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Chick Wittle Office
is the E.R.A. - R.R. Estate
on Wamberly 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.
Chick Wittle) - 200 West Hallard St.
San Marcos, Tex. - 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 Zorn on the Seguin Highway -
live at Martindale, TX

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

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

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by joining the Church of Christ - But 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. Cased 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 diagram of the cemetery plot and those 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 F. M. Cox (my father) the youngest son of Pleasant Cox and Martha Jane Syke was in charge of the cemetery until 1922 when he moved to Mexico. John Clark was custodian for a short time until he moved to the West, and W. Ernest Cox my oldest brother became custodian of the cemetery until Noah Clark moved back to Loup River County then he and Ernest Cox were joint custodians.

During World War II U. S. Troops from Ft. Hood maneuvered here, later Francis Lougham was in the area - Grandmother Cox, and her mother-in-law Elizabeth Johnston Cox the wife of Solomon Cox who was the father of Pleasant Cox - Each had nice marble head stones. These were stolen from the cemetery, all fence surrounding the cemetery were bulldozed down by troops, bulldozed in the grass area, trees and brush Council the entire ground area until 1985 - A new cyclone fence was erected around the area - The entire grass area was cleared, sprayed to kill trees and vegetation. A picnic table and a concrete slab was poured so people could sit who come to visit

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Also a slot was paid on which a 6 foot tall Noble Stone marker on which will be placed the fraternal marker. (if and when purchased) the marker

will cost \$485⁰⁰ and the Cemetery fund is about \$1,250⁰⁰ in debt - But it has about 500⁰⁰ on deposit in the bank in Lampasas, Tex. Ruth Clark is treasurer and Ernest Cox is president and Sidman Poe is Secretary - most of the work of clearing and fencing, spraying etc was done free of charge by Charles McDaniel & his wife Pat. Pat is a grand daughter of Pale Clark.

There are 22 Cox relatives in the Cemetery 15 names other bodies interred in and around the area.

The first grave was on July 4, 1793 - William C. Bybee of Covington, Ky. The uncle of Martha Jones Bybee Cox - He was on a horse hunt in the Company of the legendary - Thomas Isaac Cox - one time Mississippi River boat operator, Spanish Soldier, trader and horse hunter and Captain in the Revolutionary war - Born on Bunby W in 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 painted. (4)

Then the gun surgeon, cutlaser, Indian lighters
Army doctors etc. buried here. It is possible the
oldest cemetery of English speaking people in
Texas.

There was also located the Long meadow Indian
past founded about 1753 and closed up about 1885
when the days of the cattle drives were over.

I hope that the jointly will raise some money
to fund the work and purchase the markers to
rest there.

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

Thank you

J. D. J. Caf.

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