



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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New England Roots

The Hussey family's journey to settling New Hampshire, page 6.
Photo of Nantucket courtesy of Unsplash stock photos.

2026 Brandywine Annual Meeting and Cox Family Reunion

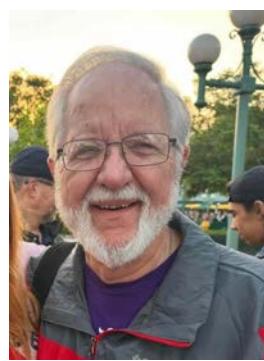
June 5 through 7, 2026

For details and the up-coming reunion schedule, see page 2.



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Steve Taylor,
President and Chair

President's Letter

By Steve Taylor

No doubt you've had that experience when you mention that genealogy is one of your interests: "Oh really?! You *like* graveyards and studying dead people?!!" To which comment I try to keep my cool and respond, "Yes, I actually do like visiting cemeteries and finding out about distant relatives!"

But another facet of genealogy that I enjoy is learning about my wife's and my immediate family members—or at least those family

members who lived during our lifetimes. Folks such as our parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins once removed and the like. I'm talking about the kinds of insights into their lives that probably don't show up on the family tree summary sheet, more than the basic stats like date of birth, hometown, date of death.

When Brenda and I started our family research, we sat down and interviewed (with our little tape recorder) my paternal grandparents and Brenda's great aunt, and we were amazed at the tales previously un-

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President's Letter (Continued)

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known to us that we heard! My mom and her seven siblings exchanged a series of “family letters” during their later years that collected many stories that they recalled from childhood and later on. For example:

- Grandpa and Grandma Taylor—before marrying and while “going out” on a summer afternoon horse-and-buggy ride—were ambushed and shot at by one of Grandma’s disgruntled suitors!
- Brenda’s paternal grandparents were married on 4th of July (1917), standing in a plowed field, because the groom still had plowing to finish and the minister was available at that hour.
- Brenda’s great-aunt Nada had been bequeathed by her mother the “knowledge” of how to stop bleeding or hemorrhaging. It involved a prayer and

an incantation, and Aunt Nada told us stories of seeing it work on humans and animals. Furthermore, she said with a smile, she could tell me the prayer and words to say, but she couldn’t tell Brenda (a female can only tell a male, and vice versa).

- My great uncle took his wife to dinner on the eve of Valentine’s Day, and proceeded to inform her that he was leaving her for another woman. But Mister Karma intervened: he developed food poisoning from the meal and died the next day!
- My Grandpa Cox died when my mom was just nine years old. His impoverished family managed to prevail on a neighborhood undertaker to arrange his burial. My grandmother promised the man that she would pay the \$200 when she was able. It was in the year following my birth twenty years after Grandpa’s death—that she

managed to obtain a part-time job outside the home, and her first order of business was to repay that sacred debt.

I’m sure you have stories equally or even more entertaining; I’ve heard some of them sitting around “the campfire” at the Lampasas reunions. And it’s the stories—isn’t it!—that makes the family members stand out and come alive in our memories. It’s the stories that our children and grandchildren (and someday their children) want to hear. Here’s an idea: when you pack your bag for Lampasas next June, include a story—something unique—from your family history, and let’s set aside a time for some old-fashioned story-telling. We’ll remind everyone that genealogy and our family histories are more than graveyards and obituaries: they’re living and breathing people!

Steve Taylor

President

Brandywine Crucible, Inc.



Upcoming Reunion Schedule

The following Cox reunions are currently scheduled for 2026. A complete list of known Cox reunions can be found anytime [on our website](#).

2026 Brandywine Annual Meeting and Cox Family Reunion

June 5-7, Lampasas, TX

Tyson’s Corner Retreat Center

1135 County Road 1045
Lampasas, Texas 76550

Hotel reservations are pending and will be announced in the upcoming spring/summer newsletter issue.

We hope to see you there!

2026 Cox Family Reunion, William Henry & Pernecia Sanderford Cox Family and Friends

July 24-26, Nolanville, TX

All family lines welcome.

First United Methodist Church
300 West Avenue I
Nolanville, TX 76559

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2025 Reunion Highlights

Brandywine Crucible & Cox Family Annual Meeting and Reunion in Lampasas, TX



The Lampasas Cox Reunion and Brandywine Crucible Annual Meeting met June 6-8, 2025 at Tyson's Corner Retreat Center in Lampasas, TX.

Summertime in central Texas!! The Tyson's Corner Retreat Center in Lampasas was again the site of our annual meeting and reunion this last June. The time formally kicked off with a meeting of the Brandywine Crucible Board, which moved fairly seamlessly into the evening's food, fellowship (including some new faces!), and family talk. Several attendees brought albums of family pictures and other treasures which stimulated much conversation through the evening.

Saturday morning, after introductions and announcements, President Steve Taylor reported on his experience earlier in the week at the Briscoe Center for American History (at UT Austin) where a large number of Brandywine materials and papers—many written and originally compiled by Brandywine co-founder Les Sutton—are archived. Steve shared about how these documents can be accessed by any of our members who are interested. The morning program continued with Brandywine Crucible

board member Joyce Robertson sharing with us the fruits of her research into her Cox line—from Thomas Isaac Cox to Nora Aline Cox (her mother). It was an extremely well-documented and “storied” depiction of Joyce’s family.

After lunch, board member and DNA specialist Margie Romine updated us on the status of our DNA project, and more specifically on the latest insights DNA findings offer us into our dear friends Solomon and Naomi. Some in the group were able to tour our Long Meadows Cemetery, a valued treasure to both the family and the association.

The Tyson Corner veranda was the setting for our annual group picture, followed directly by our annual Brandywine Crucible business meeting. Various activities not included in the morning’s project reports were discussed, and board members and officers were elected. Saturday evening consisted of a catered dinner and much continued fellowship, which is always the highlight of the gathering.

Sunday morning devotional time began with singing, a Scripture-based sharing by Gary Sutton, and communion. Our president Steve Taylor made a presentation about the Mountain Meadows Massacre, a terrible tragedy in southern Utah in 1857, resulting in the death of over 120 Arkansas emigrants on their way west. (Steve’s late wife Brenda Taylor is a direct descendant of the leader of the train.) The second presentation of the morning was brought to us by Peggy Wolfe and Ryan Murray, who together opened our eyes to a fresh view of key roles the Cox family played in the early years of central Texas settlement. Peggy focused our attention on her latest book, *Spanish Colonial Times in the Lampasas Area*, and Ryan addressed wild horse roundups on Cox property and by Cox wranglers, and their tie to the American Revolutionary War era.

After a catered lunch, we adjourned until June 5-7, 2026. We look forward to seeing you there!

2025 Reunion Highlights (Continued)

Cox Reunion in San Antonio, Texas

The biennial reunion of the William Madison Tucker and Fannie (Lindsey) Cox line took place in San Antonio, Texas this past June. The descendants of their children Maggie and Albert were well represented and had a wonderful time; sharing stories, playing games, and trying to make friends with the new mascot Gwenllian (the puppy). As the reunion takes place every two years a date has not been set for 2027 but we certainly hope to see everyone there.



Jacqueline & Horatio Gonzalez, John Cox, Michael & Janey Cox, Lisa Sullivan & Gwen, Rory Sullivan



Stephanie, Daniella Gonzalez & Horatio Gonzalez



Janey Cox, John Cox, Suzzane Headley (almost hiding), Tristan Davis, Kim Davis, Gabriella Gonzales



Janell Selvera, Kalie Baker & Michael Cox

Reunion Highlights (Continued)

Cox Reunion in Nolanville, Texas

The William Henry and Pernecia Sanderford Cox Family Reunion met July 25-27, 2025. Friday night we ate out at the Olive Garden in Killeen and Saturday met at the Nolanville United Methodist Church with over 40 in attendance. We watched videos of previous reunions, honored five cousins who passed away the past year and each family gave an update and then we took group pictures.

All the cousins brought sides to go with delicious fried catfish, hushpuppies and fries cooked by Cousin Jay Glazener and wife Dorothy of Nolanville with enough leftovers for supper. Saturday afternoon a group went to visit the Pleasant Hill Cemetery where many of our Cox ancestors and family members are buried. Sunday morning we attended church together and cousin Zala Cox Koym delivered the message, "A Legacy of Faith and Love". Then we departed after lunch at Cheddars in Killeen.

Our next reunion will be July 24-26, 2026 again at the Nolanville UMC.



Above: Ten of 42 first cousins in attendance Saturday. Marjorie Cox Cardwell, Betha Cox, Zala Cox Koym, Dottie Cox Dunnam, Roxanne Cox Collins, Brenda Cox Keye, Michelle Cox Goheen, Adrian Cox and Paul Cox

Below: 2nd Cousins in attendance. Back: Kay Kay Cardwell Schultea, Amy Cardwell O'Neil, Bruce Cardwell, Caryn Cox. Front: Alayna Goheen, Elizabeth Cox Hludzik, Sheri Pearce Chambers, Necia Pearce Dexter, Carol Koym Poarch Ebensberger, Cathy Koym McLeod, and Suzie Koym Hailes



The New England Ancestry of Naomi Hussey

Hussey, Cox, Garretson Connections

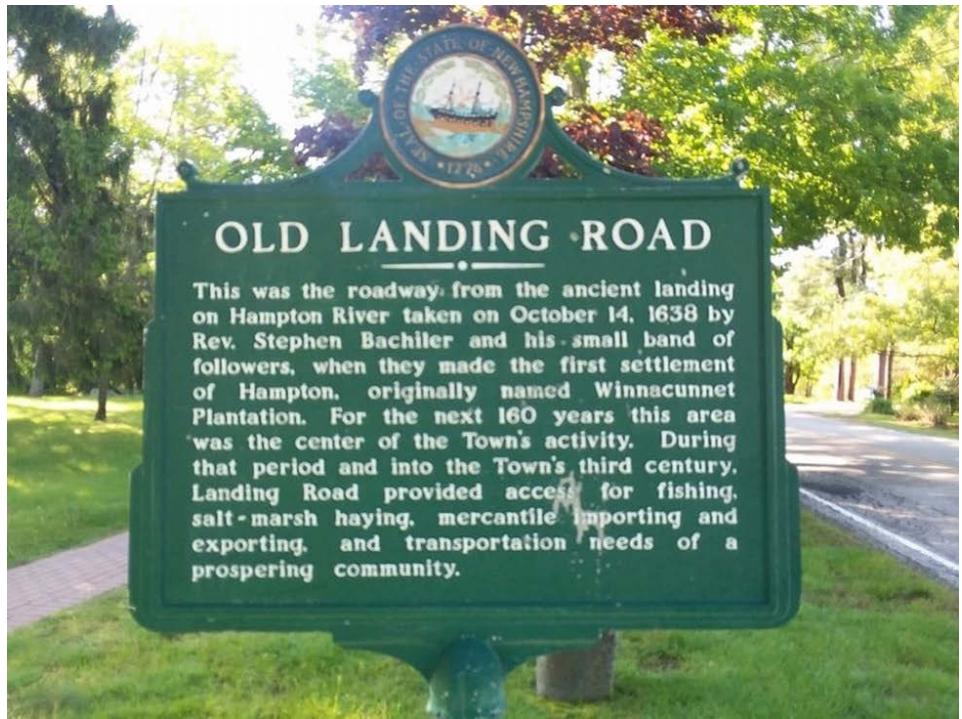
By Don Butler

In 1632, Naomi Hussey's first Hussey ancestors to arrive in the New World landed at Boston on the William and Francis. Among those on board were Christopher Hussey and his expectant wife, Theodate; Christopher's widowed mother, Mary Wood Hussey; and Theodate's 70-year-old father, Rev. Stephen Bachiler, who was accompanied by his third wife.

Stephen Bachiler was a colorful, often contentious, Oxford educated clergyman who was a leader in some of the most controversial religious movements of the time. In England, he was an outspoken "Separatist" advocating the separation of church and state. He and other Separatists were forced to take refuge in Holland for a time to avoid religious persecution in England. The Hussey family was probably within such group because, according to family lore, Christopher Hussey and Theodate Bachiler met and were possibly married in Holland.

Stephen Bachiler came to New England as the minister of a group seeking to establish a settlement where they would be free to practice their religious beliefs. The settlement was a failure, but Stephen continued as a leader in early New England despite often being at odds with those in authority. Among their many joint endeavors, he and Christopher Hussey are credited as being the leading founders of Hampton, New Hampshire.

Stephen Bachiler's personal life was just as turbulent, as evidenced by an episode said to have inspired Hawthorne's *The Scarlet Letter*. In 1651, when he was ninety, Stephen's much younger fourth wife



Hampton, New Hampshire Historical Marker memorializing 1638 settlement by Rev. Stephen Bachiler and his followers.

was convicted of adultery with a neighbor and was branded with an "A." Soon thereafter, Stephen returned to England where he died in 1656 at the age of ninety-five.

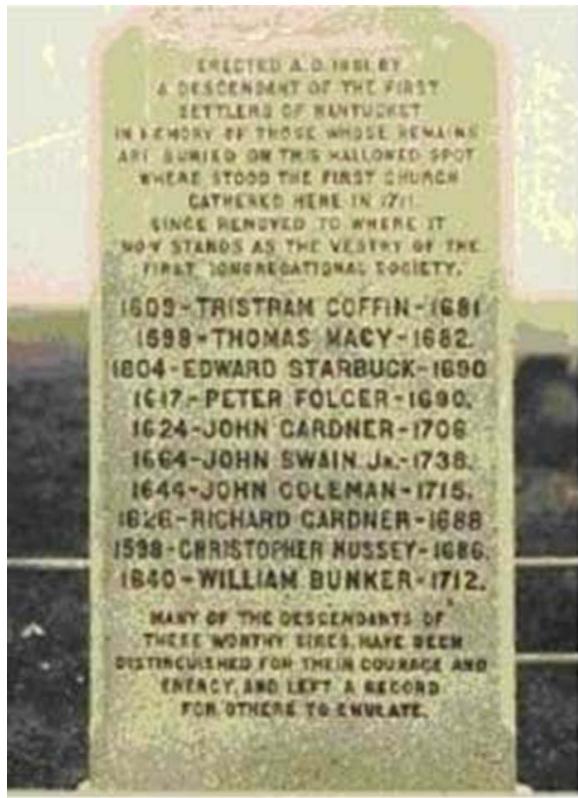
Christopher Hussey was a prominent figure in New England history. He held several public offices, including service on New Hampshire's governing council. He also accumulated substantial property including an interest in Nantucket Island.

In 1659—in an effort to gain the independence of the island from the Puritan-controlled Massachusetts Bay Colony—Christopher was one of the purchasers who acquired Nantucket from Thomas Mayhew for "30 pounds sterling and two beaver hats, one for Mayhew and one for his wife." In 1671, Christopher conveyed all his interest in the is-

land to his sons, Stephen and John, who was Naomi Hussey's great grandfather. In 1694, John conveyed his interest in the island to Stephen.

A popular Nantucket legend credits Christopher Hussey with starting the island's worldwide whaling industry in 1712 by being the first to kill a sperm whale, the source of a valuable oil. But he died twenty-six years earlier and never lived on the island. However, his son Stephen, who was a ship owner and one of the island's first Quakers, had moved to Nantucket in 1673. Although Quakers were persecuted and severely punished in Puritan controlled Massachusetts—often being whipped, mutilated, imprisoned, or even hanged, just for being Quakers—their membership on Nantucket swelled in the early

Naomi Hussey (Continued)



Nantucket Founders Monument, erected in 1881.

1700s. Thereafter, they dominated the island and its lucrative whaling industry for many years.

In 1692, Naomi Hussey's great grandparents John and Rebecca Perkins Hussey, who had also become Quakers, moved to Delaware. There, as members of the tight-knit Quaker community, they became closely associated with our Cox ancestors, who were English Quakers, and our Garretson ancestors, who were descendants of Dutch sailor Jon Van Der Hoff Garretson, who was shipwrecked off Long Island in 1657.

Since Quakers were forbidden to marry outside the Quaker faith, or "out of unity" as they called it, multiple marriages between a few families were commonplace. Whatever the reasons for such marriages—often to distant kin, sometimes to not so distant kin—the Hussey, Garretson, and Cox families must have liked each other a lot because they wove an intricate web of relationships as the three families migrated and married through the next half-century.

Given the extent of marriage between members of the three families, it was doubtless no surprise when, in 1760, Naomi Hussey, who was the daughter of Christopher Hussey (great grandson of the first Christopher Hussey) and Ann Garretson Hussey (granddaughter of Jon Van Der Hoff Garretson), married Solomon Cox Sr., her first cousin once removed. Naomi was a great granddaughter of Rachel and John Cox Sr., and Solomon Cox Sr. was their grandson.

As a bit of genealogical trivia, Naomi Hussey and American actress Meghan Markle, who became a member of the English royal family and the Duchess of Sussex after her marriage to Prince Harry, are third cousins eight times removed. Naomi is a direct descendant of Christopher and Theodate Bachiler Hussey's son John. Meghan is a direct descendant of their daughter Hulda.



Monument erected in 2009 memorializing the wives of the Nantucket founders

DNA Project Report

By Margie Romine

We have had no new yDNA testers since our last newsletter, so I will recount some work I presented this summer at the Brandywine reunion, expanding mainly on speculations regarding the relationship among the first Cox families to live in the Ross County, Ohio area. This story shows how we can use information from document research, yDNA testing, and autosomal testing to learn about our Cox family.

My interest in Ross County began as I was trying to differentiate records for two closely related Solomon Cox's. One was married to Naomi Hussey and was the son of John Cox and the other was the son of John's brother William. The latter Solomon married Ruth Cox, sister to the first Solomon. These two Solomon's lived near each other most of their adult lives, making it difficult to connect historical documents to the correct person and resulting in many incorrect family trees at Ancestry and other sites. To confuse things further, they each had one son named Solomon and another named Thomas. I was also interested in Abraham Cox, who lived near these men and is the ancestor of two of our yDNA testers.

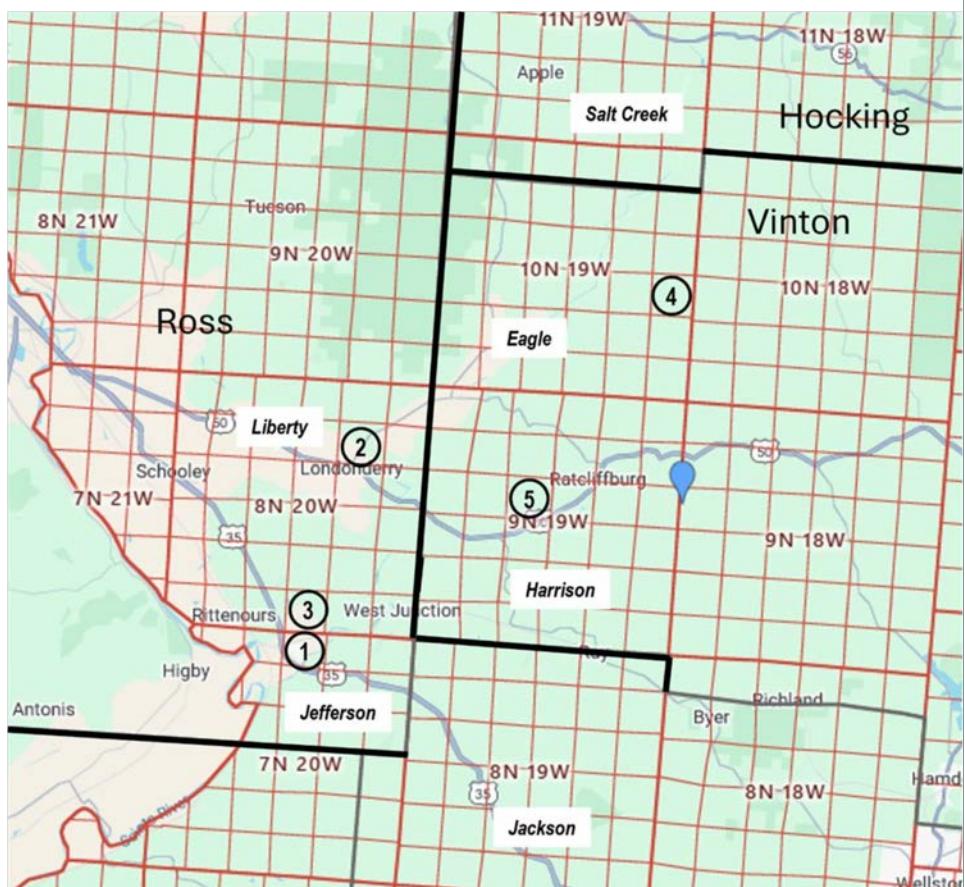
Early Land Acquisition in Ross County. Our Cox family moved to the Eastern part of Ross County in the early 1800s. By 1850, this part of the county underwent several boundary changes as new counties were formed, resulting in some of their land later becoming part of what is now Jackson (1816), Hocking (1818), or Vinton (1850) County. The first land purchases were made through the bureau of land

management (BLM). Land offerings were based on a rectangular land survey system in which each state was divided into townships containing six square miles. These townships were numbered in tiers to the north and south of base lines and ranges east and west of principal meridians. The townships were then further subdivided into 36 sections, each containing 640 square acres (1 square mile). The lots sold within these sections were denoted by their size (eg, $\frac{1}{4}$) and directional position (NW, NE, SW, and SE) therein. By searching the BLM data-

base, I mapped the properties owned by the first Cox family members.

Four land purchases were made in Ross County by a Solomon Cox prior to 1820.

1. August 24, 1803, section 3, township 7N-20W (Jefferson)
2. December 3, 1803, section 11, township 8N-20W (Liberty); for Enoch Cox
3. January 25, 1811, section 34, township 8N-20W (Liberty)



Land purchases in Ross County by a Solomon Cox prior to 1820 (circles 1-4) and a lease to Abraham Cox in 1822 (circle 5). Small squares delineate 1-square-mile sections. Note that purchases 1 and 3 are immediately adjacent to each other. Also recognize that Eagle Township was part of Hocking County between 1818 and 1850, when Vinton was created.

DNA Project Report (Continued)

4. May 12, 1817, the NE quarter of section 24, township 10N-19W (Eagle)

On January 14, 1822, Abraham Cox leased 108 acres in the southeastern portion of section 16 in township 9N-19W (Harrison), now part of Vinton County. Section 16 in each township was reserved for collecting funds for maintenance of schools and thus not found in the BLM database.

Solomon Cox Wills. We are fortunate that the elder Solomons living in this area each left a will naming their heirs. Solomon Cox of Ross County, Ohio wrote his will on September 13, 1810, naming sons Enoch, Samuel (deceased), Solomon, William (deceased), Jesse, and Joseph and daughters Catherine, Mary, and Ruth. These names are consistent with the family attributed to Solomon Cox, son of William Cox and Catherine Kinkey, and his wife Ruth Cox. Also mentioned in the will was that he left land that he owned in Grayson County, Virginia on the waters of Chestnut Creek to his son Enoch (he never came to Ohio). Witnesses to this will were Joseph Stretch, Benjamin Williams, and Thomas Cox. Joseph Stretch was the husband of Rachel Cox, daughter of Abraham Cox. It is possible that Thomas Cox is the son of Solomon and Naomi Cox as the diary of his son Jehu suggests that he lived there from 1809-1818.

Solomon Cox of Hocking County, Ohio, wrote his last will on September 9, 1819, bequeathing small monetary amounts to each of his children, including Martha, Mary, Ann, Absolom, Christopher, Thomas, Stephen, Amy, and Ruth

(eldest daughter). The residue of his estate was to be divided equally between his wife Amey [Naomi] Cox and his son Solomon Cox. He named his son Solomon Cox and William Dixon as executors of the will. Witnesses to the will were Nicholas Cox, Alexander Graves, and John Ratcliff. Nicholas was his cousin, son of his uncle Samuel Cox and wife Hannah.

Based on the location in which the wills were made, I presumed that the first three land grants purchased were made by Solomon Cox, husband of Ruth, and the last grant was made by Solomon Cox, husband of Naomi. However, I found a deed made on March 31, 1823 that describes the sale of this land tract in the NE quarter of section 24 by Solomon Cox and wife Mary to Merida Hesterson. The deed further states that the said Solomon purchased the original grant for this land on May 20, 1837. No mention of heirs to land were made in the will of Solomon Cox from Hocking County, suggesting perhaps that he did not own any land in Ohio. The owner of land in section 24 is clearly the son of Solomon and Naomi, who had married Mary Dixon in 1812. It then makes sense that William Dixon is an executor, as he is the father of Mary Dixon who was married to Solomon Cox, Jr at that time.

I suspect that his parents lived with Solomon Cox Jr or his sister Ruth (wife of Joseph Johnson), who owns another portion of section 24. Solomon Cox, Sr., was in his 70s when he moved to Ohio, so it makes sense that he might be living with one of his children or in another house on their property. It is also likely that his neph-

ew Jehu (son of brother Thomas) also lived here for a few years (~1815-1818) based on excerpts from his autobiography that state he lived with his grandfather Solomon.

DNA evidence suggests that descendants of Abraham are related to Solomon Cox of Hocking. I learned of a descendant of Abraham Cox, that has many DNA matches to descendants of Solomon and Naomi in the Ancestry database. She gave me access to the match list for herself and her uncle so that I could confirm with her that the matches were indeed descendants of Solomon and Naomi. I then added them as well as 10 other descendants of Abraham to our Ancestor project at GEDmatch. Most of these testers yielded triangulations with descendants of Solomon and Naomi, meaning that Solomon and Naomi were likely their common ancestors.

What did not make sense was that no Abraham was mentioned in the will of Solomon. It turned out that we were fortunate to have two Y700 yDNA testers that descend from Abraham Cox. They do not share the haplotype that is unique to descendants of Solomon Cox (husband of Naomi) and brother Samuel. Therefore, Abraham is not the son of Solomon and Naomi or any of their descendants. However, these descendants of Abraham do have the haplotype shared by all testers in the Brandywine Cox line. Research suggests that Abraham descends from Richard Cox, brother to John, William Cox, and Thomas Cox.

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DNA Project Report (Continued)

A possible link to Solomon and Naomi would be through the wife of Abraham Cox. Several different women have been proposed as his wife in Ancestry trees, but I did not find any strong evidence to support any of those suggestions. Looking back at the will of Solomon Cox, he lists five daughters: his eldest daughter Martha Cox, Mary Cox and her heirs, Ann Perkins, Amy Mahan, and Ruth Johnson. Note that the younger three daughters are listed by their married name. We know that Martha married Samuel Cox and hence her married name is still Cox, but we know very little about Mary. The fact that "Mary Cox and her heirs" is called out in the will suggests that she has more than one child and that she likely has married a man with the surname Cox. Could she be the wife of Abraham Cox? If not, who was she married to and how is Abraham related to descendants of Solomon and Naomi?

Had we not had the results from BigY DNA testers that descend from Abraham, we would not have known to explore alternative ties between Solomon and Naomi and the descendants of Abraham. I implore my readers to encourage other direct line Cox males to take the BigY test at Family Tree to help discover new family lines and to prove (or disprove) existing ones. This time of year is a great time to get tested, because they currently have sales going on. We have some funds to help with costs for a few people, so please do not hesitate to contact me if you need help.

Key Sources:

Searching for land grants, information on surveying methods, map of baselines and meridians used for surveying, land plat maps, etc. The bureau of land management (BLM) database: <https://glorecords.blm.gov/search/default.aspx?searchTabIndex=0&searchByTypeIndex=0>.

Searching for deeds (including the lease in section 16 by Abraham), wills, marriages, etc. Family Search full text search: <https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/full-text>.

Recipes

Many thanks to Rachael Heater for sharing this recipe passed down from her grandmother, Rachael Avice Johnson Frame, through her mother, Bernice Agnes Frame Lamb. She writes, "The family has always called it a salad but it's so rich it ought to be called a dessert." Eleanor Campbell Schoen, who worked with Brandywine, was a 3rd cousin once removed of Rachael Heater on her Frame side of the family.



Rachael Avice Johnson Frame (1881-1953) and her husband, Frank (1878-1978).



BANANA SALAD

6 large, ripe firm bananas
1 c. chopped peanuts

1 sm. pkg. marshmallows

Dressing

2 eggs, well beaten
1 c. granulated sugar

2 T. vinegar
2 T. water

Cook the dressing in a double boiler until it thickens. Then allow to cool thoroughly. Slice a layer of bananas in dish. Sprinkle nuts and marshmallows over them and add some of the dressing. Continue process until ingredients are used up. Sprinkle top with peanuts.

Rachael Lamb Heater
Rachael Avis Johnson Frame

New Publications

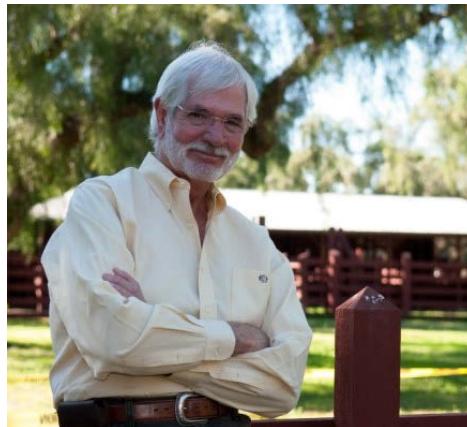
Companion Soul Books

Submitted by William John Cox

A recently published set of little *Companion Soul Books* by William John Cox were shared with his family and others. These summarize what he has learned growing up in Texas and living in California, and which he's sharing with his family before he dies.

The first book, *Our Quantum Souls*, reflects the latest science in cosmology and consciousness that our mind—our consciousness—is quantum, and therefore, we live on after the death of our bodies and exist whenever we are thought of, for good or bad. There was no Big Bang and the universe is infinite, with infinite gardens like Earth that produce organic life, which becomes intelligent, who become aware of self and surrounds, and evolve minds that have an effect beyond their reach. *Quantum Souls* is available in print, eBook, and audio on Amazon, and a free digital color copy can be accessed at: <https://williamjohncox.com/OurQuantumSouls.pdf>

The second book, *With Liberty and Justice for All* reflects the essential need for effective self-government if we are to ever overcome the instinctual, brain-stem intolerance of others and corrupt governments to peace-



fully work together to allow our children to fly from our garden through the heavens. Proposing a Voter's Bill of Rights to ensure our inherent Rights of Liberty retained under the Ninth Amendment are protected, the influence of "The Coxes of Texas" is reflected in the addenda. *Liberty and Justice* is available in print, eBook, and audio on Amazon, and a free digital color copy can be accessed at: <https://williamjohncox.com/Liberty&Justice.pdf>

The third book, *The Mathematics of an Infinite Universe* reflects the mathematics and geometry to describe an infinite universe, centered on the core of our Milky Way Galaxy and extending outwards so far as our telescopes can ever see. *Mathematics* is available in color print and eBook on Amazon, and a free digital color copy can be accessed at: <https://williamjohncox.com/TheMathematicsOfMind.pdf>

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.

Joeen Sutton, Treasurer
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Do you have a family story?

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

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Celebrations



Happy Birthday!

Gloria June Rose celebrated her 85th birthday in Keota, OK, surrounded by family and friends. June is the granddaughter of Cordella Cox Yost of the Solomon and Naomi Cox line.

June is a retired public school teacher and member of the Church of Christ. She grew up in Fresno, CA, before moving to Keota, OK, in her junior year of high school. After college she married Clifford Wesley "Dub" Rose (deceased). They had 3 daughters, Misty (Brigance), Heather (Slater), and Ginger (Cooper), and 10 grandchildren.

After 40 years of teaching, June now enjoys watching British TV dramas, doing word search puzzles, and following her family on Facebook.

Strong Family Ties

Laurel Brigance of Littleton, CO, earned her black-belt in karate in October. Laurel is the daughter of Daniel and Kristyn Brigance and 3X great granddaughter of Cordella Cox Yost. The entire family has been studying karate and practicing for years. She and her mother earned their black-belts together.



Success on the Green

Hardin-Simmons University golfer Harrison Cox, son of Fritz and Leah Cox, placed third at the Abilene Inter-collegiate this October. The HSU men's golf team placed fourth at the event. Further coverage of the event can be found [here](#).

In Remembrance



Marvalene "Missy" Jones: April 30, 1930 – February 17, 2025

LINEAGE: Marvalene Cox Jones > William Cornelius Cox > Cornelius Nicholas "Nick" Cox > Andrew J. Cox > Cornelius "Neely" Cox > Christopher Cox > Solomon Cox and Naomi Hussey

Marvalene "Missy" Jones, 94, passed peacefully from this life Monday, February 17th in Brownwood, Texas. Missy was born near Big Spring, Texas April 30th, 1930 to the late William C. Cox and Minnie Steward Cox.

She moved to Comanche in 1933 with her family in a covered wagon. She graduated from Comanche High School in 1947. While working for Gore's, she met the love of her life, Darrell Jones. They were married December 25th, 1959. In 1964 they welcomed a son, Mark Ross Jones. Missy was also the proud "Grammy" to 3 granddaughters, who thought the world of her.

Missy worked many years at Comanche National Bank, retiring in 1994, and at the NRCS office where she worked until her retirement in 2019.

Missy was a historian. She loved to teach the younger generations about the history of Comanche County and Texas. She was a wealth of knowledge, always having a story to tell. Missy was a long-time volunteer at the Comanche County Historical Museum. More often than not, you could find her there, dressed in her red prairie dress, greeting people of all ages and sharing stories on the history of our county.

She was very proud of her life accomplishments. Missy was the Comanche Chamber's Woman of the Year in 2012, winner of the Cornerstone award in 2015, and the 2021 Rodeo Parade Grand Marshall, just to name a few. She served on many boards and volunteered hundreds of hours throughout her lifetime.

Missy was preceded in death by her husband, Darrell Jones; parents, William & Minnie Cox; a brother, Wilburn Cox; and a sister, Geneva Mercer.

She is survived by her sister, Maxine Burns; son, Mark Jones and fiancé Falon; granddaughters, Morgan Solis and husband, Danny, Jolee Hurteau and husband, Dustin, and Marki Jones; great-grandson, Cohen Hurteau; and numerous cousins and friends.

A memorial service was held at Comanche Funeral Home Monday, February 24, 2025 at 2:00 PM with Gerald Burns and Brandon Mercer officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the Family requests memorials to be made to the Comanche County Historical Society & Museum, PO Box 22 Comanche, TX 76442.

Bobby Ray "Bob" Cox: June 2, 1953 – October 6, 2025

LINEAGE: Bobby Cox > Morris Dean Cox > Cary Babbit Cox > Solomon Babbet Cox > Jarvis Porter Cox > Enoch Locke Cox > Thomas Wesley Cox > Samuel Cox, Sr. > Samuel Cox (half-brother of Solomon Cox, husband of Naomi Hussey) > John Cox, Jr.

Bobby Cox, son of Morris Dean Cox (veteran) passed away peacefully October 6, 2025. Celebration of life services were held in Sacramento, CA, and he was buried beside his parents at Bold Springs Cemetery in West Texas. A complete obituary was not available at the time this newsletter was published.

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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
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The deadline for next year's entry is May 1, 2026.

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<https://lessutton.tribalpages.com>



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