

The Cox men were among the first men to join the regulators and the first battle of the Revolutionary War May 16, 1771 was fought ten miles from the Cox family farms. When Gov. Tryon led the militia against the regulators along the Alamance River, at the next Quaker meeting the Cox men which included several of John III sons were disowned because the Quakers didn't believe in fighting. These skirmishes caused the former Quakers to join the Patriots against the Crown when the Rev. War really began in 1775. Records show that the Whig and Tory troops camped at the Cox's Mill and several Cox families were abused and their homes burned by the Tories. By 1779 the devastation caused by the war was caused many Cox's to move to Virginia in Grayson and Carroll Counties. The families of Soloman Cox and Christopher Hussey Jr. settled along Wilson and Fox Creek branches of the New River now in Western Grayson Co. Our family history shows these two families stayed close and intertwined for the next 150 years throughout a number of states.

Our Great Great Grandfather Christopher Cox and Thomas Issac Cox were brothers. Mary Alnora Cox has this to tell about her Great Great Grandfather Issac Cox family. She married the Son of Margret Cox, Drennan who was Christopher and Hannah's Granddaughter - Carnilis and Katy's daughter. She was born in 1899 to James Madison Cox and he and two of his brothers were killed in gun fights. The first was Andy Cox. He was killed at Lucy's Creek near Lampasas on his way home from winning a horse race in Lampasas in 1890. He was shot and robbed. His Brother Tom was a goat and sheep inspector in 1913. There was a new law that the ranchers had to dip their sheep for Scabies. One cold December day when inspecting a man named Etheridge's sheep he discovered Scabies. Since the man had been warned several times, before Tom could get up from a squat, Etheridge jumped up and started shooting. He was shot several times. He had on a suit, coat, vest, sweater and overcoat and because of all the clothes, Tom could not reach his gun. He managed to get to his buggy and untie his horses but they bolted and ran off. Etheridge's men took him to the Doctor. He died at sunrise the next day.

Nora and her family had driven all night in a hack and it was pouring rain and so dark even with a lantern tied to the tongue of the hack they had to let the horses pick their own way from Menard to Lampasas. He had died just before they got there. Tom and James were expert fiddlers and the family still has their fiddle.

Alnora's Father was shot in front of the whole family. They moved in 1913 to New Mexico to live near Kinfolks named Van Winkle, Parkers, and Potters. They made a big crop in 1914 and her father traded a team of mules for enough lumber to build his family a house, he gave the man the mules but when he went to collect the wood with his family and two wagons the man hid and shot him. He died in Nora's arms.

Nora was living in Aspermont nursing home at the time she wrote this.

By Winnie Hatley 1992

The Van Winkles, Parkers & Potters are related to my husband. Maynard Hatley.

Have some on Van Winkles & Parkers but very little on Potters.

My husband's Great Grandmother was Alveda Annast Van Winkle - Sister to Elizabeth T. Betty Van Winkle ^{Cox} - wife of James Christopher Cox.

Also Rebecca Hatley - married John Van Winkle - Mother to Duda Van Winkle Hatley.

So they are all mixed up. ha.
This is on my husband's side of the Cox - not real blood kin. I suppose