportunities for gospel entertainers of all ages.

The Coxes' daughter, Brenda Moore, performs a Christian ventriloquism routine that appeals to children and adds variety. The Coxes also felt encouraged recently when two of their seven grandchildren, ages 7 and 8, announced they'd like to sing with their grandparents.

Still, "for the most part, I would not say that we'll be reaching the young people. I would say from our age on up would be the largest percentage. People that love the old Southern gospel songs," Joan Cox, 55, said.

"I really want to see those younger ones," she said.

Monday, August 2, 1988

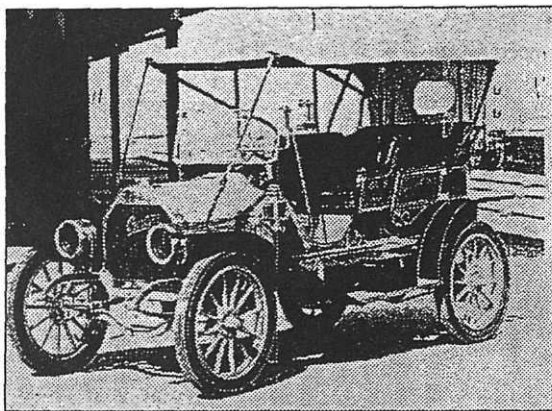
THE DAILY OKLAHOMAN

Bill and Joan Cox sing gospel for youth

APPENDICES



### APPENDIX 3: DAD'S 1909 OVERLAND



The original owner of this "horseless carriage" paid \$1000 in gold for it in 1909. In 1944, Marvin W. Cox became the second owner of the beauty. He bought it from one of his wife's cousins, and kept it until 1950.

During the six years of Cox ownership, the car was used for publicity stunts for the Cox family grocery store and was a fixture in the annual 89'er Parade in Oklahoma City.

Then in 1965, the Willys-Overland passed into the hands of Eugene W. Jones. Twenty years later, Jones published his account of the car's history. His article, "The Solid Gold Overland," appeared in the May-June 1985 issue of *Antique Automobile*.

We have included a few excerpts on the next page. We have also included correspondence from Mr. Jones on the subject of this fine automobile.



This story began in 1909 when my Overland touring tonneau was built in Indianapolis, Indiana by the Willys-Overland Company. [...]

My own role in the story began in the Texas Panhandle in July 1965. [...] My wife and I drove to Borger and saw the Overland [in a showroom] With noses to the glass, we gazed at it like children looking through a bakery window. [...] It was all black. The top was up and ragged. This and the 25-inch wheels with 34 x 4 ½ tires made it seem very tall. The black flat fenders stood out straight in front and back. The big brass radiator had no Overland nameplate, but the cap with a hinged lid was the unmistakable mark of the Overland. On top of the brass headlights was the Overland script. No sidelights were mounted on the brackets, and it was learned later that the original lights had been stolen. [...]

Restoration, as far as it went on this first try, was completed about six months before we moved to San Angelo in December 1968. Each year thereafter in San Angelo, the Overland has [been in] the annual Homecoming parade. In 1975 the Overland led in the annual San Angelo Rodeo Parade with my brother, "Grandpa" Jones of the Grand Ole Opry and the "Hee Haw" television show, in the rear seat.

During the restoration period in Plainview we discovered an old license certificate stuck inside the leather pocket of one of the rear doors. To retrieve it, a portion of the leather had to be cut away. It proved, however, to be a treasure of information. On a 3 x 5 inch paper form was typed the name and address of the owner and the name, model, style, and horsepower of the car. Date of issuance was July 6, 1914; the license number issued was 4705; and the owner was J. V. Bollinger, R.F.D. 4, Fort Scott, Kansas. For some unexplainable reason, no immediate response was made to this important bit of information. Then in January 1978 I wrote to the Chamber of Commerce in Fort Scott and asked for the names of any Bollingers in the telephone directory. The Chamber responded with six names. I wrote to residents at each of these addresses and requested information on the family of J. V. Bollinger. A month later came a letter from his daughter, Mrs. Ruth M. Goodbody, who lived on the family farm and in the house that her father built in 1918. She included a 1909 photo of her father and his family in the Overland. Also included in the letter was a recent color photo of the old garage, still standing, that housed the Overland as long as it remained in the possession of the Bollinger family. She explained in a subsequent letter that her father bought the car in 1909 in Fort Scott and paid \$1000 in gold for it. An older sister who remembered the purchase believed there was no bill of sale issued. The car remained with the family and on the farm until after her father's death.

Mrs. Goodbody stated that it was the second car owned in Bourbon County. Her father died in 1939 and the Overland was sold in the mid-1940s to her husband's cousin, Marvin Cox of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mr. Cox used it to advertise his grocery store. This accounted for the word's "Cox Grocery" painted on when I bought the car. Later I obtained a copy of transfer of title from Marvin Cox to S. H. Staten in 1950 and another transfer of title from S. H. State to E. D. Speegle in June 1965. So there has been a total of five owners of the Overland including the original and present owners.

In 1982 the Overland received its second restoration. [...] Undercarriage, wheels, and body were painted "lipstick" red; fenders were repainted black. It now has only two colors instead of three. From all this history of one 1909 automobile, the most outstanding feature to me is the original payment in gold.

*Antique Automobile, May-June 1985*



This is the first letter from Mr. Jones<sup>49</sup> to Marvin W. Cox concerning his 1909 Willys-Overland automobile.

2-11-80  
2806 Chatterton Drive  
San Angelo, Texas 76901

Dear Mr. Cox:

I have been intending to write to you for a long time. I am the owner of the 1909 Overland auto that you bought from the Bollinger family (or John Goodbody) some years ago. I bought the car in 1965 from E.D. Speagle of Borger, Texas. He purchased it from S. H. Staten in June of the same year. So there have been five owners!

1. J. V. Bollinger (1909-1944)
2. Marvin Cox (1944-1950)
3. E. H. Staten (1950-1965)
4. E. D. Speagle (1965)
5. E. W. Jones (1965 to present)

I have been in correspondence with Mrs. John Goodbody (Ruth Bollinger) who gave me a lot of information about the car and a 1909 picture of her father in the car. She gave me your address and I have been intending to write to you about the Overland for some time.

I have enclosed two pictures of the car as it is today. I repainted it as you can see. Do you have any pictures of the car taken while you owned it? I would greatly appreciate hearing from you. If you have any pictures or other material on the car I would appreciate your loaning them to me. I could then reproduce them and return the originals to you if you wished.

I have not heard from Mrs. Goodbody since March 1978. Does she still live at the old home place? Her husband was placed in a nursing home at that time. Is he still living?

I would greatly appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

Eugene W. Jones

<sup>49</sup> The answer to Mr. Jones's question is Velma Ann Goodbody died Sept. 16, 1981 and John Ellsworth Goodbody died July 4, 1983. Both were buried in St. Mary's Cemetery, Fort Scott, Kansas.



This second letter from Eugene Jones was addressed to Ken Cox. It was handwritten, but appears here in type for readers' convenience. The Grandpa Jones that he refers to was the well-known star of the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee.

8/13/90

Dear Mr. Cox:

It was a great pleasure to hear from you. I want to thank you for remembering me, for sending the pictures of the Overland, and for bringing me up to date on the folks that I corresponded with.

In response to your request for information on the Overland, I am enclosing here a copy of an article I wrote for the Antique Automobile which is the official journal of the AACA. The article was published in the May-June 1985 issue. It contains a picture of my brother, Grandpa Jones of "Hee-Haw" sitting in the Overland before I restored it. A little bit later, I will send you some photos of the car after restoration.

I bought it in Borger, Texas about 1965 when I lived in Plainview, Texas. I restored it there and then restored it a second time after coming here to San Angelo.

Much to my sorrow, I sold the Overland to Dennis Milstein in Philadelphia. That was about three years ago. However, I am trying to get back in touch with him to see if he will consider selling it back to me.

I will be out of the state during the remainder of August. On my return, I will locate other photos and news articles and send them to you.

Sincerely,

Eugene W. Jones





## **APPENDIX 4: ADDRESSES FOR COX FAMILY HISTORIANS**

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John Mutchler Cox, 10511 E. Sunnywood, Tucson, AZ 85749  
Telephone: (520) 749-0588; e-mail: jcox@azstarnet.com

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