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Mrs. A.K. Krause Nee- Sophronia Brown
Line Kilm Road
San Marcos, Texas

Dear Mrs. Krause:

Some of the descendants of the Cox family in Texas; namely- Arlee Gowen, 3413-20th St. Lubbock, Texas; William Ernest Cox, Rt. 1, Lometa, Texas; Mrs. Roberta Mc Cormick Smith of Bertram, Texas and others, are gathering data for the purpose of some sort of a publication regarding the family.

It has been suggested that you could possibly assist in the whereabouts of some of the members of the family of Uncle Ben Cox, who formerly resided near Kemmer in Lampasas County, Texas.

Should you have any knowledge of any of the descendants of Uncle Ben and should you care to forward such information to William E. Cox of Rt. 1, Lometa, Texas or to any one of the above chroniclers, I am sure that they would be deeply grateful to you.

I recall having asked you about Kate, Tot and some of the others some years ago, and it seems that you did at that time know something of them.

Sincerely yours,
John T. Cox
John T. Cox
San Marcos, Texas

cc: William E. Cox
Roberta Mc Cormick Smith
Arlee Gowen

Roberta)
Arlee, Ernest) If you do not get a response from
Sophronia---Mrs. Krause, write her
Personally, due to different political faiths, she and I have never been very cordial with each other- no particular differences except that down through the years as our paths have crossed rather frequently, we were in opposite camps either in civic or political thinking.

I trust that as you "dig up" the skeletons in the Cox family closets through the past 140 years in Texas that you will be able to more clearly understand why some of us have have come to be "utter non-conformist to the complete chagrin of some members of the family.

Sincerely, John T. Cox
- A STATE LICENSED CHILD WELFARE INSTITUTION.

Dear Ernest & Arlee :

I feel that possibly you are overlooking a good bet by not invading the States of New Mexico and Arizona for some very interesting stories. When I was in Roswell, New Mexico in the late 1920's , I found a number of people who still remembered Uncle Jim Cox and his son Bill--- Of course it is a known fact that Uncle Jim-hauled Uncle Blue or Gentle Bluford out of Texas in a Wagon- Under a load of Hides- It is also a matter of known facts that Uncle Jim, stayed in New Mexico and Arizona for quite some time due to the fact that he was a bit apprehensive of the consequences-should it become known that,he had assisted a fugitive from Justice--- In 1930 and again in 1943-44-47-48 I was in Tombstone, Arizona for quite some time-Uncle Jim was still remembered there. And of Course "Gentle Bluford" as you call him. Of course it was possible that it was only association of Legend or for that matter it might have been the powers of suggestion or positive thinking on my part that brought these responses---at any rate we do know that Uncle Jim spent many years in Tombstone- We also feel that Uncle Blue visited him there,possibly more than once.

In 1946,while I was working Ft. Lewis, Washington, I visited the Washington State Penal Institution,located in Walla Walla. It is a known fact that the last written communication from Uncle Blue was from Walla Walla,Washington--I had a hunch that a study of the records there might reveal something--I did not get to call back to determine the results of the search that I had started- And of course I never wrote back to get the information-I still think the records,might reveal a great deal there. In 1938 I visited Old Aunt Lizzie Owens at Utopia, Texas - She was some sort of relative-blood-marriage or ? At any rate she told me of a visit that Jim,Bluford, Cox and some other men made to her home,many years,as she recalled before the turn of the Century,She was then more than 90 years of age and still very active-There are a number of the Smarts in that territory,she told me of many of them all related in some way. I never met any of them-My father knowing that I was traveling that territory at that time asked me to see if Lizzie Owens was still living-I wish I had taken some notes- Well if I ever have the time I may be able to make the -suspicion that Thomas Isaac Cox,was the grandfather of Pleasant Cox et al- that we are trying to hem in. He was a close friend of Francis Marion,the Swamp Fox of the Revolution- I was told by my Grandmother that there was some connection,that was the reason for my fathers name- I spent much time when I was in the Carolinas during the '40s trying to make the connection, I learned- Thomas Isaac Cox was from Pennsylvania, He went from Carolina to Missouri-He had many relatives there-He never returned to South Carolina- As he intended- He left one son and a married daughter,near Sumpter- Their Grandchildren- Only knew that their Grandfather,some Uncles and Aunts went to Missouri- They later thought to Texas-Arkansas-The chain was broken- In Eastern Penn. and Jersey,I was told of one of the Clan,who met a Dutch Girl-deserted Eng. Navy- Was apprehended in the Revolution-Shot- Left Large Family-Oldest son-swore reprisal even though just a youth-went South- became quite a soldier against British-Met and married Southern Belle H&S name Tom Cox-He never returned to Penn. Stories drifted back about him. He fought with Sumpter and Marion-- There the chain is broken- I believe that somehow -that Tom Cox and Thomas Isaac Cox were the same-If so -a legend or a factual story has been woven in the Carolina Hills that would warm the blood of the most devout Yankee-

John T.