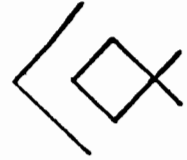


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The following article came from a newspaper in Lafayette, Indiana newspaper of March 13, 1988

Cox gave temperance pep talk

Historian saw power in 3/13/88 women's effort

We conclude our 15-week-long tribute to writer Sandford C. Cox (1811-1877) with this closing installment about his interesting life in pioneer Indiana and early Lafayette.

Late in his life, Sandford C. Cox, Lafayette attorney and land developer, writer, historian and public speaker, moved his wife and large family to the clean air of White County. He lived in the country at first, then in Reynolds, before moving back to Lafayette in about 1870, when he was 59.

As a White Countian, Cox contributed considerable journalism to *The Banner* published at Reynolds. And when his oldest sons launched a juvenile Lafayette paper called *The Bee* in the early 1870s, he helped fill it with stories, essays, poems and more obituaries.

Once a year for many years Cox wrote in long poetic form an annual peptalk to be delivered as an oration, then distributed in printed verse, to the carrier delivery forces of all three papers: the *Journal*, the *Courier* and *The Bee*.

In the spring of 1874, when anti-liquor fervor that was scattered over the Midwest had sent a few courageous ladies' groups into taverns and saloons to sing hymns, preach sermons and otherwise shame drinkers and



proprietors alike, two such episodes occurred in Lafayette.

That year the *Courier* tells how Cox — then 63 — afterward spoke to one of the women's groups in Lafayette, saying approximately as follows:

"Ladies, girls, mothers and sisters — I have seen this temperance work in all its stages for four years. I want to say a word to encourage you. I do not see anything to discourage you. I am old and have seen much of life. Wait for the early and latter rain. You have done more in the last six weeks than has been done for the last 500 years.

"The men are scared, from the distilleries to the low doggery, and there is a great upheaval in society. There is a power behind the throne stronger than the throne itself. That power is woman. The hand that rocks the cradle moves the world.

"There is more power in this woman's crusade to crush this monster evil than the world has ever known. If Joan d'Arc could do so much for the French army, what can this noble band of praying women do? This boast that the ladies are to be hindered in their work by some combination is only braggadocio

to frighten them.

"The prayers of God's people are heard, and God will answer. There is no reason to be discouraged, but every reason to take fresh courage and move on the enemy's works."

In the 1980s, about 150 years after young Sandford Cox first took office as Tippecanoe County's 20-year-old recorder, county government began the annual ritual of bestowing a "Sandford Cox Award." It goes to some outstanding public servant within its ranks.

With that award, and the scattered copies of Cox's vintage-1860 book, *Old Settlers* on bookshelves, library stalls and museum cases, the legendary Sandford Cull Cox lives on, toward life in still another century.

In a 1962 book titled *A History of Indiana Literature*, Arthur W. Shumaker opined that "poetry was the dominant literary genre in the period of early literature; the strongest voices before 1871 are those of poets. ... The outstanding writers, many heretofore neglected in literary history (were) Joseph S. Welsh, George W. Cutter, John S. Reid, Alice Cary, Phoebe Cary, Mary Louisa Chitwood, Sandford C. Cox, Sarah T. Bolton and Forceythe Willson.

In a four-page biographical sketch about Cox, Shumaker noted:

"His rise in the world tended to compensate for his disability. He was repeatedly elected county recorder and afterward enjoyed a successful career as a lawyer and businessman."

'Old Settlers'

Bound facsimile copies of Sandford Cox's 1860 book, *Old Settlers* have been acquired and are available for \$6 each in the gift shop in the Tippecanoe County Historical Association's museum at 10th and South Sts.

■ "As an abolitionist and worker on the underground railroad, as a public speaker and wit, and as a newspaper editor, he was energetic and popular."

■ "*Recollections of the Early Settlement of the Wabash Valley* (more commonly called *Old Settlers*) is a well-written book, which has been for some years a collector's item. ... This volume deserves much more attention than it has ever received, both for its literary style and its historical content."

■ "The poems (in *The Evangelist*) written mostly as early as 1833 are rather good, but do not equal his prose in quality. ... Cox's poetry is worth reading but is far from being great. If he had concentrated more on it instead of spreading his talents, probably he would have done better."

For the lover of Lafayette and Tippecanoe County history, however, Sandford Cox did well enough indeed!

Next week a new *Old Lafayette* series will begin documenting Greater Lafayette's colorful "Streetcar Years."

Sanford Cox was the 4th child and 3rd son of Joseph & Mary Cox

The following was sent to me by Monica M. O'Reilly of Albuquerque, N.M.

I would appreciate more articles like this.

Here's the sketch I promised you; hope it's what you had in mind:

Joseph Edward (Ed) Cox was the second of the three children of **Cassius Clay (C.C.) Cox** and Margaret Irene Arcularius. Ed was born in Iowa on December 30, 1883, and died in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in 1933 at the age of forty-nine.

Minnie Peterson was a school teacher from Moline, the youngest of six children of Swedish immigrants. Two of Minnie's siblings died during her childhood, one from consumption; and in 1904, her sister Alice, 33, died of tuberculosis in Arizona where she had gone in an attempt to regain her health. Minnie was at her side when she died.

Ed and Minnie married in Moline, Illinois, on July 11, 1905. Afraid she, too, would contract tuberculosis, Minnie and Ed moved to Albuquerque, as so many suffering from consumption did in those days. Alice Margaret, the first of their five daughters, was born in Albuquerque on Valentine's Day 1908. Looking for a better job, the family moved from Albuquerque to Arizona where two more daughters were born (Louise in 1910 and Betty Anne in 1912), then to California, back to Arizona, and finally back to Albuquerque, where Dottie was born in 1917, and Mary Helen, another Valentine's Day baby, was born in 1923. The family lived at 410 N. 12th Street, then moved to 708 Copper in Albuquerque, where Ed died on April 11, 1933.

Ed started as a clerk at the First National bank in Albuquerque, held a banking job in Arizona, worked for the Citizens Bank and Trust company of Los Angeles in California, became assistant cashier of First National Bank in Albuquerque, and upon his death was secretary-treasurer of the First Savings Bank and Trust Company and vice president of the First National Bank in Albuquerque.

Ed's parents followed Ed and Minnie to Albuquerque sometime around 1916, where they moved to a small ranch near downtown. C.C. died in Albuquerque in 1921 at the age of 67 and is buried in the Fairview Cemetery next to Ed and Minnie, who died in Albuquerque in 1960.

The descendants of Minnie Peterson and Ed Cox:

Alice Margaret married Merlyn Davies, and died in Albuquerque on March 11, 1991. They had no children.

Louise married Owen B. Marron, and died in Albuquerque on September 6, 1987. They had one son, Ralph (b. 5.30.41).

Betty Ann married Jack Rankin. They live in California and have one son, Edward Cox Rankin (b. 6.24.44).

Dottie married Don G. McCormick. They had two daughters, Monica (b. 7.26.47) and Margo (b. 2.11.52). Monica married Mel O'Reilly and has three sons, Colm and Dylan (twins, b. 12.31.72) and Brendan (b. 11.16.75). Margo married Ranne Miller and has no children. Dorothy, the O'Reillys, and the Millers live in Albuquerque.

Mary Helen married Jack Ewing and had two children, Karen (b. 10.23.48) and Steve (b. 2.27.52). Karen married Tim Lewis and has two daughters, Patricia (b. 11.27.73) and Kelly (b. 12.24.75). Steve married Cory Sims, and has two children, Kai (b. 1.24.86) and Josh (b. 2.6.80). Mary Helen and Steve and Karen and their families live in Albuquerque.

Obituaries

From Arapahoe, NE Public Mirror. Milton was a Sandford Cox descendant.

Died 1-1-97

Pearl E. Cox

Pearl was born November 13, 1898 at Bloomington, Nebraska. Her parents were John and Johanna Hansen Schegg. She graduated from Bloomington High School. As a young woman she moved to Arapahoe, Nebraska where she was employed by The Equity Store. She met and then married Milton R. Cox on September 17, 1933. Milton passed away May 28, 1947 while they were living in Washington, D.C. Pearl returned to Bloomington to be with her aging mother. She resided there until November of 1996 in a century-old home built by her father. She then resided in Methodist Homes of Holdrege until her death. Pearl was a member of The United Methodist Church and the American Legion Auxillary. She was a lover of flowers and her home and yard were known to the people of Bloomington.

Beside her husband and parents she was preceded in death by three sisters and one brother. They were Ela, Helen, Jula and Howard. Her survivors are three nieces: Mrs. W.A. Daily of Canon City, Colorado, Cathleen Weber and her husband Melvin, of Arapahoe, Nebraska, and Mrs. Rodney Cox of Holdrege, Nebraska. She is

also survived by three cousins: Mabel Schegg McQuillan of Omaha, Rose Schegg Hernin of California and Fern Schegg of Bloomington, Nebraska. Graveside services were conducted by Reverend Schwarz of The United Methodist Church and interment was in the Arapahoe Cemetery next to her husband, Milton Cox.

Golda Alice Cooper

Golda Alice Cooper, 104, died March 6, 1998 at Trenton, Neb. She was born November 23, 1893 in Burchard to Frank and Anna Jane Henderson. She was the last survivor of seven children.

She left the Burchard area for Palisade, Neb. in 1929 to help her aunt Bess Røller, at the death of her husband, Frank Røller.

Golda stayed in Palisade, where she married Lawrence Cooper in 1929. They had two children, Rex, now deceased, and Lowell. Golda's husband, Lawrence, died in 1974, after 44 years of marriage.

Golda is survived by her son, Lowell; eight grandchildren; great grandchildren; and area nieces, Audrey Wehrbein, Steinauer, and Maude Sejkora, Burchard.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 11, 1998 in Palisade. Burial was at Palisade.

Above from a Pawnee City, NE newspaper. Golda was a John Washington Cox descendant.

NEW TWIG ON THE JOHN WASHINGTON COX LINE

Tori Lea Peterson, born North Platte, Ne on August 10, 1998
daughter of Justin and Jennifer Peterson, Granddaughter of Jocile
and Gary Peterson. and great granddaughter of George and Leone Cox

REMEMBER THAT THE COX CLAN REUNION WILL BE August 11-13, 2000 in
Frankfort, Kentucky.

From The Dispatch and the Rock Island Argus, Rock Island, Ill
7 July 1998 Arlen Dillin is a Jesse Cox descendant

Whitey gets memorial

Statues in his favorite haunts

By Carol Loretz
Staff writer

MOLINE — A Rock Island businessman placed a pair of white, concrete squirrels in Moline Memorial Park Monday in memory of Whitey, the rare white squirrel brutally killed there last month.

"I had the idea because I like squirrels and felt bad about what happened," said Arlen Dillin, who owns Dillin's Stonecraft, 3704 9th St., Rock Island. "It's a shame what happened. Those kids, they need some parents."

Five 14- and 15-year-old Moline boys have pleaded guilty to cruelty to animals, after a witness said she saw them throw rocks at Whitey, swing it by its tail and beat it to death. Area neighbors had grown fond of the little creature, often feeding and photographing it.

"I remember that white squirrel from the times we visited the cemetery," Mr. Dillin said. "I live in Moline and wanted to do something."

One of the concrete squirrels sits upright about 1 foot tall and holds a brown acorn. The other is crouched down. They come as a pair, weighing about 15 pounds each, Mr. Dillin said. They sit on a white concrete bench under a mulberry tree.

"I'll call the cemetery later this afternoon and see if they want me to glue them down," Mr. Dillin said. "I'd hate for anybody to steal them, but that way, they'd have to take the whole bench. It must weigh 200 pounds."

A brother and sister want to bring a pair of live, white squirrels from Olney, Ill., to the park, but are waiting for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to approve the project.

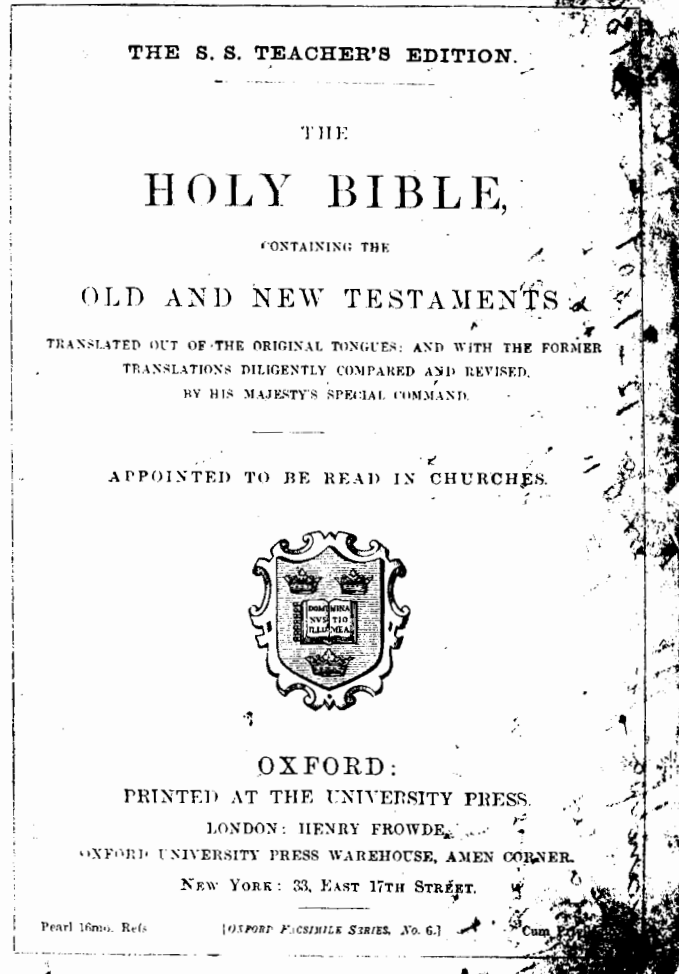


Photo by Nobu' bu

Arlen Dillin of Dillin's Stonecraft, Rock Island, places two concrete white squirrels on a bench in memory of Whitey Monday afternoon. The statues are near where the squirrel was killed in Moline Memorial Park.

These Bible pages came from Elizabeth Cox Clark of Alexis, IL. There is no date on the front page of the bible and the other page was written in green ink. Addition all information.

These are children of John Washington Cox.
J. Frank Cox died 1 March 1925 John Wesley Cox died August 1930
Samuel K. Cox died 6 March 1925 Everal S. Cox died in 1915 not 1815



Grandpa John Cox ^{Born} Jan 12 1807 Mar 1815
 Eliza Cox " 3 1835 June 1840
 Theodore M Cox July 2 1837 / Aug 31 - 1840
 J. Frank Cox Jan 16 1840
 Sanford Cox Aug 1848
 John Wesley Cox Mar 19 1845
 Samuel K Cox Feb 2 1849
 Everal S. Cox Jan 16 1854 — Sept 24 1815

Former longtime Troutdale mayor Cox dies



COX

▼ Brain injury takes life of 73-year-old 'king of Troutdale'

BY MICHELLE MEYERS
of *The Outlook* staff

Former Troutdale Mayor Sam K. "Junior" Cox, 73, died Tuesday at a Portland hospital of a brain injury resulting from a fall.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday at Corbett Community Church, 34309 N.E. Mershon Road.

Disposition was by cremation with a private inurnment at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Gresham.

A longtime Troutdale resident, Cox, who was mayor from 1982 to 1992, was revered by community members for his warmth, sense of humor and dedication to the residents of city he loved.

"I would describe Sam as being the king of Troutdale," Troutdale Mayor Paul Thalhoffer said. "He's deceased now, but his spirit will always reign over the city."

Also designated "Mr. Troutdale"

and "the Jack Benny of Troutdale," Cox led the creation of a city parks system and was passionate about park access for all Troutdale residents.

"He did everything unselfishly. It was all about what's best for the city of Troutdale," said Bob Streb, who worked with Cox in the Troutdale Historical Society. "The city, it was his life."

Former Troutdale City Councilor Marge Schmunk remembered Cox as a man who was always willing to lend a hand.

"There was no job Sam wouldn't

try to tackle," she said.

Outlook columnist Sharon Nesbit, a Troutdale resident and Cox's friend, attempted to describe him in a 1993 column she wrote after he retired as mayor.

"Profane as a sailor, as absent-minded as a professor, as insulting as Don Rickles, as soft-hearted as a grandmother, Sam, I once said, is as difficult to describe as gift-wrapping Jell-O," Nesbit wrote.

Born on Nov. 9, 1924 to Sam and Ollie Cox in Burchard, Neb., Cox graduated from high school in 1943 in Perrydale.

He entered the U.S. Army and served during World War II with the rank of corporal. He attended Portland State University for two years and moved to Troutdale in 1947.

Cox worked at Reynolds Metals for 36 years from 1947 until retiring in 1983. He married Nancy L. Seylor on May 27, 1950 in Stevenson, Wash.

Cox was on the Troutdale City Council from 1972 to 1982 before serving his 10-year stint as mayor.

"He could have gone higher in politics, but his family meant more to him," said his wife, Nancy Cox.

He was on the board of directors for the Salvation Army, Corbett Fire District 14 and the Mount Hood Medical Center Foundation.

He was the president of the Troutdale Historical Society from 1976 to 1993 and a member of the Troutdale Lions Club for 30 years. He was also a member of the Gresham-Corbett Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Some of his unofficial community service involved working on the city's Easter egg hunts and passing out candy to children at Christmas.

Cox maintained a 15-acre property on Columbia River Highway with gardens of exotic plants and flowers.

The property was shared by his family, frequent guests and many animals.

Cox was preceded in death by his son, John L. Cox, in 1970.

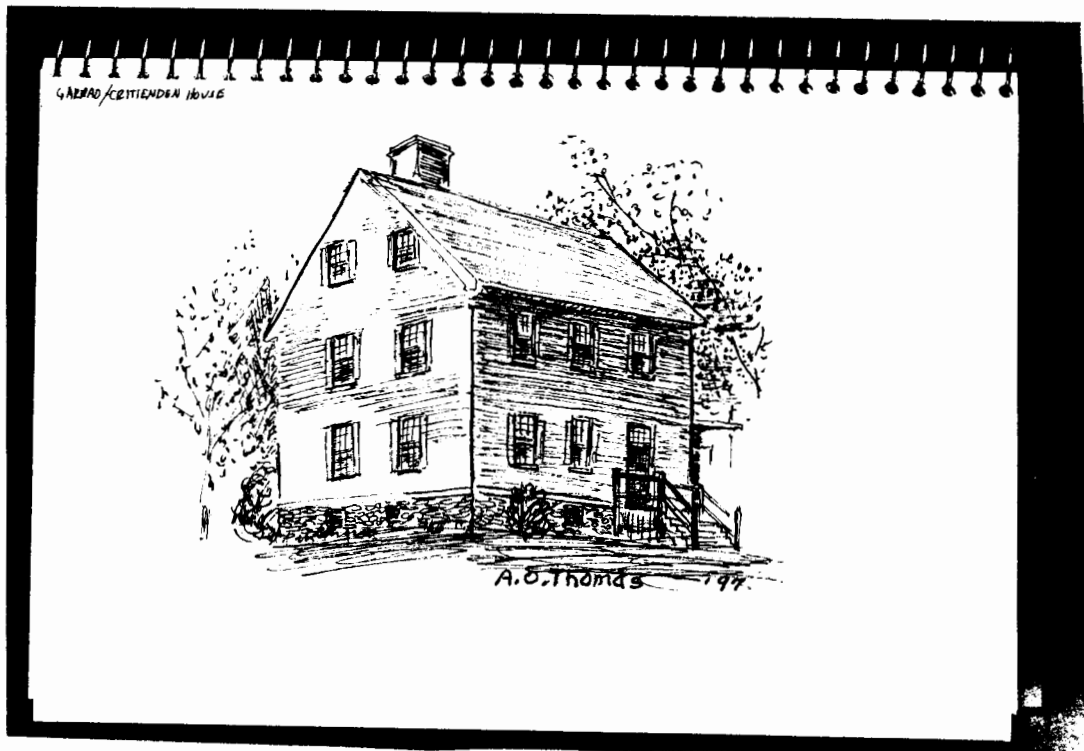
Survivors include his wife; daughters, Lisa Shaer of Gresham and Tori L. Muck of Troutdale; son, Jarin K. Cox of Troutdale; and one grandson.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Troutdale Historical Society, 104 Kibling Road St., Troutdale, 97060, or Holt International Children's Services, P.O. Box 2880, Eugene, 97402.

Gresham Funeral Chapel is in care of arrangements.

From a newspaper in the
Troutdale-Gresham, Oregon
area

Sam was from the John
Washington Cox line



Below

Sandford Cox

GARRARD/CRITTENDEN HOUSE
EARLY 19TH CENTURY
FRANKFORT, KY.



There will be a reunion of the
descendants of Samuel K. Cox
in Burchard, Ne August 6, 7, 1999
More information later.