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A Non-profit Heritage Society

A chronology of the colonial families who settled on Brandywine Creek...
... and those who come after them.

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Fiscal Year: June 1 – May 31

2024 Brandywine Annual Meeting and Cox Family Reunion

When: June 7 through 9, 2024

Where: Tyson's Corners Retreat Center

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A block of rooms is reserved under Cox Family Reunion at a reduced rate for the nights of June 7 and 8. We hope to see you there!

Additional currently scheduled Cox reunions are listed on page 2. 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 2024.

President's Report

By Joe B. Cox

First of all, you will want to welcome our new newsletter editor, Katelyn Werner Le. Katelyn is well qualified for the position for education and experience, being a technical and science writer by profession. Many of you know by now that Nancy Cox Borum stepped down from the position for health reasons. Nancy did an outstanding job as editor and, building on the work of her predecessors, took our newsletter to new heights. We thank her while welcoming Katelyn.

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The Brandywine Crucible Website is Moving!

After over 20 years, the Brandywine Crucible website is moving. We have elected to move away from Rootsweb and create a new website: BrandywineCrucible.org. The new site will give us greater flexibility and control over our information. The old site will soon be replaced with directions to the new location. Please bookmark the new site BrandywineCrucible.org.

Contact webmaster Mark Werner with any questions at 2014mdw@gmail.com or 830-221-8806.

President's Report (Continued)

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We had another good annual meeting and reunion in Lamas, Texas, this past June. Worth mentioning is that for the first time, we used Zoom for both the program and the general membership, as well as for the directors' meeting. Two board members who could not be physically present participated in the board meeting. We plan to continue this practice while still emphasizing attendance at our annual meeting and reunion.

Brandywine Membership

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

Dues may be \$15, \$25, \$50, \$100 or any amount that you feel called to contribute. 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, have access to the website and our family history data base, and be warmly welcomed at our annual meeting and reunion.

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

Dues may be submitted online by credit card or PayPal account or by mail to our treasurer.

Online: <https://www.brandywinecrucible.org/payment.html>

Mail to: Joen Sutton, Treasurer
Brandywine Crucible, Inc.
P.O. Box 897
Melvin, TX 76858-0897

There are always those who can't come for various reasons.

Our DNA project is thriving, thanks to Margie Romine's diligent efforts and a second financial donation from a generous member. You will find a DNA project report from Margie elsewhere in this newsletter. The DNA project is one of our most significant endeavors. And because of the efforts of Les Sutton and Mary Lou Hudson Gowens a number of years ago, Brandywine was an early entrant in the field of DNA genealogical research. Margie has built on and enhanced that early work.

We are continuing to work toward mostly digital communications with our members. You will find a separate notice about this endeavor elsewhere in this newsletter. In short, we need your email addresses.

Changes in the digital world are forcing us to rehost our excellent website, which, as you know, is another one of our major projects. Webmaster Mark Werner is leading this effort. The new website location is shown on page 1.

Also, we have established a genealogical research committee led by board member Steve Taylor of Oklahoma City to address a specific issue raised by conflicting research findings/indications relating to the parentage of our ancestor John Cox, Jr. Similar questions may well arise in the future, so VP Gary Sutton and I have worked to develop a very general set of

guidelines to guide this initial effort. The guidelines can be adjusted as experience dictates.

And our projects and ongoing activities do require some money. We continue to request people on our addresses list to assist by contributing at least our minimum membership dues of \$15 per year. We have a range of suggested dues levels listed on our website. There is no distinction in services or voting at our annual meeting; everyone is entitled.

Finally, I announced at our annual meeting in June at Lamas that at the end of this meeting year in June 2024, I will be stepping down as president and from the board. I turned 90 years old this past October, and it is time for our younger people to take over. We have a very competent board of directors and a very competent group of officers taken from that board.

My last president's report will be included in the Spring/Summer 2024 newsletter that will be published before our annual meeting and reunion in June. At that time, I will address what I see as our achievements and strengths and what I think some of our future goals should be. In the meantime, I will say that it has been a joy to help found Brandywine and to work for it.

Joe Cox

President and Chair

2023 Lampasas Reunion Highlights



Attendees of the 2023 Descendants of Solomon Cox and Naomi Hussey Reunion, Tysons' Corner Retreat Center, Lampasas, TX.



The 2023 Brandywine Officers in attendance at the Lampasas reunion.

We again enjoyed great fellowship and food. There were two presentations on Cox and related family history, including one jointly developed on their branch of our family by cousins Dottie Cox Dunham of Dallas and Zala Cox Koym of Fredericksburg, TX. The other family presentation concerned the organization of the Lampasas River-Lucy Creed Grange on the farm of Pleasant C. Cox, thought to be the first Grange organized in the State of Texas. DMA Manager Margie Elkins Romine of Pasco, WA, presented by Zoom a comprehensive report on our very extensive and successful DNA project. Our speaker from outside our family this year was Jody Edward Ginn, Ph.D., of Austin, TX, speaking on "The Fall and Rise of the Texas Rangers."

The board of directors met in two sessions, dealing with several house-keeping issues, including adopting a target date for developing and approving the 2023-24 budget and continuing the recently adopted practice of holding an interim board meeting by Zoom in March or April. Most of our Brandywine programs were reviewed, and the board decided to emphasize the location of historic sites around the country related to our Brandywine family. The general membership meeting, in a wide ranging discussion, expressed general approval of the direction of the organization, also re-electing board members whose terms were expiring and electing new board member Zala Cox Koym to replace long-time board member John Cox of Dallas who decided to step down. The members approved the treasurer's report. The board, at its second session after the membership meeting, elected officers for the 2023-24 operating year. All involved are happy to be getting back to normal after the Covid year.

Upcoming Cox Family Reunions

In addition to the 2024 Brandywine Annual Meeting and Reunion (see page 1), the following Cox reunions are also currently scheduled. A complete list of known Cox reunions will print in the Spring/Summer newsletter, and updates can be found anytime at brandywinecrucible.org/reunions.html.

Cox Reunion, Whitley City, KY

July 2024

To be scheduled either the first or third Saturday in July, Senior Citizens Bldg, McCreary Co Pk (off HW 27). Contact Freda Cox Neal, 33 Oran Kid Rd, Whitley City, KY 42653, 423-215-5019, fredan86@gmail.com, or Cindy Schmidt, 10799 Lewistown Rd, Cordova, MD 21625-2417.

Cox Reunion, Usually Fredericksburg, TX

2025—Date and location to be determined

Descendants of Wm. Madison Tucker Cox & Fannie Lindsey Cox. All family lines welcome. Contact Lisa Sullivan, 324 Meadowood Ln, Coppell, TX 75019-2640, 210-275-5167, coxfamilyintexas@yahoo.com.

DNA Project Report

By Margie Romine

We currently have 90 yDNA testers that match the Brandywine Cox line in our yDNA project at Family Tree DNA. Twenty-three of these testers have results at the Y700 level, also known as BigY. Two additional BigY tests are currently being processed.

This newer yDNA test allows us to identify approximately when the common ancestor of these testers was born and which ancestral lines they belong to. The

outcome of this test is the identification of single nucleotide mutations (SNPs) in the yDNA of testers. These mutations, which arise on average every 80 years, are inherited by each of their male descendants. When a new yDNA mutation is identified and found in at least two males it is assigned a name and added to the tree of mankind. These assigned names are collectively known as haplotypes.

In the figure to the left are listed the haplotypes that were found with the BigY test in the Brandywine Cox line along with the corresponding approximate dates they are likely to have arisen in. As you can see at the bottom of the figure, the only haplotype identified by the older yDNA tests (Y12-Y111) taken by Brandywine Cox descendants is R-M269 which first appeared in a man living in the Stone Age.

We have learned that all of our BigY testers have the haplotype (mutation) R-FT256131 which is predicted to have arisen in a man born around 1700 A.D. (C.E. = Current Era). Our group of BigY testers include descendants of John Cox/Mary Garretson, Richard Cox/Elizabeth Scarlett, William Cox/Catherine Kinkey, and Isaac Cox/Elizabeth Fincher. We hypothesize that these ancestors are siblings.

A subset of these BigY testers have an additional mutation named R-FT257429. This group includes all tested descendants of Solomon Cox (h/o Naomi Hussey) as well as his brother Sam-

uel (h/o Hannah Wierman). We hypothesize that this mutation arose in John Cox (h/o Mary

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Share 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.

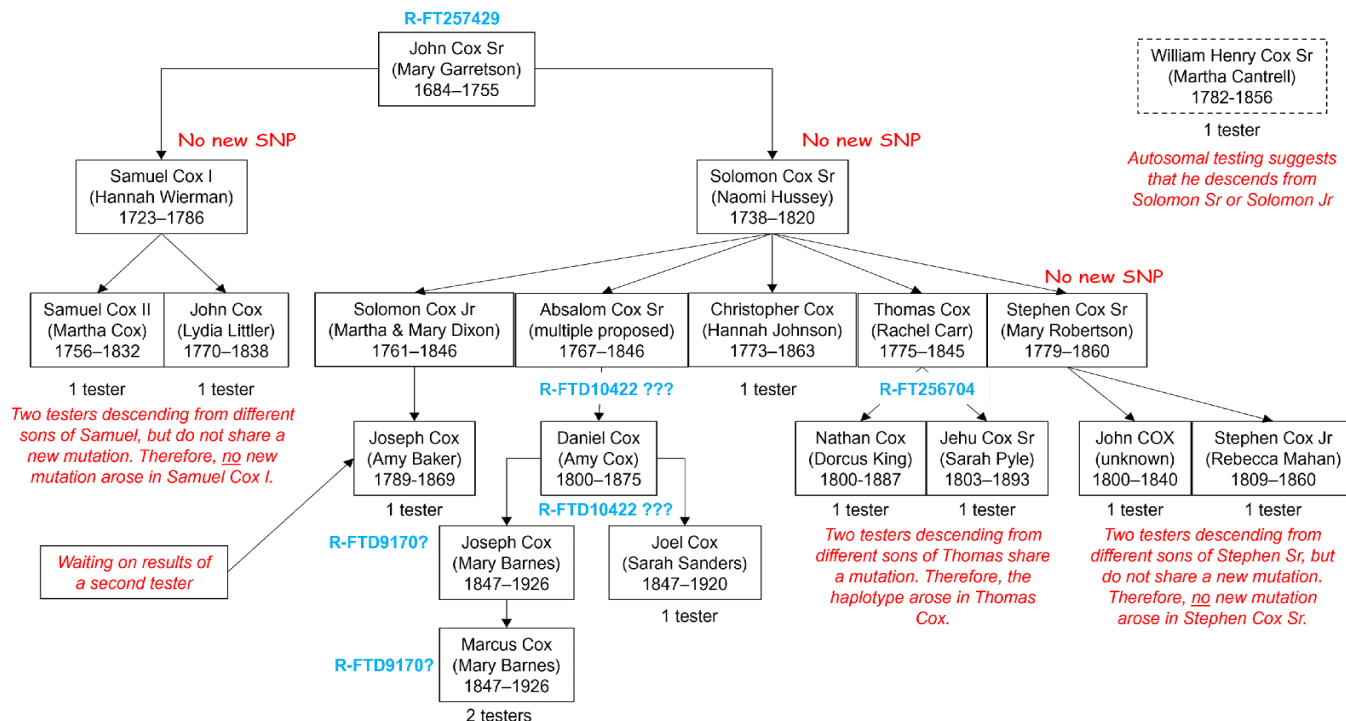
You can also choose to join the community (there is no cost) and add details to or sources that support stories that are already there. If you are really ambitious you can add in your own family and link up with Solomon and Naomi. We will start listing new ancestor pages in the Brandywine newsletter so please let us know if you have created pages for Brandywine descendants.

Best, Margie

R-FT257429	1750 CE	Modern Age
R-FT256131	1700 CE	
R-BY33788	850 BCE	Metal Ages
R-FTC6662	950 BCE	
R-CTS4299	1000 BCE	
R-CTS9762	1050 BCE	
R-Z207	1150 BCE	
R-Z208	1200 BCE	
R-Z206	1350 BCE	
R-Z205	1400 BCE	
R-Z202	1500 BCE	
R-Z200	1750 BCE	
R-SRY2627	1850 BCE	
R-Z267	2300 BCE	
R-ZS312	2400 BCE	
R-Z46513	2450 BCE	
R-Z198	2450 BCE	
R-Z195	2550 BCE	Stone Agea Metal Ages
R-DF27	2600 BCE	
R-ZZ11	2700 BCE	
R-Z46516	2700 BCE	
R-P312	2850 BCE	
R-L151	3000 BCE	
R-P310	3300 BCE	
R-L51	4000 BCE	
R-L23	4250 BCE	Stone Age
R-M269	4350 BCE	

Haplotypes identified with the BigY test in the Brandywine line, with corresponding approximate dates of origin.

DNA Project Report (Continued)



Current status of Y700 (BigY) DNA testing, including identified single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs).

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Garretson) and that he is their father. Researchers in the Bradywine group are reviewing the historical records and other written documents to establish whether there is support for this hypothesis rather than the current view of their father being John Cox (h/o Hannah Jenkins and Mary Harlan).

By testing men with more recent common ancestors, we have been successful in identifying an additional haplotype that arose in Thomas Isaac Cox, son of Solomon Cox/Naomi Hussey (see above). In the line of Absalom Cox, Sr., results of three testers revealed two additional haplo-

types. R-FTD10422 is shared by all three testers so arose in one of two possible common ancestors. BigY testers that descend from a brother of Daniel Cox would allow us to determine whether R-FTD10422 arose in Absalom or his son Daniel. Likewise, a tester that descends from a brother of Marcus would tell us which ancestor R-FTD9170 arose in (Joseph or Marcus).

While we have testers in the lines of Solomon's children Solomon Jr, Christopher, and Stephen, we have not yet been able to identify unique haplotypes belonging to these lines, because we either do not have a second tester in the line and/or we need a tester with a more recent com-

mon ancestor to the current testers.

Our most exciting new result comes from a descendent of William Cox (h/o Martha Cantrell). This tester has R-FT257429 which is unique to descendants of Solomon Cox/Naomi Hussey and Samuel Cox/Hannah Wierman. I wrote about this line in the spring/summer newsletter 2022 (vol 18, issue 1), suggesting that William might be an unrecognized son of Solomon Cox (h/o Naomi Hussey) or his son Solomon Cox. This analysis was based on studying autosomal DNA matches among male and female testers in our Gedmatch Quaker Cox Ancestry Project. Many of the living de-

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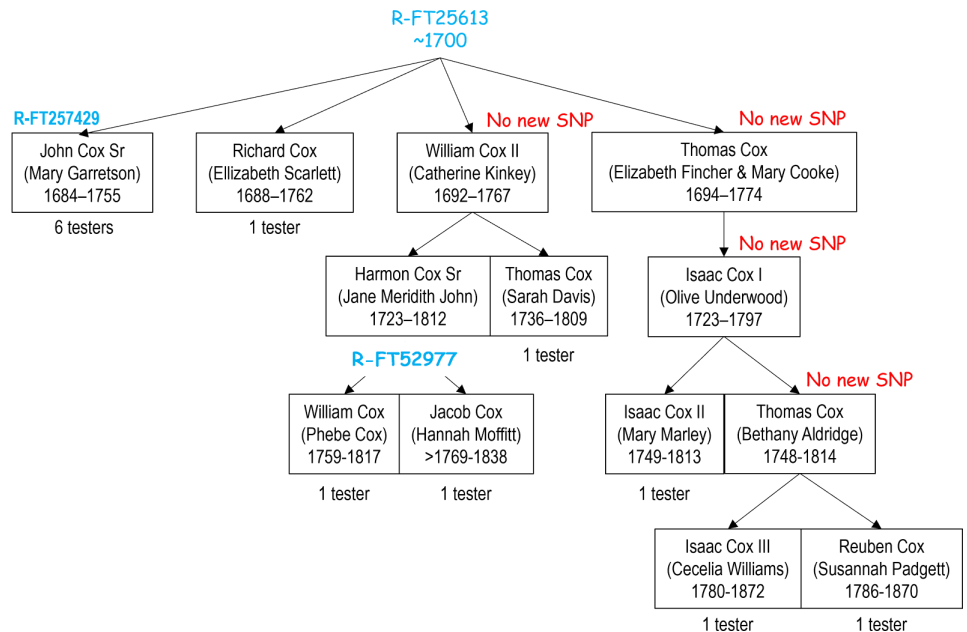
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scendants of this line live in the Uvalde, Texas area and it has been a long-standing question as to whether they are related to the Brandywine line. The BigY results prove that this line descends from Solomon's father and supports my hypothesis that they descend from Solomon Cox/Naomi Hussey.

Whether this line branches directly from Solomon or his son requires additional testing/research. A review of current testing results reveals that no yDNA mutation arose in Solomon Cox Sr. We have results from only one tester known to descend from Solomon Jr's line so cannot establish whether a mutation arose in his yDNA. We are waiting for results from another tester in Solomon Jr's line, but this tester descends Solomon Jr's son Joseph Cox like the other tester in this line so if a new haplotype is found we will not establish whether it belongs to Solomon Jr or his son Joseph. A tester that descends from another son of Solomon Jr is needed to answer this question. If a mutation is found to have arisen in Solomon Jr we can rule out the possibility that William Cox (h/o Martha Cantrell) descends from Solomon Jr since our tester from William's line does not share an

My top priority is to find additional testers... for lines descending from the children of Solomon Cox/Naomi for which we have no new haplotype (Solomon, Christopher, Stephen).



Current status of Y700 (BigY) testing in the lines of Richard, William, and Thomas Cox.

additional mutation with the current tester that descends from Solomon.

We have far fewer testers in the lines of Richard, William, and Thomas Cox (see right). Only a single new haplotype was found and arose in a grandchild of William Cox/Catherine Kinkey. Results from testers that descend

from Thomas Cox clearly show how mutations do not arise in every generation. The experts in the field of yDNA testing highly

recommend testing close relatives (a parent, son, uncle) of each tester to ensure that a new haplotype is revealed.

I expect that the next sale on yDNA tests will be in November and hope to find more testers willing to take the BigY test. We do have some funds to cover part or all of a few BigY tests so please contact me if you are interested. My top priority is to find additional testers that will help us identify new haplotypes for lines descending from the children of Solomon Cox/Naomi for which we have no new haplotype (Solomon, Christopher, Stephen). However, I am open to other requests as well.

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Also don't forget that Tony Cox and I are always looking for additional Cox descendants to join our Quaker Cox Ancestry Project at Gedmatch.com. We use this project to research recent lines in the Brandywine family. This project is open to all males and females that are direct descendants of the Brandywine line (male or female) and have taken an autosomal DNA test offered through companies such

as Ancestry, FamilyTreeDNA, MyHeritage, and 23andMe. Uploading your test results to the site is free as is usage of a several tools for examining your matches. We currently have 277 kits in the project. It is heavily biased towards descendants of Solomon Cox/Naomi Hussey but we are working to expand the number of kits from other lines in the family as well. Feel free to contact me by email (madmom2112@gmail.com) if

you have any questions about either project.

Family Histories and Stories, Archives, and Publications

We solicit family history narratives and stories for inclusion in the newsletter and for posting on our website. Please send these items to Gary Sutton, Chair of our Archives and Publications Committee. His committee will review for privacy concerns before sending such items to the webmaster and/or newsletter editor. Family stories as such do not have to be documented, although as much documentation as possible is desired. But if a story is passed down in your family, whether documented or not, it is a part of our extended family narrative, and we want it. Usually there is some degree of truth in family stories or tales.

Numerous family members have collected family history papers over the years, and some have extensive collections. We would

like to know about these collections. And if you don't have a family member who is interested in preserving your collection, we can help. Brandywine has archival agreements with two outstanding institutions, the Center for American History at the University of Texas at Austin and the Southwest Collection at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. We have made archival donations to both institutions. The family history papers will be kept under the Brandywine name and the name of the individual donor. They will be available to the public. In some cases, if the collection is extensive, it may be eligible for an income tax credit. The Southwest Collection at Texas Tech will also accept artifacts. You may choose the institution to which you wish to donate.

Please contact Archives and Publications Chair Gary Sutton if you have or know of such family history collections or artifacts looking for a home.

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Cox Military Project

You can help preserve our military history!

Please submit your family military history, including photos and details as to rank and service to:

Marty Burnett
llbrbr@aol.com

Uncovering a Family Story

Bobby Cox of Sacramento, CA, shared a point of family interest from his travels this October.

Tragedy Springs, Amador County, CA, was named in 1848 by members of the Mormon Battalion trekking to Utah. The group found a shallow gravesite holding the bodies of three of their own scouts, who had been brutally murdered. One scout was Henderson Cox (born 1829, Illinois). Henderson was the son of Jesus Cox, the grandson of Sarah Z. Cox, and the great grandson of Samuel G. Cox, Jr.

The story behind the killings is unknown. Accounts noted that the original shallow grave was scattered with arrows, suggesting that the confrontation had involved Native Americans. However, there is speculation that the arrows were planted to lay blame, while the killings were actually perpetrated by whites who disliked Mormons.

Members dug a proper common grave for their comrades and carved their names on a nearby fir tree to preserve their memories. A portion of the carved tree



is on display at the Marshall Gold Discovery Park at Coloma, CA.

Birth Announcements

Jacob James Case: May 12, 2023



Jacob James Case

Announcing the birth of Jacob James Case, second son of Paul and Sara Case, on May 12, 2023.

Grandparents are James (Jim) and Mary Wallace Hensley, Paul and Tina Case, and Sam and Stacie Sandusky.

Jacob is the 15th great grandchild of Bettye Ruth Cox Wallace. May 12 was a special day for Bettye, her wedding day was May 12, 1948 to Hardy Elbern Wallace.

LINEAGE: Jacob James Case > Sara Beth Smith Case > Mary Elizabeth Wallace Smith Hensley > Bettye Ruth Cox Wallace > William Cornelius Cox Jr. > William Cornelius Cox Sr. > Cornelius Jackson Cox > Cornelius Cox > Christopher Cox > Solomon Cox Sr. > Naomi Hussey

Silas Mark Werner: August 25, 2023



Silas Mark Werner

Silas Mark Werner was born on August 25, 2023 to Luke and Lydia Werner of Minnesota. Silas was born 7 lbs 2 oz and 20 inches.

His grandparents are Mark and Debbie Werner and his great grandparents and Joe and Helen Cox.

LINEAGE: Silas Mark Werner > Luke Jeffery Werner > Deborah Cox Werner > Joe Burton Cox, Jr. > Joe Berton Cox, Sr. > Francis Marion Cox > Pleasant C. Cox > Solomon Cox > Thomas Isaac Cox > Solomon Cox

In Remembrance

Helen Cox: February 3, 1937—May 22, 2023



Helen H. Cox

Helen Marie Hooten Cox was born February 3, 1937, in Bell County, Texas, near Copperas Cove, to Morgan Albert Hooten and Gracey Inez Ware Hooten. She passed from this life May 22, 2023 at her home in San Marcos. Her siblings are Pearl Dean Chason (Gary), now deceased, and James Arlen Hooten (Janette). She attended Copperas Cove public schools for twelve years. She graduated from Copperas Cove High School in 1955 where she was a shooting forward on the girls' basketball team, a short-stop on the softball team, a Bulldog cheerleader and the 1954 Football Sweetheart. She worked in retail in Copperas Cove until December 18, 1955, when she married Joe Burton Cox, Jr., a student at Southwest Texas State, in the Copperas Cove Church of Christ. The couple moved to San Marcos, living in student housing at Riverside Apartments (Dog Patch). Helen worked at Miller's Drug and then at Gary Air Force Base helping put Joe through school. Their first home was a small two-bedroom house at 1029 Field Street, where Deborah Darlene and Wendell Scott were born. On December 10, 1964, they moved to Franklin Drive, where Stuart Lynn was born, and where the family home has been since that day. For most of her married life, Helen was a homemaker, although she worked for eleven

years at San Marcos Academy, primarily when children were in college.

Helen was a long-time member of the Captain Thomas Moore Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She taught four- and five-year-olds in Bible class at University Church of Christ for almost fifty years. She and Rita Mutschlechner served as "chief cooks" for thirteen years straight at summer church camp at Camp Hensel. They started in the early 1970's with no air conditioning, serving about 100 students daily for a week. Helen hosted speakers for Focal Point for several years. Later, Dixie Moffitt somehow slipped Silver Saints over to her and Joe, and she has enjoyed this endeavor with precious people of the University Church of Christ. Helen was a gracious hostess and marvelous cook. Many have gathered around her dining room table where good conversation and sweet tea abounded.

Helen's love for the Lord was always uppermost. She was a faithful Christian, a dutiful daughter, a loving wife, a supportive mother, a doting GrandC, a fervent American, and a great friend. She most cherished spending time with her family and friends. Helen valued her family and viewed the rearing of their children as her greatest defining achievement. She was loved by her family and life-long

friends. She was predeceased by her parents and sister. She is survived by her husband, Joe; her brother James Hooten and wife Janette of Kempner, her children Deborah Werner (Mark) of New Braunfels, Scott Cox (Jane Anne) of Belton, and Stuart Cox (Shannon) of San Marcos; grandchildren Luke Jeffrey Werner (Lydia) of Cottage Grove, MN, Katelyn Paige Werner Le (Spencer) of San Antonio, Melany Katherine Cox (fiancé Joshua Yokum) of Lubbock, Alyssa Marie Cox Sanabria (Pablo) of Abilene, Klein Patrick Bresinger and Reid Aaron Bre-

singer, both of San Marcos; and great grandchildren Emerson "Emmy" Joy Le of San Antonio and Silas Mark Werner of Cottage Grove, MN;

along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends.

Helen was a servant in God's kingdom. Her life fulfilled the high standards of Proverbs 31:vs 10-31: she was a virtuous woman; she was a worthy woman.

A visitation was held Wednesday, May 24 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Thomason Funeral Home in San Marcos. Service was Thursday, May 25 at 10:30 a.m. at University Church of Christ in San Marcos, followed by interment at San Marcos City Cemetery. For more information and to sign the online registry, please visit thomasonfuneralhome.com.

Helen was a gracious hostess and marvelous cook. Many have gathered around her dining room table where good conversation and sweet tea abounded.

In Remembrance

Richie Brent Cox: May 28, 2023



Richie Brent Cox

Richie Cox passed away May 28, 2023.

He is survived by wife Linda Green Cox, son Trampas Cox & Richelle, daughter Angie Cox Butler & Shane, Kamali Barron & Alan, Michelle Allen, brother Larry Cox & Margaret Ann, sister Cheri Jordan & Donald, sister Lisa Hays & Don; 11 grandchildren & 6 great grandchildren.

Richie is preceded in death by parents Alvis & Margaret Cox, sister Barbara Cox Hallmark, and brother Terry Cox.

A Celebration of Life was held Sunday, June 4th at Johnson Hall in Anson, TX.

Bettye Cox Wallace: August 1927—June 17, 2023



Bettye Cox Wallace

Bettye Cox Wallace, 95, of Canyon, passed away on Saturday, June 17, 2023.

Memorial services were held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023 at the First Methodist Church Canyon with Rev. Rick Enns officiating. Private interment took place in Happy Cemetery.

Bettye was born in August 1927 in Goodnight, Texas to W.C. "Nealy" and Margaret (Newberry) Cox. She received a Bachelor of Science degree from West Texas State College in 1947. On May 12, 1948, she married Hardy Elbern Wallace in Canyon. He preceded her in death on September 9, 1990.

Bettye was the bookkeeper for Wallace Motor Company in Happy and Dimmitt for 36 years. She was also the secretary and organist for the Methodist Church in Happy for 30 years.

Bettye was a member of Lion's Club, Panhandle Plains Historical Society and Auxiliary, Canyon Singles, First Methodist Church in Canyon, Crusaders Sunday School Class, United Methodist Women, and the Cox Family Association. She proudly served as the treasurer for PPHSM Auxiliary, U.M.W. Hill-Hare Circle, and Brandywine Crucible.

Her most loved hobbies were stamp collecting and being the family genealogist.

Bettye was also preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her daughters, Mary Hensley and husband, Jim of Conroe, Jana Goss and husband, Keith of Canyon, Amy Gilleland and husband, Gary of Elgin, Oklahoma; son, Eric Wallace of Amarillo; brother, Bill Cox and wife, Julia of Lubbock; eleven grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Methodist Church Sharing Fund, 1818 4th Ave, Canyon, TX 79015, in lieu of flowers.

In Remembrance (Continued)

Betty Carolynn Wilson: July 7, 1928—July 21, 2023



Betty Carolynn Wilson

Betty Carolynn (Seely) Wilson, died Friday, July 21, 2023, Midwest City, Oklahoma at the Midwest City Hospital after a brief illness.

Betty Carolynn Seely was born in Wewoka, Oklahoma on July 7, 1928, to William Clarence Randolph (Pop) Seely and Allie Lorraine Turner (Seely). She was raised in Wewoka, graduated from Wewoka High School, and traveled extensively with her parents following oil and gas pipelines for her father's work as a troubleshooter and welding expert. As a young girl, she almost died during a dust storm in Kansas, and had breathing problems the remainder of her life. She started going by her middle name of Carolynn when too many Bettys attended her high school. She loved drawing, designing clothes, wanted to be a dress designer, and had beautiful handwriting. Upon graduation, she worked as a PBX operator for ATT in Wewoka and again in Oklahoma City after moving to Midwest City in 1952. Later in life, Carolynn attended Black's Business College, earning an associate degree in bookkeeping, and worked for Blue Cross and Blue Shield. During the 1960's and 1970's, she lived in Hawaii, working for a real estate company. She also had her own interior design and decorating business with her husband's construction company, so her homes were always in some stage of remodeling. She returned to Mid-

west City in 1978, to care for her aging parents, and started working for the City of Midwest City, as the Worker's Compensation Insurance Clerk. She retired after 25 years of service and was the Accounting Clerk at the City of Midwest City. After retirement, Carolynn joined the Bodacious Babes Red Hat Society where she created and modeled beautiful hats and traveled with her dear friends, Nancy Buck and Cherryl Bernard. Carolynn became active in genealogy research and was a member of the Cox Brandywine Crucibles, Inc., and Lifetime member of the Seeley Genealogical Society. After having a great time at the SGS St. Louis Reunion in June, she started planning several trips she wanted to take, especially to Ireland.

Carolynn was a Christian and a member of the Hope Fellowship Seventh Day Adventist church in Moore, Oklahoma, where she had many friends and a special friend in Brazil. As a little girl, she always wanted to be baptized and was finally able to achieve this dream on March 20, 2016.

Carolynn is preceded in death by her parents, husbands, Olie Bon Martin, Leonard T. Ruark, Norman C. Wilson and fiancée, Colonel (USAF, Ret) William 'Bill' Downham. She is survived by her sister, Frieda L. (Hoag) McAuliffe, niece, Gina Melissia, nephew, Billy Pat Stahlheber, daughter, Connie L. Martin Birth (Herbert), granddaughter, Veroni-

ca Kelly Norris (Donald), great grandson, Alex B. Norris, great granddaughters, Ansley McCraw, Daphne McCraw, granddaughter, Kimberly McCraw and grandson, Bronson K. Shimabukuro. She is also survived by her daughter, Carol L. Ruark Almero (Daniel) their daughters, Allie, Sara, three great grandchildren and her youngest daughter, Joy Renee Ruark Shimabukuro (Melvin) of Kailua, Hawaii. Carolynn also leaves behind adopted daughters, Laura Tallant, Sharon Kerrens, and grandson, Dan Cole.

Age was just a number to Carolynn, she loved people telling her, there was no way she could be that old! Including the female police officer who recently stopped her. You would always find Carolynn checking people in for lunch at the Senior Center, especially on Tuesdays. She loved going to the Senior Center, where she enjoyed crafts, exercising, Taichi,

lunch and especially socializing with all her dear friends; too many to mention for fear of missing someone.

Carolynn was to be directly cremated, did not want a funeral, and wanted to always be remembered as smiling. However, her many friends did not want that to happen. In honor of Carolynn's many friends and loved ones, a Celebration of Life gathering was held at the Senior Center, 8521 E. Reno, in Midwest City, Wednesday, August 2, 2023. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in her name to the Seeley Genealogical Society.

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