

The Cox family in America

**A HISTORY AND GENEALOGY OF THE OLDER
BRANCHES OF THE FAMILY FROM THE APPEARANCE
OF ITS FIRST REPRESENTATIVE IN
THIS COUNTRY IN 1610**

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RICHARD COX, OF CHESTER COUNTY.

FIRST GENERATION.

RICHARD¹ COX,—probably a son of John and Rachel, of New Castle Co., Delaware; emigrated, with his parents, from England, 1708; certificate granted him, 2, 5, 1712, from Newark, Del., Monthly Meeting of Friends, to Gwynedd, Pa., in order to his marriage with Margaret Potts; accepted 3, 26, 1712; his wife, a daughter of Jane Potts, a native of Wales, whose husband had died on the voyage from England, she arriving in Philadelphia by a later ship, to find herself a widow with four daughters. She settled in Germantown and is said to have supported her family by the practice of medicine, having brought a diploma from England.

The minutes of Kennett Monthly Meeting, Apr. 6, 1713, refer to the removal of Richard Cox and family to West Jersey; certificate given them to Crosswicks, now Chesterfield, N. J.; Richard and Margaret Cox, present at the double wedding of the two daughters of Jonas Potts, Perkiomen, Pa., 1719; Margaret, probably a cousin of the brides, referred to as an acceptable minister among the Friends. Richard Cox, again a member of Kenneth Monthly Meeting, 1728; transferred, that year, to North Wales, (Gwynedd), having removed to Pa.; his home thereafter in Chester Co., where he died, in Vincent Tp., about 1762; after the death of his first wife, he m. (2) Mary ———; two daughters of the second marriage; children: first marriage—*i. Anna*, b. 8, 29, 1713; *ii. Sarah*, b. 4, 26, 1715; *iii. Richard*, b. 2, 17, 1718; *iv. Jonathan*, b. 6, 11, 1720; *v. Joseph*, *vi. Benjamin*, *vii. John*, b. 8, 9, 1725; second marriage—*viii. Elizabeth*, m. William Page; *ix. Mary*, m. Jonathan Potts.

SECOND GENERATION.

*v. JOSEPH*² COX,—(Richard¹),—b. 4, 26, 1723; d. 7, 17, 1814; m. Catharine Watson, b. 6, 27, 1722, d. 11, 19, 1773; lived, Vincent Tp. 1754-72, then removed to Willistown; children: *i. Hannah*, b. 2, 2, 1746, d. 5, 11, 1747; *ii. Hannah*, b. 9, 6, 1747, d. 10, 1, 1747; *iii. Mary*, b. 9, 8, 1748, d. 7, 4, 1754; *iv. William*, b. 8, 14, 1750, d. 8, 23, 1750; *v. Hannah*, b. 10, 5, 1751, m. John Townsend; *vi. Margaret*, b. 1, 6, 1753, d. 4, 8, 1813, unm.; *vii. Benjamin*, b. 2, 7, 1756, d. 5, 2, 1757; *viii. Benjamin*, *ix. Richard*, *x. Elizabeth*.

*vi. BENJAMIN*² COX, (Richard¹),—Upper Providence, Philadelphia Co.; twin brother of Joseph; b. 4, 26, 1723; d. 1772; m. Elizabeth, b. 1724, d. 1792, sister of Catharine, his brother's wife, and daughter of William and Hannah Watson, from England, who settled in Bristol, Bucks Co., just before marriage. Hannah Watson, née Cullamore, related by marriage to the Penn family; children: *i. Richard*, b. 7, 4, 1746, d. young; *ii. Margaret*, b. 7, 19, 1747, d. 2, 11, 1789, unm.; *iii. Jonathan*, b. 10, 31, 1749, d. 5, 12, 1813,

THOMAS COX, OF LONDON GROVE.

FIRST GENERATION.

THOMAS¹ COX,—yeoman, of London Grove, Chester Co., perhaps a son of John and Rachel Cox, of New Castle Co., Del.: bought 150 acres of land in London Grove, of Tobias Collett and Co., or the London Company, Mar. 14, 1722; m. (1) 9 mo. 2, 1722, Elizabeth, daughter of John and Martha (Taylor) Fincher, at Friends' Meeting, London Grove, (2) 1730, "with License by ye priest," Mary, daughter of Peter and Elinor (Normand) Cooke; sold property in Chester Co., 1733, and removed with his family, "over the Susquehanna," to what is now York Co., where he was granted a tract of 200 acres on which he settled; owned other land in the same county; a witness at the first Friends' marriage in York Co., 5 mo. 29, 1740, and again, at the marriage of his daughter, Rebecca," at ye house of William Garretson." in Warrington, 22d of 8 mo., 1740; removed, about 1759, with his wife and younger children to North Carolina; perhaps a brother of John Cox, also of York Co., whose descendants are numerous in North Carolina. (See Thomas Cox, of Wayne Co., N. C.); children: first marriage—*i. Rebecca*, *ii. Isaac*, *iii. Elizabeth*; second marriage—*iv. Mary*, *v. Peter*, *vi. Harmon* (?) and others.

SECOND GENERATION.

CHILDREN OF THOMAS¹ COX AND ELIZABETH FINCHER

i. REBECCA² COX, (Thomas¹),—m. Warrington, 8, 20, 1740, James Frazier. Among those who signed the marriage certificate were Ann Cox, Thomas Cocks, Mary Cocks, Isaac Cox and John Cox.

ii. ISAAC² COX,—m. Warrington Meeting, 9, 27, 1746, Olive Underwood; removed to N. C.; perhaps the same Isaac Cox of N. C. who m. Elizabeth Marley, who may have been a second wife. (See N. C. Genealogies).

iii. ELIZABETH³ COX,—m. 5, 14, 1754, David Jenkins; removed to N. C. 1756.

vi. HARMON² COX,—perhaps a son of Thomas¹, by his second wife; at least from the same neighborhood and nearly related; m. 1745, Jane Johns and removed, 1751, with his cousin, Benjamin² Cox, (John¹), to Randolph Co., N. C.; children: *i. William*, *ii. Rebecca*, m. Benjamin³ Cox, (Benjamin²), q. v.; *iii. Hannah*, m. Samuel Allen; children, (1) Amy, (2) John, (3) Hannah, (4) Phebe, (5) Rebecca, (6) Mary, (7) Ann; *iv. Thomas*, *v. Harmon*, m. Catharine Cox, daughter, Hannah; *vi. Jane*, m. Henry Branson; children: (1) Mary, (2) Nathan, (3) Jane, (4) Lydia, (5) Henry, (6) Abner; *vii. Nathan*, *viii. Jacob*.

JOHN COX, OF WARRINGTON.

FIRST GENERATION.

JOHN¹ COX,—one of the early settlers at Warrington, now in Huntington Tp., York Co., probably a brother of Thomas Cox, who removed from Chester Co., to the same neighborhood, 1733; present 1740, at the marriage of Rebecca Cox, (daughter of Thomas), and James Frazier, at the house of William Garretson. Nearly all of the early Friends' marriages in that locality, however, were celebrated at the house of John Cox, prior to the establishment of the Huntington Meeting in 1750. Nothing is positively known as to his parentage, but he is believed to have been a son of John and Rachel Cox, of New Castle Co., Del., m. Mary ———, perhaps the Mary Cox, daughter of Moses and Margaret Harlan, mentioned in the will of Moses Harlan, of Menallen Tp., 10, 10, 1747; children: *i. Sarah, ii. Benjamin, iii. William (?), iv. Samuel, v. Naomi, vi. Joseph (?), vii. Hannah (?), viii. Jacob, ix. Dinah*,—the two last named in the will of their grandfather, above referred to.

SECOND GENERATION.

CHILDREN OF JOHN¹ COX AND MARY (?) HARLAN.

i. SARAH² COX, (John),—b. about 1721; m. Nicholas, son of William Wierman, of Huntington, 8, 24, 1745. Among the signers of the marriage certificate, were Joseph, Hannah, Naomi, John, Thomas, William, Samuel, Ann, and Benjamin Cox, and Martha, Naomi, Mary and Joseph Garretson; children: *i. William, ii. Benjamin, iii. Phebe, iv. Nicholas*, b. 1756, d. 1839, m. Lydia, daughter of John Griest—nine children.

ii. BENJAMIN² COX,—b. about 1723; m. after 1745, Martha, daughter of John Garretson; removed, 1751, with his cousin, Harmon Cox, to Randolph Co., N. C.; children: *i. Benjamin, ii. John, iii. Joseph, iv. Ruth, v. William, vi. Amy, vii. Jeremiah*.

iii. WILLIAM² COX,—supposed to have been a son of John¹; b. about 1725; m. Naomi Garretson; son, *Joshua*, m. 1787. Amy Wierman, b. 3, 14, 1765, and removed with his family to the West.

iv. SAMUEL² COX,—b. 1727; d. about 1796; m. at Huntington, 8, 22, 1747, Hannah, b. 1727, daughter of William and Gertrude Wierman; certificate granted him and his family, to Cane Creek Monthly Meeting, N. C., 8, 20, 1757. Samuel Cox and wife, Hannah, conveyed land in York Co., Pa., Apr. 1768. There were several Cox families at Cane Creek, but it was probably this Samuel Cox and his sons, Herman and Samuel, who were disowned by the Monthly Meeting, in 1771, for joining the "Regulators." In the same year, "denials" were published "against Benjamin and James Underwood, Joshua Dixon, Isaac Cox, Samuel Cox and his two sons, Herman and Samuel." (See, *Southern Quakers and Slavery*, by Stephen B. Weeks). The term "Regulators" appears to have been applied to a