

OK - John T. Cox

THE COX CEMETERY

The Cox Cemetery was established July 4, 1793 near Long Meadows Trading Post, some eight miles northeast of Lampasas, Texas, one furlong east of Cox Ford where Lucy Creek was forded at the crossing of the Trail of Commerce from Santa Fe to New Orleans.

This may well have been the first cemetery in Texas where English speaking people were buried. William Bybee was an uncle of Martha Jane Bybee Cox, the mother of Amy Cox Clark and John, Jim, Bluford, Jehu, Ben and Marion Cox. In addition to Amy Cox Clark, there were Isabel Hicks, Amanda Cornett, Mary Whitt, and Lucinda Cox who reached adulthood, but never married.

Of the thirty-seven (37) bodies buried here, twenty-two (22) are from the Cox, Bybee and Johnston families. The other fifteen (15) were buried there between 1806 and 1872. Elizabeth Johnston Cox, widow of Solomon Cox, and mother of Pleasant Cox, is buried there. The last person buried there was Martha Jane Bybee Cox, mother of Amy Cox Clark and her brothers and sisters.

This old cemetery, last used in 1912, had fallen into a shameful condition until December 1984. A committee comprised of descendants of Solomon Cox and Elizabeth Johnston Cox reestablished an old rural-oriented organization, which first began on June 11, 1834 in this area by the Cox ancestors. One of the aims of this ^{re}organization was to restore the old cemetery, construct a new cyclone fence, mark all graves, pour a slab with picnic table, and get a native stone monument on a 6 X 6 slab.

Another aim was to secure a historical marker by the Texas Historical Society for the old cemetery. Also a designation by the Grange of its first organization in Texas at the old Brown house in 1869.

The final aim was to purchase about an acre of land for a right-of-way for Lampasas County to build a park road to the old cemetery.

Aims Completed:

1. The cemetery ground has been cleared, and the cyclone fence has been built.
2. The picnic facility has been built, and the base for the native stone marker completed.

We need the money to finish paying for the above, and money for the right-of-way. Our need is \$2,110.00.