

Hillo Artie -

I will be half way through my therapy today may 22 -

After June 16, 1987 I will be in position to make a trip with you in search of Hitt Johnston

I will try to identify William Patton Johnston - Hitt Johnston -

Last year I gave you a plate commemorating the 50th year of the Very early also of the New Grange - If you will take this plate - ~~and the Stone Coll.~~ Johnston of Freestone County, Texas. The first master of the Texas Grange. your brother Elizabeth Johnston Cox was a first cousin of Sara Lincoln Cox's first husband - and the agent of Col. Johnston. Col. Johnston was one of the first organizers of the Society of the friend of husbandry on June 11, 1834 at Cox's Ford on Luey Creek.

Hitt Johnston was a great grandson of Col. Johnston he told me in 1983.

In 1983 the Texas State Grange held its Annual Convention that year on Aug 1 - 4 1983 at Lampasas, Texas. We spent a year researching the Grange and its early founders - in the late 1860's & early 1870's - Col. Johnston was the first state master, Sheriff Cox was the first master of Lampasas Co. John Christopher Cox worked with his uncle Thomas Cox in organizing Grange in Burnet, Williamson, and Brown Counties and John Christopher Cox was overseer at Malcomet, Texas before he quit the

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Grange in 1876 and helped organize the
Farmers Alliance in Lampasas County in 1877
James C. Cox said the Grange was a peaceful
do nothing group -

Billy has their story of the organization, which
she read at Lampasas, Tex at the Convention in
1983 - I only saw Witt Cox once that was
about March 1983 - at Centerville, Texas; I promised
him I would come back to see him in the fall of 1983
I had a stroke in late Sept 1983 - Witt contacted
me in 1985 through the Grange in San Antonio
I talked to him on telephone for almost an hour
He gave me a number of places where I might find
him - Buffalo, Jewett, Geoyne, Strawn, Greasbark
He had a 1965 Chev. Perhaps he said - with home-
made Gopher on it. I have checked for registration on
it in Limestone, and Freestone Counties, none available
it seems - I have tried several times to contact
Witt through possible friends and relatives of
his & reverse associates - so far nothing - to date
we will go see -

Please read the information about your
great grandmother - Elizabeth J. Cox - Cal, R. K. Joh.
Ston - James Christopher Cox - his work as a
member of the Grange and his work with
the Farmers Alliance - which spread from Lamp-
asas County all over the U.S.A. -

I will get back with you as soon as
able - Thanks for the Owen history -

Thank you
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