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Charlie Wittle Rf. #
in the E.K.A. - Rf. # Estate
on a number of Road -

Hello Billie Clark -
I have a son and daughter living there
in San Marcos - I was there last week
end and tried to call you but no answer.
My daughter is Virginia Wittle (Mrs.
Charlie Wittle) - 200 West Harvard St.
San Marcos, Texas - phone no. 512-392-5706
She teaches at San Marcos High School
My son Lem L. Cox is president of Alert
Services - their office and warehouse is
near town on the Seguin Highway -
live at Martindale, TX

The Old Cox Cemetery on the East Bank of
Lucy Creek on the old Runley Road 7 1/2 mi -
North east of Lampasas, Texas, this old cemetery
was called the Long Meadows Cemetery in
the early days - your Grand mother and Grand
father John Clark and Lola Archer Clark
lived 1/4 mile south of this old cemetery - on
the old Pleasant Cox place - Pleasant Cox
was the father of Amy Cox Clark.

I really do not know exactly what you want
to know - The Cox people were all Brethren
until about 1875, when Martha Jane
Bybee Cox joined the Church of Christ
Church, and several of her children followed
over

by joining the Church of Christ - Dat Pleasant Cox
remained a Quaker until his death in 1906.

There was a Quaker Church and School near here.
The Quaker Church did not permit Conspicuous
head stones with names etc. Carved on the stones
you will find no stones with names or dates
on them except those placed there after Amos
and Joseph Cox had died - which was after Martha
had joined the Church of Christ.

Instead there was a map or plat showing a
division of the cemetery plot and guess this plot
showed who was buried there.

Up on the death of Martha Jane Cox March 10, 1912
the map was placed in the care of Noah Clark
who kept the plot in 1915 Noah Clark moved from the
area and J. M. Cox (my father) the youngest son of
Pleasant Cox and Martha Jane Syber was in charge
of the cemetery until 1922 when he moved to Mexico
State. John Clark was custodian for a short time
until he moved to the West, and W. Ernest Cox my
dearest brother became custodian of the cemetery
until Monk Clark moved back to Lenoir County
then he and Ernest Cox were joint custodians.

During World War II U.S. Trooper from Ft. Hood
maintained here, later Lucile Longhorn was in
the area - Mrs. Martha Cox, and her mother-in-law
Elizabeth Johnston Cox the wife of Salomon Cox
was the father of Pleasant Cox - Each had nice
marble head stones that were stolen from the
cemetery, all graves surrounding the cemetery were
demolished by trooper, Calloused on the
grave area, trees and brush covered the entire
area until 1985 - A new cyclone fence was
placed around the area - The entire area was
cleared, sprayed to kill trees and vegetation.
A picnic table and a concrete slab was
placed so people could sit with come to visit

main
part
of

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Also a slot was paid on which a
6 foot tall Noble Stone marker
which will be placed the first
marker - if and when purchased the marker

will cost \$445.00 and the Cemetery fund is about
\$1,250.00 in debt - But it has about 500.00
on deposit in the bank in Longprosson. With
Clark as Treasurer and Ernest Cox as president and
Eidean Cox as Secretary - most of the work of clearing
and fencing, spraying etc was done - plus help
by Charles M. Daniel + his wife Pat.

Pat is a grand daughter of Patsy Clark.

There are 22 Cox relatives in the Cemetery 15
years after bodies interred in and around the area.

The first grave was on July 4, 1793 - William C.
Byrd of Covington, Ky. The uncle of Martha Jane
Byrd Cox - He was on a horse hunt in the Company
of the legendary - Thomas Boone Cox - one time
Mississippi River boat operator, Spanish Golden
Trade and horse hunter and Captain in the
Revolutionary war - Born on Bundy Wm. Creek
in Pennsylvania April 15, 1732 - His burial
place and exact date of death is not known. It was
during the fur expedition of the 1820-25 era.
Possibly on the Missouri river -

The first Cox was buried here in about
1845 - He died from eating roasted meat that

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had been printed. (C)

Then one goes to Canyon, Outlook, Indian Springs
Army Depository etc. based here, etc. possible, the
oldest cemetery of English speaking people in
Texas.

There was also located the Long meadows
Post founded about 1753 and closed up about 1835
when the days of the Cattle drives were over.

I hope that the family will raise some money
to finish the work and purchase the markers to
erect them -

Wish to hear from you - I hope I have an-
swered some of your questions

Thank you

J. L. Cof

I think are some specific questions
Please ask them - I will try to
answer -

Letter - I have now Copied in mode of there
Please J. L. 2. Hope if you like -
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Saturday - 9/20/1986

Hello Patricia Dick.

Thank you for an interesting and
informative and interesting day last Wednesday -
we do plan to travel by bus on Sept.
29, 1986 - to the first session of the National Grange
Legislature -

I would like to suggest that to have you meet us and
be a part of our "Silver Stained Glass" - I forgot
to have you join the Association - I have
filled in your fee \$100 - I enclosed member -
Ship Card - you can keep the \$100 membership
fee - you can send that time you write me -
and you help as an associate member -

I want to get your son's full name and ad-
dress of your children - I need to get their
names address into the register - I am
descendant of Thomas David Cox + Rachel
Cox Cox - they lived in Virginia and in Texas
to have an a house built in 1793 - to have
built at Long Meadows - when you visited - it
was then on July 4 1983 that William Byrd
was buried - then the Long Meadows Cemetery
was established -

Now - I have just had you appointed to
the Board of Directors of the Long Meadows (Cox)
Cemetery Association by its President Ernest
Cox of Rt 1, Box 113 - Lanta Texas, 76853

(2) As an experienced business person you can be a great asset to the organization -

The original care of the cemetery was delegated to the Quaker Church which was located about 1/2 mi east of the cemetery - Then in 1834 on Jan 11th the Society of Friends of Husbandry was organized James Johnston, a relative of Elizabeth Johnston Cox the wife of Solomon Cox, was elected as the first master of the Society - the first Secretary of the Society was Pleasant Cox the father of Arny Cox Clark - This is believed to be the first organization of farmers or rural people in America and the Spanish Colony, Tex. - So in honor of the founder of the old Society the Cemetery division (Cox Cemetery Association) became a part of - The Rural American Association - that was organized in Dec. 1884 at the Peoples Nat. Bank, San Antonio became the United Peoples Bank, of Langston with the following officers - A. Ewert Cox - President, Secretary Ruth Clark Smith, Treasurer and J. D. Cox, a Director and General Mgr. Ed. S. Cox loaned to the arm "500" and placed the deposit of the money, since it was his about the first thing in San Antonio ever put out in 1869 - Pleasant Cox was the first Master, Harry Clark was the second master -

Then Ruth Clark Smith, advised in honor of the father Job Clark - Elder. P. M. - in name of full Clark family W. E. Cox + Job S. Cox in the name of French mation Cox + John Pearl Smith Cox - father of Nathan Sheriff and John B. Cox + wife William P. Cox - made a donation - This money was presented to Ruth Clark Smith, Treasurer, so far as I know no checks have been drawn against the funds at all, the 500⁰⁰ was from Job S. Cox was repaid - All other funds remain in the Peoples Bank, Langston -

3) The organization, was non profit, in nature with general constitution and By-Laws of other similar organizations - A copy was filed with the Bank - So far as I know Ruth Clark Smith has copies of all deposits and Bank statements, Helma Fox Cox - made a deposit to this fund for our year and make Report - Church - and I believe is replicated in the state - want -

I hope this has not been boring to you - and I hope you can spur a bit of interest and family loyalty and inspire them to complete the restoration of the old Cemetery, and the erection of the Historical marker -

I hope you will have Xerox copies of my statement made in triplicate - Keep one yourself, mail one to Ruth - Sam Askes W. Ernest Cox - to call a meeting as soon as possible - so you can get a committee appointed to assist you in getting this thing moving - Pat and Charles McDaniel have been very loyal and have worked hard - I have Dickler made some telephone calls - Long distance on the telephone at no charge to us - An accounting of all money spent has been recorded with the Treasurer and all bills checked checks paid by me have been reported to J. R. D. - 12-31-1985 -

Thank you Billie - I will be contacting you very soon -
over
Dorothy J. L. C.

Billie, Consider this letter as your
official notification as appointment to
the Board. Director of Publicity -
we will need to get revised figures
on - (1) State memorial marker - (2) the
erection of Nelson Stone marker 5 ft
high - on the slab paved thru - (3) the
completion of Picnic table, (4) Letters
for marking - Name of Cemetery and year
of establishment, (6) The Cost of the 40 ft
strip of land out to Mail Route outside
the Gate.

Charles Law Center, Co. Commissioner
of that Prec. has agreed to build road
and maintain if we supply land -

Thank you
John Z