



HAWN HOTEL

TEMPLE, TEXAS

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March 1, 1960

Dear Arlie:

Thank you for your rather extensive letter. I haven't had time to digest it thoroughly, let alone assimilate its contents. It was forwarded to me on the back so when I get back home I will check some of the factual matters I have.

I am sure that Ernest knows for sure, the name of the father of Pleasant Coyle, and too I feel that you do not yet have all of the brothers of Pleasant and James Coyle listed. However I must not trust to my memory as in previous.

The so-called spoken of was named Owens his first name was believed to be Wayne Owens - possibly, or believed to have been named for Mark Anthony Wayne. He lived to a great extent at times with the Kiowa Indians - Held in low esteem by the Coyle family. Got his lot with Aaron Burr - Was in Texas as early as 1800 or before - Reported to be a very fluent talker though, shiftless and would not work at any thing for long - Spoke of the west opportunities of Texas early as 1819 - Went back to Missouri about 1820-21. Offered his

Services as a guide - It is known that some at least 3 of the Uncles of my grandfather Pleasant Cox came to Texas about 1827-28 in the Area of Bell and Williamson Counties. It is believed that they stayed some 5 years and returned to Missouri and did not return until after Texas became a State. Kiowa Owens was an uncle by marriage to my grandfather and yours. He visited at the old Cox home - located on Lucy Creek, Sanger County in the Spring of 1868 or 69 and promised to return that Fall - So far as I know and speak of the matter, he was never seen again - He had both a white wife, an Aunt - Great Aunt and an Indian wife. Some of the children or grandchildren by the white wife were living in and around Pine Bluff Arkansas some 20 years ago.

Some Indian descendants are believed to be around Rock Springs, Edwards County Texas, or were some 20 years ago.

Pleasant Cox's son (elder son) Jim Cox, married a sister of Pink Higgins the leader of the famous Higgins and Howell War of Central Texas. He went on to Tombstone Arizona in the late 1870's and did not return to Texas until about 1912. He knew and spoke of Wyatt Earp often. He was never seen and understood



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③ It is an avowed member of the Higgins Clan even though he married a Higgins. However, due to marriage relationship, he left the Country (Central Texas area) in the '70's. He had one son William Cox (Bill as he was known)

Enclose a clipping from Dallas News since it deals with an incident I have heard Uncle Jim relate as having heard while he was in Tombstone, Ariz.

I remember Hilda Howell very well they lived in Burnet County Texas and used to come back to the ancestral grounds on Lucy Creek often to visit.

"Talking" John Cox visited us many times at the old Lucy Creek home.

When I have time, I will clue you in on the Bell County members you spoke of in your letter.

Also the story of the American - English seaman - deserting the Royal Navy of his Majesty - for a Dutch girl - that caused a lot of trouble also. See you

John J Cox (over)

Have you run across the name
Thomas Isaac Cox any where in
the lineage - I met some of uncle
Tom Cox people in Blytheville, &
Ernest has his picture at our old
home.

J. I. C.