

Wells - Arlee -

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A list from - The 7th Union, N.M. history
ed the Johnston - Bybee, Clark - Hutton, Hubb-
-ans, Whitley etc.

This story from the visit of Charles Clark By-
ee from 7th Union New Mexico in 1876 to his
cousins in Texas - Martha Jane Bybee Cox
and others, who at this period were residing all
over Texas and most of the areas of the United States.

Charles C. Bybee was a nephew of William By-
er, of Covington, Ky. - who lost his life as a result
of a battle with the Indians while on a horse hunt
near Long Meadows trading post on Arroyo la Hucia
near Lampasas in Central Texas. July 4, 1793.

Bybee had heard of this event many times be-
fore, since his father Charles Wetzal Bybee
had also been on this "ill fated" horse
hunt that had brought together not only relatives
and in-laws, but many old friends, who had
then not only talked of Texas, or Texas, but
many of the old fellows who had been on many horse
hunts in earlier years - at this very place, where
Oliver Fallock had cowritten, in 1752, a
failed mission of Spain, into a profitable link
into the Santa Fe Trail as some called the
Ancient Trail of Commerce - Here in 1767 Don
Juan de la Caceres became Thomas Isaac Cox
(The Elder) the proprietor and operator of Long
Meadows until 1773, when Cox became in-
volved in a Spanish Grant, which had

grown out of the numerous survey and silver
Parlock ventures in New Orleans. From 1767
until 1773 many old friends, relatives, fellow traders
artisan makers, and seekers of Solitude and
"Security". They all came from Mexico, New
France, Spain, California, Florida, the Appo-
lochia, the buckskin hunters, the horn and ore
carriers, miners, barefoot Padres, etc all and more
according to Thomas Isaac Cox (The Elder) soon
found peace, contentment and wealth, here in
this land which nature had provided in bound-
less quantities those simple basic needs -
plentiful springs of clear cool limestone water,
wild fruits, nuts, evergreen, lock in season,
the flowing streams abounded with trout, Cat,
Perch and Carp, nature provided natural boats,
and horses, here nature had also provided for
the transgressor as well as the just all
the red meats of the range for food, where
hides and skins meant food, clothing and shel-
ter for all. Here the curly mesquite grass and lime-
stone waters produced the finest wild horses in
all America and the Spanish Mustangs. The
most dependable and faithful men has ever
had all for those who were patient enough to
capture & train and appreciate enough to
to care for - enough for all - and all were
mother's children - All could survive
money was not needed - barter and trade
was the key to success - Thomas Isaac
Cox enjoyed and helped others survive and ap-
preciate this Land of Legend and Truth