

COXES ATTENDED LINVILLE SCHOOL

"Typical Frontiersman Spirit" Sent
Joseph Cox From Ohio to
Livingston.

The earliest records of Linville have dated back over a century ago, to 1822. Joseph Cox and his wife, Amy, lived in Ray County, coming there from Chillicothe, Ohio. As Mr. Cox was a typical frontiersman, he was unsatisfied with his present home in Ray County, and wanted to move on westward. In the summer of 1822, he and some of his boys started out to look for a new home site.

He had a large family. Among them were Isom Cox (then a young man in his teens) and Abel Cox. When they came to this territory they decided to build a log cabin at the place where Mr. and Mrs. Sterle Cox and family are now living. They chose this location, for all to the east and south was open prairie where they could secure plenty of sunshine and to the north and west was heavy timber, which gave protection from the cold north and west winds. This made an excellent location for a home.

Some of the oldest residents of this district are descendants of this Cox family. Mrs. Alice Adams, and John C. Cox (who passed away in April of this year, 1937) are children of Abel Cox. Charles Cox and Sterle Cox (twin brothers) are the sons of Isom Cox. All of these have spent practically their entire lives in Linville District and are now past the age of seventy-five years.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterle Cox and family are living at present in this old historic log cabin.

Four generations have lived in this log room; namely, Joseph Cox, Isom Cox, Sterling Cox, Eugenia Cox (Mrs. Everett Anderson).

There are several families that run to the fifth generations that have lived in the district: (1) Joseph Cox, Isom Cox, Sterling Cox, Eugenia Cox, Anderson, Reba Jean Anderson, (2) Joseph Cox, Isom Cox, Charles Cox, Blanche Cox (Mrs. Lowell Forbis), Russell Forbis, (3) Joseph Cox, Isom Cox, Charles Cox, Frank Cox, Charles Cox.

The first county court was held on the Sterle Cox place, formerly Joseph Cox residence, in a log room that stood just a little north and west of the cabin occupied by the Cox family. Sterry to say, it is not standing today. The first court was held there about 1835.

It was also from the suggestion of Joseph Cox that the present City of Chillicothe was named for Chillicothe, Ohio. A town from which Joseph Cox had come.

The first teacher in the school was a man by the name of Thomas. He taught for \$1.00 per scholar a month and had twelve scholars.

The first school was taught in 1823.

The present school house is built on up-to-date lines. It has an enrollment of fourteen pupils, ranging in grades from one to eight.

Story about Joseph Cox and wife Amy

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