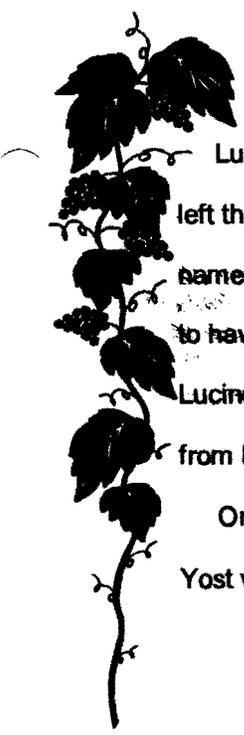


In 1882, William Jasper Cox and Lucinda Ellizabeth Cox were raising their family on the family farm near Lone, Arkansas. It was in March of that year that their lives and the lives of others were abruptly changed.

William and Lucinda were good Christians who had given a helping hand to a young man and his family until they could get on their feet. After a while, the family moved to the farm next to theirs. For some reason, this fellow would let his cattle get into William Jaspers fields. He had warned the fellow that the next time the cattle were found on his place, he would put them in his lot, and he would have to pay 25 cents a head to get them back. This angered the fellow, and he said he would kill William if he did. Well-- it happened, the cattle were in the field again, and William locked them up.

The next day or so, William Jasper was in his field, plowing and this fellow came out of the woods with a stick over his shoulder. William saw him move it down as if to shoot, so he thought it was a gun. (It was common to carry rifles to kill wild animals or deer for food). William Jasper shot the fellow, recalling the fellows threat and reacting in self defense. Rather than take the chance that people would not believe the events, he left Arkansas that very night. His plight took him back to Texas where his family lived when he was a child. William Jaspers path led to Parker County, Texas where he found some land to farm.

Lucinda left their family farm near Lone, Arkansas sometime in 1882, as she was expecting a child in April of that year,. William Jaspers father, Joseph King Cox loaded her and the six children in a wagon at midnight and set out for Texas . They had planned to meet in the Wagon Yard in Ft. Worth. William and Lucinda left behind his family and hers never to see or hear from them again. William Jasper Cox and Lucinda Elizabeth Cox changed their names to Charlie King Cox and Ethel Cox for fear of being traced. William Jasper even changed his birthdate to 1841, some 9 years before his was really born. This is all on record in Texas and even his tombstone reflects the erroneous date.



Lucinda's and Williams family often thought of the brother and sister who abruptly left their lives. It shows up in the names of their children. Three of Williams siblings named a son William after he left Arkansas. Frances Marion, his twin brother, was said to have stated he would swim across a river to see his twin brother, Willile again. Lucinda's sister, Mary Frances was said to ask her father frequently if he ever heard from Lucy.

On the next two pages are affidavits of the above events. The story from Corella Yost was copied from their family bible.

State of Arkansas } In Justice Court
County of Scott } J. W. McCutchen

The State of Arkansas }
To any Sheriff

Coroner Constable Jailor Marshal or Police
of the State of Arkansas

of appearing that there is Reasonable
Grounds for Believing that William
Cox has committed the offence of
Murder in the County of Scott are therefore
Commanded forthwith to arrest the
said William Cox and bring him before
some Magistrate of Scott County to be
dealt with according to Law
Given under my hand this 27th day of
March 1882

C. W. McCutchen J.P.

John Brigance is hereby authorized to
execute the within Warrant.

family Bible. + now owned by Benny Bregance at J. L. Beck Co. Benny sent me the copy. He is a Cousin of my Dad. Sam Yast.

This was also told by Sam Yast cousin. It was their Grandfather William Jasper Cox was an uncle of Cordella Cox Yast. He killed this man in what he thought was self defence. They had trouble before because the fellow would not keep his cows out of uncle Willie's field. Uncle Willie told him if he didn't he would put them up in a lot + he would have to pay him 25¢ per head to get them out. The next time uncle Willie did put them up + the man said he would kill uncle Willie. So uncle Willie was ploughing in his field + this fellow came out of the woods with a stick over his shoulder + uncle Willie saw him move it down, + he thought it was a gun. He took gun to the field + he for Wild Animals - "a deer to eat" or a Bear - uncle Willie shot the fellow + left him that night. His father brought his family later to meet him at the Wagon yard in Ft. Worth Texas. They never saw him again - He raised his family in Texas + in the 1880s his children contacted their Cousins through the see in Bonaville Ark. I met a grandson at San Antonio Texas + from told this story too.

This feud had been going on for a year or so. My mom died at the age of 87 + never knew where her Grandfather was her uncle Willie's family. Uncle Willie's grandson told us where they were. D.V.H.

John H. Bregance
John H. Bregance had was to send Uncle Willie Cox
I would not have needed my
gun as was a
grandson