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## NEWSLETTER

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### Children:

Richard Rue Cox  
John Washington Cox  
Rachel Cox - Knight  
Sandford C. Cox  
Joseph Bird Cox  
Jesse Lewis Cox  
Jeremiah L. Cox  
Augustus D. Cox  
Mary A. Cox - Freeland  
Sarah C. Cox - Kirby

### IN THE DAYS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN by J. Neal Cox

In the early settlement of Illinois, stock of all kinds was permitted to run at large on the common range, that was very annoying to farmers to have stock come into their fields and destroy their crops, and sought a law providing that hogs should not be permitted to run at large. The Board of Supervisors of Mercer County, Illinois, of which body Father, Richard Rue Cox, was chairman, drew up a bill that they desired to have placed before the Legislature permitting them to enact a legislation providing that hog owners fence their pastures, and appointing the chairman to go to Springfield and if possible secure its passage by the legislature then in session.

There were no railroads in the country. he rode to Peoria on horseback, turned his horse loose, and pointed him home, took a train from peoria to Springfield. The representative from our District said it would be impossible to get the bill before the legislature and get is passed before adjournment, but father did not desire to give it up. He sought for some one else to push the matter, and having met Abraham lincoln several times while in Legislature, he presented the matter to him. Lincoln promised to do everything he could, but on the day before adjournment, they found the bill was too far down on the list to be reached and passed before the time set for adjournment, and they could not get to it, and they concluded their bill was lost.

McCoopen County having a similar bill before the legislature that would be reached before the adjournment, father asked Lincoln to propose an amendment to the McCoopen County bill by inserting "Mercer County." Lincoln said he would do it, but father would have to watch his bill, as he was very busy in the closing hours and as the time drew near and the bill was called, father, who was on the floor of the House at Lincoln 's elbow, gave him the nudge and told him that the bill was called in its order. Lincoln rose, moved an amendment to the bill by inserting "Mercer County," and in that manner they secured the required legislation. By some error on the part of the engrossing clerk McCoopen County's name was droppped from the rehister and mercer County inserted, thereby losing the bill to mcCoopen, to mercer County's gain.

When father came back from his trip, i heard him say that the brightest man he

in Springfield was Abraham Lincoln, and that the country would some day hear from Lincoln.

This had been given at an early Cox Reunion in Rock Island, Illinois, and may have been printed in the Rock Island Arsonal, August 5, 1900.

(J. Neal Cox was the 9th child of Richard Rue Cox, He was born 20 Jan. 1850 or 1851 and died 27 August 1928)

LINCOLN SINGS CAMPAIGN SONGS FOR HIRAM  
by Hiram S. Cox

Once, when a school boy, I was request to write an essay on Abraham Lincoln. I said to myself; "I wonder if Papa can't tell me something that he actually knew about Abraham Lincoln, something he could remember:" So I said to Papa, "can't you tell me something that you can remember about Abraham Lincoln, something you really knew about him, that isn't to be found in books?" He said, "Yes, I remember something about him that isn't found in the books." And he told me the following incident:

"Once while my father was County Surveyor, and Lincoln was State Surveyor, they were doing some surveying together, and Mr. Lincoln stayed all night at my father's house. It was in the fall of 1848. I was about four and a half years old. I had a little dog that I played with, and of which I was very fond. I was playing with this little dog in the room where my father and Mr. Lincoln were engaged in conversation, and my dog ran away from me and ran under the table. I started to run under the table after him, but I was too tall to go under without stooping, and I bumped my head. It hurt me and I cried about it. Lincoln, who was of a very sympathetic nature, picked me up and took me on his lap to comfort me. I remember he sang funny campaign songs to me which made me laugh and I soon forgot all about being hurt. That was a campaign year, and Lincoln was a good singer and was well versed in campaign songs."

(Hiram S. Cox was the 8th child of Richard Rue Cox and born 23 May 1844 and died 24 March 1920)

**RUTH GLASS**  
1915 - 2002

A memorial service for long-time Amity resident Ruth Glass will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the Bethel Community Church, five miles southeast of Amity.

Mrs. Glass died Oct. 5, 2002, in the Dallas Care Center, Dallas. She was 87.

She was born Feb. 2, 1915, in Muleshoe, Texas. She moved with her family from Texas to Dayton.

She worked for many years as a bookkeeper for Alderman Farms, Dayton. She then moved to the Eola Hills area of Amity. Mrs. Glass later worked

for Copeland Lumber Co. in McMinnville before retiring.

Mrs. Glass lived in Amity for more than 35 years before moving in 2000 to the assisted living facility in Dallas Retirement Village. She

had lived for the last six months in the Dallas Care Center with her husband of 68 years, Price Glass.

Family members said she loved people, Texas, sunshine and her Lord.

Survivors include her husband; two sons,

Billy Glass of La Pine and Kenneth Glass of Olalla, Wash.; a daughter, Thelma Van Bergen of Amity; and four grandchildren.

A Richard  
Rue Cox  
decendant



MARRIAGES

Michael L. Cox to Jennifer Dawn (Ellis) Moore both of Richmond, Indiana on 19 April 2003 Michael is a descendant of John Cox, a brother of Joseph.

On the John Washington Cox line

Jullie (Cox) Rogers to Brent Morrison in Winter Park, Colorado on 9 Feb. 2003  
Laura Cox to Jeff Sweetman of Windsor, England on 5 April 2003 in Breckenridge, Colorado.

Both are daughters of our President, Tom Cox.

Kenneth Wesley Hicks and Lora Matasha Cole on 17 May 2003 in Lincoln, NE  
Kenneth is the son of your editor, Ruth Anna Hicks and Robert Hicks.

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Sorry this Newsletter is shorter than usual, I need more family news. Also because of some health problems I have been having and a short stay in a hospital.

the following obituary is probably from a Prosser, Washington newspaper  
She is a descen dant of the Jeremiah Cox line.

PHYLLIS R.  
—STOVALL—

Phyllis R. Stovall, age 74 of Prosser, entered into rest on April 6, 2002 at Prosser Memorial Long Term Care.

She was born May 23, 1927 in White Bluff, Wash. to Joshua and Harriet Leander. She and W.L. "Webb" Stovall were married on Sept. 25, 1954.

Phyllis is survived by her husband, Webb; children, Pamela J. Slack and husband Rodger of Kennewick; Pamela J. Stovall of Prosser; and Orin M. Stovall and wife Sheryl of Prosser; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, David Leander and wife Wilma of Roseburg, Ore. and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Pauline Leander.

At Phyllis' request there will be no services.

Meyer Funeral Home in Prosser has been entrusted with the arrangements.

I believe now that I have only one name that is descendanted from Jeremiah. If anyone knows pf someone on this line, I would appreciate their name and address