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FALL 2017

It is that time again for the distribution of information passed on to us by the families of the Cox's. I continue to marvel at the cohesiveness of the clan and the wonderful information all of you have. With the many submissions I received over the past few months, it is a real pleasure to peruse the information and pass it on to you in this newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I have enjoyed including it herein. I hope you all the very best this coming holiday season and hope you can spend it with family and loved ones throughout the country.

Ladean Cox Bowman managed our military pictures project. However, all of you need to know that Marty Burnett (llbrbr@aol.com) has assumed responsibility for the Military Pictures Project, established and long maintained by Ladean.

William Floyd (Bill) Cox, 92, of Coleman, passed away on April 13, 2017, in the comfort of his home. He was born July 15, 1924 to Ben Cox and Irene Broad Cox. He attended schools in Coleman, graduating in 1941. He then attended Daniel Baker College in Brownwood before joining the Army. He spent much of his time in St. Louis, Missouri, where he was assigned to work as a dental technician. He returned to Daniel Baker College and graduated, then went on to Texas Tech University, where he graduated with a Master's Degree in Etymology. While at Texas Tech, he met Emma Sue Guyer and was soon married. Together, they had four children, Olivia, Russell, Morris and Dwight. They celebrated 25 years of marriage. In 1977, Bill married Mary Patricia (Pat) Young. They spent nearly 40 years together before her passing in 2016.

After spending nearly 50 years working as a health inspector covering a large percentage of the United States, Bill returned to his family's ranch on the Jim Ned Creek in Coleman County. Bill and his son, Morris, built the family home and worked the ranch together for 35 years.

Bill is survived by his three sons, Rusty Cox and wife, Neva, of Willow Park, Morris Cox and wife, Carmen, of Coleman, Dwight Cox and wife, Robin, of Leander. Bill is also survived by six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, one great-great grandson; one sister, Gwendolyn Smith of San Juan Capistrano, California; along with several nieces and cousin that he was close to.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Olivia and one sister, Marie Yeo.

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The family extends their appreciation to Kindred Hospice and all their wonderful nurses, Dr. Fowler and to a very special friend, Betty Marshall, who helped provide more than just loving care to him. We will never forget all that was done for Bill out of love and caring.

At a later date, a private family memorial will be held on the ranch to celebrate Bill, Pat and Olivia's life.

Arrangements are under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home, Coleman.

Find A Grave Memorial# 91246526

Lineage:

- 8) Solomon Cox* & Naomi Hussey
- 7) Samuel Cox & Martha Cox*
- 6) Samuel Cox Jr.* & Jane McClure
- 5) Fleming Trigg Cox* & Mary Ganevera Leigh
- 4) Samuel Hampton Cox* & Nica Jane Cox
- 3) Samuel David Cox* & Vollie Rebeckah Warren
- 2) Benjamin Floyd Cox* & Gussie Irene Broad
- 1) William 'Bill' Cox (#91246526) & Mary Patricia 'Pat' Young (#(FaG#91246537)

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I located information and have updated the database to reflect the passing of <u>Gladys Frances Cox Hansen</u>. I've also added her obituary to the 'Stories' section of the database. There is more information listed in the database about her as well. *This obit was listed in the newsletter. However, I added additional information to the obit for the database.* 

Gladys Hansen, San Francisco's longtime city archivist, and a renowned expert on the city's history, died last Sunday of the infirmities of old age. She was 91.

Gladys Cox Hansen was born in Berkeley in 1925 and moved to San Francisco as a child. She never left the city, and was reluctant to travel outside San Francisco even for short trips. "She was a stay-at home lady," said her son, Richard.

She graduated from Lowell High School and briefly attended San Francisco State College, but never earned a degree. "She was not a trained historian," Richard Hansen said. "But she made up for that with hard work. She worked all the time."

"She made the history of 1906 her life's work," said James Lazarus, a vice president of the city's Chamber of Commerce, who also worked with Mrs. Hansen on her

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history projects. "She corrected the record and was the go-to person on the history of the San Francisco earthquake and fire."

When she was 17, she got a part-time job at the Presidio Branch Public Library on Sacramento Street and then moved to the Main Branch and worked her way up.

Mrs. Hansen was named city archivist by Mayor Joseph Alioto in 1972 and retired from city service in 1990.

She married William Hansen, a World War II Air Corps pilot.

Mrs. Hansen was predeceased by her husband William; and brother, David Henry Cox.

She is survived by her son, Richard, of San Francisco; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; brothers, Barton Cox and Robert Cox.

Find A Grave Memorial #179044173

### Lineage:

- 8) Solomon Cox Sr.\* & Naomi Hussey
- 7) Samuel Cox Sr. (#94313077) & Martha Cox\*
- 6) Samuel Cox Jr.\* (#24321430) & Jane McClure (#24321446)
- 5) Fleming Trigg Cox\* (#20003377) & Mary Ganevera Leigh (#20018605)
- 4) Samuel Hampton 'Sam' Cox\* (#20049067) & Nica Jane Cox (#83854241) \*\*
- 3) Samuel David Cox\* (#20049101) & Vollie Rebcca Warren (#20049210)
- 2) David Riley Cox\* & Anita Octavia Coffey
- 1) Gladys Frances Cox (#179044173) & William Hansen

### Gerleen Cox Vochoska

- b. 10 Feb 1928 in McLennan, Texas, USA
- d. 05 May 2017 in Fort Worth, Tarrant, Texas, USA

Gerleen (Cox) Vochoska, age 89, of West, passed away early Saturday morning, May 6, 2017 at The Harrison at Heritage Community in Ft. Worth.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m., Thursday, May 11, at Aderhold Funeral Home in West. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 10 a.m., until service time, Thursday at the funeral home.

Gerleen was born February 10, 1928 in the Tokio community near West, the daughter of Thomas and Ruby (Brewer) Cox. She was a 1945 graduate of West High

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School. On June 8, 1947 she was united in marriage to **William S. Vochoska** in Waco. Willie preceded her in death on March 17, 2012. Gerleen was a mother, homemaker and worked for William Cameron Company in Waco for 11 years. She was a faithful member of the West Church of Christ. Gerleen enjoyed writing poems, painting, gardening, reading, playing "42" with her friends and cooking for her family. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Gerleen was also preceded in death by her parents; and a brother, John Tom Cox.

Survivors include her sons, **Kenneth Vochoska** and wife Charla of Ft. Worth, and **Stephen Vochoska** and wife Vicki of West; grandchildren, **Kenna Whitehead** and husband Kirk, **Gregg Vochoska** and wife Devon, **Brian Vochoska**, and **Kayla Stroven** and husband Brian; great-grandchildren, Raegan, Ace, Heather, Brycen, Aleyna, Zion, Nyla, Jackson and Ava; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Find A Grave Memorial# 44519868

### Lineage:

- 7) Solomon Cox & Naomi Hussey
- 6) Thomas Isaac Cox & Rachel Carr
- 5) Nathan Cox & Dorcas King
- 4) Joseph King Cox (#1561212) & Elizabeth Caroline Elam (#15612239)
- 3) William Jasper (aka Charlie King) Cox (#46177859) & Lucinda Elizabeth (aka Ethel) Smith (#13704102)
- 2) Thomas Eugene Cox (#51859750) & Ruby Shiloh Brewer (#5185976)
- 1) Gerleen Cox (#44519868) & William Segmund Vochoska (#44519871)

### From the mind of Mark Twain

"Against the assault of laughter, nothing can stand."

### ...and from Annie Dillard...

"Nature's silence is its one remark."

### LINDA JEAN COX LERWAY

- b. 18 Jun 1947 in Sweetwater, Nolan, Texas, USA
- d. 07 Apr 2016 in Texas, USA

Linda Cox Lerway passed away on Tuesday, April 7, 2016 after a long battle with cancer. She is survived by her two children, grandchildren and sisters.

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Linda was born June 18, 1947 to Marshall B. and Hettie L. Cox. She was born and raised in Sweetwater, Texas. She is survived by her daughter Wende Lerway Scott, husband Shanon Scott, of Houston and son Adam J. Lerway, and wife Dana Lerway of Round Rock. Sister Marsha Cox Brown, husband James E. Brown, of Houston and sister Debra Cox Brisbin, husband Jim Brisbin, of Spring Branch, Texas. Four grandchildren, Erin Tuller, Myka Serwatka, and Ranger and Jonas Lerway, twins. Nieces, Shelley Nichols and Melissa Cech and Whitney Brisbin Howard, and many great nieces and great nephews, and extended family.

Linda loved watching a good mystery, espionage, and intrigue movie. She was an avid reader and loved to curl up with a good novel on a cold, rainy night with a cup of hot tea. She loved her grandchildren and enjoyed spending time with them. She also enjoyed playing bridge whenever she got a chance. Until her long illness she lived a full life, traveling when able.

Find A Grave Memorial# 161000117

### Lineage:

- 8) Solomon Cox Sr. & Naomi Hussey
- 7) Thomas Isaac Cox & Rachel Carr
- 6) Solomon Cox & Elizabeth Johnston
- 5) Pleasant C. Cox (#45693336) & Martha Jane Bybee (#45693442)
- 4) John Thomas Cox (#45693712) & Isabella J. Elliott (#45693729)
- 3) Bluford Sandord Cox (#15513880) & Mary Maud Baze (#17990980)
- 2) Marshall Baze Cox (#136954181) & Hattie Lery Kinnington
- 1) Linda Jean Cox (#161000117) & Philip Robert Lerway

### John Windred Tyler Jr.

Son of John Winfred Tyler Sr & Lorayne Knight

John Winfred Tyler Jr. of Trinidad passed at Baylor Scott and White Hospital from complications of cancer. Jack was born in St. Cloud Minn. Oct. 19, 1940, attended St. Thomas College, then moved to Texas and attended Arlington State College where he met Judith Marie Hicks, his soul mate, who became his wife of 53 years. Jack enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1963 and served with honor in Vietnam. He returned home in 1966 to the birth of his first daughter Wendy Knight Tyler, and of daughter Elizabeth Tyler three years later. Jack began his post-Corps career at Kmart, but found his true passion working in financial services/wealth management. Jack retired from American National Bank in Kaufman where he participated in Lions Club and several other non-profit organizations. Jack, an avid Notre Dame fan, never ceased to learn new things and often told his daughters "when you stop learning you die." Jack is survived by his wife, Judith;

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his daughters, Elizabeth and Wendy, her husband Bret Schlueter; two sisters, Susan Tyler of Galveston and Jill Tyler Gresham of Centerville; and brother, Patrick Tyler of Washington, DC. Jack passed peacefully surrounded by his family Sept. 1, 2016.

Lineage: His wife Judith Marie Hicks Tyler, is a Cox Descendant:

- 8) Solomon Cox & Naomi Hussey
- (7) Martha Cox & Samuel Cox Sr.
- (6) Samuel Cox Jr. & Jane McClure
- (5) Fleming Trigg Cox & Mary G. Leigh
- (4) Samuel Hampton Cox & Nica Jane Cox
- (3) Martha Malinda 'Mattie' Cox & Ben Larkamin Hicks
- (2) Edwin Earl Hicks & Willie Beatrice Trout
- (1) Judith Marie Hicks & John Winfred Tyler

<u>Mary Lou Hudson Goans</u>, 72, Claypool, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her family at 9:20 p.m., Sunday, June 11, 2017.

She was born Aug. 17, 1944 in Madison to Ellis Fay and Rhoda Rhumenta (Davis) Hudson. Mary Lou was a graduate of Portland High School and received her Cosmetology License and then became a Master Cosmetologist and Beauty Culturist and had her own beauty salon for many years. She went to IUSB and got an Associate's Degree in Applied Sciences in Accounting. She worked at United Technologies Automotive. She also attended Ivy Tech in Warsaw where she earned certificates in Statistical Process Control and Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing.

She ended her working career as a Cost Analysis Accountant at Lear Corporation.

On Aug. 11, 1995 she married Greg Goans. He survives.

Mary Lou is survived by her husband, Greg, Claypool; children, Gary D. (Penny) Loy, Milford; Brian (Nikki) Loy, Claypool; grandchildren, Leigh Anne (David) Ernst, Michael (Jessica) Loy, Mekayla Loy, Whitney Sleeth, Gustavo Rodriguez, Taylor Sleeth, Allison Loy, Laci Loy; great-grandchildren, Santiago Rodriguez, Ilyza Loy, Kathryn Ernst, Joseph Ernst; brother, Ellis Fay, Jr. (Sue) Hudson; sisters, Linda (Hudson) Barger, and Rebecca "Becky" Hudson (David) Rains, both of Portland; and her special friends, aptly named her "co-adventurers," Linda Kirkpatrick and Janet Beals McPheeters.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Alta Rosalee Hudson.

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### INFORMATION FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING:

For those not present at the annual meeting and reunion in Lampasas, Debbie Cox and Steve Atkins, with Carolyn Williams as backup, have assumed responsibilities for the DNA project. Les, of course, will consult as needed. I think that Ada will verify that sufficient funds have been budgeted and contributed for the DNA project for the time being.

**"OUR** government must forever be a kind of war of about one half the people against the other."

John Adams

### Brandywine family,

We have a contract with the new Best Western Hotel in Lampasas for 1-2 June 18 (Friday & Saturday nights). Initially, we have 21 rooms reserved consisting of 12 standard rooms with king size beds and 9 king suites, all at the same discounted price of \$99 plus tax. They have larger suites for an additional price, which I did not reserve, but some of which manager Crystal Buggs said could be made available if needed to accommodate particular family needs. The entire facility is non-smoking. Reservations under the name of **Cox Family Reunion** can be made immediately with a cutoff date of 23 May 2018. Reservations can be cancelled before 3:00 P.M. 30 May 18.

Reservations can be made at 512-556-2100, gm@bwlampasas.com.

For those not at this year's annual meeting and reunion, this decision was decisively endorsed by our members at the general membership business meeting on Saturday afternoon. Both service and physical aspects of the Inn of Lampasas had noticeably declined this year.

Dear Cousins,

We are working on updating the Brandywine Crucible website. While the site is phenomenal and has tons of information, it is now nearly 20 years old and is in desperate need of a refresh. To do this though, we are in need of your help. We are looking for people with web building skills and those non-techies with good ideas. If you or anyone in your family falls into that category we would love to hear from you. Our webmaster Mark can do conference calls and would love to have a committee of techie and non-techies to assist him. Please let me know if you are interested (or maybe have a high school student that is in to building websites). Thanks for your assistance and looking forward to hearing from you.

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### Elsie Opal Alspaw Cox

b. 06 May 1921

d. 07 Jul 2017

Elsie Opal Alspaw Cox was born May 6, 1921 to Robert and Lydia (Sisler) Alspaw. She was born in Edna, Oklahoma and was one of thirteen siblings. Elsie was the last sibling remaining until her passing on July 7, 2017.

Elsie worked at several different photo shops including Payless, Sears and Henley's. She loved taking pictures and documenting all the wonderful trips she took with her loving husband, Fred L Cox, Jr. During their 75 + years of marriage they visited over half of the 50 United States in their camper and then Fifth Wheel trailer. She also made sure her grandchildren and great grandchildren had the opportunity to travel with her across the country and just down the road to wonderful fishing spots.

Elsie was very active at her church, Revival Tabernacle for many years and treasured her faith in Christ. She also included her grandchildren and great grandchildren in her weekly worship time.

In her later years she took up oil painting and we have many canvases to document her wonderful talent.

Elsie is survived by her husband, Fred L Cox, Jr; daughter, Donna L. Adams; 4 grandchildren, Trish Nuñez del Prado, Kevin McCormick and Jenny and McCormick Bohan and her husband John; 7 great grandchildren, Erick Nuñez del Prado and his wife Allee, Trevor, Payton and Taylor McCormick, Jay and Mazzie Bohan and 1 great grandson, Hunter Nuñez del Prado and many dear nieces, nephews and other family and friends. She was preceded in passing by her son, Wayne L. Cox.

Find-a-Grave #164684898

### Lineage:

Wife of Fred Lee Cox Jr., A Descendant of Solomon Cox Sr. & Naomi Hussey

- 1) Fred Lee Cox Jr. & Elsie Opal Alspaw
- 2) Fred Lee Cox Sr. & Cora Evie Cavner
- 3) George Washington Cox & Lucy Genetta Sloan
- 4) Joel Walker Cox & Sarah Frances Sanders
- 5) Daniel Cox & Amy Cox
- 6) Absalom Cox & Mary Prigmore
- 7) Solomon Cox Sr. & Naomi Hussey

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I have attached a Railway and Locomotive Society Newsletter that featured a story on my grandfather, Revis Oliver Cox.

Thanks, Gary Cox 325-656-9254

William Elihu Cox (1803 - 1877) 2nd great-grandfather James Thomas Cox (1854 - 1918) son of William Elihu Cox Revis Oliver Cox (1897 - 1976) son of James Thomas Cox Idys Darwin Cox (1923 - 1983) son of Revis Oliver Cox Living Male Cox You are the son of Idys Darwin Cox



This is a photo of Revis Oliver Cox and his wife, Nellie Philips Cox.

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Revis Oliver Cox and crew on train

### THIS IS AN INTERESTING STORY FROM SCOTI BOLD...:

As Mary Harlan (m. John Cox) is my closet Harlan relative, I have no Harlan stories. However:

James H Pickrell did serve in WWII.

Jacob Elbert Pickrell served in WWI

The government tried to draft me into the Vietnam war until they found out I was female.

Jacob F Pickrell won almost every county award for growing crops. (Elkhart, Indiana) I have newspaper articles about this if you want any.

Scoti

(ED note: I will be including a few newspaper articles in this (AS BELOW) and future editions of the newsletter. There are far too many to put into one letter.)

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### Appointed Postmaster.

Lewis Pickrell, a former resident of Middlebury township and son of the late John Pickrell, has been appointed postmaster at Minneapolis, Kan., a position which pays a salary of \$2,000 a year, Mr. Pickrell is a brother of Jacob F., Fred C. and Will Pickrell of Middlebury and Frank G. Pickrell of Jefferson township. He removed to Minneapolis 25 years ago.

### Your Home

Tea and coffee house is the Best Store of its kind in Indiana and will furnish you better goods for less money than the out of town agents. Give us a trial order, Dangler's Tea and Coffee House.

### ... This from Leonard Bernstein:

"A great artist leaves us with the feeling that something is right in the world."

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### PICKRELL FAMILY DINNER.

# All Members of Family Present But One.

Yesterday at their home in Middlebury township, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob F. Pickrell gave a dinner to the members of the Pickrell family. The event was in compliment to Lewis Pickrell of Minneapolis, Kan., who has been visiting his old home for thes past ten days. All of the members of the family of the late John Pickrell were present except one, Mrs. Albert Henry of Minneapolis, Kan., who is remembered here at Miss Etta Pickrell. Besides those already mentioned there were present the families of Frank G., Fred C., Will and Clyde Pickrell and Azro M. Copeland, the entire company numbering 28.

A good comment from artist Laura Owens:

<sup>&</sup>quot;Mistakes are little windows into what is possible."

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# JEFFERSON

Today ... Bensie Barriscate in "Maid of the Storm"

Fuenday-The Sweetest Story Ever Told

Madge Kennedy in "Day Dreams"

Wednesday -- Louise Gluom In a Class A Paralta Production "A Law Unto Herself"

Thursday and Friday-Added Attrac

Vaudeville's Greatest Musical Team

GILBERT AND SAULS

· Picture .- Kathleen Clifford in "Angel Co

Coming Soon--- "Nahara" "Common Clay, "Out of The Fox" and "The Brax"

### The Corner CASH SHOE STORE



### Is This August Clearance a Foolish Sale?

Trade papers say that any sale this year is include—for the retailer. Manufacturers, traveling substances and retailers tell us we're looked to give profits away in the face of administration.

on rivating up their at every season's end; and because we down the public good will more val-sable than a few patry profits.

EVERY LOW SHOE REDUCED TO PRICES THAT SAY "BUY NOW!"

MAIN AND WASHINGTON STREETS

### AUTO ARKET

### A Cool Place To Trade; A Good Place to Save.

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Summer Comfort in

# Hats, Caps, Furnishing Goods

We have assembled in our ines, goods offering the most comfort and most for your money values. Special Showing This Week of

### Thursday We Close at Noon.



## MODART CORSETS

### A Laced in Front Corset that is Setting New Standards

the very lines. To feel them, to bend them back and forth, then one is sure of the same and conduct embodied.

The light flexible cloth-spring steels not only al-law perfect freedom of metion but they always come back to their proper places which means no ugly bend in the waist line of these corsets. And the buning in Modart Cursets does not rust—a point in their favor the year around.

ran over an count the Robert Corects to such factory in every way that an unusually large num-ber of models are to be found here. Styles to fit the needs of every figure and to fit the individual needs of each woman. In fact many of our partness are fitted each time to several comets—for averal oc-

To do yourself and the Modart Cornet justice you should buy your model and have it fitted at The Big Store for here you will find complete fitting service, competent cornetieres and suitable fitting room.

When it comes to buying new

\*DUDS soldiers and civilians able will not be easily satisfied. For they want more than style. They will demand what the war has brought to be exceptial—VALUE.

### SHOUP & KOHLER

### DWIGHT MOCK VULCANIZING RE-TREADING

We buy and Sell Use Auto Tires DCTCUS and ACCESSE The Yellow Front 218 N. Main St.

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### And this fun article from Debbie Cox...:

Last June, my husband Mark and I had the opportunity to spend a few days in Salt Lake City with our son, Luke. One of the places on my list to visit was the Pioneer Memorial Museum. As we entered the lobby, the docent asked if we had any relatives we were looking for. I replied no, confident that none of my ancestors would be part of the Mormon migration to Utah. While looking in a display case of pocket watches brought by pioneers, I called Mark over to see them. He immediately noticed what I hadn't- two pocket watches on the top shelf were labeled "Jehu Cox, 1848". We both recognized the name. We had long heard of Jehu and I had completely forgotten that there was a Mormon pioneer in the family. I am not a direct descendant of Jehu, but of his brother Solomon Cox. Jehu and Solomon were the sons of Thomas Cox and Rachel Carr Cox. The adrenalin started pumping and the next thing I knew I was back in the lobby telling the docent that I had indeed found a relative and what do I do next? She sent us to the archival office where the archivist looked up other displays pertaining to Jehu and his wife, Sarah Pyle Cox. I was excited to see costume jewelry and a jewelry box that had belonged to Sarah. Our next stop was the genealogy department where the genealogist presented us with an envelope of papers and documents on Jehu. I learned that Jehu and Sarah had moved often and lived in Indiana, Illinois and finally Crawford County, Missouri. It was here that they were visited by two Mormon missionaries, Benjamin Clapp and Isaac Allred, and were converted and baptized into the Mormon church. Soon after, Jehu was ordained as an Elder. They moved again to Hancock County near Nauvoo, Illinois from where the great exodus to Utah was preparing to leave. The family was assigned to the Heber C. Kimball Company and began their westward journey in May of 1848. They arrived in September of that year. They lost their daughter, Lucretia, on the journey. The six- year- old fell out of the wagon when the front wheel hit a deep hole. She was run over by the wagon wheels and was buried there in a simple funeral service. After arriving in Utah, Jehu settled his family south of Salt Lake in Little Cottonwood (later renamed Union). Others settled with him and a branch of the church was organized with Jehu being the First Counselor. In 1855 the family moved to North Bend (later called Fairview) where they farmed and raised sheep. Again, Jehu would be counselor for the church there. President Brigham Young instructed the settlers in North Bend to build a fort to guard against Indians. Four men were chosen to supervise, and Jehu was to oversee construction of the north wall. The name was changed to Fairview and in 1874, a branch of the United Order was organized, and Jehu was named second vice president. In 1877, he was made president of the High Priests' Quorum and served as a bishop's counselor for twenty- five years. Sarah died in 1891 and Jehu in 1893. They are buried at the Old Pioneer Cemetery in Fairview. I am looking forward to going back to Salt Lake City in the future and visiting the cemetery in Fairview to find the graves of Jehu and Sarah.

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Deborah Cox Werner New Braunfels, Texas 2<sup>nd</sup> Great Grand Daughter of Pleasant C. Cox And Martha Jane Bybee Cox

### This was sent to me by Joe Cox...

Brandywine family,

Early this week, our cousin Duryl "Gibby" Bailey suffered a serious accident while riding his bicycle. My son – and Brandywine counselor – Scott just called from Belton to update us. Gibby has suffered a serious brain injury and the prognosis is not good. He has been a strong supporter of Brandywine, both in his attendance at our annual meeting and reunion in Lampasas and in other ways. Please keep Gibby and his three sons and their families in your prayers. I'll keep you updated.

Hope all of you and yours are fine.

Joe

<u>Late note from Joe Cox:</u> Duryl "Gibby" Bailey did pass away on October 5, 2017, and his obituary will be included in the spring newsletter

### And another from Joe...

LONG MEADOWS/COX CEMETERY RUMLEY, TEXAS HOME TO CITIZENS OF MANY COUNTRIES

Uncle John Cox, the Texas Ranger and son of Pleasant and Martha Jane Bybee Cox, once remarked to a visitor at the old cemetery, "Those graves out there are occupied by citizens of many countries." When asked how the bodies came to be there, he replied, "The first man buried here was Will Bybee. He was buried in New Spain on July 4, 1793. Tom Benton was buried in New Spain in 1806. Trey Hardin was buried here on October 22, 1822. He was buried in Mexico. James Cox was buried in the Republic of Texas on May 6, 1842. Bob Huffman was buried in the United States of America (State of Texas) on December 16, 1846. Van Dobbins was buried in the Confederates States of America (State of Texas) on July 12, 1862. People from five different nations are buried in the old cemetery.

Martha Jane Bybee Cox, a relative of Will Bybee, the first one buried in the old cemetery, vowed to find William Bybee's grave. After she found it, she stated that she wanted to be buried in the old cemetery. She was on March 12, 1912.

A committee comprised of descendants of Solomon and Elizabeth Johnston Cox reestablished an old rural-oriented organization which first began on October 12, 1869, in this area by the Cox ancestors. One of the aims of this reorganization is to restore the old cemetery, construct a new cyclone fence, mark all graves, pour a slab with a picnic table,

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get a native stone monument on a 6x6' slab, and get a new road to the old cemetery. Part of this has been accomplished as of January 1, 1986.

By Joe B. Cox, Sr., San Marcos, Texas, undated paper presumably written shortly after January 1, 1986. The author was born on the property and spent the first 17 years of his life there. He was intimately acquainted with the property, including the cemetery and numerous other sites.

A history of the cemetery has been published in an earlier edition of the newsletter, giving details of a marker dedication, and a still different paper giving the history will be submitted for a future edition.

The lineage line of Peasant Cox is from Thomas Isaac and Rebecca Carr Cox. Submitted by Joe B. Cox, Jr., 9 October 2017

### ...To continue from Joe...

### Assassination of Andy Cox

At about half past nine o'clock last Saturday night, Andy Cox was waylaid and shot from ambush. He was in Lampasas all day Saturday attending to business. He left town about half past eight o'clock for his home on Lucy Creek seven miles from town. Little did he dream, as he traveled along that road the terrible fate awaited him. It was a bright moonlight night and an object could be distinguished at a long distance. He had climbed 'the four-mile hill' as it is called when he was fired upon and shot. The parties who did the shooting were concealed in the extreme south end of a live oak thicket. They could see their victim for more than a half mile as he came riding down the road going right into the very jaws of death. When he got just opposite them and not more than fifteen feet from the muzzle of their guns they opened fire on him. He was shot twice, one ball entering near the stomach coming out under the shoulder. The second ball, penetrating the back, lodging near the breast. His horse became excited and ran down the road with him. He road on a distance of three miles, crossed Lucy Creek, and got to the north bank, when he became so blind and exhausted that he climbed down from his horse and had strength enough left to make his folks hear his dying calls a distance of about three hundred yards. His family and relatives came to his assistance, placed him on a litter and carried him to the house. Dr. King was immediately summoned but after examining the wounds pronounced them fatal. He said he was not afraid to die, and when he was told there was no chance for him he took it quietly and calmly, saying he was not afraid to go. He lived until eight o'clock the next morning, when his soul took its everlasting flight into the world beyond. He leaves an old mother, a broken-hearted wife and four little children to suffer and mourn the loss. C.F. Greenwood held an inquest Monday and the deceased was buried late Monday evening."

Uncle Andy is buried at Rumbley (Rumley) in Lampasas County (Texas), with only a rock as a headstone.

Notes by family member: Rock Church Cemetery. Now a marker put there in 1995.

Samuel Andrew 'Andy' Cox, 3 May 1862 – 24 Dec. 1890 – son of James Christopher Cox & wife #2 Elizabeth Van Winkle – married 28 Dec. 1881 Mary E.

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'Molly' Greer, 14 May 1860 – 29 Feb. 1908, daughter of James Green & Amanda Stewart – children were Della, Thomas W., Alice 'Allie,' & James Wilson Cox.

Submitted by Joe B. Cox, Jr., of San Marcos, Texas. Obituary thought to have been taken from a Lampasas, Texas newspaper, no date on copy, which is thought to have been provided by Winnie Hatley of Wingate, Texas, now deceased. James Christopher Cox was a brother of Pleasant C. Cox, and the line from Solomon and Naomi Hussey Cox is through Thomas Isaac and Rachel Carr Cox.

### (And said inquest...):

### Andy Cox (Inquest)

"I, C.F. Greenwood, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1, Lampasas County, Texas after making diligent inquiry into the cause of the death of Andy Cox report that I have been unable to ascertain the name or names of the parties who took his life, but my verdict is that he was shot and killed by unknown parties.

"Mrs. Andy Cox (Mollie) testified: Andy Cox died December 21, 1890; he was shot twice, was shot near the four-mile post; 6 or 7 shots were fired, maybe more and there were 4 or 5 men maybe more; they were on the side of the road in the bushes; he told his wife that he meet Josiah Stanley in the P.O. just after his trial and he said Stanley told him the next time he bothered him it would not be with law. He said he saw John Cox and Lonzo Mitchell in town on that day, Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>. He and John Cox did not have much to do with one another. He said he left town sometime near eight o'clock and was shot about 9 o'clock. He died from the effects of the wound."

This information was taken from Lampasas County records and was thought to be provided by Winnie Hatley of Wingate, Texas, now deceased.

Submitted by Joe B. Cox, Jr. of San Marcos, Texas. Information about the death and inquest of Andy Cox reflect the somewhat lawless nature of life in the mid to late eighteenth century in much of the West.

As a veteran myself (USMC 1966-1972), I fully understand the importance of recognizing the sacrifices many of our wonderful veterans have made for this country in the name of freedom. I have an uncle who lost his life (age 20) with the 10<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Italy in WWII. Although, fortunately, I was not involved in combat (my tour overseas was spent in Okinawa), those who were sometimes paid the ultimate sacrifice. Others paid the price of wounds, sometimes severe and sometimes only minor. Many, however, paid the price of the horrible mental strain our military pays while involved in combat.

Let all of us take a moment this Veterans' Day – and throughout the year – to thank a veteran – and their great supporting families – for helping to provide us the wonderful

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protection so we can all live in the freedom to which we have become accustomed. Without their sacrifices, we would have no freedoms!

Editor Wayne

### **NOTICES**

NEW DNA PROJECT MANAGERS

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Please contact Debbie or Steve about DNA testing and information about our project. This is one of our major and most fruitful efforts as an organization. Les Sutton and Mary Lou Hudson originated this project and managed it from inception.

### PUBLICATIONS AND ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

This committee reviews books about our Cox and related families as candidates for distribution to some 30 genealogical libraries and organizations around the country. Criteria are listed on our web site.

This committee also administers our archival agreements with The Center for American History at the University of Texas at Austin and the Southwest Collection at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.

These two projects are major parts of our work to record and preserve our family history, including the role our extended family has had in settling the United States, the stories of our family personalities, and the day-to-day lives and experiences of our ancestors. If you have or know of a book that you deem worthy of our distribution or have or know of a collection of family history papers that need a home, please contact Chairman Gary Sutton or one of his committee members.

Committee members are as follows:

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### TRANSFER OF TREASURER'S RESPONSIBILITES

After many years of service as treasurer, Ada Stump has asked to step down. As of November, Linda Atkins will be the new treasurer. After Nov. 1, please send your membership dues, memorial fund contributions, etc., to the following address:

Linda Atkins Treasurer, Brandywine Crucible, Inc. 6325 Broadway Avenue
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### WEBSITE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

As mentioned in the President's Report, we are in the process of significantly enhancing our website. We plan to do most of the work in-house. If you have computer/website skills and can contribute some time, please contact our webmaster:

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Mark is chairing a committee consisting of Debbie Cox and Les Sutton. Our website contains a wealth of family history information. Our goal is to make it more readily identifiable and more easily navigated by researchers. Our website provides a truly significant service to both family and outside researcher.

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Fall 2017

Brandywine family,

We had another fine annual meeting and family reunion in Lampasas this past June. As we always do, we had several who attended for the first time. And we again had excellent speakers with stimulating topics. Our directors' meetings and our membership meeting were fruitful. We discussed quite a few topics as usual, but the main focus of discussion was our web site, which is fundamental to what we do as a family organization. You may recall that web site identification and accessibility by researchers has been the focus of our web site project, but board and membership decisions at our 2017 meeting broadened the project to include internal indexing and organization of materials. A committee led by web master Mark Werner is working on this project and is urgently soliciting help. If you have web site expertise, please contact Mark.

We have now transitioned responsibility for our DNA project to Debbie Brewer Cox and Steve Atkins. Les Sutton will continue as an advisor and assistant as needed, but Debbie and Steve are now in charge. Also, Ladean Cox Bowman, who founded our military photograph project, has relinquished it after long service, and Marty Burnett now manages that project. Another transition of responsibility is that of treasurer, transitioning from Ada Cox Stump to Linda Cox Atkins, keeping the responsibility with the immediate family. And the archives and publications committee is republishing Ada's book on John Cox, Jr., and Mary Harlan, for which we continue to receive requests.

Another decision recommended by the board and approved by the membership in attendance at Lampasas was to shift our reunion lodging to a brand new Best Western Plus. We think that you will like the accommodations and the service. Our 2018 annual meeting and reunion is set for 1-3 June, and you can make room reservations now by calling 512-556-2100. Also remember that Linda Atkins is looking for golfers for Friday morning, 1 June. Please let Linda know if you plan to play golf.

We have a great family! Joe (512-392-2097 jandhcox@grandecom.net