



THE WEDDING PICTURE - Taken Sunday afternoon, July 21, 1912 at the Cornelius "Nick" Cox homeplace. Located between Comanche and Gustine, Texas near the Fleming community.

Pictured in family groups, left to right:

Ola (Vinson) Cox, standing, behind Arthur Hill Cox, seated, holding Lucille with Rena standing.

Columbus C. (Lum) Davis standing behind Renier Cox Davis, seated, with sons J. C. Davis standing behind Neill Davis.

In front of the tree, John Henry Lofton Cox.

Standing in the back row: William Cornelius "Will" Cox and Minnie Steward Cox, the bride and groom. Standing behind and next to Minnie Cox on her left side is Elmer Widener, who was married to Ellen Cox, who had died in 1906 in childbirth.

In front of Will, Minnie and Elmer Widener is Grandpa Cox, Cornelius Nicholas Cox, with the youngest son, Andrew Jefferson Cox seated between Grandpa Cox and Grandma Cox, Mary Jane (Mollie) Johnson Cox, and seated by her is Aunt Bobbie Johnson, her sister. Standing behind Aunt Bobbie Johnson is the niece of Bessie Crabb Cox, and Robert Whatley Cox, with his wife, Bessie Crabb Cox next to him.

Seated next to Aunt Bobbie Johnson is Beulah Callaway Cox, holding twins, Irene and Lorene with Nollie Mae Cox to her right and Arlene and Izore to her left. Standing behind and to the right of Beulah is her husband Berlen Daniel "Berl" Cox.

On the extreme right is Joe. C. Cox, standing, holding Dee and Linnie Barker Cox with Lois between them.

2. Renier was born August 12, 1877. She married C. Columbus "Lum" Davis on September II, 1900.
3. Joe was born September 13, 1879. He married Linnie Barker on October 4, 1903.
4. William "Will" Cornelius was born April 6, 1882. He married Minnie Steward on July 12, 1912, in Gustine, Comanche County, Texas.
5. Mary Ellen Cox was born May 19, 1884. She married Elmer Weidner on December 2, 1900. Ellen died February 26, 1906.
6. Beden "Berl" Daniel was born December 9, 1888. He married Beulah Callaway
7. Arthur Hill, born March 16, 1890, married ala Vinson on November 27, 1907.
8. John Henry Lofton was born May 30, 1894. He served in France during World War I in the 360th Infantry, Company F.
9. Andrew Jefferson Cox was born August 21, 1895. He married Connie McCullough on September 30, 1922.

The picture with this article is the wedding picture of Will and Minnie Cox. They went in the buggy to Gustine and were married by the Methodist minister. All of the Cox family was at the home place for the wedding dinner. After dinner, all of these people loaded up their buggies and wagons and camped on the South Leon River for several days. Will and Minnie stayed at the home place for their honeymoon.

Sunday, July 21, 1912. The wedding of William Cornelius "Will" Cox and Minnie Steward

My mother said that Daddy went in the buggy to her house (a few miles west of Grandpa Cox's) and picked her up, they went to Gustine and the Methodist minister married them. Then, they went back west from Gustine to Grandpa and Grandma Cox's place for dinner. All of Daddy's family was there. Mama said that they had the best dinner you ever saw, that Grandma Cox and Aunt Bobbie Johnson were the best cooks.

After lunch, Daddy had a photographer to come from Comanche in a buggy, they all went down east of the house, in some pretty post oak trees and had their picture made. Daddy had a copy made for each of his brothers and Aunt Renier. (His sister Ellen had died in 1906).

Notice in the picture, Aunt Renier. Uncle Lum Davis and their two boys, J. C. and Neill. Mama said the boys loved to pick on Daddy, that sometimes he would chase them up in the big cedar tree in the yard on the south side of the house, and wouldn't let them down for hours. Of course, they all loved this.

Then, she said that all of these people put on their old clothes, loaded up the wagons, buggies and hitched up the horses, and all went fishing and camping on the South Leon River (south below Gustine) for several days. So, Mama and Daddy had their honeymoon on the home place.

Mama said that the first morning, Daddy went out to tend to the livestock and she was cooking breakfast. Now, she had made biscuits hundreds of time, but this was on a strange wood cook stove, and it didn't have knobs that you could adjust the heat. But, she said the biscuits were perfect.

Note: we asked for her to tell this story over and over, and never got tired of hearing it.

Missy Cox Jones