

(1) letter - I have now copied made 7 there
Please J. L. 2. Hope if you like -

NATIONAL GRANGE

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Saturday - 9/20/1986

Hello Billie Clark -

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 Silver Haired
Legislature -

I would like very much to have you meet us and
be a part of our Silver Haired Group - I forgot
to have you join the Association of Silver
Haired Texans - fee \$7.00 I enclose membership
ship card - you can send the \$7.00 membership
fee - you can send next time you write me -
and you help as an associate member -

I meant to get your son's full name and ad-
dress of your children - I need to get their
names address into the Registry - of the
descendants of Thomas Isaac Cox + Rachel
Cox Cox - they lived in Virginia and he came
to Texas as a horse hunter in 1793 - to Lone
Creek at Long Meadows - when you visited - it
was then on July 4, 1793 that William Byler
was buried - then the Long Meadows Cemetery
was not 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 - Lometa, 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 Army Cox Clark - this is believed to be the first organization of farmers or rural people in America and the Spanish Colony, Tex or - so in honor of the founder of the old Society the Cemetery division (Cox Cemetery Association) became a part of - The Rural America Association - that was organized in Dec: 1884 at the Peoples Nat. Bank, this later became the United Peoples Bank, of Langston. with the following officers - A. Ernest Cox - Pres. Elders Pres Secretary, Ruth Clark Smith, Treasurer and John J. Cox, a Director and General Mgr. John J. Cox, loaned to the Assn \$500⁰⁰ and pledged the support of the Grange, since it was known that the first Grange in Texas was first organized on Oct. 12, 1869 - Pleasant Cox was the first Master, Harry Clark was the second master - and money then Ruth Clark Smith, donated in honor of her father

John Clark - Elders Pres - in name of Hall Clark family wife, Cox + John J. Cox in the name of French Marion Cox + John Pearl Smith Cox - father of the Water Sheriff - and John B. Cox + wife Ellwood Fox 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 if any, the \$500⁰⁰ loan from John J. Cox was repaid - All other funds remain in the Peoples Bank Langston -

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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, Delma Fox Cox - made a deposit to this fund for our year and make a Report - Church - and I believe is required in the state - ment -

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 Nicholas make some telephone calls - Lyndist area - on the telephone at no charge to us - An accounting of all money spent has been recorded with the Treasurer and all bills, canceled checks paid by me have been reported to J. R. A. - 12-31-1985 -

Thank you Billie - I will be contacting you very soon -
Love
Dorothy J. A. Cox

Billie, Consider this letter as your
official notification as appointment to
the Board. As Director of Publicity -
we will need to get reviewed 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 Lou Carter, Co. Commissioner
of that Psect. has agreed to build road
and maintain if we supply land -

Thank you
J. L. 2