

1992 - by Wynne Hatley
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Joe B. Cox - 87 yrs old.

(Joe B. Cox) son of Francis Marion Cox
B Aug 18 - 1871 D Oct 10 - 1947. He was the
youngest child of Pleasant + Martha Jane
Bybee Cox. He is buried in Oak Hill Cem.
Lampasas Tx.

Francis Marion married Lola Pearl Simms
June 28 - 1902. B Aug. 31 - 1879 Grayland Tx.
died age 77. buried at Oak Hill Cemetery.

(Joe B Cox) grew up on the Pleasant Cox
Farm about 2 mi. from the Old Cox Cemetery.
He says he remembers it well.

This is a copy of his letter to me -
(Old Cox Cemetery) questions I ask him.

Army Bean was buried in the hole
iron pen. I don't sure if she was related
but think she may be. She should
have a headstone, as he saw it a
few years ago. (None there now)

His brother John Cox took care of the
matters when the concrete slab + picnic
table were put in the Cemetery. + the
Cemetery was fenced. He lost his health
+ past away 3 yrs ago - my oldest brother
Ernest Cox is not able to do any thing.

He never married + now lives in an
apartment in Lometa Tx.

I have been disabled with a heart
condition, it is better now, but I am
87 yrs old. My 86 yrs old wife is in a
nursing home.

I live by myself.

This is what Joe Cox told us when we visited him
in 1992. by Wynne Hatley + Lorraine Maynard Hatley

In regard to the Old Fort as the Old people called it. I spent some time looking for information on it, but didn't find anything.

I was around the remains some when I was a boy. My parents moved away when I was 15 yrs old.

The Old fort was mostly gone. Only a little of it was left, just a few logs & several large flat rocks from the Creek. The Old trenches that the logs stood in were partly filled with dirt, leaves, & any other trash.

According to the Old people that I heard talk, people had lived in the Old fort, & in the old "nest house" also. He thought some one by the name of West may have built it. He wasn't sure of that. He told us this when we visited him.

I remember the Old nest house well. It was a few yds. south of the Old fort. I will tell you how it was built. Then you will have an idea how the Old fort may have been built. Trenches the shape of the building were dug about 3 ft wide & 3 ft deep or deeper - except where the entrance door would be. Logs about 15" in diameter were stood upright inside the trenches. The logs were 8 or 10 ft long.

A window was made in the back of the house, after the logs were placed. The open space between the logs & the outside of the trunk were covered with large flat rocks from the Creek (Lacy Creek). Any openings between the upright logs were filled with available material that was around.

The old house was covered with planks about a foot wide - cross way.

I don't remember about the roof - it was torn down when I was 10 yrs old.

When we visited him in Aug 92 he said the old west house was torn down about 1915 by Dick Wooten & moved away. This Dick Wooten came in & bought up a lot of land. He thought the old west house was built in 1806.

The old fort was about 100 yds S.W. of the Coy Cemetery.

The old west house was down below the fort - not too far from it. The fort was between old west house & Cemetery.

He said there was a little rock house not very big, green up in brush -

He would ask his father what it was & he would say (just an old store)

He found out later it was the Long Meadow

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Trading post. It was close to the Creek.
A few yds back up from the rock
house was an old dug well about 25 ft deep
Close by there was a lot of bare ground
with a lot of colored broken glass.
The trading post was about 40 yds.
from the Creek.

Andy Cox the horse racer & gambler
that was killed in 1890 on Lucy Creek
on his way home, was a cousin to
Joe Cox. He said his father often
remarked when they passed certain
clump of brush - "This is where
the man or men hid & shot Andy Cox."
He is buried at Rock Church Cemetery.
(The Old Cox Cemetery) was known
as the Long Meadow Cemetery until
about 1839 when it was changed to
the name of Cox.

He says his grandfather Pleasant Cox
was in Round Rock in 1883 buying
lumber for his house when Sam
Bass was killed there.

He says Martha Jane was paralyzed
when she grew older & his mother
took care of her. His mother was
sick all the time also.

He said they were as poor as snakes
& Jim folks & friends of Martha Jane
would come to see them & would not
bring any food & some times they for

several days - It was sure hard on
his mother to feed them, + they lived
in a very small house.

It's the one used for a barn on the
Harold Barton farm now.

They built a little room on it for
milk cans.

(Mildred Path from Lometa Tex)

(Mildred says her grandmother Amy
Cox was the daughter of Pleasant
Cox)

Amy married Alexander Graton Clark
He came from Gary Ind. in 1865 with
a surveying crew - His father came to
Texas in 1890 + is buried in the Old Cox
Cemetery. (Noah Proin Clark).

A. G. + Amy Clark had 12 children -