

Assassination of Andy Cox

At about half past nine o'clock last Saturday night. Andy Cox was waylaid and shot from ambush. He was in Lampasas all day Saturday attending to business. He left town about half past eight o'clock for his home on Lucy Creek seven miles from town. Little did he dream as he traveled along that road the terrible fate awaited him. It was a bright moonlight night and an object could be distinguished a long distance. He had climbed 'the four mile hill' as it is called when he was fired upon and shot. The parties who did the shooting were concealed in the extreme south end of a live oak thicket. They could see their victim for more than a half mile as he came riding down the road going right into the very jaws of death. When he got just opposite them and not more than fifteen feet from the muzzle of their guns they opened fire on him. He was shot twice, one ball entering near the stomach coming out under the shoulder. The second ball, penetrating the back, lodging near the breast. His horse became excited and ran down the road with him. He rode on a distance of three miles, crossed Lucy Creek, and got to the north bank, when he became so blind and exhausted that he climbed down from his horse and had strength enough left to make his folks hear his dying calls a distance of three hundred yards. His family and relatives came to his assistance, placed him on a litter and carried him to the house. Dr. King was immediately summoned but after examining the wounds pronounced them fatal. He said he was not afraid to die, and when he was told there was no chance for him he took it quietly and calmly, saying he was not afraid to go. He lived until eight o'clock the next morning, when his soul took its everlasting flight into the world beyond. He leaves an old mother, a broken-hearted wife and four little children to suffer and mourn the loss. C. F. Greenwood held an inquest Monday and the deceased was buried late Monday evening."

Uncle Andy is buried at Rumbley in Lampasas County, with only a rock as a headstone. * RUMBLEY - Rock Church Cem. Now a marker - put down in 1995

SAMUEL ANDREW 'ANDY' COX 3 May 1862 - 24 Dec 1890 -
son of JAMES CHRISTOPHER COX & wife #2 ELIZABETH
VAN WINKLE - MARRIED 29 Dec 1881 MARY E. 'MELLY'
GREER 14 May 1860 - 29 Feb 1908 daughter of JAMES
GREER & AMANDA STEWART⁰³ - children were DELLA,
THOMAS W., ALICE 'ALLIE' & JAMES WILSON COX
