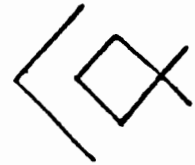


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SEARCHING FOR
JOHN COX

February 1998

Tradition states that John Cox met Catherine Cull while he was serving his country during the Revolutionary War. She visited Hugh Cull, and thus became acquainted with John Cox. They married in 1782 in Woodford County, Kentucky. A fire at the courthouse destroyed records for the period of interest to us.

Pursuing this tradition, the *Pennsylvania Archives* and *The Pennsylvania Line*, by John B. B. Trussell, were reviewed in detail to track both John Cox and Hugh Cull, and thus determine when and where an acquaintance could have developed. This search required knowledge of the army unit where each was assigned, and the movement throughout the war period. The search was performed over several years. We note that more than one "Hugh Cull" and more than one "John Cox" served, but research continued where both complied with tradition.

Hugh Cull, from Havre de Grace, Maryland, came to Pennsylvania when four years old. On 24 Jan 1776, a Hugh Cull enlisted as a private and was assigned to Capt. William Rippey's Company H of the 6th Pennsylvania Battalion under command of Col. William Irvine. His enlistment occurred at Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

John Cox, on the western frontier in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, or Yohogania or Monongalia Counties, Virginia (this was disputed territory), enlisted in Capt. Nelson's Rifle Company. Capt. Nelson had been instructed by Congress to enlist men to accompany the military force preparing to invade Canada.

Troop movement records of the Revolutionary War were minutely reviewed. The result specifically places together, by name, both John Cox and Hugh Cull, in the same Battalion or Regiment (interchangeable terms), on 20 Oct 1776 and 2 May 1780. However, assuming they were with their assigned Companies throughout the War, and there is no evidence otherwise, we count 37 specifically written dates placing their units in the same regiment, meaning that both marched and camped at the same locations.

Returning to Hugh Cull's being in Pennsylvania,¹ and his enlistment at Carlisle, it appears likely that the Cull family lived in that vicinity. The next logical assumption

1. Andrew W. Young, *History of Wayne County, Indiana*, 33,34.

follows that the distance from their home to the camp at Carlisle was close enough for daily round trips by horseback. With John Cox and Hugh Cull stationed at Carlisle, specifically for two months in the summer of 1777, Catherine Cull was able to visit them.

John Cox was on a muster roll on 2 May 1780, but on furlough. His discharge date and location were not found. However, we know that Hugh Cull was "paid at Carlisle" in April 1781, indicating his discharge. Hugh's tombstone inscription, "Rev. Soldier, Pvt. 7th Pennsylvania Reg't." confirms the facts about his Regimental assignment (the Pennsylvania 7th replaced the Pa. 6th in March of 1777).

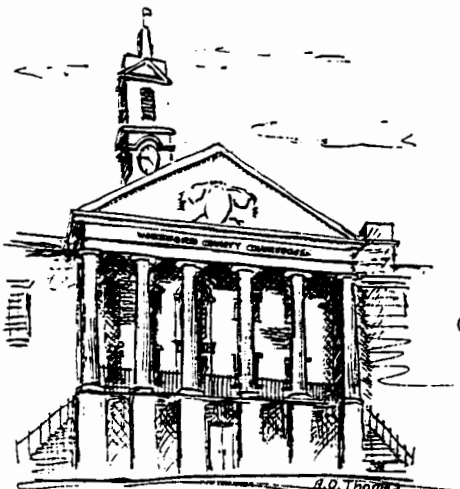
Now, anyone and everyone interested in tracing John Cox's predecessors can concentrate on southwestern Pennsylvania. It might also be helpful to gather information on the Cull family at Carlisle.

Gloria and I have considerable data on Cox families in many states, including southwestern Pennsylvania and West Virginia. More than one John Cox appears among our southwestern PA data, but none have yet been connected to our John Cox. Should any of John Cox's descendants or associates be interested in doing this research, we will be glad to provide the information we possess. Hopefully, we will be able to make another "go at it" within the next year, after Gloria completely recovers from her broken hip suffered on May 1st.

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JUSTICE TODD HOUSE
BUILT IN 1812.
U.S. SUPREME COURT 1807-26.
FRANKFORT, KY



COX CLAN REUNION
August 11-13, 2000
Frankfort, Kentucky

WOODFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE
YERSAILLES, KENTUCKY

KEARNEY, NEB.

Why Kearney, Nebraska?

On February 21, 1997, Gloria and I flew to Kearney where we were among the honored guests at a 90th Birthday Celebration for the Alumni House of the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

This house was built by my grandfather, Augustus O. Thomas. He was the first President of the Normal School, and served until 1915; the school evolved into UNK.

Their home was built in 1906, located one block from the campus and the A. O. Thomas Building (Thomas Hall). It is an impressive house, made so by the extended roof over the entire front, supported by a colonnade of four, two story columns. The Corinthian capital design is used by the UNK Alumni Association as their logo.

Augustus was the 2nd son of William L. Thomas and Mary Elizabeth Cox, a daughter of Sarah L. and Richard Rue Cox.

He went on to serve as the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in Lincoln. Next, he became Commissioner of Education for the State of Maine, and then founded the World Federation of Education in San Francisco in 1923. He died in Washington, D. C. in 1935 while holding the position of Secretary General of that organization.

As the 2nd son of Madge M. and Paul A. Thomas, I have the honor of carrying on his name; however, most people know me as "Bud."

A. O. "Bud" Thomas, II, PE

I would like stories of our ancestors similar in nature to the above to be used in future newsletters. Actually I need material of all kinds, births, deaths, marriages, or anything of interest. I would appreciate anything you can send me for future issues.

An explanation as to why you did not get this newsletter when it was due last fall.

IN JULY I had cataract surgery on one eye, (fine now) Then started having back problems and then had sinus infection and bronchitis at the same time. Am fine now but trying to catch up is taking longer than I thought it would

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Line of descent from Joseph Cox
for Leota Spier

Joseph¹, John W.², Eliza³, m. Henderson,
Frank⁴ Henderson, William⁵, Leota

Leota I. Spier

WYMORE — Leota I. Spier, 78, Wymore, died at the Wymore Good Samaritan Center Monday night, July 21, 1997. She was born Feb. 12, 1919, at Bookwalter, Neb. She and Melvin Spier were married on April 1, 1935, in Marysville, Kan., and lived on a farm southeast of Barneston until 1975, when they moved into Wymore. She was a member of the Barneston Presbyterian Church and was active in the women's circles of the church. She was a past employee at the Beatrice and Wymore Good Samaritan Centers, and was a grandmother at the Wee Care Day Care in Beatrice. She enjoyed cooking and gardening.

Survivors: sons, Ralph Spier and wife Roseann of Clatonia and Delbert Spier and wife Georgia of Blue Springs; daughters, Glenda Eden and husband Jerry of Beatrice and Twila Wise and husband Larry of Wymore; 13 grandchildren; two stepgranddaughters; and 20 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Gaye (Johnson) Henderson; husband, Melvin in 1976; son, Raymond; and two sisters.

Funeral: 10:30 a.m. Friday, July 25, Wymore Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Cindy Ordway officiating. Burial: Wymore Cemetery. Family prayer service: 10:15 a.m. Friday at the church. Memorial established to the Wymore Good Samaritan Center with Laughlin-Hoebet Funeral Home, Wymore, in charge. Visitation: 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday and at the church one hour preceding services. Laughlin-Hoebet Funeral Home, Wymore.

Hazel Edna (Cox) Gregersen died in Cody, Wyoming, 3 Oct. 1997 and was buried in Gillette, Wyoming. She married Hans Gregersen. Hazel was born 12 Dec 1911, Burchard, Pawnee Co., NE. Dau. of Fred and Rilla Cox. Line from Joseph¹, John W.², Samuel³, Fred⁴.

Line of descent for Nicole
from Joseph¹, John W.² Samuel³
Fred⁴, Ellen⁵, Meredith⁶

ENGLAND—Nicole (Naviaux), age 29, died Dec. 26th in Orlando, FL. Survived by husband, Gary E. England, Orlando, FL; parents, William and Merry Naviaux, Ralston; sister and brother-in-law, Krishanne and Steve Nishi, Olaj, CA; grandmother, Elma Newman, North Platte; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Gerald and Frances England, Brown Co., IN; many other family and friends.
MEMORIAL SERVICE Sat., Jan. 3rd, 11 am Rockbrook United Methodist Church.

Boyd's line is Joseph¹. John W.²
Eliza³, Frank⁴, Margaret⁵, Audrey⁶

Barbara J. Wehrbein 1-19-98

STEINAUER — Barbara J. Wehrbein, 58, rural Steinauer, died Sunday morning, Jan. 18, 1998, at the Tabitha Home in Lincoln. She was born on April 1, 1939, at La Grange, Mo. She received her early education at Canton Grade School and graduated from La Grange High School in 1958. On July 25, 1991, she married Boyd Wehrbein at Beatrice, and they lived in Steinauer. She enjoyed cooking and had worked at the Beatrice Good Samaritan Center, Beatrice State Developmental Center and Martin Luther Home of Beatrice, Runza Restaurant and Stax Restaurant. She was most recently employed by the Lewiston Consolidated School System. She was a member of the Homestead Baptist Church of Beatrice. She enjoyed gardening, raising flowers, swimming, garage sales, baking, family gatherings and traveling.

Survivors: husband, Boyd; son, Steven Hudnut and wife Deborah of Dover, Mo.; daughters, Tammy Neukirch of Lincoln and Ronda Thompson and Terri Hedges of Beatrice; 13 grandchildren; brother, Larry Job of Canton, Mo.; four nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jerry and Opal (White) Job; and one sister-in-law, Sue Job.

Funeral: 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, Fox Funeral Home, Beatrice, Pastor Bryan Bronn officiating. Cremation will follow service. Inurnment will take place at a later date. Memorial established to Homestead Baptist Church with the funeral home in charge. Visitation: at the funeral home from noon Monday until time of service on Tuesday. Fox Funeral Home, Beatrice.



Wehrbein

BIRTHS

Micah Jameson Scott on 2 May 1997 in Colorado Springs, CO. Son of Kim and Paul Scott.

Kendra Frances Bunke on 31 August 1997 in New Hope, Mn. Dau. of Terry and Scott Bunke.

Kim and Terry are sisters, their line, Joseph¹, John W.², Samuel³ Jerome⁴, Mary Lee⁵.

Reunion 1997

Poteet-Bookwalter reunion

A family reunion of the descendants of Roy and Margaret Henderson Poteet and John and Minerva Laird Bookwalter was held Sunday, October 9 in Holton, Kan. Hosts for the day were John Wayne (Buddy) and Beverly Bookwalter of Visalia, Calif., and Ed and Judy Bookwalter Bond of Lawrence, Kan. Their parents were Wayne and Camilla Poteet Bookwalter.

Joining them were aunts and uncles, Henry and Elizabeth Bookwalter Reimer of Beatrice, Dean and June Bookwalter of Marysville, Kan., Audrey Poteet Wehrbein of Steinauer, Maude Poteet Sejkora of Burchard, and Willard and Margaret Bookwalter of Summerfield, Kan.

Also present were cousins: Tom and Alisha Bookwalter of Manhattan, Kan.; John and Patti Bookwalter, Joshua and Jeremy and Tony and Lynn Peters, Taylor Anne and Mackensie, all of Visalia, Calif.; Gregg Bookwalter of Sacramento, Calif.; Scott and Lisa Bond, Jennifer, Scottie, Preston, Jacob and Mitchell and Brett and Edith Bond and Justin of Lawrence, Kan.; David and Margaret Sejkora Schmit, Mark and Cindy Schmit, Nick and Mitch of Waverly; Mike Schmit, Kevin Schmit, Craig and Cristy Schmit Aernt, Paul and Lexy of Lincoln; Brad and Linda Sejkora of Burchard, and Bruce and Mary Sejkora and Alex of Beatrice.

COX CLANN BOOK

As you may or may not know Bill Utermohlen and I have been working on a Cox book. We hope to have it published by the next reunion, in 2000 BUT we need your help.

If you want to include the information on your family, grandparents, aunts, uncles, children, grandchildren etc, please send as much as possible to Bill by 1 June 1998. Include names, dates, places.

Bills address William Utermohlen, 1916 Windseo Rd. Alexandria, IA 22307

Also would you like pictures of your ancestors in the book? Pictures make a book more interesting now and in the future. Could use pictures from earliest ancestors to around 1920's or thereabouts.

Send me the pictures. They will be returned.

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THE GENEALOGISTS PSALM

Genealogy is my pastime, I shall not stray.
 It maketh me line down and examine half-buried tombstones.
 It leadeth me into still courthouses.
 It restoreth my ancestral knowledge.
 It leadeth me in paths of census records and ship's passenger lists for my
 surname's sake.
 Yea, though I walk through the sadows of research libraries and microfilm
 readers, I shall fear no discouragement.
 For a strong urge is within me.
 The curiosity and motivation they comforteth me.
 It demandeth preparation of storage s pace for the acquiition of countless
 documents.
 It annointeth my head with burning mid-night oil.
 My family group sheets runneth over.
 Surely birth, marriage, and death dates shall follow me all the days of m y life.
 And I shall dwell in the house of a family history seeker forever.

Author Unknown.

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REUNION OF COXES-----Eighty-five Members of Family at Meeting at
 Campbell;s Island. (Rock Island Argus, (Ill_ 19 Aug. 1910

Shown that there are 500 Living Descendants of Marriage Performed in
 Kentucky in 1804

Eighty-five of the members of the family were in attendance at the eighth
 annual reunion of the Cox family held yesterday at Campbell's Island. At
 noon a chicken dinner was served and at it conclusion there was a program
 of speeches, mostly reminiscent in character. It was shown at there were
 500 lineal descendantst of Joseph and Mary Cox living. Joseph and Mary
 Cox were married in Kentuckt in 1804. Among the speakers at the reunion
 yesterday were Charles Cox, Pittsfield, Ill., John W. Cox, Des Moines,
 P.F. Cox, Rock Island; Mrs. Mattie Thomas-Dyall, W. E. Cox, Chicago;
 Mrs. John Neil Cox, Galesburg;, J.A. Cox, Moline, Miss Daisie Cox , Alpha,
 Miss Nellie Shunning, Sears, Mrs. Jane Walker, Hillsdale and Miss
 Littian Cox, Rock Island.

Miss Daisie Cox, Alpha was elected secretary of the Cox Reunion association.
 Charles Cox Pittsfield, president and Mrs. Eliza Henderson, Alpha, vice
 president. continue in their offices indefinitely. It was voted to held
 the next reunion at Czmpbell's island.