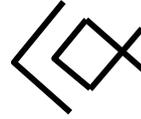


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## NEWSLETTER

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### **WILLIAM ALEXANDER'S PENSION APPLICATION: New Cull Family Data**

The growth in indexed records available on the Internet continues to throw up new nuggets, previously obscured by their lack of apparent relevance to families of interest. The website Footnote.com is making available National Archive records, with the assistance of volunteers, who help to index the records. The databases indexed thus far include the Revolutionary War pension applications.

A search in that database for the name "Cull" revealed the pension application of William Alexander and the subsequent application of his widow Margaret, who gave her maiden name as Margaret Cull. Included in the file are declarations from Margaret, her brother Hugh Cull, her brother John Cull and James and Alcy Cox which, together, provide important new information on the Cull family.

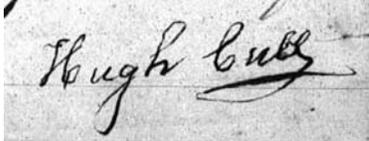
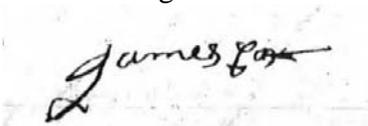
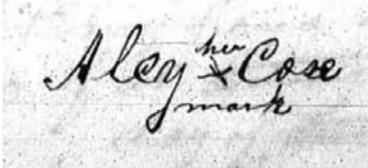
William Alexander, of Wayne County, Indiana made his pension application on 6 July 1818 in Franklin County, indicating that he had enlisted in the company commanded by Captain James Wilson, part of the 6<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Regiment, commanded by Colonel Irwin and Lieutenant Colonel Hartley. The enlistment took place at Carlisle, Pennsylvania the first of December 1775 and he was to serve one year, but wound up serving fifteen months, being discharged in Carlisle in March 1777. During that time he was in the battle of Three Rivers on the St. Lawrence River "within eighty miles of Quebeck." He gave his age at the time of application as 65. (Note that Hugh Cull also served in the 6<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Regt.)

William was granted his pension on 22 September 1819, retroactive to the date of his application, at the rate of \$8 per month. On 23 October 1820 he made a further declaration, giving his age as 67, and stating "That I am by occupation a Farmer and that I am unable to pursue it - that he has no family but himself and wife, who is fifty six years of age." He described his property as consisting of two cows, one spring calf, one mare, one horse and one sheep, of a total value of \$67, as well as household furniture worth about \$20.

In 1838, Congress passed a law providing for half pay pensions to widows of Revolutionary War veterans, which caused Margaret Alexander to make an application on 2 October 1843. She was then a resident of Union County and gave her age as 80 years. She indicated that her husband William had died on 6 January 1821 and that she had been married to him on 2 July 1789 in Fayette County, Pennsylvania by Jacob Lurton. She signed by a mark. In support of her application, she enclosed a certificate that Jacob Lurton had provided them, witnessed by Samuel Bowen, John Oliphant, David Graham and Abram Act, which gave her maiden name as Margaret Cull. The Pension Department unfortunately mislaid Margaret's application and she made a second declaration on 2 November 1844, this time giving her age as 77. She also obtained the assistance of a Congressman and other notables, one of whom wrote the Pension

Department urging action on her application and indicating "she has been for years an object of charity and a very short time ago was actually living in a stable!!"

In support of her two applications, Margaret submitted several declarations, including:

- One dated 7 November 1843 from Hugh Cull "aged above seventy ~~and eighty~~ years," stating "that he was present at the marriage of William Alexander to his sister Margaret Cull that the marriage took place in his Fathers house in the state of Pennsylvania and in Featty County." He also indicates that he knew William and Margaret living as man and wife in both Pennsylvania and Wayne County.
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- One made on 2 November 1844 by John Cull (by mark) of Henry County, Kentucky, who states: "that he is the Brother of Mrs. Margarett Alexander. That he will be sixty seven years of age on 11<sup>th</sup> February 1845, That William Alexander intermarried with the said Margarett in Fayette County Pennsylvania in the summer of the year 1789- That he was Present at the Wedding The Circumstances that have impressed the date of the marriage between the above named parties upon his memory are the following – He came to the county of Henry where at present he resides in the year 1795 having previously resided one year in the County of Bourbon, and four years in the County of Fayette State of Kentucky – And that he distinctly recollects that the Marriage between the above named parties was solemnized about one year before he left the State of Pennsylvania, where at the time he resided – He further states that the said William & Margarett Alexander removed from the State of Pennsylvania to the State of Kentucky about the year 1790- and that he knew them at that time as man & wife and continued to know them as such until about the year 1798 at which time they removed from the State of Kentucky to parts unknown to him."
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- Two declarations by James Cox (Margaret's nephew), in one of which his wife Alcy joined, as to William and Margaret having lived as husband and wife, William's death and her widowhood.

This adds substantially to what we knew about the family of Catherine Cull, wife of John Cox. While we had known she had a brother Hugh Cull of Wayne County and a probable brother James O'Cull of Mason County, Kentucky (see Cox Book, p. 6), we now have two additional siblings: Margaret (Cull) Alexander of Wayne and Union Counties, Indiana and John Cull of Henry County, Kentucky. We also have age and migration information for Margaret and John and new age information for Hugh.

The most valuable information may be Hugh Cull's statement that the 2 July 1789 marriage of William Alexander and Margaret Cull took place at his father's house in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. This gives a definite location for his father at a precise time, which is particularly interesting in light of the 1789 tax list for Springhill township, Fayette County, which includes:

- Cull, James
- Cull, James Senior
- Cull, Margaret

Also listed in that township were Samuel Bowan and John Oliphant, both of whom were witnesses to the wedding (transcript by Chris Hunt at <http://files.usgwararchives.org/pa/fayette/taxlist/1789spr.txt>). "James O'Cull Senior" may well have been the father of the Cull siblings.

## "TWENTIETH ANNUAL PIONEER ROUNDUP" Hats off to Our MARY, Originator of the Pioneer Roundup

By Vaneta Cross



Miss Mary L. Cox

The Business and Professional Women's Club and all Plainview joins me in saying, "Hats off to Our Mary, originator of the Pioneer Roundup.

Miss Mary L. Cox was born in Beatrice, Nebraska and moved to the Ozark mountains of Missouri when a very small child. Later the family moved to Moline, Illinois.

Her ancestors were pioneers, her great Grandfather was a pioneer in the community of Louisville, Kentucky, and a veteran of the Revolutionary War. He was captured by the Indians near Louisville and held captive for two years. Her Grandfather was the first white child born in Wayne, Indiana, moved to Illinois with his parents and family in 1836 and settled near Moline, Illinois. Her Maternal Grandfather also moved from Indiana with his parents in the wagon train from Indiana in



Miss Mary in Pioneer Costume

1836, and at the age of ten, like the story in the Bible, when they camped at night, the parents supposing their Son was traveling with the other wagons, discovered that he had been left behind somewhere on the trail. While walking with the other boys behind the ox-wagons he lagged behind and they did not miss him until night fall. He climbed a tree when darkness came on, upon hearing a panther cry, he quickly remembered his training in the ways of the frontier that he should keep his gaze steadily upon the panther's eyes without moving. After some time the panther went away.

Miss Mary attended Port Byron Academy, in Illinois. She began her hobby of writing while in the eighth grade and wrote news articles for the Moline Daily Dispatch and the Port Byron Globe. She came to Plainview in September, 1908 and continued writing for the Port Byron Globe several years. She has done quite a bit of feature writing for the Fort Worth Star Telegram and Dallas News.

Miss Mary attended Wayland College in 1910-11 and 1912 and in May 1912 she started her career in the business world. And

during her thirty-six years she holds a marvelous record of being continuously employed except for short intervals between jobs, but never out of employment for any length of time.

She began her first work in a law office for Judge W. B. Lewis, and also did public stenographer work, later studied Court Reporting with W. N. Baker, Official Court Stenographer in the 64th Judicial District. For several years she did court reporting in the County Court and was assistant for Mr. Baker in the District Court.

She was Railroad clerk for the Santa Fe for a while under the management of Mr. G. C. Jefferis, who is now the General Manager for the Santa Fe in Amarillo.

She was Chief Clerk of the local draft board in Crosby County at Ralls, during the first World War, and later was employed in an Abstract and Insurance with Mr. Warren Floyd, and also worked for Patterson & Groves Insurance and Real Estate Company in Plainview. In 1920, she accepted Secretarial work with the Texas Land and

Development Company, where she worked for more than twenty-six years.

Miss Mary, having been so impressed with the pioneering spirit from her great grand parents, thought it would be an opportune time to compile an early history of Hale County.

After work hours she would hop in her car and drive out in the country for a visit with the different Pioneer families and get all the detailed information of their early experiences, and the Pioneer Roundup grew out of this interest.

The Business and Professional Women's Club was only two years old, With Mrs. Adella S. Drew serving as president with a membership of seventeen. Miss Mary, a charter member of the club and chairman of the Public Relations Program presented the idea of a banquet honoring all Pioneers. After much discussion and with fear and trembling the club voted to sponsor the banquet. When Judge L. S. Kinder was asked to be Toast-

master, he tried to discourage the girls of undertaking such a vast program.

The banquet was held at the City Auditorium on March 14, 1929 with 400 in attendance. The Presbyterian ladies served the banquet. After such wonderful response from the entire community the club decided to serve a chuck wagon supper and make it an annual affair.

The History of Hale County, which was written by Miss Mary, was published in 1937, and had a wide sale and is being taught in the Public Schools and High Schools of the County as a History unit. Many sales were made to Public, State, and Historical Libraries over the United States, including Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Chicago and other Universities.

We are indeed grateful to Miss Mary for her time and courtesy in using her material to make this Publication possible. With her clever wit and keen sense of humor she has endeared herself in the hearts of all Pioneers and all West Texans, she is regarded as one of our most loyal and dependable members, "SHE IS OUR MISS MARY."

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The above article is taken from the program for the Pioneer Roundup and Rodeo, May 1948, of the Business & Professional Women's Club, Plainview [Texas] Rodeo Association, Inc. Thanks are due to the contributor: Ken Glass of Olalla, Washington

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## REDUCED SALES PRICE FOR COX FAMILY BOOK

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A **reunion** of the descendants of Sam and Ellen (Patterson) Cox will be held at Ft. Robinson State Park in western Nebraska on the weekend of July 31-August 2, 2009. For further information, contact Alison Utermohlen.

## OBITUARIES

### Ruth Magdalena Sparbel



Ruth Magdalena Sparbel Lansing Ruth went to be with her Lord Saturday, October 25, 2008, after many years of pain. She was a generous, kind and loving mother and friend. Ruth was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, John K.; and her son, Wayne, whom she cared for till their passing in her home. Surviving are her son, John W. (Connie) Sparbel of Carson City, NV; daughter, Lois K. Sparbel of Lansing, who cared for her mother for many years; grandchildren, Melissa, Kristan, James and Jeffrey; great-grandsons, Robert and Garrett; and many nieces and nephews. Ruth was a longtime member of Christ Lutheran Church and spent many years with the Doris Guild supporting the church with handcrafted tatted stationery. She taught many friends tating in her home. For years she could be found in her beautiful garden sharing plants and knowledge. She always had time to listen and room for one more. Ruth was born in Detroit and grew up in the Farwell, Clare area. After she married, her and her husband lived in over 100 cities in Michigan with her job as a highway design engineer. They settled in Lansing in 1949 and raised their family. She outlived breast cancer, severe osteoporosis, limited mobility and loss of a son, but never lost faith. Memorial services will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to Christ Lutheran Church, 122 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing, MI 48912, and RDC at Christ Lutheran Church, which she faithfully supported. The family thanks her wonderful friends for their support and Hospice of Lansing for their care. The family is being served by the Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Homes, Lansing.

### John William Sparbel



John William Sparbel 1940-2008 John Wm. Sparbel, resident of Carson City, NV, and Tucson, AZ, died suddenly October 30, 2008 in Carson City due to complications from emergency heart surgery. John was an avid photographer, outdoorsman and traveler. At age 9 his uncle gave him a box brownie camera, to record a family holiday in the West. Upon returning, he entered an image in a Lansing, MI, newspaper photo contest, and later often laughed about winning first prize, a frying pan, which he promptly gave to his mother. That trip firmly established his love for the West as well as his life long passion for celebrating the natural world and sharing its grandeur with others through his camera lens. John and his wife Connie (owners for many years of Classic Travel of Carson City) traveled to over 170 countries photographing native peoples and cultures. John published several books of photographs and was a master of digital techniques and photo processing, giving many workshops. His work is found in private collections, national publications and on line. He was a founding member of the Digital Imaging Group -South, of SaddleBrooke, AZ. John, born August 7, 1940 in Clare, MI, moved to Lansing when he was a boy. After graduating from Eastern High School and Michigan State, he was planning director for Bloomington, IL, San Bernardino County, CA, and Lewiston, ME. John met his wife Connie when they were both working as urban planners. They married in 1967 and moved to Carson City, NV, in 1969. John worked as Assistant to Nevada Governors Paul Laxalt, Mike O'Callaghan, and Robert List. While employed in the governor's office, John represented the State on the Four Corners Regional Planning Commission. Later, he was Assistant Director for State Industrial Insurance for Nevada. After retiring John did private consulting, which included working on 2000 census redistricting mapping for Nevada's Legislative Council Bureau. In 1998 John and Connie bought a second winter home in SaddleBrooke, AZ, north of Tucson. A gregarious person and avid naturalist, John made many friends wherever he went and was generally the life of the party. He loved Mexican food (with Grande Margaritas, of course). Truly eclectic, John flew hot air balloons, made stained glass windows, built weaving looms, and was a fine carpenter and pastel portrait artist. John leaves his wife Constance Shear Sparbel, his sister, Lois Sparbel of Lansing, MI, and nieces and nephews.

His mother Ruth Repphun Sparbel predeceased John by four days. His father John Keith Sparbel died in 1993 and his brother Wayne Sparbel in 1980, both in Lansing, MI. A memorial event is being planned. As a lover of libraries and reading, John served for many years on the Carson City Library Board. While chairman, at his urging the Carson City Library Foundation was created in 1986. A memorial fund has been established in John Sparbel's name: Carson City Library Foundation, 900 N. Roop St., Carson City, NV 89701.

### **William E. "Bill" Naviaux**



NAVIAUX-William E. "Bill", died quietly Tuesday, December 2, 2008, surrounded by family and friends. Born in North Platte on September 29, 1938, he graduated from North Platte High School where he was an active participant in sports and music. He played football at Doane College, earning a Bachelor of Science degree, and then attended the University of Nebraska College of Law. He earned a Juris Doctor degree from University of Tulsa. Bill practiced law in Omaha for more than 40 years, retiring in 2007. Bill was a member of the Omaha Bar Association and a member of the Ralston United Methodist Church, where he had served on the church council and was active in the fund raising for the Ralston Baright Library. The enthusiastic hunter and fan of the College Word Series and Big Red sports coached youth football and multiple Ralston girls' softball teams from 1971 to 1990. He was a member of the Tangier Temple of the Shrine. An avid gourmet cook and collector of fine wines, he enjoyed a trip to the Netherlands and Belgium in 1996, visiting the home of his ancestors in Suxy, Belgium. He cherished time with family and friends in their mountain retreat in Colorado as well as time spent with family in the Bighorn Mountains of Wyoming. Bill is survived by wife Merry, mother Elma Naviaux Newmen (Omaha), daughter Krish Nishi and her husband Steve Nishi (Newbury Park, CA), grandsons Gage and Clay Nishi, sisters Sandy Naviaux (Omaha) and Glennis and Ron Baker (North Platte), step-sisters and brother Loris and Dick Michael (Sandpoint, ID), Peggy Brodsky (Atlanta, GA), Linda and Tom Melia (Omaha, NE) and Les Newman (Oxnard, CA), sisters- and brothers-in-law Ruth Leitschuck (Beatrice), Ted and Louise Leitschuck (Holmsville), Cay and Jim Ecklund (Lincoln), foreign exchange sons and daughters Paolo Mancosu (Berkeley, CA), Saija Vanhala-Jansson (Espoo, Finland), Cathie Diu (Montpellier, France), Nicholas Honore' (Anger, France), many nieces, nephews, and cousins, and their close long-time friends the "Road Apples." He was preceded in death by his father Gene Naviaux, step father Josh Newmen, daughter Nicole Naviaux England, and step-brothers Larry and Don Newmen. [*Omaha World-Herald*, Dec. 4, 2008]

### **Norma Bond**



Quad City Times, December, 20, 2008 | DAVENPORT — Norma Bond, 88, of Davenport, passed away at the Kahl Home for the Aged on December 18, 2008. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, at New Hope Presbyterian Church, Davenport. Visitation is 4-7 p.m. Monday at the Runge Mortuary. There will be a private burial service at Oakdale Cemetery Davenport. Memorial may be made to the church.

She was born Norma Rue Jones in Davenport on December 20, 1919, to Henrietta (Johnston) and Rowland C. Jones. Norma graduated from Davenport High School. She had a wonderful alto voice and sang in her church choirs. Her major life's interest and passion was organic gardening.

Aside from a prolific vegetable garden every year, her yard was a master plan of coordinated blooms all year long from the first crocus to the last azalea and rose. She grew such a variety of iris that her nick name was, the "Iris Lady." Her extensive hosta collection now resides in the memorial garden at the

Bettendorf Children's Museum. She will be remembered by her friends in the Quad-City Iris Society and the Garden Clubs and was a member of both the Hosta Club and the Orchid Society.

Surviving is her husband, Caryl H. Bond, of Davenport; and six children, Charles Bartel, of Tallahassee, Fla., Suzan Bartel Moheit, of Fontana, Calif., Karen Bartel, of Davenport, Joann Bond Troup, of Victorville, Calif., Jo Bond Dumoulin, of Davenport, and Carlene Bond Sarlette, of Morris, Minn. She leaves 15 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Jean "Phyllis" Jones Fraser, her brother, Rowland C. Jones Jr., and her first husband, Charles (Dick) Bartel.

### **Theodore R. "Bud" Leitschuck**

Theodore R. "Bud" Leitschuck, age 75 years, of rural Beatrice died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2009, at the Wymore Good Samaritan Center. He was born July 10, 1933, at Burchard and moved with his family to Odell as a child. He was a 1950 graduate of Odell High School and attended Wentworth Military Academy for one year.

He was employed on the section crew of the Union Pacific Railroad until he served in the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict from July 17, 1953, to May 27, 1955. He married Louise Henke on Feb. 14, 1959, at DeWitt. Bud was employed by the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company until his retirement in July 1995. He was a member of the Blue Springs United Methodist Church, was an active member of all of the Masonic bodies in Beatrice, including being a past master of Beatrice Lodge 26, A.F. & A.M., past patron of Vesper Chapter 9, Order of Eastern Star; Sesostris Temple of the Shrine, the Blue Valley Shrine Club and the Tri-Scats unit. He was also over a 50-year member of Armstrong-Wasserman American Legion Post 231 at Odell, and a member of Geddes-Thober V.F.W. Post 1077 at Beatrice. Bud's hobbies included collecting John Deere tractors, traveling, including special trips to Germany and Scotland, the Alcan Highway, and Wyoming; teasing and playing practical jokes, polka music, having coffee with his friends, and especially spending time with his granddaughters.

Bud is survived by his wife, Louise; by a daughter, Lisa Vanschoiack and her husband Toby of Wymore; by two granddaughters, Jaidyn and Jordyn; by two sisters, Merry Navioux of Omaha and Cay Ecklund and her husband Jim of Lincoln; by a sister-in-law, Ruth Leitschuck of Beatrice; by two aunts, Bobby Logan of Cody, Wyo., and Mildred Cox of San Juan, Texas; and by nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore R. and Ellen J. (Cox) Leitschuck; by his brother, Don Leitschuck; by a brother-in-law, Bill Navioux; and by a niece, Nicky England.

Funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 2, at the Blue Springs United Methodist Church, Pastor Dan Albers officiating. Masonic service will be conducted by Beatrice Lodge 26, A.F. & A.M. Military service will be conducted at the Odell Cemetery by Armstrong-Wasserman Post 231. Visitation will be at the Laughlin-Hoevet Funeral Home, 505 N. Ninth St., Wymore, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, and from 12:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, March 1, with the family receiving friends from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and at the church one hour preceding the service. Memorials to Hospice of Gage County and the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital with the funeral home in charge. Laughlin-Hoevet Funeral Home, Wymore, is in charge of arrangements.

### **FAMILY UPDATES:**

Scott William Mueller, b. 23 Jun 2006, Minneapolis, MN, son of Pauline (Conrad) & Jason Mueller  
Hannah Marie Mueller, b. 23 Jun 2006, Minneapolis, MN, dau of Pauline (Conrad) & Jason Mueller  
Dylan Thomas Johnson, b. 8 Apr 2008, son of Amanda (Conrad) & Robert Johnson

## ADDENDA AND ERRATA TO COX FAMILY BOOK

Occasionally, I receive additional information about a family that would have been included in the Cox family book published in 2007, had it been received in time. As space permits, I will include that information in the Newsletter.

**MERVYN LYLE HENDERSON** (Book #612).

Corrections to family of **ROBERT LEE ARMBRUSTER** (Book #542),

The myheritage.com website of Mark Rodgers, supplemented by California vital records, provides additional information on **GEORGE J. COTTINGHAM**, the son of Grace (Sides) Cottingham (Book #201), and a descendant of Augustus D. Cox. Mark's data indicates that George was born in 1908 in Peoria, Illinois and that he married **HELEN JOYCE CONNETT**. She was born on 27 June 1909 at Hamburg, Illinois and died on 15 August 2004 in San Bernardino, California. They had two children:

i.

Children:

a.

b.

ii. **JAMES ALAN COTTINGHAM**, b. 3 June 1951, Los Angeles Co, California [5 Jun, per S204]; d. 10 Nov 1987, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; prob. m. **KAREN E. HARVEY**, age 19, 5 Jan 1974, Santa Barbara Co, California [S228]; poss. m. **DEBORAH A. JUAREZ**, age 27, 22 Jul 1983, Los Angeles Co, California [S228]. Possible children:

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Ruth Anna Hicks fell in February and suffered a stress fracture of a vertebrae. She is recuperating.