

The Journeys of the Cox Brothers

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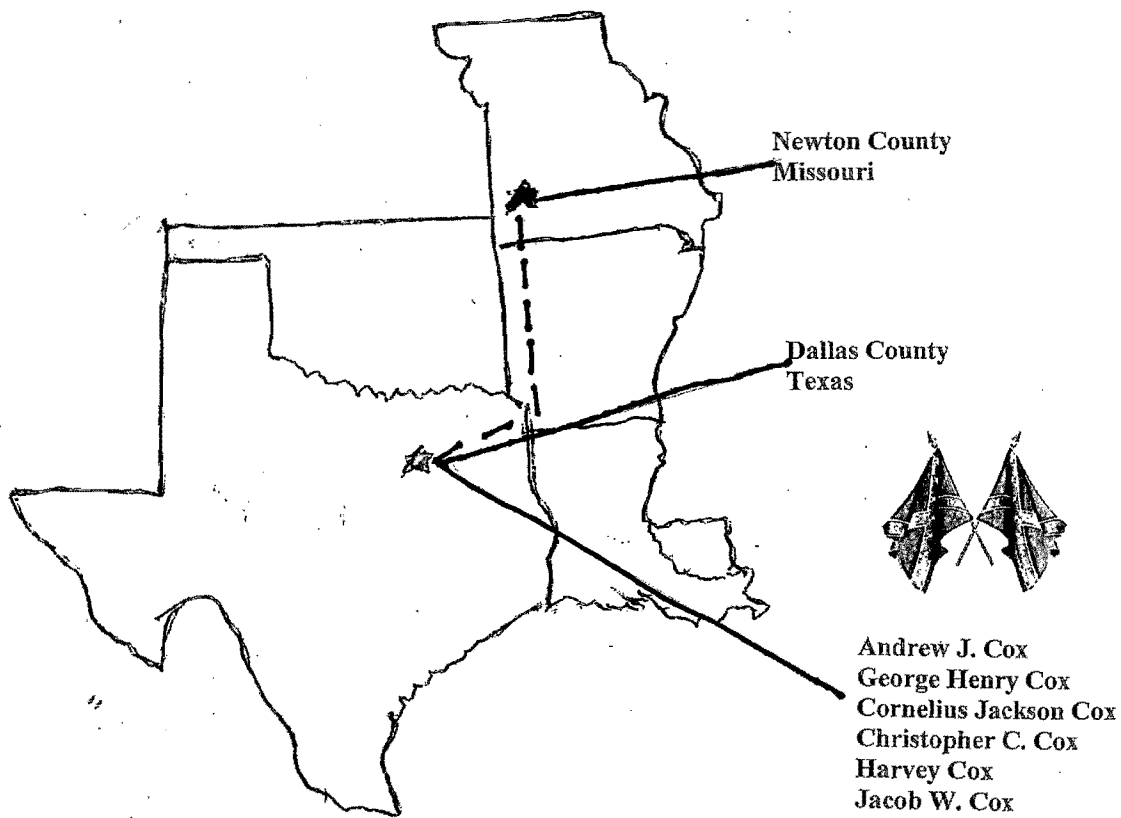
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Pa walked in and said, "Guess what, kids? We are going to Texas." We had heard Ma and Pa talking about it. We were always listening in when someone was over visiting and talking about the trip to Texas. We never thought much of it. Sometimes Jack would cry while we were listening. And that was when Ma and Pa made sure we were in our beds asleep.

We all asked "Where is Texas?" Pa said "We will travel south through Arkansas and into the corner of Texas, and then we will soon reach Dallas." Ma asked "Why do we not travel through Oklahoma?" Pa said "Oklahoma is Indian Territory."

"We have three weeks until we leave for Texas. We have lots to do to get ready to go." Ma asked "May I bring my piano?" Pa said "No, we only have very little room in the wagons. We will take the two trunks with clothes and dishes packed in them. I went to town and got two goods boxes. That will help with the bedding and the kerosene lamps."

We would take flour, corn meal, sugar, coffee, beans, and kerosene for the lamps and the lanterns. Pa had killed some hogs, and we had hams, bacon, and sausage.

Finally we were ready to go. Ma started to cry, she did not want to leave good friends and neighbors, also her piano behind. This was a long wagon train and we took our place in line. There were several young men who were going along. They went hunting and brought meat back for the wagon train. Also they would help scout the road we would take.

Brother Andrew was 23 years old. Hannah was 21 and was the oldest girl. Joseph was 20, Harvey was 17, Elizabeth was 16, Christopher was 9, George Henry was 7, Jacob was 4 and baby Jack was 1 year old.

The train stopped every few days so the women could wash clothes. Elizabeth and Hannah would help Ma wash clothes. We helped take care of the kids and baby Jack.

Elizabeth was 16 years old, and all of us kids teased her about Richard Bruton. He was one of the young men traveling with us. Joseph said he saw them holding hands. As we traveled along we had lots of fun and Elizabeth laughed

with us. We would say "Red bird, red bird, fly to the right, I'll see my fella, before tonight."

Our wagon train reached Dallas, Texas on March 10th, 1845. Pa took up land with the Peters Colony. He received 640 acres of land. This was Third Class Certificate No. 2149.

Texas Time Line

Margaret Cox, the last child, was born in Dallas County in 1846.

Ma, Katherine Jackson Cox died in Dallas County about 1850.

Pa, Cornelius Cox died in Dallas County in 1855.

The War Between the States was declared in 1861.

On March the 15th 1862, Jacob W. Cox enlisted in the 18th Texas Cavalry, Darnell's Regiment in Dallas County.

On March the 21st, 1862, Christopher and Harvey Cox enlisted in the 19th Texas Cavalry, Burford's Regiment in Dallas County.

On September the 21st, 1862 Andrew, George Henry, and Cornelius Jackson Cox rode 90 miles from Dallas to McKinney, Texas to the rendezvous to enlist in the 6th Texas Cavalry, Colonel B. Warren Stone.

Jacob W. Cox was killed April the 8th, 1864 in battle in Mansfield, Louisiana.

By the way, do you remember Red bird , Red bird? Elizabeth Cox married Richard Bruton on August the 7th, 1848 in Dallas County, Texas.

The End.

