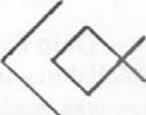


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## NEWSLETTER

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### **PRE-PUBLICATION ORDERS NOW ACCEPTED FOR FAMILY BOOK**

After 13 years preparation, the Cox family book by Ruth Anna Hicks and Bill Utermohlen is being readied for publication. The book covers all descendants of John and Catherine (Cull) Cox that could be traced, the bulk of whom are through their oldest son, Joseph Cox, and his wife, Mary Rue. Accordingly, the book is entitled "*Descendants of John Cox of Abington, Indiana and Joseph Cox of Hampton, Illinois.*"

Most of the book is made up of more than 1,200 genealogical sketches of individual descendants. Separate sketches are provided for substantially all family members who are known to have had children, as well as a few others. Sketches name all known children and provide whatever information is available concerning them or cross-reference the separate sketch provided for the child. Total Cox family members covered exceed 3,000. Citations to over 350 sources of vital data for family members have been provided, with notations of any conflicting data. The sketches range in length from a quarter of a page to more than 20 pages. Wherever possible, they go beyond mere names and dates to provide biographical information. Particularly for the early generations, it has often been possible to provide some sense of the lifestyles and difficulties faced by the family members.

More than 300 family photographs and 100 signatures of family members have been incorporated, together with a variety of early letters, Bible records and other family documents.

In addition to the genealogical section, more than 200 pages of appendices provide family stories, letters and other material pertinent to the family. Several appendices address Richard Rue, the father of Mary (Rue) Cox, and his family. The appendices include:

Old Settlers of Wayne County, Indiana (by Sandford Cox)

Cox Family Stories from an early Cox reunion

The Cox Family in the Civil War

Truman Freeland's Settlement in Nebraska (by C.J. Tetschner & T. Freeland)

*Wagons East to Arizona* (by Eleanor Antes); Kirby Family Letters

Cox Family Reunions

Richard Rue's Captivity (by Sandford Cox)

The Ancestry of Richard Rue and His Holman and Vansant Connections

Descendants of Richard Rue

The book is fully indexed as to names and places and includes a number of maps that illustrate the appendices or help identify the locations where early family members lived. In 8½ by 11 inch hardcover format, the book is about 1200 pages in length. It will be printed on acid-free paper in a limited edition, through a respected genealogical book publishing company.

Those wishing to pre-order one or more copies should forward the order form below to Bill Utermohlen, with payment. The pre-publication price is \$45 per copy, plus postage and handling of \$5, for a total of \$50. Post-publication copies will be available at about \$55, plus postage and handling, until the supply is exhausted (the size of the print run and post-publication price will be influenced by the number of pre-orders received and the desire to break-even on printing costs).

Final completion of the maps and indexing is underway. With the time required by the printer, it is expected the books will be shipped to purchasers in four or five months.

A sample page is provided as the next page.

#### PRE-PUBLICATION ORDER FORM

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I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the book at \$45 per copy \_\_\_\_\_

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1. **HAZEL GRACE PIKE**<sup>6</sup> (Charles Ernest Pike<sup>5</sup>, Julia Etta<sup>4</sup> Cox, Richard Rue<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born on 30 July 1904 at Akron, Iowa, and died on 26 August 1994 in Valley Center, San Diego County, California, a resident of Industry, Los Angeles County. Hazel married **WILLIAM ROBERT REANEY** on 12 December 1924. He was born on 10 March 1900 in Fredonia, Iowa, a son of Joseph Lemon and Lottie Caroline (Northely) Reaney, and died on 22 December 1967 in Pomona, Los Angeles County, California.

In 1930, W.R. and Hazel were renting a house for \$28 per month at 134 South Ward in Ottumwa, Wapello County, Iowa, where William was a teacher at a manual training school (ED 90-18, sh 12A). William was a graduate of Ames College and, in 1933, a manual training teacher in the public schools of Ottumwa (S47). Hazel obtained her ss# in California.

[Sources: b. (31 Jul) m.: S47, fgs; b. (30 Jul) d. (res.), hus b. (1900) d.: ssdi; b. (30 Jul) d. (place), hus b. (1901) d.: S129; b., hus b.: 1930 cen (ages 29 & 25); b. m. d., hus b. (1900) d., ch: S358]

Children:

- 1 i. **ROBERT WILLIAM REANEY**<sup>7</sup>, b. 22 Jul 1926, Ottumwa, Iowa; m1 **MARY LOU MILOR**; m2 **BARBARA LEE DIGGLES**
- 2 ii. **HAZEL JEANNETTE REANEY**, b. 8 Jan 1928, Ottumwa, Iowa; m. **JEAN DIXON REED**
- 3 iii. **CAROLINE EILEEN REANEY**, b. 22 Feb 1937, Fort Collins, Colorado; m. **LELAND ARTHUR CORTUM**

2. **ESSIE LENORA PIKE**<sup>6</sup> (Charles Ernest Pike<sup>5</sup>, Julia Etta<sup>4</sup> Cox, Richard Rue<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born on 5 November 1908 at Akron, Iowa, and died on 20 March 1981 a resident of Clovis, Fresno County, California. Essie married **WILLARD R. STACE** on 25 Jan 1925. He was probably the man born on 30 May 1898 in Iowa and died in May 1968, a resident of Waterloo, Black Hawk County, Iowa. Essie appears to have subsequently married a man named \_\_\_\_\_ **BEARD**, as her surname was Beard when she died.

In 1930, Willard and Essie were renting a home for \$16 per month at Alton, Sioux County, Iowa (ED 84-21, sh 7B). Willard was the manager of a restaurant. Essie obtained her social security number in Iowa. [Sources: b. m.: S47, fgs; hus b. d.: ssdi; b., hus b.: 1930 cen (ages 29 & 24); m.: 1930 cen (4 yrs earlier; b. (1907) d.: S129, ssdi]

Child:

- i. **PHYLLIS LORRAINE STACE**<sup>7</sup>, b. 1 Dec 1927, Illinois [S47; age 2 4/12, 1930 cen]

3. **WESLEY W. GREENE**<sup>6</sup> (Mabel Grace Pike<sup>5</sup>, Julia Etta<sup>4</sup> Cox, Richard Rue<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>) was born on 1 March 1903 in Iowa, and died on 8 May 1993, at Las Vegas, Nevada. Wesley married, about 1924, **BERYL O. \_\_\_\_**. She was born about 1907 in Iowa.

## A COX DNA MATCH

by Bill Utermohlen

We have obtained our first match for our particular Cox Y-chromosome DNA. The match is with a descendant of an Ephraim Cox who settled in Rowan County, North Carolina by 1753, through Ephraim's son Moses Cox. There are three things that can be said about this, at this point: (1) it is certain that the members of the Ephraim Cox family are our distant cousins, (2) it is highly likely that both families descend from Peter Larsson Cock, the Swede who settled along the Delaware River in 1641, and (3) it is unclear exactly how we descend from Peter Larsson Cock. Still, this is a major step forward, as there had not previously been any clear indication as to which Cox family we belonged.

The marker by marker comparison for descendants of Joseph, James and Moses Cox (sons of John) and Ephraim Cox is shown below:

	393	390	19	391	385a	385b	426	388	439	389-1	392	389-2
<b>Joseph</b>	14	23	14	11	11	12	11	12	11	14	14	30
<b>James</b>	14	23	14	11	11	12	11	12	11	14	14	30
<b>Moses</b>	14	23	14	11	11	12	11	12	11	14	14	30
<b>Ephraim</b>	14	23	14	11	11	12	11	12	11	14	14	30

458	459a	459b	455	454	447	437	448	449	464a	464b	464c	464d
16	10	10	11	12	25	14	19	28	14	14	15	15
16	10	10	11	12	25	14	19	28	14	14	15	15
16	10	10	11	12	25	14	19	<b>29</b>	14	14	15	15

As is evident from the chart, all four testees match exactly for the first 12 markers. The descendants of James and Joseph also match exactly to 25 markers and there is a 24/25 match between them and the Ephraim Cox descendant at that level. If no other information were known, that level of match would suggest about a 50% likelihood of a common ancestor within 7 generations and about a 90% chance of a common ancestor within 16 generations. As 16 generations represents about 500 years, there is very little doubt that we derive from the same family as the Ephraim Cox descendants.

Nancy Kiser, who arranged for the Ephraim Cox descendant to be tested, identifies her Ephraim as the same Ephraim who was baptized in Chester County, Pennsylvania in 1705, a son of Gabriel Peterson Cock and grandson of the Swedish immigrant, Peter Larsson Cock. Dr. Peter Stebbins Craig, the leading expert on the settlers of New Sweden on the Delaware, concurs in that identification. The evidence is circumstantial, but very likely. Ephraim Cox disappears from New Jersey at about the same time that an Ephraim Cox appears in Rowan County. The Ephraim Cox of Rowan County seems to have had sons named Moses, Israel, Ephraim and possibly Isaac, which were all names associated with the family of the New Jersey Ephraim. A number of New Jersey settlers from Swedish and Finnish families went to Rowan County, at least some of whom Ephraim seems to have associated with. A 19<sup>th</sup> Century newspaper article by an Ephraim descendant indicates that Ephraim came to North Carolina from New Jersey. If it is correct that Ephraim descended from Peter Larsson Cock, then we surely did also, as he was the first in his family to adopt the surname Cock (later Cox). That our sequence belongs to the N

haplogroup points toward a Scandinavian background, as that haplogroup was far more prevalent among Finns and Swedes than it was in the British Isles. An additional proven descendant of Peter Larsson Cock is currently being sought for a corroborative test.

Identifying our line of descent from Peter Larsson Cock will take further research. Peter had five sons, although the best candidates for our line of descent are through his son Gabriel Petersson Cock/Cox. For background on both the Peter and Gabriel families, refer to Bud Thomas's articles in issues 19 and 21 of the *Cox Newsletter* (available on-line at: <http://members.cox.net/socccergirl2313/>). In 1956, Rosalie Fellows Bailey, a noted genealogist hired by Narcissa (Cox) Vanderlip, suggested the potential relevance of the family of an Ezekiel Cox, son of David Cox and grandson of Gabriel Cox. This family included an Abraham Cox (the name given as John's father by his granddaughter, Mary (Cox) Freeland), who settled in West Virginia, although this Abraham was about the same age as John, and could not have been his father. Internet listings of Ezekiel's family by various genealogists mention ten children, none of them named John. Ezekiel Cox had a brother Joseph, who is an attractive candidate to be our ancestor, in that our John Cox named his eldest son Joseph. However, Internet data provides no information about Joseph, other than his apparent birthdate of 1735.

Traditional genealogical research in conventional records will be necessary to attempt to confirm our line of descent, but at least we have, for the first time, evidence of the Cox family to which we belong.

### **Robert William Reaney**



Robert William Reaney Bob

Services: Thurs., July 8, 3 p.m.

Memorial services will be held at Greenlawn Southwest Memorial Chapel, 2739 Panama Ln., today, July 8, at 3:00 p.m., for Robert Bob William Reaney, 77, who passed away July 2, 2004, in Los Angeles.

Bob was born July 22, 1926, in Ottumwa, Iowa, and resided in Kern County for three years. He was the owner of an appliance parts wholesale business for 25 years. Bob was a Seaman in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was famous for the Hawaiian steaks he learned to make in Hawaii during WWII.

Bob is survived by his wife, Barbara of Bakersfield; children and their spouses, Douglas of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Donna and Jon of Clovis, David and Monika of Mobile, AL, Daniel and Nancy of Tucson, AZ, Richard of Gig Harbor, WA, Jamie and Carl of Reno, NV, Wade of Bakersfield and Patrick and Charla of Bakersfield; 17 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; sisters, Jeanette Reed of Mesa, AZ and Caroline Cortum and husband, Arthur of Valley Center, CA.

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## Peter Larsson Cock (Cox)

by [Dr. Peter Stebbins Craig](#)  
 Fellow, American Society of Genealogists  
 Fellow, Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania  
 Historian, Swedish Colonial Society

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Peter Larsson was given his surname Kock, "cook" in Swedish, because he served in this capacity in 1641 when he was sent to New Sweden from Stockholm on the ship *Charitas*. The name Kock evolved into Cock, and among his descendants finally became Cox.

Born in 1610 in Bångsta, a hamlet in Turinge parish, Södermanland (now Stockholm Län), Sweden, Peter Larsson Cock was the eldest of six sons of Lars Persson. Before departing for New Sweden, he had been an imprisoned soldier at Smedjegården in Stockholm. The reason for his imprisonment is not known.

Also on board the *Charitas* when it left Stockholm was the family of Måns Svensson Lom from Roslagen, including Måns' daughter Margaret, then about 15 years old. Early in 1643, she married Peter Cock in what probably was the first marriage performed in New Sweden.

In New Sweden, Peter Cock soon became a freeman and played a prominent role in the colony. In July 1651 he was an interpreter for Governor Printz in negotiations with the Indians confirming the Swedish claims to the lands on which the Dutch had built their Fort Casimir (New Castle, Del.). Governor Printz accused him of illegally trading guns with the Indians and, after Cock had been exonerated by the jury, sentenced him anyway, to three months of hard labor. This incident was one of the grievances in the freemen's 1653 complaint against Printz, which Peter Cock signed. Under Governor Rising, he served on the New Sweden court.

After the surrender of New Sweden in 1655, Cock continued to serve as a justice for the up-river Swedes in present Pennsylvania until succeeded by his eldest son, Captain Lasse Cock, in 1680. Frequently called upon to handle negotiations with the Indians, Peter Cock also won favor with the English by capturing Marcus Jacobsson, the instigator of the so-called Long Finn Rebellion of 1669. He owned an extensive plantation which he called "Kipha," located on "Peter Cock's Island" – actually two islands in the Schuylkill that would later be known as Fisher's Island and Carpenter's Island.

Peter Cock and his wife Margaret had 13 children, 12 of whom grew to adulthood, married and had children of their own. The surviving children were: 1. **Lars (Lasse) Cock**; 2. **Eric Cock**; 3. **Anna Cock**; 4. **Måns Cock**; 5. **John Cock**; 6. **Peter Cock**; 7. **Magdalena**; 8. **Maria**; 9. **Gabriel**; 10. **Brigitta**; 11. **Margaret**; 12. **Catherine**.

Through these 12 children, Peter and Margaret Cock had over 100 grandchildren. Peter Cock died November 10, 1687 at the age of 77. His widow, Margaret Cock, was also 77 when she was buried at Gloria Dei on February 13, 1703.

## 1693 Letter by Lars Persson Cock

The Swedish and Finnish settlers along the Delaware continued to use the Swedish language in church services long after the surrender of the colony in 1655. In 1693, a census of the members of the Swedish churches was taken in aid of a request to Sweden for two ministers to be sent over, along with a number of Bibles, psalm books, catechisms, etc. in Swedish. Four letters were sent at that time, including a letter from Lars Persson Cock, son of Peter Larsson Cock, to his uncle, Mouns Larsson, the original of which is in an archive in Stockholm:

Highly honored, dear paternal uncle Mouns Larsson:

Greetings in God Almighty! Now letting you know, dear uncle, with this my letter, my circumstances and those of my family, and of former acquaintances out in this land, hoping that with God's help I may, at the first opportunity, receive a gladdening and good reply.

In the first place, what pertains to my father: He came out here to the country of New Sweden, sent by his Royal Majesty to settle the land with the others, his countrymen; which he also did honorably for the high authorities. My late father was selected as a *president* [justice] in New Sweden which he did with the greatest loyalty; and during the Holland Dutch regime he was also a *president* on the court; and in the English regime's time likewise. My late father was always in advice and counsel with them. My late father, after he had been in this country one year and a half, gave himself into the state of holy matrimony and had with his dear wife thirteen children whereof now, God be praised six sons and six daughters are living, all well provided for with wives and husbands, so that of all my late father's lineage in this first degree, that is children and grandchildren, there are living seventy-one souls; and in the year 1687, the 10<sup>th</sup> of November, my dear father fell asleep, in the name of the Lord, at a good age, leaving after him my dear mother. I, my dear father's eldest son, Lars Pärsson, am likewise healthy. My wife and children are in good circumstances also. I have had, together with my dear wife, eleven children, of whom six sons and two daughters are now living. And we are, God be praised, living in plenty. I am also seated in my late father's place and succeed him, and am also a member of our noble Governor's highest Council, and a counsellor. Also I have been on the court since I reached the legal age, and I am now going on my fiftieth year. My late father had never received any letter from his fatherland, for many years not knowing who among his parents, brothers, relatives and former acquaintances might be alive; but he has told me that he had five brothers living and three sisters when he came from the fatherland; but God knows who among them might be living now.

If my uncle Mouns Larsson is dead, or the other brothers of my father, then I hope that their children or grandchildren may be alive, that I may receive a gladdening answer to this my letter. They lived at Bångsta hamlet in [the province of] Södmerland. My father's father's name was Lars Persson. He lived at the same hamlet. Now, hoping that if any of my father's brothers should be alive, that those who know his family and former acquaintances might cause this to be placed in their hands, and that I might receive a gladdening reply by the first ship, praying that you direct your letter to Gothenburg to His Royal Majesty's Postmaster, Johan Thelin, and he shall certainly have it delivered. And we live at Passayongh on the Delaware River in Pennsylvania. Commending you together with our whole family in the almighty, and under his gracious protection,

and will ever be found  
your most obedient

Lars Persson Cock

P.S. When you write a reply to me, write to me thus, "Lars Pärsson Cock." Since we were living here among foreign nations, my late father took that surname so that we and others could be distinguished from one another.

Dated and written at Pennsylvania on Delaware River, the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 1693.

## COX BIRTHS, MARRIAGES & DEATHS

### RICHARD RUE COX

Sarah Grace Tunnickliff, b. 7 Oct 2005, Red Oak, Iowa (dau of Joseph and Joy (Nesser) Tunnickliff)  
 Tanner William Reaney, b. 10 Oct 2005 (son of David William and Cheri (Dunn) Reaney)  
 Lizabeth Maurine Reaney m. Ralph Gregory Malone, 23 May 2004, Sykesville, Md  
 Kimberly Elizabeth Zell m. Brian Oldham, 9 Oct 2004  
 Henrik Vanderlip m. Louise deClercq Rambo Adams, 11 Jun 2005, Greenwich, Connecticut  
 Thomas Nelson Greene m. Bonnie Louise Veria, 21 Oct 2005, Grass Valley, California  
 Carol (Diebner) Hetter, d. 2004, California  
 Robert William Reaney, d. 2 Jul 2004, Bakersfield, California (see obit)  
 Fred Wills Cox d. 28 Feb 2006, Scranton, Pennsylvania (see obit)

### JESSE LEWIS COX

Arthur L. Lindgren, d. 15 Jan 2005, Los Angeles, California  
 Elsie S. Mitchell, wife of Robert F. Mitchell, d. 1 Oct 2005, Moline, Illinois (see obit)  
 Lyford W. Skelton, d. 5 Oct 2005, Colorado Springs, Colorado

### AUGUSTUS DAVID COX

Marley Jane Nees, b. 2004 (dau of Daniel Raymond and Rachel (McKay) Nees)  
 Mallory Rose Osborn, b. 30 Dec 2004, Sterling, Illinois (dau of Joshua Michael & Marci (Pratt) Osborn)  
 Teagan Marie Nees, b. 2005 (dau of Kristopher Shane and Ginny (Reger) Nees)  
 Daniel Raymond Nees m. Rachel McKay, 2004

### MARY ANN (COX) FREELAND

Margaret Jane Blair, b. 21 Jun 2005 (dau of Katie Jeanne (Woltman) and Christopher Blair)  
 John Kyle Woltman m. Joann Bergener, 9 Jul 2005

### SARAH CATHERINE (COX) KIRBY

Virginia Clair (Jesse) Stuck, d. 22 Jun 2005, Flagstaff, Arizona

### [Mitchell, Elsie](#)

Published in the Quad-City Times on 10/4/2005.



Elsie Mitchell, 83, of Moline, died October 1, 2005, at her home.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2005, at Calvary Lutheran Church, 2900 Avenue of the Cities, Moline. Visitation will be at the church one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Moline Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Trinity Pathway Hospice or Calvary Lutheran Church, Moline, where she was a member. Esterdahl Mortuary & Crematory, Ltd., Moline, is assisting the family. Elsie was born July 21, 1922, in Moline, the daughter of Axel and Signe (Sten) Hemmingson. She graduated from Moline High School in 1940, and married Robert Mitchell in 1941 in Kirksville, Mo. He died in 2001.

Elsie was secretary to the director of taxes at Deere & Co. for 20 years. Prior to that, she worked as a secretary at East Moline State Hospital. She served as president of a number of organizations, including Franklin Elementary School PTA, American Business Women's Association and Beta chapter of the Phi Sigma Alpha sorority. She also was a member of the Deere & Co. Ladies Invest. Club, Blackhawk Chapter of the Professional Secretaries International, and Clara Lodge of the Vikings. Elsie played regularly in several bridge clubs and marathons, was active in Deere & Co. Ladies Retirees and served for many years on her high school reunion committee. Other interests included sewing, cooking, crafts, shopping, travel and visiting with family.

Survivors include her daughter, Melissa Mitchell, Champaign, Ill.; and son, Wesley Mitchell, Rock Island. She was preceded in death by her parents, son, Christopher, and brothers, Edward and Robert Hemmingson.

**Robert "Mitch" Mitchell 01/30/2001** MOLINE -- Robert "Mitch" Mitchell, Moline, died Sunday, Jan. 28, 2001, at Illini Hospital, Silvis, Ill., of natural causes. There will be no services. Trimble Funeral Home, Moline, is in charge of arrangements. Mr. Mitchell was employed at International Harvester in East Moline as an inspector before retiring in 1986. Robert Mitchell was born on April 30, 1922, in Moline. He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II. Survivors include his wife, Sherry; a daughter, Melissa Mitchell, Champaign, Ill.; a son, Wesley, Rock Island; a stepdaughter, Robin Bivens, Milan; a grandson; and three great-grandchildren.

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## **Fred Wills Cox February 28, 2006**

**Fred Wills Cox, F.D., 90, of Scranton, died Tuesday in the Jewish Home, where he was a resident for a few weeks. He was the husband of the former Jeanne Elizabeth Weeks. The couple celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on Dec. 12.**

Born Jan. 29, 1916, in Scranton, he was the son of the late Frederick Augustus and Elizabeth (Wills) Cox. A lifelong Scranton resident, he was a 1934 graduate of Scranton Central High School and received a degree in physical testing metallurgy at the Pennsylvania State Extension School and later was a 1946 certified graduate of Eckel's College of Mortuary Science, Philadelphia.

Before serving his country in World War II, he was employed by Sprague and Henwood. He served in the Army during World War II as a staff sergeant of the 8th Air Force, having served in Norwich, England. After the war, he entered mortuary school and following graduation, he served his internship with D.D. Jones & Son Funeral Home, Madison Avenue, and North Scranton, where he became a funeral director and was employed until 1963, when he acquired the William Taque Funeral Home, West Scranton, which became the Cox Funeral Home. He was the proprietor of the Cox Funeral Home, in conjunction with his son, Warren D., until he retired in 2000. During his professional career, he shared his professional knowledge and assisted area funeral directors and also provided a livery service.

He was a member of Myrtle Street United Methodist Church, having taught the couples class for several years, also served as chairman of the finance committee and on the official board, and was a board member of the United Methodist Homes for the Aging, of the Wyoming Conference.

He was also a member of Hyde Park Lodge No. 339, F&AM, having served as Worshipful Master, Consistory Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Scranton, Eastern Travelers and Irem Temple AANMS of Wilkes-Barre. A member of the United Methodist Convocation of Methodist Men, Bushkill Falls, he served as a Scranton district lay leader for three years. A key leader with the United Methodist church, he was a board member of Wesley Village.

He was a former member of the Simpson-West Park United Methodist Church, where he was very active in many church activities. He served as a past chairman of the administrative board and was a trustee. He was a volunteer at church dinners and Welsh cookie sales.

He was a member of professional organizations, including the Pennsylvania Funeral Directors Association, National Funeral Directors Association, Lackawanna County Funeral Directors Association, and also had served on the board of Forest Hill Cemetery and was an honorary trustee. He was a member and had served as president of the Craftsmen's Club of Scranton, and also of the United Methodist Men and United Methodist Women.

An avid outdoorsman, he was a member and past president of both the Wildwood Outing Club and Creamton Fishing Club. He was a member of West Scranton church golf leagues, the Scranton Canoe Club and the Irem Temple Country Club.

A true gentleman, who was always willing to serve others, he was a kind, soft-spoken person respectful to others, who enjoyed reading, fishing, golfing and bowling. Dedicated to his family, church and profession, he was an inspiration to those who knew him. His loving, kind friendship will be missed.

Also surviving are two sons, Dr. Fred A. and wife, Margaret, Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Warren D. Cox, Scranton; a granddaughter, Elizabeth Cox, a student at Carnegie Mellon, Pittsburgh; two grandsons, Jeffrey Cox, North Hollywood, Calif., and Hans Cox, Colorado Springs; nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Elizabeth Hubbard.



**1908 Burchard, Nebraska football team**

(courtesy of Verva Martin and Louise Welsch)

Back row: 1. Everett Herron, 2. Harry Templeton, 3. Jim Richardson,  
4. **Fred Cox**, 5. Frank Haldeman

Middle row: 1. Jess Goodale, 2. Frank Waniska, 3. \_\_\_\_ Tucker, 4. Jake Ulrich

Front row: 1. Clarence Shearer, 2. Chas Goodale, 3. Vern Taylor, 4. **Chester Borden**

Note: This issue of the Cox Newsletter is being distributed by Bill Utermohlen because Ruth Anna Hicks, the editor, is temporarily under the weather. She fell on April 22 and fractured a vertebrae, from which she is now recovering. Apologies to those who have forwarded material to Ruth Anna for inclusion in this issue. Such material will have to go into the next issue.