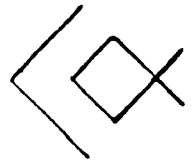


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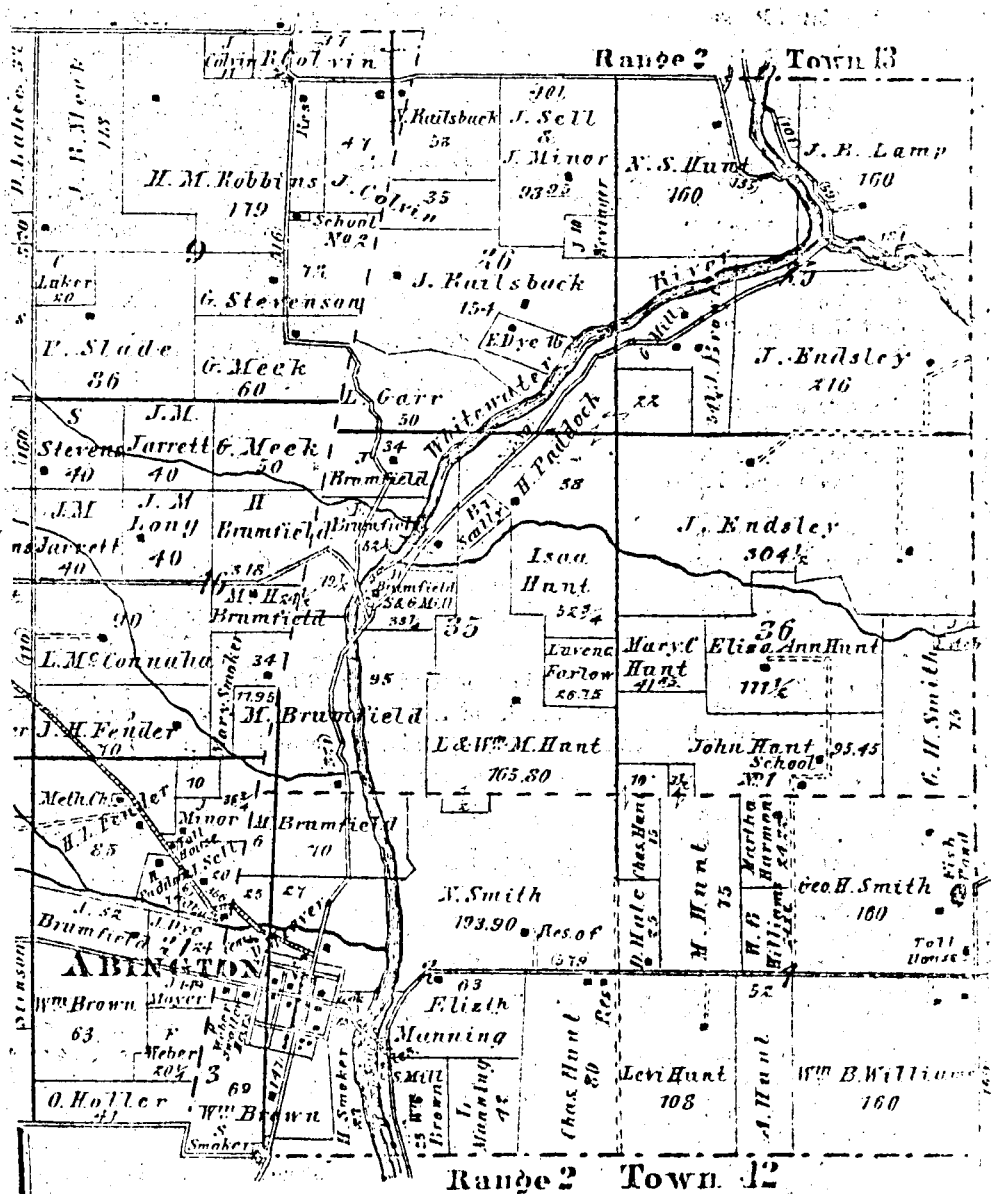
REUNION August 2, 3, 4, 1991

You will find all the information about our reunion this August in Richmond, Indiana, enclosed with this newsletter. Please read carefully and DO plan to come. There has been a lot of planning done by Jerry Cox to make this reunion most enjoyable.

1874 Map of Eastern Part of Abington Township, Wayne Co. Ind.

The following comes from the Palladium-Item and Sun-Telegram newspaper of Richmond, Ind. It was printed June 4, 1968. Not all of the article has been used here. The map does not show any COX, RUE or HOLMAN names, as they had all moved on by the time this map was made in 1874. The Meeks and Hunts came at approximately the same time as did our families. This article is titled:
OUR HISTORY SCRAP-BOOK:-- FAMILIAR NAMES NOTED ON 1874 MAP OF EASTERN PART OF ABINGTON TWP.
No. 2,159
by Luther M. Feeger

When this map of the eastern part of Abington Township was made in 1874, many descendants of the county's pioneers, the original land



owners still held the acreage which their forebears had cleared. Many of the first settlers had entered their land before 1810.

Among the familiar names on the map are the Hunts, Endsleys, Fenders, Brumfields, Mannings, Meeks, Smiths, Railsbacks, Robbins, Jarretts, Maddens, Stevens and others whose descendants are present residents.

John Cox was one of the original members of the Rue-Holman group of Kentuckians that came in 1805. He died in 1811 and, it is said, he was the first man to die in present Abington Township.

He purchased the land on which part of the present town of Abington is situated. The farm was inherited by his son, John, whose sons were Joseph and John. (I think there is an extra generation here of Johns.) Joseph and his father, John Cox Jr. laid out the town of Abington and recorded the plat Dec 5, 1817. (I think this was perhaps Joseph and his brother John Cox Jr.?)

Although Abington Township was not set off by the county commissioners until 1837, the eastern portion of the unit is among the earliest settled parts of Wayne County.

Joseph Cox's wife, Mary, was the daughter of Richard Rue, and Sandford C. Cox, lawyer, author and public official, was the son of the couple and the grandson of Richard Rue.

The dotted line dissecting the map is the western boundary of the big land cession which Gen. (Mad) Anthony Wayne wrested from the Indian confederacy in the Greenville treaty of 1795. Land west of the treaty line was not open for settlement until after the Twelve Mile Purchase at Fort Wayne in 1809.

This map is found in the 1874 Atlas of Wayne County, which also contains a map of Abington.

The hills, the rolling country, the East Fork and its many tributaries and the magnificent growth of timber evidently appealed mightily to the Kentuckians.

DEATHS

Hazel Morris of Somerset, Texas on 8 July 1990

Dean Cox of San Juan, Texas on 7 Dec. 1990. He was born 8 August 1913, son of John F. & Rilla Cox.

Marjorie Shum Tunnickliff on 16 March 1990, of Clarinda Iowa

BIRTHS

Catherine Leona Grant, June 25, 1990, daughter of Janice and Robert Grant of Springfield, IL.

Ashley Marie Hull, 14 June 1988 and Lindsey Ellen Hull 14 June 1990 (Yes the dates are correct) Parents are Sally and Mark Hull of Rock Island, IL.

Genevieve Kay Smith, 24 Dec. 1987, dau. of Jeffrey & Merikey Smith of Silver Springs, MD.

Victoria Ann Schneider, 23 August 1990, dau of Brad and Janet Schneider of Anaheim Hills, CA

WEDDING BELLS

Thomas Grinnel Cox and Anne Randolph on 30 Sept. 1990, Denver, CO

Krishanne Naviaux and Steve Nishi on 20 Oct 1990, Oxnard, CA

Taken from the Beatrice Sun, October 8, 1990 Beatrice, Nebraska

Centenarian keeps up family history of 'living forever'



100 and going strong — Rilla Cox of Beatrice celebrated her 100th birthday on Sunday at her home The Paddock Kensington with friends and family members.

PHOTO BY MARY WIETERS

By Mary Wieters
Sun staff writer

Rilla B. Cox of Beatrice marked a century of birthdays and a century of memories on Sunday, Oct. 7.

She was born in Mills County, Glenwood, Iowa, on Oct. 7, 1890, to Elijah, ("Ben" as he was known), and Josephine (Boswell) Carter, who had moved from Pennsylvania to homestead in the Midwest.

When she was 16 months old, she moved with her family of seven sisters and two brothers to Washington County, Kan.

She recalls them all by name and birth order, and remembers that they did not all reach adulthood.

"Andy died when he was 16," she said, remembering her brother.

In reminiscing about days gone by, her memories of her early life and that of her parents are vivid.

Her parents grew up in log cabins.

"If they had timber on their place, they used that," she said. "If not, they hauled it in from the creek and plastered up the cracks with mud. They had a big iron kettle that they kept on the fireplace so they could have hot water whenever they wanted."

There was a lot of work involved in homesteading and daily living, even though Mrs. Cox said her parents "were progressive."

"The folks lived a very interesting life," she said.

"My mother had to haul the water from a spring," said Mrs. Cox. "When he could, he (her father) dug a well so that we had our own water."

Her father also made periodic trips to nearby Hanover, Kan., to the grain mill.

"He would leave before daybreak," said Mrs. Cox.

Mrs. Cox recalls living in large two-story farm homes with several bedrooms and a large attic, and the "front" bedroom that bordered their kitchen where she lay with a broken foot is still vivid to her.

"I was about 8 years old," she said.

"I laid in the bed all by myself," and no one pampered her either, she noted.

To relieve the pain, her mother used alum and warm water.

"That was always our remedy -- alum," said Mrs. Cox.

She remembers the family's familiar Christmas traditions in detail.

"When I was a youngster, we always hung up our stockings when we went to bed. Santa Claus always came, you know," she mused.

When she was 14 or 15, the family moved to Burchard. On June 9, 1909, she was married to Fred F. Cox, a banker and grocer at Burchard.

"The ceremony was in our home," she said.

Then in the 1930s, they moved to Wymore

where Cox began selling insurance.

Her main job was at home, she said, because there was always plenty to do. She did work for a number of years, however, as a nurse's aide at the former Lutheran Hospital in Beatrice.

Mrs. Cox has four children, Ellen Leitschuck of Odell, Hazel Gregersen of Gillette, Wyo., Dean Cox of San Juan, Texas, and Marguerite "Bobby" Logan of Meeteetse, Wyo.

The family also includes eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. The three great-great-grandchildren who live in Odell are Dustin and Christina Shoff, children of Bill and Allison Shoff, and Ryleigh Whittle, daughter of Beth Whittle.

Staff at The Paddock Kensington, home to Mrs. Cox for a number of years, confirms that she loves to go out.

"She goes on most outings and does not like to stay home," said Shirleen Wolfe, program director.

While her hearing is not what it once was, her eyesight keeps pace with one of her favorite pastimes -- reading. Newspapers are spread around her room and she looks forward to them everyday, said Ms. Wolfe.

Her longevity also seems to be a family trait.

Her family has a history of "living forever," said her grandson, Don Leitschuck of Odell. She had a sister that reached the age of 103.

A note from Robert G. Cox of Pollock Pines, CA, saying that he has been selected to be a Citizen Ambassador in High Rise Architecture to China. The meetings are sponsored by the China Institute of Science & Technology. They discuss High Rise Housing for the masses. Also Daniel Hiram Cox has joined the family firm. Son Alan has moved to Las Vegas to start a new career.

FOR SALE COX PIN

This pin is 5/8" wide and 3/4" high. White background with gold 'COX'. Blue banner with "WE GATHER AS ONE". Above the banner is a Goldenrod plant. Gold in color and pin is outlined in gold.

Order from

Mrs. Mary Utermohlen
219 Dillon Avenue
Mankato, MN 56001



Price for one pin is \$4.00 If 2 or more pins to the same address, 1st pin is \$4.00, additional pins are \$3.00.

I will be making a banner from this design for a raffle. Winner to be drawn at the reunion. More details in next newsletter.

Would appreciate more items for the newsletter, births, deaths, marriages, or whatever about Cox descendants. Send to

Mrs. Ruth Anna Hicks
6703 Holdrege Street
Lincoln, Ne 68505



1991 COX REUNION

Exciting plans are now firm for the COX FAMILY REUNION August 2, 3 and 4 in 1991. We will meet in Richmond, Indiana, county seat of Wayne County where Joseph and Mary Rue Cox and the unborn Richard Rue Cox migrated in 1805. Historical emphasis will center on Mary's Father, Richard Rue, Indian fighter and Shawnee captive, and patriarch of the earliest settlers.

The reunion will be based in the Holiday Inn. A block of fifty rooms is reserved for us at \$42.00 plus 10% tax for up to four persons or \$36.80 plus 10% tax for senior citizens. You are asked to make your own reservations before July 24, 1991 by calling either (317) 962-5551 or 1-800 Holiday (1-800-465-4329) and state your affiliation with the Cox Reunion to receive these special convention rates. The Holiday Inn is conveniently located at 4700 National Road East which is one mile west of I-70 on US-40.

Richmond offers a surprising variety of attractions. It is suggested you extend your stay to enjoy what we could not include in our agenda. We intend to include in your next mailing a list of nearby concurrent attractions.

Our schedule is as follows:

Friday August 2 at 4:30. PM: Registration and reception in Rose Room. Tables for artifact displays and genealogy will be available. Please bring what you have. Dinner on your own.

Saturday August 3. Breakfast on your own.

9:00 AM registration.

10:00 AM: Board double decker bus for tour with Wayne County Historian and retired sports editor Richard Reynolds as guide for the day. Tour begins with spin around "Promenade" and other sights of Richmond. After a visit to Wayne County Historical Museum we will reboard bus where a box lunch will be provided. We will tour the Whitewater Gorge, the original log court house at Salisbury, the town of Abington which Joseph and his father, John, founded, Elkhorn Cemetery where the graves of Richard and Elizabeth Holman Rue as well as George and Jane Holman will be seen, the site of the first schoolhouse in which Joseph Cox was the first teacher, and lastly to the magnificent site and well preserved brick residence of Mary's father, Richard Rue.

5:00 PM: Reception in the Rose Room with light refreshments. Cocktails will be available at your own expense.

6:30 PM: Buffet dinner in the East Room.

Sunday August 4. Breakfast, church or sight seeing on your own.

12:30 PM: Catered reunion in Glen Miller Park Shelter #2 with President Art Cox as master of ceremonies. Clan photographs by Al Walgren. Contributions of door prizes are requested.

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Registration cost will be \$40.00 for adults, \$30.00 for children under 10, no charge for children under 2. Registration covers the Friday reception, the Saturday bus tour, admission fee to the Historical Museum, box lunch, reception and buffet dinner and on Sunday the reunion in Glen Miller Park.

Registration may be made by check made out to Cox Reunion and mailed to:

Gerald E. Cox
Windsong, 2658-B Reed Avenue
Marshalltown, Iowa 50158

Questions may be directed to the above at Area Code 515 752-8218.

If you are inclined to participate in providing flowers for the graves in Elkhorn Cemetery please include your contribution with your registration, but indicate the amount and purpose of that contribution.

No significant profit has been included in the registration fee. Therefore, donations are also solicited for the general fund for the following purposes:

1. Ongoing expenses
2. Cox Family News Letter
3. Genealogical research by our historian
4. Future Restoration of the graves of Joseph and Mary Rue Cox.

Please notice in the brochure you are supposed to receive that in nearby Centerville is an antique mall with something like 400 booths of antiques! Personally I was more interested in the London Fog outlet.

Will someone volunteer to play the piano for us during the reception prior to the Saturday evening buffet? If so please let us know.

Your officers and committee hope that our planning will make this reunion a worthy use of vacation time. Please talk it up in your own family circles and organize your own mini-reunions within the big one. Richmond knew all about us before we contacted them. They are welcoming us warmly, for Joseph and Mary Rue Cox were the first white family to settle in their county.