

Nancy Bethina Cox

By her grand-daughter Margaret Frances ELKINS Romine



Nancy Bethina Cox was born on December 10, 1879 in Limestone County, Texas to George Riley Cox (23 yrs) and Narcissa Isabel Glover (24 yrs). Also, at home in 1879 was a sister, Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie", who was just one year older than Nancy. Two of her younger siblings, William Ezra, (b. 1882) and Lillie Mae (b. 1885), were also born in Limestone County. While living in Limestone County she lived near many of the families, all farmers, of the siblings of both her father and mother as well as her paternal grandparents (her maternal grandparents died before she was born). Her father was both a farmer and a Blacksmith. The family moved to the neighboring county, Hill County sometime between 1885 and 1888. Her youngest siblings, Daisy Ella (1888) and Minnie (1899) were born in Hill County. Her sister Minnie is absent from the 1910 census so probably died before she reached the age of 10.

Nancy, the last to leave home, married George Lemuel Elkins on February 16, 1908 in Dallas County, Texas when she was 28 years old. He was a widow with two young boys, Clifton Tomolian (3 yrs old) and Maurice Taylor (2 yrs old). The four of them are listed as a family in the 1910 Houston Ward 3, Harris County, Texas Census. George worked in the carbon dioxide industry. They had three children together. Their first child, George Duey (my father), was born on July 7, 1911 when Nancy was 31 years old. Nancy Corrine was born two years later, on March 5, 1913. Nancy's mother Narcissa died in 1915 before her last child, Maxine Margie, was born on August 2, 1920 (Nancy was 40). All three children grew up in Fort Worth, Texas on a "gentleman's farm". According to the 1920 census, Nancy worked on a "truck farm" which is a small-scale farm that produces vegetables for local sales. In the 1930 census she was married to George, 50 years old, not working, and had three children at home, Duey, Corrine, and Maxine were 18, 17, and 9, respectively. Nancy's father George Riley died in 1935 when Nancy was 55. Her husband, George Lemuel Elkins died on August 2, 1941 when she was 61.



FALL OF 1917 (when we lived at 1017 Stella Street, Fort Worth, Texas).

This is our entire family group with the exception of Maxine Margie who was born nearly three years later on August 2, 1920.

Left to right, back row:
 Maurice Taylor Elkins - 14 years old, August 4, 1917, born 1906
 Clifton Temoleon Elkins - 12 years, born 1904 November 6, 1916.
 They are my two half-brothers whose mother, Mrs. Fannie Elkins died from natural causes in 1907. Consequently, my mother, Mrs. Nannie Elkins (formerly Miss Nannie Cox) has been the only mother that they have known. *Died APRIL 14, 1962. mama & papa's wedding anniversary February 16, 1908 (nearly 22 years of happy married life)*
 left to right, front row:
 { Mr. George Lemech Elkins, 38 years, Deceased Aug 4, 1941 March 17, 1917, born 1879
 Corrine Narcissus Elkins, 4 years, March 25, 1917, born 1913
 { Mrs. Nannie Elkins, 37 years, Deceased April 14, 1962 December 10, 1916, born 1879
 George W. Duey Elkins, 6 years, July 7, 1917, born 1911

Not shown:
 Maxine Margie Elkins, born August 2, 1920. (MARGIE)
 Members by marriage February 8, 1931:
 Mrs. Mary Alice Elkins, a Californian, Maurice's wife.
 Mrs. Ethel Elkins, a Floridian, Clifton's wife.

Notes typed by Corrine Elkins with handwritten edits by George Duey.

Geo. & Nancy (Nannie) Elkins
 Corrine Elkins
 Duey Elkins
 Clifton & Maurice Elkins (half
 (to us)
 brothers)

Letta gave me this one
 but I have an original
 of it. Do you have one?
 Look at mama, holding you
 with both hands & me
 ignored right beside her!
 Was she ever partial
 to you in every way - funny
 I didn't really care as I
 recall it.

Nancy married Garvey Edwin Corbin on January 6, 1950 when she was 70. They lived in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas until she died on April 14, 1962. Her death certificate stated that she died from cerebral thrombosis and generalized arteriosclerosis resulting from arteriosclerotic coronary heart disease and pneumonia of her left lung.