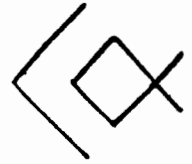


COX CLAN

NEWSLETTER



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SA COX REUNION WHEN? WHERE?

CAN YOU NAME ANY OF THE ABOVE? The above picture was sent to me by Mrs. Elizabeth Cox Clark of Alexis, Il.

The date of this Cox family reunion is not known, but may be shortly before World War I. I had an expert on dating pictures by the clothing worn, look at this picture and in her opinion, it was taken between 1910 and probably 1916. The reunions were held at Campbell's Island. This island is in the Mississippi River just north of Rock Island, Il. The first reunion was held in 1904 at Campbell's Island and the first three were held there. In 1907 the reunion was held at Alpha, Il and from 1908 to 1918 were again held at Campbells's Island.

I would like to hear from you if you can identify anyone in the picture and/or give me a better date as to when it was taken.

The following is from the Rock Island Argus newspaper of 13 August 1913.

COX FAMILY HAS YEARLY OUTING

Many From Outside County Attend Reunion Held at Campbell's Island
BRANCH IN STARK COUNTY

Three Brothers Bring Word of a Numerous Clan of the Same Lineage Near at Hand.

Charles Cox of Pittsfield, Ill., Thursday was again chosen head of the Cox Family association at the business meeting that marked the main day of the week's reunion at Campbell's Island. There were 125 members of the family.

descendants of Joseph and Mary Cox, who settled here in 1836, present. Mrs. Eliza Henderson of Alpha, oldest member of the family, who was vice president, having died during the year, Williamson Cox of Miller, Neb., was chosen to that office. Kenneth Cox of Davenport was named to succeed Daisy Cox of Alpha as secretary and treasurer.

The week's reunion has been one of the most enjoyable yet held by the family, a number of whom have taken one of the larger cottages at the island and are spending the week there. Meetings are held at this collage. Of the number at the meeting Thursday at least 50 were from outside the county, states as far away as California, New York and Pennsylvania being represented.

TELL OF NEW BRANCH

A surprise was sprung in the presence of three brothers, John, Walter and Luke Co~~x~~ from Wyoming, Ill., who brought word that the Cox family has a branch of three score members in Stark county. While they are not direct descendants of the pioneers of Rock Island county, they are closely connected and it is the intention of the three brothers to look up their family tree and make a report on the same at the next reunion here.

Ernest Cox of Moline had the meeting of the prize family heirlooms, the old "grandfather's" clock, which was purchased by his grandfather 110 years ago. Mrs. Cox related the history of this timepiece during the afternoon.

The program opened with an address by President Cox, the oldest members president. P.F. Cox of Rock Island then welcomed the visitors and a response was made by Fred Cox of Scranton, Pa. Then Mrs. Mattie DYALL of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, took charge and introduced the speakers, who responded to toasts as follows:

Grandfather's Clock---Ernest Cox, Moline
Our Revolutionary Heroes--Walter Cox, Chicago.
The Boys in Blue--H. S. Cox, Plainview, Tex.
Our Camp Five---Kenneth Cox, Davenport.
To the Future--Lee Rue Thomas, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa
A Toast to Those We Love the Best, Our Noble Selves--Jay Cox, Moline.
The New Woman, She Needs No Eulogy, She Speaks for Herself--Mrs. Kittie Cox Adams, New York.

SOME OF THE VISITORS

Among those from outside the county, who attended the reunion, were: Allan Tinker, Los Angeles, Cal: Mrs. and Mrs. Williamson Cox, and son Roy, Miller, Neb.: Frank Cox, Custer, S.D.: Fred Cox, Scranton, Pa.; Mr. & Mrs. H.S. Cox Plainview, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. WillDyall and son, Tom, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Cottingham and son, George, Galesburg; Mrs. John Cox and Mrs. Ella Asher, Galesburg.

WHO ARE THE FOLLOWING and what is their connection to the Cox family.

Mrs. and Mrs. Rupert Cottingham and son George, of Galesburg, IL
Mrs. Ellan Asher of Galesburg.

These were listed as attending the above reunion in 1913.

RESEARCH TRIPS

I made a research trip to Illinois in April. In checking through information I had on various Cox people, I noted I did not have the place of marriage for a number of couples. So I decided to visit the courthouses of Mercer and Henry Counties to fill in the missing information. Did get a lot of the missing info.

WHERE IS RICHARD RUE COX BURIED?

During the summer Gerald Cox had asked me about who Richard Rue Cox had married as his second wife and where was his ancestor Richard Rue Cox buried. I was able to find out that he had married a Mrs. Susana Morford on 3 August 1865 in Mercer County.

In August I met Gerald and Bette Cox and we went to the Old Oxford Cemetery, where a number of Cox people are buried. We were looking for the grave of Richard R. Cox. There was no stone for him, He had died in 1877. But we did find a stone for his first wife, Sarah who had died in 1864.

The next day I went to New Windsor to check the cemetery there. Found the name of the sexton and discovered that R.R. C. was not buried in that cemetery. The day I was in this cemetery was one of the hottest days of the summer.

After I came home I wrote to a lady in Aldedo that had done research for me in the past and asked her for help. She found out that Susana Bell Cox had died in 1886 and was buried in the Norwood Cemeter in southern Mercer County. But there are no Cox buried in this cemetery, so we still do not know where R.R.C. is buried. I have checked several cemeteries in Henry County and cannot find a burial there. Will continue to search.



MARRIAGES

Chris Conrad and Patti Lynn Miller on 2 May 1992. Chris is the son of Harold and Eleanor (Huss) Conrad

Laura Catherine Eimen and Douglas Robert Becker on 18 May 1991 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Laura is the daughter of Marvin and Judith (Cox) Eimen.

Christy Rogers and Craig Arent on 18 Sept. 1992 in Aurora, Ne. Christy is the daughter of David & Mary Margaret (Sejkora) Schmit.



BIRTH

Mitchell David Schmit, son of Mark & Cindy Schmit on 25 May 1992. He has an older brother, Micholas. They live in Waverly, NE.

DEATHS

I have received word from Phyllis R. Stovall of Prosser, Washington, that her sister Pauline Leander died 2-10, 1991.

Richard Morton of Berwyn, Il. died 2 April 1992. He and his wife, Carol, always came to the family reunions. He will be missed.

PLEASE SEND ME WORD OF DEATHS, include an obituary, if possible.

Also would like information on births and marriages.

The following is from Gerald Cox on his new grandchildren. Thanks Jerry.

On July 20, 1992 our son in law and daughter, Thomas James and Susan Cox Graf, adopted Joanna Elizabeth who was born February 24, 1992 in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. Their home is in Emporia, Kansas where Tom is a nuclear engineer. With Joanna they now have five children. The poem is taken from the baby announcement.

JOANNA

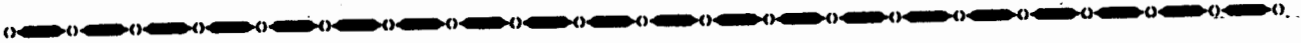
No, it's not a mirage
That we've combed the garage
For the things we once bought,
Long forgotte, now sought.

I must answer the door
Here are friends bringing more
As they share our great joy
Loaning clothes or a toy.

The whole attic we've searched
And on ladders we've perched
As each shelf we've ransacked
For what may have been packed.

As our family bonds
A brunette to our blonds
It's a blessing from heaven!
We're not siz. We're now seven!

On September 13, 1992 our son and daughter in law, Arthur Towner and Nancy Hoffman Cox were blessed with a daughter, Sibyl Stafford Cox. Their home is in Cedar Falls, Iowa where Art is Assistant Professor in the College of Finance, University of Northern Iowa. Sibyl is their second child. Art is the current president of our Cox Clan.



A COX REUNION FOR 1993

August 6, 7, 8, 1993 will be the date of the reunion of the Samuel K. Cox branch and/or others who descend from John Washington Cox, the father of Samuel.

This reunion will be held at the above date in Burchard, Ne Recreation Center. This building is an old 2 story school building that has been turned into a recreation center with the former class rooms as bedrooms, living room and kitchen.

For those wanting more information write to
Tom D. Cox 1907 Derbywood Drive Drandon, FL 33510-2616

Kim Scott wants to have a cookbook for the above reunion.

COX REUNION COOKBOOK!!

Take a few minutes and write out your best recipes for a COX COOKBOOK! In order to have these books ready by the August 1993 reunion, I need your recipes as soon as you can send them to me.

Kim (Utermohlen) Scott, 7109 Healy Drive, Springfield, VA 22150

Please include any interesting anecdotes such as "These are the baked beans that Aunt Helen always served on the 4th of July." Since I'm unsure at this point of the production cost--I'll be sending out a letter around Christmas. We are a food loving bunch, so no limit on recipes!

Would you like to have a cookbook for the next Cox Clan reunion in 1995? Already have two ladies that will be willing to work on it.

Bette Cox, 2658 -B Reed Ave, Marshalltown, Iowa 50158 and her dau. are willing.

ANY OTHER IDEAS FOR FUTURE REUNIONS?

OUT OF SPACE FOR THIS LETTER, but please send me your news, etc.
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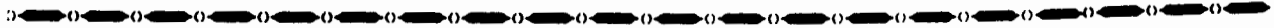
From The Pawnee Republican
Pawnee City, NE 15 Oct 1992



Bev Puhalla (right), owner/publisher of *The Pawnee Republican*, presented Audrey Wehrbein (left) with a plaque in appreciation of her contributions to the newspaper.

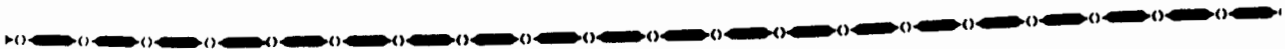
Audrey Wehrbein was honored at a coffee in Burchard, Ne and given a plaque in appreciation of the 25 years and 11 months of contribution to the newspaper. Audrey began working for The Pawnee Republican in 1966 when she and her sister Maude Sejkora began writing the Burchard news. During her years as a correspondent Audrey says people have been good about giving her news items. Audrey and Vernon have been married for 58 years. They have lived on the same farm Vernon was born on in 1913. Audrey was born and raised on a farm south of Burchard where Brad Sejkora and his family now live.

The Wehrbeins have two children, Boyd and Janet, five grandchildren (all boys) and six great grandchildren.



MIKE COX Decendant of James Cox

We now have our first member that is not a descendent of Joseph, Mike Cox of Centerville, Ind is a descendant of James Cox, a brother of Joseph. We Welcome you. Some of us got to met him last year at the reunion in Richmond, Ind.



ANYONE LIKE TO JOIN THE DAR OR SAR?

It recently was my pleasure to help Eleanor Conrad of Sarasota, FL join the Daughter^sof the American Revolution. She knew some of the information that she needed for her application and I had in my files the rest. She joined on Richard Rue. A number of Cox descendants have joined the DAR on this line. I did many years ago.

If you men are interested in joining the Sons of the American Revolution, I can help you also. Both are very worth while organizations..