

Descendants  
of  
Larkin Stampler  
and his wife  
Emily Maupin  
with information  
about kindred families

Compiled with the assistance of  
Other family members  
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Blazon : Arms : Azure, Chevron or between 2 roses  
fructed proper and cock argent;

Crest; cock argent, ducally crowned or

Motto ; Vigilantia praestat

( watchfulness excels )

## English Ancestry

The earliest mention of the Cox name is in connection with the history of the Norman Conquest. Among the families of France that followed the fortunes of the redoubtable King William was that of Le Coq. This was subsequently changed to Le Cock, and later to Cokkys, and from that by easy transition, to the great varieties of the name under which the family has since been known in England and America.

As to the origin and meaning of the word there has been much speculation.

Lower, in his book on English surnames, suggests that it is probably a synonym of little, from which it might be inferred that the founder of the family was somewhat diminutive in stature. He thinks it possible, however, that it may have been derived from the Latin cocus, a cook, and corrupted from that to the more familiar name, Cocke, Cocks, Cox, and Coxe.

Among the numerous Cox families of Great Britain it is quite possible that many have originated after the manner described. It is probable that many of the name have descended from the man who came from France bearing the distinctive appellation of the Cock, which afterwards became the patronymic of the family. Surnames were not in general use at the time, and did not become common in England until about the thirteenth century.

It is probable that the founder of the family was dubbed Le Coq, from some circumstance which suggested a resemblance to that valorous bird, and that the name, whether given in jest or earnest, was significant of fighting qualities, and of constant watchfulness, whether with a view to defense against the foe, or to aggressive warfare. This latter view corresponds, moreover, with the heraldic devices and mottoes which appear on a number of the more ancient of the family crests.

One of these is distinguished by a cock, bearing his head aloft, underneath which is the significant motto: "Vigilantia praestat," "Watchfulness excels."

Others have two, and still others, three cocks on their coat of arms with the motto: "Semper vigilans," "always on the alert."

One of the earliest accounts of the family in England is found in the pedigree of Walter Cokkes de Chelworth, or Walter Le Cock, as the name is sometimes spelled, who lived in the county of Kent, about 1250, and who appears to have been a lineal descendant of Walter de Chelworth who was perhaps the original Le Coq who came over from France with William the Conqueror.

The name, under one or other of its numerous variants, appears a little later, in nearly all of the counties in the vicinity of London, notably in that of Hertfordshire, and by the close of the sixteenth century it was well known in every quarter of the united kingdom. It included "all sorts and conditions of men." During the reigns of Henry VIII, Elizabeth, Mary, and James I., several of its members were connected with

the royal household . Others not directly related to the nobility ,were scarcely less prominent. Among them were merchant princes and rovers of the sea, country gentlemen and men of war, members of the learned professions ,and, in addition a great multitude of the same name and blood , not less worthy though unknown to fame.

To the Hertfordshire family belonged many men of note . Of those who figure prominently in the religious controversies which prevailed during the period of the reformation, none were more widely known than Richard Cox, the famous Bishop of Ely. ( 1499- 1581.)

Another leader among the Independents and Non- Conformists of the period, was Rev. Benjamine Cox, who is said to have been a grandson of the Bishop of Ely. He was a university graduate, a man of great learning, at one time the minister of the established church and zealous for superstitious ceremonies which Archbishop Laud had made obligatory upon the clergy, but later he changed his views and was equally zealous in his advocacy of the principles of the Baptist faith. In 1645 he became a minister of one of the seven so-called Anabaptist churches of London.

The Cox family of England of this period was largely of the Puritan faith.

In 1682, the province of East Jersey passed into the hands of the twenty -four proprietors. The Duke of York confirmed the sale by a new grant , more full and explicit than that of any which had been previously made .

Among the proprietors were a number of wealthy and influential Quakers, including William Penn and others whose names figure prominently in the early history of Pennsylvania and new Jersey. Several of the nobility also were interested in the grant. To this class belonged Robert West , a London lawyer and a son of Lord De La Warr whose name was given later to the neighboring province of Delaware. It is of family interest that a few years before ,in 1675 he had married Elizabeth , daughter of Sir Henry Cocke, of Hertfordshire.

His proprietary rights in East Jersey were transferred in the same year that they were acquired ,to another member of the family, Thomas Cox, a London gentleman, who in turn, sold his property to Dr. Daniel Cox also of London, in 1690. A few years later in 1711 , the will of Thomas Cox, citizen and vintner of London, was admitted to probate. He appears to have been one of the " people called Quakers".

Will:

To his son Thomas ,he leaves " two tenements lately built in the Burying Ground of the people called Quakers." To the same son he leaves also ,800 of his 920 acres of land ,in Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, in trust for his six children ; and to his son ,John, 400 acres, in the County of Gloucester, province of West Jersey. Before the will was executed ,one John Cox had arrived in Philadelphia, and shortly after, with his quaker bride , was living upon his estate in New Jersey.

Prior to the Revolution the family began to swarm into Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina, and still later, from these states into the newly acquired territory of the middle West and the remoter South and thence to the Pacific slope, where the name is almost as common as in the localities where it was first known.

These all, regardless of their present-day religious affiliations, owe much to the homely virtues they have inherited from a sober, industrious, peace loving and liberty loving ancestry.

The above histories were given in "Cox Family in America", by Henry Miller Cox, published in 1912.

This is not an exact quotation but the material was collected from this source.

John Cox whose wife was Rachel came to America and settled upon land willed to him by his father, Thomas Cox, of London, England. In fact he landed in Philadelphia before his father's will was probated. He was in New Castle Delaware in 1708. His brother, Thomas Cox, also came to America in 1708 and settled on the 800 acres of land willed to him by his father. John Cox died in New Castle County Delaware.

John Cox, son of John and Rachel Cox, was an early settler at Warrington, Now Hunnington Township, York County, Pa. He was influential among the quakers of this area. Most of the Friends' marriages of this locality was celebrated at the house of John Cox before the establishment of the friends meeting house in 1750. John Cox married Mary Harlan, daughter of Moses and Margaret Harlan of Menallen Township. Children of John Cox and his wife Mary Harlan Cox:

1. Sarah Cox m. Nicholas Wierman; 2. Benjamine Cox m. Martha Garretson; 3. William Cox m. Naomi Garretson; 4 Samuel Cox b. 1721 d. 1796, m. Hannah Wierman daughter of William and Gertrude Wierman b. 1727, married on Aug. 22, 1747; 5. Nathaniel Cox m. Ruth Cox daughter of Benjamine Cox and Martha Garretson his wife; 6. Naomi Cox. m William Wierman, 7. Thomas Cox m Martha Jenkins 8. Solomon Cox b. 1745 d. 1848 m. Naomi Hussey.

The Quaker families of the Cox name went from Pennsylvania to North Carolina about the middle of the eighteenth century. They settled in Wayne county, Guilford County, and Randolph county. These counties are in the central part of North Carolina.

Henshaw in his "Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy", gives splendid family records of the Cox families in North Carolina. From these records, and with some help from "Cox Family of America", I have compiled an outline of the Cox family twenty five feet long. Of course this is not feasible to be compiled in this book. Therefore I have put in a compact outline which follows the direct line to Levi Preston Cox Sr. of Daviess County, Missouri.

Samuel Cox Sr. (indicated as Samuel Cox I in this book.) was a son of John Cox and his wife Mary Harlan Cox (ref. Cox Family of America p. 249) also in Henshaw's. Samuel Cox was born in 1727 and died in 1796. He married Hannah Wierman, daughter of William and Gertrude Wierman on Aug. 22, 1747 at Huntington, Pa.

Children of Samuel Cox I and his wife Hannah Wierman Cox. ;  
 1. Herman Cox m 2. Samuel Cox b. 1754 d. 1823  
 m. Martha ----- ( probably Martha Cox , daughter of Solomon Cox  
 and his wife Naomi ( Amy ) Hussey. She was his first Cousin.  
 This Martha Cox was dismissed from the Quaker meeting on Feb.  
 5, 1780 for marrying her first cousin. The date of the birth  
 in the Bible does not coincide with the birth date given for  
 Martha, daughter of Solomon Cox. So it is possible that  
 Samuel's wife, Martha, was not Martha Cox, his cousin. But from  
 the Quaker records I have checked all of Martha Cox's first  
 cousins . In every case the wife is named and it is not Martha  
 Cox. Therefore Samuel Cox, son of Samuel Cox and his wife Hannah  
 Wierman Cox, is the only cousin that she could have married. )  
 3. Elisha Cox b. 2- 14- 1767, d. 11-3-1845, m Mary Littler b. 1-  
 2- 1778 d. 6- 12- 1845 ( ref. Henshaw ) p. 382. , 4. John  
 William Cox b. 4- 28- 1770, d. 2- 27- 1838 m. Lydia Littler  
 b. 3- 27- 1838 d. 10- 1844 ; 5. Catherine Cox. b. 10- 3- 1760  
 m Harmon Cox son of Harmon Cox and his wife Jane Johns Cox.

A certificate was granted to Samuel Cox I whose wife was  
 Hannah Wierman Cox to become a member of Cane Creek Quaker  
 Meeting. This certificate was granted on Aug. 20, 1757. Therefore  
 it is safe to date his arrival in Cane Creek North Carolina  
 near Aug. 20, 1757. This Samuel and his sons , Herman and  
 Samuel were dismissed from the Quaker Meeting June 1, 1771  
 because they had joined the " Regulators" . ( Ref. Southern  
 Quakers and slavery by Stephen B. Weeks ) also ( Thompson's  
 School History refers to the battle of Alamance which was  
 fought on May 16, 1771 near Alamac river between the " Regulators"  
 and Gov. Tryon's militia. ) This organization was formed to  
 resist the exorbitant taxes and unreasonable lawyer's fees and  
 the like. Samuel Cox I afterwards returned to Pennsylvania  
 where he died in 1796. Letters of Administration on his father's  
 estate were granted to Herman Cox at York County, Pa. in 1796.  
 This indicates that Herman Cox returned to Pa. with his father.

Samuel Cox II, son of Samuel Cox I and his wife Hannah  
 Wierman Cox, was in Kentucky at an early date. The following  
 land entries indicates dates when he was in Kentucky. A list  
 of land entries is given next in this book.

In book 7, page 16, is a copy of a patent to Samuel Cox.  
 It is in the land office at Frankfort, Kentucky. It is dated  
 April 25, 1797. It was a military grant to Samuel Cox from  
 the State of Kentucky for 100 acres on Naked Creek. 50 acres  
 was patented to Nathan Cox on Feb. 23, 1819. This is in book  
 H. page 847. A patent was made to Nathan Cox on March 20, 1816  
 for 150 acres in Knox County. This is recorded in Book H.  
 page 450. The first deed in the recorders book has to do with  
 5,500 acres deeded to the Baptist Seminary, for which Samuel  
 Cox was a trustee.

Samuel Cox patented 10 Acres in Knox County, on the  
 Cumberland River in book 17, page 451. Samuel Cox Sr. 100 A.  
 Book I. page 429 , dated 12- 1, 1813 ; Samuel Cox Sr. 50 A.  
 book W. page 447 dated 3- 29- 1828 in Knox County ; Samuel  
 Cox Sr. 50 A. in book C. page 198, dated 9- 17- 1833 ; Samuel  
 Cox. Sr. 200 A. Book W. page 190 dated 7- 2- 1836 in Whitley,  
 County, Ky.

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An original sketch of Lincoln County, Kentucky was made from a large survey. It shows the locations of dwellings and land owned by Z Cox, Samuel Cox II, Samuel Cox III. These were along the roads to and near the Cumberland River. Samuel Cox II and his son Samuel Cox III were assigned the survey job for the Smith - Davis land grant.

Samuel Cox II, son of Samuel Cox I and his wife Hannah, and his wife Martha were in Whitley County in 1819. They with their son Nathan Cox and his wife Lucy (Perkins) Cox made the following indenture. ( I have a photostatic copy of this. It is difficult to read since the writing in the book was very dim. ) It is in Deed Book 1, page 14, county clerks office, Whitley County, Ky. in Williamsburg, Ky.

#### IDENTURE

Deed Book I, page 14, County Clerk's Office, Whitley Co., Williamsburg, Kentucky.

This Indenture made and entered into this the twentieth day of December, 1819, between Samuel Cox Esquire and Martha Cox his wife and Nathan Cox and Lucy Cox his wife ( the said Nathan Cox's wife ) and all of the town of Williamsburg, Whitley county and State of Kentucky of the one part and Milton Eve, Walter R. Hunt, John Sharpe, Benjamin S. Parsons, and John Stringen; Trustees of the town of Williamsburg and their successors of the other part witnesseth that the said Samuel, Martha, Nathan, and Lucy Cox for and in consideration of the sum of one thousand dollars to us in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged has this day granted, bargained, and sold and these present doth grant, bargain, and sell alien and confirm unto the said trustees, twenty acres of land situated in the county aforesaid lying and being on the Cumberland River, the same having been laid off by our the said venders, express agreement and bounded as follows to wit. Beginning at the stake at the lower end of said town on the river running 45 poles east; 75 poles to a stake above Samuel Cox's dwelling house on the river, S. 54 W. 57 poles to a stake, thense N. 45, W. 57 poles to a stake N. 54 E. 57 poles to the beginning. To have and to hold the same with all and singularly the appurtenances there unto to convey to the persons who purchased lots there in or to any other persons or persons to whom titles may and ought to go which we warrant and forever defend from all manner of persons claiming under through or by us from all manner of persons whatsoever. In testimony where of we have here unto set our hands and seals the date first written.

Samuel Cox ( seal )  
 Martha Cox ( seal )  
 Nathan Cox ( seal )  
 Lucy Cox ( seal )

Of course Samuel Cox had been here some time before this date, at least long enough to accumulate a considerable number of acres of land. The land grant indicates that he was in Kentucky in 1797.

Dr. Thomas Walker explored Kentucky as early as 1750 . In 1775 the Transylvania Company was organized under Colonel Richard Henderson of North Carolina. This venture failed. At the time that Daniel Boone was exploring Kentucky it was known as Kentucky County, Va. This designation was made in 1776. On June 1, 1792 Kentucky became a state . Lincoln Co. Kentucky was formed in 1780 while Kentucky was still a part of Virginia. Knox County Kentucky was made from Lincoln County, Kentucky in 1810. Whitley County Kentucky was made from Knox County Kentucky in 1820. This summary shows that early records of Samuel Cox, who settled in what is now Whitley County, Kentucky, may be found in at least three county histories even though he never moved.

We know that Samuel Cox was dismissed from Cane Creek Quaker meeting on June 1, 1771 ( Henshaw's Encyclopedia, Vol. I page 381). Martha Cox was dismissed from the Quaker meeting on Feb. 5, 1780 . From June 1, 1771 for Samuel and Feb. 5, 1780 for Martha , the whereabouts of Samuel Cox and his wife Martha Cox are not positively known. Nathan Cox, son of Samuel Cox and his wife Martha Cox , was born on the 7 th/ day of April 1793( Bible Record ) In the 1850 census of Livingston County, Missouri Nathan Cox lists his birthplace as Virginia. He also lists the birthplace of his wife, Lucy Perkins Cox as Virginia. Since Kentucky was made a state on June 1, 1792 and Nathan Cox was born in 1793 in Virginia. It is assumed that Samuel Cox of Cane Creek Quaker Meetings in North Carolina must have moved to Virginia for some years before he again moved to Whitley County, Kentucky, where he died. Since we have photostatic copies of the records in the Bible of Samuel Cox and his wife Martha Cox ( probably her maiden name was Cox). There is no doubt of any of the records other than Samuel Cox's residence for nineteen years. No doubt this is hidden in the records of some county in Virginia. I hope to find the said records some day soon but I feel that the publishing of this book should not be delayed for this record.

Photostatic copies of the family records of Samuel Cox also his son, Nathan Cox follow in this book. Next you will find some excerpts from Kentucky records concerning the Cox family.

Samuel Cox II b. 1754 and his son , Samuel Cox III were assigned the survey job for the Smith Davis Land Grant Company of Virginia. An original sketch of a large survey made of Lincoln County, Kentucky shows the location of the dwellings and the land owned by Z Cox , Samuel Cox II and Samuel Cox III all along the road to and near the Cumberland River. This map is given on the next page.

In deed book 1, in the county clerks' office in Whitley Co. is a deed dated July 20, 1818 for 5,500 acres of land set aside for the Baptist Seminary in Williamsburg, Kentucky. Samuel Cox was made a trustee for the said land.

Section II  
Descendants of  
Elizabeth Frances Stamper Cox  
and her husband  
Levi Preston Cox

Maathey box departed this life March 19 1851  
10 minutes before a clock in the afternoon

August 22 1851

Suby box departed this life  
The FIRST BOOK of MOSES.

19 minutes

19 minutes before a clock in the afternoon

CALLED

# GENESIS.

Year before the  
Christian Year  
of Christ  
Julian Period  
Cyc. Sun  
Dom. Let.  
Cyc. Moon  
Lunation  
Cresc. from New

## CHAP. I.

Before  
CHRIST  
4004.

1 The creation of heaven and earth, 3 of the light  
6 of the firmament, 9 of the earth separated  
from the waters, 11 and made fruitful, 14 of the  
sun, moon, and stars, 20 of fish and fowl, 24 of  
beasts and cattle, 26 of man in the image of God.  
29 Also the appointment of food.

Prov. 1.  
Eccl. 1.  
Job 1.  
Gen. 1.  
Exod. 1.  
Lev. 1.  
Num. 1.  
Deut. 1.  
Judg. 1.  
Ruth. 1.  
1 Sam. 1.  
2 Sam. 1.  
1 Kings 1.  
2 Kings 1.  
1 Chron. 1.  
2 Chron. 1.  
Ezra 1.  
Nehem. 1.  
Esther 1.  
Job 1.  
Psal. 1.  
Prov. 1.  
Eccl. 1.  
Isaiah 1.  
Jerem. 1.  
Ezekiel 1.  
Daniel 1.  
Hosea 1.  
Joel 1.  
Amos 1.  
Obadiah 1.  
Jonah 1.  
Micah 1.  
Nahum 1.  
Habakkuk 1.  
Zephaniah 1.  
Haggai 1.  
Zechariah 1.  
Malachi 1.

IN the beginning God created the heaven and  
the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void;  
and darkness was upon the face of the deep.  
And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of  
the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and  
there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good:  
and God divided the light from the darkness.

5 And God called the light Day, and the dark-  
ness he called Night. And the evening and the  
morning were the first day.

6 And God said, Let there be a firmament  
in the midst of the waters, and let it divide  
the waters from the waters.

7 And God made the firmament, and divided  
the waters which were under the firmament, from  
the waters which were above the firmament: and  
it was so.

8 And God called the firmament Heaven.  
And the evening and the morning were the second  
day.

9 And God said, Let the waters under the  
heaven be gathered together unto one place, and  
let the dry land appear: and it was so.

10 And God called the dry land Earth; and  
the gathering together of the waters called he  
Seas. And God saw that it was good.

11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth  
herb yielding seed, and the fruit-  
tree yielding fruit after his kind: and it was so.

12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb  
yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yield-  
ing fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind:

14 And God said, Let there be lights in  
the firmament of the heaven, to divide the day  
from the night; and let them be for signs, and  
for seasons, and for days, and years:

15 And let them be for lights in the firma-  
ment of the heaven, to give light upon the earth:  
and it was so.

16 And God made two great lights; the great-  
er light to rule the day, and the lesser light to  
rule the night: he made the stars also.

17 And God set them in the firmament of the  
heaven to give light upon the earth.

18 And to rule over the day and over the  
night, and to divide the light from the darkness:  
and God saw that it was good.

19 And the evening and the morning were the  
fourth day.

20 And God said, Let the waters bring  
forth abundantly the living creature that hath  
life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in  
the open firmament of heaven.

21 And God created great whales, and every  
living creature that moveth, which the waters  
brought forth abundantly after their kind, and  
every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw  
that it was good.

22 And God blessed them, saying, Be fruit-  
ful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas,  
and let fowl multiply in the earth.

23 And the evening and the morning were the  
fifth day.

24 And God said, Let the earth bring forth  
the living creature after his kind, cattle, and  
creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his  
kind: and it was so.

25 And God made the beast of the earth  
after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every  
thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind:  
and God saw that it was good.

26 And God said, Let us make man  
in our image, after our likeness: and let him  
have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over  
the fowl of the heaven, and over the cattle of the  
earth, and over all the earth that creepeth upon  
the ground.

Before  
CHRIST  
4004.

Year before the  
Christian Year  
of Christ  
Julian Period  
Cyc. Sun  
Dom. Let.  
Cyc. Moon  
Lunation  
Cresc. from New

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FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

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Samuel Cox was Born  
the 25 of october in the year

Dana Cox was born the  
12 day of may in the year  
of our lord 1790

Homen S Cox was Born  
the 24 day of november  
in the year of our lord 1792

Quark Jamton was  
Born the 6 day of april  
in the year of our lord 1811

andrew Mc Cluer 1814  
was Born 19 day of  
july in the year of lord 1816

Nathan Cox was B  
orn the ylday of april  
in the year of our lord

1793  
Frederick Cox was Born  
on the last day of

march in the year  
of lord 1792

Calven P Cox was Born  
the 3 day of june in the  
year of our lord 1813

Jesse Cox was Born the  
22 day may in the  
year of lord 1814

Thomas Silvester Cox  
was Born the 9 day  
of may in the year  
of our lord. 1815

1817

1820

John Cox was Born

1820

William Cox was Born

Joseph E Cox  
was Born 1821  
Elisabeth Cox was named  
1831

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS

DEATHS

Fleming J Cox was Born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November in the year of Lord 1811

Hampton Cox was born on the 6 day of April

in the year of our Lord 1814 Andrew Mc Elver was born the 12 day of July in the year of Lord 1816

Calvin P Cox was Born on the 3 day of June in the year of Lord 1818

William God was Born May the 27<sup>th</sup> day A.D. 1803

[Redacted] was Born on the [Redacted] day of [Redacted] in the year of our Lord - 1754

[Redacted] This wife was Born on 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 5<sup>th</sup> day of the week A.D. 1761

Anna God Daughter of Samuel God & Martha This wife was Born 9<sup>th</sup> day of 4<sup>th</sup> Month and the 6<sup>th</sup> day of the week A.D. 1779

Sarah God was Born on the 20<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> Mo. A.D. 1781

[Redacted] God was Born January 28<sup>th</sup> 1783

Mary God was Born March 7<sup>th</sup> 1786

Anna God was Born March 12<sup>th</sup> 1788

Samuel God was Born October 25<sup>th</sup> 1790

Nathan God was Born April 7<sup>th</sup> 1793

Ruth God was Born November 25<sup>th</sup> 1795

[Redacted] was Born February 25<sup>th</sup> 1798

Levi God was Born Sep 30<sup>th</sup> 1800

## FAMILY RECORD.

## MARRIAGES.

Lewis. Cox was  
born the 30<sup>th</sup> day  
of September. 1800

Cintny. Cox  
his wife was born  
the 1<sup>st</sup> day August  
1810

Daniel. Cox  
their first son  
was born the 12<sup>th</sup>  
of November 1820.

Samuel. P. Cox  
was born the 16<sup>th</sup>  
of December. 1828

Thomas. Jr. Cox  
was born the 22<sup>th</sup>  
day of February  
1837

Warry. att. Cox  
was born the 16 day of  
April 1833

## MARRIAGES

James. Wesley. Cox.  
was Born the 15<sup>th</sup> day  
of December 1834

Leubinda. Cox  
was Born the 6 day of  
December - 1837.

Black. Kelley was  
Born the 10<sup>th</sup> July 1828

FAMILY RECORD.

DEATHS.

Samuel Cox Senior  
Departed this life  
on the 29 of July 1832  
Age 76

Born in the year  
of our Lord 1764

Mary Cox  
Departed this life  
on the 7 day of April  
1823

Age 97

Zachariah Cox  
Departed this life  
on the 14 of October 1843  
age 46 years 7 months 19 days

Morthey Cox Departed this  
Life March 11 1845  
at 10 minutes before 2 o'clock the  
Age 84

Lucy Cox Departed this Life  
the 1st of our Lord August 1842  
Age 84

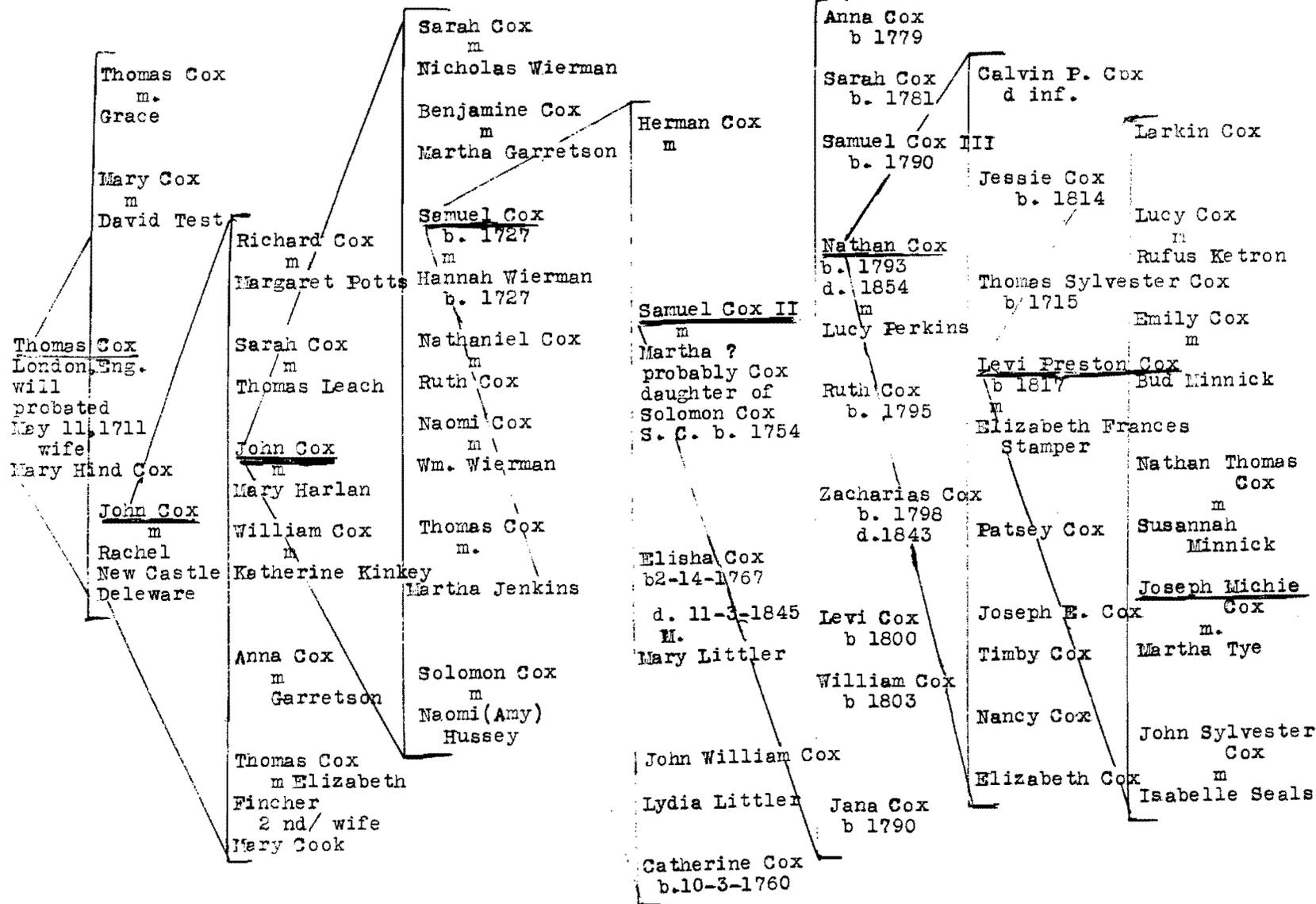
DEATHS.

Zachariah Cox  
on 25th

1830  
Age 18 years

Mary Cox  
on the 13 in the year  
of our Lord 1827

Levi Cox b 3-22-1800 NC  
m. Elizabeth Wade d. 1835  
m. Lucy Wine 1838  
moved to Mason Co. MD  
1842

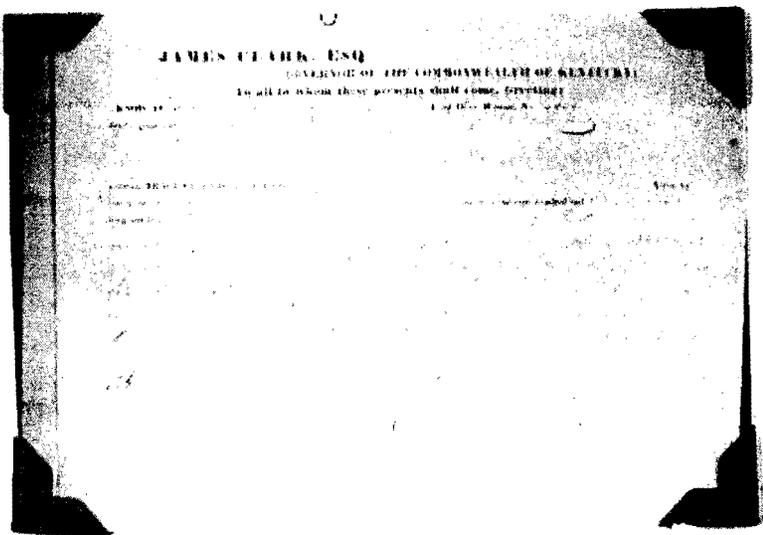


Copies of old papers left by Levi Preston Cox Sr.

1826 James Clark, Governor of Kentucky, Land Grant No. 14935 grants unto Nathan Cox, Assee of I Walker, fifty acres on Oct. 19, 1826. Said acres in Whitley County, adjoins a former survey of Nathan Cox and bounded as follows-----

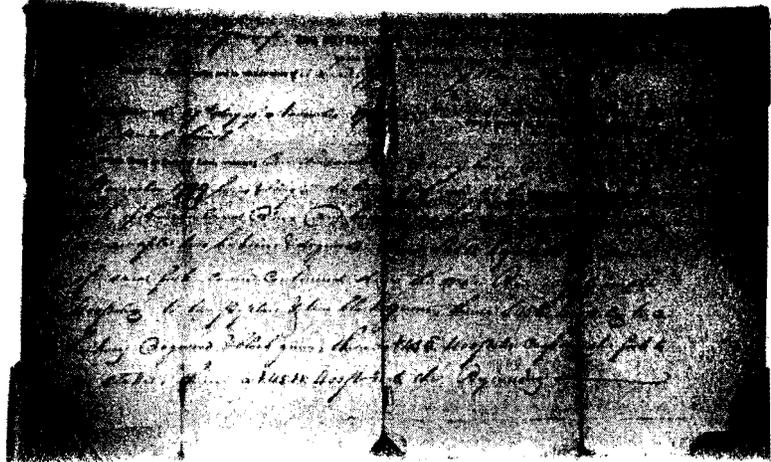
Registered July 29, 1836  
on Jan. 29, 1837

Signed by Governor  
James Clark



Christopher Greenup Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. To all to whom these present shall come , Greetings. Know ye that by virtue in consideration of Kentucky land office warrent no. 1760 . Entered the 27 th/ day of November 1782. There is granted by the commonwealth unto Daniel Smith a certain Track or Parcel of Land containing one thousand acres by survey, be bearing the date ,the 7 day of November 1799 lying or being in the county of Lincoln, at the mouth of the clear fork of Cumberland River and bound as follows.

Beginning at a maple , two hickories, and a dogwood ,and thence s 45 n. 40 poles to the mouth of said fork continued down the main river 200 poles in all 400 poles to two poplars and black gums thence s. 45 E. 400 poles to the fork to a stake thence N.45 W. 400 poles to the beginning.



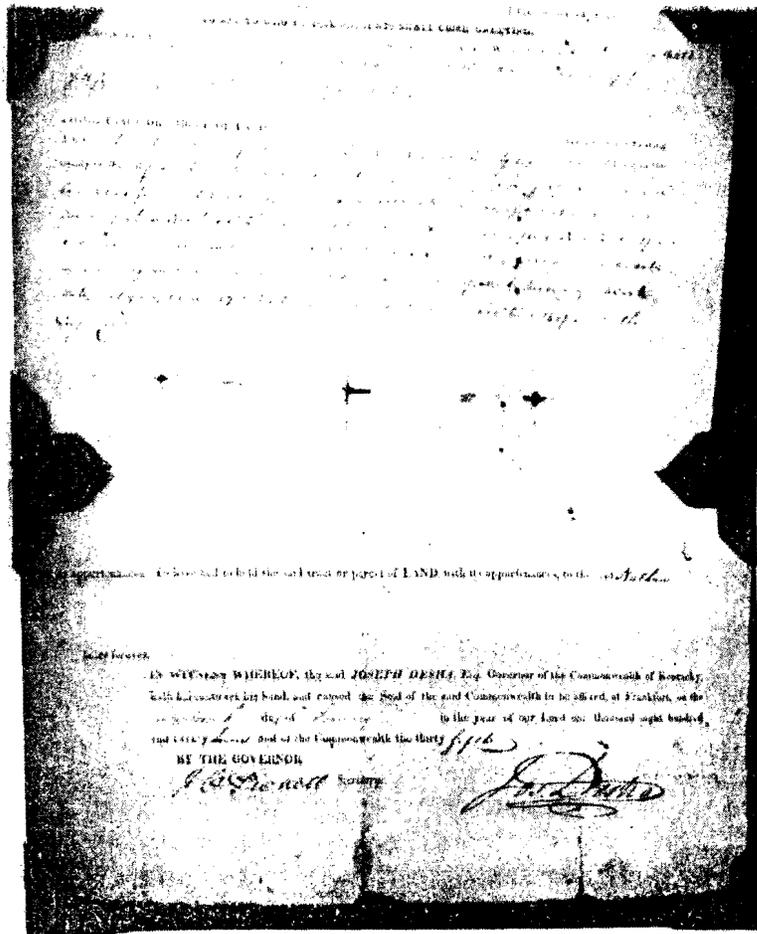
Joseph Desha , Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky .  
To all to whom these present shall come - Greetings,

Know ye that by virtue in consideration of  
Kentucky Land Office Warrent No. 30821 there is granted by  
the Commonwealth unto Nathan Cox , son of Samuel Cox, Assee  
of Joseph Sexon and Baker E. Watkins , 70 acres Track or  
Parcel of Land containing seventy acres by survey bearing the  
date seventh day of April 1826 lying and being in the county  
of Whitley on the water of the Cumberland adjoining two surveys  
of Nathan Cox and bounded as followeth to said beginning  
on a black oak and gum to corner of one of said surveys  
running thence North 55 East 65 poles to black oak and gum ,  
thence N 21 East 71 poles to a small white oak and two small  
black oaks N 25 thence 70 poles to a white oak in a line with  
said Cox , thence with the same S. 71 west 44 poles to his survey  
a black oak and gum, thence S. 72 West 24 poles to a stake ,  
thence S. 17 East 144 poles to the beginning.

signed by Governor  
Joseph Desha

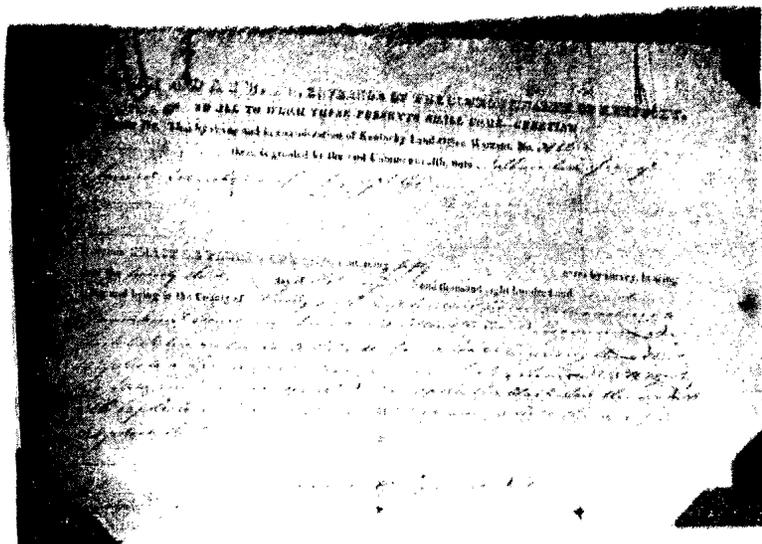
Registered on  
Jan. 17, 1827

This paper was so long that I could not focus the camera properly  
in one shot therefore I took two shots to get the picture.



John Adair Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.  
 To all to whom these present shall come - Greetings  
 Know ye that by virtue in consideration of Kentucky Land  
 Office warrent No. 30821. There is granted by the Commonwealth  
 unto Nathan Cox, son of Samuel Cox who was Assee of Joseph Eve.  
 A certain Track or parcel of land containing fifty acres by  
 survey, bearing the date twenty third day of February, 1819.  
 And being in the County of Whitley on the road leading from  
 Williamsburg --- county court house and bounded as followeth,  
 beginning with a black oak tree on the south east side of said  
 road running --- 108 poles to the spanish oak, black gum  
 and hickory N. 15 A 18 poles G W. 66 poles to a white oak ,  
 then N 53 , 55poles to a stake , then S. 17 east 144 poles  
 to the beginning.  
 Registered on the  
 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1823

Signed by Governor  
 John Adair Esquire

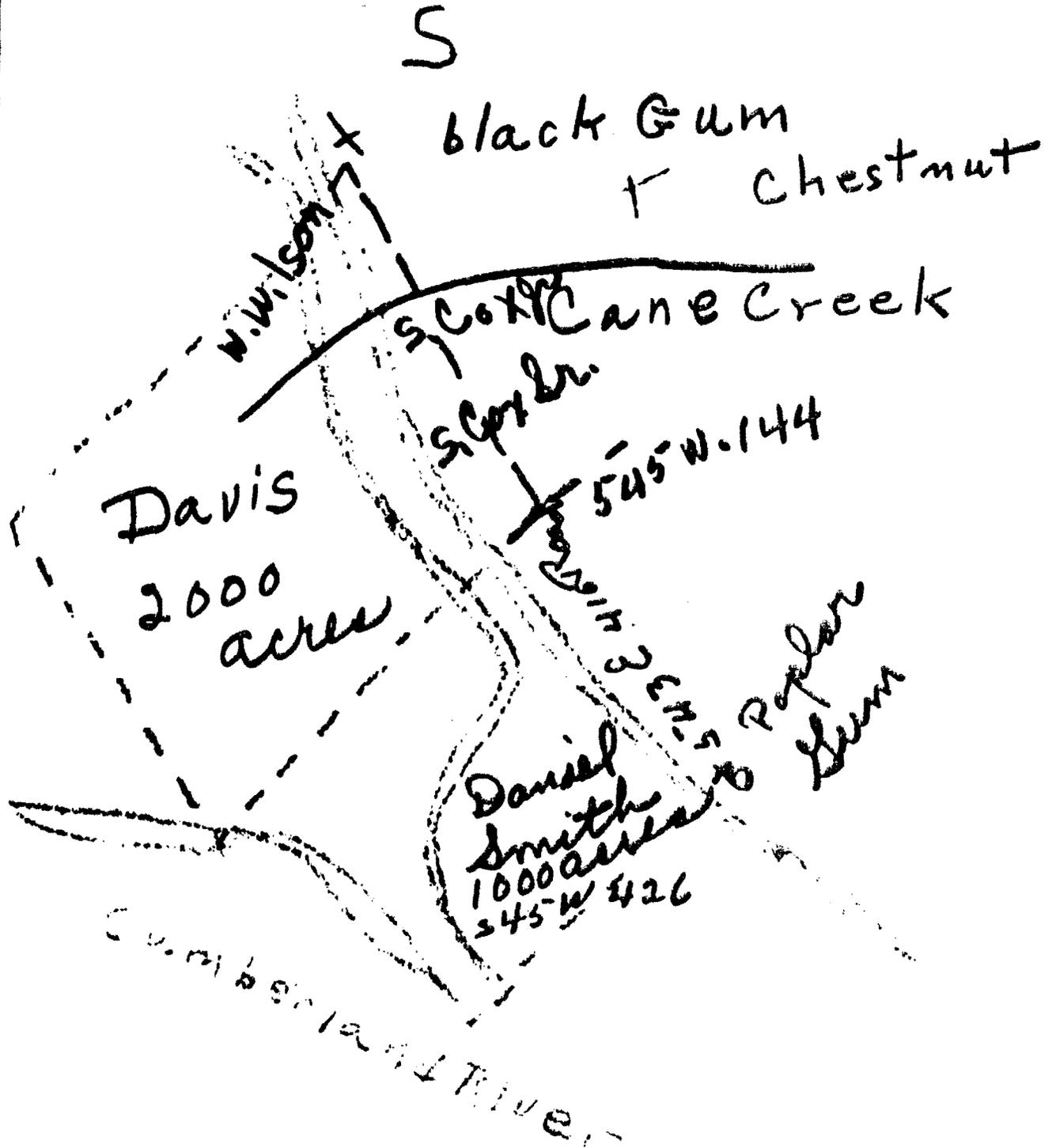


These papers are old and the ink is dim. It is difficult to photograph as well as difficult to read. Occasionally it was impossible to read. They are very interesting. They give us a glimpse into our past 100 or more years back. I like the way they identify land by trees even describing the size of the tree.

Land survey made by Samuel Cox Jr. and Samuel Cox Sr.  
the 27 day of Feb. 1821  
Jesse Perkins  
Joseph Duncan

Drawing

Lot Pitman



Our family history follows the history of our nation. Most of the families of the South owned slaves. There is a Bill of sale for a slave among Levi Preston Cox's papers. It was for a slave bought by Nathan Cox. Very few people of today ever saw a Bill of sale for a slave, therefore I have included a Bill of Sale for a Slave in this book. It is a photostatic copy.

While Nathan Cox owned slaves he did not believe that slavery of people was right. He came by this belief no doubt from his Quaker Grandparents. He freed his slave girl before Civil War time. A photostatic copy of this paper is on page 55.

Next follows a photostatic copy of Nathan Cox's will. This will is recorded in Chillicothe, Livingston County, Mo. After Nathan Cox's death his personal property was sold at a public sale. We have the clerk's itemized account of this sale. This sale was in 1854. It is most interesting to compare the items sold at this sale with the items sold at his great grandson, Charles Edward Cox's sale. This sale was a sale of the personal property of Charles Edward Cox. Charles Cox's sale was after his death in 1954 just a hundred years after the sale of Nathan Cox's property. A photostatic copy of each of these sales follows on pages 60, 61, 62, 63, and 64.

Copies of old papers left by Levi Preston Cox Sr. Some tax receipts showing Nathan Cox's land assessments in Livingston County, Missouri.

1845,	tax receipts showing Nathan Cox's Land assessment on 120Acres	
1846	" " " " " " " "120 A.	\$9.15 ( \$7.75
1848	" " " " " " " "120 A.	\$ 11.29
1848	" " " Thomas Cox Estate,	80 A.
1849	" " " Nathan Cox Land ass.	120 A. \$ 18.52
1851	" " " " " " " "433 A.	\$ 21.75
1857	" " " " " Estate	293 A. \$ 9.75

1854 Deeds to land show

	164 Acres
patent	80 Acres
	80 acres
	113 acres
	40 acres

1843 Certificate 14,000 Deed for 80 acres at Lexington, Mo. to Nathan Cox of Kentucky. date May 1, 1843 signed by the President of the united States

John Tyler  
R Tyler ,Secretary

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1853 Certificate No. 22, 355 in 80 acres at Lexington, Mo. to Nathan Cox of Livingston County, Mo.

July 1, 1845  
signed by the president of the United States  
James K. Polk

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1843 Certificate 14,002 is for 40 acres sold at Lexington, Mo. to Nathan Cox, of Kentucky Date May 1, 1843 signed by the president of United States

John Tyler

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To all persons who may see these presents  
Know that I Nathan Cox of the County  
of Daviess in the State of Missouri have  
this day for the first time in which  
the Negro Slave (girl) named Charlotte aged  
about 21 or 22 years of legal color has  
been seen as a Slave & in consideration  
of the sum of one dollar to me in hand  
paid by me to the said girl & so by three  
of the said witnesses & for ever let free  
from servitude the said girl under My hand  
this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 1854 I have  
hereunto set my hand and official  
seal at the City of St. Louis  
this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 1854  
Nathan Cox  
George W. McKinley

This is the emancipation papers for the freedom of a negro  
slav. girl, Charlotte. It was written by Nathan Cox in 1854.



above described who shall be free) as follows I do  
I ~~do~~ and third Joseph C. Overland and my said  
Grand Children and third that is to say after the  
payment of all my just debts and the payments of  
all charges created by this my last will and the  
Expenses of administration &c.

Item I do give and direct my Executors to have my family  
burial ground or its equivalent of some as can conveniently  
be enclosed with or goods and substantial Stone wall  
and have the same covered with a good Roof and  
wall and Roof to be sufficiently high to admit  
persons to walk under same Enclosed by a convenient  
fencing sufficient space for persons to pass be-  
tween the said wall and the ground under said  
wall

Item I hereby appoint my said Executors to have  
by them my Executors to execute this my last will  
and I hereby <sup>(execute)</sup> revoke all former wills heretofore made  
by me touching this to stand in their place and  
stead given under my hand this 15th day of August  
A.D. 1852

Signed in the presence of Nathaniel Cox  
N. Y. Haest  
Abel Cox  
David W. Smith

State of Massachusetts  
County of Livingston Jas. A. Cox Clerk of said County Court  
do hereby certify the above as a true  
copy of the last will of Nathaniel Cox dec'd as it appears  
of record in my Office

In testimony whereof I hereunto sign my name  
and affix the Seal of said Court this 15th day of August  
1852  
Jas. A. Cox Clerk

State of Missouri,  
County of Daviess,

I Thomas J. Frame Clerk  
of the Circuit Court and Recorder ex officio of  
the County of Daviess aforesaid Certify that  
the foregoing instrument of writing, together  
with the return of administration were filed  
in my office for record on the 6<sup>th</sup> day  
of February 1835 and that the same have  
been recorded in book 6 for recording commissions  
on pages 138-39-41

In Testimony whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and affixed  
the seal of said Court and my  
office this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May  
A.D. 1835

Thomas J. Frame  
Recorder

County of Livingston }  
 State of Missouri }  
 present shall come greeting. Know ye that the  
 will and testament of Nathan Cox deceased hath  
 in due form of Law been Exhibited, proved & recorded  
 in the office of the Clerk of the County Court for  
 Livingston County a copy of which is herewith annexed  
 and inscribed as it appears that Levi P Cox and  
 George W Martin appointed Executors in and by  
 the said last will and testament to Execute the same  
 and to the end that the property of testator may  
 be preserved for those who shall appear to have  
 a legal right or interest therein and that the  
 said last will may be Executed according to the  
 request of the testator. We do hereby authorize them  
 the said Levi P Cox & George W Martin as such  
 Executors to collect and receive all and singular  
 the goods and chattels rights and credits which  
 were of the said Nathan Cox at the time of his  
 death in whatsoever hands or possession the same  
 may be found and to perform and fulfil all such  
 duties as may be enjoined upon him by said will  
 so far as there shall be property and the Law  
 charge there and in general to do and perform  
 all other acts which now are or hereafter may  
 be required of them by Law

In testimony whereof I Abel Cox Clerk of  
 the County Court in and for said County  
 of Livingston have herewith signed my name  
 and affixed the Seal of said Court at office  
 this 14th day of August A.D. 1857

Abel Cox

Clerk

Certificate No. 5137 is for 113 acres sold at Plattsburg, Mo. to Nathan Cox of Livingston, County, Mo. August 1, 1848 . signed by the President of the United States.

James K. Polk

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1848 Certificate 6317 for 160 acres sold at Plattsburg , Mo. to Nathan Cox. of Livingston Co., Mo. Nov. 1, 1848.

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1848 Certificate No. 5246 is for 165.3 acres sold at Plattsburg, Mo. to Levi P. Cox of Daviess Co., Mo.

August 1, 1848

signed by the President of the United States

James K. Polk

Levi P. Cox had staked his claim, cultivated the specified amount of land, and built a home and farm buildings on the land but he had not yet made the long trip by horseback to Plattsburg ,Mo. to register his land. One morning he saw two men riding by and pointing out the places to each other where his land was staked. It came to him quickly that he had never had his land recorded. Immediately he suspicioned that these men planned to steal his claim. L. P. Cox took his best riding horse and took a short cut which he knew and hoped that they did not know. He rode as hard as he could all the way. He went into the land registration office and registered his land and paid his fee. As he came out of the office he met the same two men . Levi P. Cox said to them, " The back of my hand to you forever. "

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Some tax receipts showing L. P. Cox land assessments in Daviess County, Missoudi

1849	-----	360 acres
1851	-----	360 acres
1858	-----	399 acres
1860	-----	655 acres
1872	-----	858 acres

In October of 1848 L. P. Cox was appointed Post Master of Clear Creek .

In 1858 L. P. Cox was appointed road overseer to cut out and open a road from Grundy County line south to intersect Greasy and Breckenridge road at or near Minnick's field in the bottom prairie . Sept. 2, 1858 notice was sent to Smith and son for county road work.

In Dec. 1858 a list of school children shows that L. P. Cox had three girls and three boys in school.

The following is a copy of the contract for the building of a house over the family graves. I was in the Liggett Cemetery in April ,1964. The rocks still were there to indicate the size of the house that was built. The house fell long ago. The grave stones of both Nathan and Lucy Cox are broken. I assume that the falling stones broke the head stones .

NATHAN COX  
*Died*  
Aug. 11, 1854,  
Aged 61 yrs  
4 Mo's 4 d's.

LUCY  
WIFE OF  
Nathan Cox  
AUG 22, 1854  
aged 59 yrs  
4 mo. 12 ds.

E. H. Bement's Marble Works, Chillicothe, Mo.

Jackson Township, Daviess Co., Mo.

July 25, 1859

This is to certify that I have this day ordered E. H. Bement by S. P. Wilson, one set of American Grave Stones, head stone to be 4 feet long and 15 inches wide with the following inscription:

Nathan Cox died August 11, 1854, aged 61 years 4 months, and 4 days. (with the Bible at the top of the stone) The foot stone to be one third the height and width of the head stone. To be delivered at L. P. Cox's house in October next for which I agree to pay thirty dollars cash on delivery.

signatures torn off

Printed at the Grand River Chronicle.

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Jan. 29, 1858

The plan of the house to be built over Nathan Cox's family's graves. The said house is to be 40 feet long and 11 feet wide. The wall is to be built of rock put up as true and plum as can be, without dressing. It is to be six feet high to the top of the plate. The said house is to be covered with shingles. There is to be one window in the south. The north end is to be pailed. There shall be a small gate in the center.

We, the undersigned, Thomas Brooks and George Martin, having taken the contract to build the above named house, bind ourselves in the sum of four hundred dollars, well and truly to be paid unto the administrators of Nathan Cox's estate, for the faithful performance of the same, given under our hand this first day of February 1855.

The condition of the above bond is such that if the above bonders, Thomas Brooks, and George Martin, faithfully execute said contract according to the above named plans then the above bond is to become void. Otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Given under our hand this the first day of February, 1858.

Thomas Brooks

G. W. Martin

I the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Nathan Cox deceased, promise and bind myself to pay the above, Thomas Brooks, and George Martin, the just and full sum of two hundred dollars for the building of said house, as soon as completed.

Given under my hand this first day of February 1858.

Levi P. Cox.

This is a letter written by Levi Preston Cox Sr. to his wife Elizabeth Frances Stamper Cox.

From Sherman Texas, Grayson Co.  
May 9, A. D. 1856.

I take this opportunity of communicating to you how our health has been since we all left you. It has been good with the exception of Joel Stamper. He took sick the Saturday after we left home. It was something like chills but he got well in about four days. We all have been healthy ever since.

As for myself I have eaten three meals every day except one and that day I ate four, and hearty ones too. I think there is no danger, if I hold out faithfully until the end but what I will be able to stand the trip. I am in hopes that these few lines will find you and my little family all enjoying all the blessings of life, and also Uncle Timothy and Aunt Eliza. (slaves).

Uncle Timothy, I want you to do the best you can to raise a big crop for if I don't find a better country than I have seen yet, I shall spend my days in Missouri, if I should be so lucky to get back, but I can't tell you much about Texas as yet. I crossed Red River yesterday and only got ten miles into Texas. I am five miles this side of Sherman, county seat of Grayson county, where I expect to mail this letter. I want you to write to me as soon as you get this letter. When you write your letter direct it to Sherman Post Office in Grayson county, Texas. And I may have the pleasure of hearing from you on my return trip home, before I get into the wilderness of indians, that I have traveled through as I came here. That country is destitute of post offices. That is the reason that I have not written to you sooner. We traveled 300 miles in indian country, sand, and rocks, with little timber. Nolan, Jasper, and Vernon counties, all in Missouri are as bad and rocky and poor as indian country. Bates county is not much better. It is poor but not quite so rocky.

Elizabeth F. though I am 560 miles from you and my little children and many rivers and brooks and runs lie between us, also big and small hills, valleys and many prairies, wild beasts and indians, but for all that, you and your children draw close around my heart, with cords of love that can not be told by me, for want of words.

All our mules look well tho they have been traveling 350 miles on grass. Corn on the road could not be had at all. Corn on the road was worth 75 ¢ to \$1.00 to \$1.50 per bushell. We intend to start to Austin today, which is 250 miles south of Sherman. Then we expect to go from there to San Antonio, southwest 80 miles from Austin. We met 9 droves of cattle and 8 droves of ponies. The largest drove of cattle had 780 head in it. The largest drove of ponies had 150 head of ponies in it.

Joel swapped his horse off for a mule four years old and gave \$20.00 to boot.

I ate some strawberries this morning and saw some mulberries that were ripe. I am at this time at Sherman at the Post Office. This town is a right nice looking place with good looking country around it. I have seen some corn knee high and some peas higher. On Arkansas River I saw Irish potatoes a foot high.

Uncle Timothy If I should fail to get back for hauling in small grain , I want you to fill the barn loft with oats as soon as you get it cut. When you write to me write all about the crops in that country. We have traveled only an average of twenty miles per day and had two rains on us until today. It is raining now and it has been cool most of the time since we left. so no more at present but I remain

your husband until death

Levi P. Cox.

Austin, Texas  
Travis County  
May 24, A.D. 1856

This is the second time that I have had the pleasure of communicating with you since I left your sedate company. There has not been one hour in the day passed over my head, since I left you without my mind calling to memory the days that we have passed together in pleasure. But the past does not suffice for the future. I still live in hopes that you and your little sweet children may all be preserved and remain in good health until I come home again to enjoy your sweet smiles.

I have enjoyed good health ever since I started. And all the balance of my company except Joel, who has had two brushes of the chills, but is well at this time or was well two days ago when I left them on their way from Solomon Cox's to this place. I look for them in today. I am at this time in Andrew Cox's house. They are all well except one little boy with chills. We landed in Belton, the County seat of Bell County on the 19 th/ of May. There We learned that up Nolan Creek , twelve miles lived a neighborhood of Cox's . We took up the creek and found them. Cousin Joseph Cox lived in the neighborhood, and Solomon, John, and Andrew Cox ( those are Abel Cox's family) And Flemen Cox lives there also. They live in the best watered country that I ever saw in my life. There are rich valleys and plenty of timber there. About as good as you can find in western Texas. It is bound to be a healthy country. Every man has a good spring on his place and some have several. They are well at this time. This also looks like a healthy place around Austin. Timber is plentiful and some as fine country as I ever saw. The timber in western Texas is all low and scrubby with the exception of some cedar brakes. ( They tell me that they are tall and fine in places. One man told me that they could make 5,000 rails off one acre of land in some of these cedar brakes.)

I will now call your attention back to the second county that I struck in Texas, Collen County. There is the best wheat that I ever saw in my life in any country, but I think the timber is too scarce in that portion of Texas. Land is high here. In places from \$10.00 to \$ 15,00 per acre.

There is some good country in Dallas County on the Trinity River. Land rates around Dallas are high. I think it is sickly in Dallas. We crossed the Brazos River the 17 th/ day of May. I saw corn there that would average as high as my head. The people say that crops are later than usual, in fact about one month later than common. Corn in this country looks well although some fields have been taken by grasshoppers.

I expect to start from here to San Antonio in a few days, if I keep fat and cool. The weather is warm here. Today is the warmest that I have felt since I left home. The nights are cool

and pleasant. Oh, how I would sleep with you in this pleasant country the year around. Abel's brother Andrew Cox is fixing to move back to Missouri. He expects to come with us. Flemen is coming with me. Flemen is coming on business.

It is too warm to write more today. A lady told me that here in Texas that she had planted three crops of peas in one year and raised three crops in the same. They say that Texas is a good country for a good many vegetables tho it is not good for irish potatoes and cabbage. Part of this country is great for stock. Some men keep 10,000 head of cattle at one time. As I came here I met 12 or 13 droves of cattle that were driven from this country and about as many ponies. Uncle Samuel's Andrew Cox has been living in Texas for seven years. He came here with a large family and no capital. Now he has cleared 1000 dollars a year for seven years.

No more at present but

Your Husband until Death,  
Levi P. Cox.

This is a day by day account of the Texas trip .

April 15, 1856 Levi Preston Cox and Joel Stamper and perhaps others took a trip to Texas from the Cox home in Daviess Co., Mo.			miles
Started to Texas --past Lexington, Mo.	April 17 th/		60
Then to Chapel Hill - La Fayette Co.	April 18 th/		35
Then to Lone Jack, Mo., Jackson Co.			
Then to Pleasant Hill, Mo.			35
Then to Papneville ,Bates County,Mo.	April 20 -----		45
Then to Marais des Cygnes River -----			
Then to Ball's Mill on Osage River ---	April 21 -----		12
Then to Vernon Co., Nevada -----	April 22 -----		22
Then to Jasper Co., Mo. -----	April 23 -----		32
Then to Carthage , Jasper Co., Mo. ---	April 24 -----		20
Then to Falls on Shoal Creek, Newton Co.	April 25 -----		18
Then to Indian Nation, Shawnee Town ---	April 26 -----		15
Then to Gill's trap ferry on Grand River -----			7
Then to Cabin Creek -----	April 27 -----		30
Then to Cherokee Tribe ,Landrum Indians,	April 28 -----		
Then to Pries Creek at John Allberty	April 29 -----		20
Then to Samuel Brady's ferry on Arkansas and Grand Verdigrree River	April 30 -----		35
		total	402 miles
Then to Elk Creek Bridge -----	May 1, -----		24
Then to Norfolk River -----	May 2 -----		24
Choctaw tribe -----			4
Then to Gaines Creek -----	May 3 -----		20
Then to Perryville ( Chickasaw Tribe) ---	May 4 -----		18
Then to Boggy River -----	May 5 & 6 ---		53
Then to South Fork of Boggy River ---			40
Crossed Red River at Colbert's Ferry -----		total	585 miles
Then to Sherman in Grayson Co.,Texas-	May 9, ---		15
Then to McKinney in Collin Co., Texas by way of Denton	May 10, -----		
Weston -----	May 11, -----		33
Then to Dallas, Dallas Co.,Texas ----	May 12, -----		35
Then to Trinity River ,Pleasant Run----	May 13 -----		12
Then to Lancaster and Waxahachie, Ellis Co.	May 14, ----		
Then to Waco on Brazos River -----	May 15,16,17 ---		65

	70
	miles
Crossed at Belton in Bell Co. Texas --May 18 & 19----	45
Crossed Leon River at Belton and then went to Solomson Cox's up Nolan Creek May 20 & 21 -----	12
Then to San Gabriel River ,Georgetown Williamson Co.,Texas May 22 -----	30
Then to Austin on Coronado River , Travis Co.,Texas, May 23 -----	30
Then to San Marcos Springs and town Hays Co., Texas , May 25 -----	30
Then to New Braunfels , Comal Co., May 26 -----	20
Then to San Antonio Town and river Bexar Co.,Texas, May 27, -----	35

The ink was dim and the old styled handwriting was hard to read. This was submitted by Mrs. P. B. Johnston. The original is in her home.

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A letter written by Levi Preston Cox Sr. to his wife Elizabeth Frances Cox.

Corinth, Miss.  
Dec. 3, 1862.

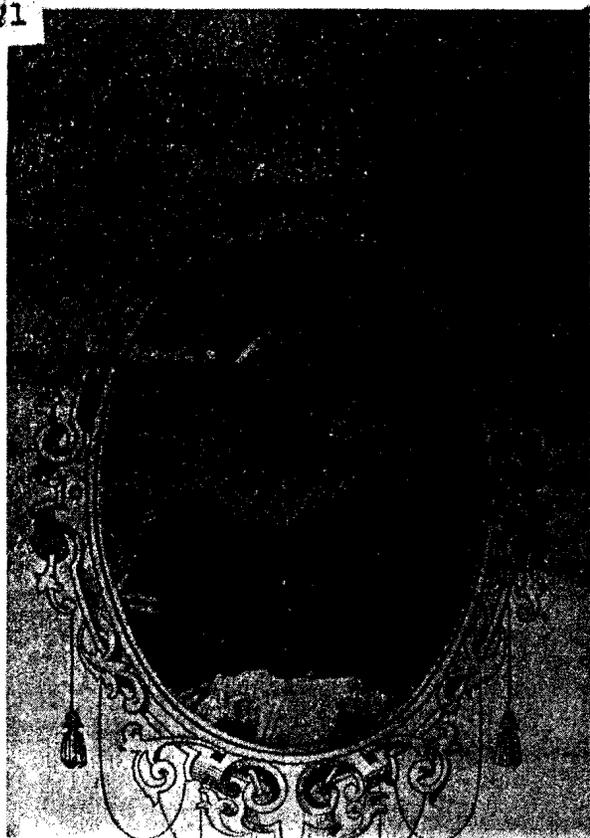
Elizabeth I will inform you and my little children that I am well with the exception of a cold. It isn't worth while to say that I am in hopes that this will find you all well for you know that to be so.

The first night of December at ten O'clock I landed at Planters' house in St. Louis and remained there until the second evening , when I left St. Louis for Cairo. There I got on a steam boat and went down the Ohio 21 miles to Columbus. I landed there about sunrise the second day. There I mounted the iron horse for Corinth. I landed here at 8 O ' Clock tonight . It has cost me thirty dollars or almost that. Now I am within six miles of the outside lines of our army. I have been to see the Commander General at this post. He is a good looking gentleman and so far has treated me as a gentleman ought to treat his friends in time of war. He gave me a pass for seven days through the lines . That is to pass in and out , until the tenth day of Dec. They tell me here that is forty or fifty miles from here to Ripley . Now I have to take it a horse back or a foot. I don't know which I will do but I will see some of the rebels. I will try the road tomorrow morning. I'm in hopes that they won't kill me, for trying to get to my prodigal son -- and wounded as he is -- so no more at this time. L. P. Cox.

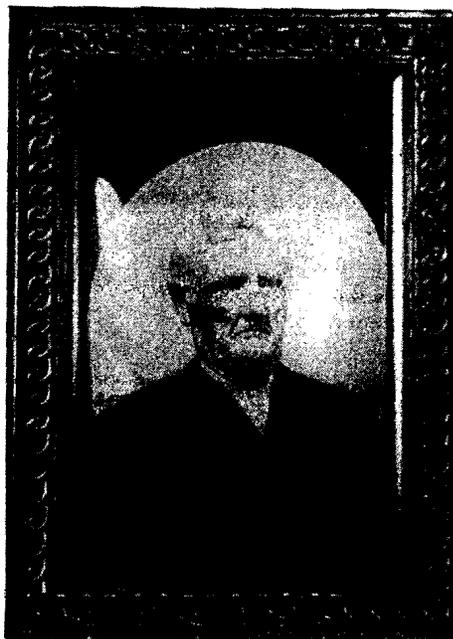
P.S. I must tell you every body has treated me with respect and I am in hopes that they will continue to do so until my return.

Today I traveled through the swamps of Tenn. and passed a great many cotton bales lying at the depots and many cotton fields white with cotton not yet picked. The road that I traveled here is well guarded by our troops in Tenn. There were many fortifications on the road. We were cheered on the road frequently .

L. P. Cox



Elizabeth Frances Stamper Cox.  
 b. March 13, 1826  
 d. May 18, 1864  
 m. Sept. 30, 1841



Levi Preston Cox  
 b. Jan. 7, 1817  
 d. Jan. 20, 1886



This is the home of Levi Preston Cox and his wife Elizabeth Frances Stamper Cox. This house was made out of walnut logs. The logs were chinked with hand ground limestone plaster. The outside was covered with hand hewn walnut weather boards. The inside was sealed with hand hewn walnut sealing. Stairs led up from the wide breeze way to the second floor east. This was the girls bedroom. Stairs led up from the west room which was the dining room to the second floor west. This was the boys bedroom. There was a large fireplace on the east and west ends of the house. This was a delightfully cool home in the summer.

- III. 2. Elizabeth Frances Stamper ( 1 ) ( 2g. )  
 daughter of Larkin Stamper and his wife Emily Maupin Stamper.  
 b. March 13, 1826; d. May 18, 1864 in Daviess Co., Mo..  
 m. September 30, 1841 to Levi Preston Cox Sr., son of Nathan Cox and his wife Lucy Perkins Cox, ( daughter of Jabes Perkins of Whitley Co., Ky. ). They were married in Chillicothe, Mo. by Gilbert Woolsey, justice of the peace. ( this is on record in Livingston Co. Library, in " Marriage Records of Livingston Co., Mo. " compiled by Elizabeth Prather Ellsberry .page 4 . ) This marriage record is also given in the Cox Family Bible. This has been photostated and is shown in this book.
2. H. Levi Preston Cox ( husband of Elizabeth Frances Stamper )  
 b. Jan. 7, 1817 in Ky. d. Jan. 20, 1886. This record is in the Nathan Cox family Bible. A photostatic copy is in this book.

Children of Levi Preston Cox Sr. and his wife Elizabeth Frances Stamper Cox.

9. Larkin Jabes Cox ( 2 ) ( 3 g. )  
 b. Aug. 12, 1843, in Mo. d. Nov. 1, 1862. ( Confederate soldier. He died of injury received in battle. ) unmarried.
10. Lucy M. Cox ( 2 ) ( 3g. )  
 b. September 26, 1844, in Daviess Co., Mo. ; d. 1870  
 m. Rufus Ketron
11. Emily Cox ( 2 ) ( 3g. )  
 b. Nov. 22, 1845 in Daviess Co., Mo.; d. Oct. 13, 1924.  
 m. Frank Minnick son of William Harrison Minnick .
12. Nathan Thomas Cox ( 2 ) ( 3g. )  
 b. Nov. 12, 1847 in Daviess Co., Mo. ; d. March 1924 in Texas .  
 m. Susannah Minnick on March 29, 1874 .She was a daughter of William Harrison Minnick and wife ----- Brown Minnick.
13. Maria Anna Cox ( 2 ) ( 3 g. )  
 b. April 11, 1851 in Daviess Co., Mo.; d. Sept. 24, 1864.
14. Joseph Michie Cox ( 2 ) ( 3 g. )  
 b. Feb. 25, 1853 in Daviess Co., Mo.; d. Jan. 27, 1930.  
 m. on Nov. 10, 1876 to Martha Tye daughter of Joshua Tye II and his wife Elizabeth Miller Tye.  
 A photographic copy of the marriage certificate of this couple is in this book.
15. Levi Preston Cox II. ( 2 ) ( 3 g. )  
 b. Dec. 23, 1857 in Daviess Co, Mo.; d. Dec. 15, 1943 in Caldwell Co., Mo.  
 m. First to Sarah Frances Mauzey, second to Mary Isabelle Wood; third to Laura A. Brogan .
16. Jesse Cox ( 2 ) ( 3 g. )  
 b. April 6, 1860 ; d. April 6, 1860, in Daviess Co., Mo..
17. John Sylvester Cox ( 2 ) ( 3 g. )  
 b. May 13, 1861 in Daviess Co., Mo. ; d. March 22, 1905 in Caldwell Co., Mo..  
 m. Isabelle Jane Seal, daughter of John Miller Seal and Margaret Gibson, his wife. on Nov. 19, 1882.

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.	BIRTHS.
<p>4 <sup>1810</sup> Lewis Garrison Cox was born on the seventh of January 1817</p>	<p>Ethel S Cox was born the first day of Feb 1886</p>
<p>1 Elizabeth Francis Stamp was born 13 of March 1826</p>	
<p>1 <sup>1830</sup> Jackson Lacey Cox was born August 12-1843</p>	<p><del>Mary</del> Madonna C. Cox was born Dec. 22 1892</p>
<p>2 L. M. Cox was born 26 September 1844</p>	
<p>3 E. Cox was born 22 November 1844</p>	
<p>4 P. J. Cox was born 12 November 1847</p>	
<p>5 M. A. Cox was born 11 April 1851</p>	
<p>6 Joseph M. Cox was born 26 February 1853</p>	
<p>7 Lewis Preston Cox was born December 23<sup>rd</sup> 1857</p>	
<p>8 Jesse Cox was born April 6<sup>th</sup> 1860 and departed this life the same day</p>	
<p>9 John S. Col was born May 13<sup>th</sup> 1861</p>	
<p>Isabella C Seal was born Jan 10-1864</p>	

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.	BIRTHS.
<p>Ethel Lee joined the M. E. Church South and was baptised Aug. 29, 1897.</p>	<p>Grandmother (mother Dor. died. as below stated Nathan Cox died aug 11 - 1854. age 61 yrs 4 months 24 days wife Lucy Cox died aug 22 1857 age 59 yrs 4 months 26 12. days.</p>

FAMILY RECORD.

MARRIAGES.

MARRIAGES.

Levi Preston Cox  
was married to  
Elizabeth H. Stampes  
on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September  
1844.

John S. Cox  
was married to  
Isabelle G. Seal  
Nov 19<sup>th</sup> 1880

Levi Preston Cox  
was married to  
G. B. Stampes  
October 12<sup>th</sup> 1876

Joel Stampes  
was married to  
Catherine B. Weldon  
March 18<sup>th</sup> 1858

FAMILY RECORD.

DEATHS.

DEATHS.

Sarkin J. Cox  
Departed this life  
Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1862.  
Aged 19 Years 3 Months  
and 20 Days.

Elizabeth W. Cox  
Departed this life  
May 1<sup>st</sup> 1864  
Aged 34 years 2 months  
and 15 days

Maria W. Cox  
Departed this life  
the 21<sup>st</sup> of September 1861  
Aged 13 Years 5 months  
13 days

Levi Freston Cox  
Departed this life  
January 20<sup>th</sup> 1886.  
- Aged 69 years -

John S. Cox  
Departed this life  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1905  
Aged 43 years 10 months & 9 days  
10 months and 9 days.

"Blessed are they,  
who die in the Lord."

Emily Minnick  
died  
Oct 13, 1924  
age 79 years  
11 months 21 days  
Nathens<sup>st</sup> Mar. — 1924

## Will of Jabes Perkins

Recorded in will book no. 1,  
page 61, County Clerk's office,  
Whitley County, Kentucky in  
Williamsburg, Kentucky.

I have the photostatic copy of this will. It is so very hard to read that I had to put a photo-flood lamp behind it to read it. I am sorry to give you only a typed copy.

I, Jabes Perkins of the County of Whitley, and the state of Kentucky, being sick and low in body but sound in mind and -----memory, and calling to mind the mortality of man, and knowing that it is once appointed for all men to die. I make and ordain this my last will and testament in the following manner. To wit, First of all I will my soul to God who gave it and my body to be buried in a decent and Christain like manner ----- I give and bequeath to my son, Timothy Perkins, one dollar. I give and bequeath to my daughter Lucy Cox one dollar. I give and bequeath to my two daughters Amy White and Nancy White one note --- on---White to be equally divided between them. I give and bequeath to my son, William Perkins all my land in the state of Illinois and all my land in the state of Kentucky and all my wagons, and cows, and horses, ----- and of every kind, my farming tools, and my household and kitchen furniture, and my house and my will is that William Perkins will support and take care of my wife Nancy Perkins as long as she lives. I give and bequeath to the heirs of Solomon Perkins one dollar. Ratify and confirm this to be my last will and testament in witness I have here unto set my hand and seal this the 27 day of December 1835.

Jabes X Perkins  
mark

Attest  
B.B. Cracknow  
John Nofel ) ( Novel ? )  
Wm. B. Cracknow  
State of Kentucky  
Whitley County.

July 7, 1836 the said will and testament of Jabes Perkins ----- and proven by the oath of B. B. Cracknow, John Novel, and Wm. B. Cracknow witnesses for which is ordered by the court recorded.

a copy test

Craig Colle  
To the county court of Whitley County, Nancy Perkins, wife of Jabes Perkins, deceased doth hereby declare that she will not accept the provisions of said will and testament of said deceased, or any part of it and that she doth hereby demand all she might claim under the law -----where of she has hereby set her hand and seal this the thirteenth day of July, 1836.  
Nancy Perkins ( seal)

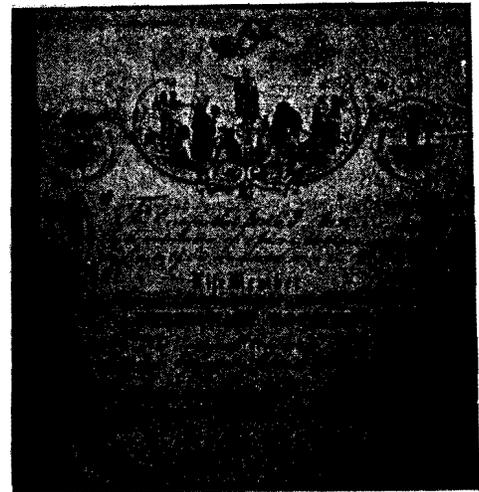
witness  
Jabes Perkins  
will book no. 1.  
page 61.

Cox Brothers

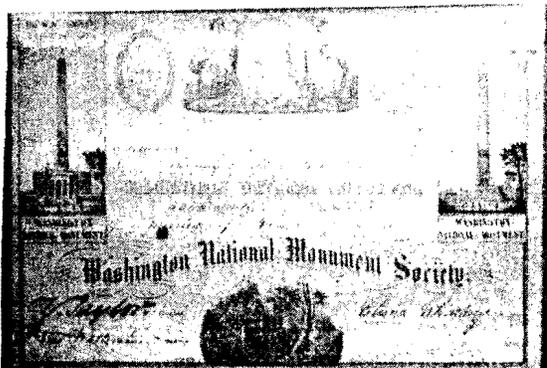


left to right  
 Nathan Cox, John S. Cox  
 Levi P. Cox Jr, Joseph M.  
 Cox. They are sons of  
 Levi Preston Cox Sr. and  
 his wife, Elizabeth Frances  
 Cox.

Cox Brothers when  
 adults. Standing left  
 to right , Levi P Cox II.  
 John S. Cox  
 Joseph M. Cox , Nathan T.  
 Cox



Certificate to Mrs. E. F.  
 Cox for life membership  
 in the Missionary society  
 of the Methodist Church.



Receipt for money given by  
 Levi Cox Sr. to the  
 Society for the building  
 of Washington Monument.

These are indeed rare.  
 They are now in the



Cox Girls , Cousins

Standing ,left to right  
 Minnie Cox , Lucy Cox,  
 Effie Cox, Hollie Cox.  
 Front row, left to right  
 Madonna Cox ,Ethel Cox ,  
 Vivian Cox, Clara Cox,  
 Fabel Cox , Mattie Cox,  
 Manona Cox. Dora Cox.



Cox boys ,Cousins  
 Charles Cox , Dee Cox ,  
 Jabes Cox .  
 Ernie Cox and John R. Cox  
 were not in the picture



18. Nannie Ketron Sanders  
 daughter of Lucy H.  
 Cox Ketron.

10. Lucy H. Cox ( 2 ) ( 3 g. )  
 daughter of Levi Preston Cox Sr. and his wife Elizabeth  
 Frances Stamper Cox  
 b. September 26, 1844 in Daviess Co., Mo.; d. 1870.  
 m. Rufus Ketron  
 b. Oct. 7, 1844 ; d.  
 Children of Rufus Ketron and his wife Lucy M. Cox  
 Ketron
18. Nannie Ketron ( 10 ) ( 4 g. )  
 b. Jan. 12, 1869 ; d.  
 m. Delbert Sanders  
 b. Nov. 19, 1863 ; d.

Children of Nannie Ketron Sanders and her husband  
 Delbert Sanders

19. Della May Sanders ( 18 ) ( 5 g. )  
 b. d. m. Ira A. Hahn
20. Jessie Sanders ( 18 ) ( 5 g. )  
 b. d. m. and divorced , two children
21. Martha Sanders ( 18 ) ( 5 g. )  
 b. d. m. ---Ruby no children

12. Nathan Thomas Cox. ( 2 ) ( 3 g. )  
 son of Levi Preston Cox Sr. and his wife, Elizabeth  
 Frances Stamper Cox .  
 b. Nov. 12, 1847, in Daviess Co., Mo. d. March 1924  
 in Texas.  
 m. Susannah Minnick daughter of William Harrison  
 Minnick and his wife ----- Brown Minnick, on March 29  
 1874 .  
 b. Oct. 3, 1848 , in Mo.; d. 1937 in Texas.

Children of Nathan Thomas Cox and his wife Susannah Cox

22. John Dee Cox ( 12 ) ( 4 g. )  
 b. Jan. 9, 1875 in Mo. ; d. July 26, 1956 .  
 m. on Nov. 29, 1905 to Kathrine Thomason
22. W. Kathrine Thomason  
 b. June 20, 1876 in Shelbyville, Tenn. d. Jan. 12, 1961  
 in Florida.
23. Levi Jabes Cox ( 12 ) ( 4 g. )  
 b. Nov. 2, 1876 in Mo. ; d. m. Eula Thomason
24. Dora Emma Cox ( 12 ) ( 4 g. )  
 b. July 24, 1880 in Mo.; d. 10, 26, 1960 in Calif.
25. Nathan Sebastian Cox died in infancy
22. John Dee Cox ( 12 ) ( 4 g. )  
 b. Jan. 9, 1875 in Mo. d. July 26, 1956 in Florida.  
 m. Kathrine Thomason on Nov. 29, 1905  
 b. 6. -20- 1876, in Shelbyville, Tenn. ; d, 1- 12- 1961  
 in Coral Gables, Florida.  
 Children of John Dee Cox and his wife Kathrine Cox.
26. John Dee Cox II. ( 22 ) ( 5 g. )  
 b. Nov. 12, 1906 in Era, Texas ; d  
 m. Dorothy Nydegger on Aug. 22, 1931.



12. Nathan Thomas Cox  
Susannah Cox



Dee Cox , Dora Cox ,  
Jabes Cox.



Back row  
Eula Cox , Jabes Cox, Dora Cox  
Front row  
Dee Cox, John Dee Cox Jr. ,  
Kathrine Cox, Nathan T. Cox,  
Mona Lee Cox , Susannah Cox



22. John Dee Cox  
Kathrine Cox



24. Dora Cox Bugg  
Auda Bugg

27. Cecil Thomas Cox ( 22 ) ( 5 g. )

b. August 23, 1912; d.

m. Ruth Lisette Moll on May 30, 1936

26. John Dee Cox II ( 22 ) ( 5 g. )

b. Nov. 12, 1906 in Era, Texas ; d

m. Dorothy Madison Nydegger on Aug. 22, 1931

b. April 3, 1907 in Chicago, Ill .

Children of John Dee Cox II and his wife Dorothy Cox.

28. Judith Manning Cox ( 26 ) ( 6 g. )

b. Jan. 26, 1936 m. James Douglas Crow ,Pittsburg, Pa.

29. Catherine Ingalls Cox ( 26 ) ( 6 g. )

b. Aug. 24, 1941

27. Cecil Thomas Cox ( 22 ) ( 5 g. )

b. Aug. 23, 1912 ; d.

m. Ruth Lisette Moll on May 30, 1936 , at Glencoe, Ill.

b. April 29, 1915 in Philadelphia ,Pa.

Children of Cecil Thomas Cox and his wife Ruth Cox

30. Stephen Thomas Cox ( 27 ) ( 6 g. )

b. October 28, 1940 ; d.

31. David Michael Cox. ( 27 ) ( 6 g. )

b. Nov. 17, 1945 ( 27 ) ( 6 g. )

23. Levi Jabes Cox ( 12 ) ( 4 g. )

b. Nov. 2, 1837 in Mo. ; d. 1955 in Texas

m. Eula Thomason

b.

d.

Children of Levi Jabes Cox and his wife Eula Thomason Cox

32. Maeona Lee Cox ( 23 ) ( 5 g. )

b. Nov. 18, 1905, a teacher , not married

33. Eula Lucile Cox ( 23 ) ( 5 g. )

b. Sept. 28, 1909;d m

m. William Rilley Lee on September 28, 1942

b. Feb. 28, 1921

Children of Eula Lucile Cox Lee and her husband W. R. Lee

34. Billy Lucile Lee ( 33 ) ( 6 g. )

b. Jan. 18, 1947

35. Maeona Lee ( 33 ) ( 6 g. )

b. April 15, 1951

24. Dora Emma Cox ( 12 ) ( 4 g. )

b. July 24, 1880 ; d. Oct. 26, 1960 in California

m. Auda Bugg

Children of Dora Cox Bugg and her husband Auda Bugg.

36. Frankie Bugg ( 24 ) ( 5 g. )

b.



23. Levi Jabes Cox



W. R. Lee , Maeona Lee,  
Billie Lucile Lee,  
33. Eula Lucile Cox Lee



27. Cecil Thomas Cox  
Ruth Cox



30. Stephen Cox



31. David Michael Cox



26. John Dee Cox II  
Dorothy Cox  
Children

John Dee Cox Jr. of Pelham, New York received a letter from his father, John Dee Cox Sr., in which he wrote many of the family traditions as he remembered hearing them told. This letter was written Dec. 3, 1934. I have enjoyed reading this letter very much. I will give parts of it to you. I think that a few traditions mixed in with many photostatic and certified facts will make this book more enjoyable to you.

He writes, " Grandfather Holliday was a Revolutionary War soldier and was wounded in one of the battles. While lying wounded at night on the field, he and an officer who was lying near him saw a woman dressed in white going around among the wounded . They supposed that she was giving water to the wounded. But when she came closer they saw that she had a small cannon ball in a long stocking and was seeking out the officers and hitting them on the head and then taking their watches or other valuables that they might have. A watch then was about the size of your fist. The officer near Great Grand Dad asked him if his gun was loaded and when told it was ,the officer told Great Granddad to shoot her . He waited until she started toward them and let her have it right in the middle. They found out later that the ghost was a man. "

Tradition says that many years ago two brothers from Germany by the name of Minnick came to this country. One settled in Pa. ,the other settled in Virginia. We came from the one that settled in Va.. Uncle Frank and Uncle Jim Minnick went through the Civil War on the Confederate side. Tradition says that in the battle of Wilson Creek in Mo. the Union forces under General Lyons were pressing the Confederate forces very hard. A Confederate Officer made the remark, " Man, if any of you have a loaded gun and will shoot that officer , which was General Lyons, who was at the head of his men . He was on horseback urging the men on,we will not be pressed so hard. A Cousin of Uncle Jim's, Pad Minnick , raised up on one knee , they were all flat on the ground, and took his aim like shooting a squirrel and at the crack of his gun the officer fell from his horse. Before Pad could get back down a minnie ball ( a minnie ball was a ball about the size of your thumb and almost as long ) struck him in the forehead between the eyes . He never knew what hurt him. "

Uncle Joe Cox, father's brother ,told me about his Uncle Joe Cox. This Uncle Joe Cox Sr. had the old Cox Family Bible. He moved to Texas before father went to Texas. Uncle Joe Cox Jr. said that Uncle Joe Cox Sr. was old but well, when he remarked to his family, " This is a Wonderfully fine and sunshiny day to have to die. " Then in just a few minutes he reached one of his hands to his face and closed his eye lids and that was the last ".

Father was full of mischief when he was in school. The teacher whipped him once or twice a week. When he was older Grand Dad sent him to an academy. The class was to write a composition. Dad didn't pay any attention to it. He said that he would rather take a whipping than write a composition. Imagine his surprise when the teacher told him he could just sit there until he had written his composition. The school was dismissed for recess.He thought rapidly and then wrote

a verse from the Bible, that he happened to remember. He wrote it and handed it to the teacher. The teacher looked at it smiled and let him go. Here is what he wrote, " Man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble. " I may not have the quotation correct but I am sure that I have what he said that he wrote.

" Father used to amuse me by saying that he had a much harder work day than his father's slaves. He would say, " Pap sent me and the other niggers to do so and so. " The negro slaves were excused from work at noon on Saturday and most always he worked the remainder of the day. Grand Dad, Levi Preston Cox Sr. thought that the South should not have seceded from the union, Even so he gave his consent for Uncle Larkin Cox to join the Confederate Army. At the Battle of Corinth in Miss. his column was marching . He dropped out to tie his shoe. While he stooped over a minnie ball struck him just above the knee. It was hot weather and he was hauled eighteen miles before he received any medical attention. It was too late. As I remember gangrene set in and he did not live long. When Dad was married Grand Dad gave him eighty acres of timber land. Dad cleared some of it, built a log cabin , and put in a crop. I was born in that log cabin Jan 9, 1875. Before Jabes was born Dad moved into a farm house across the river at Breckenridge on one of Grand Dad's places. Here Jabes was born. In 1879 or 1880 we moved back across Grand River on one of Uncle Jim Minnick's farms into a log cabin where Dora was born."

" Mother was carrying me ,a babe in her arms ,down to her nearest neighbors. The path led through some thick brush, buck brush, about two feet high . She felt something dragging from her skirt, ( You know that they wore them long in those days.) She reached back and gave her skirt a jerk, but felt it again, again she jerked her dress. She thought it was a brier. Imagine her surprise and horror on looking around to see a rattle snake dragging along. Evidently it had struck and its fangs had stuck in her dress. She raised a " Howl " and went in high down to her neighbors. The neighbor's wife came out and killed the snake . "

" I had just learned to toddle around .We had an old Tom cat that followed me around just like a dog. One day Mother missed her hopeful. The cat was at the house and look where she would no boy could be found. She couldn't understand why the cat was at the house. There was a well close to the house, She looked in there a dozen or more times. She went for a neighbor and both looked far and near. A lost boy, excitement ran high. Finally she ran out the back door for the hundredth time and her attention was attracted by a little arm thrown up to brush away the flies, and behold there lay the lost boy, fast asleep in the woodbox just outside the back door.

In 1892 Father put us in two, two horse covered wagons and moved to Texas. We left Missouri on October 12, 1892. It took us five weeks to make the trip. Part of Oklahoma was still Indian Territory. It was certainly wild when we crossed it. The wild indians and the howling wolves impressed us alright.