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Family Reunion

Brandywine Crucible Cox Family Reunion is scheduled at Lampasas, TX for *May 31st through June 2nd, 2013*. As always be prepared to enjoy a number of scheduled family events. Starting on Friday, May 31st, is the **Brandywine Golf Tournament** which will start at 8:00 a.m. It will be at the Hancock Park Golf Course. We need all golfers young and old, not to miss the opportunity of winning a golf trophy. It is a fun time "under the sun" to get acquainted with family you have not met, plus adding your name to our list of champions.

Enjoy relaxing by the pool while smelling the aroma of **burgers cooking on the grill**. Enjoy a cool drink, while visiting and getting better acquainted with kin folk that are from over the United States.

Later in the evening you will have chances to beat those same kin folk in **dominoes or other planned table games**. Saturday, June 1st, we will begin registration, followed by Joe Cox, our President at 9:30 a.m. to welcome everyone to the 2013 Brandywine Family Reunion. He will also introduce our special guests and the presenters for the weekend.

Plan to attend and bring your children and grandchildren. The pool will be open this year at Hancock Park. Hotel Reservations are as follows: 512/556-9292 or email lxmtx@att.net. Rates are \$86, \$99, & \$109. You cannot book group rates on their website, but here's the website: <http://innatlampasas.com/>.

BRANDYWINE CRUCIBLE, Inc, a non-profit educational education Corporation has collected and preserved thousands of stories, articles, facts and tidbits of information about the Cox family and related families. It maintains a large database of information which traces the history of this family back to CHARLEMAGNE and beyond. Most of this information is available at the annual reunion held in Lampasas, TX each year. It is also permanently archived in **the Southwest Collection at Texas Tech and at the Center for American History at the University of Texas** in Austin, Texas.

A LETTER TO ELLEN COX DATED MARCH 19, 1900

Ellen was the daughter of Cornelius Nicholas "Nick" Cox and Mary Jane "Mollie" Johnson Cox. They lived near the Fleming community, now known as Pettit, southwest of Highway 36 and Gustine, Texas. Her full name was Mary Ellen Cox.

Note: This letter was written by Elmer Weidner to Ellen Cox. Elmer lived in the Edna Hill and Wilson Community in Erath County, Texas. Erath County joins Comanche County on the east/northeast.

This letter was written on what was probably expensive paper. It has an embossed design, and in the early days, a blue ribbon tied in a bow on the first page. Now, the ribbon has turned to a creamy tan. It is written in pencil in a very good hand. I have copied it as written. If the word was misspelled, I left it as written. He spelled Ellen's name as Elen, but the family spelled it Ellen. I have the original letter, with the postmarks of Wilson and Fleming, Texas and the old stamp.

My parents, William Cornelius Cox and Minnie Steward Cox talked a lot about Aunt Ellen and Uncle Elmer. My daddy had two sisters, Mary Ellen and Renier. He was close to his sisters and all of his brothers.

Mama said when Elmer and Ellen were courting, that he would ride his horse or come in the buggy on Sunday to spend the day with Ellen. He probably didn't get to come very often, which may be one reason that he was writing as he did, saying the things that he couldn't say in front of her family.

Ellen and Elmer married December 2, 1900. They lived in the Edna Hill/Wilson community.

Mama said when Ellen was pregnant in 1906, Elmer had contacted the doctor in Dublin and he agreed he would come to their home to deliver the baby. Ellen wanted to come to see her parents one time before the baby came, and they came in the buggy for the day. Going home, she went into labor. The Doctor came out from Dublin, but there was nothing he could do to help her. Grandma Cox thought if she could just get there, she could help her.

Mama said the boys nearly killed a good horse hitched to the buggy to get Grandma Cox over there, but she couldn't do anything. Both Ellen and the baby were dead. This was February 16, 1906. She would have been 22 years old. She and the baby are buried in a single grave in Union Cemetery, just west of Gustine, Texas.

Uncle Elmer was such a good man, and was always considered a member of the Cox family. When my parents married in 1912, he is in the group photograph made that day. Later, he married a woman named Etta, and I apologize that I do not remember her last name. I remember going to Edna Hill to see them, and we called him Uncle Elmer and her Aunt Ett. I remember their yard, it was so pretty. It was a swept yard, and she had flower beds outlined with rocks. I remember that there was a large long front porch that faced the south or southeast. I was probably six or seven years old.

Marvalene "Missy" Cox Jones
Daughter of William Cornelius Cox and Minnie Steward Cox

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Wilson, Texas, March 19,
1900

My Dear Sweetheart

It is once more in life that I
take my pencil in hand to
write to the goodest and
the prettiest girl on earth
and to the one I love best
Elen you looked gooder
yesterday than ever I saw
you and you could talk
gooder than ever I heard
you and never never will I
forget them pretty eyes of
yours

Well Elen we got home all
rite I hated to leave my
good little Elen but if I
hadent you would have
run me off before now I
told you to think of me
when dark comes tonight
to think that I am writing to
you and I am writing It
may be fooling my time
away writing to you but I
hope it is not that way
because I love you gooder
than any bodie on earth
and that is the truth Elen
You may fool me I dont
know if you do I can say
the best girl on earth
fooled me and the prettiest
one to

Elen you may think I will
fool you but if their is any
fooling done Elen will have
it to do I told you I would
not fool you and I spoke
the truth when I said it
Elen I told you I was going
to beleave ever word you
told me and I am going to
till you fool me You can
fool me if you want to
Oh how I wish I could see
you to night I would like to
talk to you You can talk so
good and look gooder than
any bodie and love you
better than any bodie on
this earth and that is the
truth if ever I told it
Elen you said their may be
some bodie over here that
was a head of you you can
beat any bodie on earth
with me their is no bodie
over here I love and never
was

Elen you can say you are
mine if you want to for
their no bodie a head of
you and never no never
will be You have got to
fool me if their is any
fooling. I hope there will
never be any fooling done
I can not keep from
thinking how good you
looked Sunday you look

ed gooder than ever I saw
you
Elen this old sory paper I
can not hardly write on it
maby you can make out
some of it Elen you are
the goodest and the
prettiest girl on earth and I
can not tell you how good I
love you words can not
express my love for you
that is pretty scary talk but
it is the truth if ever I told in
my life though it may never
do me any good

I told you I was going to
beleave ever word you
said and I am to You can
tell me a story and I will
beleave it but I hope you
will never tell me a story
for I am not going to tell
you any

Well' Elen I guess you are
getting tired of reading
such a letter so I will close
I wish I could write a good
letter this is so sory writing
I dont know whether you
can read it or not
Excuse bad writing and
spelling and short letter.
This is from one that truly
loves you and to the one I
hope loves me
So By By from Elmer

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Birth Announcements

Jim and Marie Smith

927 Greenland Hill Tyler, TX 75702

I don't know if you remember me but my wife and I came a couple of years ago for the first time. I am Jim Smith and my wife is Marie.

My grandmother was Erma Cox. Since our last visit we have had a little girl.



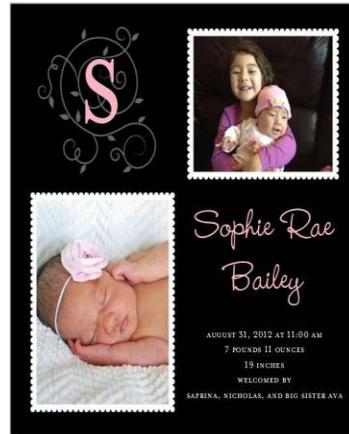
having a child this late in life. (The first for each of us.) We named her Sarah because I am now 53 and Marie is 43. I felt like Abraham having a child this late in life. (The first for each of us.)

I doubt we will make it to the reunion this year but I wanted to let everyone about the new addition to the Cox line.

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Benjamin Trigg Fitzgerald - Jan 4, 2006
Andrew Walker Fitzgerald - Sept. 25, 2007
Charles Holt Fitzgerald - Feb. 6, 2009
Blythe Langham Fitzgerald - Nov. 14, 2011
Children of Leslie Ryan Cox Fitzgerald and
Brendon John Fitzgerald
and grandchildren of John Yeldell Cox and
Susan Dannelly Cox.



Born on wedding anniversary of gggrandparents Lemmie & Irene Cox, gggrandfather Chester Cox, grandmother Connie Cox Cook, mother Saprina Bailey. Sophie Rae Bailey born on August 31, 2012.

Thomas Isaac Cox & Rachel Carr Cox-Line.



Note from Joe E. Tarry

We received the letter about the next reunion. It was mentioned that we could write to you about any news and accomplishments.

The Joe Thomas Tarry siblings and families are doing well - considering the ages of us. All have some sort of health problem but we are thankful to be able to work. My

mother Hazel Pauline Cox, daughter of F. M. and Pearl Cox.

I, Joe Ellis Tarry, and my wife Leona have been busy writing books. We are glad to announce that we have a website that gives information about the We have the books to sell if anyone is interested. One is our life story of our work as missionaries in Brazil. 5 books we have in English. The site is: www.joetarry.com

Data Preservation

WE NEED FAMILY STORIES!!!

Former Brandywine board member Missy Cox Jones has suggested that our organization solicit family stories to be placed on our web site and possibly to be published as a collection in book form. They will be incorporated into our database and can also be included in our newsletter from time to time. This suggestion was discussed at our May 2012 board and membership meetings in Lampasas, Texas, and it was agreed that this was a great idea for Brandywine Crucible to adopt.

We solicit your family stories, whether proven or unproven. Stories put flesh on the bones of genealogy. If a story recurs in your

family line, it should be preserved. The stories can revolve around a personality, an event, or any combination. They can be humorous, happy, sad, or even tragic, but if you deem them important to your family, we want to preserve them. There sometimes will be overlap with our autobiography-biography program, which records the lives of individuals, but this will be a separate program.

Please submit your family stories to Les Sutton, 254 Old Spring Lane, Houston, TX 77015-2042; lessutton@aol.com, ph. 713-455-3920. This is an important part of our work to preserve our family history.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brandywine Crucible, Inc., enjoyed another very good year in 2011-12, and we are now in what we expect to be an even better one in 2012-13. One important change needs to be announced at the start. For a number of years, we have attempted to increase the number of young families attending our annual reunion and Brandywine business meeting in Lampasas, Texas. Over time, it became clear that our meeting date of the third weekend in May conflicted with end of school activities to the extent that it negatively affected our attendance. Those of you attending our general membership meetings will recall that the issue has been discussed for a number of years. This past May, after reviewing several possible dates, your board decided to move the annual reunion and meeting to the first weekend in June, which in 2013 will be 31 May through 2 June. One advantage is that the Hancock Park pool will be open. This will not completely free us of conflicts with end of school activities but will eliminate some of them. The new date will not conflict with any other related family reunions that we know of. We certainly hope that none of our members will have conflicts with the new date.

Another important announcement is that Linda Atkins of Oklahoma City is our new newsletter editor, replacing her sister Thelma Cox Burchfiel, who now is assistant treasurer, aiding her sister Ada Cox Stump, our hard working treasurer. We will begin publishing two newsletters each year, in October and March respectively.

We continue to fulfill our mission of discovering, preserving, and disseminating our family history through our DNA, military pictures, archives and publications,

and autobiography/biography projects. To insure continuity in a vital program, Fritz Cox and his mother, Jane Plimper Cox, are now understudying Les Sutton and Mary Lou Hudson, our long-time DNA project managers. Our archaeology project is temporarily on hold because of work commitments by our volunteer archaeologist. Our web site continues to receive increasing use and numerous compliments. Membership chair Bettye Wallace continues to communicate with our contact list with her post card mailouts.

Two new projects mentioned in my last president's report are receiving increasing emphasis. We are modifying the youth essay contest rules a bit to no longer require presence at the Lampasas reunion to compete; although we hope that the change in reunion date will increase attendance by school age young people. Missy Jones of Comanche, Texas, continues to manage this effort. Also, the cemetery marker committee chaired by Bill Bentley of Utah has worked hard to develop policies and ground rules for that project, aided by those of you attending this past Lampasas reunion. Details of the cemetery marker project are given elsewhere in this newsletter, and those of the essay project will be included in the March edition, closer to the event. Further, we want to begin collecting family stories in addition to autobiographies and biographies. A separate item giving details, which will also be posted to be web site, is given elsewhere in this newsletter.

Also, we again need to emphasize the importance of increasing our number of dues-paying members. We have a separate item elsewhere in this newsletter giving details.

Yours for preserving the history of a great family!

Joe Cox



**Story Taken From the book
“Recipes and Memories From the Heart”
Written By, Geneva Cox Mercer in 1998
When Daddy Killed Hogs**

Now that had to be a cold day. You needed a fresh northerner, a cold northerner; it had to be clear, dry weather. Daddy would take a shovel and go out and dig a hole and make it to where he could lay a 50 gallon barrel about halfway standing up. He would fill that with boiling hot water and he and another man, it took two, of course, would get the hog in there. First they would take the team, or a horse, and hook on to that hog and bring it to where they wanted to work it, and lay it on some frames off of a wagon, so it wouldn't get in the dirt or anything. They would slide that hog into this barrel, and kind of slosh it around and turn it around and then they would jerk it out of there and cool it a little bit. Then they would shove it back in there, it was quite a job. If you left it in there too long, it would cook the skin and no way you could scrape the hair off of it, because it was cooked in there. Of course, they had to have sharp knives to shave that hair off of those hogs. And then they had to get a block and tackle and take some poles and a singletree and make a frame to hang the hog up. This would be done that way in West Texas where there were not many trees, down here in Comanche County you could use a block and tackle and a singletree and then hang the hog on a strong tree limb. But that was a fun day. The hog had to hang up there and chill real good and then they would cut it up, cut the hams and shoulders and the bacon and everything. By that time it was time to think about having lunch. We always had fried liver on that day and

sometimes Mother would fix brains and eggs that we all loved. Daddy always took the bladder, cleaned it up good and tied a string around it like a balloon and gave it to us to play with.

I am thinking about Daddy with his hog killing and preparing the hams and shoulders and bacon, curing them. I'm trying to remember how he did those things. Most of the time he would use a dry cure mix. I don't have the exact recipe that he used, but here is the one that Mary Smith's mother used for curing her meat and it looks about like what Daddy used.

SUGAR CURE FOR MEAT

To 100 pounds of meat:
2 Tablespoons of saltpeter
2 ounces of red pepper
3pounds of brown sugar
5 pounds of salt
Mix well and rub on meat.

These had to hang several days in good cold weather. One thing, this would help to get the moisture out of them. But if it turned off too warm^ then you had to get them wrapped up and sealed up in paper in a hurry.

I do know that one time Daddy did his hams and shoulders in a different way. It seems like Daddy's brother, Uncle Joe Cox, had done his like this and Daddy tried it. He got the big galvanized watering trough or something like that from Uncle Joe, and it was my job to get it cleaned up good. It was pretty deep and they laid it on its side for me to be able to reach inside good. Anyway, Daddy rubbed his hams and shoulders good with the meat cure, and they had a thick slurry made up of lots of brown sugar, red pepper and saltpeter and maybe other things. They put water to cover the meat in the big trough, and put in a lot of the brown sugar

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mixture, I remember it smelled so good. They put the meat in the trough, with enough water to cover it so it would be covered good with the brown sugar stuff. They covered this with a white sheet and tied it on good and tight. It was left overnight and maybe longer, then the meat was taken out and hung up so that it would drip the moisture out of it and cure, then it would be ready to wrap with paper and seal up.

But I know we didn't do a lot of shopping like people do now but we saved our paper. The stores had paper on a big roll, white paper on a big roll in the store and if you bought a pair of overalls or something, they wrapped it with that white paper and tied it with a white string. And we folded that paper and saved it for whatever we might need it for and before hog killing time we really had saved up a lot. And the string, of course, we rolled that in a ball to have to use when we needed something because you didn't buy things like that. We didn't go to town and buy a lot of things, we didn't have brown paper bags.

But whenever you got ready to put the paper on the hams, we would make a paste out of flour, water, and lots of red pepper. I don't remember if we put anything else in that. But we pasted that up real good all around those pieces of meat, and there wasn't any kind of bug or anything interested in eating thru that red pepper. The next day, after we killed hogs, we made sausage. Mama had a long table and Daddy would cut the meat up and we would grind it up and cut and grind and work and no telling how many pounds of sausage we would fix up at one time. It would cost a fortune to buy that much sausage now.

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When Daddy seasoned his sausage, we didn't measure anything. With the big long table piled high with meat, we would put in some seasoning, black pepper, salt and sage; then we mixed it up good and then we'd take a little skillet and cook a sausage patty on the stove and taste it. If it didn't taste right like we wanted it to, then we would add whatever we thought it needed, mix it good and fry another patty to see how it was. That was a job, and that is the way Daddy did it. I really did enjoy getting all of that ready and having all of that sausage ready to hang up. We had lots of cold winters then and didn't have any problem keeping it.

After I was old enough, I would make the sacks for the sausage, out of flour sacks, sugar sacks or whatever we had saved back in those days. Usually we made the sausage sacks probably for 3 pounds of meat, sometimes smaller.

When I sewed up the sack, I didn't turn it, I left the raw edge outside because you didn't want the threads to get in the meat. Once you got that sack filled and tied and everything, you laid it down on the table and you would take your hands and rub it real good, get that fat on the sack to seal it up good. Then we would tie the sausage sack with the string that we had saved, and they would be ready to hang in the smoke house. Oh, that fresh sausage was good, and that would keep a long time.

Of course, eventually, it would get seasoned out and kind of dry, I didn't really like it then but it was still good to eat. We were happy to have it, because that is the only way you could have fresh sausage, back then.

And of course there was always that cooking out the lard. Daddy always had fat hogs, they had had plenty to eat, and you didn't want all that fat on your meat; your hams, shoulders and bacon. So daddy would trim all of the fat off of that meat, and also on the



bits and pieces that went into the sausage. That was trimmings and small pieces of meat, and Daddy didn't want too much fat in his sausage. So all of this fat was saved to cook down into lard. It was put in a big pot on the stove, and you didn't want too much fire going. And you couldn't have it too hot or it would burn the meat. And there was such a danger of getting that grease on fire

and burning down the house. When the fat was cooking down, there would be little bits and pieces of rind and meat come to the top. That would be the cracklings. Mama didn't save too many of them, Daddy liked them in his corn pone, but most of the time, she would save them for making lye soap.

Les Sutton's Memories

What a delightful story. I have added it to our database and am attaching a copy for Mark to put on the web site.

It brought back lots of memories for me. Every year I would vow to watch the whole process, but Daddy and the neighbors would rope the hog and lead it to the tree so they could hang it up, bleed it and scald it right away.



However when the squealing grew loud and I saw the gun raised, I would run in the house and not come out until I heard the shot and the squealing stopped. I thought I was really something when I could just close my eyes.

The rest of the process was a fascinating and exciting experience. There always seemed to be a sense of urgency to get it cut up quickly.



Obituaries



CHESTER RAY COX

April 23, 1939 - August 15, 2012

Chester Cox passed from this life to his new life in Heaven at the age of 73 years 3 months 23 days. He resided in Wayne, Oklahoma. Services were held on Saturday, August 18, 2012 at Wadley's Funeral Chapel, Purcell, OK. He was born in Cleveland County near Noble, OK. He was a plant supervisor for 43 years. He married the love of his life, Aleta Clifton on May 14, 1976.

During his teenage years, he excelled in basketball at Noble High School. He loved horses. He owned and trained many horses and was a member of the Noble Roundup Club.

He had a firm belief in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and was of the Baptist faith.

On behalf of the descendants of the Lemmie Cox Family in Oklahoma; sisters, Earlene Plemons, Ada Stump, Thelma Burchfiel, Diana McCage, Linda Atkins and brothers, Paul, Floyd and Danny Cox, all want to thank the Brandywine Crucible Family for their thoughtful emails, the prayers and general outpouring of love during a very difficult time.

Chester's children are:

Karen Dally

Connie Cook

Earl Cox

Becky Willingham

Nancy Cox

Pastor Daniel Kitchel officiated the services, followed by being laid to rest in the Purcell Cemetery in Purcell, Oklahoma.

There are so many family members and loved ones that it is impossible to list them all.



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Robert Norman Hamilton (greatgrandson of Pleasant and Martha Jane Bybee Cox) was born March 31, 1922 in Star, Mills County, Texas, the son of J.Y. and Eula Campbell Hamilton. He spent his growing up years in the Star and Evant areas and attended school at Evant. He passed away at Forest Oaks Nursing Home in Hamilton on 7 June 2011. He was a member of "The Greatest Generation" having served his country proudly during World War II. As a Navy machinist, he received training in San Diego, California and at New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts in Alamogordo. He was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia before being sent to Weymouth, England aboard the ship *Queen Mary*. He participated in the preparation of landing craft for the D-Day invasion. He remained in the Naval Reserves after the war ended and was recalled during the Korean Conflict where he served in San Diego, California and Japan. He worked as a mechanic and as a machinist at Fort Hood before an automobile accident left him a paraplegic. Although he was handicapped, he always found things to do and lived life to the fullest.

He enjoyed fishing and operated the Evant Hunting Club for many years. He assisted his parents in the operation of Evant Funeral Home, was a salesman for Riley Gardner

Memorial, built picture frames and other things from wood, and sharpened saws. He was always willing to help people and offer his witty comments to others!

He was a member of First Baptist Church in Evant and the Bee House Masonic Lodge, also in Evant.

He married LaJuan Owens on August 15, 1947 in Gatesville.

He is survived by his wife LaJuan Hamilton of Evant; one daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Danny Jones of Caldwell, three grandchildren and their spouses, Katie and Josh Wright of Lago Vista, Becky and Kyle Ickes of Peoria, Arizona, and Ben and Katie Jones of Caldwell. He is also survived by two great grandchildren, Chance Hill and Zoe Jones as well as several cousins and a host of friends including special friends Danny and Robin Brey and their family of Salado, James Hudgins and his family of Temple.

Officiants: James Hudgins and Danny Brey

Pall Bearers: Danny Jones, Ben Jones, Josh Wright, Kyle Ickes, Chet Brey, Danny Brey, James Hudgins

Honorary Pall Bearers: Members of Bee House Lodge Evant

Services 11 June 2011 at First Baptist Church Evant, burial at Hurst Ranch Cemetery near Star

Masonic Rites by the Bee House Lodge, Evant.



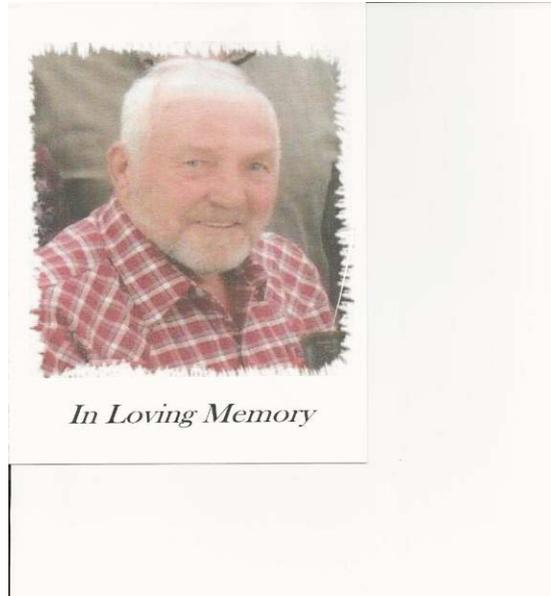
Geneva Thompson (niece of Iola Sims Cox, wife of Pleasant and Martha Jane Cox's son Francis Marion Cox) failed to recover her health since suffering a stroke on November 18, 2010. Geneva peacefully gave up that struggle in the early morning hours on Tuesday. Geneva was born in Lampasas County, November 15, 1927, and was married to James Robert Thompson on January 19, 1947, in Dublin, Texas, Erath County, in the home of Alton Cogburn by Bro. J. T. Broseh. Geneva and J. R. bought property and moved to Gustine in August of 1947. Until their respective deaths, they worked, reared their family, and resided there.

As a girl, Geneva lived in Lampasas County and attended Adamsville grade school. When Geneva was only 14 years old, her mother passed away. After that tragedy, her father moved Geneva and her two younger brothers to Dublin, where she eventually met and married J. R. Thompson. Geneva was a seamstress in Comanche County for over 30 years. She first made combat fatigues during the Vietnam conflict for Sidran Manufacturing, and later made jeans for Levi's. After that, she worked with the Simpsons at Solar Interiors helping to beautify many homes in Comanche and the surrounding areas. After the passing of her husband, J. R., she discovered a love for dancing, and attended local senior dances as often as she could. At one of these dances,

she reconnected with an old acquaintance, Fred Couch, and they became fast friends.

Geneva is survived by seven children (spouses): four daughters: Pam Tatum (Monte) of Gustine, Texas; Pat Jennings (Jim) of Manor, Texas; Debbie Cope of Gustine, Texas; and Brenda Thompson of Midlothian, Virginia and three sons: James Thompson (Shirley) of Cisco, Texas; Mark Thompson (Shannon) of Seagoville, Texas and Rev. Paul Thompson (Cindy) of Highland, Illinois. She is also survived by nineteen grandchildren: Joshua, James, Nicole, David Benjamin, Tony, Felicia, Jonathan, Jennifer, Jennisa, Laresia, Lakota, Killian, Catalin, Makaila, Micah, Aidan, Andrew, and Hollie; and eight great-grandchildren: Chloe, Levi, Jacob, Boaz, Lydia, Sabrina, Joseph and Quinn. Two siblings have also survived her; a sister, Gladys Bain of Lampasas, Texas; and a brother, Viron Gale "Jack" Sims of Temple, Texas. She is also survived by her Aunt Lois Hart of Raymondville, Texas and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 46 years, J. R. Thompson, on January 20, 1993; her young son, Andrew Ted Thompson on March 30, 1967; her mother, Leona Mae Strader Sims on October 26, 1942, her father, Edward Earnest Sims on May 5, 1968; her sisters, Wyvon Sims on March 2, 1924, Marguerite Smith on October 26, 1968, Morean Beavers on September 20, 2000, and Joyce Green on January 17, 2007; and her brother, Edward E. Jr. "Bud" Sims on June 27, 1998.



Marvin George Cox
Date of Birth, July 14, 1941
Borger, Texas
Date of Death, July 15, 2012
Amarillo, Texas

Parents: Claude Cox and Elsie Rhodes Cox.

He graduated from Wheeler High School in 1960. He married Linda Vise on December 3, 1961, in Hemphill County on the Vise Farm. He and Linda celebrated 50 years of marriage on Dec. 3, 2011. Marvin and Linda moved to Amarillo on February 29, 1964. Marvin worked his dream job for West Texas Equipment and Case Power and Equipment, then retired from ASCO Equipment in June 2004. He loved raising animals and gardening on his small farm.

He loved his grandchildren and great grandson and the joy he received from being their PaPa and PeePaw. They always loved to visit him and his animals: goats, sheep, burros and chickens.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his wife, two sons, William Cox and Tim Cox and wife Daphne; two daughters Denise Fortenberry and husband Kevin and Katrina Phillips and husband Shan, all of Amarillo; seven grandchildren, Andrew Fortenberry and wife Samantha, Justin Fortenberry and wife Joyce, Gracia, Faith and Bethany Cox, and Jody and Briley Philips; a great grandchild, Leo Fortenberry; two brothers, Claude Cox Jr., and wife Frieda of Blanket and James Cox and wife, Phyllis of Lubbock; and two sisters, Joyce Perkins of Wheeler and Jeraldine Pride and husband, Sonny of Arlington.

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Travis & Kelli Cox

**Married at Thunderbird Wedding
Chapel, October 19, 2012, Norman, OK
THOMAS ISAAC COX & RACHEL CARR Line
Great Grandparents: John H. Cox & Mary Margaret Ellison
Grandparents: Lemmie Cox & Opal Irene Bentley
Parents: Danny Cox and Lana Holt**

Cox Wedding





Cox Family Reunions 2013

2013 Genealogy Exchange Workshop **Saturday, August 10&11, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

Admission Free; Everyone Welcome!
Williamsburg, KY, Tourism & Convention Center, (Exit 11 off I-75 across from Cumberland Inn) SE KY & NE Ten
Research: Bring photos & family information for sharing with others.
Contact: Bonnie White, 6217 Apex Dr, Louisville, KY 40219, 502-969-1033

2013 Cox Reunion & Brandywine Meeting, Lampasas, TX, May 31-June 2, 2012, Hostess House, Hancock Park.

Descendants of Solomon and Naomi Hussey Cox, related families, and friends. Fellowship, fun, & serious family history.
Contact: Linda Atkins, 405-549-6588, lindafl592@gmail.com; Joe Cox, 512-392-2097, jandhcox@grandecom.net; or Les Sutton, 713-455-3920, lessutton@aol.com.
For motel reservations: Holiday Inn, Lampasas (reunion hq.)- 512-556-9292, or Country Inn, Lampasas-512-556-6201.

2014* Cox Reunion, San Antonio, TX, To be announced. Descendants of Wm. Madison Tucker Cox & Fannie Lindsey

2013 Cox Reunion, Belton, Texas, Sunday, June 9. (Always 2nd Sunday of Cox. All family lines welcome.
Lady Bird Johnson Park on Hwy 16 So. From Fredericksburg.
Contact Elden Wagner, 830-570-6688, or Lisa Sullivan, 324 Meadowood Ln, Coppell, TX 75019-2640, 210-275-5167, texanlostindc@yahoo.com .

****Designates reunions to meet every other year***

June). 10:am-3pm. Bell County Sportsman's Club. Descendants of George W. Cox, Sr., and Frances A. (Jones) Cox (great-grandson of Samuel Cox & Martha (Cox) Cox of Whitley County, Kentucky). Pot luck lunch. Contact Eileen Cox Goldborer, 7203 Elm Forest Road, Austin, TX 78745, [\(512\) 462-2537](tel:5124622537).
egoldborer@austin.rr.com

2013Cox Reunion, Sweetwater, TX (formerly at Gustine, TX, Not Currently Scheduled for 2013.

Descendants of Christopher Cox & "Nealy" Cox. All family lines welcome. Contact Missy Cox Jones, 325-356-3547, missy.jones@tx.nacdn.net; or Sadie Cox, 432-332-2768, 1316 Boatright, Odessa, TX 79762, for date, location, etc.

2013* Cox Arkansas Reunion, May 4, 2013, Ione Community Bldg on Hwy 23; ten miles from Boonville, AR. Descendants of Nathan & Dorcas King Cox. All family lines welcome. Contact D.L. "Lew" Powell, 479-675-2303, lewpowell@magtel.com; or Dana Cox, 479-206-1346, irhoghead@yahoo.com.

2013 Whitley Co., KY, Cox Reunion, Not Currently Scheduled for 2013

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2013 Rhodes-Cox Reunion, Pampa, TX, April. Descendants of Samuel Cox. All family lines welcome. Contact Claude or Frieda Cox, 325-748-5221, or Marvin or Linda Cox, 806-622-1631, paandmacox@suddenlink.net. Site: Knights of Columbus Bldg., 318 N. Cuyler St.

2013 Cox Reunion, Nolanville, TX, June, Nolanville Community Center. Descendants of Samuel Hampton and Nicia Jane Cox (Joseph & Samuel). All family lines welcome. Contact Lawrence Cox, 7003 E. Rancier, Killeen, TX 76543-8819, 254-371-0596.

2013 Cox Reunion, Mertzon, TX, June, Community Center. Descendants of Emerson Cox (descendant of Joseph and

Solomon Jr.). All family lines welcome. Contact Walter W. "Spec" Cox, 806-839-2253, ccox64@sbcglobal.net, or Johnnie Harper, 432-697-8124, jshtxtrek@yahoo.com.

2013 Cox Reunion, Chillicothe, MO, 51st annual reunion, June 23. Descendants of Joseph Cox. All other lines welcome. Contact Meredith Hahn, Memer.hahn@gmail.com, 816-632-7128; Mary Ann Nichols, man@mia.net, 913-432-0996; or Norma Thompson, billwst234@aol.com, 660-646-3831.

2013 Cox Reunion, Noble, OK, Contact Linda Atkins, see info on family tour. lindaf1592@gmail.com

In Remembrance Of: MEMORIAL FUNDS

Thanks to all the donors for the gifts received in memory of your loved ones, and the gifts directly to the cemetery fund for the work that was much needed on our cemetery.



CHESTER RAY COX
April 23, 1939 – August 15, 2012
Noble, Oklahoma

Cox-Line
THOMAS ISAAC COX & RACHEL CARR
Grandparents;
John H. Cox & Mary Margaret Ellison
Parents; Lemmie Cox & Opal Irene Bentley
Spouse: **Aleta Clifton**

Donors: The Cox Family; Paul & Emma, Earlene, Ada & Ron, Floyd, Linda & Steve, Thelma & Eddie Burchfiel



DNA STUDIES IN PROGRESS

The FTDNA Cox Project continues to grow. We now have 341 members representing over 100 “unrelated” families. The DNA tests indicate that 66 of these members descend from our ancestor, Thomas Cox, the vintner of London . These connections have provided valuable information

to help our “heretofore unknown” cousins find their roots.

You can learn more about our project on our website. Go to:

<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~brandynwi/> Click on Cox DNA Project, then click on slides with notes.

A Word from our President Joe Cox

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT BRANDYWINE CRUCIBLE

Many of you know about the numerous programs, projects, and activities that your family organization sponsors and organizes, ranging from hosting a broadly based family reunion and organizational meeting in Lampasas, Texas, publicizing other reunions for our network of Cox family lines and other related families, operating an extensive DNA project, to publishing a newsletter and maintaining a web site. Brandywine also has a project to collect pictures of those who have served in the military, an archaeology project, a cemetery marker project, a program to distribute family-related books to selected libraries and lineage organizations, and a youth essay contest. We also collect short autobiographies and biographies which we post to our web site.

You can readily see that Brandywine serves our extended family in many ways. Although we operate with volunteers and on a low budget, it takes some money to do what Brandywine does. We want to make very clear that all are welcome to participate in any or all of our activities whether or not they are dues-paying members. But we do solicit dues paying members. Our dues are \$15, \$25, or \$100, and there is no distinction in membership among these levels. (Of course, we will also accept membership dues over \$100!) Our dues year runs from 1 June through 31 May, and we will accept dues payments any time during the year. If you choose to support Brandywine, you will find a membership form with treasurer Ada Stump’s mailing address on this web site.

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COX FAMILY TOUR 2013 LINDA ATKINS, DIRECTOR

Check in date on **October 11, 2013**

At the **Fairfield Inn Oklahoma City,
South/Crossroads Mall**

1101 E. I-240 Service Road

Starting Rate - \$94

Meet and Greet in Hotel Lobby

@ 3 pm

- Tour of Bricktown
- Narrated Water Taxi
- Bass Pro Shop Tour and Shop
- Dine at Mickey Mantle Restaurant

Day 2

October 12, 2013 – Saturday

- Cox Family Reunion
Lemmie Cox Farm, 5501 156th
Noble OK

Contact—405-549-6588 or email lindaf1592@gmail.com

Day 3

October 13, 2013

- Church – To be Announced
- Shopping at Oklahoma Stockyards
- The Oklahoma City National
Memorial
- Oklahoma River
- Evening with Steve & Linda

Day 4

October 14, 2013

- Lexington Cemetery
- Antique Shops in Purcell
- Lunch at Ruby's Café
- Historical Sites
- Noble Rose Rock

Day 5

October 15, 2013

- Cowboy Hall of Fame & Lunch
- Evening Dinner – To be announced

Departure October 16, 2013



FAMILY REUNION MAY 2012

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CEMETERY HEADSTONE/MARKER PROJECT

The Cemetery Headstone/Marker Committee is working on procedures and forms to implement this project. The intent is to encourage and assist families to replace or restore badly deteriorated headstones in order to maintain the identity of graves of our family members. We will place the procedures and forms on the Brandywine web site as soon as the committee, chaired by Bill Bentley of Utah, has completed the procedures and forms and they have been approved by the board of directors. We have budgeted funds in the current operating year (June 1, 2012 – May 31 2013) to begin this important project.

Brandywine Notices

Webmaster Mark Werner's email address mdwerner@satx.rr.com

Address for Brandywine Crucible home page:

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~brandwi/index.html>

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