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For single copy in mail

Cora I have just had a
train steam. I think
I waiting for you on Eula
Hamilton.

You may write to

O. J. - Capt. Star, Texas

Original Ben Coffey's uncle
John Thomas Coffey Grandson.

Maybe O. J. will tell you
something. Ask him

for his address. Address
J. C. is in the palace at Worth

Area. J. C. may be able to tell
you about his uncle's family

at Sweetwater, and
Ed. farming in Texas and

where they may have
lived.

Yours
Cora

Come after a check that
is mostly all new except
you have, not many
mentioned that you have
from near Coy Greener,
Linda Dick I think is
out. I think she has the
pleasant Coy of Little Rock
of Ark.

I am not sure what
I have from you.

Thank you

Early History of Lampasas Springs

(By: F. Marion Cox)

Pleasant Cox, a Missourian, arrived in Texas in 1850, settling in Bell County. In February 1852 he moved to his family's Williamson County. Here he remained until March, 1858, when he moved to Lampasas Springs. After there a few months he moved to a new location on Lucy Creek, some seven or eight miles north-east of Lampasas. After the County was organized, he was appointed to find the nearest route to the Coryell County line. He accomplished this end by hiring a man to ride on horse back there different directions, timing ^{each} route by his watch, and selecting the route which was quickest made. This was the beginning of the lower Gatesville road.

At this time there were no resident living at Lampasas Springs only Coryell occupied the grounds around the springs. This ^{family} was the first to settle around the Springs.

This family was the first to settle in that immediate community. For a number of years the only people who lived near were Juffmen and Robbins who lived on upper Lucy Creek. Phillip Smith who lived on School Creek, and a Mr. Jackson who lived on the Lampasa River. The Jackson family owned the first slaves in this section. at that time watermelon grew to a great size on the fertile valley land on the Lampasa River. The Jackson family used this vegetable as a substitute for sugar. They would hail the watermelon in wash kettles and use the resulting produce as sugar.


The name of the Lampasa Springs was named after a people who lived at the three they were, Hannah, Hannah, and Goose Springs. Church was held at the camping grounds at the springs.

Pleasant Cox contracted to furnish the Camp gear. A Union Ham was 75¢ a pair. He wore cloth for his home use, and

3) picked the cotton seed out by hand.

During the civil war he tanned hides and made shoes for his family and others. He dyed the leather with walnut hark and pecan leaves. He went to Willison ^{County} for corn, and went to Austin for other supplies. He made ^{boards} boards to pay for them.

School was taught in a log cabin at the back of the Cox farm. Pleasant Cox was at Round Rock to get lumber to build a house the day Sam Bass was killed. Mr. Dobbin was appointed the first Sheriff of the County, but he declined the appointment. Then a Mr. Panson was appointed Sheriff.

The civil war came on. Indians raided and forced Pleasant Cox to move some one-half mile farther from the creek in order to be ~~more~~ more safe from the Indian raids. One day late in the after-noon a band of Indians came to the log house and asked for food. Mrs. Cox cooked a great quantity of what which was the best for  wheat bread.

available at that time. They then gave the
Indians meat. The red men ate this food, and
then they went to the watermelon patch and ate
many melons. Later they went to the cornfield
and pulled great quantities of corn. They
spread down their blankets and ^{cut} went off
the raw corn: Then they picked up their
blankets and went their way the next morning.

None of the members of the Cep family were
old enough to serve actively in the war.
Near the end of the war however, a son John
Thomas Cep who was a mere youth, enlisted
in the Ranger Service.

Hope you are able to read this.
my hand cramps when I write.

John Thomas Coy Pleasant son
married a piece. Ernest did not know
the given name. He is Edwin Hamilton
grand father.