Piecing Together the Cox Family Tree

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Topics Covered

- **Update**: Using YDNA to Create our Family Tree
- Lessons learned: Using land grants to find where our ancestors lived
- Case Study: How close together did the Solomon's live in Ohio?
- Food for Thought: Are we related to the Coxes Living nearby the Solomon's?

Using YDNA to Create our Family Tree

Changes in Testing at FamilyTreeDNA

- Currently only provide Y37, Y111, and Y700 tests. The Y700 (BigY) is the only test that can derive specific relationships among men occurring in the modern era.
- Now can use autosomal DNA tests to search for known YDNA mutations. Results may confirm that you are a Brandywine Cox descendent.
- Everyone (women and men) should load their autosomal tests up to the FamilyTreeDNA site and then join the Cox project!
- No longer allow construction of family trees on their site. They must instead be uploaded from MyHeritage. \odot

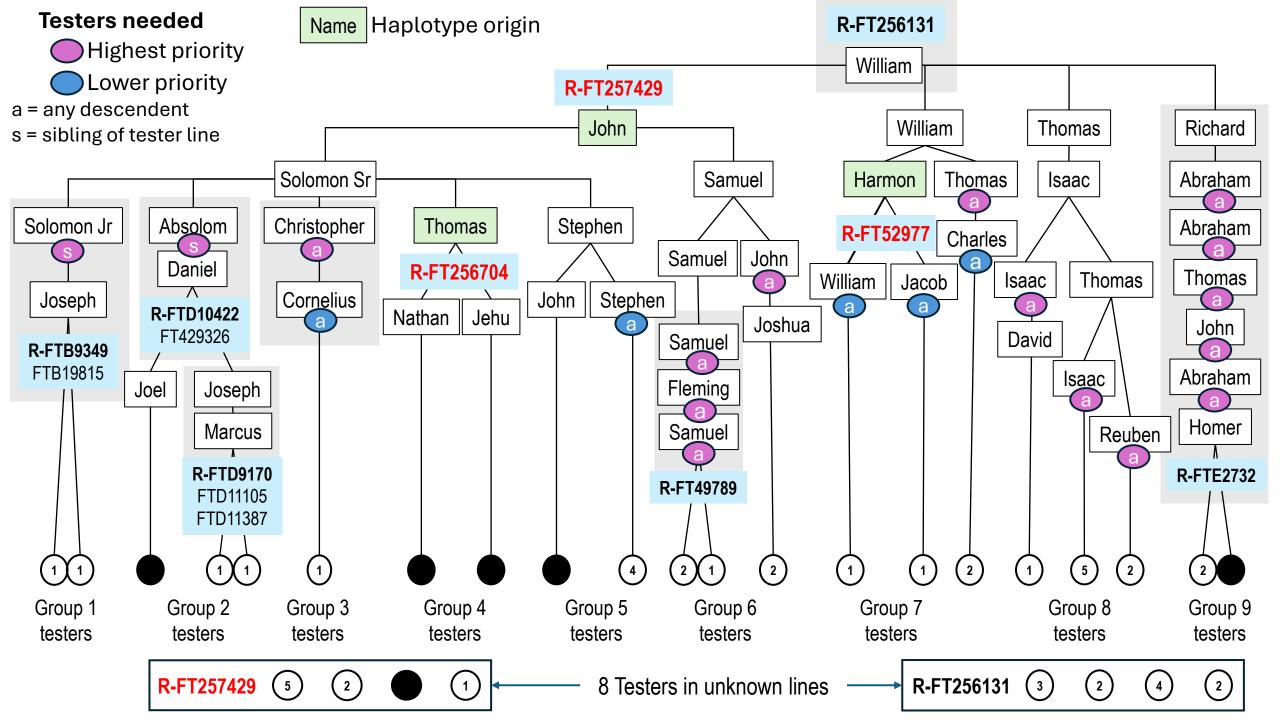
yDNA Concepts

- The Y chromosome is found only in men (with rare exception)
- Because men only have one Y chromosome it is passed on to their sons nearly unchanged (no chance for recombination which occurs in paired chromosomes)
- Mutations in nucleotides (the building block of DNA) are infrequent, arising on average in every male line every 83 years.
- We use yDNA testing to identify mutations, SNPs (**S**ingle **N**ucleotide **P**olymorphisms), in the nucleotide sequence. These mutations are inherited by every male descendent in a line and can therefore be used to derive the relationships between different men that have been tested.

Terms for yDNA Mutations

- **Private variant** a mutation found in only one male tester. These mutations are not assigned a name other than the position in which they occur in the yDNA.
- Haplotype a mutation that has been found in at least two men.
 Haplotypes are added to the tree of mankind.
- **Public variant** a second shared mutation found in at least two men. Additional testing need to determine which mutation arose first. These are not added to the tree of mankind.

Goal: identity as many Haplotypes as possible and link them to the ancestor they first arose in!



Father's Day Sales thru June 16

- FamilyTreeDNA
 - BigY test \$399 (\$100 off regular price)
 - Y111 test \$209 (\$40 off regular price)
 - Y37 test \$99 (\$20 off regular price)
 - Brandywine can help pay for a few tests that help identify ancestors in which mutations arose (purple triangles) or that define additions lines of male ancestors occurring early in the tree (e.g. children of John, William, Richard, or Thomas)
- Ancestry \$39
 - We benefit most from the oldest generations taking test

Using Land Grants to Find Where Ancestors Lived

Become familiar with County Line Changes

Did my ancestor move or did the county lines change?



State Land Grant Sites

General Land Office (GLO)



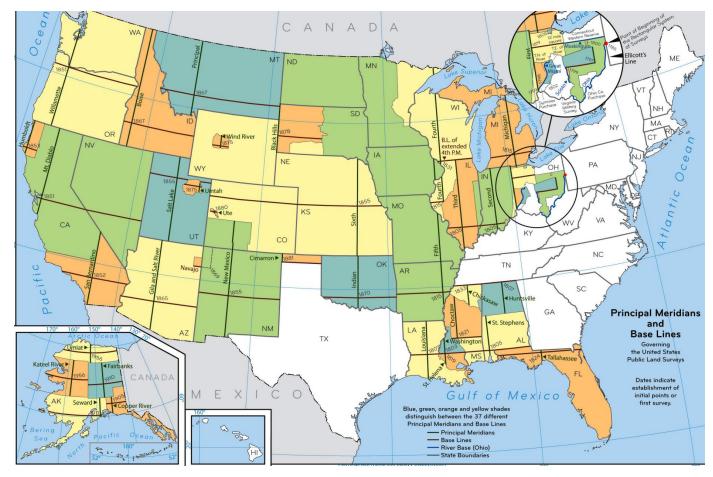
When was the grant issued?
Who purchased neighboring land?
Was the grant awarded for military service?



Family Search Full Text

When was the land sold? To or from whom?
What was the spouse's name?
Was the land inherited? From whom?

Bureau of Land Management: General Land Office (GLO)

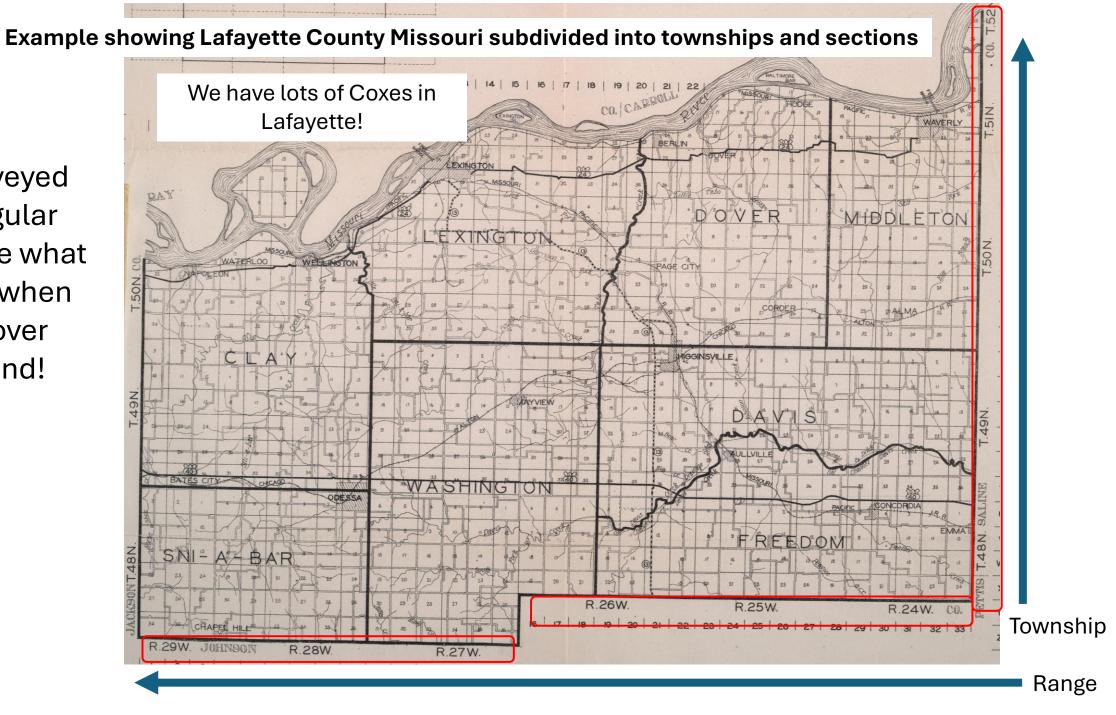


Principal Meridians and Base Lines

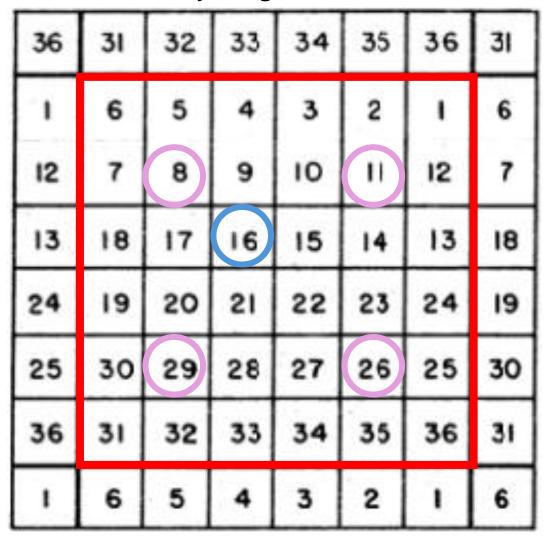
- Documents describing the transfer of land ownership from the federal government to individuals
- Areas in white are not part of this system (info in state archives)
- Rectangular survey system
- Numbered townships in tiers
 North and South of base lines and ranges east and west of principal meridians
- Townships subdivided into 36 sections
- Each section 1 square mile
- Sections are subdivided into aliquot parts.

https://glorecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx

The surveyed rectangular blocks are what you see when flying over farmland!



Sectional map of a Township showing adjoining sections



- Section 16 is not in the GLO records! Money from sales used for funding education.
- Sections 8, 11, 26, and 29 were reserved for later sales.

Example Aliquots in a Section

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A section is one square mile



Start your searches more broadly (fewer fields filled in)

Remember county names may be different than you expect.

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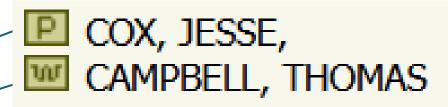


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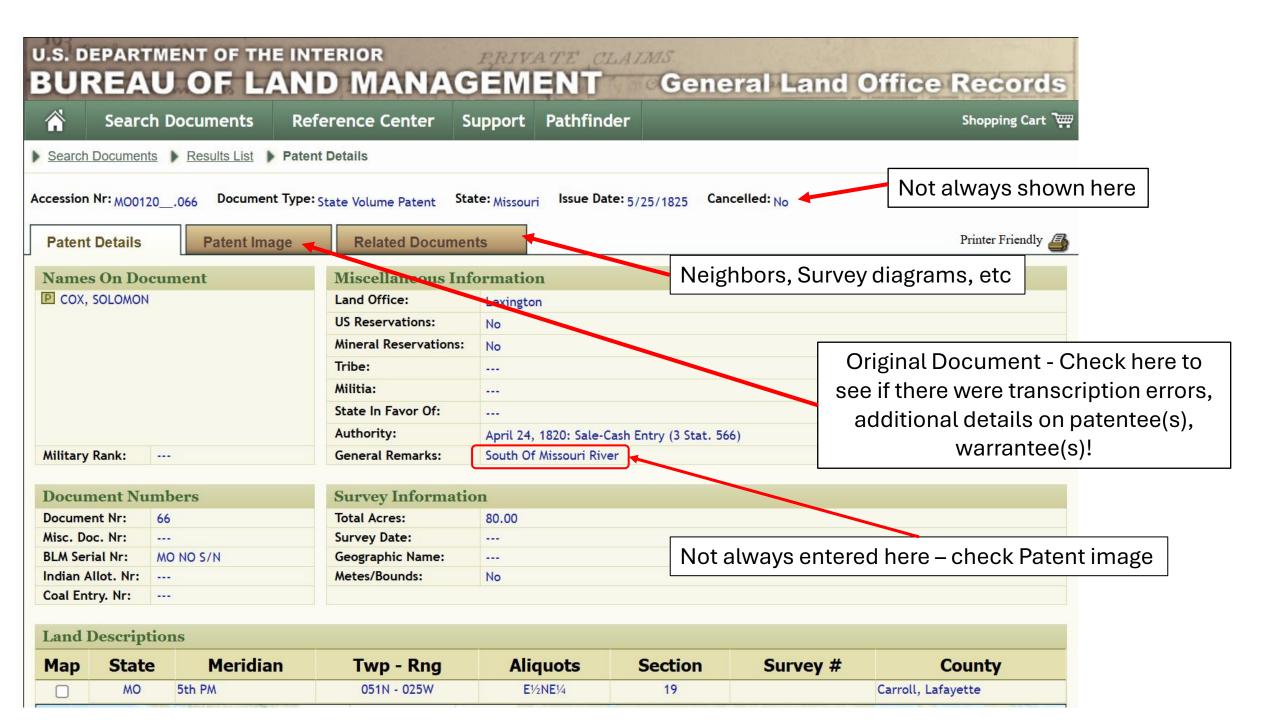
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	OH1400 .203	COX, JOEL	9/1/1849	16227	ОН	Ohio River Survey	008N - 020W	SE1/4NE1/4	28	Ross
	CV-0005-427	P COX, JOHN	1/7/1808	0	ОН	Ohio River Survey	008N - 006W	SE1/4	17	Belmont
	CV-0015-022	COX, JOHN	7/30/1812	0	ОН	Between the Miamis	003 008-	SW1/4	23	Clark

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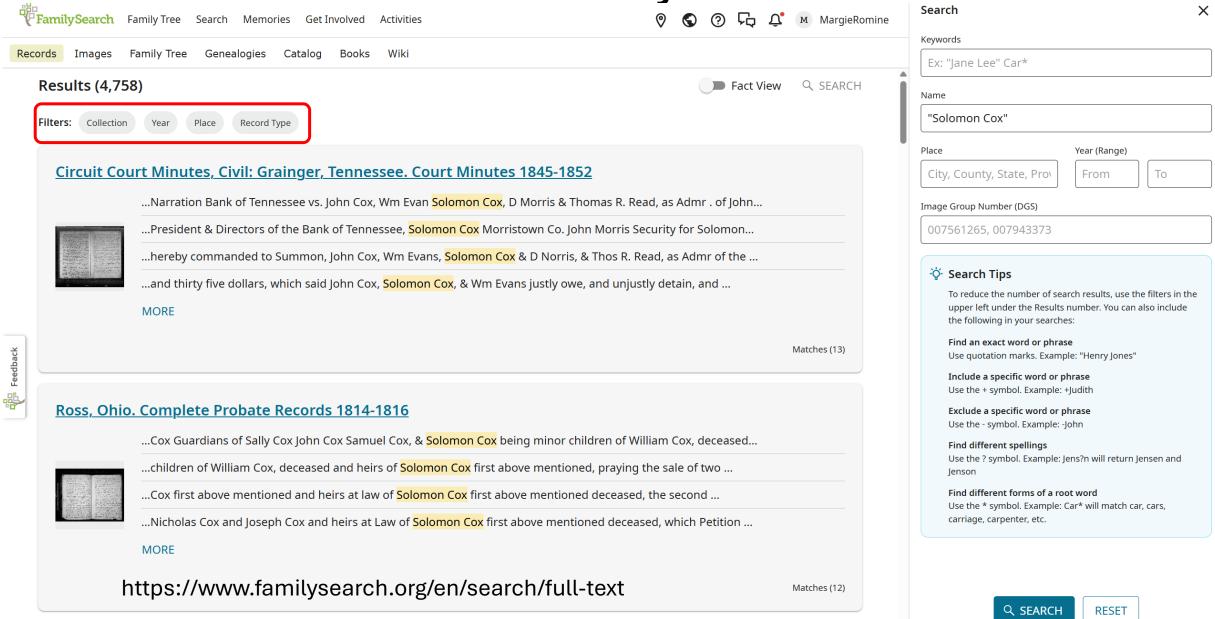


In instances where the patentee was not the original purchaser of the land, the patent will state the purchaser as the Assignee, heirs, and devisees.

Military warrants will have the name, rank in service, and a regiment they were affiliated with.



Full-Text Search at FamilySearch



How close together did the Solomon's live in Ohio?

Solomon Cox 1738-1820 Naomi Hussey 1742-1819? son of John Cox/Mary

These two Solomon's are often mixed up!

Solomon Cox 1730-1812 Ruth Cox 1733-1795 son of William Cox/Catherine Kinkey

Children:

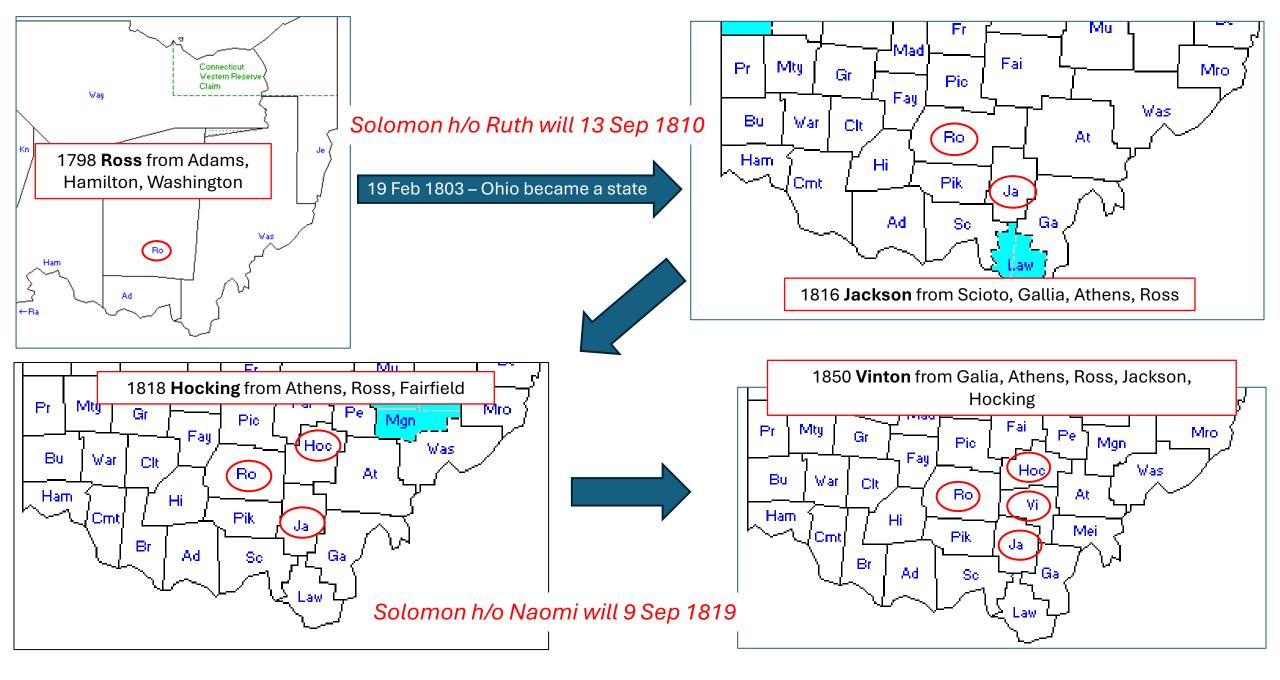
- 1. Martha 1761–1845 married Samuel Cox...from KY to MO
- 2. Solomon Jr 1765-1840 married Juliatha Cox? and then Mary Dixon in 1812 in Ross County then to MO
- 3. Absalom Sr 1767-1846 married Mary Prigmore...lived in KY
- 4. Mary 1769->1819 ????
- 5. Ann Cox 1771 married? Perkins....???
- 6. Christopher 1773–1863 married Hannah Johnson...from KY to IN
- 7. Thomas 1775–1845 married Rachel Carr...KY to Ross Co to IN
- 8. Naomi 1779–1857 married Thomas Mahan...KY to AK
- 9. Stephen Sr 1779–1860 married Mary Robertson...Whitley, KY
- 10. Ruth (m Joseph Johnson) 1783–1863 married Joseph Johnson...from Ross to IL

Will 9 Sep 1819 Solomon Cox of **Hocking County**, Ohio No mention of land owned

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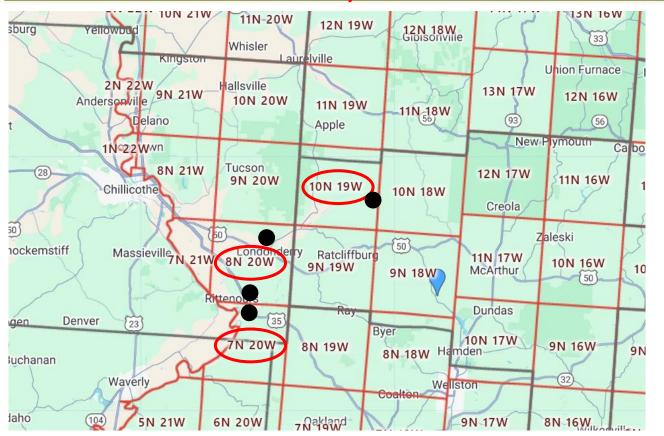
- Enoch Sr (1757-1840) married Mary Mackey.....died in Grayson County, VA
- 2. Catherine (1759-1815) married John Cox.....probably died in VA, husband unknown
- 3. Samuel (1761-1811) married Lydia Hadley.....died in Ross
 County, OH
- 4. Solomon Jr (1762-1846) married Rebecca Cox....died in Indiana, not sure if they were in Ross or not
- 5. William (1764-1810) married Phebe...died in Ross County, OH
- 6. Mary (1767-1830) married John Dixon....need to clarify if I have right Mary and husband
- 7. Ruth (1767-1826) married William Cox....stayed in NC
- 8. Jesse (1770-1822) married Margery Cox...may have briefly been in Ross, later to Illinois, then Missouri
- 9. Joseph (1774-1828) Cox married Lydia Dixon....died in Ross County, became guardians of Samuels children Lydia and Samuel

Will 13 Sep 1810 Solomon Cox of **Ross County**, Ohio No mention of land owned in Ohio, only in Virginia



Maps of US – interactive maps shows change in county lines https://www.mapofus.org/state-maps/

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	CV-0034-099	© COX, SOLOMON of Ross County	5/12/1817	0	ОН	Ohio River Survey	010N - 019W	NE1/4	24	Vinton



1 Apr 1850 Vinton created from created from Athens, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, and Ross

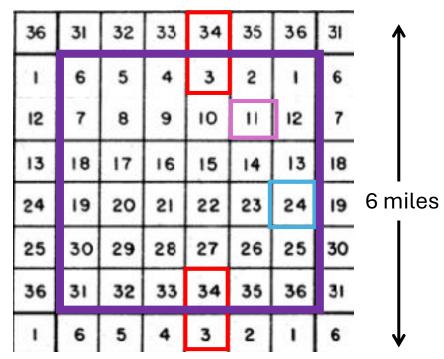


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	CV-0034-099	COX, SOLOMON	5/12/1817	0	ОН	Ohio River Survey	010N - 019W	NE1/4	24	Vinton

Land owned by Solomon 1730-1812 and Ruth 1733-1795

- 7 Jan 1805 Solomon and wife Ruth of Ross Co. OH sell Benjamin Kerns 210 acres in 007N 020W, section 3
 Witnesses: William Cox, Jer McClene; neighbor Moffitt.
- 13 Sep 1810 Will, Solomon Cox of **Ross County** names children: **Enoch**, Ruth, Catherine, widow & children of Samuel, widow & children of William, Mary & children, **Joseph**, grandson **Nathan** [son of Enoch?], Jesse; son-in-law William of NC & Eli Bray executors affairs in NC and grandson Nathan executor of will. Nathan was the only son of Enoch to live in Ohio.
- 1812 Solomon died
- 21 May 1813 Deed Enoch Cox of Grayson VA sells land to Nathan Cox [his son] 008N-020W, section 11, west half
- 6 Dec 1815 Division of property (008N-020W, section 34) of children of Solomon Cox named above
- 29 Oct 1817 Deed Enoch Cox of Grayson VA sells his partition of land to Joseph Cox 008N-020W, section 34

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Land owned by Solomon Cox Jr 1765-1840, husband of Mary Dixon, son of Solomon Cox and Naomi Hussey

- 1 May 1817 Joseph Johnson purchased **010N-019W NW½ section 24,** likely husband of sister Ruth
- 3 Jan 1818 Hocking County created from Athens, Fairfield, Ross
- 9 Sep 1819 will of Solomon Cox Sr made in **Eagle, Hocking County**, OH
- Eagle Township lies in 010N-18 &19W
- 1820 Solomon Sr died
- 7 Aug 1820 Eagle, Hocking County Census Solomon Cox Jr
- 14 Dec 1822 Solomon and wife Mary sell land in 010N-19W, section 24 to Merilla Kesterson
- 3 Nov 1827 Joseph and wife Ruth sold **010N-019W NW¼, section 24** to Charles McGee (Hocking County)
- 1830 Ray County Missouri Census Solomon is found with 4 children and a women ~20 his senior. Is
 this his mother Naomi Hussey? Mary Dixon's mother died in Ross County, OH 1837

Who are the Coxes Living in 09N-19W?

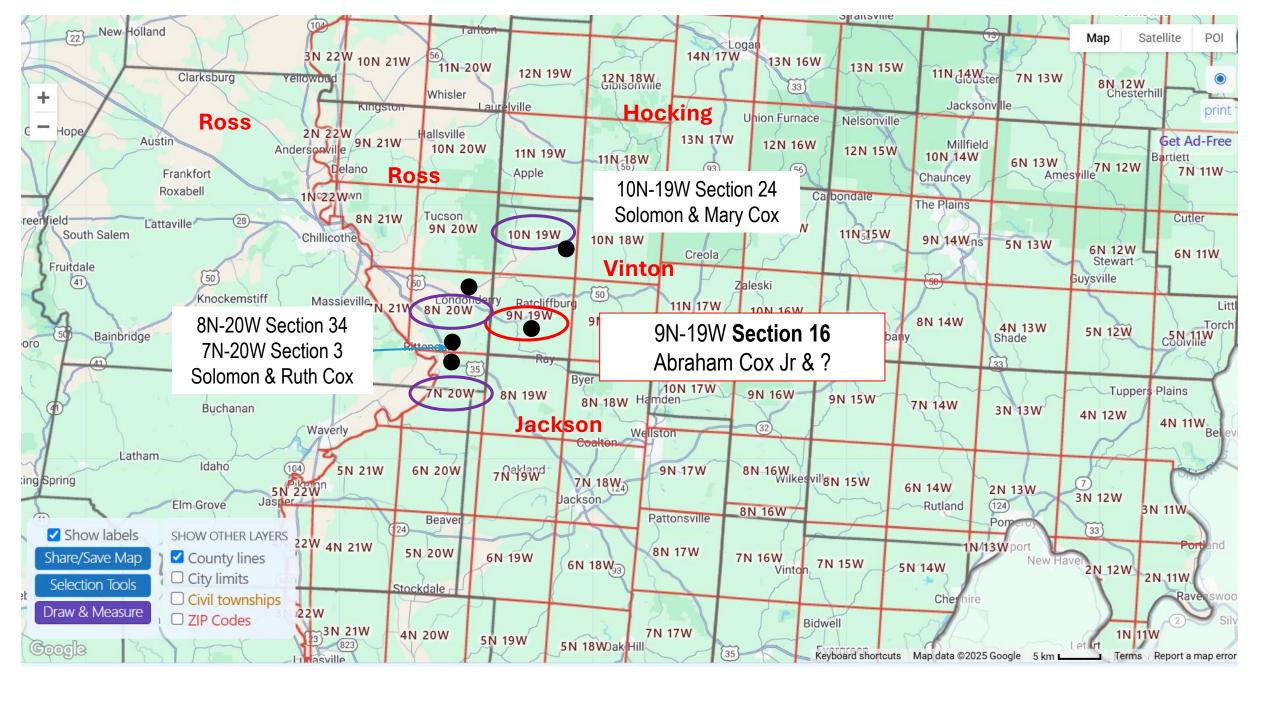
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Solomon/Solomon Amos
Absolom/Absolom Nathan/Nathan Absolom/Nathan
Ruth/Ruth Rebecca Stanton/Rutha/Ruth Hussey
Christopher/Christopher (Joab)
Naomi/Naomi Amy/Amy Naomi
John William/William/John Michael
Samuel/Samuel T

Family Line	Martha	Solomon	Absolom	Mary	Ann	Christopher	Thomas	Naomi	Stephen	Ruth	Joseph	Catherine	Jesse	Enoch	John William	Samuel	Total
Solomon Cox Jr > Benjamin Cox > William Cox	26	79	21	2	0	17	89	13	18	10	0	0	1	0	4	2	282
Solomon Cox Jr > Benjamin Cox > Lavina Cox	14	103	13	1	0	17	40	11	9	9	0	4	1	0	8	6	236
Solomon Cox Jr > Stephen Cox > Lydia Cox	17	113	49	4	0	32	41	49	36	24	0	3	4	0	5	11	388
Solomon Cox Jr > Stephen Cox > Lydia Cox	24	86	10	2	0	21	93	49	31	15	0	2	15	0	4	7	359
Solomon Cox Jr > Stephen Cox > Lydia Cox	16	98	45	7	0	14	9	25	21	20	0	2	6	0	3	12	278
Solomon Cox Jr > Joseph Cox > Andrew Cox	23	89	22	1	0	18	27	16	23	22	1	0	20	0	5	5	272
Martha Cox > Samuel Griggs Cox > Sarah Cox	45	27	15	3	0	3	16	14	31	6	0	3	2	0	2	8	175
Absolom Cox > Daniel Cox > Joseph Cox Stephen Cox > Amy Cox > Amy Barnes	53	75	231	6	0	28	194	42	98	38	0	6	17	0	4	7	799
Stephen Cox > John Cox > Joseph Cox	16	6	22	1	0	4	13	10	84	4	0	6	19	0	1	2	188
Thomas Cox > Solomon Cox > Pleasant Cox	2	34	28	0	0	6	48	19	7	48	0	1	3	0	2	5	203
Absolom Cox > Daniel Cox > John Cox Stephen Cox > Amy Cox > John Cox	37	22	46	5	0	14	95	17	92	12	0	0	29	0	1	8	378
? > Abraham Cox Jr > Lydia Cox > Noah Boblet	9	19	48	0	0	10	36	11	20	14	0	2	9	0	5	6	187
John William > Andrew Cox > Elvira Cox	1	3	6	0	0	1	1	0	1	3	0	1	1	2	33	1	54
Total	283	754	553	32	0	185	703	276	471	225	1	30	127	2	77	80	

- Tester added Abraham as son of Solomon & Naomi
- BigY testing of a descendent of Abraham proves that he is not a descendent of Solomon& Naomi
- Did Abraham marry Mary or Ann? Is Lydia a daughter of Absolom?

Mostly from mix-ups with Solomon-Ruth line



Children of Abraham Cox Jr

Line of RigV testor

Line of	BigY tester	witness to will of Solomon Co	ox (n/o Rutn)					
Descendent Abraham	Spouse	Land in Ohio						
Rebecca 1780-1849	Joseph Stretch	Possibly on father's land in sec	tion 16 009N-019W					
Lydia 1781-1821	John Boblet	009N-019W Section 17, 21 009N - 020W Section 13, 23	Township with Solomon & Mary					
		010N - 019W Section 18	Brother of Casiah Cox who					
Thomas 1783-1850	Elizabeth Kelly	009N - 018W Section 26	married Benjamin Cox, son					
Rachel 1788-1847	Hazel Barbee Sr ⇐	009N - 019W Section 19	of Solomon Jr					
Naomi Amy 1789-1860	Philip Arganbright	009N - 019W Section 10, 21						
Martha Patsy 1791-1849	Thomas Cox	Moved to Indiana	Descendent of William Cox					
Abraham Cox III 1798-1869	Hannah Rains	009N-019W Section 21, 22	and Catherine Kinkey					
John Cox 1799-1884	Ruth Dixon	009N-019W Section 7 009N - 020W Section 1,12						
Matilda Cox 1807-1893	Jacob Wilkinson	009N-019W Section 13						

/ Witness to Will of Solomon Cov (h/o Ruth)

Solomon Cox 1738-1820 husband of Naomi Hussey (1742-1819) son of John Cox/Mary

Will 9 Sep 1819 Solomon Cox of Hocking County, Ohio

- eldest daughter Martha Cox 1 dollar
- daughter Mary Cox & her heirs 1 dollar
- daughter Ann Perkins 1 dollar
- son Absolom Cox 1 dollar
- son Christopher Cox 1 dollar
- son Thomas Cox 1 dollar
- son Stephen Cox 1 dollar
- daughter Amy Mahan 1 dollar
- daughter Ruth Johnson 13 dollars.
- rest to be divided between wife Amy Cox & my son Solomon Cox
- son Solomon Cox & William Dixon sole executors
- Witnesses: Nicholas Cox & Alexander A Greave & John Ratcliff

Note: Daughters Martha, Amy and Ruth are listed by married name.

Did this Mary marry a Cox?

Was Abraham married to Mary?

Solomon Cox 1730-1812 husband of Ruth Cox 1733-1795 son of William Cox/Catherine Kinkey

Will 13 Sep 1810 Solomon Cox of Ross County, Ohio

- to my son Solomon 1 tract of land laying in the state of Virginia in the county of Grayson & on the waters of Chesnut Creek
- to my son Enoch 100 dollars
- to my daughter Catherine 100 dollars
- to my daughter Ruth 100 Dollars
- to Eli Bray 50 dollars
- to the widow of my son **Samuel** 10 Shillings --- his children already have their share
- to the widow of my son **William** 10 Shillings and to the children of my son William 100 dollars
- To daughter Mary ten Shillings and to the children of my daughter Mary 100 dollars
- to my son Joseph one hundred Dollars
- to my grand Son **Nathan** Cox 50 dollars
- to my son Jesse 100 dollars and all the rest & residue of my Estate of whatsoever kind It may be or whereever it may be found

No married names are provided for daughters