

# The COX Line

The purpose of this note is to outline my present knowledge and conclusions on a Cox family line in the ancestry of my wife, Betty (Poteat) Olds, who probably descends in at least three ways from this one family. Collateral descents are not emphasized here, although in the first portion I have deviated from this pattern to consider possible relatives of Thomas Cox. The line begins in a Quaker family living in Chester County, PA, with possible connections to New Castle County, Delaware. The Quaker and civil records of those counties may yet provide additional material on these families. Beyond that, the line probably extends to England.

The colonial sites connected with the early records of this family are in the present states of Pennsylvania and Delaware. The history of certain of the civil and Quaker divisions of the region are of interest in what follows. Delaware has three counties: Kent, New Castle and Sussex, sometimes called the Lower Three Counties from the Pennsylvania point of view. New Castle, the original county, was formed in 1673 and has a common border with Chester Co., Pa. The other two Delaware counties were formed in 1682. In Pennsylvania, the original counties were Bucks, Philadelphia and Chester, established in 1682. Lancaster County was formed from Chester in 1729 and York County was formed from Lancaster in 1749. Adams County was formed from York in 1800.<sup>1</sup> This region was attractive to Quakers from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales even somewhat before the 1682 invitation of William Penn to come to his new colony free of religious persecution.

This area was organized under the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. The Chester Quarterly Meeting “included nearly all the meetings of what is now New Castle County in Delaware, and the counties of Delaware and Chester in Pennsylvania”. About 1682, Friends began settling on the east side of the Brandywine Creek in New Castle County. This was the beginning of the Newark Monthly Meeting (established 1686) which, since 1760, was known as the Kennett Monthly Meeting from the township to which it had moved. The New Castle Meeting was started in 1684 near New Castle, DE. The Hockessin Meeting at Hockessin in Mill Creek Hundred, New Castle Co., was held at the home of William Cox as early as 1730. “Early in the eighteenth century the tide of migration began to move into the backwoods and we find Friends from the old settlements in New Castle County and what is now Delaware County pushing their way through the forests and developing new locations in the wild but fat and fertile uplands of Chester County.” New Garden MM, in 1718, was the first to be established as the result of this migration. Kennett Township, Chester Co., PA, bordering New Castle

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<sup>1</sup> Everton, George B., Sr., Handy Book for Genealogists, Sixth Ed., (Everton Publishers, Logan Utah, 1971)

County, in DE, was formed from land granted by William Penn to his daughter Letitita in 1699. Likewise, New Garden Twp., just west of Kennett, was formed from land granted by William Penn to his son, William, in 1699. Just west of New Garden Twp. is London Grove Twp. which was organized in 1723. This land had been given by Wm. Penn to Tobias Collett and others, Quakers from London, who did business as the London Company. "Much of the land was originally leased for a term of years, with stipulation that a certain number of acres should be cleared and plowed yearly, orchards planted, etc. ... Like those of New Garden the subdivisions in London Grove were mostly rectangular, and a large number of them seem to have been laid out in 1718 and 1719. Many of the settlers obtained deeds for their lands, dated March 14, 1722-23, from Collet, Quare, and Goldney." "London Grove Meeting was established by authority of Chester Quarterly Meeting in 1714, and was held at the house of John Smith, son-in-law of Caleb Pusey, in what is now East Marlborough, until 1724, when a meeting-house was erected in the north-east corner of London Grove." Friends were moving into what is now Lancaster County by 1713 within what is now Sadsbury Monthly Meeting (formed 1737). Warrington Meeting, Warrington Township, York County, midway between the villages of Wellsville and Rossville, was established in 1735 and Warrington MM was established in 1747 from Sadsbury MM.<sup>2 3</sup>

1. \_\_\_\_\_ COX (father of Thomas). I have found alternative and competing proposals for this position on the pedigree. I am outlining them here as an aid in searching for convincing evidence to make the choice among these or other possibilities because I have found no proof for any of them. Keep on digging!

A. John and Rachel Cox.

THOMAS COX is described in The Cox Family in America<sup>4</sup> as a yeoman of London Grove, Chester Co., Pa., and as perhaps a son of John and Rachel Cox of New Castle Co., DE.

Subsequent research appears to support the connection between Thomas Cox and John and Rachel Cox as suggested in CFA and to extend the line to an earlier Thomas Cox.<sup>5</sup>

Thomas Cox, b. ca. 1641, of London, England, d. 15 Jan. 1711. He married Christian

<sup>2</sup> Myers, Albert Cook, *Immigration of the Irish Quakers into Pennsylvania, 1682-1750* (Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Company, 1985 reprint of 1902 edition).

<sup>3</sup> Mayhill, Thomas R., *Lancaster County Pennsylvania Deed Abstracts & Revolutionary War Oaths of Allegiance, Revised and Enlarged Edition, Deed Books 'A' through 'M'* (The Bookmark, Knightstown, IN, 2nd printing 1970) contains useful county and township maps for Chester, Lancaster and York Counties.

<sup>4</sup> Cox, Henry Miller, *The Cox Family in America, A History and Genealogy of the Older Branches of the Family from the Appearance of its first Representative in America in 1610*, (NY, 1912). Hereafter, CFA.

<sup>5</sup> The paragraph on Thomas Cox of London was sent to me by Betty Baker, Nov. 30 1990, as the research of Susan E. Mortensen.

Matthews, b. 1649, d. 30 April 1679. Thomas married (2nd) Ann Hind. He was a vintner and one of the 24 proprietors of E. Jersey. Thomas Cox had the following children:

Christian Cox, b. 27 Feb. 1673, m. 10 Nov. 1691 to Lassels Metcalf  
Thomas Cox b. ca. 1674, m. Grace Staploe  
John Cox b. 24 Sept. 1675, m. Rachel  
Mary Cox  
Richard Cox.

Although it may be stretching things to match up this John, b. 24 Sept. 1675, with a John below, b. about 1665, and the 1675 date, which is given with precision and matched well in a family group, appears to be too late for the John below who had a son b. ca. 1690, the line may continue:<sup>6</sup>

John Cox "of Drayton, Berkshire Co., England" settled in the "forks of the Brandywine River," Chester Co., PA about 1708. He was born about 1665. In 1714, John bought land further south and "appears to have moved onto a farm in present day Kennet twp., Chester Co., Pa." John was disowned by the Quakers in 1712 but was reinstated in 1719. "John and his wife, Rachel, disappear from Quaker records about 1736, therefore their dates of death must be placed after that time." Her name has been given as Rachel Embree CARR.<sup>7</sup> They had the following children born in England: (The list posted by Glenna L. Systma also includes a Wm. Cox.)

Richard<sup>8</sup> b. ca. 1690, m. Margaret Potts in 1712<sup>9</sup>, Elizabeth Scarlett in 1726<sup>10</sup>, and Mary ? ca. 1729.

Sarah, b. ca. 1692, m. Richard Leech in 1712<sup>11</sup>

Anne, b. ca. 1694, m. Gasparus Garretson in 1713 and Nathan Hussey in 1728.

Joseph, b. ca. 1695, m. Mary \_\_\_\_\_

Amy, b. ca. 1697, m. John Allen (b. 1694) in 1719.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> The paragraph on John and Rachel Cox comes from the research of Eileen Cox Goldbörger, also sent by Betty Baker, 30 Nov. 1990.

<sup>7</sup> quoted by Glenna L. Systma on GENie Electronic Bulletin Board, 10 May 1993, from a GEDCOM by Claude R. Burton.

<sup>8</sup> LindaBelle Roholt, posting on GENie Electronic Bulletin Board, 9 May 1993, studying tax records of Chester Co., PA, makes a case for two Richard Coxes, one who married Margaret Potts and left Chester Co. in 1728 and another who married Elizabeth Scarlett in 1726 when he was called of London Grove.

<sup>9</sup> Richard Cox of Hammet MM in County of Mervetta[?] & Margaret Potts, married 26th 3 m. 1712. [Abingdon MM Minutes, 1682-1746, microfilm, Swarthmore College].

<sup>10</sup> Richard Cox get Chichester MM to m. Elizabeth Scarlett, 5 9m 1726. [Card index to New Garden MM, Swarthmore College].

<sup>11</sup> secondary sources seem to disagree on this marriage and I have no primary record information available.

<sup>12</sup> John Alline of New Garden, with intention to marry Amy Cocks of Center MM, requested a certificate, 14 1m 1718/19. [New Garden MM minutes, 1718-1746, microfilm, Swarthmore College, p. 4].

John, b. ca. 1699, m. Hannah Jenkins in 1720 and Mary Harlan in 1735<sup>13</sup>  
Thomas, b. ca. 1701, m. (1) Elizabeth Fincher in 1722 and (2) Mary Cook(e) in 1730.

#### B. William and (Amy?) Cox.

An alternate ancestry for Thomas Cox is given in Cox of Cole Creek.<sup>14</sup> A William Cox is described as living in New Castle, Delaware, by 1719 and perhaps much earlier. The authors find, in Sedbury (England) Meeting records, a William Cox born in Gloucester, England in 1757-8 [sic 1657-8], son of Samuel<sup>15</sup>. The same records name a John Cox, married in 1680, and a Thomas Cox, married in 1689. A John Cox came to America in 1710 and a Thomas Cox came to America with a certificate from the Sedbury Meeting dated 7-10-1713. Although this early William is apparently not further identified in English or American Quaker records, the authors conclude that William, John, and Thomas were brothers.

Of these, John Cox married Alice Beal in 1680<sup>16</sup>, and on 12-22- 1690, he married Elizabeth Taylor before coming to America. Thomas Cox married Sarah Wolley<sup>17</sup>, presumably in England, on 5-3- 1689. She was apparently dead before he came to America in 1713 and he went to the Abingdon, Pa., Monthly Meeting and married Sarah Buzby<sup>18 19</sup>, daughter of Thomas<sup>20</sup> Buzby.

The deeds abstracted in Cox of Cole Creek include one from William Cox, yeoman, of Newcastle County, to Jacob Stilley, for some land formerly belonging to Justiss Cock<sup>21</sup>, two from William Aubrey to William Cocks<sup>22</sup>, and others in 1725, 1729, 1734, and 1734-35. In the deeds of 4 Jan. 1734/5 and 19 Feb. 1734/5, William Cox was selling land and both he and

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<sup>13</sup> John Cox, son of John, at Londongrove Meeting House, Chester Co., PA, married Mary Harlan, dau. of Moses, 9th 8m. 1735. [Card index to New Garden MM, Swarthmore College].

<sup>14</sup> R. E. Cox, W. S. Cox, et. al, Descendants of Solomon Cox of Cole Creek, VA., (1955)

<sup>15</sup> Notes interlined in the copy of this book in the Friends History Library, Swarthmore College, indicate that William Cox was born 17 Feb. 1657-8, son of William and Elizabeth.

<sup>16</sup> Notes interlined in the copy of this book in the Friends History Library, Swarthmore College, change this date to 24 Jan. 1668. If so, he was not the son of William Cox, b. 1657-8.

<sup>17</sup> Notes interlined in the copy of this book in the Friends History Library, Swarthmore College, change this name to Wooley.

<sup>18</sup> Thomas Cox of Concord and Sarah Buzby were married 29th 9mo 1716. [Abington MM minutes, 1682-1746, microfilm, Swarthmore College]. Thomas Cox and wife Sarah received on certificate from Abington MM dated 28 2m 1728. [card index, New Garden MM, Swarthmore College]

<sup>19</sup> "Thomas Cox produced a certificate to this meeting from Abington monthly meeting bearing date of 28 of ye second month last which signifies yt he and his wife was in unity & their conversations orderly which was read here and accepted." [New Garden MM minutes, 1718 - 1746, p. 144, 28 4m 1729, microfilm, Swarthmore College] I do not see that this record named his wife and I would interpret the date as 1729, contrary to my note from the card index.

<sup>20</sup> Notes interlined in the copy of this book in the Friends History Library, Swarthmore College, change this name to Richard Buzby.

<sup>21</sup> from New Castle Co., DE, Deeds, S.I 32, dated 25 May 1719

<sup>22</sup> New Castle Co., DE, G.I., 115, 10 May 1721 and G.I 226, 10 July 1721.

his wife Amy signed by mark. William Cox "must have died in 1742-3 for in that year in the Orphans Court-C, 1,18, a petition by John Cox his administrator was filed."

A note prepared by Nancy P. Speers of Swarthmore College<sup>23</sup> describes Thomas Cox, b. ca. 1694 and m. Elizabeth Fincher, as "prob. son of William b. 1658". This William, b. 1658 in Frampton Cotterill, England, is also given as the father of William Cox, b. ca. 1692, who married Catherine Kinkey, daughter of Harmon and Margery Kinkey, about 1716.

As listed in Cox of Cole Creek, the children of William (and perhaps Amy) Cox are:<sup>24</sup>

i. John Cox, his father's executor. This son John Cox is said to have been born about 1686, probably the one who married Jane Phillips on 25-9-1717, in Abington Monthly Meeting<sup>25</sup>, was prominent in Warrington MM in Pa., where it is recorded that John Cox and three children moved to Cane Creek MM in NC by certificate dated 6-21-1755. (Note that the dates in Cox of Cole Creek are not in consistent format and some may have to be interpreted by examination of the original source.) Both John Cox, Sr., (6 9mo 1755) and John Cox (1 11mo 1755) were received by certificate at the Cane Creek MM in NC.<sup>26</sup> The authors admit that there were many men named John Cox and that they can be confused and this does appear to have happened in equating John Cox, son of William of Newcastle County, with the John Cox of Warrington and Cane Creek.

ii. Richard Cox, b. ca. 1688, m. by 26-2-1712, Margaret Potts who died in 1725. He married (2nd) 15-10-1726 Elizabeth Scarlett and moved to Warrington MM. When Richard married a third time (to Mary?), contrary to the meeting, he was disowned<sup>27</sup>. The children by his first wife were Nathaniel "and others" and by his second wife were Anna, Sarah, Richard, Jonithan[sic], Joseph, Benjamin (twins), and John<sup>28</sup>. Buffa<sup>29</sup> says this Richard Cox was not of our family and that Gilbert Cope had speculated that he was a son of John and Rachel Cox. She lists his children as Anna, b. 8-29-1713, Sarah, b. 12-15-1715, Richard, b. 2-17-1717, Jonathan, b. 6-11-1720, Joseph, b. 2-18-1723, Benjamin, b. 2-18-1723, and John, b. 2-9-

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<sup>23</sup> sent by Hank Deemer, 29 July 1991

<sup>24</sup> Cox of Cole Creek

<sup>25</sup> John Cox and Jane Phillips, married 25th 9m 1717. [Abington MM minutes, 1682-1746, microfilm, Swarthmore College].

<sup>26</sup> Vol. I, p. 381, Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy (Family Tree Maker, CD 192).

<sup>27</sup> Richard Cox dis mou [disowned, married out of unity] 31 1m 1733. [Card index to New Garden MM, Swarthmore College].

<sup>28</sup> In the copy of Cox of Cole Creek in the Friends History Library at Swarthmore College, the names of Elizabeth and Rebecca Cox have been added to the list of the first children. The reference given for the list of the children by the second wife is "Scotts Descendants by Holman". Later, the author speculates that the seven children were by the first wife and the three children were by the second wife.

<sup>29</sup> Buffa, Elizabeth, letter to Dan W. Olds, 12 April 1999.

1725.

iii. William Cox, b. ca. 1692, m. Catherine \_\_\_\_\_ about 1716. William moved to Orange Co., NC, in the 1750's and died there in 1767.<sup>30</sup> His will is dated 20th day first month 1767 and probated in Orange Co., NC, in Feb. 1767. John Cox, William Moffitt and John Allen were witnesses and William Cox named his son William Cox and cousin Isaac Cox as his executors. His will gives to his son Thomas, the Miller, among other properties, "one hundred eighty acres out of the tract my brothers formerly lived".<sup>31</sup> This land is described in the will but I have not traced the title or identified the brothers. William Cox sold 240 acres in Orange County to Phebe Allen in May 1764.<sup>32</sup>

2. iv. Thomas Cox, b. ca. 1694, m. 9-2-1722, Elizabeth Fincher. He and his wife were given a certificate by Abingdon MM (PA) to move to New Garden MM (PA)<sup>33</sup>. The children of Thomas and Elizabeth Cox are listed in Cox of Cole Creek as Hannah, m. James Musgrove, 12-4m-1739; Rebecca m. James Frazier, 22-8m-1740; Isaac m. Olive Underwood, 27-9m-1740. The record, mentioned in Cox of Cole Creek, of Mary, daughter of Thomas Cox, who married James Hayes in 1736 (by a non-Quaker 'priest') is too early to apply to a daughter of this Thomas Cox.<sup>34</sup>

v. Amy Cox, b. ca. 1698, m. in 1719<sup>35</sup> to John Allen who was born in Ireland 8-3-1694. Their children were John, Rebecca, Amy, Elizabeth, William, Joseph, Mary, Phoebe, and Benjamin.

Thus, Cox of Cole Creek and CFA appear to be describing the same Thomas Cox, although giving him different parents. Neither line is well documented and the identification of the parents of this Thomas Cox is very uncertain.

More recent research has apparently shown that William and Amy were about the same age as "our Cox family" and that their children had been identified in the records at the Holy Trinity

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<sup>30</sup> William Perry Johnson of Raleigh, NC, advertised the planned publication of a book on this William Cox and wife Catherine Kinkey. Apparently this work was never published.

<sup>31</sup> Allen, Lester M., *The Allen Family, Descendants of John and Amy Cox Allen*, reprints the will of William Cox.

<sup>32</sup> *Cox of Cole Creek*, p. 16.

<sup>33</sup> A certificate was granted to Thos. Cox and his wife in order to settle on ye verge of Wollingham, New Garden MM, 28th 2m 1729. [Abington MM minutes. 1682 - 1746, microfilm, Swarthmore College]. However, this is surely a reference to Thomas Cox and wife Sarah Buzby.

<sup>34</sup> Mary Hayes, wife of James, formerly Cox, daughter of Thomas, rpd mcd [reported married contrary to discipline], 30 8m 1736. [Card index to New Garden MM, Swarthmore College].

<sup>35</sup> Gary Mullins reports the marriage of John Allen and Ann [not Amy, but others have read this as Ammy] Cox in Newark MM, Brandywine Hundred, Delaware. First request for marriage was made 4/2/1719, clearance was granted 6/8/1720 and report of marriage was 3/7/1720.

Church (Old Swede's), in New Castle County, DE, which show Johanna Cock, daughter of Bille and Emma, baptized 21 Oct. 1716, aged 10 months; Hanna Cock, daughter of Bille and Emma, baptized April, 1720, age 1 year; Margarita Cock, daughter of William and Emy, born 20 Jan. 1722, baptised 14 March 1723; Regner Von der Culen Cock, son of William and Emy, born 15 Jan. 1725, baptized 4 May 1726; Regner Cock, son of William and Emy, born 20 Feb. 1728, baptized 27 Feb. 1728.<sup>36</sup> So, unless another William and Amy Cox can be identified, William and Amy were not the parents of the children given to them in Cox of Cole Creek. However, I don't see records that make it certain that the "Swedish" William Cocks was the one whose estate was administered by John Cox in 1642-43. Whether or not the five children listed in Cox of Cole Creek belonged to a William Cox, they nevertheless existed and may be related to our line. Futhermore, even after the "Swedish" William and Amy Cox have been eliminated, the William Cox, b. in England in 1658, with wife unknown, remains as being possibly linked to our family.

Buffa, in a 1997 summary of this problem, listed the following as probable or possible members of a single family but was unable to identify their parents.<sup>37</sup> In name, at least, this list covers all those proposed as children of John and Rachel or of William and Amy. Even when the name is the same however, the lists do not always refer to the same individual.

1. John Cox (b. 1688-90, Eng.) m. ca. 1713 Mary \_\_\_\_\_
2. Richard Cox m. Elizabeth Scarlett<sup>38</sup> and Mary \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Sarah Cox m. Thomas<sup>39</sup> Leach in 1712 may have been of this family
4. Joseph Cox may have been of this family
5. William Cox m. Catherine Kinkey, daughter of Harmon Kinkey and Margery \_\_\_\_\_
6. Ann Cox (?) m. Casparus Garretson, 1713
7. Thomas Cox m. (1) Elizabeth Fincher 2 Sept. 1722 and (2) Mary Cooke (perhaps daughter of Peter Cooke)
8. Amy Cox m. John Allen, 1719 "They did not move to N.C."

In the absence of a definite assignment of parents to this Thomas Cox, it may be worth while to consider this group of possible family members for further evidence.

John, Richard, and Thomas all owned adjacent land in London Grove Township, Chester Co., PA, ca. 1720. In the late 1730s, the families of John Cox, Thomas Cox, and Anne Hussey moved into what is now York County. Thomas went into Warrington Township in present York Co. In

<sup>36</sup> list taken from LDS film 0441416 and posted on GEnie Electronic Bulletin Board by LindaBelle Roholt, 24 May 1993.

<sup>37</sup> Buffa, Elizabeth Berry, Cox Family Outline, 1977, a typescript in the Friends History Library, Swarthmore College.

<sup>38</sup> 5th 9mo 1726, Richard Cox got from Chichester MM to marry Elizabeth Scarlett. [card index, New Garden MM, Swarthmore College].

<sup>39</sup> secondary sources seem to disagree on his name and I have no primary references available.

1749, "Thomas Cox and his brother-in-law, Nathan Hussey, were among the commission members appointed to lay out York County from Lancaster. The family of Isaac Cox, son of Thomas, went to Randolph County in 1753".<sup>40</sup>

Buffa has several quotations from letters of Eldon Cox<sup>41</sup> written in 1977 which discuss each of the eight Cox names on her list.

"I cannot even make a guess at the name of parents of our Cox family. There are so many possibilities. It appears that many can be eliminated, but even then there are several on which data is lacking."

"Gilbert Cope, genealogist and historian of Chester Co., Pa, has never been surpassed as an authority on that area. As far as I know, he never made any guess as to parents of our Cox family. He did make the statement that John and Rachel Cox were thought to be the parents of Richard Cox who married Margaret Potts. It appears that John and Rachel Cox, John Cox, Jr., Richard Cox and Joseph Cox lived in Kennet Township, Chester Co., Pa. at one time.

"John, Thomas and Richard Cox and John and Amy (Cox) Allen must have been transferred to New Garden MM after Kennet was divided. That is assuming that all were Quakers at the time and there is no reason to believe otherwise. Since Richard Cox (wife Margaret) and John Cox, Jr., still appear in the Kennet records after the change of New Garden to a Monthly Meeting, we have additional evidence that they were of another family."

"Three brothers, John, William, and Thomas Cox came to North Carolina in the 1750's with part of their families. Thomas stayed in N.C. only a short time before moving to S. C. Our knowledge of their sons who lived in N.C. includes one who lived in present Chatham Co. and nine in Randolph Co. We know almost all the names of their grandchildren, but there are a couple of families that are not complete (that is the grandchildren of these 10)." "Little seems to be known of the children of Isaac Cox . . . ."

"There is a possibility that we are looking for a second Cox family in New Castle Co., Del. For several years it was thought, by some, that the parents of the family were William and Amy Cox, who were not Quakers. As more was learned, it became apparent that William and Amy were about the same age as our Cox family and also the names of their children were located. It is thought that Amy was Emmetje van der Coolen, daughter of Reyneer van der Coolen. It was reported that William and Amy Cox had made a deed to William Cox of Hockesin (who married Catherine Kinkey). This so-called deed, when read, was a mortgage. Apparently those who found it did not read all of it. It could be merely coincidence, but we certainly wonder if this William could be a cousin. When this William Cox died, his son John sold the land to pay off the mortgage. I have no other recorded mortgages and believe that William (wife Catharine

<sup>40</sup> Eileen Cox Goldborer, "George Cox, Sr., Family Genealogy", a typescript sent by Betty Baker, 20 Nov. 1990.

<sup>41</sup> Eldon Cox, 4233 S.W. 62nd Court, Miami, FL, whom I have been unable to contact. He is now deceased. I have changed the order of some of the quotes.

Kinkey) used any money he had to buy land rather than loan on mortgage.”

“While I cannot prove that John and Rachel Cox were not the parents of our Cox family, I have serious doubts. One reason is that the name Rachel is not used in our Cox family except where it has entered through marriage. Another is that it seems to me that our Cox family had its earliest background in New Castle Co., Del. and that the John and Rachel theory does not fit.”

“It is a reasonable assumption that John, William, Richard, Thomas and Amy Cox were from the same family. John, Thomas, and Richard Cox’s land in London Grove Township, Chester Co., Pa. formed three quarters of a circle around Moses Harland’s land.<sup>42</sup> All three went to York Co. later. William Cox was next door neighbor in North Carolina of Phebe (Scarlett) Allen, later 2nd wife of Isaac Cox (s. of Thomas). William Cox in his Orange Co., N.C. will of 1767 mentioned land where his brother formerly lived. This must have been either John or Thomas.”

“Ann (Cox?) Garretson is not certain, however, it also seems logical. William Cox and Casparus Garretson were neighbors at Hockessin, Del. The names of the children of Casparus and Ann Garretson agree closely to those in the Cox family. This, of course, is not proof, but must be considered.”

“Some have suggested that Sarah Leech, disowned MOU to (?) Leech as a member of the family. Nothing has been found except the name to connect to our Cox family, and it would therefore appear doubtful.”

“Joseph Cox, disowned MOU, is considered as somewhat more possible, but there is almost nothing on which to have an opinion. The name Joseph was used by our Cox family. It was also used by descendants of Richard and Margaret (Potts) Cox. I do not have sufficient data to know whether there were one or two named Joseph.”

“Richard Cox, married in 1726, was probably the youngest. Since he bought land in London Grove in March 1722 and it took a minimum of a few months to arrange the purchase, he must have been at least 21 years old in 1721, and thus born no later than 1700 and would have been about 13 years old when John Cox married in 1713. At that age, it would seem that he would have been living with at least one parent. Amy Cox probably was not yet of age ca. 1713. There is the possibility that they came to America without their parents, but considering their ages, it would seem unlikely. However, with the limited knowledge that we have, no possibility can be completely ruled out.”

### Notes Regarding John Cox(es)

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<sup>42</sup> In 1914 Gilbert Cope prepared a map “Lands Around London Grove Meeting, 1700-1730” which shows that Moses Harland had 200 acres on the west border of London Grove Township and was bordered by Thomas Cocks (150 acres), Samuel Underwood (250 acres), Richard Cocks (212 acres), and John Cocks (250 acres). This map was reprinted by Lester M. Allen in “The Allen Family, Descendants of John and Amy Cox Allen with Allied Lines”, Greensboro, NC.

On 4 7mo 1708, John Cox (wife Rachel<sup>43</sup>) is mentioned in the minutes of Kennet Monthly Meeting (originally called Newark MM) as having produced a certificate from “Ould England” to Kennet MM. “They are said to have settled in New Castle County, DE, which is adjacent to Kennet Twp., Chester County, PA. Some records are in Chester Co., PA.”<sup>44</sup>

LindaBelle Roholt provides some evidence helpful in separating one John Cox from another, first by notes from the tax lists of Chester County, PA:<sup>45 46</sup>

“John Cox	Kennett Twp	1715
John Cox	New Garden	1718
John Cox Jr.	Kennett Twp	1719
John Cox	New Garden	1719
John Cox	Kennett Twp	1721
John Cox	New Garden	1721
John Cox Jr.	Kennett Twp	1721
John Cox	New Garden	1722
John Cox Jr.	Kennett Twp	1724
John Cox	London Grove	1724
John Cox	Kennett Twp	1725
John Cox	Kennett Twp	1726
John Cox	London Grove	1726
John Cox	Kennett Twp	1729
John Cox	London Grove	1729
John Cox	London Grove	1730
John Cox	Kennett Twp	1730
John Cox	London Grove	1732
John Cox	Kennett Twp	1732
John Cox	Kennett Twp	1735
John Cox	London Grove	1735
John Cox	Kennett Twp	1737
John Cox	Kennett Twp	1739
John Cox	Kennett Twp	1740

“It would appear that we have 2 different families; a John Cox & John Cox, Jr. of Kennett Twp and a John Cox in New Garden/London Grove Twp. I believe the John Cox of Kennett

<sup>43</sup> John and Rachel are mentioned in several secondary references but I do not now see a primary source linking them.

<sup>44</sup> The information in this paragraph is from Whipple, Judith, “Thomas Cox of Londongrove, Chester County, Pennsylvania” included with letter to Dan W. Olds, dated 28 March 1981.

<sup>45</sup> Roholt, LindaBelle, posting on Genie, 9 May 1993.

<sup>46</sup> In reviewing these tax lists and other records, bear in mind that New Garden Township was formed in 1713, the New Garden MM was formed from the Kennett MM in 1718, and London Grove Twp. was formed from New Garden Twp in 1723. [from Judith Cox Whipple]

Twp is the one married to Rachel \_\_\_ Cox, per some of the older published material. The John Cox, Jr. of Kennett Twp. falls off the tax roll, but the Kennett MM minutes indicate he was having difficulties with the meeting and financial problems to the extent of needing assistance from them. This would explain his absence from the tax roll. He is still very much present in Kennett, per the minutes. I copied an entry from “Bi-Centennial of Old Kennett Meeting House”, which indicates this John Cox, Jr. is the one who married Hannah JENKINS in 1720 at Kennett MM.

“John Cox of New Garden/London Grove Twp. is the one I favor as later moving to Warrington MM/York Co. PA and eventually on to Orange Co. NC. He has a wife named Mary in 1735 and a John Cox, Jr., who married Mary Harlan 1735 at New Garden MM. There is no mistaking the Kennett Twp John Cox and John Cox, Jr. with the New Garden pair, as the Kennett John Jr. has a wife prior to and in the month (8mo. 1735) that John Cox, Jr. of New Garden is marrying Mary HARLAN. Most unlikely John Jr. of Kennett has taken on another wife in his financial condition and he can’t be in 2 places at the same time anyway!”<sup>47</sup>

Abstracts from the Minutes of Kennett MM (formerly Newark) 1698 - 1791.<sup>48</sup>

Pg. 35, 4, 7mo, 1708 -- A certificate being produced to this meeting by John COX a friend lately come from Ould England, which said certificate being read is excepted [sic] by this meeting.

Pg. 39, 12 mo, 1708/09 -- This meeting appoints Abraham MARSHALL and John COX to attend the Quarterly meeting.

Pg. 57, 7mo, 1712/13 -- Whereas John COX, Sr. having of late been taken over in some such gross evils innormitys & overt acts as are not warrantable or agreeable to ye principles of ye people among whom he lately congregated as a member, therefore this meeting thinks fit to disown him, ye said John COX as not be a member of meeting of friends until such time as he shall by good life & conversation walk answerable to the profession of truth.

Pg. 103, 12mo, 1718 -- John COX, Sr. having requested of this meeting a reconsilliation of his former offenses which by reason of weakness of body, that he now lies under, he not appearing this meeting appoints Abraham MARSHALL, Thos. WIKERSHAM, Joel BAILY & Wm. WEBB to go & confer with him & to draw up a paper as they shall see convenient & publish in their weekday meeting & make report to next meeting.

Pg. 105- 2mo, 1719- For as much as I, John COX, Sr., having some time past been found in very gross evils of fraud which is not justifiable by any of the people called Quakers &

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<sup>47</sup> 9 8m 1735, John Cox, s. of John, Chester Co., PA, m. Mary Harlan, daughter of Moses, Chester Co., PA. [Card index, New Garden, MM, Swarthmore College Library].

<sup>48</sup> Roholt, LindaBelle posted this and other abstracts on GENie Electronic Bulletin Board, 12 May 1993, 16 May 1993 and 18 May 1993. These are the ones related to John Cox.

others, but thereby have brought reproach upon myself & also a scandal [sic] upon that holy profession of which I have been a partaker of & being in the Lord's goodness once more offered to me, made sensible of my duty, give this as a testimony for the clearing of truth & the reproach cast upon my innocent friends can do no less but with humbleness of heart acknowledge my fault & do hereby give this as my testimony against myself condemning the said evil as being inconsistent with the profession of the people called Quakers, as witness my hand .... JOHN COX

Pg. 113, 7mo, 1720 - John Cox and Hannah JENKINS declare intentions of marriage. Isaac FEW & John HEALD to see it accomplished orderly.

Pg. 222- 6, 12mo 1729 - A report against John COX, JR., for not paying his just debts according to promise therefore we appoint John HEALD & William LEAVIS to shake & stir him to perform with expedition.

Pg. 224 - 7, 1mo., 1729/30 -- The friends appointed to stir John COX, JR. to pay his just debts report that it is accomplished.

Pg. 234 - 1, 6mo, 1730 - The Prep meeting of Kennett having entered a complaint against John COX, JR for being drunk, he also appearing here & acknowledging to the truth thereof & signified he is willing to clear the truth thereof. Therefore it is left to his consideration until next monthly meeting & he is desired to be there.

Pg. 238- 3, 8mo, 1730 - John Cox, JR acknowledges his disorderly act.

Pg. 239- 3, 9mo, 1730- John COX, JR. condemned his misconduct.

Pg. 257- 3, 7mo. 1732- Kennett Prep meeting enters complaint against John COX, JR for unpaid debt to Noble BUTLER

Pg. 262- 4, 9mo, 1732- Kennett Prep reports to meeting that John COX & his wife wants relief, therefore this meeting appoints Abe MARSHALL, Peter COLLINGS, Wm. HARVEY, Ellis LEWIS, Christopher WILLSON & Gayon MILLER to see how affairs is with them.

Pg. 265- 3, 10mo. 1732- Four of the friends appointed to inspect into the circumstances of the affairs of John COX & his wife upon the account of their necessity of relief make report tht they have taken an opportunity to inspect into it & finds that they have a necessity of a house to live in & they have ordered one to be built, which is not yet perfected. Therefore it is left to the next MM where the above said friends are desired to take care & bring up an account of the charge thereof in order it may be degraded.

Pg. 267-12mo., 1732- Accomplishment of the charge of the building of John COXES house; 1 Lb. 18 shillings 8 pence. Meeting orders it be paid out of the MM stock.

Pg. 270-5, 3mo. 1733- Kennett Prep enter complaint for unpaid debts of John COX, JR to Joseph WILLIAMS & Joseph GILPIN.

Pg. 273- 4mo. 1733- This meeting informed John COX & wife have need of relief & appoints Wm.WEBB, Wm. LEAVIS, John HEALD, Joseph MENDENHALL to make report.

Pg. 308 - 6, 7mo. 1735- The case of John COX & wife's necessity of relief being said before this meeting, therefore we appoint Thomas CHANDLER, Abe MARSHALL to go with the friends formerly appointed & see what further relief they wants & also take care to releave

[sic] them & make report to the next MM how they finds cases with them.

Pg. 309- 8mo, 1735, John COX & wife are assisted.

“I think you can see from the minutes I’ve posted and together, with the Chester Co., PA tax lists, that there was a John COX, SR & a John COX, JR of Kennett Twp., at the same time there was a John COX living in New Garden/London Grove Twp, PA. I need to say up front that it’s possible the SR & JR of Kennett aren’t father & son - I have no clues that they are not, but I have no “proof” that it may be a case of one just being younger than the other, and therefore called John COX, JR. It any event, the task I think is to determine which of these men named John COX is our relative who later went to Warrington MM, York Co., PA & from there, took a cert down to Orange Co. NC and likely spent his last remaining years there.”

Records of Cane Creek MM in NC show:

- 6 9mo. 1755, John Cox, Sr., roc
- 1 11mo. 1755, John Cox, roc
- 7 2m 1756, Mary Cox, rocf New Garden MM
- 2 11m 1776, Margaret Cox and John Cox, son of John, rocf Warrington MM<sup>49</sup>

#### Notes Regarding Richard Cox(es)

Quoting LindaBelle Roholt, first from the Tax lists of Chester County, again:<sup>50</sup>

Richard Cox	Kennett Twp	1715
Richard Cox	Kennett Twp	1718
Richard Cox	Kennett Twp	1719
Richard Cox	Kennett Twp	1720
Richard Cox	New Garden	1720
Richard Cox	Kennett Twp	1721
Richard Cox	New Garden	1721
Richard Cox	Kennett Twp	1722
Richard Cox	New Garden	1722
Richard Cox	London Grove	1724
Richard Cox	Kennett Twp	1724
Richard Cox	Kennett Twp	1725
Richard Coks	London Grove	1725
Richard Cox	Kennett Twp	1726
Richard Cox	London Grove	1729
Richard Cox	London Grove	1730
Richard Cox	London Grove	1732

<sup>49</sup> Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy, 1750-1930, Vol. I, p. 381 (Family Tree Maker, CD #192)

<sup>50</sup> Roholt, LindaBelle, GENie Electronic Bulletin Board, 9 May 1993

Richard Cox	London Grove	1734
Richard Cox	London Grove	1735
Richard Cox	London Grove	1737
Richard Cox	London Grove	1740

“These records will show that there were 2 different Richard COXES. I am of the opinion that Richard COX m. Margaret Potts at Abington MM is the one shown on the Kennett Twp tax records and appears in the Kennett MM records in 1712, as requesting a cert to be married at Abington, 1713 requests a cert to remove himself & family to W. Jersey (hence he dissappears from the Chester Co. PA tax roll), re-enters Kennett MM by 1722 as he & wife, Margaret (by name) become involved in difficulties with the meeting for “covering & concealing his sister-in-law POTTS being with child & passing it off as their own”, Pg. 1290 22, 2mo, 1722. In 1728, Richard COX & wife requested cert to North Wales MM, therefore leaving Chester Co., PA again. He is said to have died in Vincent Twp. in 1760, if I’m remembering right, off the top of my head. There is absolutely no indication that Margaret POTTS COX died & this man married Elizabeth SCARLETT at Chechester in 1726.

“The tax records do show that there was a different Richard Cox, in New Garden/London Grove area in the time period the above Richard had moved to New Jersey & back to Kennett & on to North Wales MM. Since the marriage cert of Richard COX to Elizabeth SCARLETT<sup>51</sup> states he is of London Grove, I would say we have our Richard per the tax list and he is not the same man as married Margaret POTTS. I think some additional tax records I will be looking at later, will continue to show these are 2 different people and I’m setting them apart for now.”

Abstracts of Minutes of Kennett MM (formerly Newark) 1698-1791.<sup>52</sup>

Pg. 51, 1712 - Richard COCKS requests certificate of this meeting in relation to marriage with a friend belonging to MM at Abington, Philadelphia Co.

Pg. 60, 4 mo, 1713 -- Whereas Richard COX desireth to remove himself & family into ye province of West New Jersey & desireth a certificate of his life & conversation to ye MM of Crosswick. Therefore this meeting appoints Wm. HORN & Isaac FEW to make inquiry.

Pg. 61, Isaac FEW and Wm. HORN direct certifice [sic] to be drawn for Richard COX.

Pg. 129- 22, 2mo. 1722 -- A complaint being brought by Kennett Prep. Meeting to this meeting against Richard COX & his wife, for covering & concealing his sister in law’s being with child as also owing it for their own & the said Richard COX & wife appearing offering a satisfaction which was here read & considered & received by the said meeting, also is further ordered that the acknowledgment which hereunder followeth may be published in Kennett 1st day meeing, he & his wife being there present, also a copy of their acknowledgment sent to the MM of Abington to be disposed of for further service as the said meeting shall see

<sup>51</sup> Richard Cox get Chicester MM to m. Elizabeth Scarlett, 59mo 1726. [Card index, New Garden MM, Swarthmore College Library.]

<sup>52</sup> Roholt, LindaBelle, posted on Genie Electronic BBS, 12 May 1993, selecting the material on Richard Cox.

necessary. Likewise it's ordered that Wm. WEBB see the publication thereof & make report to the next meeting.

“To the MM of Newark held at Centure, the 2nd of ye 12mo, 1722/23 ‘For as much as there has been just occasion of report of & condemning I & my wife entertaining, covering & concealing my sister in law POTTS, being with child & not only so but owning & offering means to make everyone believe the child then born to be ours, which through a natural affection to her, led us both into that unhappy circumstance which we have fallen under for want of keeping to that of God in us, that would have taught us better thintgs, the well whereof we have now considered & do see is to tend to the dishonor of the blessed truth, which we have in measure been professors of. Therefore we find it our duty to give this acknowledgement for our offenses desiring that you will not reject the returning of humbling offending brother & sister when it proceeds form a heart truly & sincerely sorrowful, which we hereby declare the same to be not infamed words but from relenting offenders. As witnesses or [sic] hands ... Richard COX, Margaret COX.”

On Dec. 7-8, 1741, Richard Cox and wife Mary of Chester County sold their London Grove land to James Skelton (Chester Deeds 6-31) and moved to York Co.<sup>53</sup>

#### Notes on Joseph Cox

Abstracts of Minutes of Kenentt MM (formerly Newark) 1698 - 1791<sup>54</sup>

Pg. 88, 5, 11mo, 1716 -- Whereas Joseph COX having gone out from friends to take as [sic] wife & was married by a priest contrary to the order of friends, therefore this meeting disowns him to be of us or our society until he returns by infamed [unfeigned?] repentance.

Pg. 261- 9mo, 1732 - Kennett Prep enters complaint against John WEBB for not paying debts to John WILLSON & Joseph COCK.

#### Notes on William Cox

Abstracts from the Minutes of Kennett MM (formerly Newark) 1698 - 1791.<sup>55</sup>

Pg. 231 - 4mo, 1730 - The friends appointed to give the friends of Mill Creek Hundred a visit in relation to settle a weekday meeting amongst them, gives their sense in favor of their request with which this meeting is so fully satisfied that we grant them the liberty to keep a meeting at the home of William COX upon the 6th day of the week every week until further order.

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<sup>53</sup> Whipple, Judith Cox, in her Thomas Cox chronology.

<sup>54</sup> Roholt, LindaBelle, posted on GEnie Electronic BBS, 12 May 1993 and May 18, 1993, the entries dealing with Joseph Cox.

<sup>55</sup> Roholt, LindaBelle posted this and other abstracts on GEnie Electronic Bulletin Board, 12 May 1993, 16 May 1993 and 18 May 1993. These are the entries dealing with William Cox.

### Notes on Ann Cox Garretson Hussey

Pg. 196, 4, 3mo. 1728 -- Nathan HUSSEY & Ann GARRETSON declare intentions of marriage. John GREGG & John RICHARDSON appointed to make inquiry of his clearness & the woman being a widow, we add William COX to the 2 friends above to see unto the settlement of the affairs of the ophans & make report to next meeting.

Pg. 197, 2nd mo [as corrected later in the same post, from 3mo.] 1728 -- Nathan HUSSEY & Ann GARRETSON appear, having consent of parents & the affairs of the estate is settled by an obligation given into the hand of William COX on behalf of the orphans.

Pg. 343 - Application made on behalf of John DAY & wife, Nathan HUSSEY & wife, Christopher HUSSEY & wife, John GARRETSON & wife for certificates to Sadsbury MM.

### Notes on Amy Cox Allen

John Alline of New Garden int. to marry Amy Cocks of ye Centure Meeting, requested a certificate.<sup>56</sup> "John Allen I b. 8m-3-1694 in Ireland, d. 9m-16-1771, bur. at London Grove FBG, Chester County, PA. He was the son of John Allen of Dublin, Ireland. He m. 3m-1719, Amy Cox b. 1698, d. 9m-13-1778."<sup>57</sup> Lester Allen, in discussing the parentage of this Amy Cox, says the clerk of the New Garden MM failed to record her parents although this was the practice in later records. He reports that other have concluded that Amy was a daughter of John and Rachel or of William and Amy or a sister of John and William, but none of these claims is proven.

These comments by Eldon Cox and by other, more recent, researchers indicate that a significant case is being built to eliminate both John (and Rachel) and William (and Amy) as parents of the Thomas Cox of London Grove. In later versions of this note, I hope to replace much of the foregoing with a trail of clear evidence to a valid conclusion. In any case, the "certain" line begins with a Thomas Cox and, even there, there will be some difficulty separating contemporaries with the name.

**2. THOMAS COX.** According to CFA, he bought 150 acres in London Grove in 1722<sup>58</sup> and married (1) 2nd day 9mo 1722, Elizabeth, daughter of John and Martha (Taylor) Fincher at Friend's Meeting, London Grove and married (2) in 1730, Mary, daughter of Peter and Elinor (Normand) Cooke. In 1733, he sold his land in Chester Co. and moved to what is now

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<sup>56</sup> New Garden MM - Minutes, 1718 - 1746, page 4, microfilm at Swarthmore College.

<sup>57</sup> Allen, Lester M., The Allen Family, Descendants of John and Amy Cox Allen With Allied Lines, p. 8 [Greensboro, NC]

<sup>58</sup> Eldon Cox, in a letter to Elizabeth Buffa, 23 March 1977, mentions that on March 13 and 14, 1722, deeds were made by Tobias Collett & Co. (London Company) for 250 acres to John Cox, for 150 acres to Thomas Cox, and for 200 acres to Richard Cox, all in London Grove. In additional notes, he reports that on June 14 & 15, 1733, Thomas Cox of London Grove and his wife Mary sold this 150 acres "upon which Cox then dwelt" to Joseph Jackson.

York Co. where he got a grant of 200 acres<sup>59</sup>. He was a witness at the first Friends' marriage in York Co., 29th 5mo 1740 and again at the marriage of his daughter, Rebecca, in Warrington on 22 8mo 1740. About 1759, he moved to North Carolina with his wife and younger children. He may have been a brother of a John Cox of York Co. The children of Thomas and his first wife, as listed in CFA, were Rebecca, Isaac, and Elizabeth; children of his second marriage were Mary, Peter, Harmon(?) "and others".

“Thomas Cox and Elizabeth Fincher both of this Meeting appeared hear & signified their Intentions of takeing Each other in Marriage it being ye first time therefore this Meeting appoints Wm. Holliday & Joseph Hutton to make Enquiry concerning ye young mans conversation & clearness & to give an account to ye next monthly meeting.”<sup>60 61</sup>

The marriage certificate of Thomas Cox has been published recently.<sup>62</sup> "Thomas Cocks of ye Township of New Garden in ye County of Chester & Province of Pensilvania, and Elizabeth Fincher Daughter of John Fincher of ye Same ... 2, 9m, Called November, 1722 ... In a Publick Meeting In Marlborough In ye County of Chester ..." Under the signatures of Thomas Cocks and Elizabeth Cocks were those of John Fincher, Elinor Fincher, Rebeckah Day, Mary Fincher, Mary Cocks, Rebeckah Fincher, Sarah Fincher, Ellinor Cook, Lydia Carter, Mary Johnson, Sarah Webster, and Jane Jackson. Jonathan Fincher, John Cocks, and Richard Cocks were among the other witnesses. This clearly confirms the Fincher connection but does little for the Cox line. It seems to suggest that the parents of Thomas Cox were either not available or not in good standing with the Quaker church. Elizabeth Cox (but not Thomas) was a witness at the marriage of her sister Sarah Fincher to Edward Swaine on 25 2m. 1728.<sup>63</sup>

Gary Mullins sent information on two wills which show the Fincher connections.<sup>64</sup> The first is that of Mary Newlin, sister of Elizabeth Fincher Cox. She names her father John Fincher, brothers John and Francis Fincher, and sisters Rebecca Bennet, Sarah Swain, and her sister Elisabeth Cox's three children (not named), granddaughter in law Mary Baily, grandson in law Nathan Newlin, son of Nathaniel Newlin, & others whose relationship is not clear. This will

<sup>59</sup> Whipple, Judith Cox, A Cox Family History, from Thomas Cox, 1694-1762, of Gloucester, England, (Ranier, OR, 1989) in Appendix C on Thomas Cox of London Grove, Chester County, Pennsylvania. She reports from Pa Warrants and Surveys, 8-411, that Thomas Cox had a land grant from PA in Lancaster Co., in 1743.

<sup>60</sup> New Garden MM minutes, 1718-1746, p. 37, 8th 7m 1722, microfilm, Swarthmore College. The second intention, p. 28, was 13th 8m 1722.

<sup>61</sup> second intentions for Thomas Cox and Elizabeth Fincher, 13th 8m 1722. New Garden MM minutes, 1718-1746, microfilm, Swarthmore College.

<sup>62</sup> Bjorkman, Gwen Boyer, Quaker Marriage Certificates, New Garden MM, Chester Co., Pennsylvania, 1704-1799, (Heritage Books, Bowie, MD, 1990)

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<sup>64</sup> from "Abstracts of Wills and Administrations, Chester Co., PA, 1714 - 1758" (DAR Library)

was written 9 May 1730 and recorded 23 July 1730.<sup>65</sup>

The will of John Fincher of London Grove, written 4/5/1746 and recorded 24 November 1747, mentions his sons Jonathan, John and Francis, daughters Rebecca Bennett and Sarah Swain, Jonathan's eldest daughter Mary and "to Thomas Cox living over the Susquehanna<sup>66</sup> 5 L. for use of his daughter Rebecca wife of James Fraiser". Elizabeth Fincher Cox is not mentioned and presumably deceased.<sup>67</sup>

Martha Taylor, b. 3 Jan. 1680/1, m. ca. 1699 to John Fincher (1679 - 1747), son of Francis and Mary (Achelly) Fincher who were m. 3 Jun. 1678 at Worcester Friends Meeting, Worsch. Eng.<sup>68</sup> There is a record in the certificates of removal received at Philadelphia Monthly meeting, 1682 - 1750, of a certificate for Francis Fincher, from Worcester, England, dated 14th of 3rd month [May] 1683.<sup>69</sup>

Thomas Cox of Warrington Township was one of the commissioners named to lay out the new county of York, formed in 1749. He was one of the eight court justices commissioned in September, 1749. "Among the first emigrants who came to this county are recorded the names of Garrett, Day, Cox, Bennet, Lewis, Hussey, Frazer, Hodgin, Carson, Davison, Elliot, Mills, Key, Smith, and Underwood." Thomas Cox, James Frazer and Alexander Underwood were among the subscribers to obtain land for a meeting house in 1745. Thomas Cox then paid two pounds eight shillings and six pence in order to take out a warrant for twenty-five acres of land on a branch of Conewago, near Stephen Ailes.<sup>70</sup>

Judith Whipple<sup>71</sup> has collected a very useful chronology of "Thomas Cox of Londongrove, Chester County, Pennsylvania". Thomas Cox first appears in 1719 on a tax list of New Garden Township, Chester Co., PA. In 1730, the New Garden MM heard from the Londongrove preparatory meeting that Thomas Cox and Mary Cooke had been married outside

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<sup>65</sup> from "Wills of Chester County, Pennsylvania, 1713 -1748", based on Abstracts of Jacob Martin. Seen in Friends History Library, Swarthmore College.

<sup>66</sup> "living over the Susquehanna" refers to the fact that Thomas Cox had moved to the Warrington MM in what is now York Co., PA.

<sup>67</sup> Wills of Chester County, Pennsylvania, 1713 -1748, based on the abstracts of Jacob Martin. Used in the Friends History Library, Swarthmore College.

<sup>68</sup> Justice, Alfred Rudolph, The Descendants of Robert Taylor, p. 14. (Philadelphia, 1925)

<sup>69</sup> Francis Fincher, of Worcester MM, Eng., dated 1683,3,14, recorded at Philadelphia MM. [The Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy, 1750 - 1930, Vol. II, p. 523, Family Tree Maker CD #192]

<sup>70</sup> The information in this paragraph was taken from "History of York County, Pa." by George R. Prowell and sent to Elizabeth Buffa by Eldon Cox.

<sup>71</sup> Whipple, Judith Cox, A Cox Family History, from Thomas Cox, 1694-1762, of Gloucester, England (Ranier, OR, 1989), in an appendix C titled "Additional Thomas Coxes in Early Pennsylvania".

the faith<sup>72 73</sup>. Whipple quotes the following: (New Garden MM, 27 1mo 1731) “Thos Cox appeared at this meeting and is willing to comply to friends but his wife being not here he desires this meeting may defer ye Case untill ye next monthly meeting as he may Endeavor to get his wife to Joyne with him in a papier for ye Clearing of Truth & friends. So this meeting refers it till ye next monthly meeting.” Then, from (New Garden MM, 24 2mo 1731) “Thos Cox produced a papier to this meeting from under ye hands of himselfe and wife Condemning their outgoings in marrying by ye priest which sd papier this meeting receives and appoints Sam’l Jackson to see that be read in a first day meeting at Londongrove and to give acct to ye next meeting.” This action should have restored Thomas and Mary Cox to good standing with their church. Thomas Cox became an elder at Warrington in 1748. In 1753 and 1754, Isaac and Thomas Cox obtained land grants on Cain Creek of Broad River (recorded in Anson Co., NC<sup>74</sup>). The death of Mary, wife of Thomas Cox, was reported in the minutes of Bush River MM, Newberry Co., SC in 1784.<sup>75</sup>

By 1741, a Thomas Cox was having some difficulty with business practices that brought him in conflict with fellow Quakers. “The friends appointed to Enquire into ye affair of Thomas Cox gives an acct yt they find it pretty much as it was reported to this meeting formerly therefore this meeting appoints Joseph Pennock & Alexander Underwood to draw up a testimony against him & his actions & bring it to our next mo.ly meeting for aprobaton.”<sup>76</sup> “The friends appointed to draw up a testamony against Thos. Cox & his practice have so done, which this meeting approves & appoints Saml. Jackson to see it read in a first day meeting at Londongrove. The Testamony is as followeth: Whereas Thomas Cox of Fallowfield Miller<sup>77</sup> or Store keeper having made profession of ye truth amongst us ye people Called Quakers, but for want of living up faithfull to ye witness of truth in himselfe did Contract several debts (as appears by his practice) with desire to wrong his Creditors, in that he absconded & took most of ye goods with him to ye wronging of his creditors & ye reproch of our Christian Profession; Therefore we do testifie against him ye sd. Thomas Cox & such like practices &

<sup>72</sup> “Londongrove preparatory meeting acquainted this meeting yt Thos. Cox is married to Mary Cooke with Lisence by ye priest so this meeting appoints Thos. Speakman & William Swaine to go to them & Endeavor to bring them to a Sence of their out goings & see if they will condemn it & give an acct. to ye next monthly meetng”. [ New Garden MM, minutes, 1718 - 1746, microfilm, Swarthmore College, p. 168, 31 8 m. 1730]

<sup>73</sup> Thomas Cox & wife Mary (formerly Cooke), con mcd [condemned for marrying contrary to discipline], 24th 2m 1731. [Card index to New Garden MM, Swarthmore College]

<sup>74</sup> This grant is not indexed in Anson County, North Carolina, Deed Abstracts, 1749-1766, Abstracts of Wills & Estates, 1749 -1795, by Brent H. Holcomb (Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co, 1980) although an Isaac Cox mentioned a few times in connection with the administration of the estate of Joseph Hollingsworth in 1757 and 1758.

<sup>75</sup> “Mary Cox, w. Thomas, d. 1-17-1784”, Bush River Monthly Meeting, SC. [The Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy, 1750 - 1930, Family Tree Maker CD # 192]

<sup>76</sup> New Garden MM minutes, 1718- 1746, microfilm, Swarthmore College, p. 298, Newgarden Mo.ly meeting held at Londongrove, 27 4m 1741.

<sup>77</sup> Note that son Thomas Cox in the 1767 Orange County, NC, will of William Cox is also called a Miller.

do hereby Disown him to be of our society untill it may please ye Lord to give him a sence of his Condition that he may return with unfained repentance to Truth & friends which that he may we sincerely desire Given forth at our mo. ly meeting of Newgarden held ye 25 of ye 5moth 1741 & Signed by order of sd. meeting by Saml. Jackson, Clerke.”<sup>78</sup>

This record must refer to the Thomas Cox who married Sarah Busby and moved to Fallowfield Township. LindaBelle Roholt, in her posts on Genie, 11 May 1993, separates the two Thomas Cox families using, in part, the following Chester Co., PA, tax records:

Thomas Cox	Concord Twp	1718
Thomas Cox	Concord Twp	1719
Thomas Cox	New Garden	1719
Thomas Cox	New Garden	1720
Thomas Cox	New Garden	1721
Thomas Cox	New Garden	1722
Thomas Cox	London Grove	1724
Thomas Coks	London Grove	1725
Thomas Cox	London Grove	1729
Thomas Cox	E. Marlboro Twp.	1729
Thomas Cox	London Grove	1730
Thomas Cox	E. Marlboro Twp	1730
Thomas Cox	Fallowfield Twp	1732
Thomas Cox	London Grove	1732
Thomas Cox	Fallowfield	1734
Thomas Cox	Fallowfield	1735
Thomas Cox	Fallowfield	1737
Thomas Cox	Fallowfield	1739

Then Roholt presents the two families as follows:

“The 1st Thomas COX to appear, of Concord Twp, PA is the man who married Sarah Busby at Abington MM, PA, 1716. He came from Nailsworth MM, Tetbury, Gloucestershire, England on cert. dated 11, 12mo. 1713 and presented to Concord MM. He bought two tracts of land in late 1719 in Oxford Twp, Philadelphia, Co. PA and therefore falls off Chester Co. tax roll. He later moved to Marlboro Twp and Fallowfield Twp. His children were as follows:”<sup>79</sup>

1. Mary Cox, b. 5 Oct. 1717, Concord, Chester Co. PA,

<sup>78</sup> New Garden MM minutes, 1718-1746, microfilm, Swarthmore College, p. 298-299, monthly meeting held at Newgarden, 25 [5?]m 1741.

<sup>79</sup> I believe this information is based on the work of Judith Whipple.

- MCD, 30 8 mo, 1736, New Garden, James Hayes. Cox.<sup>80</sup>
2. Hannah Cox, b. 26 Sep 1721, Oxford Twp, Philadelphia co., PA, m. James Musgrave<sup>81</sup>
  3. Richard Cox, b. 15 Oct 1723, Oxford Twp, Philadelphia Co., PA, m. 1. Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Mary Kennedy
  4. Thomas Cox, b. 3 Jan. 1729, Oxford Twp, Philadelphia co., PA m. Phebe Fellows
  5. Sarah Cox, b. 7 Sep 1732, Fallowfield Twp, Chester Co., PA m. John Kennedy
  6. Esdras Cox, b. 25 Mar. 1735, Fallowfield Twp, Chester Co., PA
  7. Elizabeth Cox, b. 2 Mar 1737, Fallowfield Twp., Chester Co. PA m. Caleb Musgrave

Thomas Cox married 2nd to Elizabeth (Peele) Cox?

8. Samuel Cox, b. 15 Sep 174\_, Johnston Co., NC, d. young
9. William Cox, b. 6 Jan. 1754, Johnston Co., NC

“The Thomas Cox of New Garden & London Grove Twp, married Elizabeth Fincher & Mary Cook(e). Please note that child #2 above, Hannah Cox, has been put into this family in the older research. As you can see, she was born before this Thomas and Elizabeth Fincher were even married, and needs to be put with the right line. I need to check further on tax & land records, but Thomas & 2nd wife Mary did go to York Co. PA to Warrington MM after London Grove. It may be that they will appear in Lancaster Co. PA records.<sup>82</sup> The family data on Thomas and Sarah Busby Cox was given to me by Charlie Minor, a descendant of the line, who is on Prodigy. His information is well documented and a family bible record<sup>83</sup> was made of the children’s births, so there is no mistaking the data. LindaBelle”

On “8-9-1747”, Thomas Cox along with Richard, Samuel, Isaac, John, Sr., John, Jr., Olive and Hannah Cox were witnesses at the Warrington marriage of William Smith to Jane Underwood, daughter of Alexander.<sup>84</sup> Thomas and Mary Cox were witnesses at the 1750

<sup>80</sup> Mary Hayes, wife of James, formerly Cox, daughter of Thomas, rpd mcd [reported married contrary to discipline], 30 8m 1736. [Card index to New Garden MM, Swarthmore College].

<sup>81</sup> 14 4m 1739, Hannah Cox m. James Musgrave, New Garden MM, [card index, Swarthmore College].

<sup>82</sup> On 17 Jun 1749, Thomas and Mary Cox of Manchester Twp. affirmed that they had, on 2 Nov. 1748, enfeoffed & released to Joshua Low and Caleb Low of Lancaster Co, 186a in Manchester twp. (part of an island on the west side of the Susquehanna River adjacent to James Logan (Patented to Thomas Cox on 19 Sept. 1748). This is recorded in Lancaster County Deed Book A, p. 39. [Mayhill, R. Thomas, Lancaster Co., PA, Deed Abstracts 1729-c1770, & Oaths of Allegiance (The Bookmark, Knightstown, IN, 1979)]

<sup>83</sup> Whipple, Judy C., letter to Dan W. Olds, 28 March 1991, refers to the Thomas and Sarah Cox family Bible and the fact that it contains the name Musgrave.

<sup>84</sup> Prowell, George R., History of York Co., Pa., p. 116, quoted by Eldon Cox in notes to Elizabeth Buffa.

wedding of Robert Vale and Sarah Buller at Warrington.<sup>85</sup> Thomas Cox was approved as an elder at Warrington on “5-16,1748” but “6-20-1752 Thomas Cox disowned for allowing spirituous liquors to be given at a vendue”; on “9-17-1757”, Mary Cox, daughter of Thomas, was given a certificate to Cane Creek, NC; on “5-12-1759 Certificate for Mary Cox and her children, being removed and settled in Carolina without a certificate, except for daughter Mary.”<sup>86</sup> The fact that Thomas Cox was not mentioned in the move may be because he was not in good standing at the time.

Children of Thomas and Elizabeth (Fincher) Cox<sup>87</sup>

i. Hannah Cox m. James Musgrove, 12-4m-1739<sup>88</sup>. This is not a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth, however. She is given elsewhere as daughter of Thomas Cox and Sarah Davis<sup>89</sup> and as a daughter of Thomas Cox and Sarah Buzby<sup>90</sup>. The will of Mary Newlin mentions that Elizabeth Cox had three children. The marriage certificate names “John Musgrave son of John Musgrave of Sadbury in ye County of Lancaster & province of Pensilvania & Hannah Cox Daughter of Thomas Cox belonging to Londongrove Meeting in Chester County ... 13, 4 m. 1739 ... at their Publick Meeting house in Londongrove .....” The first witnesses, presumably her parents, were Thomas and Sarah Cox.<sup>91</sup>

ii. Rebecca Cox m. James Frazier<sup>92</sup>, 8,20,1740, at Warrington. This marriage is also reported by Myers. Thomas and Mary Cox, Isaac Cox, John Cox, John and Jane Fincher,

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<sup>85</sup> Walmer, Margaret B., 100 Years at Warrington: York County, Pennsylvania Quaker Marriages, Removals, Births & Deaths, (Bowie, MD, Heritage Books, Inc., 1989), pp.2-3.

<sup>86</sup> The information in the paragraph was taken from the records of Warrington MM and sent to Elizabeth Buffa by Eldon Cox.

<sup>87</sup> CFA lists Rebecca, Isaac, and Elizabeth. Cox of Cole Creek lists Hannah, Rebecca, Isaac and (perhaps) Harmon. Buffa lists Hannah, Rebecca, Isaac, Elizabeth, Mary, Peter, Thomas, Ann and (possibly) Richard. In the list below, I have added reference and discussion of each.

<sup>88</sup> Hannah Cox m. James Musgrove, 13th [according to my notes] 4m 1739. [Card index to New Garden MM, Swarthmore College] This marriage is also published by Gwen Boyer Bjorkman in “Quaker Marriage Certificates, New Garden MM, ...”, p. 85.

<sup>89</sup> Betty L. Baker, letter to Dan Olds, Feb. 1991.

<sup>90</sup> Susan Mortenson, letter to Dan Olds, 3 Jan. 1991

<sup>91</sup> Bjorkman, Gwen Boyer, Quaker Marriage Certificates, New Garden MM, Chester Co., Pennsylvania, 1704-1799, (Heritage Books, Bowie, MD, 1990)

<sup>92</sup> Gary Mullins reports a marriage of James Frazier and Rebecca Cox in Newark MM, Brandywine Hundred, Delaware. First request was made 1/7/1740, clearance was granted 6/8/1740 and the marriage was made 3/9/1740. The marriage was at the home of William Garretson (of Warrington Township, where Warrington MM was formed 5 years later). Witnesses included: Samuel Underwood, Frances Fincher, John and Jane Fincher, Alexander Frazer, Ann Cox, Thomas Cox, Mary Cox, Isaac Cox, John Cox, John Cox, Mary Cox and Mary Cox. A certificate was issued granting removal to Sadsbury MM. This demonstrates that there are multiple records for the events of a Quaker marriage, that they may be recorded in various places, and suggests an actual marriage date may have mistakenly been taken from the date of recording of any one of these events.

Anne Cox and Francis Fincher were among the witnesses.<sup>93</sup> James Frazer and Thomas Cox were of Manchester Township, Lancaster County, where the wedding was in the home of William Garretson.<sup>94</sup>

3. iii. Isaac Cox m. Olive Underwood in 1746.

iv. Elizabeth Cox m. 5,14,1754, David Jenkins and moved to NC in 1756. (per CFA, p. 248). This marriage is also reported by Walmer as 14th of 5th mo 1754 but no parents or witnesses are listed.<sup>95</sup> The children of David and Elizabeth Jenkins are listed in the records of the Bush River MM: William, b. 8-17-1755; Isaac, b. 9-1-1757; David, b. 1-27-1760; Thomas, b. 5-23-1762; Mary, b. 8-4-1764; Jesse, b. 10-17-1766; Amos, b. 3-8-1769; Elizabeth, b. 10-5-1772; and Enoch, b. 7-8-1776.<sup>96</sup>

#### Children of Thomas and Mary (Cooke) Cox

v. Mary Cox. “One record states that Mary, daughter of Thomas Cox, m. James Hayes by a priest in 1736.”<sup>97</sup> However, she was the daughter of another Thomas Cox. The chronology does not allow her to be placed here. Mary, the daughter of Thomas Cox, was still single when she was granted a certificate at Warrington to go to Cane Creek in NC.

vi. Peter Cox. He is reported by Buffa as an original member of Wrightsboro MM in GA in 1774.<sup>98</sup> On 25 10m 1760, at New Garden MM in NC, Peter Cox, his mother and younger children, were received on certificate from Warrington MM, dated 12 5m. 1759.<sup>99</sup> Note that this is the same date as the certificate mentioned earlier, given at Warrington to Mary Cox and her children.

vii. Harmon Cox, “perhaps son of Thomas”, m. Jane Johns in 1745 and moved to Randolph Co., NC. However, Gary Mullins presents a convincing case that Harmon Cox who married Jane John(s) was a son of William and Catherine Cox. He is not listed by Buffa. Again, the chronology does not allow him to be placed here.

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<sup>93</sup> Albert Cook Myers, Immigration of the Irish Quakers into Pennsylvania, 1682 - 1750, (reprinted, Baltimore, Genealogical Publishing Co., 1969), p. 168

<sup>94</sup> Prowell, George R., History of York Co., Pa., page 115, abstracted by Eldon Cox and sent to Elizabeth Buffa.

<sup>95</sup> Walmer, Margaret B., 100 Years at Warrington: York County, Pennsylvania Quaker Marriages, Removals, Births & Deaths, (Bowie, MD, Heritage Books, Inc., 1989), p. 8.

<sup>96</sup> Bush River MM. Also, Elizabeth Jenkins, w. David, d. 10-15-1795. [The Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy, 1750 - 1930, Vol. I, Family Tree Maker CD # 192]

<sup>97</sup> Cox of Cole Creek.

<sup>98</sup> Buffa, Elizabeth Berry, Cox Family Outline, 1977 typescript in Friends History Library, Swarthmore College.

<sup>99</sup> New Garden MM. [The Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy, 1750-1930, Vol. 1, p. 535, Family Tree Maker CD #192]

viii. Thomas Cox, b. ca. 1740, m. Tamar Davis 9 May 1771, Cane Creek, MM. He died 14 May 1821, age 81. She was born 11 Apr. 1749 and died 25 Aug. 1829.<sup>100</sup> Thomas Cox, son of Thomas and Mary, of Craven County, SC, m. Thamer Davis, daughter of Charles and Hannah Davis of Orange Co., NC, 9 5 mo. 1771. Tamer Cox was granted a certificate to go to Bush River MM in SC on 6 7mo 1771. Thamer Davis, daughter of Charles and Hannah of Randolph Co. m. Matthew Barker on 19 3mo. 1818, Cane Creek MM.<sup>101</sup> This was apparently a different Tamer Davis, probably the one born to Charles, son of John and Mary Davis, and Hannah Piggott, on 30 3m 1799 in Chatham Co., NC.<sup>102</sup>

ix. Ann Cox m. Isaac Hollingworth, Bush Creek [sic – River] MM, SC.<sup>103</sup> In Bush River MM, SC, Isaac Hollingsworth, son of Joseph and Martha of Craven County, SC, married Anne Cox, daughter of Thomas and Mary of Craven County, SC, on 11 8mo 1774. In Cane Creek MM, SC, Ann Hollingsworth, wife of Isaac, was disowned on 19 5mo. 1804.<sup>104</sup>

x. ?Richard Cox, m. Ann Hodgin, 1774, Wrightsboro MM, GA.<sup>105</sup> On 4 6mo 1774, Richard Cox was reported in the Wrightsborough (GA) MM as having married contrary to discipline to Ann Hodgin. From the same place, on 6 5mo 1780, Richard Cox and wife with small children Thomas and Mary were granted a certificate to go to Bush River MM in SC. On 29 7m 1780, Richard, wife Ann, and children Thomas and Mary, were received at Bush River on certificate from Wrightsboro MM, GA. The children of Richard and Ann Cox are listed in the Bush River MM, as: Thomas, b. 13 5mo 1775; Mary, b. 14 2mo 1777; Rebeckah, b. 18 1m 1780, and Tamer, b. 15 5mo 1782. Richard Cox, wife Ann, and children Rebeckah, David, Peter, John, Isaac, Richard and William were reported in the New Garden MM (1808-1809) as members in South Carolina.<sup>106</sup>

**3. ISAAC COX** was born Jan. 21, 1724, presumably at the home of his father who was taxed in Londongrove Twp., Chester Co., PA, in that year. He married Olive Underwood on 27 Nov. 1746.

<sup>100</sup> data taken from the list by Buffa.

<sup>101</sup> In Cane Creek MM, NC. [The Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy, 1750 - 1930, Vol. I, Family Tree Maker CD # 192]

<sup>102</sup> The relationship is probably documented by Eleanor M. Davis in Davis: A Quaker Family, Charles Davies the Immigrant, to Pennsylvania about 1725, from there to North Carolina, His Wife, Hannah Matson, and Their Descendants (Gateway Press, Baltimore, 1985) which is not available to me now.

<sup>103</sup> added from the list by Buffa.

<sup>104</sup> The Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy, 1750 - 1930, Vol. I, p. 1061. (Family Tree Maker CD # 192)

<sup>105</sup> added from the list by Buffa.

<sup>106</sup> The Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy, 1750 - 1930, Vol. I, p. 1015. (Family Tree Maker CD # 192)

Many variations of this marriage date have been published. It was 27 9mo 1746 (per CFA, which also says he moved to NC). The year is given as 1740 in Cox of Cole Creek. The marriage of Olive Underwood, daughter of Alexander Underwood, to Isaac Cox, son of Thomas Cox is given as 27 Sept. 1749<sup>107</sup> and as Sept. 27, 1746(1749?)<sup>108</sup>. The correct date for this marriage is of importance in what follows. It is unlikely that Isaac Cox, below, born in 1724, would have been married in 1740, but if the correct date is 1746, there is no such impediment to this identification. Therefore, I quote from a photocopy of the record at Swarthmore College as sent to me by Hank Deemer, Leola, PA, in July, 1991:

"Whereas Isaac Cox son of Thomas Cox of Warrington in the County of Lanchester and Province of Pensilvania Yeoman and Olive Underwood daughter of Alexander Underwood of the township and County aforsd having appeared before several[?] monthly meetings of ye Christian people called Quakers of Sadsbury & Leacock and declared their intentions of marriage with Each other according to ye good order used among them and having consent of parents and relations concerned their Said proposal was allowed by the sd. meetings.

"Now these are to certifie to whom it may concern that for ye full accomplishing of their sd intentions they the sd Isaac Cox and Olive Underwood appeared at a Publick meeting of the sd People for the Purpose appointed at warrington, the Twenty Seventh day of ye ninth month in ye year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and forty six and then and there In ye said assembly ye sd Isaac Cox taking ye sd Olive Underwood by ye hand did in a Solemn manner openly declare that he took her ye sd Olive Underwood to be his wife promising with the Lords assistance to be unto her a faithfull and Loving Husband till death should separate them and then and there in the said Assembly the said Olive Underwood did in like manner openly declare that she took the said Isaac Cox to be her Husband promising with the Lords assistance to be unto him a faithfull and loving Wife til Death should part them or words to [purpose?] and moreover they the sd Isaac Cox and Olive Underwood (she according to the custom of marriage assuming ye name of her Husband) did then and there to these presents set their hands and for a further confirmation Wee whose names are also hereunder written who were present at the Solemnization of ye sd Marriage and Subscription has as witnesses thereunto set our hands the day and year above written."

Isaac Cox and Olive Cox signed in a special block and, below them, Thomas Cox, Mary Cox, and Alexander Underwood. Other signatures were Hester[?] \_\_\_\_, Hannnah Cook, [Mosses?] \_\_\_\_ son, William Cook[sen?], Rebecca [Pruitt?], Joanna \_\_\_\_, Juliana \_\_\_\_, Rebecca \_\_worthy, William Bonitt, Joseph Bonitt, Willm Griffith, Richd Wickersham, John Earl, Jacob Boals, William Underwood, Samuel Cox, Wm Garrotson, Mary Garrotson, Mary Cox, Elizabeth Cox, Mary Garison, \_\_\_\_ \_\_.

<sup>107</sup> Underwood, Lucius Markus (comp) and Banker, Howard J. (ed), The Underwood Families of America (The New Era Printing Company, Lancaster, Pa., 1913) p. 438

<sup>108</sup> Kellogg, Dale C., Antecedents and Descendants of Levi Underwood (1831-1895) and Related Families, (Elyria, Ohio), p. 10. Kellogg follows Underwood and Banker very closely but gives no reason for doubting the 1749 date.

This document clearly places the marriage on 27 Nov. 1746 and names the fathers of both bride and groom.

Gary Mullins<sup>109</sup> has supplied information from two other documents naming Isaac Cox or Olive Underwood with some of their connections. In the 24 Aug. 1745 marriage of Nicholas Wierman (son of Wm. Wierman) to Sarah Cox, daughter of John Cox in the Sadsbury MM, witnesses included Alexander Underwood, William Underwood, Benj. Underwood, Richard Underwood, Jane Underwood, Olive Underwood, and Ruth Underwood.<sup>110</sup> At the 1740 marriage of Isaac's sister Rebecca Cox to James Frazier, Isaac was a witness but not Olive. Isaac Cox was granted a certificate to take himself and his wife Olive to North Carolina.<sup>111</sup>

Myers<sup>112</sup> lists the names of Alexander Underwood, Thomas Cox, Wm. Garretson, James Frazier, Isaac Cox, Samuel Underwood, William Underwood, Thomas Cook and Peter Cook (among others) on the list of subscribers to a new monthly meeting on a branch of Conewago Creek in 1745. This became the Warrington Meeting, Warrington township.

Isaac and Olive Cox were witnesses at the 1751 marriage of her brother Benjamin Underwood and she was a witness at the 1752 wedding of Sarah Cook but by the 13th 6mo 1754 wedding of her sister Ruth Underwood, the 1756 marriage of Elihu Underwood, and the 1757 marriage of John Underwood she is no longer listed, presumably having moved to NC.<sup>113</sup>

Hinshaw's Encyclopedia of American Quaker Records (Vol. I, NC) includes records which relate to this family. These records show that, on 28 12m 1754, Isaac Cox and wife were received on certificate, dated 8 8m 1753, from the Warrington, PA, Monthly Meeting (now in Huntington township, York Co.) to the New Garden Monthly Meeting (established 1754, later in Guilford Co., NC). However, in 1760, Isaac Cox and family were given a certificate to go to Fredericksburg Monthly Meeting in SC.<sup>114</sup> In 1762, Phebe Allen and children Hannah, Amy, and Ann were received from the New Garden meeting in PA to the Cane Creek meeting (est. 1751 in Orange Co. which included the present Randolph Co.) In 1764, Isaac Cox

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<sup>109</sup> Gary M. Mullins, Nokesville, Va., letter to Dan Olds, 22 May 1987.

<sup>110</sup> This might be Alexander and wife Jane, Alexander's sons William and Benjamin, Ruth (wife of William), and Olive, Alexander's unmarried daughter. This leaves Richard Underwood unidentified.

<sup>111</sup> Cox of Cole Creek, date and meeting not stated.

<sup>112</sup> Albert Cook Myers, op. cit.

<sup>113</sup> Walmer, p.3 and p. 5.

<sup>114</sup> Hinshaw reports that the records of Fredericksburg MM, also called Wateree, in Kershaw Co., SC, are not known to exist. (Family Tree Maker, CD#192).

married Phebe Allen, both of Orange Co.<sup>115</sup> In 1767, Isaac<sup>116</sup>, Samuel, Solomon, William, William Jr., Phebe and Juliatha Cox were among those disowned. (William and Juliatha were reported married in 1755.) In 1771, Isaac Cox was disowned. In 1776, Samuel Allen was disowned. In 1779, Phebe Cox was condemned for her misconduct (implying reinstatement). On 10 Oct. 1780, Thomas Cox, son of Isaac Cox was disowned for marrying out of unity.<sup>117</sup> Enoch Cox, son of Isaac, was disowned in 1781 for marrying out unity.<sup>118</sup> In 1783, William, son of Herman [Harmon?] and Jane Cox of Holly Spring, married Phebe, daughter of Isaac and Phebe Cox, also of Holly Spring. In 1784, William Cox, son of Isaac, was disowned. In 1789, David and William Cox were both disowned for marrying out of unity. If Isaac's sons David and William did not marry until about 1789, that would explain the lack of older children in the listing of their families presented below.

Anson County, NC, was formed in 1749. Orange County was formed in 1752. Rowan County was formed in 1753 from Anson. Chatham County was formed in 1770 from Orange. Guilford County was formed in 1770 from Rowan and Orange Counties. Randolph County was formed in 1778 from Guilford Co.

Isaac Cox, planter, had a land grant in Rowan County, NC, in 1759, witnessed by John Cox and Benjamin Cox. The survey was made for him in 1755. "This plan represents a tract of land Surveyed for Isaac Cox on hickry creek the waters of deep river Beginning at a hickry On John Ozborns line then runing [sic] North 55 Chas. to a white oak Then East crossing the creek 42 1/2 chas. to a white oak Then South 55 Chas. to a hickry Then west 5 chas. to Ozborns Corner white oak Then along his line west to the first Station containing Two hundred and thirty three acres Surveyed the 3rd day of November 1755".<sup>119</sup> A surveyors chain is equal to 66 feet; a rectangular plot 42.5 by 55 chains (as shown by the plat) has an area of 2337.5 square chains or 233.75 acres.

Rowan County Deed book 5, p. 402 records the transfer of 253 acres on Hickry Creek of

<sup>115</sup> Allen, Lester M., *The Allen Family: Descendants of John and Amy Cox Allen with Allied Lines*, reports the marriage of Phebe (Scarlett) Allen to Isaac Cox, son of Thomas Cox and Elizabeth Fincher on "1764, 1, 4" and states that they lived near Mill Creek and Deep River in Randolph County, where Isaac owned 240 acres of land.

<sup>116</sup> Eleanor M. Davis, *Davis: A Quaker Family* (1985), reported by Gary Mullins (letter to Dan Olds, 5 Sept. 1987) states that a complaint appears in the 1766 minutes of Cane Creek (NC) MM concerning the marriage of Phebe (Scarlett) Allen Cox's daughter Amy Allen to Herman Husband (already disowned from Cane Creek meeting for being too critical of meeting affairs). This marriage was contrary to the good order of the Friends. There was a complaint against Phebe Cox that she consented to her daughter's wedding and attended the wedding. Colleen Cox Worley (letter to Dan Olds, 23 Sept. 1987) reports that Isaac Cox and Phebe Scarlett Allen Cox were disowned by the church for attending the wedding of Phebe's daughter, Amy Allen, who married out of unity on 02-17-1767. (The date they were disowned.)

<sup>117</sup> Gary M. Mullins, letter, 22 May 1987

<sup>118</sup> Gary Mullins, letter, 22 May 1987. Gertrude Cox, wife of Enoch, was disowned in 1779. Gary shows that this family moved to Miami MM in Ohio in 1807 and traces them in Fairfield MM (Ohio) by 1808.

<sup>119</sup> from photocopy sent by Colleen Cox Worley, P. O. Box 495, Stillwell, OK 74960, with letter of 21 July 1982

Deep River from Lord Granville to Isaac Cox on 26 Oct. 1759. On 6 April 1767, Book 6, p. 426, Isaac Cox and his wife Phebe, of Orange County, sold this land to Zachariah Stanley. Both deeds mention neighbor John Ozbun.<sup>120</sup>

Isaac Cox appears in the 1790 census of Randolph Co., NC, with only himself and one female in his family. The same county census shows the families of Amos, Enoch, William, and Thomas Cox, among others. An Isaac Cox is listed in the 9th Company of Burke Co., the only Cox in any of the militia districts which became McDowell, Yancey, or Mitchell counties. A David Cox is listed in Wilkes Co. and another Isaac Cox is listed in Chatham Co. Although a William Cox appears 12 times in the state and Thomas appears 7 times, Isaac appears only the three times and Amos, David and Enoch appear once each.

Isaac Cox made his will on 24 July [seventh month] 1793 and named his sons Isaac, Amos, David, Enoch, William, Thomas and daughter Phebe. The will was probated in August, 1797. His wife Phebe Cox got 240 acres in Randolph County and the children were given cash.

“To all people to whom these presents shall or may come, I Isaac Cox of Randolph County in the State of North Carolina yeoman being far advanced in years and having ... my consideration the uncertainty of human life do make this my last will and testament in Manner and Form following that is to Say. Imprimis, I order that my body be Decently buried at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named and as to my Worldly Estate which the lord in mercy hath been pleased to bestow upon me, I give and [Dispose?] of the same in Manner and form following. and [first?] I will that all my Just Debts which I owe to any person or persons be paid and Discharged upon as conveniently [as] maybe after my Decease by my Executors herein after named. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Phebe Cox all my Right in land with all the appurtances Situate lying and being in the said county of Randolph containing two hundred and forty acres likewise all the household[?] furniture and stock. Item. I give & bequeath unto my son Isaac Cox the sum of one pound ten shillings lawfull money of North Carolina. Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Amos Cox the sum of one pound ten shillings of like lawfull money. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son David Cox the sum of One pound ten shillings of like lawful money. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Enoch Cox the Sum of one pound ten shillinjgs of like lawfull money. Item. I give and bequeath to my son William Cox the sum on one pound ten shillings of like lawful money. Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Thomas Cox the sum of one pound ten shillings of like lawfull money. Item. I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Phebe Cox the sum of three [?] pounds four[?]

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<sup>120</sup> Linn, Jo White, Abstracts of the Deeds of Rowan County, North Carolina, 1753-1785, vol. 1-10, (Salisbury, NC, copyright 1983) pp. 63 and 88.

shillings of like lawfull money with what I have already given them is to be in full of their part of my Estate and lastly it is my mind and will that if any thing Remains after all my just debts and legacies are fully paid and Discharged that such Remainder or Residue be for the use of my loving wife the aforesaid Phebe Cox and I do hereby nominate constitute and appointe my son in law William Cox and Samuel Allen Executors fo this my last Will and Testamente in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seall Dated the Twenty fourth day of the Seventh month in the year of Our Lord one thousand seven Hundred and Ninty three. Signed Sealed published and Declared by the said Isaac Cox the Testator to be his last will and testament in the presents[?] of us the subscrib[ers?] who Subscribed Our names as witnesses thereto in his presence and by his request.

Harmon Cox  
Nathan Cox

Isaac Cox (seal)"

August Term 1797 the foregoing Will & Testament was duly proved[?] in Open Court by Nathan Cox & ordered to be Recorded. Wm. Cox Qualified as Executor"<sup>121</sup>

The 1799 Randolph County tax list shows Pheby Cox with 240 acres and Samuel Allen with 497 acres and 1 white poll.

By 1800, Amos Cox<sup>122</sup> was in Buncombe Co., and David and Isaac (Jr.) were in Burke Co. By 1808, Enoch Cox was in Fairfield MM in Ohio.<sup>123</sup>

There is additional information on Phebe in The Allen House and Some of its Allens by Beulah O. Allen (Nashville, 1980). Phebe was a daughter of Shadrack and Phebe Scarlett and married John Allen (1720-1754) on 12 Sept. 1740 at New Garden Meeting, Pa. Their children were Hannah, Amy, Ann, John, Samuel and Thomas. Her husband, John, planned to move to NC, but died before he could do so. Phebe and her children did move. On Jan. 4, 1764, she married widower Isaac Cox. They had one daughter, Phebe, who married William Cox, son of Herman and Jane, on 1 Sept. 1783 at Cane Creek Meeting. Phebe Cox's will, written tenth day fifth month [May] 1814, did not mention any land, named her children but not her step-children, and mentioned her daughter Phebe Cox and a granddaughter Phebe Cox. Phebe (Scarlett) Allen Cox died "in 1815".<sup>124</sup>

On "10th day 9th month [Sept.] 1803", Phebe Cox, widow, of Randolph Co., sold 240

<sup>121</sup> Randolph County, NC, Will Book 2, p. 29

<sup>122</sup> being traced by Gary M. Mullins, Nokesville, VA.

<sup>123</sup> Gary M. Mullins, letter, 22 May 1987

<sup>124</sup> Her will was probated in Feb. 1815, Randolph Co., NC, will book 4, p. 107

acres on both sides of Coxes Mill Creek to John Allen of Orange Co. She had apparently gotten the land from a William Cox and it was again willed to her by her late husband, Isaac Cox. (Deed Book 8, page 397, Randolph Co., NC) It may also be of interest that the 1767 Orange Co. will of Wm. Cox named his son William Cox and cousin<sup>125</sup> Isaac Cox as executors. [His five sons were Harmon, William, John, Solomon, and Thomas.] In 1771 in Guilford County, Wm. Cox and Isaac Cox as Executors of Wm. Cox, deceased, sold 240 acres on both sides of Coxes Mill Creek to John Cox. It was next to, if not the same as, the land Phebe had later. I need to investigate the land records for Phebe Allen prior to her marriage to Isaac Cox.<sup>126</sup>

Another indication of relationships in the Cox family is the report that Phoebe Cox (dau. of Isaac) and Wm. Cox (son of Harmon) were disowned for intermarrying.<sup>127</sup> However, the closest possible blood relationship through the Cox family seems to be that of second cousin. Can this explain the sanction?

Mrs. C. A. Olsen of Portsmouth, Va., has a letter dated 9 May 1817 from Amos Cox on the Cumberland River, 23 miles from Cumberland, KY, to his brother David on Big Crabtree Creek, Burke Co., NC, which also mentions another brother, Enoch, living in "Indianny State". Mrs. Olsen also has an inherited Bible (1748, Edinborough) with an inscription that Isaac Cox bought it in 1751. The earliest date is Isaac Cox, b. 21 Jan. 1724, actually recorded in the form "Isaac Cox was born the twenty-first day of the eleventh month 17245". This is followed by a list of what may be his children. Since these names are the same as the six sons mentioned in the will, it seems very probable that this is a family group, children of Isaac. The Bible record continues with the children of (8) David Cox and at least three sets of David's grandchildren.

Isaac Cox Juner	b. 17 Nov. 1749
Thomas Cox	b. 20 1748?
William Cox	b. 22 Feb. 175[?0]
Amos Cox	b. 12 Mar. 1751
David Cox	b. Feb. 1755
Enoch Cox	b. 19 June 1757

It actually takes a great deal of creative effort to construct this list from the fragmentary

<sup>125</sup> The term cousin has been used to indicate a variety of relationships, including (I have read) nephew. Nephew is the correct relationship if Wm. (d. 1767) and Thomas (father of Isaac) were brothers.

<sup>126</sup> Cox of Cole Creek lists a deed in Orange County, NC, dated May, 1764, for 240 acres from William Cox to Phebe Allen, proved by Adam Moffet.

<sup>127</sup> Lynn Rasmussen, letter to Dan Olds, 13 Dec. 1992.

Bible pages. To me, it appears that the 1748 entry is first and the name of David and possibly Thomas have been written across it upside down. The entry for Isaac "Juner" gives his birth as 8th month (October). [\_\_\_\_] was born 12th day 12th month 1751. The entry for [\_\_\_\_]d born 2 or 12 month 1755 was last on the page. On another page an entry for Amos Cox is more clearly 12th day 12th month but with no year decipherable. David (b. 12 day of March 1799[?]), Enoch (b. 19th day of 3 month 175[?]), and William b. 22 day of \_\_ month 17\_\_ are on another page.

The Isaac Cox who married Olive Underwood must be the same as the Isaac Cox who owned this Bible in 1751. The use of the name Olive in the NC family, the oldest son named Thomas, the dates, and the fact that several other family members came from Warrington Monthly Meeting in PA to NC, all strengthen this conclusion.

Children of Isaac and Olive (Underwood) Cox<sup>128</sup>

4. i. Thomas Cox, b. 20 \_\_\_\_ 1748
5. ii. Isaac Cox, b. 17 Nov. 1749
6. iii. William Cox, b. 22 Feb. 175[0?]
7. iv. Amos Cox, b. 12 March 1751
8. v. David Cox, b. \_\_ Feb. 1755
9. vi. Enoch Cox, b. 19 June 1757

Children of Isaac and Phoebe (Scarlett) Cox

10. vii. Phebe Cox m. William Cox, son of Harmon and Jane (John) Cox, on 1 Sept. 1783.

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<sup>128</sup> Buffa lists Thomas, William, Enoch, Isaac(?), and Phebe. She has no Amos nor David and thus probably did not have access to the Bible record. She shows Isaac (?) as marrying Mary Marley and living in N.C., with children John, James, Zachariah, William, Isaac and a daughter who m. a Fox. She has much more detail on the descendants of Enoch, giving his birth as Mar. 1757 and death as 18 Sept. 1832 in Indiana and his marriage to Gertrude (Cox?), probably daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Wierman) Cox.



5. Isaac Cox. Isaac Cox is on a list of those who entered North Carolina land grants in Burke County in 1778.<sup>129</sup> John Wilson sold 250 acres in North Cove, Burke County, NC, to Isaac Cox as recorded 17 Oct. 1791.<sup>130</sup> An Isaac Cox entered (additional) land in Burke Co., NC, in Feb. 1793. An Isaac Cox was made overseer of the road from "Young's old Mill Place to top of the blew Ridge" in July, 1797.<sup>131</sup> He was one of the residents of North Cove who petitioned county court for a road improvement in Jan., 1799.<sup>132</sup> An 1805 tax list of Burke County<sup>133</sup> shows Isaac with 495 acres and no polls. An Isaac Cox, aged over 45, is in the 1800 and 1810 census records of Burke Co. This may be the one who died in Burke Co. about 1813. The inventory of his estate was done by David Cox, who may have been his brother or son. The identification of the Isaac who died in 1813 as the son of (3) Isaac suffers from lack of direct evidence.

Burke County records, mentioned below, describe a David and William Cox, brothers, who inherited land from their father, Isaac Cox. Since the will of (3) Isaac makes no such provision, they might appear to have been sons of (5) Isaac. Although in some versions of this note I have added a David and William as sons of (5) Isaac, I have not done so here. Except for the possibility that (6) William was too young to be the son of (3) Isaac, no other evidence has been found to support the existence of such sons of (5) Isaac. The inherited Bible record does not contain the family of (5) Isaac, implying that the Yancey County family did not descend from him. Furthermore, the discovery of David's tombstone record giving a 1755 birthdate shows that he was the son of (3) Isaac Cox.

**6. WILLIAM COX.** William Cox is listed on a "pre-1800" tax list for Capt. White's company in Burke Co., NC, and is charged with 500 acres and 1 poll.<sup>134</sup> A William Cox appears three times in the 1800 census of Randolph Co., but not in Burke Co. An 1805 tax list of Burke Co.<sup>135</sup> shows William Cox with 200 acres and 1 poll. (Does this mean he was not yet 50?) In 1807, William Cox was taxed for 200 acres and no polls.<sup>136</sup> There is a William Cox,

<sup>129</sup> Huggins, Edith Warren, Burke County, North Carolina, Land Records, 1778, Volume 1, (Southern Historical Press, Easley, SC, 1977), p. 155.

<sup>130</sup> Huggins, Edith Warren, Burke County, North Carolina, Records 1755 - 1821 (Including Wills Index 1784 - 1900), Volume IV, (Southern Historical Press, Easley, SC, 1987), p. 14.

<sup>131</sup> Huggins, Edith Warren, Burke County, North Carolina, Land Records and More Important Miscellaneous Records, 1751-1809, Volume III, (Southern Historical Press, Easley, SC, 1987), p. 34.

<sup>132</sup> Huggins, vol. III, p. 37

<sup>133</sup> North Carolina Society Journal, Nov. 1982, p. 232, abstracted by Ransom McBride, living in "Capt. Jones Old Company".

<sup>134</sup> Huggins, Vol. IV, p. 126.

<sup>135</sup> North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal, Nov. 1982, abstracted by Ransom McBride, p. 232, living in "Capt. Jones Old Company".

<sup>136</sup> Pittman, Betsy Dodd, "A list of taxables of Cap Thos Bakers Company for the year 1807", Journal of Burke County Genealogical Society, Vol XIV, #2, May 1996

age 26-45, in my notes from a nearly illegible microfilm of the 1810 census of Burke Co. The age does not match William, b. 1750. The older William was probably the one in the 1800 census of Randolph Co., age over 45. In an 1815 tax list for Captain White's Company in Burke County, William Cox was charged with one white poll and three tracts of land: (1) 155 acres, "halph Botum land lying in the north Cove on the North forck with the improvements thereon"; (2) 200 acres "Sum part bottun land laying in the turcky Cove Joyning willaume Glispee loins with smal improvement"; (3) 200 acres "rig land lying on the waters of brette (?) creek joyning Dave Cox loins with made improvements". Capt. White's Company was in the part of Burke County that was later in Avery, McDowell, and Mitchell Counties.<sup>137</sup> The Burke County records at Raleigh include the estate of one William Cox who died 13 May 1817. His widow was Elizabeth Cox. The estate included 200 acres on Brush Creek, including the ford, 100 acres in Turkey Cove and 150 more acres in Turkey Cove. The last two were sold to Wm. by Elias Ledford on 20 April 1810 and the first was sold by Isaac [Cox?] to William on 27 Oct. 1802. One other tract was willed by Isaac Cox, deceased, father of said William Cox, to the said William Cox and David Cox to be equally divided between them. William's widow, Elizabeth, had married Thomas Brown by 1832 when the estate of David Cox was settled. The heirs at law included James McTaggart, Olive McTaggart, and Sarah Cox, whose names appear as heirs of William in the 1832 estate of David Cox. David Cox (Admr. of the estate of Wm. Cox), James Brown and Samuel Brown (also an Admr.) were subpoenaed in Oct. 1817 but not found by Sheriff Marcus Brittain. In 1820, Abraham Smith had a case against the estate because of bad bacon he had gotten from Cox in 1814 or 1815.

Yancey Co. Deed Book 1, p. 224, records an indenture made 17 July 1837 in which John G. Phillips and Sarah his wife of Yancey Co., James McTaggart and Olive his wife and Isaac N. Cox and David N. Cox all of Burke Co. sold to Isaac Cox of Yancey Co. 200 acres in Yancey Co. "it being the undivided part of the estate of William Cox dec'd and owned by the legatees of the said William Cox dec'd (viz, James McTaggart one share, John G. Phillips one share, Isaac N. Cox, David N. Cox, three shares)". Samuel Brown, John S. Brown, and Harmon Cox were witnesses. In the 1840 census of Burke Co., James and Olive McTaggart were 30-40, Isaac N. Cox and David N. Cox and their wives were 20-30.

In 1829, Elisha Cox sold to Thomas Brown 100 acres and 150 acres in Turkey Cove the fifth and fourth parts of which "will fall" to James McTaggart or his heirs and Elisha Cox. On 26 Sept. 1835, Thomas Brown sold the 100 acre and the 150 acre tracts in Turkey Cove to David Cox. Both had been conveyed by Waitstill Avery to Elias Ledford in 1793. In 1847, David

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<sup>137</sup> Pittman, Betsy Dodd, "Burke County, North Carolina, 1815 Tax Lists, c. 1990, revised Ed. 1991, privately published, Val dese, NC.

N. Cox sold to Isaac Cox four-fifths of the same. In McDowell County, on 4 May 1850, James McTaggart and Olive his wife sold a one- fifth share of 100 acres and 150 acres of land in Turkey Cove to David N. Cox. In 1845, David N. Cox and his wife Margaret sold 88 acres on Paddy's Creek, part of the home place of Thos. McTaggart, dec'd, and allotted to Margaret McTaggart, 14 Nov. 1831.

In the family history collection in the Salisbury, NC, library is a note indicating that Thomas Brown, Jr. (1737-1797) and Ruth Bradshaw were parents of Elizabeth Brown who married William Cox and had Rev. Wm. Cox who m. Margaret Ann Beall and had Ellen Cox.

The following appear to have been the children of William and Elizabeth Cox:

(11) i. Sarah Cox, b. 1804

ii. Olive Cox

She married James McTaggart. The 1850 census of McDowell Co., NC, lists James McTaggart, age 50, with wife Mary(?), age 47, and family.

iii. Isaac N. Cox, b. ca. 1810

The 1850 census of McDowell Co., NC, lists Isaac N. Cox, age 39, with wife Matilda, age 37. In 1860, he was 50 and Matilda was 47. In 1870, when he was listed as 60, the family included James M. Cox, age 24, and Hazy Cox, age 30. In McDowell Co., on 5 March 1882, at age 68, Isaac N. Cox, son of William and Elizabeth Cox, married Nancy Silver, age 40. Isaac N. Cox died intestate in 1900 and his estate records name many descendants.

iv. David N. Cox, b. ca. 1814

The 1850 census of McDowell Co., NC, shows David N. Cox and wife Margaret, both as age 36. Their children were listed as Mary, William, Olivia, Thomas, and Sophronia. Olivia (Olive) was age 7. In 1860, this family was in Yancey Co.

7. Amos Cox. In 1817 he was living on the Cumberland River, twenty-three miles from Cumberland, KY.

**8. DAVID COX.** David Cox is listed on a "pre-1800" tax list for Capt. White's company in Burke Co., NC, and is charged with 240 acres and 1 poll.<sup>138</sup> In the 1800 census of Burke

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<sup>138</sup> Huggins, Vol. IV, p. 126.

County, he was over 45 years old. An 1805 tax list<sup>139</sup> shows David with 500 acres and no polls.<sup>140</sup> In 1807 a David Cox was taxed in Capt. Thos. Baker's Company (probably present day Mitchell County) for 100 acres and 1 poll and David Cox Junr was taxed for 600 acres and no polls.<sup>141</sup> The 1810 census of Burke Co. lists a David Cox, Sr., but his age is only 16-26[?], although in 1820 he was over 45. One David Cox did the inventory of the estate of Isaac Cox, in Burke Co., NC, 27 July 1813. David Cox was taxed for one white poll and two pieces of land in Capt. White's Co. of Burke County for the year 1815. He had "140 acers Chepe botum land Lying in the north Cove on the North forck Joining Samuel Brown with imprvements there on" and "100 acers rig land lying on the Bar ? Creek near Jorg Sparks loin above."<sup>142</sup> The same reference shows a David Cox taxed in Capt. Pitman's company with a total of 950 acres on Crabtree, Toe River, and "peak Mountain". Since no polls were associated with this land, perhaps David did not live on it or perhaps he was over the taxable age of 50 (indicating two David Coxes, one under 50). The 1830 census of Burke Co., NC, lists David Cox, age 70-80, with wife(?), age 70-80. Around 1830, one David Cox was a Justice of Burke Co. Court. An estate for David Cox was settled in Burke Co. in 1832. He was called the brother of William and left a widow, Mary. According to the WPA card index of tombstones in the State Archives at Raleigh, a David Cox, b. Feb. 5, 1755, d. June 27, 1832, is buried in the Cox Cemetery at Newdale, NC.<sup>143</sup> David Cox who died in 1832 was thus clearly a son of (3) Isaac and brother of (6) William. It is therefore unclear why the estate settlements refer to land willed to them by their father. Since the will of (3) Isaac did not do this, I have tried making them sons of (4) Isaac. This can be made to fit (6) William but not (8) David. Perhaps they were in fact willed the land by a brother or the inheritance was by deed rather than by will.

A Rowan Co. marriage bond dated 5 April 1788 for David Cox and Martha Cole is about the right time for the marriage of this David.<sup>144</sup> Could "Martha" and "Mary" refer to the same

<sup>139</sup> North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal, Nov. 1982, abstracted by Ransom McBride, p. 232, living in "Capt. Jones Old Company".

<sup>140</sup> Gary Mullins, letter, 22 May 1987, reports a 1793 Wilkes Co. deed from Samuel Allen to Matthew Cox, to N. Thomas and to David Cox. He also reports an 1815 Ashe Co. tax list containing the names David Cox, Sr., and David Cox, Jr. This suggests caution in identifying "our" David Cox with every record of the name.

<sup>141</sup> Pittman, Betsy Dodd, "A list of taxables of Cap Thos Bakers Company for the year 1807", Journal of Burke County Genealogical Society, Vol XIV, #2, May 1996.

<sup>142</sup> Pittman, Betsy Dodd, "Burke County, North Carolina, 1815 Tax Lists, c. 1990, revised Ed. 1991, privately published, Valdese, NC.

<sup>143</sup> also listed in "Cox Cemetery, Yancey Co., near Newdale", compiled by Joe W. Letterman, 10-20-39, Historical Records Survey of North Carolina (copy supplied to me by Lloyd Bailey of Durham, Aug. 1987). Two of the stones are: David Cox (son) Feb. 5, 1755, June 27, 1832 and Mary Cox, Jan. 12, 1762, Oct. 6, 1836. This probably meant David Cox (Sr.). The stone of David Cox, Jr. (12 March 1799 - 25 June 1854) is the only other 18th century birth date listed.

<sup>144</sup> Gary M. Mullins, letter, 22 May 1987

person? Are there Cole family records that might help?

The will of Mary Cox, made 8 Aug. 1835 and probated Oct. 1836 in Yancey Co., NC, (formed partly from Burke Co. in 1833), names children Isaac, Ollivie, Mary, Jane, David, and Harmon and "if Hannah shall apply within the space of 5 years...". These names of children match the following sequential list from Mrs. Olsen's Bible record: Olive, Hannah, Mary, Jeane(Jane?), Isaac, David, Harmon. The birth dates given below are from this Bible. The Bible record does not make it clear whose children these were nor whether more (or less) children belonged to this family. John, b. 4 Sept. 1805, Jeane, b. 29 Jan. 1811, and Edmund Baley<sup>145</sup>, d. 4 Dec. 1813, might also belong to this family.

Most of the other children can be connected by using two Mitchell County deeds. Book 3, p. 182, records the sale of the 200 acre "Harmon Cox tract of land" on North Toe River which was entered 7 Sept. 1812 and granted to David Cox on 24 Nov. 1813. After David's death, Harmon "of the heirs being the owner" and after Harmon's death the present grantors became owner. This deed to James Bailey was signed by John Mullins, David Cox, Jane Deyton, Isaac Cox, and Olive Mullins on 20 Oct. 1850. Book 3, p. 190 records a similar deed made 16 Jan. 1850 to T. M. Sparks from the collateral heirs of Harmon Cox and signed by John Mullins, Jane Deyton, Mary Woody and Isaac Cox.

The children of David and Mary Cox appear to have been:

i. Isaac Cox, b. 21 Apr. 17(?)8

His is the earliest Cox birthdate I have seen myself on the tombstones in Yancey and Mitchell Counties. He is buried between Liberty Hill and Newdale. He is probably the one who got 640 acres from the state on Big Crabtree Creek in 1830. He was Isaac Cox, b. Apr. 25, 1788, d. 31 Aug. 1858, according to my notes from his tombstone.<sup>146</sup> In 1857, he made deeds to his sons Isaac, Samuel, Harmon, and Gabriel. His estate was settled in Yancey Co. and his widow was Rachel. He was age 30-40 in the 1830 census of Burke Co., listed near David Cox. He was 50-60 in the 1840 census, 62 in the 1850 census (when Rachel was 46). His age does not match the Bible sequence (which would imply 1798), but fits a birth date of 1788 and the order of the listing in his mother's will. Rachel was an 82 year old widow in the 1880 census of Mitchell Co. A marriage bond was issued for Isaac Cox and Rachel English in Burke County on 20 April 1823.<sup>147</sup>

12. ii. Olive Cox, b. 11? Jan. 1789

<sup>145</sup> This might refer to an older man and be the father of Mary, wife of David Cox. Lloyd Bailey of Durham has some information on an Edmund Bailey of the proper generation and is reviewing the problem.

<sup>146</sup> also "Isaac Cox Deseas 31 day of Augus 1858" according to Mrs.Olsen's Bible record.

<sup>147</sup> Ingmire, Frances T., Burke County North Carolina Marriage Records, 1781-1868 (Athens, GA, reprinted 1993)

iii. Hannah Cox, b. 26 March 1792

Hannah appears to have left the Yancey Co. area before her mother's will was written in 1835. Mrs. Olsen says this Hannah married William Triplett.

The Bible lists three Triplett children, b. 1808 - 1813.

iv. Mary Cox, b. 1 March 1794, m. John? Woody.

13. v. Jane Cox, b. 9 Dec. 1796

vi. David Cox, b. 12 March 1799

David Cox and wife Nancy are listed in the 1850 census of Yancey Co. Mrs. Biss Young of that county, granddaughter of David and Nancy and daughter of their son, Isaac, has a family record kept by her maiden aunt Olive Cox and by her (Mrs. Young's) father Isaac Cox. The record states that David Cox died 25 June 1854<sup>148</sup> and Nancy Cox died 23 July 1879. Mrs. Young stated that her father had an aunt Jennie who married a Deaton, and another who married a Woody and maybe one who married a Bailey. "Gabe and Isaac Cox were sons of my father's uncle." Yancey Co. Deed Book 3, p. 118, contains a release by Nancy Cox and her heirs. Apparently all the daughters were still single. David Cox, Jr., (12 March 1799 - 25 June 1854) and Nancy Cox (1 May 1810 - 23 July 1879) are buried in the Cox Cemetery in Yancey Co., near Newdale. [REF?]

vii. Harmon Cox, b. 2 Jan. 1801

He was dead in 1837 [REF?]. David Cox was appointed Admr. of the estate of Harmon Cox, dec'd, in 1839 and John Woody and Isaac Cox were his sureties.

The Bible record apparently lists Harmon as d. 30 Jan. 1839.

9. Enoch Cox. He married Gertrude Cox, perhaps the daughter of Samuel and Hannah (Weirman) Cox, at Cane Creek in 1781. They went to Highland Co., Ohio, about 1808, then to Fairfield MM in Indiana. They lived in Jackson Co., IN.<sup>149</sup>

10. Phebe Cox. In 1783, she married William Cox, a son of Herman [Harmon?] and Jane Cox.

**11. SARAH COX.** She married John G. **Phillips** (24 Sept. 1802 - 8 Aug. 1891) and moved to Marion Co., Ark., where she died in 1864. Phillips came back to NC and married Olive, daughter of David N. Cox and returned to Arkansas by 1870. Tombstones have been located there for John G. and Olive L. Phillips (19 May 1841 - 19 Oct. 1908), but not for his first wife. John G. and Sarah Phillips are my wife's ancestors through their son William Lafayette Phillips who stayed in NC when his father moved to Arkansas.

<sup>148</sup> also "David Cox Departed this life June the 25 1854" according to Mrs. Olsen's Bible record.

<sup>149</sup> Buffa, Elizabeth Berry, "Cox Family Outline", 1977, a typescript in the Friends History Library, Swarthmore College.

**12. OLIVE COX.** She married John **Mullins**. The Mullins record published by Elihu Jasper Sutherland in 'The Cumberland Empire', Oct. 1932, says John died at Clintwood, Va., in 1859 and Olive Cox was b. 1796?, d. 1877. The Isaac Cox Bible record contains the births of Solomon and James Mullins, her children, with dates which are only approximately the same as the Mullins record. John and Olive Mullins are my wife's ancestors through their daughter Kizziah, born about 1810, who married Lewis **Cook** and remained in Yancey or Mitchell County.

**13. JANE COX.** She married William **Deyton (Deaton)** and survived him. She is listed as age 53 in the 1850 census of Yancey Co., NC. In 1853, David Cox, Sr., was appointed guardian to the minor heirs of Wm. Deyton, dec'd. (Sarah Caroline and Phebe Jane). Jane Deyton was security for the bond.

The known children of Wm. and Jane Deyton are:  
Mary (1831-1892) who m. James M. **Poore**

James and Mary Poore are my wife's ancestors thru their daughter Anna Eliza who married James C. Phillips. In 1875, they sold one-fifth (why?) part of William Deaton's land.

Olive who m. Samuel(?) Randolph  
Sarah Caroline who m. Joshua Horton  
Phebe Jane who m. Bill Jones(?)

I'M VERY INTERESTED IN MORE INFORMATION ON THESE LINES --  
CONFIRMATION OR CONTRADICTION.