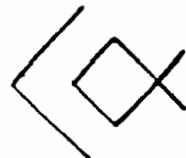


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NEWSLETTER

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Here are two interesting accounts of the first Cox Reunion at Campbell's Island, Moline, Ill. The first was from the Rock Island Argus of August 16, 1904

REUNION OF COX FAMILY

Descendants of Couple Who Settled Here in 1836 to Gather at Island

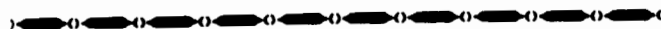
In 1836 Joseph Cox and his estimable wife, Mary, came west and located near Sycamore chain, in this county, where a saw mill was established to supply lumber to the early settlers of this portion of the country. To Joseph and Mary 10 children were born---seven sons and three daughters. The descendants of these seven sons and three daughters now plan to hold a reunion. This event will take place Sept. 10 at Campbell's Island. Moline descendants began the move for a family reunion and were hartily indorsed in the work by the Chicago descendants, among whom are several well-known people. The head of the Chicago family is now Charles Cox, who is the father of Eugene Cox of the Barber Asphalt company; Mrs. Narcissa Vanderlip, wife of Edward Vanderlip, assistant United States treasurer, and Miss Clover.

A larger family reunion will probably follow the one to be given in September, which is a reunion of the descendants of only Joseph and Mary Cox. Now Joseph has 11 brothers, so that the reunion of the entire family would include 11 additional branches, to say nothing of going back still farther in the genealogy of the family. The invitations sent out by the Moline committee are as follows:

Moline, Ill., Aug. 12.--A reunion of the descendants of Joseph and Mary Cox will be held at Campbell's island Saturday, Sept. 10, 1904. Campbell's Island one of the most beautiful spots on the Mississippi river, is near the home where Grandfather and Grandmother Cox first located in Rock Island county. Invitations have been issued to all relatives.

We cordially invite you and your family to attend and assist in making this a most enjoyable gathering.

Address an answer to this communication to yours truly, C.C. Cox, J.J. Cox, A.D. Cox, P.F. Cox, E.L. Cox, H.S. Cox, I. S. Cox.



This article came from another Rock Island, Il newspaper dated 15 Sept. 1904

COX FAMILY HOLD FIRST ANNUAL EVENT AT CAMPBELL'S ISLAND

A reunion of the descendants of Joseph and Mary Cox was held Saturday on Campbell's Island. It was such a delightful affair that the relatives organized a permant association, electing H.S. Cox of Moline, as president, and Mrs. George Holt also of Moline, as secretary and treasurer. The association will arrange for these reunion to be held annually and it is the intention to hold the next one some time in August, 1905, when three or four days will be spent in camping on the Island.

The dinner party was participated in by one hundred people, immediately after which the meeting was called to order, J.J. Cox as chairman.

The address of welcome was given Pleasant F. Cox, of Rock Island to which Chas. E. Cox of Chicago responded in an eloquent manner, and reviewed the early history of the family in this locality. Their neighbors were Indians.

There are found among the occupations of the family, statesmen, congressmen, minnionaries, ministers, doctors, lawyers, etc., being a patriotic people, some twenty have been enrolled as officers and soldiers in our wars. Not only were they patriotic but bhey were a religious people and of good repute.

Other short addresses were given by Frank Cox of Alpha, Walter Cox of Sioux City, H. S. Cox of Moline, Irwin Cox of Rapids City, and Mrs. Rebecca Cox, wife of Augustus, youngest son of Joseph and Mary Cox. A letter written for the occasion was read, from Mrs. Mary Cox-Freeland of Burwell, Neb., youngest daughter of Joseph and Mary Cox. This touched upon the early life of the family and interesting experiences both in their early home in Indiana and traveling from thence to the later home in Illinois. This was so highly appreciated that the association adopted a resolution of thanks to her.

Grandfathar's old clark was taken to the island by Ernest Cox of Moline. It was brought to these parts in 1836 by Joseph and Mary Cox, was handed down to their youngest son Augustus D. Cox, who in turn handed it down to their youngest son, Ernest. The old clark was still running and later in the afternoon when an excellent photo of the gathering was taken grandfather's clock was placed in the center of the group marking the exact hour when it was taken.

Those present were:

Chas. E. Cox of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Hiram S. Cox, and children George R., Fred A., Joseph Ed., Mary L., and Charles L., of Moline Mr. and Mrs. J. Neal Cox and daughters Celia L., Gladys S., and Mable M., of Galesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Cox and children, Minnie, Daisie, Lyle and Clinton of Alpha, also the two children of Clinton, Duane and Marjory.

Mr. and Mrs. Everalld S. Cox and children Myrtle and William of Alpha.

Walter S. Cox of Sioux City, nephew of the nam who invented the Cox-Duplex printing press.

William M. Cox of Miller, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Cox and son Walter of Rock Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox of Milan.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill Cox of Sears and daughters Nellie and Maud.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Huss of Sears.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Morton and children Mable, Byrd and Oliver of Moline.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cox and two sons, Ed. and Elmer of Moline.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Holt of Moline.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cox and son Byrd of Moline

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnson and two daughters, Katharine and Gussie Marie of Watertown.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer David and daughter Fern of Joslin.

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Cox and children Jessie, Edna, Cora dnd Hazel of Hampton.

James L. Cox and daughter May of Rapids City.

Mr. and Mrs. Pleasant F. Cox and daughter Lillian of Rock Island.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cox and son Neil of Port Byron.

Mrs. Carrie McGovern of Port Byron.

Mrs. Rebecca Cox, wife of Augustas direct descendant of Joseph and Mary Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Cox and children, Earl, Hazel, Lee and Edyth.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cox of Moline.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Cox and son Glen of Moline.

FROM PRESIDENT ART COX

For some excellent reading I heartily suggest the Winning of America Series by Allan Eckert. There are currently six volumes in the series averaging about 600 or pages in each volume. A seventh volume is in progress. The series is about the growth of the United States and how land was taken from the Indians as the new nation developed.

It is a fascinating accounting of the trechery on all sides. Yes in this case there are more than two sides to the story. The British have a big part in the early volumes, as well as the French, then there are the Americans of course, with those favoring independence and also the Tories, the Spanish have a small part, and last but certainly not least are the Indians themselves. In many instances even the Indians were divided as how to deal with the intrusions of the white man into their territory.

Each volume tends to concentrate on a single campaign in the westward expansion of the new nation. As a result, the author is able to provide a pleasing amount of detail as to how the Indians and whites lived, and died. There is a considerable amount of historical content and the author has done an exhaustive amount of research to assure the accuracy of his writings.

Two volumes may be of particular interest to the clan. The first is also the first of the series, titled The Conquerors, it takes place primarily along the westward movement along the Ohio River. One of the principal characters is Simon Kenton, whom some of us can claim as a relative. (I am descended from Simon's brother William Kenton, on my paternal side. Ruth Anna Hicks.) There is much exciting action in this volume as the whites infiltrate the Indians ascred hunting ground we know as Kentucky.

The second title of particular interest is the last completed vulime in the series, entitled Twilight of Empire. The reason for my mentioning it in particular is it takes place primarily in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. Many of the clam will be able to relate through personal experience to the location of much of the action in this volume. The dominate character is Chief Black Hawk of the Sac tribe, who grew up in what is now Rock Island.

The volumes with the exception of the first occur in chronological order. Although each volume is a story in and of itsdelf, with predominatly new characters, there is a thread of coninuity in both the characters and historical development which is lost if the books are not read in sequence. Each volume has extensive footnotes and referenes for anyboy who wants to read more detail and background on the events protrayed.

My one caution is for those who have squeamish stomachs or find violence somewhat distasteful. The author does not spare the reader of the sometimes gruesome treatment both the whites and Indians often inflicted on their enemies. I found I became less shocked as I read and also to lessen the impact, one can skip over the descritions of the tortures without much loss in content. But all in all the series is fascinating and sometimes riveting reading.

NOW on to other business. I have appointed Jerry Cox to head the committee to set up the 1991 reunion. We talk often and some plans are already being formulated. The visitors bureau in Richmond, In. has been contacted regarding accommodations and things to do. The VanZandts have been contacted to indicate we will not be able to have our reunion with theirs. They have scheduled theirs for in October, and once school starts it is difficult for many to get away. We re moving ahead with arrangements for our reunion to be either the first or second weekend in August, 1991.

OUR VAN SANDT-VAN SANT ANCESTORY

In his article, Art Cox mentioned the Van Sandt name. Al of us who have Cox blood, ar also descendants of a Van Sandt. The Van Zandt's go back much further in time, thand do the Cox or Rue lines.

The first Van Zandt was Garret Stoffelse Van Sant (different spellings were used), who came from the Netherlands to the New York City area in the 1600's. From there they migrated into Bucks County, Pennsylvania and then into Maryland by the 1730's.

A few generations down from Garret Stoffelse was Roseta Van Sant who married Edward Holman and whose granddaughter Elizabeth Holman married Richard Rue, whose daughter Mary married Joseph Cox.

WE ARE ALL INVITED TO A VAN ZANDT REUNION

This, 1990, the reunion is to be held in Tyler, Texas, Oct. 5, 6, and 7.

On Friday evening, a welcome reception will be held at the home of Van and Mary Evans Van Sant, followed by a dinner at the nearby Hide-A-Way Lake Lodge.

On Saturday there will a bus trip to visit historical sights in Marshall, Texas. This includes the Historical Museum and East Texas Baptist University, where we will have a fuffet lunch. The campus is on Van Zandt Hill, on land given by Isaac Van Zandt for "Marshall University." That evening there will be a Texas Barbeque at the Whistle Stop Ranch, near Tyler.

On Sunday a trip to the famous Tyler Rose Gardens and a visit to Canton, County Seat of Van Zandt County. Church servies at the United Methodist Church of Van, Texas, for those who wish to attend.

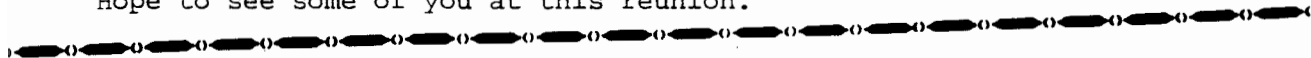
The headquarters will be the Ramada Hotel in Tylor, where we will have the Banquet and Annual Meeting on Sunday afternoon.

For more detailed information and prices, for meals, bus transportation contact: J. W. Van Sant, 1205 Lake Cross, Lindale, Texas 75771

This would be a wonderful reunion to meet other cousins.

The Van Zandts put out a newsletter three times a year called THE VAN ZANDT RECORD. Price is \$5.00. To join write to Mrs. Mary W. Harrigan, Treasuer, 1343 West Baltimore Pike, Apt D-415, Wawa, Pa 19063-5531

Hope to see some of you at this reunion.



LACEY GIVEN FULBRIGHT FOR STUDY IN GERMANY

Lincoln (NE) native David Lacey has received a 1990 Fulbright Scholarship to study in West Germany

Lacey, 22, son of Gary and Cay Lacey, is a senior majoring in German and art history at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn.

A National Honor Society member and Mational Merit Scholar while at Lincoln High School, Lacey expects to graudate from college with honors in May and

spend the summer in Lincoln before studying German folklore at the University of Tübingen in West Germany.

Lacey studied at the University of Vienna during his junior year. He said he is looking forward to witnessing the crumbling of the Berlin Wall firsthand.

(David is the grandson of Ellen Cox Leitschuck.)

WEDDING BELLS

Martha (Cox) and Kenneth Linstrom had a busy year as three of their children were married.

Susan Kay Kinstrom and Jeffery Allan Wendte on 8 August 1988, in Rapid City, South Dakota

Steve Linstrom and Molly (Love) Cowan on 10 June 1989, Pierre, S. D.

Karen J. Linstrom and Craig A. Glazier on 5 August 1989, Rapid City, S.D.

William J. Utermohlen and Alison Rose Brown on 9 July 1988 in Alexandria, Virginia. Bill is the son of Mary Lee (Cox) and C. Robert Utermohlen.

Katherine Anne Kamm and Bruce Allen Bear on Dec 24, 1988 at Worland, Wyo.

Janet Christine Kamm and Bradley Dean Schneider on 24 July 1988 at Worland, Wyoming. Katherine and Janet are the daughters of Lark and James Kamm and granddaughters of Marguerite (Bobby) Cox and John Logan

Douglas R. Hicks and Debra S. Reid on 18 May 1990 at Lincoln, Ne. Doug is the son of Ruth Anna (Martin) and Robert Hicks.

NEW ADDITIONS TO THE FAMILY in the last 2 1/2 years

Brandon James Muck born 27 January 1988, Portland, Or. Son of Tori Lynn Cox and Timothy William Muck. Grandson of Samuel K. Cox

Sarah Lindsay Cox born 9 Feb. 1988, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. dau of Arthur and Nancy Cox

Kaitlin Rebecca Scott, 3 May 1988, Dayton, Ohio. dau of Kimberley and Paul Scott. Grand daughter of Mary Lee (Cox) and C. Robert Utermohlen

Ryan Benjamin Bunke, 21 February 1989, son of Terry and Scott Bunke, grandson of Mary Lee (Cox) and C. Robert Utermohlen.

Nicholas Jeffery Wendte born 1 March 1989, Rapid City, S. D. Died 2 March 1989 Denver, Co. son of Susan and Jeff Wendte. Grandson of Martha (Cox) and Kenneth Linstrom

Lydia Beth Placzek born 29 March 1989 to Amy (Cox) and Dennis Placzek, Kearney, Ne Granddaughter of Mary Lee (Cox) and C. Robert Utermohlen

Christina Ann Shoff born 18 Apr, 1989 to Allison and William Shoff. Granddaughter of Donald and Ruth Leitschuck.

William Davis Correll, born 8 January 1990 Greenville, S.C. son of Ann (Cox) and Curtis Correll, grandson of Gerald and Bette Cox

Peter Nordin Welsch, 18 March 1990 to Samuel and Mary Welsch, grandson of Louise and Eugene Welsch.

I am sure that there are many more babies born that I do not know about. How about letting me know.

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The 1991 Cox Family Reunion is just in the beginning planning stages, but we need some early information from you. This reunion is to be held early in August of 1991 in Richmond, Indiana.

To help with the planning we would like to know if you think you might be able to attend this reunion. Richmond is where Richard Rue and his wife are buried and should be a very interesting place to visit.

If there is a possibility of your attending, please let Jerry know. It would help his planning to know how many of you might attend.

Gerald Cox,
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Marshalltown, Iowa 50158

I would certainly appreciate any information or interesting article on the Cox family for this newsletter.

Ruth Anna Hicks