

J E H U C O X (33) J O U R N A L

The Cox family connections beyond Solomon Cox, father of Joseph Cox, are based on the Journal of Jehu Cox, a first cousin of Joseph. The Journal was written in Jehu Cox's declining years, primarily for religious purposes in keeping with the beliefs of the Mormons, and it is now in the possession of the David A. Richardson family of Salt Lake City, Utah, descendants of the Jehu Cox branch of the family.

The original journal is written in old-fashioned script longhand. It is thought that it was written about 1877, when Jehu was 74 years old. In order to make the diary a bit easier to read present day spelling and punctuation have been substituted where needed. The meaning has not been changed in any way, but in cases where subject matter and words did not seem to be clear they have been enclosed in parentheses. The Journal follows:

"Jehu Cox, history of my forefathers to the best of my memory. My great grandfather, his name was Solomon Cox, he lived in the state of Pennsylvania when my grandfather was born. My grandfather was the youngest of fifteen children, and his name was Solomon after his father. My grandfather married Amy Hussey and lived in Virginia, and raised a family of 10 children (and the first child) and the last died with her tenth child; her name was Mary, she married a man his name was Thomas Mahan. My grandfather's family was 5 sons and 5 daughters. My uncle's names were Solomon and Absalom and Christopher and Thomas, who is my father, and Steven. My aunt's names were Martha and Amy and Mary and Ruthy, the other I have forgot. (Ann.)

"Jehu Cox, the son of Thomas Cox, was born in the state of Kentucky, Knox County, September the 5th, 1803. When I was three weeks old my father moved to Green River in the state of Kentucky, and when I was 9 months old my right hand was burnt, and when I was 6 years old in the year 1809, my father moved to the state of Ohio, to Salt Creek which runs in to the Scioto, then called Ross County, 24 miles east of Chillicothe. When I was 11 years old I lived with my grandfather Solomon Cox 3 years and when I was 15 years old in 1818 my father moved to the state of Indiana, Monroe County, Bloomington the county seat. In 1820 father moved 12 miles east of Bloomington on Salt Creek, the waters of (Wabash) river, and there I got acquainted with Sarah Pyle and we was married January 13, 1824.

"Here I made a farm and we lived 4 years and we had 3 children- Rosannah, Edward and Thomas. Edward and Thomas died and we were sick every year and we thought that we would move, so in December 1827 we moved to Wabash, Warren County, Indiana, where Henderson Cox was born November the 6th, 1829, and in 1830 (we) moved with my father-in-law to Vermillion River, Vermillion County, state of Illinois, where we were all sick. Here we made a farm and raised a crop. Here was the milk sickness and I lost while at this place 5 head of horses and a good many cattle. And in 1831 (we) moved to Indiana, Putnam County, Greencastle the county seat, and bought 80 acres of land and opened a farm in the heaviest of timber and lived here 4 years where I had my health but my wife was sick most of the time. Here Sarah Cox was born February 28, 1832, and Mary Jane Cox was born September 19, 1833, and Elias Cox was born January 15, 1835.

"I told my wife that we would move until we could find a healthy place, so we started in 1835 and went to the state of Missouri on the

Ozark Mountain in Crawford County where (we made) a farm and we all had good health, and here Rachel Cox was born March 17, 1836, and Jehu Cox was born June 15, 1837, and here Isiah Cox was born May 18, 183

"We embraced Mormonism. I was baptized on January 12, 1838 by Benjamin Clapp and your mother was baptized in February 1838 by Isaac Allread, and I was ordained elder under the hands of Benjamin Clapp and Isaac Allread, and in November, 1839, we moved to Adams County, Illinois, below Quincy, where I raised two crops, and here Lucency Cox was born in Adams County, Illinois, December 21, 1842, and was blest by Joseph Fielding, and when we were coming up Platte River to the (Valley) she was run over with a wagon and died June 15, 1848.

"Then I moved to Hancock County, Illinois, within three miles of Nauvoo, where Emmy Cox was born June 16, 1844, and here Nephi Cox was born in Hancock, Illinois, March 20, 1846, and was blest by Joseph Fielding, and died April 29, 1846.

"And here we lived 4 years, and in May the 20th, 1846, we left Nauvoo and came to (Pishey) and planted some corn, and then word came for all that wanted to come to the bluffs on the Missouri River and there the Mormon battallon was made up and Henderson Cox went in the Mormon battallon and in July 22, 1846 we stayed at what was called the point on the east of the Missouri River until the spring of 1847, and then moved to the west of the river 7 miles above winter quarters and made a crop and Br. Campbell's farm and here Joshua Cox was born in the Omaha country 7 miles above winter quarters, July 14, 1847, and died the same day.

"In the spring of 1848 we started for the mountains, we left the farms the 28th of April and went to winter quarters, and stayed there until the 18th of May and then went to the Horn River and stopped there until the 7th of June and then started up the (Platte River?) and about the 10th was appointed Captain of 10 in Br. (Haraman's) company by Br. Heber (Embel) and we landed where Salt Lake City now stands September 24, 1848.

"My ordinations: I was ordained elder by Benjamin Clapp and Isaac Allread February 1838, and was ordained a (saint) by Benjamin Clapp and Daniel D. Hunt January 18, 1851, and I was ordained a high priest and counselor to Silas Richards by Edward Hunter and Willard Snow and Daniel Spencer, and since I have lived in (Sanpet Co.) at Fairview, I have been counselor to three bishops: James Jones and Andrew Peterson and Amasa Fulker, and am president of the high priest forum in Fairview, and am vice president of the United Order in Fairview (Utah).

"I have two great uncles by the names of Christopher Hussey and Stephen Hussey. If you should hear the name of Hussey you can inquire. They lived in Virginia. Keep inquiring for all of our relations for they will come on after while and will want to find their friends. Here are some of my cousins, I want work done for them: James Johnson, Alfred Johnson, Sadie Johnson, (her work is done) Carnils Cox * and his wife, Katy Jackson, William Cox and his wife Lottie Jackson, John King and Delilia Cox his wife. These were all born in the United States, some older than I am and some 4 years younger. The youngest is 84 now, Geo. Foldwell and Amy Cox his wife."

The above concludes the Journal, but there are some additional notes which appear to be records of the Mormon Church. They are in two different scripts, one of which is Jehu's, and the other is not known, as follows:

"Jehu Cox attended to the sealing (ordnance?) for my grandfather and grandmother Solomon Cox and Amy Hussey Cox - and my father and mother Thomas Cox and Rachel Carr Cox, and my uncle Samuel Cox and Martha Cox; and have been baptized for my brother Solomon Cox and my uncle Solomon Cox and uncle Absolom Cox and uncle Christopher Cox and uncle Stephen Cox and my grandfather Thomas Carr and uncle Benjamin Carr and uncle Thomas Carr."

"Sealing:

Joseph Cox and Amy Baker Cox.
Thomas Ellison and Aled Cox Ellison.
William Wilshan and Michael Cox. * *
Isaac Dixon and Rebecky Cox."

* Believed to be Cornelius Cox.
* * Believed to be William Wilkerson and
Michele Cox Wilkerson.