



# 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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## The Brandywine Crucible Website has Moved!

Please to bookmark the  
new site:

[BrandywineCrucible.org](http://BrandywineCrucible.org)

## 2024 Brandywine Annual Meeting and Cox Family Reunion

**When:** June 7 through 9, 2024

**Where:** Tyson's Corners Retreat Center

1135 County Road 1045, Lampasas, TX 76550

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**Lodging:** Best Western Plus (1504 South Key Avenue), 512-556-2100,  
[gm@bwlampasas.com](mailto:gm@bwlampasas.com)

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

Additional known Cox family reunions are listed on page 2 and are maintained on the [Brandywine website](http://Brandywine website).

## President's Report

By Joe B. Cox

Brandywine Family,

This is to be my last President's Message to you. After 26 years serving as president and chairman of the board, I am stepping down this coming June. Serving as president of Brandywine Crucible, Inc., has been one of the most satisfying and fulfilling experiences of a long life. From the beginning until 22 May 2023, my late wife, Helen Marie Hooten Cox, was my encourager and faithful partner, providing invaluable advice and assistance. When I retired from my somewhat gainful employment on 31 May 1995, I resolved to start an annual family reun-

ion in Lampasas, Texas, Lampasas County being the ancestral home of my branch of the Cox family. I was unaware of any Cox family reunion in the area. We had our first reunion in an open pavilion in Hancock Park in Lampasas in May 1996 based on a pieced together invitation list compiled on personal knowledge (cousins, aunts, uncles, etc., that I and assisting cousins knew) plus a list of some 80 names provided by Arlee Gowen of Lubbock, Texas, and some 25 names provided by Winnie Hatley of Wingate, Texas. It was revealing to see the small groups gathered around to examine letters, arti-

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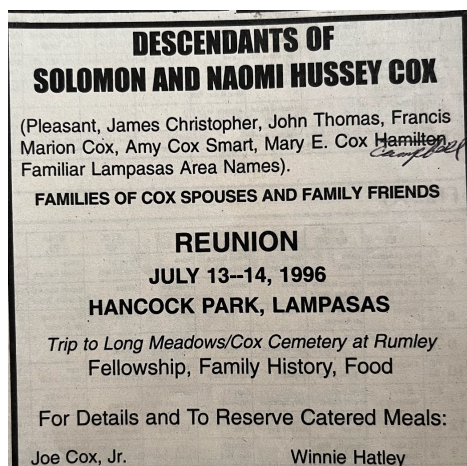
# President's Report (Continued)

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cles, scrapbooks, manuscripts, pictures, etc., brought by various attendees. My dad and his brothers (Joe Berton Sr., and William Ernest and John Thomas Cox) were right; our Cox family had a history, and we had researchers and documenters!

We met again in 1997 as an informal group, and attendance increased; some were from out-of-state at both initial reunions. There was interest! One of the subjects of our business discussion was the need for structure to insure continuity, to insure permanence. The result was a decision to form a non-profit 501(c) (3) corporation. That is how Brandywine Crucible—a name suggested by Arlee Gowen because many of our early ancestors settled in the Brandywine Valley of Pennsylvania and Delaware and found it to be a crucible, a testing ground—came to be. Participants in those early discussions included Arlee Gowen mentioned above, Les Sutton of Houston, Ada Stump of Oklahoma City, Bettye Cox Wallace of Canyon, Texas (all accomplished and diligent researchers of our family history), Linda Atkins of Oklahoma City, Peggy Gordon of Wichita Falls, Texas, and Bill Tarry of Lordsburg and Lovington, New Mexico. There were others. Since that time, we have found—or they have found us—and added many, many cousins, etc., to our databases.

Some of our major assets are our address database, currently managed by Lisa Sullivan of Coppell, Texas; our family history data-



Announcement for the first Lampasas Cox Family Reunion, Lampasas Dispatch Record 24 June 1996.

base, initially developed and contributed to Brandywine by Les Sutton and enlarged by several successors, currently Steve Taylor of Oklahoma City; and our website, managed from inception by Mark Werner of New Braunfels, Texas. In addition, we have an extensive DNA project that was founded by Les Sutton and by Mary Lou Hudson-Gowen of Claypool, Indiana, and currently managed and enhanced by Margie Elkins Romine of Pasco, Washington. We collect family stories and biographies, and we have a publications and archives program that screens, selects, and distributes books by family members or other books about our family and that arranges for family history collections to be deposited and preserved by the Center for American History at the University of Texas at Austin or by the Southwest Collection at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. We have other programs or projects. In short, members of Brandywine have worked—and worked hard.

As I depart from the formal organizational structure, I do want to emphasize our original founders' vision for continuity and permanence! The next generation needs to step up and work for Brandywine. Some will need to be directors and officers; others can help in various ways; there is always a need for "willing hands." We don't need a lot of money, but we do need some; we need dues paying members and from time to time some who will give beyond dues—but we don't twist arms for money, and we don't penalize in any way those who don't give. We have great fellowship and camaraderie; warm friendships have been formed, some between people who did not know one another until they joined Brandywine.

I give my heartfelt thanks to those who helped found Brandywine, to those who have worked for it in any way, to those who have contributed financially, to those who have attended our Lampasas annual meeting and reunion, some from far away. For me personally, I have had a wonderful journey. I am not going away. Although I will not hold a position, I will assist my successor and the organization in general whenever possible, and I have family related research that I want to pursue.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president and board chair.

We have a wonderful family!

Joe Cox

President and Chair

Brandywine Crucible, Inc.

# Upcoming Cox Family Reunions

In addition to the 2024 Brandywine Annual Meeting and Reunion (see page 1), the following is a complete list of all known Cox reunions. Updates can be found anytime at [brandywinecrucible.org/reunions.html](http://brandywinecrucible.org/reunions.html).

## **Cox Reunion, Whitley City, KY July 6, 2024**

At the building at the 4H Camp. Contact Freda Cox Neal, 33 Oran Kid Rd, Whitley City, KY 42653, 423-215-5019, [fredan86@gmail.com](mailto:fredan86@gmail.com), or Cindy Schmidt, 10799 Lewistown Rd, Cordova, MD 21625-2417.

## **Cox Cousin Reunion, Nolanville, TX July 27-29, 2024**

Descendants of William Henry and Pernecia Sanderford Cox. Nolanville FUMC, 300 West Avenue I, Nolanville, TX 76559. Friday visit 3-6 pm; Saturday noon bring a covered dish & Cox history to share; Sunday attend church together at 9:30 am. All family lines welcome. Contact Zala Cox Koym 830-992-1432, [ckoym@aol.com](mailto:ckoym@aol.com), 2202 Amberstone, Fredericksburg, TX 78624.

## **Cox Reunion, Nolanville, TX**

Descendants of Samuel Hampton and Nicia Jane Cox (Joseph & Samuel). Contact Barbara McClung, 210-274-6889, [bmcclung@gvyc.com](mailto:bmcclung@gvyc.com), or Wesley Cox, [texaswesley@yahoo.com](mailto:texaswesley@yahoo.com), 254-285-9557, for status and information.

## **Cox Reunion, Usually Fredericksburg, TX 2025—Date and location to be determined**

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

## **Cox Reunion, Belton, TX Not scheduled for 2024**

Descendants of George W. Cox, Sr. (Samuel Cox & Martha (Cox) Cox) & wife Francis Arkansas Jones. Contact Eileen Cox Goldborer, Secretary, 4604 S Lamar Blvd, Apt A302, Austin, TX 78745, 512-462-2537, [egoldborer@gmail.com](mailto:egoldborer@gmail.com), for status and information.

## **Cox Reunion, Sweetwater (formerly Gustine), TX**

### **Not scheduled for 2024**

Descendants of Christopher Cox & "Nealy" Cox.

Contact Missy Cox Jones, 325-330-2567, Western Hills Health Care Ctr, Rm 11313, 400 Old Sydney Rd, Comanche, TX 76442, for status and information.

## **Cox Arkansas Reunion Not currently scheduled for 2024**

When held, the reunion is typically scheduled for the first Sunday in May at the Ione Community Bldg. on Hwy 23; ten miles from Boonville, AR. Decorate French Prairie Cemetery. Descendants of Nathan & Dorcas King Cox. All family lines welcome. Contact Barbara King Miller, 479-646-9489, [bamil-ler31@cox.net](mailto:bamil-ler31@cox.net); Gayle M. Clayton, 479-414-9675; or Connie M. Tanner, 479-739-6760, for status and information.

## **Rhodes-Cox Reunion, Happy, TX Usually late March/early April**

Held at the Happy Community Center. Descendants of Samuel Cox. All family lines welcome. Contact Shan & Katrina Cox Phillips, 806-336-3772, [ksjb.p4@gmail.com](mailto:ksjb.p4@gmail.com), 3500 W Sundown Lane, Amarillo, TX 79118, for status and information.

## **Cox Reunion, Mertzon, TX**

Descendants of Emerson Cox (descendant of Joseph and Solomon Jr.). All family lines welcome. Contact Joe Harper, 1001 Woodland Park Ave, Midland, TX 79705, [mjoe.harper@hotmail.com](mailto:mjoe.harper@hotmail.com), 432-631-6852, for status and information.

## **Cox Reunion, Chillicothe, MO**

Descendants of Joseph Cox. All family lines welcome. Contact Meredith Hahn, [memer.hahn@gmail.com](mailto:memer.hahn@gmail.com), Mary Ann Nichols, [man@mia.net](mailto:man@mia.net), 913-432-0996; or Norma Thompson, [billwst234@aol.com](mailto:billwst234@aol.com), 913-961-3288, for status and information.

## **Descendants of Daniel and Amy (Cox) Cox Date and location to be determined**

Contact Donnie Wayne Cox, 937 Longhorn Trail, Angleton, TX 77515, [oldtimer06@sbcglobal.net](mailto:oldtimer06@sbcglobal.net), 979-549-3317 for logistics and Ladean Cox Bowman, 12206 Natchez Park Ln, Humble, TX 77346, [turtletadyladean@gmail.com](mailto:turtletadyladean@gmail.com), 713-455-7878, for genealogy questions.

**\*\*Designates reunions to be held every other year.**

# DNA Project Report

By Margie Romine

**Testing Status.** We have one new Y700 test completed for a tester descending from Richard Cox (h/o Elizabeth Scarlett). The tester is a second cousin to the other tester in this line and his test resulted in identification the first haplotype in this line. We are awaiting results from 3 other tests, taken by one descendent each of Samuel Cox (h/o Hannah Wierman), John Cox (h/o Elizabeth Cowan), and William Elihu Cox (h/o Jincy Jane Helm).

A time tree chart that summarizes the results of our current Y700 testing is shown below.

**Big Picture.** I know that this figure is a bit complicated, so I suggest that at first you ignore the details and notice that the blue lines depict the branched limbs of the Brandywine family that has been calculated from Y700 yDNA test results. Recall that Y-DNA is passed unchanged from father to son except

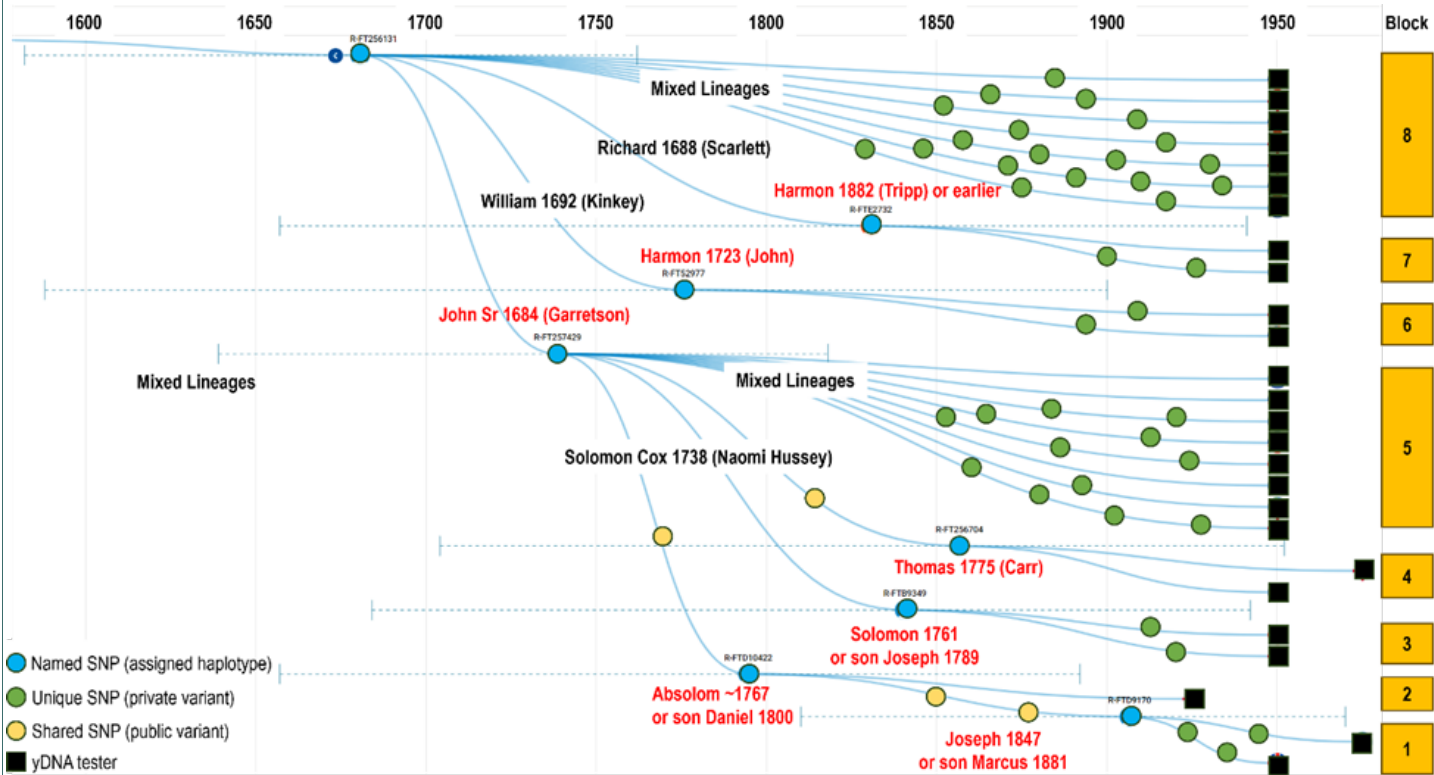
## By the Numbers

DNA Project	Counts
FamilyTreeDNA Cox yDNA Project	94 testers (25 at Y700 level)
Gedmatch Quaker Cox Ancestor Project	286 kits

DNA Project tests completed to date.

for occasional minor mutations (SNPs). Each SNP discovered in our testers is found at a potential fork in the tree (yellow and green circles), some forming new branches (blue circles) because enough yDNA data has been collected. These SNPs are inherited by every future male descendant. In other words, the yDNA of every tester (black squares) contains every SNP that arose in their direct ancestors. Along the top of the chart, you will see a time scale which allows you to determine the estimated birth date of ancestors at new branchpoints (blue circles). We are fortunate that the calculated birth dates in our pro-

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Time tree of Y700 testing to date.



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ject occur in the modern era. Many yDNA projects have all branches in the stone age, meaning that their testers are very distantly related.

The tree branching pattern is derived by determining which tester does or does not have a particular SNP. It is important to recognize that due to limitations in current testing methodology a unique SNP is not revealed for every ancestor in our line. This limitation translates into fewer branches in the tree than there should be. The average time lapsed between formation of new SNPs is estimated to be about every 83 years (about 3 generations), but this value can vary greatly in different family lines. This variability is why the estimated birth dates for ancestors have a wide margin of error (bracketed dashed lines that transect branching points).

**The Technical Details.** The SNPs linked to the blue circles have been added to the Tree of Mankind, which is based on results from both living and deceased men all over the world and used to help us understand human ancient migration patterns and cultural origins. There are currently over 50,000 branches on this tree. Thus far, our project has resulted in the addition of 8 new branches (blue circles).

A requirement for a newly discovered SNP to be added to the Tree of Mankind is that it be found in at least two testers. However, if two testers share more than one unique SNP, only one of the SNPs will be added to the world tree because it is not possible to determine which mutation arose first. The SNP that is added to the world tree is assigned a haplotype name which you might be able to see with a magnifying glass above the blue circles.

I have added yellow circles to represent those extra shared unnamed SNPs (called public variants) and green circles to represent unique SNPs that have been found in only one tester. Their position along the branch is arbitrary since we don't know in what order they arose. These yellow and green circles represent opportunities for identifying additional haplotypes and the ancestor in which they arose.

**What we have learned so far.** We have established that:

- 1) Samuel Cox [h/o Hannah Wierman] and Solomon Cox (h/o Naomi Hussey) descend from a single ancestor that I believe to be John Cox [h/o Martha Garretson]
- 2) Richard Cox [h/o Elizabeth Scarlett], Thomas Cox [h/o Elizabeth Fincher and Margaret Cook], William Cox [h/o Catherine Kinkey, and John Cox [h/o Martha Garretson] descend from a common ancestor born around

1692 (give or take a couple 100 years).

My current hypothesis is that John, Richard, William, and Thomas are siblings whose father is William Cox 1657-1755 who came to America from Gloucester, England.

Sometimes yDNA testing reveals that a Cox line was adopted into the Brandywine family. For example, we discovered that the first son, Jarvis Porter, of Enoch Locke Cox (h/o Nancy Davis) descends from a Parker while William Chester, the last son of Enoch, is a descendant of the Brandywine Cox lines. I believe that Nancy Davis had Jarvis before marrying Enoch, and that Enoch raised him as his son, giving him his surname. Nonetheless, since Jarvis married Sarah Cox, daughter of Samuel Cox (h/o Jane McClure), all the descendants of this line are still descendants of the Brandywine Cox family.

The table below (see page 6) summarizes what we know regarding which ancestor our tester SNPs arose in. We have identified which ancestors the first three listed named SNPs arose. We have also identified several ancestors which no SNP arose in. Since they lack an identifiable SNP, we cannot use yDNA testing to link the branches that descend them. The origin of haplotypes denoted with a \* can be narrowed down to select ancestors and therefore a plan can be

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SNPs found	Ancestral Origin of SNP
R-FT257429	Parent of Samuel and Solomon above... John Cox (h/o Mary Garretson)?
R-FT52977	Harmon Cox (h/o Jane Meridith John)
R-FT256704	Thomas Isaac Cox (h/o Rachel Carr)
R-FT2732*	Homer Wesley Cox (h/o Anna Cora Tripp) or earlier
R-FTB9349*	Solomon Cox (h/o Martha Dixon) or Joseph Cox (h/o Amy Baker)
R-FTD10422*	Absalom Cox Sr (s/o Cox/Hussey) or Daniel Cox (h/o Amy Elizabeth Cox)
R-FTD9170*	Joseph Cox (h/o Mary Barnes) or Marcus Carl Cox (h/o Gertrude Guinn)
none	William Cox (h/o Catherine Kinkey)
none	Solomon Cox (h/o Naomi Hussey)
none	Samuel Cox (h/o Hannah Wierman)
none	Thomas Cox (h/o Elizabeth Fincher and Elizabeth Cooke)
none	Isaac Cox (h/o Olive Underwood)
none	Thomas Cox (h/o Bethany Aldridge)

Origins of single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) identified in yDNA testing.

\* indicates that the haplotype can be narrowed down to select ancestors.

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made to identify or reduce the number of candidate ancestors in which they arose, assuming willing males are available for testing.

**Key testers needed.** You will notice that Blocks 5 and 8 in the time tree have the largest number of testers in them. Most of these testers have one or more unique SNPs and would benefit from additional testers in their line. Below is a table listing the ancestral lines of testers from block 5 and 8 with unnamed SNPs for which we need another Y700 tester. We do have some funds to pay for some of these tests so please contact me if you are in need help paying for a test.

In closing I want to point out how important it is to get key male Cox descendants tested while they are still living. We still have some outstanding

questions, such as whether Benjamin Cox (h/o Casiah Barbee) descends from Solomon Cox (h/o Martha Dixon) versus Thomas Isaac Cox (h/o Rachell Carr). While I am convinced that the former is the case, it would be nice to get affirmation of one theory by yDNA testing. We have a haplotype that arose in

Thomas Isaac Cox that could be used to easily answer this question if we had a descendant of Benjamin to test. We only know of two sons born to Benjamin; Benjamin Jr of which nothing further is known and William Thomas Cox (h/o Elizabeth McCallister and Sarah Pate), my second great grandfather. William Thomas Cox had four sons who have male descendants. But as I follow those male lines down, I find that many have “daughtered out” meaning that no living sons remain. This event is a risk that all of our Cox lines are subject to, especially as our family sizes decrease. Therefore, it is especially important that more male Coxes (especially the older generations) get tested to benefit all the generations yet to come.

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Block	Line (male Cox/wife's maiden name)
5	John Cox/Garretson > Solomon/Hussey > Christopher/Johnson
5	John Cox/Garretson > Solomon/Hussey > Stephen/Robertson > Stephen/Mahan
5	John Cox/Garretson > Samuel/Wierman > Samuel/Cox*
5	John Cox/Garretson > Samuel/Wierman > John William/Littler
5	John Cox/Garretson > ? > ? > Jesse Cox/Clark**
8	John Cox/Garretson > Benjamin/Garretson***
8	Isaac Cox/Underwood > Isaac/Marley
8	Isaac Cox/Underwood > Thomas/Aldridge > Isaac/Williams
8	Isaac Cox/Underwood > Thomas/Aldridge > Reuben/Padgett
8	Brick Wall > Cile Richard Cox/Kimbrough
8	William Cox/Kinkey > Thomas/Davis
8	Brick Wall > Garrett Millard Price Cox/Bantham

\*One of the tests being processed was taken by a descendent in this line so I expect it to produce a new haplotype.

\*\*Autosomal testing suggests that this line is from a son of John/Garretson other than Samuel or Solomon.

\*\*\*The placement of this test in block 8 rather than block 5 is unexpected. Either there is an error in our predicted family tree generated from research or in the testers predicted line.

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In a similar vein it is especially important that our older Brandywine Cox family descendants (men and women), get their autosomal DNA tested and to join our Gedmatch Quaker Cox Ancestor project. We use this data to help us evaluate predicted family lines and improve our interpretation of yDNA results. Autosomal testing only produces quality matches back to about the 5<sup>th</sup> great grandparent. Cox descendants that are the 5<sup>th</sup> great grandchildren of our early Coxes (John Cox/Mary Garretson, Richard Cox/Elizabeth Scarlett, Ann Cox/John Garretson, William Cox/Catherine Kinkey, and Thomas Cox/Elizabeth Fincher & Mary Cook)

are getting on in age so the window to find testers from these generations is quickly disappearing. Please urge your generationally oldest family member to take an autosomal test at one of the reputable testing companies (e.g. Ancestry, FamilyTreeDNA, 23andMe, MyHeritage, etc.). These tests are far less costly than yDNA testing and are frequently on sale.

Please feel free to contact me or Tony Cox, my co-lead on the DNA project, if you have questions regarding testing. Our contact information is on the Brandywine Crucible site.

## Brandywine Membership

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

Dues may be \$15, \$25, \$50, \$100 or any amount that you feel called to contribute. There is no distinction whatever in the different dues, and if you choose not to pay dues, you will still receive our newsletter and reunion notices, have access to the website and our family history 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 by credit card or PayPal account or by mail to our treasurer.

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

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

## Archive Addition: Jehu Cox Journals

In sorting through some genealogy paperwork kept by his father, Bobby Cox of Sacramento, California, recently found a transcription of a journal by Jehu Cox. A PDF of the journal pages is now available online on the [Brandywine Crucible archives](#).

The journal, thought to be written around 1877, includes a brief autobiography and provides names of Jehu's known family members. There is a mention of Henderson Cox, who was discussed in the [Fall/Winter 2023 newsletter issue](#) in the story Bobby contributed about Tragedy Springs.

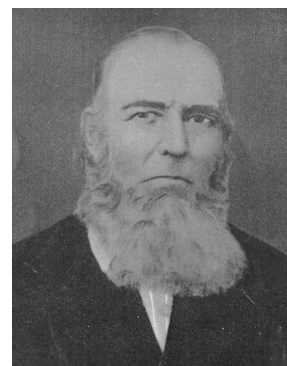


Photo of Jehu Cox

### 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)



## A Sibling DNA Discovery

A few short years ago, Ladean Cox Bowman made the discovery of a lifetime in all of her years of genealogy. She is always searching, always asking question, always taking photos and on and on. Never in her wildest dream did she expect to find a brother. Ladean had parents who were married for 41 years, and she knew that they loved each other dearly. She encouraged many, many cousins to do their DNA, and Ladean paid for many of their DNA tests.

One day, Ladean received the usual message that there was a DNA match. It was the closest match she had ever had previously. To say she was in shock was an understatement. A few days went by and she called her sister, Donna, and told her she needed to do her DNA. Ladean arranged for a DNA kit to be sent to her. Once again it was a very close match.

Who was this man with the long name: William Teafatiller? Through Facebook, Ladean was able to find photos of him. Shockingly, he looked a lot like Melvin Cox, the sisters' dad. Finally, Bill and Ladean made contact with each other with a couple of telephone calls. They talked 2 or 3 times before actually saying the words that they were brother and sister. Bill and his wife, Lois, live in Washington State. So, meeting each other was going to take some planning. Since our parents, his and ours, were all from east Texas, that would be the meeting place. April of 2019, everyone met at the New London Museum in



An unexpected reunion... or a first meeting? From left to right, siblings Donna Beveridge, Bill Teafatiller, and Ladean Bowman meet at the New London Museum in New London, TX. Bill holds a portrait of their father, Melvin Cox.

New London, Texas, for the very first time.

Through all of our discussion, Bill stated that his parents were separated for a while and his mom went back to Overton, Texas. That is when his mom and our dad were together. His mom and the dad who raised him decided to mend their marriage and his mom went back to north Texas. She carried the gift of a lifetime in her womb. Unfortunately, our dad, Melvin Cox, never knew about that son. He

went on to marry Zelma Sheffield and have two daughters and a son together. DNA was just a bit late for Melvin to find out he had a son many years earlier.

Many phone calls, gifts, cards and, yes, traveling to Washington State have taken place now. Hopefully, there will be many more to come.

Ladean and Donna are very blessed to have found our brother with the long name, Teafatiller.



### ***A New Entry to the Cox Military Project***



William John "Bill" Teafatiller

US Army, April 1958 (Iowa) — March 1962

Fort Carson, CO—Infantry training, expert marksman with rifle

Fort Gordon, GA—Generator repairman training

Bill served in Korea for 13 months as an electrician, wiring an enlisted military club and a dental clinic. From there, he went to pole lineman school and truck driving school, and then he became a Message Center driver for the 8th Cavalry.

LINEAGE: Son of Melvin Francis Cox > Marcus Carl Cox > Joseph Cox > Daniel and Amy Cox (Cox)

## **Birth Announcements**

### **Logan Robert Romine: December 11, 2023**



Logan Robert Romine

Logan Robert Romine was born on December 11, 2023 to Kyle and Alexis Romine of Washington State.

His grandparents are Bob and Margie Romine.

LINEAGE: Logan Robert Romine > Margie Elkins Romine > George Duey Elkins > Nancy Bethina Cox > George Riley Cox > William Thomas Cox > Benjamin Cox > Solomon Cox > Solomon Cox

### **Sawyer Marie Le: March 19, 2024**



Sawyer Marie Le

Sawyer Marie Le was born on March 19, 2024 to Spencer and Katelyn (Werner) Le of San Antonio, TX.

Her grandparents are Mark and Debbie Werner, and her great grandparents are Joe and Helen Marie Hooten Cox. Her middle name was chosen to honor great grandmother Helen.

LINEAGE: Sawyer Marie Le > Katelyn Werner Le > Deborah Cox Werner > Joe Burton Cox, Jr. > Joe Berton Cox, Sr. > Francis Marion Cox > Pleasant C. Cox > Solomon Cox > Thomas Isaac Cox > Solomon Cox

## Celebrations

### Houy Kids Steal the Stock Show

Easton, Jackson, and Aubree Houy gave a fine showing at this year's Guadalupe County Youth Livestock and Homemakers Show. The show took place on January 21, 2024 in Seguin, TX.

The animals were later auctioned off and the money raised went to the kids' college funds.

The siblings are children of Tina Cox Houy and great nephews and niece of Carolyn Cox Williams and Janice Cox Jenkins.

LINEAGE: Tina Cox Houy > William "Bill" Cox, Jr. > William "Billy" Cox > Jack T. Cox > William "Howard" Cox > Absalom "Frank" Cox > James Christopher Cox > Solomon Cox > Thomas Isaac Cox > Solomon Cox (wife Naomi Hussey)



Easton Houy shows his pig at the Guadalupe Stock Show.



Jackson Houy placed 5th in Gilt show.



Aubree Houy placed 4th in Gilt show. This was Aubree's first time to show a pig at a stock show.

### Cox Boys on the Green

Brannan and Harrison Cox of Austin, TX have been making names for themselves on the golf course.

LINEAGE: Brannan and Harrison Cox > Fritz Cox > Lem Lawson Cox > John T. Cox > Francis Marion Cox > Pleasant C. Cox > Solomon Cox > Thomas Isaac Cox > Solomon Cox



Harrison Cox (center), a senior at Hyde Park High School, signed with Hardin-Simmons Golf in February.



Brannan Cox, a junior at Dallas Baptist University, shot 67-75-67/209 Individual T-6 Team 844 2nd place finish at the 2024 Las Vegas Desert Classic in March.



## In Remembrance

### Leighton Earl Hicks: November 20, 1931—June 5, 2023

LINEAGE: Leighton Hicks > Edwin Earle Hicks > Martha M Cox > Samuel H Cox > Fleming T Cox > Samuel Cox > Martha Cox > Solomon & Naomi Cox



Leighton Earl Hicks

Leighton was born November 20, 1931, in Nolanville, TX to Edwin Earl and Beatrice Hicks. He graduated in the class of '51 from Crozier Tech. He

worked at Texas Instruments as an engineer for 40 years. He was a loving, faithful servant of God and devoted husband, father,

grandfather, and great grandfather. He was happiest when surrounded by his family. He was an avid sports fan with an affinity for the Dallas Cowboys, Texas Rangers, and Dallas Mavericks.

He is survived by his cherished children, Renee and husband Russell, Michael and wife Carolyn, Margaret and Dalanna, Jeffrey and wife Kirsten, Mary Jayne and husband Tom, Jeanne Anne and husband Stephen, Eric and wife Stacy. He was the

adored grandfather to Heather, Brittany, Patrick, Haleigh, Chance, Taylor, Courtney, Presley, Ally, and Jonah. He was the beloved great grandfather to Grayson and Rylee. He was the treasured older brother to sisters Evelyn, Barbara, and Judy. He was preceded in death by his dear wife, Janis, and his parents.

Leighton lived his life in a way that wholly reflected God's boundless love and grace. He will be deeply missed by his community, friends and family but his spirit lives on in all of those whose lives were enriched by his presence.

### Ollie "Ruth" Nibling: 1917—December 17, 2023

LINEAGE: Ollie "Ruth" Frazier > Ollie Edith Fry > Melissa Evelyn King > John H. King > Delilah Evaline Cox > Christopher Cox > Solomon & Naomi Hussey



Ollie "Ruth" Nibling

Ollie "Ruth" (Frazier) Nibling, 106, passed away Dec. 17, 2023, after a long and adventurous life. Born on a farm in Burnet and growing up with her favorite

ite mule and one-legged chicken as a pet, Ruth graduated from Burnet High School in 1936. By World War II, she worked in the Office of Censorship in San Antonio. One of her proudest achievements was (as a single mother of two boys) receiving her bachelor's degree from Southwest Texas State Teachers College (now Texas State University at San Marcos). She worked as a teacher until her marriage to Dr. Boyd Nibling in 1954. Along with her hus-

band, they raised the boys and three girls to adulthood: a data analyst, minister, lawyer, police officer, and nurse. She was proud to serve at the Texas State Republican Convention and as a crew leader for the Census in 1970. Developing an early love of genealogy, Ruth's grandparents were some of the founding members of Burnet County. She was able to see this history first hand at Fort Croghan Museum where a spinning wheel owned by her ancestor, Minerva Cottle Woods, is located. Woods and her husband, Zadock, were members of the original Stephen F. Austin Colony, and the spinning wheel was rescued by Woods during the Texas Revolution. Ruth was able to research further back to find relations to a spy in the Revolutionary War, the first governor of Plymouth Rock, and all the way

back to the 1500s in Germany. However, her greatest joy was taking care of her family and sharing with them the Bible and taking them to her local Church of Christ. In later years, she would sit with her children and grandchildren (and great!) and listen to Christian music (and on occasion, Mozart and Elvis). She missed her friends at New Road Church of Christ when she moved into a nursing home. She was preceded in death by husbands, Boyd Nibling and Fred Stengel, son, Henry "Zan" Nolan, and daughter, Lisa Trewitt. She is survived by son, James Nolan, daughters, Edith Kohutek and Iris Nibling, 13 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren. Services were held on Dec. 23 at Jenkins Funeral Home in Burnet. Published by Burnet Bulletin from Dec. 18, 2023 to Jan. 1, 2024.



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