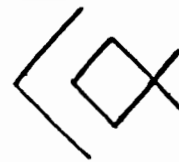


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Cox family reunion held at Burchard Recreation Center

Descendants of Samuel Kirby Cox and Ellen Patterson Cox held a family reunion at the Recreation Center in Burchard August 3 and 4, 1996.

Coordinators for the reunion were Louise Martin Welsch and Mary Welsch Wiese, both of Milford, NE, granddaughter and great-granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Cox.

Eighty-two relatives registered for the event. Audrey Wehrbein of Steinauer was the oldest present. She and her sister Maude Sejkora of Burchard are granddaughters of the late Eliza Cox and John Henderson. Eliza was the oldest sister of Samuel Cox. Sam Wendte of Yankton, SD was the youngest.

Highlights of the weekend include a short business meeting, a reading by Sam Welsch honored Veterans, a style show, and games. Bill Utermohlen of Alexandria, VA gave a short talk about ancestors during the Civil War.

Bookmarks made by Hazel Gregersen of Cody, WY who was unable to attend, were given out to all the children. Ruth Anna Hicks made a banner depicting this year's reunion and it was raffled off. Lou Leitschuck of Beatrice won it. Jennifer Hicks of Lincoln, who turned 10 years old over the weekend, won a pillow made by Louise Welsch.

Sunday morning almost 40 Cox cousins attended services at the United Methodist Church in Burchard. Jill Wiese and Rebecca Welsch, great-great-granddaughters of Samuel and Ellen, sang a duet "Only God Could Love You More" for the worship service.

The next reunion will be held in 1999. Coordinators for the 1999

reunion will be Kari Cox Eppert of Central City, and Bill Utermohlen.

Relatives came from Florida, Virginia, Colorado, Minnesota, South Dakota and Nebraska. Those present were Eugene and Louise Martin Welsch of Milford and their family, Sam, his fiance Connie Prittie, Dan, Ember, and Peter of Sioux City, Mark Welsch of Omaha and Claudia Trexler of Omaha; Dave, Deb, Ben, and Rebecca Welsch of Milford, Mary, Mike, Jill, and Karl Wiese of Milford. Larry and Lois Martin Walrath of Salida, CO and daughter Gayle and her son Lee Johnson of Salida, CO. Bob and Ruth Anna Martin Hicks and their family, Janet, Nate, Amelia Hunt of Lincoln, Doug, Deb, Sam, and Seth Hicks, Ken, Sean, Jennifer Hicks, all of Lincoln. Tom and Sandy Cox of Brandon, FL and their children Tom, Barbara, Elizabeth Cox of Aurora, Amy, Denny, Chase, Lydia Placzek of Kearney, Kari, Troy, Trevor, Kirby Eppert of Central City, Tami, Harold, Kassandra, Brandon Hastings of Seffner, FL. Bob and Mary Lee Cox Utermohlen of Mankato, MN and their children Bill, Alison, Mary Utermohlen of Alexandria, VA; Kim, Paul, Briannon, Errin, Kaitlin, Noah Scott of Colorado Springs, CO, Terry, Scott, Ryan, Michaela Bunke of New Hope, MN. George and Leone Cox of Gothenburg. Doris Freeman of Chappell. Bud and Lou Leitschuck of Beatrice. Don Leitschuck of Odell. Ken and Martha Cox Linstrom of Rapid City, SD and their family Sue, Jeff, Kristen and Sam Wendte of Yankton, SD. Audrey Wehrbein of Steinauer. Maude Sejkora of Burchard. Also joining us were friends Verva Martin of Wymore, Matt, Lora of Lincoln.

If there have been other reunions, please send the information so that I can include the write up in a newsletter.

From a Nebraska newspaper

Wayne was a John Washington Cox descendant

Wayne Logsdon

GRANT — Wayne Logsdon, 83, of Grant died July 14, 1996, at the Grant Hospital.

He was born June 27, 1913, at Burchard to James and Eliza Cox Logsdon. The family moved to the Grant area when he was a young boy and he graduated from Perkins County High School in 1931.

Mr. Logsdon married Lillian Gengenbach at Grant on June 13, 1940. They maintained their farm home southwest of Grant until 1994, when they moved into Grant. In addition to his farming, he had been associated with the sale barns in Grant and Ogallala for more than 55 years.

Survivors include his wife of Grant; two daughters, Eloise (Robert) Morgan of Bronxville, N.Y., and Kristy Logsdon of Lincoln; two sons, John of Montague, Calif., and Lloyd (Susan) of Grant; four grandchildren, Jeff and Michael Logsdon and Wayne and Rachel Morgan; and a sister, Doris Freeman of Chappell.

Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Grant Zion Lutheran Church with Pastor Darwin Wassman officiating. Burial will be in the Grant Cemetery.

A memorial has been established.

Bullock-Long Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

THE COX FAMILY IN THE CIVIL WAR

| NAME | parent | birth | enlisted | age | unit | occup | height | eyes | hair | cplxn | death | pen |
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| Crittenden ³ | David ² | 1844 | 9/1/61 | 17 | D, 35 Oh/navy | clerk | 5' 5" | brown | light | fair | 9/21/1900 | ✓ |
| Alfred B. ³ | Moses ² | 1830 | 11/27/61 | 31 | C, 16 Iowa Inf | | 5' 11" | blue | dark | light | 1902 | ✓ |
| Charles E. ⁴ | Richard R | 9/28/1833 | 1861 | 28 | Iowa mil | | | | | | 6/20/1924 | |
| Joseph R. ⁴ | Richard R | 1/15/1835 | 8/6/61 | 26 | E, 9 Ill Inf | | 5' 10" | grey | dark | dark | 11/8/1869 | ✓ |
| Augustus B. ⁴ | Richard R | 5/12/1842 | 8/15/62 | 20 | E, 9 Ill Inf | farmer | 5' 10" | blue | light | light | 9/16/1864 | |
| Hiram S. ⁴ | Richard R | 5/12/1844 | 2/11/65 | 20 | C, 11 Ill Cav | farmer | 5' 9" | grey | brown | light | 3/24/1920 | ✓ |
| Joseph Frank ⁴ | John W | 1/16/1840 | 9/5/61 | 21 | M, 11 Ill Cav | farmer | 5' 8 1/4" | hazel | dark | dark | 3/16/1925 | ✓ |
| John Wesley ⁴ | John W | 3/19/1845 | 3/23/64 | 19 | C, 112 Ill Inf | farmer | 5' 8" | hazel | brown | dark | 8/16/1930 | ✓ |
| Wm T. Knight ⁴ | Rachel | 4/13/1836 | 8/9/62 | 26 | I, 35 Iowa Inf | farmer | 5' 11" | black | black | fair | 5/8/1892 | ✓ |
| David R. Knight ⁴ | Rachel | 10/15/1841 | 8/9/62 | 20 | I, 35 Iowa Inf | farmer | 5' 9" | black | light | fair | 10/14/1922 | ✓ |
| Williamson M. ⁴ | Joseph B | 5/14/1839 | 3/17/65 | 25 | D, 9 Ill Cav | farmer | 5' 6 1/2" | hazel | brown | light | 3/29/1915 | ✓ |
| Augustus D. ⁴ | Joseph B | 4/18/1842 | 2/21/65 | 22 | G, 47 Ill Inf | farmer | 5' 7 3/4" | blue | light | light | 1/30/1906 | |
| Washington R. ⁴ | Joseph B | 1843 | 8/11/62 | 18 | F, 89 Ill Inf | farmer | 5' 7 1/2" | blue | light | fair | 3/6/1863 | |
| Hill K. ⁴ | Joseph B | 4/14/1849 | 3/8/65 | 15 | C, 14 Ill Cav | farmer | 5' 4" | blue | brown | dark | 4/1/1916 | ✓ |
| Alban J. ⁴ | Jesse L | 11/12/1842 | 2/15/65 | 22 | A, 156 Ill Inf | farmer | 5' 6 1/4" | hazel | brown | light | 7/4/1888 | |
| James L. ⁴ | Jesse L | 6/12/1847 | 3/17/65 | 17 | C, 14 Ill Cav | farmer | 5' 8" | grey | brown | ruddy | 2/10/1924 | ✓ |
| Pleasant F. ⁴ | Jeremiah | 5/31/1844 | 2/11/64 | 19 | G, 126 Ill Inf | farmer | 5' 5" | black | black | dark | 7/12/1920 | ✓ |
| Sylvester Hickman ⁴ | Mary ³ (John ²) | 11/9/1842 | 9/1/61 | 18 | C, 12 Ind Inf | farmer | 5' 4" | grey | auburn | light | 7/23/1919 | ✓ |
| Wm. Franklin Hickman ⁴ | Mary ³ (John ²) | 3/30/1846 | 8/9/62 | 16 | K, 76 Ill Inf | farmer | 5' 7 1/2" | black | black | dark | 3/22/1914 | ✓ |

This should have gone into the last newsletter, but I ran out of space. To send the newsletter for 32 cents I can have only so many pages. It gets to expensive to send at the 55 cent rate



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YOUR PRESIDENT'S 4TH OF JULY

Arapahoe, Nebraska celebrated its 125th year of existence. My great grandfather, George Washington Colvin, was one of the founders in 1781. Thus, with an invitation to attend, Gloria reneged on her "I'll never drive through the flat central states again" as we returned from San Francisco last year!

Our vacation began chasing Colvin, Davis and Thomas surnames as we passed through Iowa and into Nebraska, with a touch of Murphy. However, Joseph Rue Cox descendants became an unexpected interlude.

Resulting from a missed highway turn, we arrived at Clarinda, Iowa, at noon, and were fortunate that Bob and Merrily Tunnecliff could join us for lunch. It was a real pleasure to see them again, and the time passed all too quickly.

Our plan to be in Beatrice, NE for Sunday, June 30th, found us about an hour south of Lincoln. Fortunately, Ruth Anna and Bob Hicks were able to arrange a get-together over dinner in Lincoln. Conversation never abated, and the visit was much too short.

Reception in Arapahoe was by Cathy Weber, whom we first met at the Rock Island Cox Reunion last August. We are most grateful to Cathy for her efforts in our behalf. We had a great surprise—it seems that most of the 1001 inhabitants knew we were joining their 125th celebration, taking place on July 4th. It suited Gloria and me to be unable to join a State Senator in the parade convertible. Instead, it was sufficient to be introduced by Mayor Howard Davis when he opened both the 125th and 4th dual celebrations.

It's a small world! Jack Wagner, owner of the general store, told us his brother lives in Avis, PA, just 18 miles west of our home town of Williamsport.

Again, Cathy was a wonderful host for the time in Arapahoe. Activities included: a parade, quilt show and auction, picnic in the community park, a time capsule, a *Melodrama* by the young people, ice cream and cake, interview by the *Arapahoe Mirror*, a baseball game, all ending with a terrific display of fireworks. A very successful celebration.

Stops at Kearney and Plattsmouth were for information on my Thomas, Colvin, Davis surnames.

Our future schedule has a vacation in Kentucky the last week of September. We will further attempt to trace "Old Squire Cox" in the libraries and historical societies in the Counties around Lexington. As there are no Courthouse records for the time-period, the written word will be searched for information.

Also on the agenda will be possible reservations for the **August 10-12, 2000 COX REUNION**. We anticipate this to be in Frankfort, KY because it is centrally located for the many interesting places to see and visit within two hours.

Mark the date on your calendar (who has a year 2000 calendar now?)! Anyway, schedule your vacation for that weekend. Kentucky is a beautiful country to visit, with many historical places, and even a few bits of Cox genealogy.

Your thoughts and ideas for the **2000 COX REUNION** are solicited and welcome. Don't wait too long, though, as plans will be moving along during this coming year.

Bud Thomas

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NEW BABIES, all on the John Washington Cox line
(surely there have been new babies on other lines, I would love to include that information in the newsletter, as this newsletter is for word on all branches.)

Amber Lee Griffin born 28 Dec. 1995 to Charles and Joan Griffin
Gage William Kishi born 20 June 1996, son of Krish & Steve Nishi, and the first grandchild of Merry and Bill Naviaux

DEATH Lawrence Cox, son of the late Dean and Mildred Cox, died at the V.A. Medical Center in Auroa, CO. 10 May 1996. He was buried in the Ft. Logan Miliary Cemetary.

MARRIAGES

Samuel Kirby Welsch and Constance Marie Anne (VanZile) Prittie were married on 10 August 1996 in Sioux City, Iowa

Jocile and Gary Peterson were busy this summer as two sons were married. Grandsons of George and Leone Cox.

Justin Peterson married Jennifer Mae Musil in North Platte, Ne on 24 May 1996.

Nathan Peterson married Victoria Michelle Gomez on 27 July 1996 in Akron, CO. She is the dau. of Carlos and Petra Gomez.

Letter from Myra Cox Roadruck to Truman Freeland.

506 N.W. 27 Ave. Portland, Oregon
Dec 19, 1937

Mr. Truman Freeland
Burwell, Neb.

Dear Cousin:

I shall proceed to tell you at once that I am Myra, the first daughter of David Cox, your double cousin. My daughter, Faye Roadruck Wright of Salem, Oregon brought me your letter to her and the history of the pioneer days that is so like the early days in Kansas that it might be written for that state also.

My father and mother arrived in Cloud County Kansas in April 1871. They had one wagon, 5 horses, a cow, chickens and their household goods and 2 children. myself and a younger sister.

I can recall a few incidents as a 4 year old will. Always there were the waves and billows of the grass grown prairies. Your own Nebraska Authoress, Bess Streeter Aldrich describes the wind blown spaces, with her "wave, ripple, dips" "Lantern In Her Hand" We had the same condittions as those you so clearly depict.

My father at once made us a house, of stone, as there were limestone deposits near us. He made it on & in a hillside. The front of it was even with the yard. The back of it was perhaps 4 feet into the hill, but there were windows on the "hill" side and small girls, when supposedly asleep could see coyotes slipping up to see of any stray chicken was to be had. The roof was a sod roof laid on cotton wood poles that had been hauled from the bank of the Republican River, 12 miles away. My father got to work at once (as soon as there was a shelter for the family) "breaking sod" for a corn crop. He found soon, that the horses were not able to work as hard or as long as he could, so traded one span for a yoke of oxen, Great, red, patient things. Their names were Buck and Brandy, though truth comples me to state that sometimes they were called other than that when they decided it was time to "knock" off work for the day" As soon as my father possibly could he planted an Orchard. The peach trees did better than the others and the year the grasshoppers first came we had 10 acres loaded with their frist bearing. Everything else went but my dad houled slough grass, manure and kept smudges going and saved this peqch crop and divided with all the country round about. That year a third child was born "another girl" who is Lulu, Mrs Maatin Capper of Rice, Cloud Co., Ks. who is just now with her eldest daughter at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Of course you knew my father in his youth. He was such a fine man. A power in his county. He read and studied and was far ahead of his time in his methods of farming. He kept up to the end of his life. Read and was up to the minute in all the goings on of all the world.

He lived there on the same farm that he had home staded from the Govt. until 1903 when he sold out and came West to Wenatchee, Wash.

They had a family of five girls. The one son lived but a few months. We seem to be a feminine family

Children of David and Harriet Cox

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| Myra, I had 3 girls | Lulu had 1 son and 2 girls |
| Lucy had 3 girls | Caroline 1 son |
| Minnie 3 girls | |

Myra's children

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| Joyce, no children | Faye--2 girls | Goldie, no children |
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Fayes children--Mrs. Fay Roadruck Wright, Eloise--unmarried, Eleanor-1 son
Which is the first male in my 4 generations. We are still sending up rockets and shooting off firecrakers about him as he just arrived Dec. 7. I have always felt that my Dad should have had a son to carry on his name. His father before him was so worth while, now his name is lost too. My father's brother, Pleasant

Freeland Cox had one son--named for my grandfather. He has one one but the son has no children. So the name is gone--Too bad.

My girls are just about the nicest girls any mother ever had. We were able to give them a college education and they are quite good citizens and useful members of society. Up to date and active socially and othertwise.

Joyce is married to a farmer up in the irrigated section of Eastern Oregon. She is responsible for a nunicipol cannery and laundry up in her country. Faye is a member of the School board at Salem. A club women and Phi Kappa Phi of the College and married to a fine chap. He has been Supt of the P.E.P. Co. (Electrical) for many years. My youngest daughter died of flu in 1929. She was Instructor in the University of Wash. So even though we be feminine we do our best. Faye's oldest daughter, Eloise is a social worker. A Collebe graduate (as is her sister) She is head of the Reliep work for Hood River Cpunty. A most capable tiny scrap of a girl. whois kept on her job because she is so capable. Her grandmother (meaning me) is pretty soft about her.

Fayé and I put in some time at our public library trying to run down some of the history of the family that cousin Clay Cox of Chicago had sent. Hope we can get our dates all ironed out. Now I must close. I am a "working woman" Have a printing shop and we are very busy. Mr. Roadruck died in 1915 and you know what farm lands do to one at these times. Do you happen to be a "New Deal" man. Now if I spokeout of turn. Dont mind me for I'm only one of those women. But you might as well know the awful truth about me. I'm still a Republican. Of course we dont seem to count much just now. Maybe I'm the only one left. but anyway.

Now I must stop if you get this by Christmas you can still be reading it New Years Day. Now if I did not tell you what all you wanted to know write some more Next Year.

With best wishes thi yuletide I am
your cousin
Myra Cox Roadruck

I would appreciate if anyone can give me information on anyone mentioned in this letter. We would like the information so we could have much more information that will go into a Cox book that Bill Utermohlen and I have been working on.
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WHO ARE THESE MEN!!!!

Please look through your pictures and see if you can help.

I did not have anyone contact me about the pictues in the last issue.

I think that the 2 couples on the first page of the last issue were David and Pleasant Cox. David was the father of the author of the above letter.

Also the picture of the lady and young child (boy or girl?) might be Mary Cox Freeland. Can anyone tell me for sure?