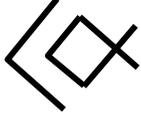


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## NEWSLETTER

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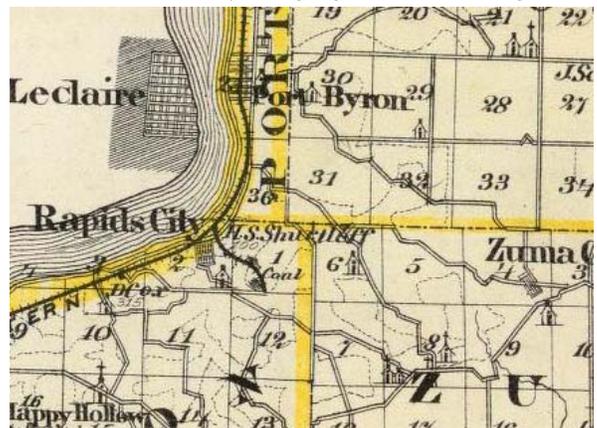
### GENEALOGY ISSUE

Many family members have taken an interest in genealogy. This issue illustrates some of the methods by which genealogy seeks to recapture the past.

#### SWEPT INTO ETERNITY

[The following article appeared in the *Port Byron Globe*, Port Byron, Illinois, on 6 July 1888. It was contributed by Anne Klimek, with the assistance of Bill Gilbert of the Port Byron Historical Society. Anne lives on the property formerly owned by James Bovard, father-in-law of Albin Cox. Barber Creek crosses section 36 south of Port Byron. Jesse L. Cox, Albin's father, lived in section 9 of Zuma township, probably in the southwestern part of the section, in an area known as Rose Hill.]

A sad result of Wednesdays terrible rainstorm was the tragic death of Albin Cox, of Zuma township. He had been to the Cordova celebration and when the rain came up quit the grounds and started home, driving through Port Byron on the way. He stopped here a short time during the hardest of the storm, then resumed his drive homeward. His road lay across Barber's creek--a stream that drains a considerable portion of Coe town, and in heavy rains or spring freshets readily swells to a raging torrent, spreading over a good deal of territory. As Mr. Cox approached the bridge just this side of Patrick O'Donnel's place he was confronted by a raging stream running across the road at the north end of the bridge, and probably three or four feet deep. No sooner had he driven into this than horse and buggy were swept clear off their footing and whirled down the maddened stream like a straw, rolling, tumbling, bobbing about like a cork. The unfortunate man clung to the vehicle until near what is known as the falls, when all went down and he was seen no more. The horse and buggy again rose to the surface and were carried over the falls, finally lodging against a tree between the wagon and railway bridges. Man and horse were doubtless dead in a short time, for it does not seem possible that any being could survive even for a moment in that surging torrent. Up to the time of going to press the most diligent search failed to find the body.



Mr. D. T. Barrett, who lives hard by, witnessed the awful accident, and ran along down the creek, to render aid if possible. But the rig was swept down faster than a man could run, and even if he could have kept pace with it, he could have rendered no assistance in such a flood.

Albin J. Cox was the son of Jesse L. Cox, of Zuma township. He was about 44 years old and a widower, his wife, a daughter of James Bovard, of Coe, having died some years ago. Deceased was a good citizen, and commanded the highest respect of a wide circle of acquaintances, who will be grieved to hear of his tragic death. His relatives have the [sympathy of the community - *last line illegible*].

#### \$25.00 REWARD

Will be given for the recovery of the body of the late Albin J. Cox, who was drowned July 4th at Barber Creek bridge, near Patsy O'Donnel's.

Jesse L. Cox  
Port Byron, Ills.

## **RECOVERED** [*Port Byron Globe*, 13 July 1888]

The body of the late unfortunate Albin Cox, who was drowned in Barber's creek on the evening of July 4th, was discovered last Friday at about noon floating in the river near Gus Cox' place, about two miles below Rapids City. Some of the women at the place discovered it and notified William Cox, cousin of the drowned man, who procured a skiff and towed the body to shore and at once came up to Barber's creek to notify the father, who with a number of citizens, was still dragging the river at the mouth of the creek for the body of his unfortunate son. Undertaker Wendt was notified and as soon as possible brought the corpse to Port Byron to prepare it for burial.



The head and face of the corpse had several bad cuts, probably made either by a barbed wire fence, through which it was supposed the body had been carried, or by the jagged rocks in the creek.

Owing to the excessive heat and bad condition of the corpse it was deemed best to inter it at once. Accordingly a number of sympathizing friends assembled and at 8 o'clock accompanied the remains to Oak Grove Cemetery, where they were laid beside those of the wife who had died years ago. A number of members of Eugene Lyford Post, G. A. R., of which the deceased was an honored member, acted as pall-bearers.

Comment: Old newspapers can often be located at county, or sometimes state, historical societies. Some are available on Interlibrary Loan. For current U.S. Geological Survey maps, see <http://nationalmap.gov/ustopo/index.html>. A Google search may turn up historical maps. For a good collection of historical atlases, see <http://www.davidrumsey.com/view>

## **AGRICULTURAL CENSUSES**

Census records are the bread and butter of genealogy. Since few birth and death records exist prior to 1900, identifying a child in the census household of his or her parents is often the easiest way to trace families back to 1850, the date of the first population census that named all members of the household.<sup>1</sup> However, few researchers consult the agricultural censuses, taken from 1850 to 1880, which, while they may not be as genealogically useful, add a lot of interesting details.

For example, Augustus Cox, youngest son of Joseph Cox, is listed in the 1860 census for Hampton township, Rock Island County, Illinois. Gus had acquired his father's land, located along the Mississippi River, as well as additional parcels. The agricultural census lists his home farm as 60 acres of improved land and 100 unimproved acres, worth \$3820. Gus also owned \$200 worth of farm machinery. He had 8 horses, 5 milch cows, 2 working oxen, 12 other cattle, and 6 sheep, for a total livestock value of \$700. During the year ending June 1, 1860, his farm produced 300 bushels of wheat, 1500 bushels of Indian corn, 20 pounds of wool, 100 pounds of Irish potatoes, 350 pounds of butter, 15 tons of hay, and 40 gallons of sorghum molasses. Livestock worth \$240 had been slaughtered during the year.

In 1879, Sam Cox and his 18-year-old bride, Ellen, moved from Illinois to Miles precinct, Pawnee County, Nebraska, which was still newly settled country. The 1880 agricultural census indicates he owned 200 acres, worth \$2000, of which 65 acres were improved, 5 acres were woodland, and 130 acres were unimproved. Sam owned \$50 of farming implements and \$390 worth of livestock. On June 1, 1880, he had 2 horses, 3 milk cows and 5 other cattle, as well as 50 swine. During 1879 he had generated total farm production worth \$400 and had purchased 2 cattle. He had mowed 8 acres and harvested 12 tons of hay, he had planted 18 acres in Indian Corn and harvested 720 bushels and planted 12 acres in wheat, from which he harvested 110 bushels.

The chart on the next page sets forth similar information for several of the sons of Joseph Cox. The categories actually used vary slightly between census years. For example, molasses first appears in 1860.

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<sup>1</sup> The 1880 census is available for free on [familysearch.org](http://familysearch.org) and the other available censuses are usually consulted on [Ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) or [Heritage Quest](http://heritagequest.com) (both subscription services, although it may be possible to review them for free at a library or LDS Family History Center). Censuses are confidential for 72 years. The 1940 census has just been released to the public.

	1850				1860					1870
	Richard Rue	John W.	Joseph Bird	Jesse Lewis	Richard Rue	John W.	Joseph Bird	Jesse Lewis	Jeremiah	Jeremiah
County/township	Mercer	Mercer	Hampton	Zuma	Mercer	Henry	Hampton	Zuma	Coe	Coe
age	44	43	36	34	54	53	46	44	41	51
improved acres	75	50	26	40	275	160	160	80	40	40
unimp acres	125	110	294	40	80		120	120		40
value farm	\$1500	\$1000	\$1500	\$600	\$9000	\$3200	\$4700	\$6000	\$800	\$3200
value implements	\$125	\$65	\$200	\$60	\$500	\$200	\$340	\$200	\$75	\$100
horses	8	8	2	3	13	20	7	8	1	8
milk cows	5	5	4	2	5	10	4	7	3	4
oxen			6							
other cattle	7	14	9	3	15	5	18	12	3	6
sheep	20	15	8	10					35	
swine	35	14	11	13	40	7	8	12	6	10
value livestock	\$490	\$538	\$250	\$190	\$1100	\$935	\$582	\$450	\$200	\$1000
wheat (bu)	60	50	100	161	800	270	150	200	400	150
corn (bu)	800	500		300	4000	1200	800	500	300	450
oats (bu)	100	100		100				200		125
peas beans (bu)					2				2	
wool (lbs)	87	90	30	30						
potatoes (bu)			40	10	15	25	50	14	20	40
butter (lbs)	266	400	250	50	75	250	300	280	100	900
cheese (lbs)	3800					200				
hay (tons)	15		25	10	3	20	100	30	4	6
molasses (gals)					7	120	80	32		
value homemade			\$55							
value slaughter	\$100		\$100	\$30	\$10	\$40	\$110	\$50	\$90	\$70
orchard prods		\$15								\$25
total production										\$400

### COAN BROTHERS UPDATE

The Fall 2010 Newsletter featured photographs of David and Amy (Fleming) Cox and their daughters that mysteriously appeared in a shop in San Francisco in 2010. As discussed there, the oldest daughter, Helena, had two sons, Frank and Sidney Coan, both of whom died in California, having moved there late in life. The only child of either identified at that time was Frank's daughter Ruby, although Ruby remained in Indianapolis and used the name Temple after her mother remarried.

Further information on the family of Sidney Walter Coan has come to light after discovery of his 1922 application to join the Sons of the American Revolution, based on the service of his ancestor James Fleming Sr. Sidney gave his birth as 14 November 1861 at New Paris, Preble County, Ohio. He indicates that his mother Helena was born in 1835 and died in 1892. Most importantly, he names a son, Walter Erling Coan, who was born on 19 November 1882 at Fillmore, California (census records instead say Indiana). Walter married Mabel Amelia Hooker on 19 April 1910 and had two sons born prior to Sidney's application: Lester Hooker Coan, b. 11 March 1913, and George Roger Coan, b. 17 November 1917. Sidney also gives two of his aunts as references, naming their addresses: Mrs. Eliza A. Lively, 334 N. Central Ave., Glendale, California (where she was living in 1920), and Mrs. Edna A. Carrington, 1836 N. Wilton Place, Hollywood, California. In 1910, Walter and Mabel were living with his great-aunts, Eliza Lively and Sarah L. Cox, at 1170 East Adams Street in Los Angeles. By 1930, Mabel had remarried to a Paul Brewster and was living with her sons at 143 N. Manhattan Place, Los Angeles.

With the exact birthdates for Sidney's grandsons, they were identified in the Social Security Death Index (available at familysearch.org) and the California birth index and California and Florida death indices (available at Ancestry.com). Lester was born in Los Angeles County, California and died on 21 April 1975 in Dade County, Florida. George was born in Ventura County, California and died on 3 January 1992 in San Francisco County, California. (It might be possible to identify their marriages through www.vitalsearch-ca.com, but I do not currently subscribe). Thus, George R. Coan's family seems to be the best candidate to have owned the photographs.

## IDENTIFYING PHOTOGRAPHS

Many family photographs are unlabeled, making it difficult to identify the subjects, once the people that knew them are no longer available. However, it is sometimes possible make identifications through comparison to other photographs whose subjects are known. The photograph below of the family of Joseph Franklin Cox and his wife, Jane Sutton, makes a good case study, particularly because I think I botched it in the Cox Book (p. 156).



Frank and Jane had seven children who lived to adulthood: Minnie (b. 1865), Elmer (b. 1869), Clinton (b. 1871), Walter (b. 1874), Daisy (b. 1877), Treva (b. 1879) and Lyle (b. 1887). The youngest child is always the best guide to the date of a photograph and a guess is that Lyle is about 9 to 10 years old here, which, together with the bare trees, suggests that it may have been taken in February 1897, when Clint married Mary Belle Chamberlin (Elmer had moved to Nebraska in 1892, so it might have taken such an occasion to bring the family together).

The daughters can be confidently identified as Daisy, Minnie and Treva, from left to right, based on other photographs. It is trickier to identify the three older sons, who look very similar. Most of our other photographs of them were taken significantly later, when the aging process had changed their looks. Some features--such as ears and bone structure--change little and can assist the identification, although it is often unreliable to base an identification on a single comparison photograph.

We have the largest numbers of photographs of Walter Cox, including one from when he was a relatively young man (see to the right).



The most striking aspect of Walter is his strong jaw line. In that respect, he most closely resembles the middle brother above. Also, while all three brothers have strongly defined eye sockets and similar noses, the middle brother has eyes that seem somewhat less deeply set and his nose may be slightly broader, both of

which fit Walter. Elmer and Clinton were only two years apart in age and I have no later photos of Elmer. There are a few later photographs of Clint Cox (see above). They don't provide much to go on in distinguishing Clint from Elmer, but Clint seems to have parted his hair on the right, the same as the man in the left in the group photograph. The man on the left also seems to have a head shape somewhat more indented at the temples, which also fits Clint. Based on this comparison, the older brothers seem to be Clint, Walter and Elmer, left to right. As it happens, this matches the names that Irene (Combs) Cox, Walter's wife, put on the back of the version originally forwarded to me by Diane Lodge. I am unable to explain why I didn't accept that identification at the time the Cox Book was published, but I now think I was wrong.

Another likely error I have since discovered in the Cox book is the "Augustus D. Cox house, Hampton" (p. 105). With the help of Jane Cady and Rick Gillespie, the house in the picture was located southeast of the town of Hampton at 15546 20th Avenue North, East Moline (viewable at Google Maps), which appears to be in either section 20 or 21 of Hampton township. However, Gus Cox appears never to have owned land in either section.

Dating photographs, based on the technology involved, the changing styles of clothing, and other factors, has spawned a useful literature, including: Karen Frisch-Ripley, *Unlocking the Secrets in Old Photographs*; Joan Severa, *Dressed for the Photographer: Ordinary Americans and Fashion 1840-1900*; Maureen A. Taylor, *Fashionable Folks, Hairstyles 1840-1900*; Maureen A. Taylor, *Fashionable Folks, Bonnets and Hats 1840-1900*.

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### WHATEVER HAPPENED TO ADA B. COX?

One of the more intriguing mysteries uncovered while Ruth Anna and I were doing the research published in the Cox Book was the story of William O. Cox (Cox Book #70). William was born about 1852, the oldest son of Augustus D. Cox, and left Illinois by April 1875, when he married Mary Tobin in Adams County, Nebraska. Their daughter Ada B. Cox was born on 9 September 1879. In 1880, William (a farmer) and Mary lived in Webster County, Nebraska. Mary died prior to November 1882, when William remarried to Carrie A. Reed.

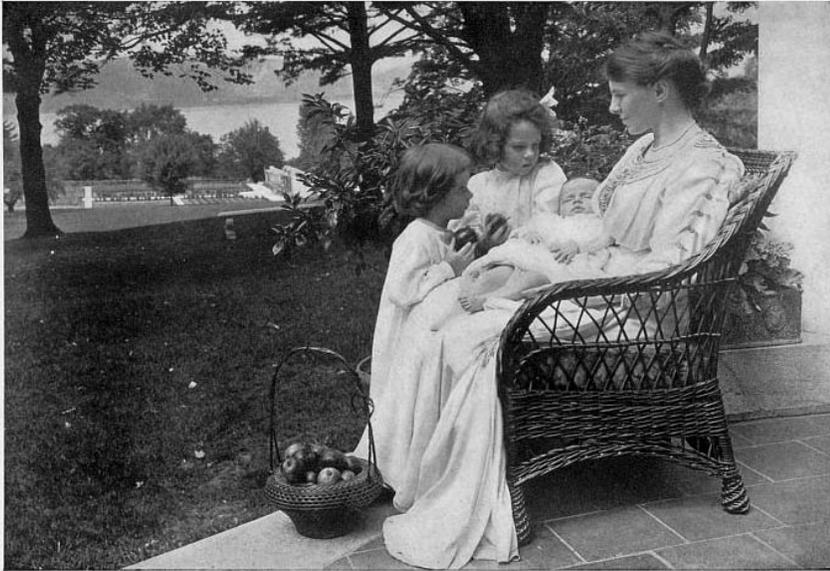
On Saturday, 29 March 1884, William and Mary's father, Alonzo Tobin, were drinking in a saloon in Blue Hill, Nebraska. William's brother-in-law, Lawrence Tobin, learned of it and took exception, as he had instructed that his father not be served alcohol. Lawrence went to the saloon and an argument arose, which led to a fight. During the fight, William hit Lawrence over the head with the butt end of a billiard cue. While he was knocked unconscious for a time, Lawrence was not thought to be seriously hurt until the following Wednesday, when he again lapsed into unconsciousness, dying on Thursday afternoon. William was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to five years in the state penitentiary.

During William's imprisonment, which lasted until 1888, and perhaps before, Ada was sent to Illinois to live with her grandmother, Rebecca (Gillespie) Cox. After her father's release from prison, she went back to live with him and Carrie in Nebraska. However, in the mid-1890s, William died. Ada being left an orphan, she moved with her stepmother to Canandaigua, New York by 1897. The last record we could find of her was in Canandaigua in 1900, when Carrie was a pastry cook and Ada was an assistant pastry cook, age 20.

So things stood until August 2010, when I received an email from Orville E. (Gene) Hamman, Jr., whose wife was a member of the Shepard family. It turns out that Carrie A. Reed was originally Carrie A. Shepard, having married Charles M. Reed in New York in 1876. They afterwards moved to Nebraska. Carrie died in 1940 in Buffalo. Mr. Hamman supplied obituaries for both Ada and her husband. Ada married Wallace Blake on 20 November 1902 at Canandaigua. Wallace was born in 1880 and spent 50 years working for the Thompson Lumber Company as a millwright. He died on 6 February 1958. Ada died on 2 March 1962, still resident at Canandaigua.



Ada and Wallace had a son, Francis W. Blake, b. 5 March 1905. He graduated from the Canandaigua Academy in 1924 and married Ruth H. Allen in 1927. In 1930, Francis was a physical education instructor at Gloversville, New York. At the time his parents died, Francis lived in Watkins Glen and seems to have been a long time coach and faculty member at the high school there. The Francis W. Blake Sportsmanship Award is given annually in his honor. He died on 1 April 1987. At the time of Ada's death, she also had two married granddaughters: Mrs. Roger Wheeler of Dundee and Mrs. Glen Bunce of Bath, as well as three great-grandsons.



OUT-DOOR PORTRAIT GROUP—MRS. FRANK VANDERLIP AND HER CHILDREN

1 A KODAK FITTED WITH ZEISS PROTAR LENS STOPPED TO F 32  
SLOW SHUTTER

BY FRANCES B. JOHNSTON—MATTIE E. HEWITT



Thanks to Cheryl Dieter for calling my attention to these photographs from the Library of Congress photography collection. The one on the left may be from 1909, showing Narcissa (age 5), Charlotte (age 3½) and Virginia (b. Apr 1909). See Cox Book #108. Patrons of the upcoming *Dark Shadows* movie, may be interested that "Beechwood," the Vanderlip estate in Westchester County, New York, was used in some of the scenes from the 1971 *Dark Shadows* movie.

### Ecclesiastical Terminology

A genealogist picks up a lot of stray facts, the better to understand old records and customs. Here are some commonly encountered religious terms, with particular emphasis on the practices of the Anglican Church.

**Beadle:** a minor parish official who keeps order and acts as an usher during services

**Chapel:** usually a place of worship subordinate to a parish church or in an institution

**Curate:** usually an assistant to the rector, vicar or priest; perhaps an aged priest receiving a small stipend

**Deacon:** in the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches, a clergyman ranking below a priest; in most Protestant churches, a layman who has an administrative role in a community church

**Episcopal:** related to bishops. Episcopal churches are hierarchical and to be distinguished from **Congregational** churches, which are run by the local congregation. The early New England Puritan churches were all congregational.

**Glebe:** a farm devoted to the support of the rector of a parish

**Michaelmas:** the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, held on September 29; the fall term at universities or courts

**M.G.:** abbreviation often used in marriage records for Minister of the Gospel

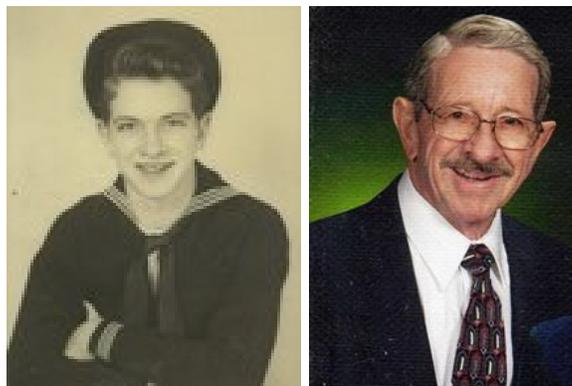
**Monsignor:** a title of honor in the Roman Catholic church, bestowed on a priest with prominent responsibilities

**Rector:** in the Anglican church, a clergyman in charge of a parish and entitled to its tithes

**Sexton:** a person responsible for the church property, often including the cemetery

**Vicar:** a priest who receives either the lesser tithes or a salary, and acts in place of a rector or bishop

**Delmont Conver Stewart** (Cox Book #624), 82, of Rockford [IL] died Sunday, Aug. 15, 2010, in his home, surrounded by his family. Born Feb. 26, 1928, in LaHarpe, the son of Joseph and Daisy (Cox) Stewart. Delmont served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He worked as a carpenter for the Local 792 before retiring in 1985 as an administrator for the Construction Industry Fringe Benefit Funds. Member of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church. Married Gladys Geraldine Wiles on June 25, 1950, in Plattsmouth, Neb. Survivors include wife, Gladys Geraldine of Rockton; son, Guy (Peggy) of Rockton; brothers, Larry (Mary Jean) of Rockford and Max (Mary Lou) of Dexter, Mich. Predeceased by parents, and brothers, Bill and Joe Stewart.



Special thanks to caregivers, Patty and Sherri, Heartland Hospice and Swedish American Home Health Care, for the loving care you gave Delmont. Service at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, in Sunset Funeral Home, 8800 N. Alpine Road, Machesney Park, IL 61115; with visitation from 1 p.m. to time of service. Burial in Sunset Memorial Gardens. Online condolences may be given to the family at [sunsetfhmemgardens.com](http://sunsetfhmemgardens.com).

**Lark M. Kamm** (Cox Book #663), 71, of Cody [WY], died Monday, April 30, 2012, at her home after a long battle with Alzheimer's. She was born on June 23, 1940 in Sheridan, WY, the daughter of John Wilford and Marguerite "Bobby" Logan. She graduated from Sheridan high school and attended the University of Wyoming. She married James Albert Kamm on September 2, 1961 in Powell, WY. They lived in Corvallis, OR for many years where Jim was employed by Oregon State University as a Research Entomologist. Upon his retirement, they relocated to Cody. Survivors include her husband, two daughters, Katherine of Cody, Janet (Brad) Schneider of Colorado Springs, CO, and one son, Rodney (Kathy) of Salem, OR, her brother John (Zara) and mother Marguerite both of Cody; and 4 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father. Private family graveside service has taken place in Meeteetse, WY.

**Maxine M. Huddleston Stewart** (Cox Book, widow of #621), 90, of Bonita Springs [FL], died Sunday, September 18, 2011. Formerly of Elgin, IL, she had been a Bonita resident since 1974. She was born October 15, 1920 in Burlington, IA, the daughter of Frank and Inez Jane (née Conkey) Huddleston. In addition to raising her family, she sold Avon products for over 50 years and was a founding member of Anchor Christian Church in Bonita Springs. Mrs. Stewart is survived by her loving children, Mark E. Stewart of San Francisco, CA, Rebecca E. Stewart of Portland, OR, Jeff I. Stewart of Portland, OR, Vicki E. (Gary) Raymor of Naples, FL, Kristal I. Mading of Bonita Springs, FL, Sally A. Lawson of Estero, FL, Neal G. Stewart of Bonita Springs, FL and Lisa H. (John) Evans of Bonita Springs, FL; her siblings, Betty (Jim) McConaughy of Rockford, IL, Jack Huddleston of Rockford, IL and Carol (Albert) Steiner of Evanston, IL; sixteen grandchildren; and sixteen great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Lyle E. Stewart in 1998; her brothers, Robert and Warren; sister, Julia; and two great grandsons. A funeral service will be held Saturday, September 24, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Anchor Christian Church, 11651 E. Terry Street, Bonita Springs. Burial services at the Bonita Springs Cemetery will be private. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to The Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800, Nashville, TN 37214-0800. (*Naples Daily News* on Sep. 21, 2011)

**Cody Michael Mading**, 17, of Bonita Springs, died on August 31, 2010 at the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN. Cody was born January 30, 1993 in Fort Myers, FL, a son of Benjamin T. and Erin (nee Davis) Mading. He was to start his senior year at Estero High School this month. He was a member of the Harvest Community Church and was an active part of their youth group. He was an avid "Risk" player and remained champion until the end. Cody was an Ultimate Fighting fan and a friend of Forrest Griffin and Dane Cook. He is survived by his loving parents, Benjamin and Erin Mading of Bonita Springs; four sisters, Kylie Mading, Averi Mading, Olivia Mading, and Isabella Mading, all at home; cousins, Zoie German, and Cash Mading of Bonita Springs; paternal grandmother, Kristal Mading of Bonita Springs; maternal grandparents, Don (Jeri) Davis of Fort Myers, FL, and Ardith (Jon) Jorgensen of Bonita Springs; paternal greatgrandmothers, Maxine Stewart of Bonita Springs, and Delores Titus of Iowa; and numerous uncles and aunts, and extended family members. Cody will be

greatly missed as his life impacted so many who loved him. He was preceded in death by his paternal greatgrandfathers, Lyle Stewart, and Joe Titus; and his cousin, Matthew Harrison German. A memorial service celebrating Cody's life will be held Saturday, September 11, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Anchor Christian Church, 11651 East Terry Street, Bonita Springs with Rev. Jeff Chitwood, Pastor of Anchor Christian Church and Rev. Louis Pages, Pastor of Harvest Community Church, officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Cody Mading Memorial Fund C/O Anchor Christian Church, 11651 East Terry Street, Bonita Springs, FL 34135. Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home. (*Naples Daily News*. Sep. 10, 2010)

**Kenneth A. "Kenny" Mincer** (Cox Book, husband of #425iii), 56, of Rock Island, died Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at home. Services for Mr. Mincer will be 10 a.m. Saturday at the Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home, 3030 7th Avenue, Rock Island. Burial will be in the Chippiannock Cemetery, Rock Island. Ken was born February 12, 1954, in Moline, the son of Burl Mincer and Doloras Ewert Mincer. He married Joan Goreth on June 11, 1977, in Rock Island. Mr. Mincer worked for the Dispatch Publishing Co., Moline, in the maintenance department. Ken coached Little League Baseball for 24 years and had held every office in the organization. In 1991 Kenny was named "Citizen of the Year" by the City of Rock Island. He served as a member of the board at the Martin Luther King Center, Rock Island. Mr. Mincer was a former member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Rock Island, and most recently attended Grace Fellowship Church, Davenport. He was an avid Chicago Cubs, Bears, Bulls and Iowa Hawkeyes fan. Mr. Mincer was an active volunteer all his life and was especially proud to be a life-long resident of Rock Island. Survivors include his wife, Joan; mother, Doloras Mincer, Rock Island; sisters, Denise Martin, Bettendorf, and Jolene Mundt and her husband, Gary, East Moline; several nieces and nephews; several great nieces and great nephews. Ken was preceded in death by his father, Burl, and a brother, Robert Mincer.



#### **Family Updates:**

**Oliver Thomas Kent**, b. 26 May 2011 to Sean & Katrina (Thomas) Kent, gson of John & Anita Thomas

**Trevin Eugene Steuk**, b. 9 Jun 2011, to Matt & Rebecca (Welsch) Steuk, gson of Dave & Deb Welsch

**Raegan Leigh Welsch**, b. 4 Nov 2011, to Ben & Jenni Welsch, gdau of Dave & Deb Welsch

**Madelyn May Yantzie**, b. 13 Feb 2012, to Martie & Hallie (Cox) Yantzie, gdau of John & Lori Cox

**Lee Johnson** m. Chelsea Clark, June 2011, Colorado

**Ember Welsch** m. Jeremy Patterson, 5 May 2012

**Florence Lamar Goodale** (wf of Cox Book 323ii), d. 27 Aug 2011, Scappoose, Oregon

**Robert Cox** (Cox Book #552), d. Dec. 17, 2011 in Elk Grove, California of congestive heart failure.

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The **Bond - Fraser** family reunion will occur on June 24 at Scott County Park, at the Indian Hills Shelter.

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**Cox Books** are currently available for **\$25** each from Bill Utermohlen, 1916 Windsor Rd, Alexandria, VA 22307 (originally \$60); 1200 pages; hardcover, over 3,000 family members, 300 photographs, 100 signatures, family stories, letters, you name it, pretty much. Includes mailing costs of \$8.

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Article submissions for the Newsletter are welcome.

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### **THE COX FAMILY WEBSITE HAS MOVED**

The Cox family website has moved to a new domain: [utermohlen.info](http://utermohlen.info), one of the catchier available options. Those interested can go to [utermohlen.info](http://utermohlen.info) and click on the Cox link or, alternatively, go to <http://utermohlen.info/Cox%20base%20page.htm>. The Cox website contains a full run of the Cox Newsletters, available for download, as well as a page for each branch of the family: i.e., the families of each of the children and siblings of Joseph Cox. Each such page includes a short account of the ancestor of that branch and a chart showing descendants down to about 1920. Other content includes information on the Cox DNA test results, the Coxes in the Civil War, a variety of family photographs and miscellaneous other topics.