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1995 REUNION

The 1995 Reunion of the descendants of Joseph and Mary Rue Cox met more or less as planned August 11 through 13 in Rock Island, Illinois. The headquarters hotel was The Plaza I Hotel, handy to the casino boat and to The U Maka Mi Weekend Festival just distant enough that the noise was no problem. We understand that the Cox Family contributed some to the local economy at the casino, notably by Bob Hicks and Ken Mincer, our tour guide on the Arsenal as well as our new Arrangements Committee chairman. The Kansiers, Cathleen Weber, and perhaps some others left a little money in the till at the U Maka Mi Weekend affair.

A highlight of the reunion was the garden party Friday afternoon and well into the evening on the grounds of Jean and Al Walgren's residence. The afternoon was hot, so the shade under their many trees was welcome, as was the breezy large porch where several cool beverages, a huge bowl of pop corn, and platters of sinfully good cookies were spread. The adults enjoyed the gardens with their multitude of flowers, a collection of fascinating sculptures which challenged the imagination, and the many green vistas. The children enjoyed romping with the toys at hand, but particularly enjoyed the continuing tours around the rolling lawns on the golf cart driven by our hostess herself. It should be added several of the adults took advantage of the opportunity also.

Our hospitality room was a handy place to mix and exchange genealogical data. Three tables of exhibits were arranged around the room. A souvenir booklet was given, one to each household, courtesy of Jerry Cox. The title was *Black Hawk and The Cox Family*, a factual narrative paralleling the lives the Cox family with that of Black Hawk.

Saturday's tour was a memorable one. If one dwells only upon the facts that the air conditioning on the bus quit early on, that we were caught for probably most of an hour in a traffic jam and that our driver got us good and lost twice, you might consider that the tour was a disaster. However, it wasn't. Ken Mincer was a competent guide on the Arsenal and along the route in Illinois. Our box lunches at the Iowa Welcome Center were very good and the experience there was a time of warm fellowship. Our visit to the Davenport Art Museum was brief because of the traffic delay. It was surprisingly just right for Ruth Anna Hicks because one of her hobbies is quilt making. An international collection of prize winning quilts was displayed throughout the main floor. Local quilts were displayed in the upper gallery. Our docent explained how to view artwork from the viewpoint of a child, but in a manner helpful to a few of us adults as well. We were back to our hotel by four o'clock. It was interesting to hear how various relatives spent the evening at the hotel and around the town.

Many showed up early at Black Hawk State Park to set up for the Reunion which provided another occasion of good fellowship. Picture taking time was typically chaotic, but it is the first time in the writer's memory that everyone stayed in place long enough for a diagram to be made to record names and places. Al Walgren was the official photographer. We know everyone will be in at least one picture, for the caterer did snap the official shot.

From the Saukenuk Room where the pictures were taken we moved down the hall to the Keokuk Room where the tables were set in welcome air conditioned comfort. On the tables were set tastefully simple patriotic centerpieces of flags, ribbons and greenery on circles of flag-blue paper. The buffet received the plaudits of all 36 in attendance, for the food was very good and most ample. The main business was election of officers chaired by outgoing President Art Cox, who managed to maintain a serious note at least while he led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and beautiful prayer. The latter were appropriate for the historical Black Hawk setting and also the commemoration of veterans of all wars in this the fiftieth anniversary year of the end of World War II.

Even while accusing us of "Railroad", Augustus O. (Bud) Thomas graciously accepted his unanimous election as President. Bud is an avid genealogist with a flair at sketching the court houses and other items of interest which he encounters on his searches. He and his wife, Gloria, live at 1608 Elmira Street, Williamsport, Pa. 17701. He welcomes suggestions. They have contributed three daughters to the Cox family tree. Outgoing Vice President Bill Utermohlen was reelected to his same office. Ruth Anna Hicks continues as Historian. Two new faces readily accepted positions of great importance. Our arsenal docent, Kenneth Mincer, is Arrangements Committee Chairman. Scott Lodge, who lives in Geneseo, Illinois and is familiar with the cemetery at Rapid City is our Cemetery Chairman.

Considerable discussion was given regarding the cemetery. The Executive Committee was empowered to pursue the planning, fund raising and execution of the rehabilitation of the little plot of ground so long neglected and abused.

After the drawing for the door prizes the Cox Reunion 1995 was adjourned. New plans are already stirring for the year 2000 when Cox cousins will again meet to renew old ties, make new ones, and to recall those ties which will then be fond memories of the past.

Jerry Cox, Secretary pro tem

Minutes for the Cox Reunion 1995

Rock Island, Illinois Sunday August 13, 1995

Following a photo session and buffet banquet in the Keokuk Room in the main lodge of the Black Hawk State Park the meeting was convened by President Arthur T. Cox. President Cox led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag and gave grace acknowledging the historic relevance of the Indian culture in this, the land where our ancestors had settled so long ago, and also acknowledged the service of our veterans of all wars on this fiftieth anniversary year of the end of World War II.

Thanks to Jean and Al Walgren was expressed for the garden party they hosted on Friday evening, and to the arrangements committee for the weekend.

Election of officers followed. The elected slate is:

President, Augustus O. (Bud) Thomas Vice President, William J. Utermohlen Historian, Ruth Anna Hicks Arrangements Committee, Kenneth Mincer Cemetery Chairman, Scott Lodge

President Thomas assumed his office.

The cemetery near Rapid City was discussed. The officers were empowered to pursue the matter and act upon their own decisions, any required fund raising to be made in the Cox News Letter. Jerry Cox reported a current checking account balance of \$904.93. A final accounting after the reunion should leave a balance of about \$850.00 available for the project.

Ruth Anna Hicks asked for help in keeping our roster up to date regarding births, deaths and address changes.

Clan leaders were proposed to help build interest in attending future reunions. Suggestion for the location of the next reunion were provided to President Thomas. The next reunion was determined to be held the second weekend in August of the year 2000.

Door prizes were awarded, and the reunion was adjourned.

Signed by, Gerald B. Cox, Secretary Pro Tem

August 14, 1995

MOSES COX LOCATED

Although Joseph Cox (1783-1848) was one of six brothers, the vast bulk of the known Cox family descendants are through him, including all but one of the recipients of this Newsletter. The exception is Michael Cox, who has traced his ancestry to Joseph's brother James, who resided in eastern Indiana and Preble County, Ohio. The other four brothers, John, David, Moses and Israel, have been difficult to research.

John settled in Warren County, Indiana, but died relatively young, leaving daughters and three sons: Asa, Israel (or Fletcher) and Franklin. These three sons all left for the California gold rush in 1848, where Franklin soon died. The other two sons were last heard from in 1856.

David lived in New Paris, Preble County, Ohio, where he died in 1859. He had several daughters and at least one son, Crittenden, who has not been traced. Some of the daughters settled in Indianapolis.

Israel was rendered lame by an accidental gun shot wound in 1832, while on picket duty during Black Hawk's War. He settled in Lafayette, Indiana and died young in 1839, having been married twice. So far as is known, he had only a daughter, Ann.

Moses has been the hardest to track. He married Sarah Hurst in Wayne County, Indiana on 31 Dec 1818 and, about that time, was a merchant in Abington, the small town founded by his father John and brother Joseph. He probably lived in Connersville, Fayette County, Indiana in 1820, where, the following year, part of a town lot of his was sold by the sheriff to pay a debt.

He is likely to have been the Moses Cox who was the clerk of court in Madison County, Indiana in 1824, when several men were arrested for murdering innocent Indians. Moses shot at one of the culprits as he escaped down a hill.

In 1830, Moses was in Lafayette, Indiana and around this time is listed as an early attorney in counties in western Indiana. He probably was the Moses Cox who opened a tavern in Williamsport, Indiana in 1836. Moses likely followed Joseph Cox's family to Illinois, as a Moses Cox bought land in Rock Island County, Illinois in 1843.

Little more has been known of Moses. Judging by census records, he probably had several sons, but no likely Moses appears in the 1850 census, the first census to name all members of the household, and no other record naming his children has been found. Somebody, I am not sure who, suggested he had removed to Iowa, but he does not appear in the census there.

Recently, I happened to check the published version of the 1850 mortality schedule for Iowa. The mortality schedules were added for the first time in the 1850 census. The enumerator was supposed to list everyone who died in their district in the year prior to June 1, 1850, giving the age, state of birth, cause of death and length of illness. This was long before the states generally instituted public health records, which led, around 1900, to the practice of requiring death certificates. The mortality schedules are very hit or miss and usually do not include but a

fraction of the persons who died in the previous year. I suspect some enumerators did not inquire very vigorously about deaths in the family, but only listed the deaths of which they were personally aware.

At any rate, a Moses Cox was listed as having died of smallpox in May 1850 in Cedar County, Iowa. Upon investigation, he looked very much like the right one. Cedar County is between Davenport and Iowa City, only about 35 miles west of where most of Joseph Cox's family was living in Illinois. Moses was listed as age 54 and a lawyer, born in Kentucky. His illness had lasted 17 days before his death. The only other smallpox death in Cedar County that year was of a Mary E. Cox, age 24 and born in Indiana, who had also died in May.

Upon checking the 1850 census, I found a household in Rochester township headed by a Sarah Cox, the same name as Moses's wife (p. 73):

Sarah Cox	49		b. Va
William H. Cox	29	Farmer	b. Ind
Alfred Cox	20	Farmer	b. Ind
Moses H. Cox	17	Farmer	b. Ind
David M. Cox	14		b. Ind

I am confident that this is the right family, but I have been able to find little further about them in Cedar County. Sarah is not listed in the census as owning any real estate and there are no deeds for Moses, his widow or sons. A probate administration was begun for Moses (another lawyer without a will) on 3 Feb 1851, but the only action taken appears to have been the appointment of C. L. Chambers as administrator. He posted only a \$100 bond, suggesting Moses left little property. The family was gone from Cedar County by 1860 and none of the sons appear to have been in Iowa at that date. A careful search of the census of other states and Civil War service records may turn them up.

Bill Utermohlen, 1916 Windsor Rd., Alexandria, VA 22307



Taken at the Rock Island Arsenal Museum

Back row Cathleen Weber, Ann Kansier Ray Kansier

Front Krista, Nicole and Doug Kansier

SEARCHING FOR ANTECEDENTS OF JOHN COX

Information on Cox Families was accumulated for several years, but an intensive one year search was made prior to the 1995 Cox Reunion. Although boring, here are the States and Counties visited:

Pennsylvania-Bucks, Montgomery, Philadelphia, Westmoreland, Washington, Greene. **Delaware-**Kent. Virginia-Washington. West Virginia-Hampshire, Monongalalia, Brooke. Maryland-Queen Annes, Kent, Hartford, Kentucky-Woodford, Franklin, Jefferson, Nelson, Fayette. Ohio-Preble. Indiana-Dearborn, Union, Franklin, Fayette, Wayne, Randolph, Boone, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Warren. Illinois-Knox, Mercer, Henry.

Archives in Richmond, VA and Franklin, KY were checked. Pennsylvania Archives were researched for Cox & Cull. Notable libraries were Richmond, VA, Lexington and Frankfort, KY, and Galesburg, IL. Historical Societies have odd hours, and hence few were utilized.

The Cox surname (Cock, Cocke, Cocks, Coxe) is found everywhere by the hundreds. They arrived in America from England, Scotland, Sweden, Switzerland Germany and France. No connection has yet been made to antecedents of our John Cox, with any family group or other Cox persons. Old writings are not all accurate, and some Cox groups probably fit together regardless of the written place of origin. Family group briefs are shown; Abraham is given because Mary Cox Freeland said Joseph Cox's grandfather was either Abraham or John Cox.

Peter Larsson Cock¹, b.1610 in Sweden. Became freeman, married Margaret Lom in 1643 in New Sweden (Delaware R). Lasse Cock² was prominent in Philadelphia and assisted with Indian treaties. Common given names: Gabriel, Peter, and Isaac. They moved to Kent Co., DE. Extensive genealogical data thru 4 generations.

Dr. Daniel Coxe¹, d.1686, of Stoke, Newington, England. His son, Dr. Daniel

Coxe², b.1640-d.1730, was court physician to Charles II and Queen Anne. Never in America, he acquired large holdings in West (New) Jersey, and came into disputed possession of territory between 30 and 36 degree parallels (Carolina from sea to sea). 3rd generation Col. Daniel Coxe3, bap.1673, London, came to America about 1702. He was appointed commander of West Jersey forces. Will proved 1737 bequeaths over 30,000 acres to survivors. Col. Coxe³, d.1739 at Trenton. Col. Coxe m. 1707, Sarah Eckley, in Philadelphia, and their children included Daniel*, John⁴, William⁴. Daniel⁴ was Burgess of Trenton in 1746. His Will proved 1758, names wife Abigail, daug. Grace, and son Daniel⁵. [A Will of a John Cox⁴ (rel.?) names a son John⁵.] Daniel Coxe⁵, b.1740, was an Attorney. He secured land in western New York for Carolina claims. A Tory, m. 1771 to Sarah Redman; both died in England. William had a son John D Coxe³, b. abt. 1753 in Philadelphia. Jo D. became a lawyer and then Judge of Courts 1797-1805. John m. 1789 Grace Riche, then to Mary Burd.

Isaac¹, Gabriel & Friend Cox, of Scotch Irish descent, emigrated from Switzerland bef. 1740. Settled in Maryland, then went to Hampshire Co., WV(VA). They built 6 Forts from here to Kentucky. Isaac's son John², b. 1792 in Lexington, KY, died there in 1852. John's brother George², m. 1775 Susannah Decker, also had a son John.

Capt. Reuben Cox of Swedish descent, came to Maryland; then Hampshire Co., WV(VA). Escaped massacre at Decker Creek. Appears is Brooke Co., WV near Wellsburgh with Cox's Fort. Children: Isaac², Gabriel², Joseph², George² and John², plus 14 more. John² owned 30 acres nr. Little Cacaphon R. WV(VA) in 1754. Capt. Isaac² m. Mary Enoch. Was in Youghiogheny Co., VA(PA) in 1779; Ohio Co., VA(WV); last Nelson Co., KY(VA). Brother Gabriel had 662 acres at Peter's Creek, Union Co., PA(VA), and build Cox's Fort. [A John Cox owned 381 acre Belmont near Gabriel's Coxburg.]

Lt. Abraham Cox, b.1752. In Rev. War. Buried nr. Arnettsville, Monongalia Co., WV(VA). Children: Moses, Abraham and Isaac. No descendent John found.

Abraham Cox emigrated to Maryland, and moved to Morgantown WV(VA) area where he purchased 400 acres. Canceled move to Kentucky because of Indian trouble. Son Moses was b. 1780. Data to 4th generation.

Abraham (Abram) Cox, b. 1749 in Baltimore, MD. Descendant of Samuel (English). Son James d. 1866 in Abingdon, VA, aged 79, at Cox's Mill Creek.

Cull Family. A 1943 Letter states the oldest ancestor was an Irish pier, a member of Irish parliament. Very rich. Original name was O'Cull. Banished to Long Island, destitute, by Cromwell. He was a strong man, and used a hoe in each hand in working his crops.

Enoch Family, English, already in Pennsylvania when Penn established colony in 1681. Named in records in Bensalem, Bucks County. Enochs also in New Jersey and Delaware. Later moved to Hampshire Co., WV(VA) and Greene and Washington Cos. PA(VA). Mary Enoch m. 1788 to Isaac Cox², son of Isaac¹, and Sarah Enoch m. Gabriel Cox², brother of Isaac.

In our search, surnames continued to appear on successive frontiers with Coxes. These were: Enoch, Friend, Cresap, Rambo, Decker, Rue and Cull.

The most common given names used by the Cox families were: Gabriel, Isaac, Moses, Friend, Joseph, John, Benjamin, David and William.

CONCLUSIONS

- * No ancestral connection has been made to the above family groups, or any other names uncovered.
- * Before researching the places mentioned above, contact the writers for information already accumulated. We have copied indices for Marriages, Wills, Deeds, Births and Deaths were they were available.
- * Remaining research possibilities that might be fruitful are:

- a) Historical Society & Library in Woodford County, KY.
- b) State Library in Richmond, VA.
- c) Historical Society & Library in Morgantown, WV.
- d) Pennsylvania Counties of Berks, Lancaster, York and Cummberland for both Cox and Cull.

Gloria and Bud Thomas

Pictured below, Gloria & Bud



BIRTH

Dylan Thomas Rogers was born 23 June 1995, Orlando, FL. son of Julia (Cox) and Gary Rogers. Grandfather is Thomas G. Cox of Denver, CO.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY BIRTHS OR DEATHS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW, AS WE NEED TO KEEP THE RECORDS UP TO DATE, FOR THE COX BOOK THAT IS IN PROGRESS.

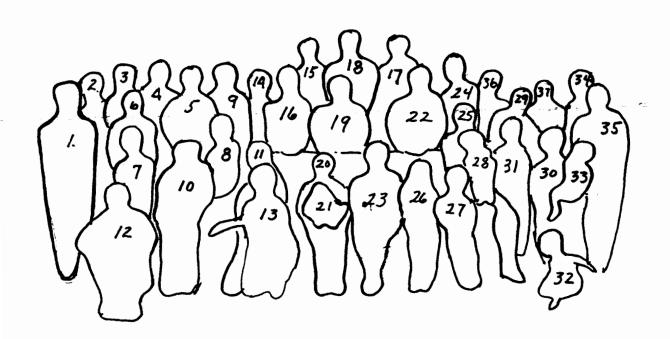
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1995 COX REUNION Location Code

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- 1. Lucille Cox
- 2. Jo Anne Brooks
- 3. Christine Cox Lage
- 4. Ray Kansier
- 5. Ann Kansier
- 6. Nicole Kansier
- 7. Krista Kansier
- 8. Doug Kansier
- 9. Cathleen Weber
- 10. Alvin Walgren
- 11. Jean Walgren
- 12. Gerald Cox
- 13. Bette Cox
- 14. Kenneth Mincer
- 15. Michelle Downin
- 16. Mike Hamman
- 17. Katherine Lodge
- 18. Diane Hamman
- 19. Scott Lodge

- 20. Rebecca Downin
- 21. Ben Lodge
- 22. Robert Hicks
- 23. Ruth Anna Hicks
- 24. Curtis Correll
- 25. Ann Correll
- 26. Katherine Correll
- 27. William Correll
- 28. Curtis Jay Correll Jr.
- 29. Arthur Cox
- 30. Nancy Cox
- 31. Sarah Cox
- 32. Sibyl Cox
- 33. Stephanie Cox
- 34. Augustus O. Thomas
- 35. Gloria Thomas/
- 36. Arnold Goreth
- 37. Joan Mincer





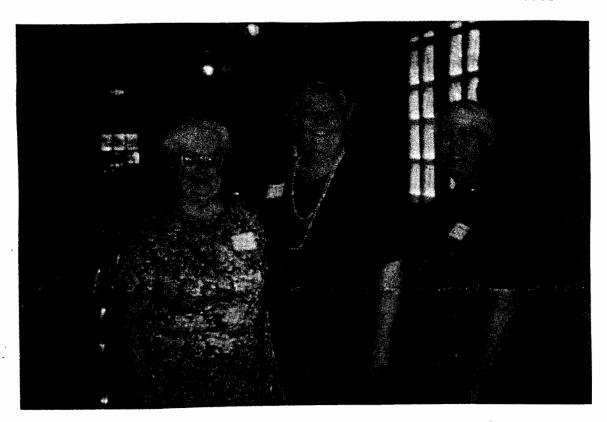


Standing, -- Nancy Cox. Table-left---Art Cox, Bette Cox, Jerry Cox, Bud Thomas, Jo Anne Brooks, Christine Lage, End of talbe, Lucille Cox Right side of table---Al Walgren, Jean Walgren, Gloria Thomas, ?,?



Michelle Downin, Scott Lodge, Katherine Lodge, Diane Hamman, Mike Hamman





Lucille Cox, Christine Cox Lage, Jo Anne Cox Brooks

Roy Devinney



Mr. Devinney died 26 July 1993, Moline, II.

He was born Aug. 16, 1908 in Moline, the son of Albert and Ella Johnson Devinney. He married Helen Allen Jan 1, 1936 in Rock Island. She died April 26, 1987. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery, Rock Island.

He was a 1929 graduate of Augustana College, Rock Island and received his master's degree at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

He had been a school teacher teaching in rural schools and then taught for the Moline Board of Education at Maple Grove, John Deere Junior HIgh School, and Moline High School and had taught at Black Hawk College. He retired in June 1973 after 42 years.

He was a member of Rock Island Lions Club and Illinois Retired Teachers Assn. Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Eleanor and Courtney Cook, Middletown, N.J.: a son and daughter-in-law, Donald E.and Karen Devinney, Moline, grandchildren, Kathy Lents, Hanover Park, IL. JOhn Devinney, Rock Island, Patrick Devinney Moline, and Lester and Edward Cook, both of Middletown and great-grandchildren, Lindsay and Andrew Devinney both of Rock Island. (taken from obituary)

If any of the Clans are planning on a reunion sometime next year and would like to have notice in this newsletter, please get the information to me by 1 April 1996 and I will be happy to put the notice in this newsletter.

I want to thank all of you who have sent or given me money toward the expenses of this newsletter. THANK YOU VERY MUCH and I do appreciate it.

Ruth Anna Hicks

for

HOME COOKED BRISKET

I made this recipe from scratch, after trying different approaches to cooking brisket indoors, in the oven. Mostly this cut of meat is cooked on the grill. or smoker, but either way, I think this will work. One must remember that this cut of meat is tough and therefore must be cooked long and slow. Once you have cooked one and made all necessary trimming, many variations from this method, will erupt.

I first start with a PACKER TRIM brisket. This is usually found in the meat case, (fancy that), and is vacuum packed. I try to get one that is between 9 and 12 pounds. Of course if you have a larger pan you can use the larger ones. Orvice-versa. After removing the brisket from the package, you will note that therre is a large clot of fat on each side. I remove most of this, but not all. Next you will see there looks like there might be two pieces of meat seperated by a thin membrane. Right again, there is. Before the piece of meat is fully thawed (preferrably), seperate these two pieces. Once you start cutting, you will see where the seperation is. After getting them seperated, (this is the hard part), do not take all of the fat off, for this is where the juices and taste comes from. Oh yes, of course the seasoning adds to it. Now you can get the HEAVY DUTY FOIL out and line any pan with it and leave enough on the sides to fold over to make sort of a seal by folding it over. I pierce the meat with a fork and then place the meat in the pan that is lined with foil. I use heavy duty because it will withstand the weight and is not as apt to puncture as easily. Now is the fun part. I do not measure but rather sort of know how and where. I use Liquid Smoke and Soy Sauce to give it flavor. It takes a while to know how your taste is when it comes to the liquid smoke. We like it so I pour it on. Do this before you sprinkle the dry ingredients. In any order, I use garlic powder, chili powder, onion flakes, large ground pepper (sparingly). I do not use salt for theres is plenty in the soy sauce. Fold the foil over the brisket and put it in a 225 to 250 degree oven. Now this will cook slow and pretty soon the entire house will be permiated with the aroma of brisket cooking. This will take anywhere from 6 to 8 or 9 hours. Looking at it often to be sure the juice is not running over the pan, and if so, take a baster and remove some not all. Keep enough juice to keep it moist. When the fork goes through it, you can take it out and as the privelege of all cooks, sample some. You can tell if it is done when you cut through it. Cut cross grain.

When dividing the whole brisket into two pieces, one is larger than the other and will probably take longer to cook.

Also remember, you can add any spices or what even turns your taste buds on.

HAPPY COOKING

Hope you enjoy brisket as much as we do. I have also noted there is a variety of prices for brisket, probably due to its becoming pepular. We usually try to buy them in Texas when we go there on vacation. I have paid as low as 79 cents a pound for this cut of meat. Here in Colorado, i have seen them once in the last year and a half, so I guess we will have to special order them or to to Texas where they are always on the meat shelf.

P.S. Generously cover the briket with Chili Powder and the Garlic Powder. Do not be too skimpy with the Soy Sauce, but not too much.

M m m m m, I'm getting hungry.

At the COX REUNION in August 1996, there were lots of requests for the Brisket recipe of Larry Walrath and the Chocolate Cherry Cake and the recipe for the Hash Brown Potato Casserole, so here are the recipes.

HASH BROWN POTATO CASSEROLE

Mix together

2 pounds has*brown potatoes (2 gt diced)

1 can of mushroom or chicken soup

1/2 to 1 pt sour cream

salt and pepper to taste

12 oz or 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

opt. 1/2 cup onion chopped

green pepper

On top mix 2 to 4 cups cornflakes (crushed) or potato chips and spread on top

9x12 pan BAKE 350 deg. 45 minutes

CHOCOLATE CHERRY CAKE

1 pkg. chocolate cake mix (use just the dry mix, do not add as on package)

21 oz can cherry fruit filling

1 easpoon almond extract

2 eggs, beaten

Frosting

1 cup sugar

5 tablespoons butter or margarine

1/3 cup milk

6 oz pkg (lcup) semi-sweet chocolate pieces

Bake at 350 deg. 9x 13 pan. Greased.

In large bowl, combine first 4 ingredient, By hand, stir until well mixed. Pour into pregared pan. Bake 25 to 30 ,mimutes.

Cool

Frosting. in Small sauce pan, combine sugar, butter and milk. Boil, stirring constantly, I minute. Removed from heat; stir in chocolate pieces until smooth. Can pour over cake now, but I had powdered sugar until frosting is as thick as I like.

GOOD MOIST CAKE