



# Brandywine Crucible Newsletter

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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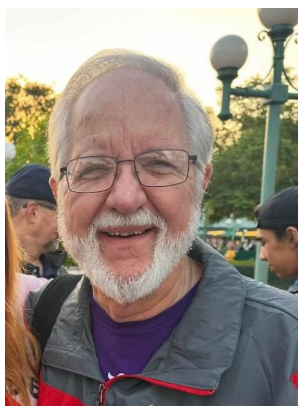
## 2025 Brandywine Annual Meeting and Cox Family Reunion

June 6 through 8, 2025

For 2024 reunion highlights and the upcoming schedule, see pages 2 and 3.

## President's Letter

By Steve Taylor



Steve Taylor, President and Chair

In recent months I've had several occasions to recall the truth of this axiom: "Life is what happens to us while we are making other plans." (The saying is often misattributed to John Lennon, but I'm reliably informed—by Google—that Allen Saunders, the cartoonist who wrote Mary Worth and Steve Roper comic strips, is the original source of this line.)

Now where was I? Oh yes—plans that don't work out.... Well, as you may be

aware, the Board of Brandywine Crucible elected Gary Sutton as the successor to Joe B. Cox and President of the organization effective this past June. As the summer months passed Gary was also discovering the personal truth of the adage above: Health concerns were conspiring to limit his energy and capacity to handle the leadership of our organization. He submitted his resignation to the Board in August.

Meanwhile, I had been planning ("making other plans") to work with Gary as BC's Vice-President

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# President's Letter (Continued)

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for a leisurely year or two, at the pleasure of the Board. Instead, upon Gary's resignation the Board has asked me to assume the President's position. Following some persuasion from Joe Cox and Gary Sutton, as well as other Board members, I have agreed to do so. The most persuasive arguments were the agreement from both of these gentlemen to walk with me, consult with me, and assist me in any way possible as we move forward with this organization that we all treasure.

A few weeks ago, I met with Joe, and Gary and Joeen, fittingly, in Lampasas, TX. We had a lovely lunch, discussed all things Brandywine, and wrapped by transferring three file boxes of material—the written record of the organization in the years that have preceded us—from the Suttons to me. As I've been browsing the archives, I'm impressed in an all new way by what Brandywine is, by the countless hours given by the leadership and the membership to make it a living, breathing thing of shared value.

And although "life" decided to change the plans we made last

June, I'm joining with the Board to invite all Brandywine members to see where this next season will take us as an organization. We have long celebrated the strength and determination with which our Cox ancestors (and all the others) settled the Brandywine region, then spread out across this land of ours. It's our turn now, to bring a similar focus and determination to celebrate and grow the Brandywine Crucible!

Steve Taylor

President (when I wasn't planning on it!)

Brandywine Crucible, Inc.

## 2024 Reunion Highlights

### Lampasas Annual Reunion and Business Meeting, June 7-9

Our reunion began Friday night with a cookout. Saturday morning, we shared reports on selected Brandywine projects. By Zoom, Margie Romine gave a [comprehensive report](#) on our DNA project; Mark Werner reported on the website, including its new platform; and Katelyn Le discussed the newsletter and submissions. Then, Texas State Historian Monte Monroe from the Southwest Collection at Texas Tech spoke on the importance of history, genealogy, and archives.



Gary Sutton (right) presents past president Joe B. Cox with the title President Emeritus

After lunch, we conducted our annual Brandywine Crucible business meeting. Various activities not included in the morning's project reports were discussed, and there was a general discussion of how Brandywine operates, with requests for comments and suggestions. Two new directors were elected: Margie Elkins Romine and Cristi Tovar.

Sunday morning began with our family devotional; Gary Sutton gave the lesson. After-



ward, director Steve Taylor, who chaired a committee of Brandywine members, reported on a major research project concerning a lineage question that had been raised about a Brandywine ancestor. The full report is posted on our website.

After a catered lunch, we adjourned until June 6-8, 2025. In summary, it was a very good annual meeting and reunion marked by serious business, great fellowship, and a transition to new leadership after many years. Our future is bright.

Joe B. Cox, Jr.  
Past President and Chair



# 2024 Reunion Highlights (Continued)

## Nolanville Cox Reunion, July 27-29

The descendants of William Henry and Pernecia Sanderford Cox hosted a reunion in Nolanville, TX at the Nolanville First United Methodist Church.



## Upcoming Reunion Schedule

The following Cox reunions are currently scheduled for 2025. A complete list of known Cox reunions will print in the Spring/Summer newsletter, and updates can be found anytime [on our website](#).

### 2025 Brandywine Annual Meeting and Cox Family Reunion

June 6-8, 2025, Lampasas, Texas

We have reserved a block of rooms for Friday and Saturday nights (June 6 and 7) at a group rate of \$119 plus taxes per night.

Best Western Plus  
1504 South Key Avenue  
512-556-2001,  
[gm@bwlampasas.com](mailto:gm@bwlampasas.com)

The group rate is guaranteed through May 23, 2025. State that you are with the Cox family reunion. Can cancel seven days prior to check-in. We hope to see you there!

### 2025 Cox Reunion, Descendants of Wm. Madison Tucker Cox & Fannie Lindsey Cox

June 21-22, San Antonio, TX  
(formerly in Fredericksburg, TX)

All family lines are welcome!

Encino Park Community Center  
1923 Encino Rio  
San Antonio, TX  
78259

**New location!**

Contact Lisa Sullivan for more information.

324 Meadowood Ln, Coppell, TX  
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210-275-5167,  
[coxfamilyintexas@yahoo.com](mailto:coxfamilyintexas@yahoo.com)

### 2025 Cox Family Reunion, William Henry & Pernecia Sanderford Cox Family and Friends

July 25-27, Nolanville Methodist Church, Nolanville, Texas

We will stay at the Hampton Inn in Harker Heights and our main event is Saturday, July 26 for a Potluck lunch at noon in the church Fellowship Hall and then we go to church together on Sunday. Hotel reservations are usually made starting in March.

Contact: Zala Koym 830-992-1432  
[ckoym@aol.com](mailto:ckoym@aol.com).

## A “Reunion” Reunion

Cousin Carolyn Cox Williams recently had dinner with not one but two former Lampasas Cox reunion guest speakers: Monte Monroe and Jimmy Peet.

The meeting took place at the Texian Navy Day celebration on September 21, 2024 in the Galveston Ship Channel.

Monte Monroe, the current Texas State Historian, had been the guest speaker at the 2024 Lampasas reunion back in June. He had sat across from Carolyn and her sister Janice Cox Jenkins for the Saturday noon meal, where they'd discussed the Texas Navy Association (TNA). That discussion led to them meeting again, for Monte's part of these Texian Navy Day festivities was his being commissioned as an Admiral. Carolyn had worked the TNA sales table all morning and caught up with Monte for the commissioning ceremony, snapping a few photos of the honoree, on the Tall Ship *Elissa* with the Battleship *Texas* across the channel.

Later, the special events concluded at the restaurant Fisherman's Wharf, where Monte and Carolyn happened to be seated at the same table across from Jimmy Peet.

Jimmy, current Vice President of the TNA, had been a guest speaker at the Cox family reunion 3 years ago. He had walked in the door as a nonrelative and walked out as a member on the Cox Brandywine mail-out list—Connie Birth having discovered that he is a Cox cousin!



Carolyn Cox Williams and Monte Monroe take a photo on Texian Navy Day in Galveston, aboard the Tall Ship *Elissa* with the Battleship *Texas* across the channel.



Monte Monroe received his commission as an Admiral, appointed by the governor of Texas.



Jimmy Peet (left) and Monte Monroe at the Texian Navy Day Dinner at Fisherman's Wharf.



Jimmy Peet salutes Monte Monroe with a “guns up” at the Texian Navy Day Dinner. Much of the table conversation revolved around “the good old days” after the two realized that Monte and Jimmy had worked together in college: Monte had been the head of the Residence Hall Association, and Jimmy had been the president of his dorm.

There is more to this story... To be continued in the next newsletter!



## Brandywine Membership

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

Dues may be \$15, \$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 database, 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](#) or by mail to our treasurer.

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

## New Entry to the Cox Military Pictures Project



### Orville John Cox

Private First Class Orville John Cox was a World War II soldier whose body was recently identified from an American gravesite in the Philippines.

Family gathered to bury his body on October 19, 2024 at the Willow Cemetery in Haskell, TX, according to a story in [Big Country News](#).

An article about the identification and return of Orville's body was written by Lynn Walker of the Wichita Falls Times Record News and may be read in the

[Austin American Statesman](#) (subscription required) or in [our archives](#).

LINEAGE: Orville John Cox > Owen Wesley Cox > John Franklin Cox > James Henry Cox > Solomon Benjamin Cox > Joseph Cox > Solomon Cox, Jr. > Solomon Cox & Naomi Hussey

**For new submissions, please contact Military Pictures Project Chair, Janice Jenkins, at [monkeygirl2120@aol.com](mailto:monkeygirl2120@aol.com) or 512-751-0002.**

## Fond Reunion Memories



Sandra Gwilliam (center) presents her research on ancestor Jehu Cox at the 2010 reunion in Lampasas.

Sandra Gwilliam writes fondly of attending the annual Lampasas reunion in 2010:

It was such a wonderful experience... I will always appreciate Jo and Les for making it possible for me to come give a presentation on my ancestor, Jehu Cox... Zoom is not as much fun as being there in person, but at least I can hear the presentations. I do not have a camera on my computer, so it cannot be a two-way Zoom, but I hope it will work out for me to feel like a part of the family... My heart will be in Lampasas, and now, I should be able to figure out how to watch the Zoom presentation!

Sincerely,

Sandra Gwilliam

## Do you have a family story?

We would love to hear from you! Please share stories, journals, photos, and more as follows.

Family History Database: Steve Taylor, [staylor72348@aol.com](mailto:staylor72348@aol.com)

Newsletter: Katelyn Le, [kwernerle@gmail.com](mailto:kwernerle@gmail.com)

Website: Mark Werner, [2014mdw@gmail.com](mailto:2014mdw@gmail.com)

# DNA Project Report

By Margie Romine

## Current Status of yDNA Project

We currently have 28 BigY DNA testers in the Brandywine subgroup, up two testers since my last report. Using the results from these tests along with the excellent research of Claudia Davenport I presented a hypothesis on how these men are related at this summer's Brandywine reunion. My slides can be found in [the Brandywine Crucible web archives](#). Details of Claudia's research can be found on the WikiTree page maintained by Edie Kohutek, Lee Bain, and Suzanne Hye (<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Cox-578>).

Below is the family group sheet for William Cox (instead of Thomas Cox-Christian Matthews as previously hypothesized), whom I believe is the first immigrant of our family to North America. The paw prints indicate direct ancestors of our yDNA testers, which you can see covers all 4 sons of William.

The identity of the parents of Solomon Cox, Sr. is not yet clear. At the reunion, Steve Tayler summarized the two current hypotheses regarding Solomon's parents:

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Family group sheet for William Cox, possible first immigrant of our family to North America.



Name: William of Gloucester 🏰 Cox Sr  
 Birth: Abt. 1659 in Gloucestershire, England.  
 Spouse: Rebecca? Cox\*  
 Death: Abt. 1742 in Newark, New Castle County, Delaware, Colonial America; age: 83.  
 Father: William Cox  
 Mother: Elizabeth Cox\*



Spouse: Rebecca? Cox\*  
 Death: Deceased.

Children of William of Gloucester 🏰 Cox Sr and Rebecca? Cox\*: 6



Name: John (m Mary) 🏰 Cox Sr  
 Birth: Abt. 1686 in New Castle County, on Delaware, Colonial America.  
 Spouse: Mary 🏰 Garretson? Marriage: 1713 in Delaware, Colonial America.  
 Death: 13 Sep 1764 in York County, Pennsylvania, Colonial America; age: 78.



Name: Ann (m Casparus Garretson) 🏰 Cox  
 Birth: Abt. 1690 in on Delaware, Colonial America.  
 Spouses: Johan Casparus (m. Ann Cox) 🏰 Garretson Marriage: 1713 in New Castle County, on Delaware, Colonial America.  
 Nathan (m Ann Cox, Edith Way, Susanna Heald) Hussey Marriage: 16 Mar 1728 in New Castle County, Delaware, Colonial America.  
 Death: Bef. Sep 1745 in Newberry, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Colonial America; age: 55.



Name: William (m. Catherine Kinkey) 🏰 Cox II  
 Birth: 11 Dec 1692 in New Castle County, on Delaware, Colonial America.  
 Spouse: Catherine Kinkey Marriage: 1716 in Pennsylvania, Colonial America.  
 Death: 20 Jan 1767 in Asheboro, Randolph County, North Carolina, Colonial America; age: 74.  
 Burial: Asheboro, Randolph County, North Carolina, USA.



Name: Thomas (m Fincher & Cooke) 🏰 Cox  
 Birth: Abt. 1694 in New Castle, New Castle County, on Delaware, Colonial America.  
 Spouses: Elizabeth Fincher Marriage: 2 Sep 1722 in Marlborough, Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA.  
 Mary (m. Thomas Cox) Cooke Marriage: 1730.  
 Death: 14 Jan 1774 in Berkeley County, South Carolina, Colonial America; age: 80.



Name: Amy "Emy" (m John Allen) Cox  
 Birth: 1698 in Newark, New Castle County, on Delaware, Colonial America.  
 Spouse: John Allen Jr Marriage: 1 Jun 1718 in Chester County, Pennsylvania Colony.  
 Death: 13 Sep 1778 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA; age: 80.  
 Burial: West Marlborough Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, USA.



Name: Richard (m Elizabeth Scarlett) 🏰 Cox  
 Birth: abt. 1702 in New Castle County, Delaware, Colonial America.  
 Spouses: Elizabeth (m Richard Cox) Scarlet Marriage: 15 Dec 1726 in Chichester, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, USA.  
 Mary Cox\*  
 Death: 1750 in Chester County, Pennsylvania, Colonial America; age: 48.

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Either John, Sr. (see family group sheet on page 2) or his son John, Jr., husband of Mary Harlan. I have nothing more to report on this topic, and will instead focus on questions regarding lines that descend from Solomon Cox, Sr.

## Many yDNA Testers Have Yet to be Connected to Our Tree

Depicted below is the current time tree for our BigY testers along with distant parts of the lines of our testers.

Recall that yDNA mutations (haplotypes) arise on average eve-

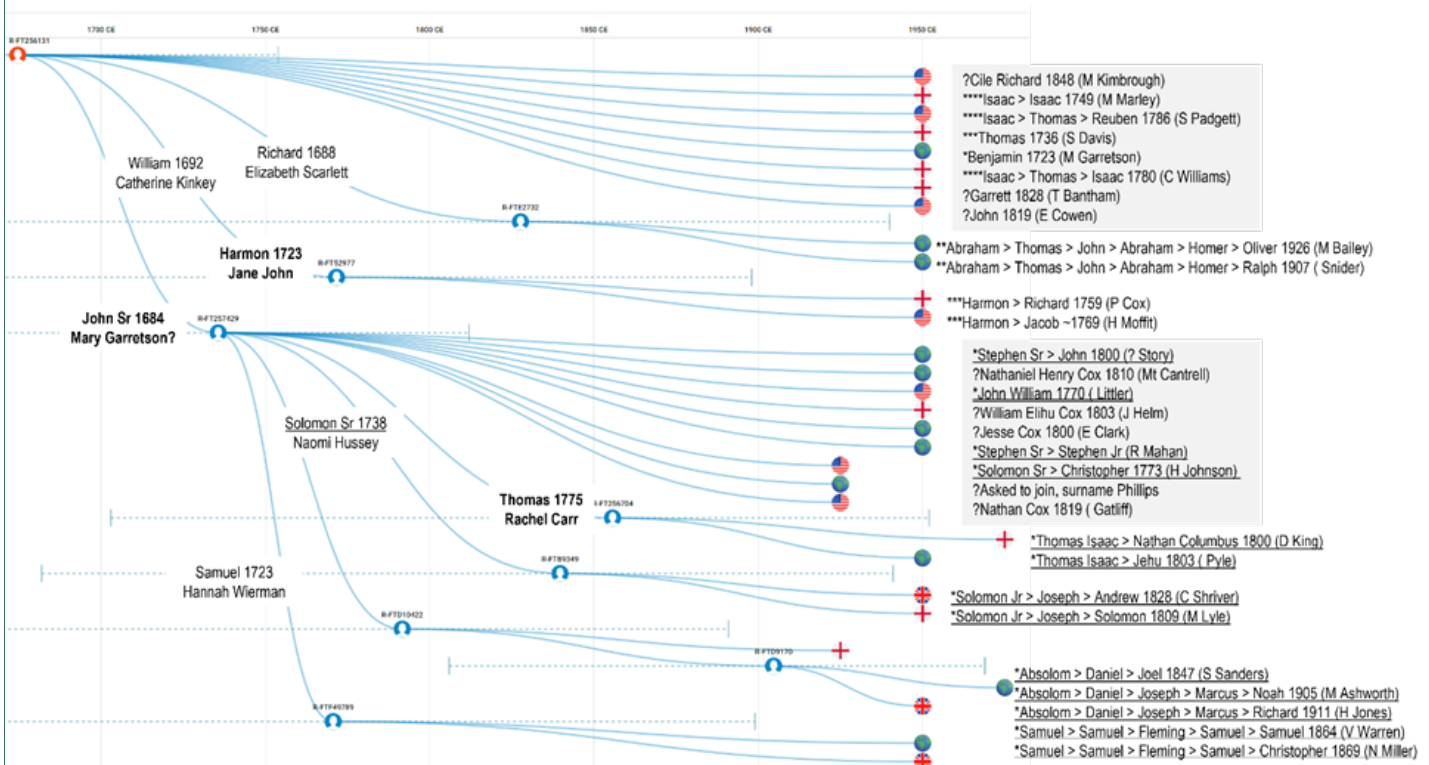
ry three generations. Haplotypes can only be identified when descendants of two sons of the ancestor in which the haplotype arose are tested. In our tree, the only son of William that we assigned a haplotype to is John, Jr. (Descendants of sons Solomon and Samuel fall in the same haplotype.) We know that no haplotype arose in son William because the descendants of different brothers of his son Harmon formed a haplotype (R-FT52977) that is not shared by Harmons brother Thomas (in top gray box). If a haplotype had arisen in William all three testers would have shared a haplotype, not shared by other testers.

The gray boxes highlight testers in which either another tester from a sibling line is needed or in which no additional mutations have arisen between the tester and the haplotype he descends from. The only example of the latter is \*Stephen, Sr. > John 1800 (? Story). This tester has no unique mutations.

## Searching for New Lines in Our Family

You will notice in the time tree that we still have many testers that have brick walls, many of which descend from John. Further research is needed to help connect these testers to the Cox family

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Time Tree for BigY testers. Descendant lines of the four sons of William of Gloucester are preceded by asterisks: \*John, \*\*Richard, \*\*\*William, or \*\*\*\*Thomas. Descendants of William Cox (Naomi Hussey) are underlined. Descendants of Samuel Cox (Hannah Wierman) have a heavy underline. Testers with a brick wall are denoted with a question mark.



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tree. The likely reasons for some of these brick walls is an incorrect connection of a line to our tree or new Cox lines that have yet to be discovered. A few years ago, I suggested that William Henry Cox, whose descendants landed in Uvalde, Texas, belonged in our tree. We were able to verify that this line descends from John through a yDNA test from one of his descendants but have yet to confidently connect this line to the tree.

## A Potential New Cox Line

I would like to share with you another line that I believe should be connected to our Cox tree. This new line begins at a Christopher Cox born in 1799 in Virginia (see family group sheet to the right). His parents are currently not known.

We have two people (mother and daughter) that descend from Christopher's line through his daughter Margaret in our GEDmatch Quaker Cox Project (currently totaling 314 members). These testers are members of a large triangulated group on chromosome 21 that includes myself and 11 members of our project (not including the other descendent of Christopher). Numerous other testers also match these two testers on other chromosomes.

Using the tools at Ancestry and FamilyTreeDNA, I searched for matches from other descendants of Christopher to testers that have shared access to their DNA matches with me. So far, I have found additional testers (11 total) that have matches to Christopher's descendants. These testers are distributed across all of Solomon's sons. I have found five matches to myself and descendants of both Margaret and Mary. Since Solomon Cox/Naomi

Hussey are my 5<sup>th</sup> great grandparents, I hypothesize that Christopher descends from Solomon and Naomi.

Christopher was married to Martha Pope on August 16, 1821 in Bartholomew County, Indiana. I have yet to find him in a census prior to 1850, so have been looking at the locations where the sons of Solomon, Sr. were found between 1820 and 1850. This task has been challenging because I found that the head count

Family group sheet for Christopher Cox, born in 1799 in Virginia.



Name: Christopher Cox  
 Birth: 16 Mar 1799 in Virginia, USA.  
 Spouse: Margaret Pope  
 Death: 20 Jun 1889 in Knoxville, Marion County, Iowa, USA; age: 90.  
 Burial: Knoxville, Marion, Iowa, USA.  
 Father: Thomas Isaac Cox  
 Mother: Mary Mignon



Spouse: Margaret Pope  
 Birth: 12 May 1795 in Ashe County, North Carolina, USA.  
 Marriage: 16 Aug 1821 in Bartholomew County, Indiana, USA.  
 Death: 14 Oct 1846 in Columbus, Bartholomew, Indiana, USA; age: 51.  
 Burial: Knoxville, Marion, Iowa, USA.

### Children of Christopher Cox and Margaret Pope: 6



Name: Mary Jane Cox  
 Birth: 29 Feb 1824 in Indiana, USA.  
 Spouse: Emanuel Elkin Jenkins Marriage: 5 Jan 1843 in Crawford County, Indiana, USA.  
 Death: 1903 in Oretown, Tillamook County, Oregon, USA; age: 78.  
 Burial: Tillamook, Tillamook, Oregon, USA.



Name: Mignon Washington Cox  
 Birth: 15 May 1824 in Bartholomew County, Indiana, USA.  
 Spouse: Catherine Lida McConaughy Marriage: 1 Jul 1858 in Marion County, Iowa, USA.  
 Death: 15 May 1869; age: 45.  
 Burial: Hillsboro, Washington, Oregon, USA.



Name: Margaret Cox  
 Birth: Abt. 1828 in Indiana, USA.  
 Spouse: Abraham Marion Macomb Marriage: 24 Aug 1848 in Marion County, Iowa, USA.  
 Death: Deceased.  
 Burial: Tillamook, Tillamook County, Oregon, United States of America.



Name: John Larkin Cox  
 Birth: 15 Dec 1831 in Indiana, USA.  
 Spouse: Mary Ann McConaughy Marriage: 18 Feb 1858 in Marion County, Iowa, USA.  
 Death: 2 Sep 1914 in Knoxville, Marion County, Iowa, USA; age: 82.  
 Burial: Knoxville, Marion County, Iowa, USA.















Name: Dianna Cox  
 Birth: 27 Sep 1833 in Indiana, USA.  
 Spouse: Jacob Colclasure Marriage: 14 Mar 1851 in Marion County, Iowa, USA.  
 Death: 1 Jan 1911; age: 77.  
 Burial: Knoxville, Marion County, Iowa, USA.



Name: Sarah Cox  
 Birth: 20 Jun 1835 in Indiana, USA.  
 Death: 7 Nov 1890 in Knoxville, Marion County, Iowa, USA; age: 55.  
 Burial: Knoxville, Marion, Iowa, USA.



# DNA Project Report (Continued)

Chr	Start	End	cM	SNPs	Overlap	MRCA	Match Lines
21	33496823	44871189	28	2727	429568	4.31	 Solomon Sr > Solomon Jr > Benjamin
21	33765560	44744540	27.2	2512	405883	4.52	 Solomon Sr > Solomon Jr > Benjamin
21	34223288	38092039	8.1	726	395632	7.28	 Solomon Sr > Solomon Jr > Benjamin
21	34223288	44871189	26.5	2630	429253	4.54	 Solomon Sr > Solomon Jr > Benjamin
21	34223288	44871189	26.5	2506	405803	4.54	 Solomon Sr > Solomon Jr > Benjamin
21	36064321	44779343	23.3	2161	415067	4.63	 William Cox/Phebe Cox > John Cox
21	36364162	44752680	22.5	1968	396362	4.66	 William B Cox/Sarah Cantrell brickwall
21	37548759	44848070	19.7	1821	397738	4.75	 Solomon Sr > Thomas Isaac > Nathan Columbus
21	40338995	48077812	20.8	1750	394737	4.71	 Elkanuah Amos Cox/Nancy Lee brickwall
21	41225542	44871189	12.5	1055	388096	5.08	 Solomon Sr > Thomas Isaac > Jehu
21	41260194	44871189	12.4	1048	390928	5.09	 Solomon Sr > Thomas Isaac > Jehu
21	41265097	44744540	12.2	1052	406281	5.1	 Solomon Sr > Thomas Isaac > Jehu

DNA project members with chromosome 21 matches to the two testers from Christopher Cox's line.

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of children on many of the pre-1850's censuses that I have assigned to these men do not always add up. Either I have chosen the wrong census for Solomon's sons or we don't have a complete and accurate listing of their children.

One interesting finding was the wife of Christopher, Martha Pope, is the niece of Mary Serginer Pope, wife of Joseph Cox. Joseph is the grandson of William Cox/Catherine Kinkey. A further connection is found in the nice write-up that our cousin Deb Cavel posed on WikiTree regarding the wives of Solomon, Jr. (<https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Cox-12867>). Deb has proposed that Solomon Cox, Jr. married Julyatha Cox (rather than Martha Dixon), who is the sister of Joseph Cox above. She does make a compelling case and makes me need to rethink the family of Solomon, Jr., my 4<sup>th</sup> great grandparent.

I will end the story here as I need to do further research into this topic. The take-away message that I hope that you get is that we still are a long way from understanding even the more recent connections in our family tree.

## Celebrations

### A Sweet Anniversary

Cox cousin and researcher Marie Polly and her husband, Hugh, of Mustang, OK, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with family.



### Essay Contest

To discover and document more family stories and create more interest in family history among younger generations, Brandywine sponsors an essay contest for young family historians!

Submission instructions are available online at

<https://www.brandywinecrucible.org/essay-contest.html>.

The deadline for this year's entry is May 1, 2025.

Please direct inquiries and submissions to:

Joe Cox  
800 Franklin Drive  
San Marcos, TX 78666  
[jandhcox@grandecom.net](mailto:jandhcox@grandecom.net)  
512-392-2097

### Congratulations, Graduate!

Jamie Lee Tatum, daughter of Robert Pat and Darlene Tatum (GGG-Granddaughter of Elizabeth Woods Tatum) will graduate this December from the American University of Rome with a Master's degree in Cultural Anthropology. She graduated from Dartmouth with Honors in 2023 with a degree in Classics Studies and Archeology and has worked at archeological dig sites at the Parthenon in Athens, Greece and in Italy at Pompeii and in Rome. Her thesis is on sustaining the world heritage site of Pompeii; balancing the tourism that helps fund preservation efforts and at the same time can accelerate degradation.



## Celebrations (Continued)

### Mario Dons Raider Red

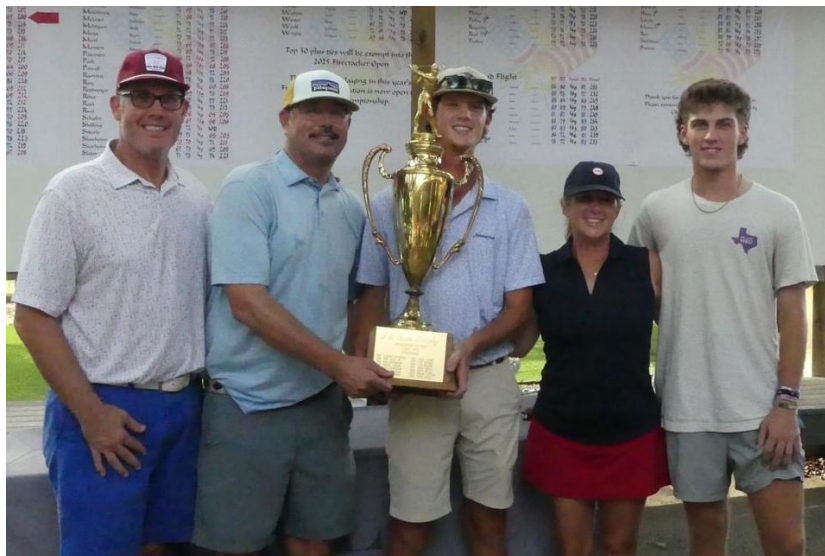


Graduating in three years last May from Saginaw High in Fort Worth, Tex., Mario Alexander Torres entered as a freshman at Texas Tech University in Lubbock this fall, pursuing a degree in Political Science. A National Honor Society member and wrestling champion, he aspires to elected office after graduation.

Mario is the only son of Mario J. and Kristine Fitz Torres, the oldest grandson of Mike and Mary Merritt Fitz, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> great-grandson of the Rev. Fayette Fielding Lucas Handley (1870-1958) and Charlotte “Lottie” Emma Cox (1873-1960) of Missouri and Texas.

### 2024 Firecracker Open Champion

Brannan Cox of Austin, TX is the champion of the 78th annual 2024 Firecracker Open, hosted at Lions Municipal Golf Course in Austin.



## In Remembrance

### Wayburn Donald Dalton: March 30, 1934–July 20, 2019

WD Dalton is the husband of Lady E. Dalton.



Wayburn Donald “WD” Dalton, age 85, passed away peacefully at home in his sleep on July 20, 2019, following his 2-year battle

with metastatic colon cancer. He was born in Edinburg, TX on March 30, 1934 to his parents Delbert D. Dalton and Rose Lee Powers, who preceded him in death. He was a devoted husband, Daddy and Big Dad to many, and known by his grandkids and greats as Papoo, Pappy, and Paps.

He spent 55 years of his life living mostly in Mercedes, TX. While attending Mercedes High School he loved sports and excelled in track holding records for a long time for his High and Low Hurdle Jumping and Pole Vaulting. As a young man he started working at Magic Valley Electric Co-op in the Maintenance Dept. where his “pole climbing” expertise was famous state wide until the company bought their first bucket truck. During this early time he was drafted into the United States Army but was transferred to the USA Reserves for 6 years. After 16 years at MVEC, he transferred to Blue Bonnet Electric Co-op in Lockhart where he continued in the Maintenance Dept. for the next 7 years. He returned to MVEC in 1978 and became the Superintendent of the Maintenance Dept. until his retirement in 1989 with 34 years of service to the rural electric customers. For over 16 years he served his com-

munity as a Mercedes Volunteer Fireman.

There were many activities that he dearly loved to do including fishing, hunting, gardening, and traveling. Teaching these past-times to his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, as well as many nephews and nieces was his passion. When he moved to Montgomery in 1996, he continued to fish, do target practice with his pellet and BB gun and his bow and arrow, and especially grow tomatoes and a few other veggies he would share with his friends and family.

WD is survived by his wife of 40 years, Lady E. Dalton, his twins Jerri Kay Dalton Clark and

Garry Ray Dalton, their shared children Dee Franklin Shotwell and Jeff Franklin along with their 12 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, many nephews and nieces, and brother Harold.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Montgomery County Memorial Library Genealogy Dept. or your choice of charity.

The family wishes to thank Conroe’s Sam Houston Cancer Center Doctors & staff, Pathfinder Home Health staff, especially PT Bennie, and the Hospice Plus staff, especially RN Cody & CNA Rebecca for their loving care.

### Betty Frances Cox Hart: July 11, 1933–April 13, 2022

LINEAGE: Betty Hart > Robert Schuler Cox > Christopher Columbus “Alonzo” Cox > Samuel Hampton “Sam” Cox & Nica Jane Cox (> Joseph Cox > Solomon Cox, Jr. > Solomon Cox & Naomi Hussey) > Fleming Trigg Cox > Samuel Cox, Jr. > Samuel Cox, Sr. > Samuel Cox > John Cox, Jr. & Mary Harlan



Betty Frances Hart, 88, of Grand Prairie, TX died Wednesday, April 13, 2022 in Grand Prairie.

She was born July 11, 1933 in Belton, TX to the late Robert Schuler Cox and Frances Wells.

Visitation was Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at Guerrero-Dean Funeral Home, 500 E. Main Street, Grand Prairie, TX 75050.

Betty was survived by her sons Roy F. Hart and Ray P. Hart; grandchildren Chris Hart, Lorie Sperry, Cindy Morgan and Chris Stenske; great-granddaughters Zoria Hart and Vivian Hart; and siblings Russell Cox and Bobbie Smith.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Ernest F. Hart (2008), brother Robert Cox, and daughter-in-law Charlene Hart (2019).



## In Remembrance (*Continued*)

### Lyle Cecil Cox: November 3, 1934 –October 3, 2023

LINEAGE: Lyle Cox > John Cecil Cox > George Washington Cox > Joel Walker Cox > Daniel Cox > Absalom Cox, Sr. > Solomon Cox & Naomi Hussey



Lyle Cecil Cox, 88, of Hannibal, MO, passed away at 9:45 Am, Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at his home in Hannibal, MO.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM, Monday, October 9, 2023, at Prince Avenue Baptist Church in Hannibal, MO. Pastor Joe Thrower officiated.

Burial followed at Grand View Burial Park in Hannibal, MO.

Friends and family were invited to Lyle's Life Celebration at a visitation from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM, Monday, at the church.

The family was served by the James O'Donnell Funeral Home of Hannibal, MO.

Lyle was born November 3, 1934 in Oologah, OK to John Cecil Cox and Vada Marie Crawford Cox.

He was married to Betty Ellen Roland on April 15, 1955, in Hannibal, MO. She survives.

Other survivors include his children, Sandy See (Jack) of New London, MO, and Alan Cox (Lori) of Hannibal, MO; one sister, Oleta Moore (Ron) of North Highland, CA; four great grandchildren; and one great grandchild. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews.

Lyle was preceded in death by his parents; stepfather, Robert Snow; and seven stepbrothers and stepsisters.

Lyle was a retired self-employed contractor and homebuilder. He also previously worked for 14 years with Bleigh Construction as a bricklayer.

Lyle was a proud registered member of the Cherokee Indian Nation of Tahlequah, OK. He enjoyed fishing, hunting deer and in his younger years also hunted duck, rabbit, turkey, and squirrel. A talented gardener, Lyle loved to raise the perfect tomato plants each summer. Fish fries with family, spending time reading his Bible and simply enjoying his family were a few of Lyle's favorites.

Lyle was a longtime member of the Prince Avenue Baptist Church where he also taught Sunday school for over 45 years and served as a Deacon.

Pallbearers were Jeremiah See, Andy See, Ty See, Jacob See, Alan Cox, and Jack See.

Memorial contributions may be made to Prince Avenue Baptist Church or Mt. Zion Christian Church.

### Joe Ellis Tarry: August 3, 1935–January 27, 2024

LINEAGE: Joe E. Tarry > Hazel Pauline Cox Tarry > Francis Marion Cox > Pleasant C. Cox > Solomon Cox > Thomas Isaac Cox > Solomon Cox & Naomi Hussey



Joe Ellis Tarry, of Roswell, NM, went to heaven on January 27, 2024. He was 88. Joe was born on August 3, 1935, in Lovington, NM, to Joe Thomas Tarry

and Hazel Pauline Cox Tarry. He was predeceased by his parents; his brothers: William Esteen Tarry and Thomas Edgar Tarry; and a sister: Margaret Lee Livingston. He leaves Leona Isbell Tarry, his wife of 66 years; his two sons: Carl (Kathy),

and Jonathan (Kellie); and daughter Charlotte (Jim Whitley) to honor his memory. His legacy includes his grandchildren: Michelle, Andrew (Becky), and Jennifer Tarry; Janis, Charis, and James Whitley; and great-grandchild: Syllas. He leaves a sister: Helen (Tommy) Tarry Hare of Barstow, CA.

Joe grew up in Lovington, NM, where he made his profession of faith and was a member of First Baptist Church of Lovington. After graduating from Lovington High School, Joe attended Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, where

he earned a Bachelor of History and Religion. During his time at Eastern, he served in the Army National Guard and is a Korean War veteran. Joe was also active in the Baptist Student Union and served as a Summer Missionary to Jamaica. Joe met Leona Mae Isbell at the First Baptist Church in Portales, and they were married on April 19, 1957.

Following his graduation from Eastern, Joe and Leona moved to Maxwell, NM, where Joe became pastor of the First Baptist Church. While

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### Joe Ellis Tarry

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there he was ordained to the ministry. Joe and Leona then attended Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary where he received a Master of Divinity. Following graduation, he served as pastor of FBC of Porterville, CA.

Joe and Leona were appointed as missionaries of the Foreign (International) Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, in 1964, and served 36 years in the state of Minas Gerais, Brazil. As a pastor and church planter, Joe was actively involved in the state Baptist Convention. He was a mentor to young pastors, professor at the Baptist Institute, and served as a state leader of the Men's work, and then as the state leader in Spiritual Growth and Stewardship. It was during this time that he felt God leading him to write. Joe wrote many books on history, theology,

spiritual growth, and stewardship both in Portuguese and in English.

After retirement, Joe served as pastor of the Mescalero Indian Baptist Mission, and served as a chaplain of the Ruidoso American Legion, Ruidoso, NM. As a chaplain, Joe ministered to the veterans in the Ruidoso area, and to the veterans in the Mescalero Care Center. He enjoyed playing the piano for the residents.

Joe enjoyed oil painting, as well as playing the trumpet, piano, jaw harp, and harmonica. He was well known by many in the state of Minas for his chalk talks and ventriloquist doll. But the most important joy was sharing the gospel message and writing books. Throughout the years, Joe wrote poetry for special occasions.

Joe never wanted to miss an opportunity to serve the one he loved so

much. Even during his illness, Joe took every opportunity he could to share the gospel message with the doctors, nurses, and technicians. On January 27, 2024, Joe finished the race, a faithful servant, a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather, and entered the glorious presence of God.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, February 1, at 2:00 pm, with viewing beginning at 1:15 in the chapel of Kirby-Ratliff Funeral Home in Lovington, NM, located at 1106 N. Main Street. Burial followed at Lovington Cemetery at 600 Gum St.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Joe Tarry Scholarship Fund c/o First Baptist Church, 121 N. 1st Street, Lovington, N.M. 88260.

Condolences may be sent to [www.kirbysmithrogers.com](http://www.kirbysmithrogers.com).

*"Joe never wanted to miss an opportunity to serve the one he loved so much."*

### Bobby Ray Rawls: November 25, 1957–June 7, 2024

LINEAGE: Bobby Rawls > Mary Belle Whitley > Emma Elizabeth Cox > John "Jehu A." Cox > Pleasant C. Cox > Solomon Cox > Thomas Isaac Cox > Solomon Cox & Naomi Hussey



Bobby Ray Rawls, 66, of Big Spring, TX, passed away on Friday, June 7, 2024. Bobby was born on November 25, 1957, in Big Spring as the seventh

child and son of John Wesley Rawls, Jr. and Mary Belle (Whitley) Rawls. He was a life-long resident of Big Spring having worked mostly in the oilfield before fully retiring in 2019. Many people knew him by his nickname of "Frog" or "Froggy," and he was often called "Uncle Frog" or "Grandpa Frog" by the children of

the family. Many friends of the family also affectionately called him "Uncle Bobby." His passion for family extended to his love of genealogy collecting the Rawls family history throughout the United States and Europe.

Bobby is survived by his sons James (Melissa) and Wesley, both of Midland, and daughters Cheyenne and Raylynn, both of Big Spring. He is also survived by grandchildren Gabriella and Alyssa Ramsey, Autumn and Kolby Baca of Big Spring, Jonathan Rawls of Lubbock, and Ryleigh Rawls of Iowa City, IA. Additionally he is survived by his brothers David (Edna) of Big Spring and Harold of

Houston as well as many beloved nephews, nieces, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, twin sister Barbara Chandler, and brothers Wesley, Billy, Dean, and Ricky Rawls.

Friends and family were invited to join together for a visitation from 6-8pm at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring on Thursday, June 13, 2024 from 6pm-8pm.

Arrangements were under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory. Online condolences can be made at [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).



## In Remembrance (*Continued*)

### Russell D. Cox, Sr.: March 6, 1942–June 20, 2024

Lineage: Russell Cox > Robert Schuler Cox > Christopher Columbus "Alonzo" Cox > Samuel Hampton "Sam" Cox & Nica Jane Cox (> Joseph Cox > Solomon Cox, Jr. > Solomon Cox & Naomi Hussey) > Fleming Trigg Cox > Samuel Cox, Jr. > Samuel Cox, Sr. > Samuel Cox > John Cox, Jr. & Mary Harlan



Russell Dee Cox was born in Santa Rosa, TX, on March 6, 1942 to Robert Schuler Cox and Frances Wells Cox. Russell gained his angel wings on June 20, 2024 in Conroe, TX. He

is survived by his wife, Jeanette Ford Cox, and his sister, Bobbie Lon Cox Smith of Robstown, TX.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Schuler Cox (1983) and Frances Wells Cox (1961), sister Betty Frances Cox Hart (2022), brother Robert Schuler Cox, Jr. (2013), son Russell Dee Cox III (2023), and daughter DeAnna Cox Bueno.

Russell was a 1959 graduate of La Feria High School. He served as a US Air Force sergeant and crew chief with the 7th Bomb Wing USAF (1963-64) in B-52s during Viet Nam and in B-47s with Flight 310/4C. He was nominated for a Silver Star. He was honored with a Sons of the

American Revolution (SAR) Veteran Service Medal and an SAR Bronze Color Guard Medal for long and valuable service as a member of the Freedom Chapter of the SAR, being descended from Solomon Cox, Sr., a Revolutionary War ancestor, and was also descended from an early Thomas Isaac Cox, who provided horses for the American Revolution.

Russell was retired from Dresser Flow of Houston. He attended the Conroe Church of Christ in Conroe, TX.

### Euing Dwayne Cox: July 2, 1932–August 25, 2024

Lineage: Euing Cox > Richard Lonnie Cox > Clark Loren Cox > Jesse James Cox > Stephen A. Cox > Stephen Cox > Solomon Cox & Naomi Hussey



Graveside services for Euing Dwayne Cox, 92, of Lawton, OK were held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 29, 2024 at Highland Cemetery with Rev. Gary Pratt officiating.

ating.

Mr. Cox passed away on Sunday, August 25, 2024 in Lawton.

Euing was born on July 2, 1932 in Montague, TX to Lonnie and Nellie Lee (Hise) Cox. He moved to Lawton with his family when he was two years old. He attended school in Lawton, graduating from Lawton High School in 1951. Euing started at the Fairmont Creamery Company the day after he graduated high school. He attended Cameron University for two years while working. He married Gwen Ann Wynn on July 12, 1954 in Lawton, OK. Mr. Cox

served in the military on the Chemical Corporation and participated in Operation Teapot testing atomic bombs in Mercury, NV. He returned to Lawton and continued his employment at Fairmont for 37 years until the company closed. He then transferred to Farm Fresh Bakery where he worked for 10 years, before retiring in July of 1997.

Mr. Cox had three sons, Ronnie, Larry and Mark. When his boys were young, he served as Cub Scout Leader of Pack 102 and was the Assistant Scout Master for Troop 102. He was a long time racing fan of NASCAR and the dirt track. He enjoyed being at the races and helping his sons, Ronnie and Mark, with their cars at the track. Later, he helped his grandson, Daniel, and was promoted to "The Flashlight Holder and Mud Scraper." Shaking hands and poor vision would not stop him. You could always find him on the golf cart, binoculars in hand, watching the races. Mr. Cox was an active member of the Southwest Genealogy and served on

the board. He also went through the Lawton Citizen Police Academy and was an active member of the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. He was a regular rider with the on-duty officers. He enjoyed being a part of the action at a distance in the police car. He loved spending time with his family, fishing, and watching old western movies.

Survivors include his sons, Ronnie Cox and wife, Lisa, of Lawton, and Mark Cox and wife, Arlene, of Cache; his grandchildren, Daniel Cox and wife Susan, Lindsey Chandler and husband, Aaron, Amber Cox, Jared Cox and wife, Shelby Archilta, Craig Rush, and Chris Rush and wife, Christine; great grandchildren, Abigail and Corbin Chandler, Blakelee and Carson Cox, Madeline and Sophia Rush, Craig Alan Rush, and Isabelle Cox.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Gwen Cox, his son, Larry Cox; and his brother, Fred Cox.

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