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The 2009 Brandywine Crucible Cox Family Reunion

Brandywine Crucible Cox Family Reunion is scheduled at Lampasas, TX for May 15th -17th 2009. As always a number of family fun events are planned.

Starting on Friday, May 15th at 8:00 a.m., we will meet at the Hancock Park Golf Course to take part in the Brandywine Golf Tournament. In past years the trophies have been taken home by our men folk. This year we encourage our ladies to come and join in the fun, plus give our guys a run for their money.

After a day on the golf course you will relax by the pool eating the tastiest burgers with a cool drink in hand. As you relax, you will have an opportunity to visit with cousins you never knew existed. Later in the evening you will have a chance to beat those same cousins playing dominoes.

Saturday morning is registration plus more visiting. At 9:30 a.m. our 2009 Reunion will begin with our President Joe Cox welcoming those present, introducing our special guests, and our presenters for the weekend.

A few minutes will be taken to introduce the scheduled presentations and to provide some additional background information on the presenters. The first presentation given by Pat Parson will be "A Shooting in Sanderson". It will be followed by Juanita Cox Firman "The Coxes of Chilicothe, Missouri".

After lunch, you may want pencil and paper, Linda Atkins and Ada Stump will provide a detailed presentation of the coming up 2009 Brandywine Crucible Family Trip to Kentucky and Virginia.

Before we call it a day our yearly Cox Family Group picture will be taken. Remember to bring your cameras.

Sunday will start with a Family Devotion lead by Eddie Burchfiel of Oklahoma City, OK. Don't miss it, he is an excellent experienced Bible teacher, do plan to attend.



We will take a break before continuing with the scheduled presentations. Lady Elizabeth Dalton of Montgomery, TX will start off with her presentation titled "My Cox Connection Through Hulda Cox Childress Connection". Les Sutton of Houston, TX will follow with his presentation "Report on Brandywine DNA Project".

I hope you have already sent in your registration. It will be another fun and informative family reunion. Please remember it is never as much fun if you are not there. We are looking forward to seeing each of you this year at Lampasas.

God bless,

Thelma Burchfiel
Editor

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2009 Tour

Kentucky Cox Reunion **Whitley City, KY**

Tour Director: *Linda F. Atkins*

We will be joining our Kentucky Cousins in Whitley City, KY and experience history first hand at Sandhill Camp.

Location: Whitley Co., KY., Cox Reunion

Date: July 18th – 19th, 2009

The Place: Sandhill 4H/RV Camp, Whitley City, KY, 42653.

Contact: Chester & Debbie Cox, (c) 606-310-9838 or Melvin & Shelbie Cox, 606-376-5195.

July 17th:

HOTEL: Best Western South Fork Inn
1116 N. Hwy 27, Whitley City, KY 42653

Reservations: 1-606-376-3780 (Individuals will make their own Reservations) to guarantee your reservation do ASAP since July is a popular month for vacations.

Note: *If you decide not to book at this hotel other hotels are available in Whitley City, Somerset, & near by towns & cities. For assistance cal: Linda Atkins 205-0828 or Les Sutton 713-455-3920*

July 18th - 19th:

ATTENDING: *The Kentucky Cox Reunion*

July 20th:

Flex Day: View Cemeteries in the area of Whitley City, KY.

Note: Other cemeteries will be viewed as we drive to site seeing locations. The Jellico Cemetery is one of the of interest where many Coxes are laid to rest. Jellico crosses the TN and KY lines so some people live in Jellico, KY, while others live in Jellico, TN.

Jellico became well known on September 21, on the Kentucky side, in 1906. An explosion occurred when 22 thousand lbs of dynamite exploded in the railroad yard practically destroying one section of town.

Optional: Big South Fork Scenic Railway
100 Henderson St. Stearns, KY

We can ride the Kentucky & Tennessee Railway on a 16 mile round trip into the Daniel Boone National Forest and Big South Fork National River & Recreation Area. This trip is full of spectacular scenic vistas, lush vegetation, and mountain streams as it descends 600 feet into the gorge before stopping at Blue Heron Coal Mining Camp, a NPS outdoor interpretive site. Your ticket also includes admission to the McCreary County Museum in Stearns.

Schedule: The K & T Special departs April through October. Round trip times vary between 3 to 3 1/2 hours in length. All trains depart on Eastern Time, run rain or shine. May thru Sept. 2009: Departure Time: Wed. – Sat. 11:00 a.m.; Sun. 2:30 p.m.



Ticket Fares: K & T SPECIAL-ADULTS:

Seniors (60+) - \$18.00; Adults - \$16.50; Children (3-12) - \$9.00

All Tickets sales are final. Ticket office opens approximately 1 ½ hours prior to each departure.

July 21st, 22nd. & 23rd.

We will leave Whitley City *on July 21st* for Williamsburg, KY and check in to the Cumberland Inn (group meetings will be held at Cumberland Inn).

HOTEL: Cumberland Inn & Museum

649 South 10th Street
Williamsburg, KY 40769
1-800-315-0286

Reservations: 1-800-315-0286 (Individuals will make their own Reservations) to guarantee your reservation do ASAP since July is a popular month for vacations. Distance from Whitley City to Cumberland Inn is Approximately 26 miles and travel time about 36 minutes. You may book at other hotels but the Cumberland Inn & Museum is where the tour director will be staying.

Sites Available:

1. Samuel Cox Museum
 - a. Founder of Williamsburg
2. Scenic Drives
3. Dr. Thomas Walker Cabin
 - a. Cabin built by Dr. Walker in 1748
4. Fort Boonesboro State Park, KY
 - a. established in 1775 by Richard Henderson & Boone
5. Abraham Lincoln's Birthplace National Historic Site, KY
 - a. Born in a log cabin here on Feb 12, 1809

Note: Linda Atkins will share more information in May at the Cox Lampasas Family Reunion (Lampasas, TX)

RETURN HOME:

July 24th or 25th

Depart for home; on the morning of July 24th or 25th depending on your schedule.

CONTACT:

Linda Atkins: 405-205-0828 or
latkins@okclev.net

Tour Planning Assistants:

Les Sutton
Mary Lou Hudson

Preservation of Family Records

Some of you are undoubtedly aware that after several years of discussion and searching for willing and acceptable depositories, in 2008 the Brandywine board of directors reached agreement with the Center for American History, University of Texas at Austin, and the Southwest Collection, Texas Tech University at Lubbock, for those two prestigious institutions to store and archive our family records. Our original intent was to offer this service to those family members who had researched and recorded our family history but had no descendants or other family members who were willing to preserve their records. This is still one of our goals. However, during the course of our search, the board broadened its policy to encompass the extensive files that researchers such as Arlee Gowen and Les Sutton had collected so that our comprehensive family records that had been painstakingly developed and preserved would have an archival home when Arlee and Les could no longer be active. The agreements that we have reached with the above mentioned institutions meet both of our objectives. Both Arlee and Les have made deposits of copies of their records to one of these collections, Arlee to the Southwest Collection and Les to the Center for American History. Now we offer the opportunity for members of our very extended family to donate either the original research documents or copies thereof to one of these collections. This opportunity is offered to the descendants of Solomon and Naomi Cox and related families, such as Bachelers, Husseys, etc., and more recent entries into our Cox family by marriage. In other words, it is a broad umbrella. If you have family history papers that you would like to donate, I suggest that you contact Les Sutton, who now



maintains the central family records, at 713-455-3920, email lessutton@aol.com. He will work out arrangements to get copies of your records for his central Brandywine collection and will work with Arlee in getting the originals or other copies to the depository of your choice. There will be some overlap in the Austin and Lubbock collections, but our agreement is that we will not duplicate to a substantial degree.

Your board considers this a major step in preserving for historians and genealogists and future generations of Coxes and kin our Cox and related family records.

Cox Family Reunions of 2009

2009 Genealogy Exchange Workshop

Saturday, August 8,

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 Tables available for sales & displays. Contact Bonnie White at don_in_ky@insightbb.com, 502-969-1033.

2009 Cox Reunion, Lampasas, TX

May 15-17, Hostess House, Hancock Park, Lampasas, TX.

Descendants of Solomon and Naomi Hussey Cox, related families, and friends. Fellowship, fun, & serious family history.

Contact Linda Atkins, 405-677-8029,

Latkins@okclev.net; Joe Cox, 512-392-2097, jandhcox@thrifty.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.

Cox Reunion special room rate for the Holiday Inn expired on Tuesday April 28. Mention the Cox Reunion to get the special rate.

Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites

1200 Central Texas Expressway

Lampasas, TX 76550

Reservations: 1 888 HOLIDAY (888 465 4329)

Hotel Front Desk: 1-512-556-9292

2009 Whitley Co., KY., Cox Reunion

July 18-19, Sandhill 4H/RV Camp, Whitley City, KY. 42653. Contact: Chester & Debbie Cox, (c) 606-310-9838, djcox@highland.net, or Melvin & Shelbie Cox, 606-376-5195.

2010 Cox Reunion, San Antonio, TX,

June 5 - 6. Descendants of Wm. Madison Tucker Cox & Fannie Lindsey Cox. All family lines welcome. **Lady Bird Johnson Park on Hwy 16 So. From Fredericksburg.** Contact Elden Wagner, 102256 IH 37, Pleasanton, TX, 78064, 830-570-6688, or Suzanne Headley, 713-785-7606, suzheadley@comcast.net.

2009 Cox Reunion, Belton, TX, June 14,

Bell Co. Sportsman's Club. Descendants of George W. Cox, Sr. (Samuel Cox & Martha (Cox) Cox). All lines welcome. Contact Eileen Goldborer, 7203 Elm Forest Rd, Austin, TX 78745, 512-462-2537, egoldborer@austin.rr.com.

2009 Cox Reunion, Sweetwater, TX

(formerly at Gustine, TX), May 2, at home of Betty Bryant, 814 Crescent Dr., 79556, Ph 325-235-5462. Descendants of Christopher Cox & "Nealy" Cox. All family lines welcome. Contact Missy Cox Jones, 325-356-3547, or Sadie Cox, 432-332-2768, 1316 Boatright, Odessa, TX 79763.

Cox Family Reunion - Sweetwater, TX

Descendants of Cornelius (Nealy) Cox and Katherine (Katie Jackson) Cox met in Sweetwater, Texas on Saturday, May 3, 2008 at the home of Betty Bryant at 814 Crescent Drive, Sweetwater, Texas 79446, telephone 325.235.5462, no email address.

Cornelius and Katie Jackson Cox came in a wagon train from Newton County, Missouri in 1845 to Dallas, Texas and took up land in the Peters Colony. They were the parents of 10 children, and it is from these children that this reunion was organized. For several years, they had been meeting at Gustine, Texas, which was the home of several of the Cox descendants. But, for the 2008 reunion, a decision was made to meet at the home of Betty Bryant. A good crowd attended and the day was spent in



renewing old acquaintances, remembering family members and sharing family histories. These descendants have amassed a lot of family information. The group had a delicious lunch at a downtown restaurant in Sweetwater. The 2009 reunion will be held the first Saturday in May, which will be May 2, 2009 again at the home of Betty Bryant. For more information, please contact Sadie Cox, 1316 Boatright, Odessa, Texas 79763, telephone # 432.332.2768, no email address. Sadie is the daughter of William Cox, Granddaughter of Andrew J. Cox and the great granddaughter of Cornelius and Katie Cox

2009 Cox Arkansas Reunion, May 2,
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. Or Dana Cox, 479-675-3136, irhoghead@yahoo.com.

2009 Rhodes-Cox Reunion, Pampa, TX,
April 11. 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.

2009 Cox Reunion, Nolanville, TX,
June 27-28, Nolanville Community Center. Descendants of Samuel Hampton and Nicia Jane Cox (Joseph & Samuel). All family lines welcome. Pleasant Hill Cemetery Assn. Meeting at cem., 9:30 AM Sat (off HW 190, Pleasant Hill Rd, Nolanville). Contact Lawrence Cox, 7003 E. Rancier, Killeen, TX 76543-8819, 254-371-0596.

2009 Cox Reunion, Mertzon, TX, June 20,
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, 432-238-3258, jshtxtrek@yahoo.com.

2009 Cox Reunion, Chillicothe, Mo,
June 27. 48th reunion, Chillicothe Community Center, 320 Park Lane. Descendants of Joseph Cox. All lines welcome. Contact Bill Cox, 660-646-3744. Or Juanita C. Firmin, 660-646-1704, firminjuanita@hotmail.com.

Update on X B. Cox

X B Cox is doing well. We have 3 CNAs who help X B each week. They have truly been Angels for us. We are so blessed to have them to help us. We have an elevator in the house which makes it easier for X.B. to go downstairs for meals and to move about the house instead of being confined to just the bedroom area on the second floor.

Brandywine Crucible Inc. Family Member Biographies

The Board of Directors encourages all descendants of Solomon and Naomi Hussey Cox and related families to develop short biographies for Brandywine. This is a way of documenting who we are and preserving the story of our lives for future generations. A one - page bio will suffice, telling the family what we should know about you, although longer ones will be fine. We will post on our web site and perhaps at some time publish in book form all our biographies, so please indicate with your submission your willingness to have your biography posted and published. We do hope that all of you will agree to share on behalf of our family posterity. Please forward biographies to Les Sutton, email lessutton@aol.com, or 254 Old Spring Lane, Houston, TX 77015-2042, phone (713) 455-3920.



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Announcements

BABY NEWS

Birth Announcements:

Andrew Burchfiel

b. May 7, 2008 at 6:56 a.m.
w. 6.6 lbs, 20.5 inches
p. Edmond, OK

Parents: D & Kristi Burchfiel
(grandson of Eddie & Thelma Cox Burchfiel)

**Elliott Christian Ikahana
Clonch**

b. March 5, 2008 at 12:55 pm
w. 8lbs 6oz. l. 20.7ins.
p. Norman, OK

Parents: Brad & Michelle Cox Clonch
(grandson of Daniel Cox)

Amelia Claire Bowman

b. December 15, 2007
w. 7 lbs. 8 ozs. 21 inches long
Parents: Noel and Christina Bowman
(granddaughter of Jerry & Ladean Cox Bowman)

Georgina Cricket Cox

b. November 28, 2007
p. Denver, Colorado
Parents: Kevin Lemuel & Denise Soler Cox
(Granddaughter of Floyd & Lois Andrew Cox)

THE GRADUATES

Samuel Ryan Absher

Samuel will graduate May 17, 2008 from Deer Creek High, Edmond, OK. He plans to attend the University of Oklahoma in the fall of 2009. Majoring in Letters & Minorng in Economics.

*Son of Dale & Brenda Stump Absher
(grandson of Ron & Ada Cox Stump)*



**Jon Michael
Curtis**

Recruit Training Command
Graduating Division – 235
July 27, 2007
Great Lakes, ILL.

ET-Electronic Technician
A School
March 13, 2008

Great Lakes, ILL.

Based in San Diego, CA
On the U.S. Naval Ship: USS Milius
March 30, 2008
*Son of John & Kelly Stump Curtis
(Grandson of Ron & Ada Cox Stump)*

AWARDS

Congratulations to:

**Joshua McDaniel
United States National
Award Winner in English.**

*Son of Steve & Kay McDaniel of Kempner
(Grandson of Charles and Patsy McDaniel of Leander)
(Descended from Thomas Isaac Cox through Amy Cox
Clark, daughter of Pleasant C. Cox)*



This prestigious award given to very few students was received by Joshua in May of 2007. The academy recognizes fewer than 10% of all American students. Joshua appeared in the USAA official yearbooks published nationally. Joshua should be congratulated for his dedication to excellence and for his achievement.

Joshua is a graduate of Lampasas, TX High School. He not only excelled in academics but also in sports. Joshua was a second team all district soccer player for Lampasas High School.

Joshua is now studying architecture at Texas Tech. University.

Luke Werner recognized at an Eagle Ceremony

at the Southbank Clubhouse, joining the ceremony were Harrison Cobb of Garden Ridge and Col. Jerry Bullock, representing the Sons of the American Revolution. Luke is a junior in high school, active in football and track, and a member the New Braunfels Church of Christ. The Werner family resides in New Braunfels, TX

WEDDING NEWS

Celebration of Marriage:

Jon Michael Curtis & Lauren Robinson

*Son of John & Kelly Stump Curtis
(Grandson of Ron & Ada Cox Stump)*

Married:

August 18, 2008

Great Lakes, Illinois

Formal Wedding:

May 23, 2008, Oklahoma City, OK

Lauren will remain in Oklahoma City to continue her studies in the medical field at Oklahoma City University. while Jon is assigned to the USS Milius San Diego, CA.

Storm Survivors

Mary and Jim Hensley rode out the storm at home with their two daughters, son-in-law and grandbaby. They lost power Saturday morning at 2 a.m.; it was back on Sunday night. They welcomed a night with air conditioning. No damage to their property.

Les & Marjorie Sutton were among those riding out the storm in Houston, TX.

Retirement

Announcements

Thelma Cox Burchfiel, retired from the State Of OK Dept. of Rehab. Services on Oct. 31, 2008, after 18 yrs of service to the State of Oklahoma.



Happy Birthday

Chester Ray Cox, son of Lemuel & Irene Cox, Noble, Oklahoma, celebrated his 70th birthday on April 23rd, 2009. Chester is the first male of his family to reach this age. We congratulate Chester and wish many more Birthdays!



Happy Anniversary

Jim and Nancy Kennard celebrated their 50th Anniversary on Sept. 29th, 2007. Attending this huge, wonderful occasion was a great Aunt to Nancy, who got to see and visit with Great, Great, Great, Great Nephews. This was a 10 generations back to Joseph: Joseph Cox, Andrew Cox, Wm. Alonzo Cox, Joseph Oscar Cox, Fay Cox Sherrow (Sister to Juanita Cox Firmin, Chillicothe, MO), Maxine Sherrow Mason, Nancy Mason Kennard, Kimberly Kennard Bracken, children of James and Doug Bracken. Their brother, Dr. John Bracken & wife are pregnant.

DN A Project Update

Our DNA project continues to progress. There are 119 members in the larger Cox FTDNA project, which we administer. Of those, 27 most likely descend from Thomas Cox, the Vintner of London, which is our branch of the Cox family. The other 92 represent 71 different, unrelated branches of the Cox family. That is, they are not related within the last 12 generations. Isn't that amazing?

Results from the 27 of our branch have helped us connect cousins we did not know we had and still do not know exactly how some of them are related. We are gradually beginning to sort out the confusing relationships caused by the large group of Coxes coming through and settling near the Cumberland Gap and naming almost all their sons Daniel, John, Joseph, Samuel, Solomon and William.

Our major challenge is finding the correct persons to test. The test requires a male Cox with an unbroken male to male descendancy from the ancestor we are trying to prove. Another challenge is funding. We try to raise all our DNA funds through special contributions, leaving our regular dues available for other purposes. If you would like to contribute to the DNA project, simply send it to Ada Stump or add it to your dues next year.



Contributions to the
MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory Of:

*A gift has been presented to
The Cox Family Genealogical*

X.B.Cox IV

By
X B & Melba Cox, JR
Joe & Helen Cox, JR
Ron & Ada Stump
Steve & Linda Atkins

Richard Lewis Cox

By
Jerry & Ladean Bowman
Joe & Helen Cox, JR
Ron & Ada Stump
Steve & Linda Atkins

Jerry Bowman

By
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Stuart L. Cox
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Ron W. & Sharon Stump
Steve & Linda Atkins
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Eddie & Thelma Burchfiel
Steve & Linda Atkins
Clifford & Dorotha Plemons

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Danny Cox

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Chester & Aleta Cox



Floyd L. & Lois Cox
Danny Cox

Ina Bee Cox Chick

By
Craig Chick
Joe & Helen Cox, JR
Ron & Ada Stump

A.C. & Mona Yarbrough Cox

By
Jerry & Mona Mullins
Joe & Helen Cox, JR
Ron & Ada Stump

Elton Calvin Cox

By
Joe & Helen Cox, JR
Ron & Ada Stump

In Remembrance Of:

Fran Lee "D.J. Frantic" Erck, at the age of 31 Fran as returning home from a DJ job was called home by our Heavenly Father when involved in an automobile accident on February 2, 2008.

Fran a lifelong resident of Irving, TX was born May 1, 1976. He graduated from Dallas Sound Lab in Las Colinas and later returned there to teach others the art of turntablism. A disc jockey for over eight years, his career began with his love of music. As a well known D.J. in the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex, Fran was always interested in helping his large following. If Fran wasn't D.J'ing at a local club, he could be found at home perfecting his talent on his turntables.

On June 3, 2007, he married Stacy Whitaker at The Tribute Golf Club in The Colony. Fran is survived by his wife, Stacy; his babies, Laddie, Lexi and Kitty; father, Les Erck of Irving; mother, B. J. Karnath and husband Steve of Trophy Club; sister, April Prince and husband Rob of Arlington; grandparents, Drexell and Mary Toombs of Grand Prairie, and Ola

Whitaker of Flower Mound; parents-in-law, Mike and Joanne Whitaker of Lewisville; sisters-in-law, Elaine Cool and husband Chris of Houston, and Annette Setliff and husband Adam of Dallas.

The family received friends on Tuesday at Donnelly's Colonial Funeral Home. Service held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at the First Baptist Church of Irving with Pastor John Durham officiating. Interment to follow at Oak Grove Memorial Gardens in Irving.

Ardeen 'Deanie' Cox. 85 years old

Mr. Cox was born July 11, 1922 in Killeen to Thomas Jackson and Myrtle Irene (Montgomery) Cox. He serviced in WWII in the Navy as an aircraft electrician & a spotter for submarine launching. After the war Mr. Cox worked at Connally Air Force base, served as fire chief at the Fire Department, and also served on the City Council while living at Lacy-Lakeview. After moving to Killeen he worked at Ft. Hood where he received many awards and recognitions for creating better equipment and better ways doing the required work.

Mr. Cox was called home to be with the Lord on June 28, 2008. He was loved and honored by family and friends. He was known as 'Mr. Fix It' by all. He was owner of Cox's Garage in later years of his life.

He is survived by his wife of 61 yrs, Mary Frances Cockrell, son Brian and his wife Patty, 4 grandchildren, & 8 great-grandchildren

Ardeen Cox descended from Solomon Cox, Jr. through Joseph Cox, the father of John W. and grandfather to George Washington Cox, Ardeen's father.

Patsy McDaniel

Funeral services for Patsy Charlene Nichols McDaniel, 71, was July 31, 2007 at Sneed Funeral Chapel in Lampasas. Mrs. McDaniel was laid to rest at the Copperas Cove City Cemetery.

Mrs. McDaniel was born Oct. 1, 1935 in Burnet Co., daughter of Fred Allen and Alline Alabama Clark Nichols. She was fifth generation Texan, a



descendant of early settlers in Lampasas and Coryell Counties.

Mrs. McDaniel was retired from Federal Civil Service at Camp Mabry in Austin. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Leander.

She is survived by her husband of 42 yrs., Charles McDaniel; a son & wife, Steve and Kaye; a daughter, Dala Jenkins, plus 4 grandchildren; James III and Elizabeth Jenkins, Isaac and Joshua McDaniel. She is also survived by a sister Bess Lynn Ward of Mineral Wells.

Mrs. McDaniel descended from Thomas Isaac Cox through Amy Cox Clark, daughter of Pleasant C. Cox.

Kay Louise Cox Hanchey Kirk

Mrs. Kirk went to be with the Lord Jan. 14, 2008 and was laid to rest on Jan. 18th, 2008.

Kay was born and raised east of Dallas, TX. James Cox was her father. She was a graduate of Edgewood High School. She married Dave Kirk in 1977.

William F. Gabler, 74 years old

William Frank Gabler of Clarksville passed away on Nov. 22, 2007. Mr. Gabler was a native of Topeka, KS, son of Clyde William and Helen Lenora Drayer Gabler. He is a graduate of Topeka High School and a graduate of St. Alba's Tech. Seminary, Navy veteran of the Korean War. He was a faithful volunteer to the American Cancer Society, Boy Scouts, and many other organizations.

Survivors include his wife, Sylvia Wagner Gabler (Daughter of Walter Wagner & Katy Cox Wagner. Katy is a sister to Joe Cox), one daughter Cathy Gabler, three sons, Jim, David, and Paul Gabler; one sister, two brothers, and 8 grandchildren, plus one great-grandchild.



Gerald Howard "Jerry" Bowman, 68, of Houston

went home to be with his Lord on Sept. 28, 2008. He worked as a Senior Draftsman for Schlumberger, retiring in 1998 after 36 years of service. Family will gather for a time of Remembrance Tuesday evening 4-8:00 p.m. at Carter's with Services celebrating his life 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1, 2008 at Carter Funeral Home Chapel with Interment to follow in San Jacinto Memorial Park. Go to caringbridge.org/visit/bowman (password-jerrybowman) or carterfuneral.com (obituaries) to leave personal condolences to the family.

Alvis Ray Cox 87 years old

Abilene, Texas



Alvis Ray Cox, 87, of Abilene passed away Saturday, December 6, 2008. Private graveside services will be held for family. A memorial service will be held today, Monday, December 8, 2008 at 1:00 pm at St. Paul United Methodist Church. Services are under the direction of The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road.

November 15, 1921, Ray was born in Garden City, Texas to the late John Henry Cox and Eva (Calverly) Cox. He graduated from high school in Garden City and attended Hardin - Simmons University, graduating from the University of Texas with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Ray served in the United States Navy during World War II. October 18, 1947, Ray married Helen Childers in Cisco, Texas. In 1954, they moved to Abilene from Oklahoma. He worked for West Texas Utilities for 24 years and was active in the Lions Club, Bridge Clubs and the Eagle Scouts. Ray was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church.



He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Kenneth Cox in 1968, and one brother, Belton Cox who died while serving his country during World War II. Ray is survived by his wife, Helen Cox, of Abilene; two daughters, Sharon Summers and her husband Don, and Suzette Buchanan and her husband Kenny, all of Abilene; one brother, Donald Cox and his wife Carolyn, of Lamesa; two sisters, Mary Jo Cope and her husband Alton, of Garden City, and Frances Mills and her husband John, of Midland; and one grandson, Seth Summers and his wife Elaine, of Abilene.

Memorials may be made in honor of Alvis Ray Cox to St. Paul United Methodist Church, 525 Beech Street, Abilene, Texas; Hendrick Hospice Care, 1682 Hickory Street, Abilene, Texas 79601; or to the Boy Scouts of America, 1208 North 5th Street, Abilene, Texas 79601.

Elton Calvin Cox 91 years old

Brownwood, Tx. Passed away Thurs. Dec. 1 at a local nursing facility. The service will be Dec. 7th, 2008, Sunday at 2pm. at Davis Morris Funeral Home . Internment at the Stagg Creek Cemetery in Comanche Co.

Elton the father of Yvonne Cox Peters, also the third cousin of Bettye Cox Wallace and Missy Cox.

Elton was born Dec. 12, 1916, to Neely Cornelius and Kathy (Daniels) Cox in Erath County. He served in the United States Navy, was a member of the Sheet Metal Union for 65 years, and was president of the Central Texas Treasure Hunter Association.

Cornelius Wilburn Cox

Passed away November 24, 2007 in Brownwood, Texas at the Brownwood Regional Medical Center. He was born August 2, 1915 near Fleming, Texas in Comanche County, Texas. He was buried at Union Cemetery, near Gustine, in Comanche County, Texas.

He was the son of William Cornelius Cox and Minnie Steward Cox, the grandson of Cornelius Nicholas Cox and Mary Jane Johnson Cox. He was a descendant of Cornelius (Nealy) Cox and Katherine Jackson Cox and Peter Cartwright Johnson and

Matilda Whatley Johnson. He was married to Effie Mae Montgomery and they were the parents of one son, Tony Stephen Cox. He is survived by his wife, son, and five grandchildren, Elizabeth, Stephen, Clarence, Aaron and Dennis. He is also survived by two sisters, Marvalene (Missy) Cox Jones of Comanche, Texas and Maxine Cox Burns of Austin Texas.

His parents preceded him in death, as well as one sister, Geneva Cox Mercer.

Richard Lewis Cox

Mr. Cox was born July 21, 1943 in San Antonio TX and was tragically killed in a motorcycle accident April 24, 2008. He was the son of Richard Lee Cox and Helen Jones Cox of Overton TX.



He graduated from Overton High School and Kilgore Jr. College where he studied Oil and Gas Technology. After serving our country in the army mostly in Viet Nam he went on to work for Eastman Kodak from which he retired.

Richard Cox was one of the chosen few who qualified for the Green Berets while in Viet Nam. He served 2 tours of duty for which he volunteered. He served in three different special forces groups: 5th, 7th, and 10th. Richard said that the highlight of his military was with SOG groups. He never told of his medals or accomplishments. However he had many: National Defense Service Medal, Parachute Badge, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device, 2 Purple Hearts, Combat Infantry Badge, Good Conduct Medal (2D award), Presidential Unit Citation, Bronze Star Medal

Mr. Cox will be sorely missed for his pleasant sweet disposition, warm smile, willingness to help those who need help especially his special challenged sister, sense of humor and many more qualities that we have yet to put words. He leaves many of us to mourn his passing including his son Stuart Cox.



Burnham, Madeline A. died peacefully after battling cancer on October 7, 2008 in The Woodlands, Texas. She was born in Portland, Oregon on January 7, 1918. She loved being in contact with the Cox Family and trying to determine her family roots.



Roger Ray Cox peacefully went home to be with our Lord on January 29, 2008 at the age of 89.

Loving father and grandfather enjoyed family & friends. He was an outdoorsman who loved a variety of sports.

Survived by his wife, Martha of Des Moines, Iowa: Sons: Roger (Kay) of Holmes Beach, FL, & Steven (Lynn) Clear Lake, IA: daughters: Carol (Butch) Dennis of Norwalk, Bette Jo Cox of Des Moines, & Jacki (Pat) Fultz, plus many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Those who meant him at his arrival to his heavenly home: daughters: Dortha Davidson, Susan Tamasi, Brothers: Stanley, & Raymond, Sisters: Eva Earl, Helen McMullen, & Marjorie Milstead.

Dr. Millard A. Shepherd, 85, of Somerset, KY, passed away Wednesday, March 7, 2007.

Born Dec. 15, 1921 in Stearns, McCreary County, KY, to John & Eva Inman Shepherd, he was sixth in a family of nine boys & one girl. A student at Berea College when Pearl Harbor was bombed, joined the Army Air Force. He served as an aerial gunnery instructor while stationed in Las Vegas. After WW II, he operated a general store & post office in Alcalde for two years. Attending the Univ. of Louisville, he completed his medical degree. Before receiving a public health degree from the Univ. of N.C. he had a private practice of medicine & surgery in Harrodsburg, KY. After completing the Boards in Preventive Medicine & Public Health Administration, he worked for the Kentucky State Department of Public Health. He served as the regional medical director for an area from Harlan to Thompkinsville, & organized the Lake Cumberland District Health Department in Somerset.

Upon retiring after 30 years of service to the Kentucky State Health Department, he worked for two years as a physician for the Aaron Clinic in Columbia, KY.

Dr. Shepherd published hundreds of health columns in the Commonwealth Journal & in the Harlan Daily Enterprise.

Millard Shepherd married Hazel Virginia Waddle on Nov. 2, 1943, & they just recently celebrated their 63rd anniversary. They are highly known promoters for western style square dancing. They were founders of the Somersets Square Dance Club.

He was a 47-year member of the First Baptist Church of Somerset. He was a life member of AMA, KMA, Pulaski County Medical Society, the Kentucky Sportsman League, & the American Legion. He was a Kentucky Colonel & an honorary member of the Somersets Square Dance Club.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia; three daughters, Evelyn (& Tom) Godbey of Louisville, Ky., Pamela (& Eldon) Matlick of Norman, OK. & Bonnie (& Greg) Bausch of Morehead, Ky.; three brothers, Ancil, Theodore, & Dewey Shepherd; one sister, Flonnie (& Delmer) Farmer; four grandchildren, as well as five great grandsons.

Patsy Ruth Pope, 2 weeks shy of 95 yrs. of age went to be with the Lord on February 20th, 2007 at Chesapeake, VA. She was laid to rest next to her husband Irvin Pope, at Amarillo, TX.

She will be missed by all family and friends.

Elvin Cox of Whitley County KY has passed from this world into the next, June 12th, 2007. Elvin and his wife Flora were the contacts for the Cox Reunion in Whitley County Ky.

Elvin was a sweet and wonderful person, who will be greatly missed by all.

Eva Margaret Cox born on July 24, 1926, died Sep 10, 2007 in Baton Rouge, LA.

We will have more family history concerning Eva Margaret Cox prepared by Les Sutton in our next Newsletter.



**Remarks By Lampasas County Historical Commission Chair Jeff Jackson Ceremony Recognizing
Long Meadows/Terreros Presidio/Cox Cemetery
As An Historic Texas Cemetery**

18 May 2007

(Located on old Pleasant Cox farm, Rumley, Texas)

There are laws in the State of Texas to protect cemeteries. Historical designation can help by identifying older cemeteries with unmarked graves. Un-deeded cemeteries with unmarked graves can disappear with the passage of time as the land title is transferred from one owner to the next. An unmarked grave in the middle of a pasture eventually gets plowed over. The Lampasas CHC has documented and published a list of every known grave in the county. If something should happen, then at least there will be a written record.

This small cemetery has a fence and three marked graves. But the descendants of this family believe there are many more buried here. They believe there are graves dating back to a time before the first Anglo-American settlers began settlement of this state-when Texas was still part of Mexico-when what would become Lampasas was still an Indian wilderness-at a time when Lampasas as a place on the map did not exist.

This makes finding records of those who might have been buried here problematic, questionable, and uncertain-for in that wilderness there are no newspapers or public records-Spanish settlements had not reached this far into the interior. But there is unexplained evidence here. Spanish explorers may have been here at some time.

At that same time, early explorers from what would become the United States may have been scouting the land. They probably did not have a legal right to be here in this foreign country without permission from the Spanish governors. But certainly there were explorers who wandered the great American wilderness. Many of their stories never went down in history. Perhaps some of them died right here in this unnamed county in Texas.

Records of their being here may never be found. The earliest history of this cemetery may have to remain a folk legend. Folk tale or real history, there are marked graves here and archaeological evidence of more. There are grave markers of people who died after the settlement of Lampasas began. There are dated documents that place those pioneers right here.

The Texas Historical Commission has designated this cemetery a Historic Cemetery because of that real evidence. Yet without these markers it might not have qualified but remained a mystery. These few stone markers are the most important documents of proof that this cemetery has been here a long time.

The Lampasas CHC is always interested in finding and documenting any grave within the county limits. If they are endangered we will try to change that. Many people have passed through Lampasas-then and now-and some of them leave no evidence of their being here. But grave stones mark those who died here and will remain here forever. These stones can tell a story to the living. And it is up to the living to set these markers in place. It is up to the living to protect this cemetery.

Jeff Jackson



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