

# COX CLAN

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### SANDFORD'S LEGACY

Sanford C. Cox, third son of Joseph and Mary Cox, was the only child to return to Lafayette when the family moved to Illinois. The family had lived at Crawfordsville when they first arrived. Sanford was a teacher at twenty and being a good mixer and supportor, became involved in the campaign for the Wabash and Erie Canal. He later served as Recorder for Tippicanoe County serving there twenty-four years. He lost his first wife Lavinia to cholera a few weeks after they were married. He later married his ward, Charity Davis who was many years younger. This was when the Cox family moved to Oxford, IL. Sanford remained there in the practice of law for three years before returning to Lafayette while the rest of the Coxes stayed in Oxford. He wrote quite often for the Lafayette Morning Journal. He wrote a book of poetry and published a history of the settlement of the Wabash Valley. This last wook has been re-printed by the Historical Society of Indiana. He was a staunch supporter of the Union cause as evidenced in his participation in the Underground Railroad. He was unable to serve in the army because he had lost a leg in a tree-felling accident at the age of 14.

Sandford in addition to becoming a lawyer, was a writer and historian who could write in both Greek and Latin. He and his wife, Charity had five sons and two daughters. They were:

Joseph Levi, b. 23 March 1857, Oxford, Benton Co. Ind. married to  
Kate wherwood

Walter Hallowell, b. 5 September 1860, Reynolds, White Co.k Ind. d. 30 Jan. 1930  
married (1) to Annabelle Reese. M.(2) Bessie Belle Richardson

Sanford (no d) Cull Cox, b. 17 April 1863, Reynolds, White Co. Ind.  
m. to Virginia Moore

John Simpson Cox, b. 5 Feb. 1866, Lafayette, Ind. d. 7 Dec. 1933, Chicago, IL  
m. To Alice Mary Weaver

Paul Fleming Cox, b. 9 Aug 1868. m. Kate ?

Cassie Davis Cox, b. 22 Nov. 1871 Lafayette Ind. d. 1872

Mary Caroline Cox, b 4 Feb. 1874? Lafayette, Ind. d. 15 Apr 1957,.Philadelphia, PA  
M. (1) Charles B. Tinker (2) Charles O'Conner

Sandford bought a printing outfit for his sons and set it up in the attic of their three story book home in Lafayette. The brothers founded the Lafayette Morning Call.

Joseph got interested in press inventions at that time and used all the brothers' funds to further his projects, ignoring the needs of his brothers.

The brothers went their separate ways after this continued newspapering and inventing. Joseph went to Michigan and invented the world-famous Cox Duplex Press.

Paul developed the Simplex typesetting machine and the Goss Comet Flatbed Press. Entering the newspaper business at Battle Creek, associated with his brother Joseph, he started the Morning Enquirer. He sold it in about five years to go back to inventing.

John Simpson became a printer and inventor and was a journeyman at seventeen. In 1886 he accepted a position in Chicago with the International Press and consequently took a position on the Chicago Evening Post.

Sanford invented the Cox Multimailer which folder, addressed and wrapped papers as they were printed. He also worked in graphic arts and designed the little girl on the "Dutch Cleanser" can. After several successful patents he purchased the Pontiac Weekly Sentinel, changing it to a daily paper.

Mary Cox was an opera singer and used the stage name of Grace Maynard. She studied in Milan and Paris. She later returned to Chicago where she was an expert stenographer and shorthand reporter.

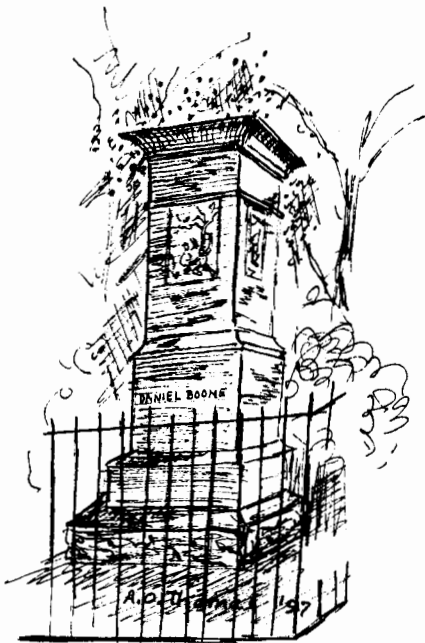
Walter, after holding down the job as foreman of the Sioux City Daily Tribune for 21 years, purchased and published the Fairfax Advertiser at Fairfax, South Dakota. He served as Representative to the South Dakota legislature in 1915. Late that year he bought the Arapahoe Public Mirror at Arapahoe, NE and moved this family there. His wife Bessie Richardson Cox was a newspaperwoman and worked with him at the Holbrook Observer which they also owned. Walter died in 1928 (1930?) They had two sons, Milton and Ralph Cox. Walter Hollowell Cox was m. 1st to Annabell Reese. They had 2 children. Jessie B. and Joseph Sanford.

Joe worked on the Sioux City Tribune. In 1903 moved to North Dakota. He bought the Berthoud Tribune in 1926. He published it about 30 years, followed by his daughter Joan who succeeded in 1955. She published the paper until she retired in 1985.

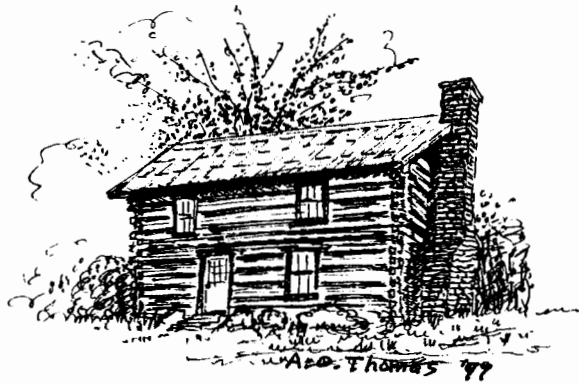
Milton was a postmaster, published and manager of the newspapers at Clay Center and Minded before becoming personal secretary to Nebraska Senator Carl Curtis.

Ralph Lewis Cox, his brother, edited and published the Arapahoe Public Mirror for thirty years. He hired a manager for the paper when he was active in politics under Governor Dwight Griswold. He served as Director of Agriculture in Nebraska and on the Board of Pardons. He was also president of the Nebraska Press Association. His wife, Jennie Hasty Cox was a journalist and editor, also. They returned to Arapahoe in 1947 to continue publishing the Mirror. In 1961 Ralph died and Jennie continued for ten years. She was active in the community and recognized at "Jennie Cox Day" upon her retirement. Ralph and Jennie had two children; Rodney and Cathleen, neither of whom followed in their parents footsteps.

Thus ended a near one hundred year tradition of publishing, inventing and politicking by the Sandford Cox offspring.



DANIEL BOONE  
CEMETERY MONUMENT.  
FRANKFORT, KY.



PEARCE CABIN  
BUILT IN 1790.  
NEWCASTLE, KY.

These are some of the sketches made  
by A. O. (Bud) Thomas, Cox President,

#### 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 shadows 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 space for the acquisition 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 my life  
And I shall dwell in the house of a family history seeker forever.  
Author Unknown.

## BIRTHS ON THE JOHN WASHINGTON COX LINE

Clay Elliott Nishi, born March 27, 1999 to Krishanne and Steve Kishi of Ojai, Ca  
John W. line as follows: Samuel, Fred, Ellen, Meredith.

Shannon Rose Hicks, born March 25, 1999 to Ken Hicks and Lora Cole.  
John W. line as follows, Samuel, Ada, Ruth Anna.

## MARRIAGES, John Washington Cox line

Michael J. Schmit and Kendra Kay DeLand were married 12 June 1998, Lincoln, NE  
Kristy Logsdon and Amir Azimi were married 6 Feb. 1999, Grant, NE.

**Speckner-Logsdon**

Stan Speckner of Lingle, Wyo., and Lloyd and Susan Logsdon of Grant, announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their children, Theresa Speckner of Lingle and Jeff Logsdon of Grant.

The bride-to-be will graduate from Chadron State College in May with a degree in elementary/special education. She will pursue a master's degree in speech/language pathology at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

The prospective groom will also graduate from CSC in May with a degree in industrial technology, with an emphasis on drafting.

A May 22, 1999, wedding is planned at the St. Rose Catholic Church in Torrington, Wyo.



**Jeff Logsdon**  
**Theresa Speckner**

If these old PHOTOS I found are missing from your archives, please contact me; I'd be happy to give them to descendants with a closer relationship than mine:

Monica O'Reilly (descendant of Cassius Clay Cox), 3808 La Hacienda Drive, NE,  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110, or 505/265-7090 or monicorn@yahoo.com.

1. **PINNEY.** Photo of CLAUDIE and CLINTON PINNEY. These were the great-grandchildren of Joseph Byrd and Anne Williamson COX through their daughter Emma C. Cox (Emma C. Cox + Alexander Morton > Cora Morton + Charles G. Pinney > Claudie and Clinton Pinney).
2. **COX, J.J. and HETTIE ARCULARIUS COX's CHILDREN and GRANDCHILDREN.** (J.J. Cox was the son of Joseph Byrd and Anne Williamson Cox). Photos of:
  - a. Edward "Byrd" Cox,
  - b. Augusta (Gussie) Cox,
  - c. Sophie Cox Verrick and children, and
  - d. Andrew and Margaret (Madge) Cox Johnson and children.

# Obituaries

## Lyle Eugene Stewart

BONITA SPRINGS, FLA. — Lyle Eugene Stewart, 78, Bonita Springs, Florida, died November 20, 1998, at his home. He was born September 12, 1920 to Oliver Eugene Stewart and Stella Cox Stewart in Burchard.

Lyle attended school in Burchard and graduated with the class of 1937. He was a World War II veteran.

Lyle moved with his parents to Rockford, Ill., where he met and married his wife, Maxine. They lived in Rockford and Elgin, Ill., where their family of three boys and five girls grew up.

Lyle worked construction for many years and after their move to Bonita Springs, he helped build the Anchor Christian Church, where they were

members.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Margaret Eleanor Stewart.

Survivors are his wife, Maxine of Bonita Springs; three sons, Mark of San Francisco, Jeff of Portland, Ore., and Neal of Raleigh, N.C.; five daughters, Rebecca Stewart of Portland, Vickie Raymor, Kristal Mading, Sally Lawson, and Lisa Evans, all of the area; several grandchildren and four great grandchildren; and cousins, Maude Sejkora of Burchard and Audrey Wehrbein of the Pawnee Village.

Funeral services were held at Anchor Christian Church, Bonita Springs.

I have been notified of two deaths, but am sorry to say that I have lost/misplaced the information. Please write again so that I may keep the historicans records up to date. Thank you.

I am in need of material for this newsletter. Please note to article written by Cathleen Weber and I would like similar articles on your ancestors. As well as births, marriages etc.

Also want to thank all of you that have sent me money for expenses. I send out around 340 newsletter in each mailing. So postage costs over \$112.00 Printing is much less.



This picture is of E.E. David and his wife Lovina and their children. If you are a descendant and can identify the children, I will be gald to send you this picture.

I would appreciate other old pictures to use in this newsletter. I will send the picture back.