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.... and those who came after them.*

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2022 BRANDYWINE COX FAMILY REUNION

DESCENDANTS OF SOLOMON COX AND NAOMI HUSSEY

WHEN: June 2-4, 2023

WHERE: Tyson's Crossing facility, Lampasas, TX

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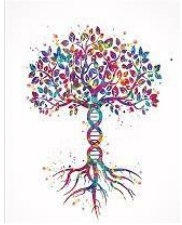
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Our Family

*A circle of strength and love,
founded on faith...
joined by love...
kept by God...*

Together Forever

*Family reunions are the place where you remember
where you came from.*



BRANDYWINE COX FAMILY

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brandywine Family,

We had a very good 2022 reunion at Tyson's Corner Retreat in Lampasas, Texas, with a number of first-time attendees and a good program. We will meet there again in 2023, 2-4 June. Friday – Sunday. We hope to see you there.

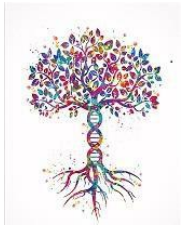
We have good news on several fronts. First, Steve Taylor of Oklahoma City is now in place as Family History Data Base Manager and adding to the good work of his predecessors, Les Sutton (originator of the data base) and Debbie Brewer Cox. Steve's contact information is given elsewhere in this newsletter and is also listed on our website. Second, one of our members has made a very generous donation to our DNA fund, and DNA Project Chair Margie Romine of Pasco, Washington, has been very aggressively seeking candidates for advanced DNA testing to find answers to our lineage questions and to otherwise shed additional information on our family genealogy. Margie's report is listed elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter.

Please remember to check our Brandywine Facebook page, which is a very good medium of communication and is currently used by many of our members. Others may want to try it. Ladean Bowman of Humble, Texas, oversees it. Also, please continue to provide family news, history, events, etc. to Newsletter Editor Nancy Borum and to Webmaster Mark Werner. Our website is a source of much family history and can be useful to researchers and those generally interested in the families encompassed by Brandywine Crucible. The website, newsletter, family history data base, and Facebook page are great sources of information and vital means by which we communicate with the Brandywine family/community.

Also very important is that you provide changes in contact information (address, phone, email address) to our Address Data Base Manager Lisa Sullivan, whose contact information is listed elsewhere in this newsletter and is also on our website. Due to the rising cost of printing and postage, we are transitioning from mailing reunion and annual meeting notices by first class mail to emailing wherever possible. Eventually, we want to send almost all communications by email. If you have not provided your current email address, please send it ASAP to Lisa Sullivan. For the foreseeable future, we will continue to send post card reminders/updates once a year between newsletters as a means of communicating with you. Carolyn Cox Williams of Livingston, TX will be handing the post card mailouts. I remind all of us that we can pay dues, donate, etc., on-line by going to our website and clicking on on-line payments. Finally, you can now reserve rooms at the Best Western Plus in Lampasas, TX, for our 2023meeting/reunion.

We have a great family!

Joe Cox, President and Chair



BRANDYWINE COX FAMILY

MEMBERSHIP

BRANDYWINE DUES AND MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

We do ask for annual dues for all who wish to contribute to our programs and activities.

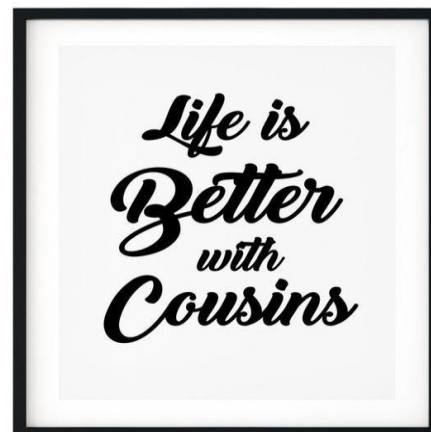
Our dues schedule is as follows: \$15, \$25, \$50, \$100 or anything in between – or even over. There is no distinction whatever in the different dues, and if you choose not to pay dues, you will still receive our newsletter and reunion notices and will still have access to the website and our family history data base and will be warmly welcomed at our annual meeting and reunion.

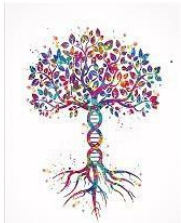
In short, you will be just like everyone else in the family.

If you do choose to pay dues to support our work, please send to our treasurer at the below address.

Please mail to:

Joehn Sutton, Treasurer
Brandywine Crucible, Inc.
P.O. Box 897
Melvin, TX 76858-0897





BRANDYWINE COX FAMILY ESSAY CONTEST

ENTRY DEADLINE: May 2023 To discover and document more family stories and create more interest in family history among younger generations, Brandywine is sponsoring an essay contest for young family historians!

SUBJECT: Cox & Related Family Essays can be based on a specific family member or on families based on information handed down through written or oral histories. Entries must be typewritten, double spaced with a cover page containing the following: Story, Title, Your Cox Family Line, Your Name, Your Age, Parents' Names, Mailing Address, Telephone Number, and Email Address.

DIVISIONS: Junior (6th-8th) or 13 yrs & under) (min. 300 words) Senior (9th-12th) or 14-18 yrs) (min. 500 words)

ELIGIBILITY: Young family historians whose families are members of Brandywine Crucible, Inc.

ENTRY DEADLINE: May 1st, 2023. **SEND TO:** Missy Cox Jones 205 North Worth Comanche, Texas 76442-2640 325-356-3547



Hopefully New Merchandise!!!

We are currently working with several vendors establishing what products we would like to be able to sell at the reunion and also make them available through our website. The plan is to have hats, t-shirts, pins and maybe special-order products. There are some details and products we are still working on, but if there is a specialty item you would like for us to sell, please call, text or email me.

When the products become available, we will post them and the cost on our website, where you will be able to see what we have and be able to purchase them.

Contact, Connie Birth, Cell#405-323-3896, or Email: clbirth@sbcglobal.net

Congratulations!

Marki is the granddaughter of Marvelene “Missy” Cox Jones of Comanche, Texas.

Marki and Missy are from the Christopher line from Solomon and Naomi.

Marki was a winner of our Brandywine essay contest in 2014!

Missy Cox Jones is a former Brandywine Board member and is a long-time Cox and related family history researcher and author!

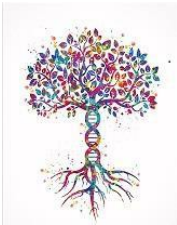
*May your graduation
be the beginning of
many more wonderful
achievements in your life.*

Congratulations

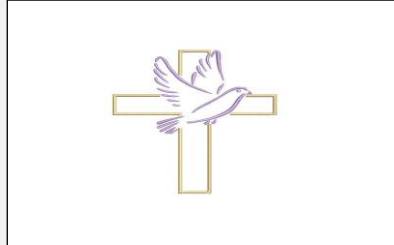


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BRANDYWINE COX FAMILY IN REMEMBRANCE



Brenda Gayle Montgomery Taylor was born January 6, 1949 in Muskogee, Oklahoma, to parents Junior and Betty Montgomery. She reposed at home on August 24, 2022, in the presence of her son, daughter, brother, and husband. She is survived by her husband Stephen Taylor, her son Aaron Taylor, his wife Allison/Brighid, and their children Elisabeth, Nicholas, and Benjamin, by her daughter Andrea Taylor Corbishley, and her daughter Lydia, and by her brother Bruce Montgomery. She is also survived by nieces Sarah Montgomery, Sarah Taylor, Rebekah Taylor, by nephew Erik Montgomery and his wife Kerri, and by brother-in-law Phil Taylor and his wife Paula.

The first four years of Brenda's life were spent on a farm on the outskirts of Muskogee. Before starting first grade, her family (now with a younger brother Bruce added) moved to the small tract home she would live in the remainder of her growing up years.

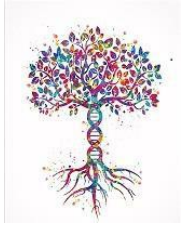
She attended grade school and junior high in Muskogee before graduating from Central High School Muskogee in 1967. That fall, she began attending Northeastern State College in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, majoring in elementary education. She graduated with her Bachelor's degree in 1971.

In the summer of 1970, she married Steve Taylor and began a shared life that took her to several states before ultimately returning to Oklahoma. While they lived in Pittsburg, KS for a year, she taught 5th-8th grade reading at a small rural school just across the state line in Liberal, Missouri. The next three years found them in Urbana, IL, and Brenda worked most of that time as a teacher's aide assisting with reading skills in an elementary school.

The next few years saw moves to New York, then to southern California, and then to Oklahoma City. During that stretch, her son and daughter were born within a thirteen-month span, the beginning of a period in which her focus was entirely on the home and family front. After the children reached school age, she returned to teaching, this time finding a position in a private Christian school. But another move—this time to northern California—interrupted her tenure there. She served a Christian school in Dublin, California, this time as a remedial reading instructor, for about two years.

The Taylors' final move was back to Oklahoma City in 1991. For the first time, Brenda chose to pursue a career outside of education. Over the next several years, she held various clerical positions at Sabolich Prosthetics in Oklahoma City. When that business was sold, she took a position as an office manager for a New York Life insurance agency. She retired from full-time work outside the home upon the death of the agency owner in 2012.

During all of her work years, her heart focus and energies were on her husband, children, church friends, and extended family. She enjoyed travel, music, film and television, but mostly, being in the company of those she loved. That love was especially evident in the final years of her life, during which time she experienced the loss of physical and mental capacities, but nonetheless remained the gentle, sweet, and fair wife, mother, and YiaYia that she had always been. Glory to God for all things!



BRANDYWINE COX FAMILY IN REMEMBRANCE

Neva Cox Bowman May 14, 1921 – May 13, 2021



Neva was the daughter of Thomas F and Kate (Hanes) Cox and sister of Thomas, Carl, Eargle, Delma and Blanche.

She was born in Energy, Texas, as small unincorporated community in Comanche County. She met E.H Hank Bowman and were married March 22, 1942 in San Angelo. They were married for 48 years until he passed away during 1990.

They moved to Smiley, Texas in 1971, where their first and child was born. Neva worked for the Smiley School District for 14 years. She died 1 day before her 100th birthday.

Survived by her son Joseph T Bowman, 3 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.



William Edward "Eddie" Burchfiel September 30, 1943 – September 2, 2022

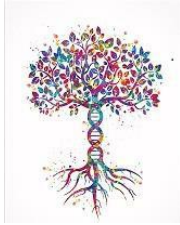


William Edward "Eddie" Burchfiel, age 78, of Wichita, Kansas passed away on Saturday, September 3, 2022. Eddie was born September 30, 1943 in Bristow, Oklahoma to Randolph D and Elizabeth (Helton) Burchfiel.

Eddie graduated Putnam City high school in 1961 and later attended Oklahoma State University. He joined the United States Army and National Guard where he served 23 years and retired at the rank of First Sergeant and also worked as a letter carrier for the United States Post Office and retired after 40 years. On September 26, 1970 Eddie married the love of his life Thelma and together they had one son Randolph D Burchfiel.

Eddie was an active member of Village Baptist Church in Oklahoma City and was ordained as a deacon in 2006. He was a member of the Scottish Rite Masonic Lodge and was a 32nd degree mason.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister-in-law Debbie Barter, and one niece Mindy Barter. He leaves behind his wife of 52 years Thelma, one son D (Kristi) Burchfiel, two grandchildren Rebekah and Andrew Burchfiel, two brothers John (Penny) Barter and Joe Barter and many other family and friends.



BRANDYWINE COX FAMILY

IN REMEMBRANCE

Georgia Ann Barlow Cox, September 1, 1930 – September 5, 2012



Mrs. Cox was born in Wilkes County on September 1, 1938, to George and Gladys Fenner Barlow. She was a member of Lewis Fork Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Cox was preceded in death by two brothers, Rex Barlow and Bill Barlow.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Cox is survived by three daughters, Regina C. Beatty and husband, Ed of Wilmington, Sandra Cox of Spartanburg, SC, Nancy C. Moretz and husband, Richard of Wilkesboro; one son, William (Bill) E. Cox and wife, Shaye of Ferguson; seven grandchildren, Julia E. Hurt, Katy Curtis, Seth Greene, Brooke Cox, Tara Cox, Summer Cox, and Erica Cox; three great grandchildren, Leah Ellen Hurt, Lucas Connor Huffman, Lillian Grace Curtis; one sister, Jean Church of Wilkesboro; three brothers, Jerry Barlow and wife, Bernice of Ferguson, Garland Barlow of Wilkesboro, Kenny Barlow and wife, Penny of Ferguson.oro, Kenny Barlow and wife, Penny of Ferguson.

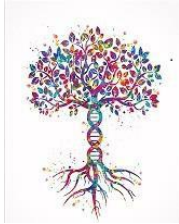
Clyde Delano Cox, September 3, 1936 – January 14, 2021



Mr. Cox was born September 3, 1936 in Wilkes County to Zollie and Eula Yates Cox. He was a loving husband, father, papaw and great papaw. He was an outstanding member of the community and was loved by everyone. He was an avid gardener, growing vegetables and giving them away to the community. He retired from Bernhardt Industries after 31 years of service. He was of the Baptist Faith.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Georgia Ann Barlow Cox; a special grandmother, Julia Yates; and two sisters, Faye Whittington and Inis Perry; three brothers, Jake Linnis Cox, Jim Cox, and Hubert Cox.

He is survived by five daughters, Regina Beatty and husband Ed of Mt. Airy, Sandra Prince and husband Rusty of Spartanburg, SC, Nancy Moretz and husband, Richard of Wilkesboro, Summer Cox and Erica Cox both of Ferguson; a son, William "Bill" Cox and wife Brandy of Ferguson; seven grandchildren, Julia Hurt and Husband Mike, Katy Curtis and husband Joey, Brooke Cox, Seth Greene and wife Reyna, and Tara Cox, Kylie Isaacs and William Cox (Little Man); six great grandchildren, Leah Hurt, Connor Huffman, Lily Curtis, Maleia Greene, Tate Greene, and LeAnn Curtis (expected in March); a sister, Ennis Goulds and husband Deamus of Millers Creek; two brothers, Walter Cox of Augusta, GA and Reece Cox of Wilkesboro; and special lifelong friends, John and Judy Shepherd; special nephew, Michael Cox; and many other nieces and nephews.



BRANDYWINE COX FAMILY IN REMEMBRANCE

Carole Ann (Cox) Inks-Warren

passed away this last Thanksgiving, November 25, 2021, at the age of 87.



Thanksgiving Day was always a most important day for Carole for many family members would gather at her home in Pharr, Texas to celebrate this day. Her passing on this day will mark in the hearts and minds the specialness and importance of Thanksgiving Day to her friends and family.

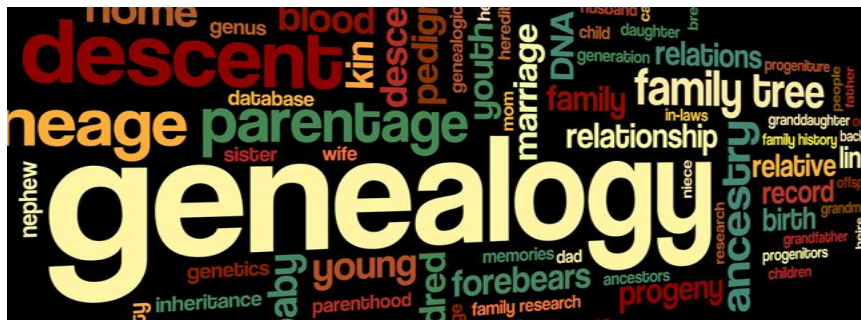
Carole was a High School English Teacher for over forty (40) years with the bulk of those years serving in the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo School (PSJA) District. While she managed regular classroom duties, she also led the Shakespearean Literature efforts and debate/extemporaneous speaking programs at PSJA High School. Always an educator, she was a staunch advocate for any endeavor that expanded the mind through academic achievement.

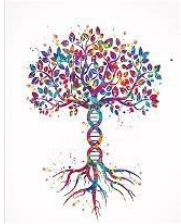
She was married to James Moore Inks. Then after his passing, she spent her later years married to James Warren until his passing. She is survived by her daughter, Jacqueline Gonzalez (Horacio, Sr.); three step-grandchildren, Horacio Jr., Marco, and Daniella; her son, Jay Inks (Lori); five grandchildren, Justin, Jenn a (Tyler), Julia, Jayme, and Jillian.

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FAMILY HISTORY DATA BASE

The new Family History Data Base Manager is Steve Taylor. His contact information is 5204 NW 119th Terrace, Oklahoma City, OK,73162, staylor72348@aol.com, Ph. 405-496-8196. Contact Steve and your family history liaison (contact information elsewhere in this newsletter and on website) with lineage/family history questions or to provide new or additional information.





BRANDYWINE COX FAMILY

DNA PROJECT TEAM

BRANDYWINE'S ENHANCED DNA PROJECT TEAM:

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DNA Project Input By Margie Romine and Tony Cox

General Update on Projects

While the number of testers in the Brandywine subgroup of our yDNA project at Family Tree DNA has not changed much, we expect exciting news for the next newsletter. I have been encouraging testers to upgrade to the BigY test so that we can start testing the accuracy of the relationships between the early Cox immigrants in our tree. The Y12-Y111 tests allowed us to identify which Cox lines belong to the Brandywine Cox tree (90 so far). Results of the BigY test will enable us to take the next step of determining when the common ancestors of our BigY testers lived. In addition to the four previous bigY tests you heard about, we will soon have results in for eight new tests. These 12 BigY test results span descendants of all proven male descendants (Solomon, Absalom, Christopher, Thomas Isaac, and Stephen) of Solomon Cox and Naomi Hussey as well as Harmon Cox, son of William Cox and Catherine Kinkey.

Our Quaker Cox Ancestor project at Gedmatch.com is seeing rapid growth in size since it was initiated last December. We now have 167 kits in the project and have begun broadening the suite of testers to include descendants of siblings and ancestors of Solomon Cox (husband of Naomi Hussey). This expansion is important to support research on the lines of all of our yDNA testers.

Proposed use for BigY results

There is currently confusion between at least 4 John Coxes (# indicates find-a-grave memorial where more information can be found) proposed to be part of our family line.

1. (#189940914) 1 son of Thomas the Vintner and Christian Matthews
2. (#206787174) 2 blacksmith from England, husband of Rachel (possibly Embree or Carr) father of John (Hannah Jenkins), Richard (Margaret Potts, Mary), Sarah (Robert Hoar,

Richard Leech), and Joseph (Maria Vanderveer)

3. (#206764657) 3 of Clay Creek, husband of Mary Garretson, father of the John Jr (Mary Harlan), Sarah (Nicholas Wierman), William (Emey Naomi Garretson), Benjamin (Martha Garretson), Samuel (Hannah Wierman), Amy Naomi (William Wierman), Ann (William Ruddick), Thomas (Martha Jenkins)

4. (#206788670) 4 husband of Mary Harlan, father of Jacob, Dinah (Finley McGrew), Solomon (Naomi Hussey) and others.

An alternate hypothesis has been proposed regarding the ancestry of Solomon Cox (husband of Naomi Cox) 1-5 . It highlights a confusion regarding John Cox Jr and John Cox Sr, direct ancestors of Solomon Cox. Both are in agreement that John Cox and Mary Harlan are his parents, but differ regarding whether he also had a first wife, Hannah Jenkins. It further suggests that the mother of John Cox Jr is Mary Garretson rather than Rachel Duskin and that the mother of John Cox Sr is Emmetje Van Der Coelen rather than Naomi Cantrell.

Consequently, this alternative hypothesis suggests that the four children, John (Mary Garretson), Richard (Elizabeth Scarlett), William (Catherine Kinkey), and Amy (John Allen), of William Cox and Naomi Cantrell descend instead from William Cox and Emmetje Van Der Coelen. Furthermore, Anne Cox (Casperus Garretson) has been added to this family, whereas we currently have her listed as the daughter of John Cox and Rachel Duskin.

We have an opportunity to prove or disprove this hypothesis by using yDNA testing. For example, incoming results from descendants of William Cox/Catherine Kinkey) should tell us when their common ancestor with descendants of Solomon Cox lived. Is William a great uncle to Solomon or is their common ancestor further back?

Using Autosomal DNA to break through brick walls in recent ancestors

Tony Cox has been working on his genealogical Cox brick wall by searching for the grandparents of his great-grandfather Joseph E. Cox. The span of 4-6 generations is recent enough to fall within the feasibility range for using Autosomal DNA.

Tony writes:

The earliest historical record for my great-grandfather Joseph Cox was the 1850 US Census for Joshua Township, Fulton County, Illinois. He was listed in a non-Cox household, an apparent orphan, age 14 born in Indiana. Joseph was the only Cox listed in the Joshua Township on the 1850 Census. Numerous years of diligent search by myself and my cousins have failed to connect him to any Cox family living in Fulton County or in any other nearby Illinois county. By my reckoning, our Joseph Cox 'brick wall' has withstood over 50 years of family genealogical effort.

Hoping to break through the wall, I ordered and received my 37 marker Y-DNA test result in 2007 which I upgraded to a 67 marker test in 2009. The Y-DNA test analyses the portion of a male's DNA that is passed relatively unchanged from father to son. The Y-DNA administrator at the time, Les Sutton, welcomed me to the Quaker Cox family but couldn't provide me with an ancestor more recent than John Cox Sr, born about 1680 in England. I still needed to 'connect the dots' between him and my Joseph Cox, born about 1836. I had 150 years of 'dots' to complete. The US Censuses gave me two clues; birth places for Joseph Cox's parents, Virginia for the father and Ohio for the mother. For several years, I combed the Quaker Cox family trees, historical records, and documentation. I ended up with several possibilities but no singular winner for Joseph's father. It was time for new DNA tests.

Autosomal DNA is inherited from both parents. The amount a child inherits is somewhat

predictable. It is generally about half, but it can also vary anywhere from none to the full amount. The testing companies maintain large databases of testers and in addition to a numerical result, they provide lists of fellow testers whose DNA segment matches yours. Testers with matching segments are your cousins; you share sets of grandparents with them. The matching segment can be inherited from either one or both grandparents. This is an important fact to keep in mind.

I tested first with the same company that I used for my Y-DNA test, FamilyTreeDNA.com. Later, I tested with Ancestry.com. I did this to take advantage of both tester databases and to increase my number of cousin matches. I persuaded two of my brothers to get DNA tests for the same reason. I was surprised at the variation between our results. In my opinion, the DNA analysis tools of FamilyTreeDNA are superior to those of Ancestry. Ancestry's strength is the great size of their tester database, their tools for suggesting how I might be related to my matches through comparing trees of my matches, and access to historical texts (public and shared by members) that document my ancestor's history. One noteworthy difference between the two companies is that FamilyTreeDNA allows free uploads of results from other companies like Ancestry [MyHeritage also allows free uploads and provides lists of ones matches without an account].

With regard to analysis tools, neither testing company can match the analysis tools that are available on Gedmatch.com which I used to complete my proof for the Cox grandparents of Joseph Cox. Basically, I searched my cousin match lists for my first, second, third, and fourth Cox cousins that met two criteria: a Cox family tree consisting of least 3 known generations, and an Autosomal DNA result or kit uploaded to Gedmatch.com. Doing that took considerable time and study. Once my Cox surname group was assembled, I applied the Gedmatch tools. I detail the proof in another document which is available online 6 , so I won't repeat it here. The end result was that I proved, through DNA triangulation, that my Joseph Cox married Mary Ellen Allison and that a different Joseph R Cox married Malinda Hadley, a pair whom many of my relatives have in their trees. Furthermore, I discovered that the grandparents for Joseph Cox were Stephen Cox (son of Solomon Cox/Naomi Hussey) and Mary Robertson and that their eldest son, Joseph's father, was John Cox, born about 1800, in Virginia.

The analysis process I used was similar to that used by the Gedmatch.com Quaker Cox Ancestor Project which Margie Romine and I administrator. I would urge all of you with known Cox ancestors to join this project. This is the second Ancestor Project that I've been involved with. The Ancestor Projects achieve great results and help interconnect families. The larger the Project group, the greater the results.

A pleasant and unexpected result of doing the proof was I discovered that Joseph Cox had at least one brother, Thomas B. Cox, born 1826 in Ohio. One of Thomas' descendants believes that Thomas had more siblings who lived near him in southeast Kansas, 1880-1900. I have not found them, yet. I'm hopeful they will turn up in our Quaker Cox Ancestor Project.

Web links:

- 1 <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/189940914/john-cox>
- 2 <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/206787174/john-cox>
- 3 <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/206764657/john-cox>
- 4 <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/206788670/john-cox>
- 5 <https://www.geni.com/people/John-Cox-of-White-Clay-Creek/6000000001737667992>
- 6 <https://genealogy.ztlcox.com/~ztlcox/cox/CoxSurnameDNATriangulationStudy.pdf>

Sharing your Family Story on Wiki Tree.

I invite everyone that has not already done so to check the site out (<https://www.wikitree.com/>). You can find Solomon Cox by searching for him on the site or going directly to <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Cox-9671> and then follow the descendent links to read their stories. You can also choose to join the community (there is no cost) and add details to or sources that support stories that are already there. If you are really ambitious you can add in your own family and link up with Solomon and Naomi. We will start listing new ancestor pages in the Brandywine newsletter so please let us know if you have created pages for Brandywine descendants.

Best, Margie.

Lineage: Margaret Frances 'Margie' Elkins Romine > George D. Elkins > Nancy B. Cox > George R. Cox > William T. Cox > Benjamin Cox > Solomon Cox Jr. > Solomon Cox Sr. & Naomi Hussey.

Wiki Tree by: Margie Romine Web addresses to listed profiles all start with <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/>

DIRECT DESCENDANTS OF SOLOMON AND NAOMI COX

Ancestor	Profile	Profile Manager
Martha Cox		Not yet created
Solomon Cox (1762 - 1846)	Cox-12867	Deb Cavel*
Absolom Cox Sr		Not yet created
Mary Cox		Not yet created
Anne Cox		Not yet created
Christopher Cox (1773 - 1863)	Cox-9668	Edie Kohutek & Marla Schimming
Thomas Isaac Cox		Not yet created
Stephen Cox		Not yet created
Naomi (Cox) Mahan (1777 - 1854)	Cox-17956	Karen Macagno
Ruth Cox		Not yet created

DESCENDANTS OF SOLOMON COX AND MARTHA DIXON

Ancestor	Profile	Profile Manager
Joseph Cox		Not yet created
Benjamin Cox (abt. 1791 - aft. 1870)		Donna Cator & Deb Cavel*
Olive Cox		Not yet created
Rebecca Cox		Not yet created
Michele Cox		Not yet created

*Brandywine member Note: Wiki Tree is not meant to replace the Brandywine Cox Family Database. Just another place to keep information. The Brandywine database has over 36,000 names listed. Located at: <http://lessutton.tribalpages.com/>

*If you don't know your history, then you don't know anything.
You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree.
- Michael Crichton*

COX MILITARY PROJECT

YOU CAN HELP PRESERVE OUR MILITARY HISTORY!!

Please submit your family military history, including photo, details as to rank and service to: MARTY BURNETT, llbrbr@aol.com



BRANDYWINE NEEDS YOUR BIOGRAPHIES!!

NOTICE!!

We are temporarily suspending our requests for short autobiographies and biographies of family members until a committee chaired by Vice-President Gary Sutton can work out some ground rules concerning privacy issues.

Also, be mindful of privacy issues when submitting family stories. It's not a good idea to include personal information about living persons.

Of course, we want to add to our membership by learning about your children, adult grandchildren, aunts, uncles, cousins (including distant cousins), adult nieces and nephews, etc. who are not on our contact list. We would like to have mailing addresses, phone numbers and email addresses if possible.

We don't share contact lists with any other organization.

BRANDYWINE NEEDS YOUR FAMILY STORIES!!

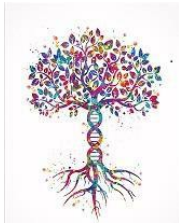
In keeping with our goal of preserving our family history, we also collect stories. If there is a story that has been passed down through your family, there probably is a substantial amount of truth to it. Like biographies, it may be unique to your particular family, and if you don't record it, it may well be lost. It may be humorous, tragic, or in between, or just a family member's involvement in an event that you consider worthy of sharing, but if you are willing to share, we would like to have it. It can be whatever length you want it to be. We are not necessarily looking for scholarly papers, although, of course, we will accept them.

But we want to record the family history, and family stories are a big part of that history. We would like to know the source (grandma, Uncle Ed, etc.), but you don't have to footnote or anything like that unless you want to. You will find examples on our website.

We will include at least some, if not all, in our newsletter and post all of them on our website. Identify your family line as far back as you know. We do hope that you will do this.

Please submit your stories to: Debbie Brewer Cox, 708 Creekridge Dr., Goodrich, TX 77335, brandywinecrucible@gmail.com for inclusion is our family history data base, and to Nancy (Cox) Borum 8112 NW 28th Terrace, Bethany, OK 73008 nancy.borum@gmail.com for our newsletter.

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A BRANDYWINE COX FAMILY STORY

Bluford S. "Blu" Cox, Gunfighter with 27 notches on his .45

By Arlee Gowen (Submitted by Nancy Cox-Borum)

Yellowing records in the file of Case No. 1264, District Court of Williamson County, reveal a vignette of the life of Bluford S. Cox, gunfighter who legendarily dispatched 27 men in Texas, Indian Territory and across the western United States.

Cox, third child of Pleasant C. Cox and Martha Jane (Bybee) Cox, was born in Missouri 10 July 1850 shortly before his parents joined a wagon train to Williamson County. Manhood was thrust upon him in the wild, and sometimes lawless, period that followed the Civil War. Reportedly he killed his first victim, in self-defense, before he was 18. Once he killed a man named Doolittle in a gunfight in a Lampasas saloon and lost an ear in the fight. He grew up with the Pink Higgins gang and joined its extermination campaign against the Ben Harrell gang. Running battles on horseback were common occurrences between the two groups, and many men were forced to take sides and were killed for doing so. Indictments were hard to obtain.

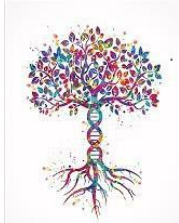
Blu was arrested for murdering Thomas Gardner whom he claimed had killed in self-defense. Blu, reported the killing to his older brother, John Thomas Cox, a Texas Ranger, and related the Thomas Gardner had taunted their 15-year-old handicapped nephew in a saloon. Blu followed him out, called his hand and killed him with one shot. In an arraignment 19 June 1871, Blu was charged with murder and released on his own recognizance on a \$4,000 bond. Bond was posted by Pleasant C. Cox, John Bybee, D.W. Smart, I.J. Barber, W.R. Blevins and W. Jasper Owens. Postponements of the trial were requested and delaying tactics were utilized, but when it became apparent that Blu was going to have to stand trial, his brother James W. Cox smuggled him out of the country to El Paso del Norte hidden under a wagon load of hides.

John Bybee and Harry Clark, brothers-in-law to Blu, appeared in court in May 1873 and reported that Bluford S. Cox was killed 25 April 1873 in Lampasas County when the three of them had a running gunbattle with Thomas L. Harrell, Mart Harrell, Merit Harrell, William Bowen and Rufus Overstreet, members of the Harrell gang. Blu's father appeared in court with a blood-stained shirt and coat which he testified that his son was wearing when he was shot and killed. The reported that a diligent search had been made for his body but was unsuccessful and that only the Harrell gang knew where the body lay. Court interrogatives were sent to the rival gang, and they deposed that they were in Coleman, Texas on April 24 – 27 with witnesses confirming. After more delays, the court declared the bond forfeited 15 July 1873.

In the meantime, Blu and James continued west. They lived briefly in New Mexico and then went on to Tombstone, Arizona where they developed a friendship with Wyatt Earp. James lived there for 40 years, returning to Texas in 1912.

Blu continued on the move and continued to add notches to his gun handle. On a trip to Indian Territory where he had an Indian wife and family, he was spotted by a U.S. Marshal who attempted an arrest. Blu killed the marshal and fled to Nevada Territory. In Hylton, Nevada the one-eared man was spotted by John Dowell Hylton, developer of the town and former resident of Williamson County, who called in a deputy. Blu killed the deputy and was on his way again.

Last report the family back in Texas had from Blu was an unsigned postcard which read "I'm in Walla Walla." Since Walla Walla was the site of the Washington Territorial Prison, family members have debated for almost 100 years whether he was an inmate there, but all agreed, "Nobody was fast enough to take Uncle Blu head on."



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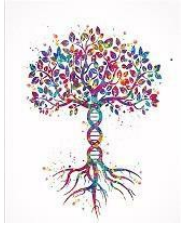
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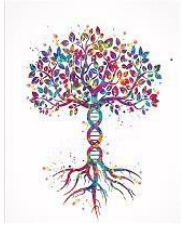
For more information on the various family lines of Solomon Cox, Sr. & Naomi Hussey, please contact one of the family line liaisons listed above.

Additional information can be found on the Brandywine Cox Family Tree Database at:
Brandywine Cox Family, Descendants of Solomon Cox & Naomi Hussey
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Cox Family Reunion and Annual Brandywine Membership Meeting- Lampasas, TX,
2-4 June 2023, Tysons Corner and Retreat, 1135 CR 1045, Lampasas, TX 76550.

Reserve rooms at Best Western Plus, Lampasas, TX, 1504 S Key Ave., Ph. 512-556-2100.
A block of rooms is reserved under Cox Reunion at a reduced rate on a first-come basis.

A list of all known Cox family reunions is posted on the Brandywine website and will be included in our Spring/Summer newsletter published in March/April 2023.



BRANDYWINE COX FAMILY NOTICES



FAMILY REUNION CHALLENGE – JUNE 2023

Please share your family history!

Everyone is encouraged to create and bring a tri-fold poster board (science board) with something about your family and/or family history. These can be as simple or elaborate as you would like! Let's get to know one another!

Join Brandywine Crucible, Inc.

Our family organization is about fellowship and fun, folklore, and family history! Dues are \$15, \$25, and \$100, depending on the level of support you want to provide. Our dues-year runs from June 1 to May 31st. It is not necessary to belong to Brandywine Crucible, Inc. to attend any of the Cox reunions. We do want you as a member! Brandywine Crucible, Inc. is a 501c3 corporation, so all contributions are fully tax deductible. Send your new or renewal dues to:

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