



Brandywine Crucible

Newsletter

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FALL, 2015

By way of introduction, my name is Wayne Brown, and I have been appointed to be the editor of the periodic Cox family newsletter. I have been married to Alyce Jayne Wood Brown (the Cox side of the family) since 2004. As it turns out, coincidentally and amazingly, Alyce is the 11th cousin of my late wife, which makes her a cousin to my own three children.

Although I have also been deeply involved in my family's genealogy, I have found no relation from that side to the Cox clan. Our common genealogical interest is, however, one of the things that brought Alyce and I together in 2002 – besides the fact that we had known each other since elementary school.

I was born and reared in Greeley, Colorado, and have lived the greater part of my life in this town, proudly calling it home. I will be very interested in meeting many of you at the reunion in Texas in June, at which both Alyce and I plan to attend.

At Alyce's insistence, in 2004 I began writing a book about her family's history titled "Always West." It was meant to be more of an allegorical history of her family rather than a historical reference, especially since much of what I wrote is purely fiction. Where possible, I placed the characters in historical context, using real names, dates, and locations where possible, but since I had a limited amount of actual and factual resources available to me at that time, my imagination and extensive knowledge of history often took over the writing. But I had fun doing it, and it gave me a particular insight into the Cox family that people who are not therein related could not have gained.

But enough about me. I hope you will enjoy this edition of the Brandywine Newsletter. Any comments, corrections, additional information, criticisms, or condemnations can be forwarded to me at howie2too@comcast.net, or to 5237 West 11th street, #1711, Greeley, Colorado 80634.

COMING EVENT:

The annual meeting and reunion will be held in Lampasas, TX, June 2-5, 2016. All Cox and related families are invited. Contact Joe B. Cox, President, 542-392-2097 or jandhcox@grandecom.net

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The **Brandywine Crucible, Inc.**, a Cox family association, finds, collects, presents, publishes, and preserves Cox and related family histories, using research, archeology, DNA, cemetery recognition, and preservation.

Please support these efforts by joining or renewing your membership. Send a deductible contribution of \$15, \$25, or \$100 to **Brandywine Crucible, c/o Ada Stump, P.O. Box 20294, Oklahoma City, OK 73156-0294.**

Our newsletter is posted on our website:

<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~brandywi/index.html>

Send family stories, or any other items of interest, to the editor, Wayne Brown, 5237 West 11th Street, Apt 1711, Greeley, CO 80634, phone 720-470-4265, howie2too@comcast.net

For the youthful element in our Brandywine group:

Check out our essay contest for pre-teens and teenagers, which Missy Cox Jones chairs, missy.jones@tx.nacdn.net, 325-356-3547.

To receive the newsletter, contact Secretary Les Sutton, who needs your e-mail address. His is: lessutton@aol.com, phone 713-455-3920.

FAMILY NEWS, HISTORY, AND UPDATES

... **My name is Richard Cox** and I am from the cox family in Oklahoma. On 6/29/13 my son Brian married Amelia Finley in Bakersfield Ca, on 4/10/14 my son Calvin married Shirley (do not know her last name). On 1/26/15 Brian and Amelia welcomed Caroline Mae Cox and on 5/4/15 Calvin and Shirley welcomed Mila Brooklynn Cox.

...The only news that I have is that my wife & I had our 74th wedding anniversary on August 29th, 2015. How about that! Do you know of any that was longer than that? Take care, have a nice day, and May God Bless. **Fred L. Cox, Jr. & Elsie O. Cox**

And a great thanks from Mary Lou Hudson for all of the following: (transcribed from old newspapers on the Cox family. They are from the Chilliocothe [Missouri] Constitution and on the family of Joseph Cox and Amy Baker.)

...Coxes Attended Linville School

"Typical Frontiersman Spirit" Sent Joseph Cox from Ohio to Livingston.

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The earliest records of Linville have dated back over a century ago, to 1832. Joseph Cox and his wife, Amy, lived in Ray County, coming there from Chillicothe, Ohio. As Mr. Cox was a typical frontiersman, he was unsatisfied with his present home in Ray County, and wanted to move on westward. In the summer of 1832, he and some of his boys started out to look for a new home site.

He had a large family. Among them were Isom Cox (then a young man in his teens) and Abel Cox. When they came to this territory they decided to build a log cabin at the place where Mr. and Mrs. Sterle Cox and family are now living. They chose this location, for all to the east and south was open prairie where they could secure plenty of sunshine and to the north and west was heavy timber, which gave protection from the cold north and west winds. This made an excellent location for a home.

Some of the oldest residents of this district are descendants of this Cox family. Mrs. Alice Adams, and John C. Cox (who passed away in April of this year, 1937) are children of Abel Cox. Charles Cox and Sterle Cox (twin brothers) are the sons of Isom Cox. All of these have spent practically their entire lives in Linville District and are now past the age of seventy-five years.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterle Cox and family are living at present in this old historic log cabin.

Four generations have lived in this log room; namely, Joseph Cox, Isom Cox, Sterling Cox, Eugenia Cox (Mrs. Everett Anderson).

There are several families that run to the fifth generations that have lived in the district: (1) Joseph Cox, Isom Cox, Sterling Cox, Eugenia Cox Anderson, Reba Jean Anderson. (2) Joseph Cox, Isom Cox, Charles Cox, Maude Cox (Mrs. Lowel Forbis), Russell Forbis. (3) Joseph Cox, Isom Cox, Charles Cox, Frank Cox, Charles Cox.

The first county court was held on the Sterle Cox place, formerly Joseph Cox residence, in a log room that stood just a little north and west of the cabin occupied by the Cox family. Sorry to say, it is not standing today. The first court was held there about 1835.

It was also from the suggestion of Joseph Cox that the present City of Chillicothe was named for Chillicothe, Ohio. A town from which Joseph Cox had come.

The first school was taught in 1863.

The present school house is built on up-to-date lines. It has an enrollment of fourteen pupils, ranging in grades from one to eight.

Source: The Chillicothe Constitution-Tribune, Chillicothe, Missouri, 13 Sep 1937, page 107

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Cox Funeral at Mooresville Friday

Funeral services for Joseph W. Cox will be held at the Mooresville Christian Church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. Robert E. Austin of Chillicothe, will have charge of the arrangements.

The body will lie in state at the Norman funeral home until the hour of the funeral

Source: The Chillicothe Constitution-Tribune, Chillicothe, Missouri, 24 Aug 1950

Among The Sick

A report from the bedside of Isom Cox, who has been very low at his home in the North precinct with pneumonia, states that he is worse and that his condition is serious. He is 91 years old.

Source: The Chillicothe Constitution-Tribune, Chillicothe, Missouri, 4 March 1907 pg 8

Joseph W. Cox Dies at Mooresville

He Was a Retired Carpenter

The death of Joseph W. Cox, 79, occurred this morning at 1:50 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robert Stout, in Mooresville. Mr. Cox had been in falling health for several months.

Joseph Warren Cox, a son of the late William and Martha Cox, was born at Gallatin Feb. 2, 1871. he attended school there, and on Mar. 6, 1898 he married Miss Mary Alice Bales in Chillicothe. They made their home in Breckenridge until 1928, when they moved to Detroit. Mrs. Cox preceded her husband in death on August 29, 1939. Mr. Cox moved to Mooresville to live with his daughter in 1942. He was a carpenter until he retired. He was a member of the Breckenridge Christian Church.

He is survived by four sons, Ivan L., John, and Joseph Cox, Jr., all of Detroit, and Isom N. Cox of Northridge, Calif., and the one daughter, Mrs. Stout. Seven grandchildren also survive. Four children, one brother, and five sisters preceded him in death.

Funeral arrangements are not completed, pending the arrival of his sons, and they will be announced later from the Norman funeral home.

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Source: The Chillicothe Constitution-Tribune, Chillicothe, Missouri, 23 Aug 1950, pg 9

Charles E. Cox Was Farmer, Mail Carrier

He Was Lifetime Resident of Livingston County

Charles Etna Cox, 86, a lifetime resident of Livingston County, died at 1 o'clock this morning at the Chillicothe hospital. Mr. Cox had been in failing health for several years.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church and the I.O.O.F. lodge.

Mr. Cox farmed in the northern part of the county until 1924, when he moved to Chillicothe for a residence. he served 43 years as a substitute rural mail carrier.

Charles Etna Cox, a son of Alonzo Cox and Eliza Ann (Beasley) Cox, was born Dec. 16, 1877, north of Chillicothe.

Jan. 1, 1902, he married Miss Mable Meador of Chillicothe.

Mr. Cox is survived by his widow, of the home, 614 Walnut street, two daughters, Mrs. Irene Pierson, Glen Ellyn, Ill, and Mrs. Ruby Gallaher, Skokie, Ill, four grandsons, James Turner, San Antonio, TX, Tommy and Bobby Turner, Danville, Ill, and Kenneth R. Gallaher, McComb, Ill, three granddaughters, Mrs. Gayle Edwards, Catlin, Ill; Janet and Caroline Picerno, Glen Ellyn, and three great grandsons.

His parents, a daughter, Mrs. Ethel Turner, two sons in infancy, three brothers, and two sisters preceded him in death.

Funeral services are to be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the First Baptist Church. the Rev. Larry Putman will officiate.

Burial will be in the Resthaven Memorial Gardens.

The body will be in state at the Gordon Home For Funerals until 12:30 Saturday afternoon at which time it will be removed to the church to lie in state until the hour of the services. The casket will not be opened at the conclusion of the service.

Source: The Chillicothe Constitution, Chillicothe, Missouri, 7 May 1964

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Long Suffering Ends In Death

Isom P. Lile Passed Away Friday

His Demise Was Expected by His Relatives and Friends, Who Were at Bedside.

Isom P. Lile passed away at his home six miles north of Chillicothe Friday morning of a complication of diseases. He had been gradually sinking for the past week and his death was expected by his relatives in attendance at his bedside.

The decedent was a native of Livingston county, having been born on the Lile farm north of town, July 5, 1834. His parent's names were Allen P. Lile and Mary Cox Lile, highly esteemed, people of the community in which they resided. Mr. Lile has followed farming all his life and was one of the best known farmers in this county. He was a man who had many friends and was always willing to lend assistance to his neighbors who were in need.

He had been twice married. In 1855 he was married to Mary A. Cooper, also a Missourian, who died leaving four children. Mr. Lile's second wife was Susan E. Jacobs, a native of Tennessee. Six children were born of the second marriage.

Besides the widow the following children survive: Howard, Edward, John, Mrs. Whalen, Miss Laura, Mrs Cloudis.

No arrangements for the funeral have been made.

Source: The Chillicothe Constitution, Chillicothe, Missouri, 30 Dec 1910, page 1

Funeral of John C. Cox Held Monday

Services Were Held from Gordon Mortuary: Died at Home of His Son, W. L. Cox

Funeral services for John C. Cox, one of Chillicothe's oldest and best known citizens, were held from the Gordon Funeral chapel this afternoon at 3 o'clock, with Dr. L. M. Potts, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, officiating. A large crowd attended the services.

Pallbearers were Frank Cox, John Anderson, Earl Cox, Charles Cox, Harvey Still and Trall Sefton. Burial was in Anderson cemetery.

Mr. Cox died at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cox, 820 1/2 Webster street, Sunday morning at 12:05 a.m. He had been in failing health for several months.

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Born in Chillicothe September 28, 1850, the son of Abel C. and Amelia Caldwell Cox, he spent his entire life in Chillicothe. For many years he and his wife occupied the original home place five miles north of Chillicothe and he was engaged in farming, but he made his home with his son, for the past thirteen years. Mrs. Cox died August 15, 1920.

The Cox family has been identified with the earliest history of Chillicothe. The late Abel Cox served as judge of the circuit court in this county.

Surviving are four sons, W. L. Cox and V. S. Cox of this city; Isom W. Cox and Abel C. Cox, Kansas City; a sister, Mrs. W. D. Adams of Chillicothe, and twelve grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Source: The Chillicothe Constitution, Chillicothe, Missouri, 26 Apr 1937

...From Yvonne Peters:

I am daughter to Elton Calvin Cox who passed away Dec, 2008 at age 92. He was son of Neely Cornelius who was son of Jacob Cornelius Cox.

My newsletter contribution is on my two grandchildren Gracie Peters (15) and Christian Peters (18)

Gracie is number one in her Brownwood High School Sophomore class academically. She currently plans to be a doctor but unsure of which kind.

She is also in the High School drill team for the second year and they won competitions and are headed for NYC to perform in the Macy Day Parade!

Christian is a senior with top grades and has been accepted at Texas Tech University in Lubbock and just received his "Red Raider" congratulation letter. He believes he wants to either be a lawyer or go into politics in some manner.

Talk about a proud "Grammy"!!! Cox genes at work!!!

...And, from Mary Lou Hudson:

Margaret Ann Cox, age 71, passed away on Tuesday, October 20, 2015, at her home in Strunk, Kentucky.

Margaret was born June 1, 1944, in Pine Knot, Kentucky, to Delmus and Laura Bell (Moore) Creekmore. Besides her mother, she is preceded in death by two sons: Bruce Lee Marion and Robin Marion.

Surviving family include her husband Edward Cox of Strunk, Kentucky, two daughters: Connie Woollard (husband Tim) of Winchester, Ohio and Melinda Neal (husband Jerry) of Pine Knot,

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two sons: Johnny Bruce Marion of Strunk and Rocky Marion (wife Kim) of Pine Knot, as well as a special Ann Hamby.

She has three brothers: Arnold Creekmore of Oneida, Tennessee, Ricky Creekmore and Randall Creekmore, both of Pine Knot. She has four sisters: Lorene Stephens of Whitley City, Kentucky, Shirley Cooper of Pine Knot, Loula Bryant of Pine Knot and Barbara Lovitt of Strunk.

She was blessed with 12 grandchildren: Larry, Joe, Summer, Bruce Lee, Joni, Justin, Whitney, Josh, Luke, Jack, Charles, Tosha, ten great grandchildren: Emma Grace, Lily Ann, Colton, Jaelynn, Tatum, Benjamin, Adalyn, Lexie, Riley, Karlie.

Margaret had worked as a seamstress for McCreary Manufacturing. She was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church and enjoyed sewing, making quilts and gardening.

Funeral services: 1:00 p.m. Saturday, October 26, 2015, Pine Knot Funeral Home with Bro. Herb Smith officiating.

Note: Margaret is a descendant of Daniel and Amy Cox.

Obituaries:



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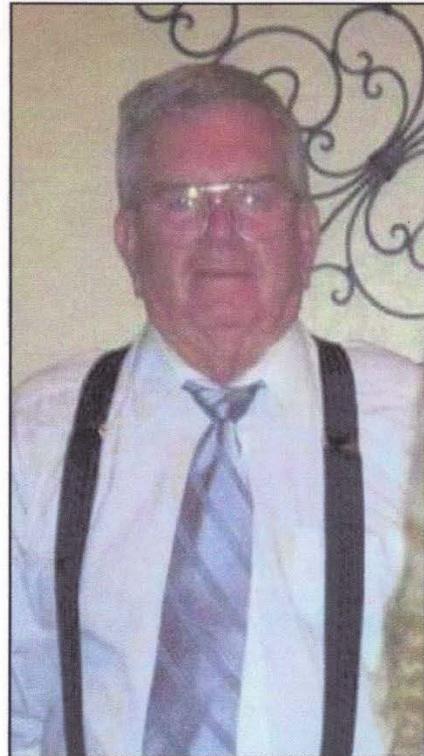
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Michael Cox

(August 13, 1942 - June 30, 2015)

 Michael Wayne Cox, age 72 of Kyle, TX died June 30, 2015 at Christus Santa Rosa Westover Hills Hospital in San Antonio, TX. Michael was born August 13, 1942 in Lampasas, TX the son of George Washington Cox and Ora Faye (Wilson) Cox. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force for over 20 years until his retirement as a MSGT. After Michael's retirement he worked for the Federal Aviation Administration in mechanical communications. He was a member of the Church of Christ.



Survivors include wife, Alicia Cox Sons, Mike Cox Jr. and Lance Croix Francisco Ybarra, Zackary Devrow, and Robert Devrow daughters, Mary Alice Murphy, Susie R. Chapa, and Rebecca Ann Cox Brother, Mark Cox Sisters, Carolyn Morrison and Nancy Borum And numerous grandchildren

Michael was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services for Mr. Cox will be held Tuesday July 7, 2015 at 10:00a.m. at Sneed Funeral Chapel. Burial will follow at Kempner Cemetery in Kempner, TX.

Sneed Funeral Chapel in charge of arrangements

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Jan. 23, 1964 - Nov. 11, 2015 **OKLAHOMA CITY** Kelly Marie Stump lost her battle to cancer and went to be with her Lord & Savior Jesus Christ, Wed., Nov. 11, 2015. She was born to Ron & Ada Stump on Jan. 23, 1964 at Baptist Hospital. She was preceded in death by her father, grandparents Russell & Faye Stump; and grandparents Lemmie & Irene Cox. Kelly attended John Marshall HS. She became a surgical tech in Labor & Delivery working for several hospitals in the OKC area. Her hobbies were cooking, drawing, painting, studying the Feast of Booths, & collecting the classics in books, and antiquing. She is survived by her mother Ada (Cox) Stump, OKC; a daughter and son-in-law Lisa M. Curtis & Sean Sundstrom, TX; a son Jon M. Curtis; grandson Phoenix Curtis; brother & sister-in-law Ron W. & Sharon Stump; a sister & brother-in-law Brenda S. Stump & Dale R. Absher; and her partner and companion for many years, James Watson of OKC. Special thanks are given Hospice organizations, doctors & nurses from Deaconess Hospital, friends & relatives who gave their prayers, brought food & gave of their time. Kelly is a member of Village Baptist Church & Brandywine Crucible, Inc. She will be truly missed by all her family and friends. A private memorial service will be held. Donations in memory of Kelly can be made to: BRANDYWINE CRUCIBLE, INC., PO BOX 20294, OKC, OK 73156.

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Kelly's pedigree is too extensive to be included in full here, but the Cox line is as follows:

Ada Marie Cox
Lemuel Cox
John H. Cox
Jehu Cox
Solomon Cox
Thomas Isaac Cox
Solomon Cox, Sr.
John Cox, Jr.
John Cox, Sr.
Thomas Cox

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FINANCIAL FROM ADA STUMP:

Nov-15 BRANDYWINE CRUCIBLE INC

MEMORIAL

11/16/2015 Shane & Sherry Stuart

FLOYD COX CHILDREN

In Memory of----- KELLY M. STUMP CASH \$ 50.00

18-Nov deposit \$ 240.00 \$ 6,588.15

MEMORIAL

11/16/2015 MATHIS BROTHERS CHECK

BILLY & TERRY MATHIS 18663

In Memory of----- KELLY M. STUMP \$ 250.00

VALUABLE INFORMATION FROM LES SUTTON:

Have You Been to Our Website Lately?

Our Brandywine Crucible website is a treasure trove of information. You can find it at:

<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~brandywi/>

A good place to start is the Documents tab in the Menu section, click on Documents then click on Archive. There you will find 300 documents in the form of research results, presentations,

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pictures, books, and articles collected by your cousins over the years. This file represents many thousands of hours of research. It is a priceless legacy for us and for our descendants.

Surely a review of these fascinating treasures will remind you of some bit of family history in your possession that should be preserved for future generations. Send it to lessutton@aol.com preferably in .pdf format, but I can convert it from other formats if that is easier for you.

O.K., if you cannot think of any non-copyrighted family history information you would like to share, go back to the Documents menu and click on Stories. These are fascinating and will give you hours of pleasure. The first thing you notice about this section is the gratitude our family owes Missy Jones for capturing and preserving glimpses of rural Texas life in the 1930's, 1940's and 1950's. Now, take a few minutes to write down and send me one of your family stories. A hundred years from now, some family member will thank you.

Finally, go back to the Documents menu and click on Biographies. Scroll down and click on the name of one of your cousins and read what they have written. You can do this too! Who knows you, your parents, or your aunts or uncles, better than you do? Write one and send it to me.

Explore the rest of the site at your leisure. Don't you agree it is a treasure? We owe Mark Werner a huge "Thank You" for the many hours he has spent developing and maintaining it.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brandywine family,

Once more, we had an excellent annual meeting and reunion in Lampasas this past June, with more great fellowship and excellent speakers. Our featured "out-of-family" speaker, Michael Maddox from Flora Vista, New Mexico, gave us some vivid insights concerning noted family member Hiram Washington Cox and his role in bringing the notorious Stockton brothers to justice. Our other speakers were also excellent. And all attendees seemed to be pleased with the Holiday House as our new meeting place. Furthermore, our decision to have a self-served sandwich lunch on-site Saturday noon to encourage visiting and fellowship during that time appears to have been a wise one. The former practice of "being-on-our-own" for Saturday lunch took people off site in small groups. The Board unanimously agreed to continue the on-site Saturday lunch.

Your Board discussed in considerable depth the grave marker restoration/replacement program and decided that the committee established to operate this program was unnecessary. The program will continue under the existing policies and procedures found on the Brandywine web site but will be administered by the Board and not by a committee. We will approve financing

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on a case-by-case basis. We encourage family members to identify eligible graves and then to apply for Brandywine's financial assistance.

We are pleased to notify our members of some truly significant enhancements to our web site. A collaborative effort between web master Mark Werner and family historian Les Sutton has resulted in the placement on the Brandywine web site of Les's extensive Cox and related family history records collected over many years. These records are now easily accessible to researchers. This effort does not replace our arrangements with selected institutions to store and archive our hard copy records. In addition, based on a suggestion at this year's annual meeting, web master Mark has arranged for Brandywine's web site itself to be more readily identifiable by researchers without prior knowledge of the site. We believe that this change will greatly increase the use of our already well-respected web site.

When you receive this newsletter, you will learn that we have a new newsletter editor. Board member Linda Atkins has edited our publication for several years in an exemplary manner and has asked to step down from the editor's position. I am pleased to announce that Wayne Brown of Greeley, Colorado, husband of family member Alyce Jayne Brown, has graciously consented to be our new editor, and this edition is his first product. Wayne is a published author and will serve us well. All members are asked to send him items for inclusion in the newsletter. His address is listed elsewhere in this edition.

I close with a comment about Linda Atkins's second trip to our family's historic sites in the Brandywine Valley of Pennsylvania and Delaware. Unfortunately, Linda and her immediate family made this trip by themselves. Due to a variety of personal circumstances, I did not go, which I sincerely regret. I'm sure that others of our Brandywine family had personal reasons for not making this trip. I can say with assurance, having participated in three, that Linda's tours are well worth our participation. There are numerous other historic sites related to our family that many of us have not visited, such as those in Indiana, Ohio, and Utah. I'm sure there are others.

We will ask Linda to report on her trip at our forthcoming meeting.

I look forward to seeing you in Lampasas 3-5 June 2016 for our annual Brandywine meeting and reunion of all of our Cox lines.

We do have a great family.

Joe,

Chair and President