

A Cox/Layne Family Genealogy

Beginning in Grundy, Coffee, and Surrounding Counties in Tennessee

Cox's Ridge and Layne's Cove

From 1804 to Last Update: 2020

Introduction and Acknowledgements

Portions of this genealogy were taken from two previous genealogists, Betty M. Majors, of Tullahoma, Tennessee (who did the initial Cox lineage), and Thelma Van Arsdale, of Clarksville, Arkansas (who did the initial Layne/Blackwell lineage). Additional research, corrections, changes, additions, and all photographs were made, compiled, and verified by Jennifer Jordan-Henley of Knoxville, Tennessee, youngest grandchild of Samuel and Della Layne Cox, who began working on it in August of 2003. In addition, Jennifer has incorporated some biographical sketches from the 1997 Cox Family Reunion Cookbook, compiled by Jackie Shields, wife of John Shields and grandson of Sam and Della Cox and also asked for biographical sketches from time to time. Janelle Layne Taylor and Jackie Layne Partin, two cousins who still live near Layne's Cove, initial birthplace of Della Layne and close to Sam Cox's home on Cox's Ridge, also contributed extensively (through Jennifer) both to this genealogy and to the history of the Pelham area in Grundy County.

Historical Overview

Jennifer Jordan-Henley

This genealogy previously covered four generations from Betty M. Majors which have been found to be from another Cox line in North Carolina. I have therefore removed them. These four generations took the Cox line back to England, which would have been nice, had they been accurate. But those Coxes were Quakers who settled in North Carolina and pretty much stayed put. They were financially secure and educated, unlike Nathan Cox, our ancestor who first settled in Grundy County, Tennessee and who says, in several census documents, that he was born in Georgia. The North Carolina Nathan Cox was also buried in North Carolina, and while we do not know the exact location of our Nathan Cox's grave, it would be unlikely for him to live out his entire life in Grundy County and then to return to North Carolina to die.

The genealogy now covers **216** years and 8 generations. Any inaccuracies or additional information should be reported to Jennifer (I have included my address at the end). Please help keep this document accurate and updated for future generations. Note also that if you make changes to the document and do not inform Jennifer, the changes *will not appear* in the updates that periodically go out to the family. Should any future generations want to use this document to trace their heritage, it is important to keep it as accurate as possible.

A further note: I felt that anyone can have a genealogy that gives birth and death dates, but to capture a time period by including photographs and stories is ideal. In addition, many genealogies follow one family group, while this one is arranged by children and cousins in ever-expanding generations. I did not come up with this arrangement; it grew from the original manuscripts I used. But it does encourage someone to browse past the limited groupings of one family to see the bigger picture. Should someone want to create a genealogy of just their own family, it is possible to do so from this document. New to this edition is an Index. --2017

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Generation No. 1

Nathaniel (Nathan) Cox is an enigma. Currently, information shows that he was born about 1804 in Georgia, but also lived for a while in Alabama, eventually settling in Franklin County, perhaps with a brother, David Cox. (This is a guess; the records of the two men frequently appear together, and David is also shown in Census records as being from Georgia.) No actual birth record has been found for Nathan in Georgia. In fact, the first record we have of his existence in Tennessee is an account of his marriage to Rebecca A. Wheeler (also reported as “Nancy” Wheeler and “Sally” Wheeler), daughter of Joseph Wheeler of Franklin County, Tennessee. There is also a notation from Joy Gallagher (whose husband is a descendent of James Lafayette Cox, one of Nathan’s sons), from *Ansearchen News*, Volume 37, Number 3, Fall 1990, p. 134, which shows a marriage in Jefferson County, Tennessee between Nathan Cox and “Sally” Wheeler for 17 July 1823. The officiant was H. Caller/Collier, J. P. Rebecca was born in 1814 in Tennessee and was 10 years younger than Nathan, who married at 18. In the 1830 and 1840 Census, Nathan is shown living in Franklin County, Tennessee with a female aged 15 thru 19. By 1840, there were 9 people in the household. In the 1850 and 1860 census records of Grundy County Nathan is reported to be from Georgia, but in later years his children declared that he was born in Alabama, and his son William Cox reported that fact in his Census. In fact, Nathan and his children may both be right, as the dividing line between Georgia and Alabama was unclear during much of this time. By 1840, Nathan and Rebecca are listed as living in Coffee County, and by 1850 they are in Grundy County. The Census data reports that the couple had eleven children together, but one died in infancy, which means they had twelve altogether. Interestingly enough, they never moved—the counties just changed around them. In 1834 Nathan (spelling his last name as “Cocks”) was one of the signers of the petition to remove the Pelham area from Franklin County and have it attached to Coffee County. There it remained for 10 years until Grundy County was formed in 1844.

No burial record for Nathan in Tennessee has been found, and the cemeteries in Grundy County have all been surveyed. It is highly likely, however, that he is buried in an unmarked grave in the Old Baptist Cemetery. We have a record that his son William was laid to rest there, and the Cemetery is not far from Cox’s Ridge, where the family settled. Janelle Layne Taylor, who surveyed the cemetery, notes that there are more unmarked graves in Old Baptist than marked ones, and that it is believed that the graves are even under Tom Patton Road in Pelham, and in the fencerow on the other side. Records do show, according to Betty Majors, that Nathan was a Baptist and a Democrat. The Agricultural Census of Grundy County points that Nathan was a “tenant” farmer who owned 1 horse, 2 cows, and 18 swine. A notation from Sharon Goodman, whose husband is a descendent of Francis Marion Cox, another of Nathan’s sons, points out that the 1850 Agricultural Census of Grundy County appointed Nathan as an Overseer of the road from Pelham to Caldwell’s Old Bridge, to help others “to work and keep said road in repair.” Ms. Goodman also notes that “The History of the Elk River Valley” reports that “many people in the Valley Home community are related to the Coxes, which were a large family group there about mid-1800. Nathan Cox appears to have been among the first of

that family to settle here.” A final note that may act as a hint for those genealogists continuing to search for Nathan’s roots: In 2015, I talked to a descendent of Francis Marion Cox, one of Nathan’s oldest sons. His name is John Jacobs, and he gave me the location of Cox’s Ridge and told me that family lore reported that Nathan’s father was struck and killed by lightning, which is why Nathan ended up in Tennessee. This is not the first time I have heard this story, but I cannot say where I first heard it, only that it came from a different source.

Nathan Cox and his wife Rebecca lived in the 7th District of Grundy County from the time the county was formed. They had a total of 12 children (from the 1850 and 1860 census of Grundy County, TN):

- Jonah Cox, b 1831
- Elizabeth Cox , b. 1833
- Francis Marion Cox, b. 4 Oct. 1834, d. 22, Oct.1925. He had 14 children and is buried at Red Hill Cemetery in Pelham, TN. His death certificate verifies that the name of his parents was Nathan Cox and Rebecca Wheeler. He married Barbara Ellen Layne on 2 April 1857. She was born 20 March 1839 and died 6 May 1923. Barbara was a midwife.
- Thomas S. Cox, b. Feb 1837, d. 1913 in Rutherford County. He had 7 children. [Married Nancy Wooten. Thomas S. Cox fought for the Confederacy in the Civil War.]
- A son who died young, b. ca. 1839
- Mary A. Cox, b. 1842
- James [Lafayette] Cox, b. 1845, d. 1936, buried at Red Hill Cemetery in Pelham, TN. He had 6 children. Married Martha Layne [Boggs].
- Nancy Jane Cox, b. 184, d. 07 March 1917 in Midlothian, Ellis County, Texas. Married a Mr. Colston
- **William H. Cox, b. 1850, d. 26 April 1903.**
- John P. Cox, b. 1851, Married Malinda Wooten
- Minerva C. Cox, b 1853, [Probably the Catherine Cox who married William Layne]
- Delila L Cox, b. 1856

Generation No. 2

William H. Cox has been even harder to trace than Nathan, largely because there is a twenty year period where he seemed to disappear. We have the 1860 and 1870 Census data, which show him still living at home. All we really know is that he married sometime after 1870, when he was 18. Betty Majors reported that he married Mattie Jones on July 16, 1879 in Warren County, TN, but she did not cite her source. I eventually found this marriage, but there is no indication that the William Cox who married Mattie is Nathan’s son. The family also has a verbal record made by David Shields, Sr. to Velma Cox Jordan that he was married to Cynthia Sanders, but no official record of this marriage had been discovered either. No marriage to a William Cox of his age was found in Grundy County, and William and his family cannot be located in the

1880 census of Grundy. By the 1900 census, however, (there is not an 1890 federal census), William Cox, aged 50, is listed as a carpenter. He was born in Feb. 1850 in TN, and is listed as a widower. His father is listed as being born in Alabama, mother born in TN. In a volume entitled *Tombstone Inscriptions of Grundy County, TN*, provided by the East Tennessee Historical Center, I found an entry called "Newspaper Obituaries" on page 150. This page is described as "some obituaries found in Grundy County Newspapers 1888-1904, from microfilm at the Tenn. State Library and Archives." The entry reads as follows: "Apr. 30 1903 (Pelham) Wm. Cox who died at Monteagle on Sun. was buried here at the Old Baptist Graveyard on Mon." Using a perpetual calendar, William's death occurred on April 26, 1903. In the 1900 Census, three years before his death, he had living with him:

- Willie Esther Cox (daughter), age 15, b. Dec. 1884
- **Samuel Cox, age 13, b. May 1887**
- Eliza Jane Cox, age 11, b. May 1889
- Anna Lee Cox, age 9, b. July 1890

There were also two older daughters—Ella (b. 1878) and Maude (b. 1882).

- Willie Esther Cox married Arthur Collier Thomas on 15 Nov. 1901. Marriage performed by W. D. Bennett, J. P., Grundy County. Willie died April 19, 1931. She had seven children. One was stillborn.
- Eliza Jane "Lizzie" Cox married Isaac Layne on May 15, 1906. Marriage performed by W. D. Bennett, J. P., Grundy County.
- Anna "Annie" Lee Cox married Henry Layne on Oct. 22, 1906. Marriage was performed by W. D. Bennett, J. P., Grundy County.
- Ella Cox was born in Sept 1879 and died in 1968. She married George Carter McFarland and had nine children. She died December 1968.
- Maude May Cox married Thomas Lawson on 3 Nov. 1899. Marriage performed by Benjamin F. Parks, J. P., Grundy County. Maude had 10 children. According to the family, she married a second time to Silas Powers. She died June 20, 1947.

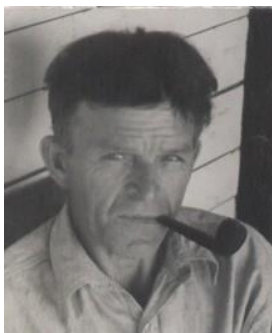
Updated Information: In February 2015, I found a death certificate for Willie Esther Cox Thomas, Sam's older sister. Cynthia Sanders is listed as her mother, and William Cox is listed as her father. Then I finally found, Under Cynthia's name, the missing 1880 Census which lists William, Ella (Sam's oldest sister, born in 1878) and a James Sanders (a nephew of Cynthia's). The family group was living in Coffee County at the time, instead of Grundy, probably near Cynthia's family. She was born in Coffee County to William Sanders and Lucinda Comfort Cope. These two documents prove that Cynthia was William's wife. I imagine that William and his children moved back to Grundy County after her death, sometime after Anna Lee was born (in 1890), but before the 1900 Census. It is doubtful that William was ever married to Mattie Jones, as he would have been married to Cynthia Sanders at the same time.—Jennifer Jordan-Henley

Generation No. 3



Samuel A. and Della Layne Cox
Wedding, 3 June 1906

Samuel A. Cox (Pop), was b. 12 June 1888 (according to family records). The 1900 census gives his birth date as May 1887, while his World War I draft registration says March 1884. He died 17 Dec. 1963 in Coffee County, TN and is buried at Rose Hill Memorial Garden alongside his wife in that county. He married on 3 June 1906 to Della Layne, who was b 17 July 1890 in Grundy County and died 29 Oct. 1960. This marriage was performed by W. D. Bennett, J. P. in Grundy County. On their marriage license, Samuel's middle initial is given as "A," not "J," but "Jones" is spelled out on his draft registration. It has been reported that Sam was named (or named himself) after a popular evangelist of the period, Sam Jones. On the 1940 Census, he reported that he had a second-grade education.



Sam Cox, circa late 1940s, early 50s.



Eliza Jane Cox Layne (Sam's sister)

Della Layne Cox (Mom), who was married to Samuel A. Cox, was descended from Mary Jane (Jamia) Blackwell, b. 3 June 1868, d 25 May, 1901, who was married to William Thomas (“Preacher Bill”) Layne on 13 Sept. 1885. William was b 7 Feb. 1862 and d 24 May 1939. They apparently lived their entire lives in Grundy County, TN. He was a minister and blacksmith, and Mary Jane was a hard-working mother and homemaker as well as helping with the field chores and livestock.

Della Layne Cox, known as “Mom,” was “kind,” “sweet,” “quiet,” and “unassuming,” according to her youngest daughter, Velma Cox Jordan. She is reported to have never raised her voice and adored her children and grandchildren. She was a homemaker, a good cook, and very loyal to her family and friends. She reportedly had a third-grade education, enough to read the Bible and the newspaper, and was probably schooled at the Valley Home School in Pelham, TN.

According to Velma when Sam and Della married, they decided to leave Grundy County and Layne’s Cove and head west. Sometime between 1911 and 1913, after Arlie, Jean, and Bernice were born, they left Grundy County. They didn’t get very far because their wagon wheel broke near Manchester, TN. Della is buried in Rose Hill Memorial Garden in Manchester, Coffee County, Tennessee.

The Layne/Blackwell Connection

Information from Jennifer Jordan-Henley

The Laynes, like the Coxes, were a large family group living in Grundy County, near Pelham Valley. Many of the Laynes lived in “Layne’s Cove,” and the area is still home to a number of Layne descendants. The Cove is located off of U.S. Hwy 41 in Pelham, at the entrance to what was once a tourist attraction called “Wonder Cave.” The road goes back until it dead-ends at the bottom of Monteagle Mountain.

According to one Sequatchie Valley Bible record found on microfilm by Janelle Layne Taylor, the Layne family originated in Ireland. The Cove was first settled by John Lain, Sr. (1768-1840) and Barbara DeVault (1770-1860). Our lineage comes through their son, John Layne, Jr. (1803-1900) and his wife Esther Kilgore (1808-1880). They had 12 children:

Abraham K. Layne 1828-1879
 John Layne III 1831-
 William Harrison “Spunkie Bill” Layne 1832-
 Preston D. Layne 1835-
 David Layne 1837-
 Barbara Ellen Layne Cox 1839
Isaac Layne 20 March 1840- 20 July 1897
 Susan “Sukey” Layne Levan 1845-1900
 Mary “Polly” Ann Layne Johnson 1846-1919
 Daniel Layne 1848-

Martha Tennessee Layne Tate 1852
 Nancy Rutielie "Tealie" Layne Meeks 1857-1910.

A number of Laynes are buried at Summerfield Cemetery in Monteagle, TN. When she indexed the cemetery, Jackie Layne Partin (gg-granddaughter of Alexander Cox, who was a son of David Cox, probably Nathan's brother, and a descendent of Abraham K. Layne as well) discovered the graves of John "Lain" and his wife, "Ester," barely visible. As there was little doubt that the graves were those of the progenitors of Layne's Cove, a new stone was supplied.

Other Laynes are also buried at Summerfield, including Isaac Layne, father of William Thomas Layne and grandfather of Della Layne Cox.



John and Esther's son, Isaac Layne, lived in Layne's Cove, and it is thought that his home place was next door to the Union Church (today the Valley Home Community Church). Isaac married Samantha Elizabeth Thomas (1844-1916). Their children were:

William Thomas "Bill" Layne 1862-1939
 Talitha "Annie" Layne (1865-1939)
 L. D. Layne (1866)
 Esther Layne (1867-1953)
 Abraham Kelly Layne, Sr. (1871-1954)
 Martha Jane Layne (1874-1933)
 Elizabeth "Lizzie" Layne (1877-1927)
 Nancy Ann Layne (1879-1948)



Isaac Layne (Della's grandfather and Bill Layne's father) and daughter, Lizzie Layne. Their house (in Layne's Cove) appears to be decorated for Independence Day.



Samantha Thomas Layne (Isaac's wife and Della's grandmother) and daughter, Elizabeth (Lizzie)

Jennifer's Note: In June of 2005, Bernice Cox, then 94, one of William's grandsons, talked about William "Preacher Bill" Layne (Della's father) to me. He said, first of all, that William Thomas Layne went by "William." He said that his grandfather had an "excellent singing voice" and played the organ "quite well." He was also a religious man. Bernice noted that William had two wives (he actually had three). Bernice did not remember the name of the woman William was married to when he was a boy, as he called her "Nanny," but this was probably Nettie Eleanor Parker, William Layne's third wife. She was born in 1881 in Big Springs, Tennessee and died in 1938, according to Linda Janelle Layne, granddaughter of William Layne and daughter of Joseph Elbert "Ebb" Layne, Della's half-brother and son of William and Nettie. Bill Layne and his second wife, Ruthie Phillips, lost a child (Elvie Bell Layne) in 1905 and divorced shortly thereafter. She returned to Hillsboro, according to the Layne family. Unfortunately, Bernice did not know his great-grandfather on the Cox side (William Cox) or even where William Thomas Layne was buried (Summerfield Cemetery).

William Layne's first wife was Mary Jane Blackwell, and the couple had eight children. According to Thelma Van Arsdale, Mary Jane's mother was Malinda Summers Blackwell, who died in 1881 and was married to William S. Blackwell, b. 7 March 1838, d. 11 June 1891.



**William Thomas Layne ("Preacher Bill")
(Della Layne Cox's Father)**

William Layne was a blacksmith, and together with his brother Abraham Layne (the postmaster of Pelham), he built Union Church (now called Valley Home Community Church) near the entrance to Layne's Cove. The church accepted most denominations, according to Janelle Layne Taylor, and it was a small wooden structure at first, much different from how it appears today.

The third wife, Nettie Parker, is buried with William in Summerfield Cemetery in Monteagle (where Mary Jane is also buried, about 25 feet behind William's grave and facing the other way).



William Thomas Layne and Family, Layne's Cove. This photograph appears in the book *John Gamp: Coves and Cliffs of the Cumberlands* by Elizabeth Wilkins Purnell, published by the Gospel Advocate Publishing Company in Nashville, TN, 1901. William and Mary Jane had eight children: Esther (1886), Lester (1888), Della (1890), Annie (1892), Taylor (1894) Rushie (1895), Samantha (1898), and James Andrew (1900, who died in infancy). If the baby in the photograph is Samantha, then working from youngest to oldest, the child sitting on the edge of the porch is probably Della. The woman holding the baby is probably Mary Jane. The woman to the right may be Isaac and Samantha's daughter, Lizzie. Lizzie was wheelchair bound, as several pictures show.



Standing: William Thomas Layne with his Bible.





The driveway to the former William Layne home place in 2011.



The site in 2011. To the left is the base of Monteagle Mountain. U. S. Hwy.41 runs above where the house stood. According to Janelle Layne Taylor, the Valley families produced a number of goods for Monteagle, in particular the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly (see Appendix B). Janelle writes that “The Layne family used a drum, which is a cable wrapped around a metal spool or cylinder, and a flatbed wagon contraption to ‘snake’ supplies and goods up the side of the mountain. A mule was used as the power for this feat.”



At Wonder Cave in Layne’s Cove, 2011. Janelle Layne Taylor and Jackie Layne Partin, the two women responsible for recording so much of our history.



A few Layne cousins in 2011, in front of the entrance to Wonder Cave in Layne's Cove. From left to right: Janelle Layne Taylor, Carl "Terry" Layne and his wife Pam, Phillip Longstreth, Cindy Layne Holocker, Jennifer Jordan-Henley, Lisa Layne Lippolt, and Deb Layne.

- Janelle is the granddaughter of William Thomas Layne & third wife, Nettie Eleanor Parker. Her parents were Joseph Elbert "Ebb" Layne and Mary Elsie Payne.
- Terry is the grandson of William Taylor Layne (Della's brother). His father was Carl H. Layne
- Phillip Longstreth is the great-grandson of William Taylor Layne. His mother is Carol Longstreth, the daughter of Hulon Layne (Taylor's son, seen in picture below).
- Cindy Layne Holocker is the granddaughter of William Taylor Layne. Her father was Edward Hulon Layne.
- Jennifer Jordan-Henley is the granddaughter of Della Layne Cox. Her mother was Velma Neal Cox (daughter of Della Layne), and her father was Edward Jeffries Jordan, Jr.
- Lisa Layne Lippolt is the great-granddaughter of Taylor Layne. Her parents are Terry and Pam Layne.
- Deb Layne is the granddaughter of William Taylor Layne. Her father was Edward Hulon Layne.

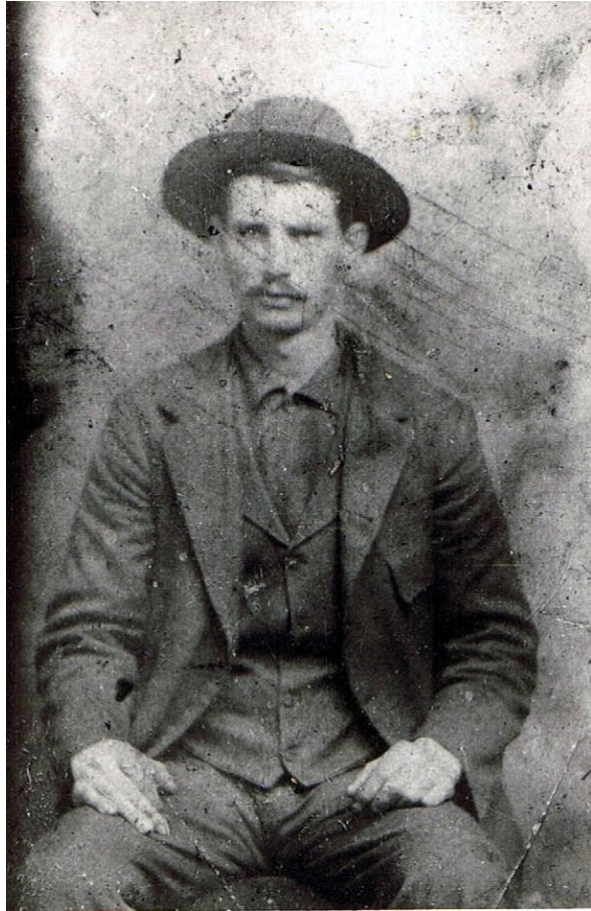
Blackwell Cousins: James, Leon, Lucille, and Robert



Rushie Layne Carroll (Della's sister), Bernice Cox, and Della Layne Cox



**The children of Taylor Layne
(Della's brother)
From top left: Dillard and Margie
From bottom left, Villis, Pete, Hulon**



Daguerreotype of William Thomas Layne as a young man.

Return to the Cox Genealogy

Sam Cox and Della Layne Cox had 8 children, listed below.

- Arlie Mae Cox (Arlie)
- Samantha Eugenia Cox (Jean)
- Bernice William Cox (Bernice)
- Nellie Ruth Cox (Nell)
- Roy George Cox (Roy)
- Velma Neal Cox (Velma)
- Sam Almon Cox (Al)
- Charles Glendon Cox (Glen)



**Della Layne Cox and her Daughters:
Arlie, Jean, Nell, and Velma**



**Della Layne Cox and her Sons:
Al, Bernice, Roy, and Glen**



Sam and Della Cox



**Sam and Della Cox at their house.
Velma is sitting on the swing.**



**Sam and Della, 50th Wedding Anniversary
June 3, 1956**



Sam Cox

Some basic information about Sam and Della's children and some information about their grandchildren is from Thelma Van Arsdale with continuing additions, changes, and updates from Jennifer Jordan-Henley. Information about the grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren was compiled by Jennifer Jordan-Henley, as were all photographs collected.

Generation No. 4
The Eight Children of Sam and Della Cox
Grandchildren of William H. Cox and William Thomas and Mary Jane Layne
Great-grandchildren of Nathan and Rebecca Cox and Isaac and Samantha Layne



From Left to Right:

Roy Cox, Glen Cox, Velma Cox Jordan, Nell Cox Bennett, Sam Cox (Pop), Della Cox (Mom), Jean Cox Wilson, Bernice Cox, Arlie Cox Shields. Missing that Day: Al Cox

Arlie Mae Cox, b. 12 April 1907 in Monteagle, TN, d. 4 June 2002 in Nashville, TN. Married David William Shields, Jr., b. 12 Jan. 1899 on 8 May 1930. He was a Veteran of World War I and was also a school teacher, attorney, legislator, and county judge during his professional career. He was the son of David William Shields and Emma Gay Shields. He died on 18 June 1980 and was buried in Rose Hill Memorial Garden at Manchester, TN. Arlie was a tax practitioner and a member of the Order of Eastern Star, and she is buried beside her husband. Their church affiliation was Methodist. The following four children were born to David and Arlie:

- David W. Shields, III (Sonny)
- John Alfred Shields (John)
- James Edward Shields (James)

- Sam Jarrett Shields (Sam)



Arlie Mae Cox Shields

From the Cox Family Cookbook: “I remember my Father [Sam] as hard working and conscientious about providing for his family. He was easily pleased with meals. I remember my Mother [Della] was in favor of all the children finishing high school, but Pop thought they were needed on the farm. I remember helping in the preparation of food but my sister, Jean, was my Mother’s helper in the kitchen. Most of the dishes were plain. My job was on the outside, mostly. I went to a one-room school, first at Ragsdale and then at Forest Mill and Coffee County High School. Jean, Nell and I drove a buggy to high school—Daisy was the mare’s name—the last year we rode the train because our Daisy died. I walked to elementary school.

My Mother was kind, humble and sweet. I remember prior to entering high school, my hair was long with curls. At my first year at Central High, I wanted my hair short. My Mother had it cut; my Father disagreed and didn’t get over it easily. We had a wood stove to cook on and no refrigeration at first; later we had an ice box. When I was about 12 or 14 years at Ragsdale, along with my then sisters and brothers, my Father always butchered hogs for the family’s meat. It was in December and very cold, which was a good time, because there was no refrigeration, even though the hams, etc., were sugar cured. My Father decided we, the kids, should prepare the intestines to make chitlins. It was bitter cold on the hillside where we lived; we hated it, and I’m not sure we finished the job, as I don’t ever remember eating chitlins.” –Arlie Cox Shields



Samantha Eugenia Cox (Jean), b. 19 April 1909, d. 20 April 1966 is buried at the Forest Mill Methodist Church Cemetery in Manchester, Tennessee. Married George C. Wilson on 3 Nov. 1929 and lived in Manchester. Jean and Arlie were very close and spent much time involved with church activities. Jean was a school teacher and a “good disciplinarian.” All of the children and cousins loved her and enjoyed visiting and eating George’s homemade ice cream. The following children were born to Jean and George:

- Helen Joyce Wilson (Helen)
- Dorothy Wilson
- Charles Norman Wilson (Charles)



Bernice William Cox, b. 17 May 1911 in Pelham Valley (Grundy County) TN. Married Maggie Mae Taylor (b. 27 July 1913) on 11 November 1933 in Franklin, KY and settled in Manchester, Tennessee. Bernice built the first house he and Maggie lived in. It was close to Sam and Della and was a log house built in a “T” shape. Before retirement, Bernice was a farmer, a carpenter, a chicken farmer, and he even worked on building motels, while Maggie was a wonderful homemaker and cook, and made a quilt for each of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Maggie died peacefully in her sleep on 30 January 2008. Bernice followed on 6 July 2008. The couple are at Forest Mill Cemetery in Manchester, TN.

John and Jackie Shields took this oral history from them in 2004: According to Bernice, “the first time I saw Maggie, she was sitting on a fence across the road from our house. She lived just across the road. I guess she was about four years old. We both went to Ragsdale School—about 20 students, one teacher. Maggie was about a year behind me, I think. We would spend time together sitting on a swing or going to square dances on Saturday nights—usually held at John Wilson’s place. The county school would have box suppers as fundraisers at the school. I would bid on Maggie’s box lunch. She usually made fried chicken and fried pies and cookies. I would get someone else to bid on it for me, so we wouldn’t run the price up! Then we would sit together and eat what I won.

We married in 1933 in Franklin, Kentucky. Bill Rust drove us there in his 1930 Chevrolet convertible. We lived a short time with my parents (Sam and Della) and several of us built a log cabin on Dr. Ed Womack’s land. The logs were cut and trimmed by hand. We had four children while we lived in this house, all born at home with Dr. Womack there. He was a good man. We had no running water, electricity or phone, of course. We hauled water on a sled from my parent’s house or got it from the spring. People used to stop at the spring all the time, just to get a drink. Maggie said they guarded water like they did money!”



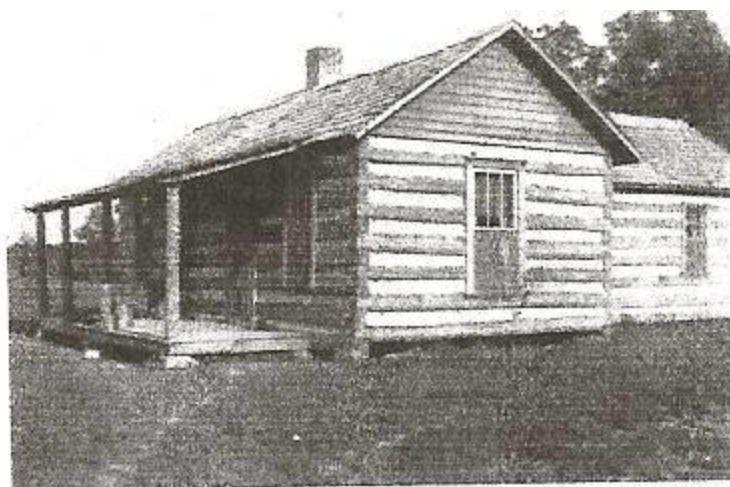
They had five children:

- Herman Wayne Cox (Wayne)
- Harold Richard Cox (Harold)
- Shirley Jane Cox (Shirley)
- Phyllis Ann Cox (Ann)
- Linda Kay Cox (Linda)

Left: Bernice and Maggie at the Little Duck River.



Left: Bernice in 2006 at 95.



Bernice & Maggie's Cabin

Nellie Ruth Cox, b. 3 March 1913, Coffee County, TN. Married to William Fate Bennett on August 9, 1937. They lived in the states of Michigan, Ohio, and finally returned to Manchester, Tennessee after Fate was severely injured in an industrial accident. Fate had been Plant Supervisor of Willy's Motors in Toledo, Ohio, and Plant

Supervisor of Chrysler Motors in Detroit, MI. After the accident, Nell cared for him for many years. He died on 7 Sept. 1960. Nell worked as a bank cashier and was secretary-bookkeeper of the Production Credit Association, Manchester, TN, before retirement. She was a member of the Order of Eastern Star. Their church affiliation was Methodist. Nell died 13 July 1990. They had one son:

- Billy Sam Bennett (Billy Sam)



Fate and Nell Bennett, Sam Cox



Nell and Billy Sam Bennett

Roy George Cox, Sr. b. 22 Mar. 1915 in Manchester, TN (Coffee County), d. 24 May 2012. Buried in the Forest Mill Cemetery, Manchester, TN. Married to Marion Hinderliter in Detroit, MI on 26 April 1941 at the Methodist Church. She was the daughter of Harry Ervin and Martha Curry Hinderliter and was born 14 Sept. 1917 in Altoona, PA and died 7 Mar. 1998 in Manchester, Tennessee. She was cremated and a service was held in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Until Roy retired, he was a local truck driver in Detroit. He was a 32nd degree Mason and was the last of Sam and Della's children to die. Roy and Marion had two children:

- Roy George Cox, Jr. (Roy, Jr.)
- Sharron Louise Cox (Sharron)



Roy in 2007 at 92.

From the Cox Family Cookbook: My mother [Della] made plain meals every day but made pies and cakes for Christmas; mince pie, pumpkin and coconut cake. We had, as everyone else did, a wood stove; when I got older I used to get out of bed and build a fire in the stove. Then I would help get breakfast. We made a lot of biscuits and gravy, sausage and eggs. We had no refrigeration but kept our milk and butter on a rope in our well. My mother was congenial and was always busy around the house, eight kids, you can understand! I never saw her upset; if she did get upset she never complained and was always there. I remember my Dad as strict; he would always advise you about the facts of life. He would go to a secluded place and get down on his knees and pray out loud. I came upon him different times, and I would just stop until he was finished. In my day as a child I would help with chores, milk and feed the cows and chickens, carry in wood, split wood and churn. I had numerous jobs to do; there was no end; start it all over the next day. And it never hurt any of us; I guess that's discipline. After the chores were done I went to school. I went to Forest Mill School; taught from first grade to the eighth grade all in one room. There must have been 35-40 kids; I don't know how the teacher did it. But she did. They wouldn't do it today and that's sad. I think all of us kids resemble our parents in actions, dedication, caring, and respect. And we have some faults but "don't everybody." –Roy Cox, Sr.

Velma Neal Cox, b. 21 Nov. 1918, Manchester, TN. Married on 25 Dec. 1940 to Edwin Jeffries Jordan, Jr., b 11 Nov. 1917, d. 9 May 1972 (div.). Velma and Ed lived in Nashville, Tennessee, before settling outside Murfreesboro, Tennessee on Moreland Lane off of Hwy. 96. Velma was Registrar for the Rutherford County Election Commission. After the divorce in 1965, she moved to Nashville and worked for the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. In retirement, she returned to Murfreesboro. Velma died on October 17, 2003 and is buried in the Jordan plot at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens on Thompson Lane, Nashville, Tennessee. (Ed is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.) Velma was a sweet and shy woman, a perfectionist, who was a homemaker for many years before returning to work. Ed was Display/Assistant Manager at Goldstein's Department Store in Murfreesboro (located on the square in the 1950s-60s) and did some artwork on the side. The couple had two children:

- Edwin Jeffries Jordan, III (Jeff)
- Jennifer Jean Jordan (Jenny)



Jeff, Jenny, Ed, and Velma Jordan, circa 1958



Ed and Velma Cox Jordan



Velma Cox Jordan

From the Cox Family Cookbook: “Inasmuch as I was sixth in a family of eight children born to Della and Sam Cox, I have been told by my older siblings that I was favored/spoiled by our parents. Maybe Mom and Pop did “mellow,” but I felt they were very strict disciplinarians, especially Pop. A case in point but not a favorite memory was when I had a date with a cute fellow to go to a wiener/marshmallow roast with a group of friends, and Pop wouldn’t let me go. This was doubly embarrassing and hurtful since he didn’t let me know until my friend came. Later, I was allowed to go to the movies Saturday nights in Tullahoma with another young man. If we sat in his truck five minutes upon our return, Mom would call me to come inside. Pop was a hard worker and did his work well. He always said, ‘if something was worth doing it was worth doing well.’ All of us worked hard but we had fun, also, especially on rainy days. Pop had beautiful gardens and a big orchard with a variety of fruits and vegetables. We loved to eat tomatoes, berries, etc., right out of the garden. Mom was a kind and sweet lady. She never raised her voice to her family. Now that I think back on lots of things, she should have. She lived her life by the ‘golden rule’ and expected the same of her family. Mom

cooked on a big wood range with no temperature gauge. Her favorite cake was the Lady Baltimore which was probably named for the wife of Lord Baltimore, the founder of the Maryland colony. At Christmastime she prepared coconut cake, raisin and mincemeat pies. We could not keep perishable foods because there was no refrigeration. We kept a covered pail of milk hanging in the water well. The only way we could have Jell-O was in very cold weather when we would set it outside to jell. It was a special treat. We had lots of aunts, uncles and cousins with whom we exchanged visits. We went to Sunday School and church every week and revivals other times. The church members would take turns inviting the preacher for dinner and overnight if necessary. Almost everyone traveled in buggies, wagons or walked. Later, when a few people had cars and trucks, we would get together for trips to various places. Our one-room elementary school at Forest Mill was a half mile from our home. Of course we walked through all kinds of weather to get there. In the wintertime we would take off our shoes and crowd around the pot-bellied stove to keep warm and dry our shoes.” –Velma Cox Jordan

Sam Almon (Al) Cox, b. 28 June 1921 in Manchester, TN. Al was a carpenter by trade and served in the Pacific with the Army Signal Corps (specializing in communication) during World War II. On 20 April 1967, he passed away and is buried in Rose Hill Memorial Garden at Manchester, TN. [Jennifer’s note: Al was a kind man. I remember him well as a child because he lived with Mom and Pop for a while in the 1950s, when I was a little girl. He made a sturdy rope swing for me, and I still have a red plastic Christmas ornament he gave me of Santa Claus. I remember the gentle expression on his face when he watched me swing! In a 2007 conversation with Glen Cox, Al’s younger brother, Glen said that Al saw action at Okinawa, Iwo Jima, and the Philippines, among other invasions. When Glen first arrived in Hawaii, Al was serving as a driver for a colonel in Hawaii and politely stopped to pick up a young hitchhiker he saw on the road. The hitchhiker turned out to be Glen. Al was surprised as he thought Glen was serving in Europe.]

Charles Glendon (Glen) Cox, b. 12 July 1924 in Manchester, TN. Married to Julia BeCamillo on 24 April 1959 at Fort Lauderdale, FL. Judy was born in 29 February 1920 in Italy. She was the daughter of Joseph BeCamillo and Mary Diprinzio BeCamillo. Glen and Judy lived in Sun City, AZ until Glen’s death on 12 November 2007. He died in his sleep, of a stroke, and he is buried at the Memorial Veterans Cemetery in Phoenix, Arizona. Glen remembers working on the farm as a boy, being very close to Al, his brother, who was two years older. They were, according to Glen, “big buddies.” Al moved to Detroit, and Glen followed some time later, moving in next door to Judy. He decided she was a “good catch,” and married her after a year of courtship. The couple moved to Arizona in April 1976. Judy died on 29 December 2012. She was cremated.

Al Cox enlisted in the service during World War II, and Glen went later. He was set to go to Normandy, but his paperwork was changed, and he went to the South Pacific instead. Glen took part in six invasions, including Okinawa, Iwo Jima, and the Philippines, but preferred not to discuss the war. He served as a crew member aboard LST Landing Craft 606. Referred to as a “tank,” the landing craft carried troops and materials onto the islands as a part of the Navy’s amphibious forces. In a 2007 conversation, Glen said he

even saw Al several times during the beach landings. [For clarification, an LST was a class of shallow-draft amphibious ships developed just before World War II. An LST could drive its front end directly onto a beach and then unload its cargo of vehicles through the large clamshell doors that formed the ship's bow when closed. It could also debark troop-carrying assault amphibians (amtracs) at sea. For an excellent account of what Al and Glen went through in the Pacific, read E. B. Sledge's *With the Old Breed: At Peleliu and Okinawa*, published by the Oxford University Press, 1981.]



Al Cox in Uniform



Glen Cox in Uniform



Al and Glen

From the Cox Family Cookbook: “Sam Cox liked shaking the old stove—to wake us. Della liked having her hair combed. She made good cornbread dressing! I would describe Della as short and Sam as strong. She had a wood stove and ice box refrigeration.”

—Glen Cox



The Spouses of the Cox Children. From left to right, Charles Wilson, Ed Jordan, Jr., Fate Bennett, David Shields, Jr., Marion Hinderliter Cox, Maggie Taylor Cox.

Generation No. 5
The Seventeen Grandchildren of Samuel and Della Layne Cox
Great Grandchildren of William H. Cox and
William Thomas Layne & Mary Jane Layne
Great-Great Grandchildren of Nathan and Rebecca Cox
& Isaac and Samantha Layne



From Left to Right: Standing: Sharron Cox, Shirley Cox, Helen Wilson, Dorothy Wilson, Ann Cox, Linda Cox. Kneeling: James Shields, Billy Sam Bennett, Jennifer Jean Jordan, David Shields III, Roy Cox, Jr., Sam Shields, Jeff Jordan. Missing: John Shields, Charles Wilson, Wayne Cox, Harold Cox. Taken on Sam & Della's 50th Wedding Anniversary: 3 June 1956.

- David W. Shields, III
- John Alfred Shields
- James Edward Shields
- Sam Jarrett Shields
- Helen Joyce Wilson
- Dorothy Ann Wilson
- Charles Norman Wilson
- Herman Wayne Cox
- Harold Richard Cox
- Shirley Jane Cox
- Phyllis Ann Cox
- Linda Kay Cox
- Billy Sam Bennett
- Roy George Cox, Jr.
- Sharron Louise Cox
- Edwin Jeffries Jordan, Jr.
- Jennifer Jean Jordan



**Cox Reunion 2002
The Grandchildren**

Standing, from left to right:
John Shields, Sharron Cox,
Dorothy Wilson Spivey
Kneeling: James Shields,
Billy Sam Bennett, Jennifer
Jordan-Henley, Roy Cox,
Jr., Jeff Jordan.



**The Grandchildren's
Spouses**

From Left to Right:
Jane Bennett, Helen
Wilson, Daune Jordan,
Jackie Shields, Terry
Jordan-Henley, Rocky
Spivey, Jennie Cox

David W. Shields, III (Sonny), b. 11 April 1931 at Manchester, TN, d. 18 August 1966 and is buried in the Rose Hill Memorial Garden. Sonny was an attorney, married to Cora Helen Rogers. They are the parents of two children:

- David W. Blankenship
- Lori Diane Shields



John Alfred Shields (John), b. 7 August 1932. John was formerly married (1956) to Argie Haggard, and they are the parents of three children. The couple divorced in 1971 in Hernando, Mississippi. John remarried Jacqueline (Jackie) Jones Gaffney, b. 10 July 1945, a retired nurse, and they live in Brentwood, Tennessee. The couple married 22 Aug. 1975 and currently live in Brentwood, TN.

John’s Biographical Sketch: I was born to Arlie Cox Shields and David Shields, Jr. and was delivered at home (on the kitchen table!) with Minnie Lovell in attendance until Dr. Vaughn arrived by buggy. He spent the night. My early years were spent with family—we worked on the farm and did our studies.

We had no electricity or running water; no phone. We were one of the first families to get electricity and the first family in the area to get a phone. Local people would come to our house to use the phone. I have spent 40 years in medicine, first practicing in Manchester, TN as a general practitioner, doing surgery and deliveries, too. I delivered about 2,000 babies in those years.

I also served in the Air Force for 3 ½ years, stationed in California. I continued my military duties by joining the Air National Guard, where I served until I retired as state air surgeon in 1992. I completed a 4-year surgical residency in Nashville and practiced surgery from 1977 until my retirement in 1996. Jackie was a head nurse at Baptist Hospital when we met, and she left her position there to work with me during those same years. We both thoroughly enjoyed caring for our patients and had a good time working together. My three children are all grown and we now have grandchildren to keep us young!

I well remember my grandparents; we called them “Mom” and “Poppa” (or “Pop”) Cox. She was jolly and a good cook; if we would spend the night, she would promise us “chocolate sop” to put over our biscuits! Poppa Cox was not able to read or write but could quote scripture without error; he knew the Bible so well. His prayers were so long that they went past lunch time! John’s children are:

- Charlotte Jonine Shields (Jonine)
- John Alfred Shields, Jr.
- Melissa K. Shields



John Shields in 2007

From the Cox Family Cookbook: “Mama Cox [Della] was warm and friendly, but didn’t say much. I don’t ever remember her ever saying anything to me without a laugh! She always had their food on the table covered with a white cloth; one of my favorite treats was her chocolate biscuits; a thin, chocolate gravy on biscuits! We could always get milk from the well with the windlass; the most upset I ever remember Papa Cox [Sam] was the time the bucket of milk fell in the well! Papa Cox was always quoting scripture and was a fine Christian man. He was serious and hard working. I well remember, as a small boy, riding the bus from Manchester to Nashville to visit Daddy [David Shields, Sr.] when he was in the State Legislature. There were no seats so we sat in the back of the bus, thinking every whistle stop was Nashville. We asked a passenger to tell us when we arrived in Nashville! Daddy met us at the bus and took us to the Maxwell House. We went to the legislature the next day and saw them in session. Daddy made a speech and we were introduced to all of his friends. After that, David [Jr.] and I both wanted to be politicians! My parents were both very supportive, loving people who instilled a real sense of responsibility in all of us. I’ve told Monie [Arlie Shields] several times, I’m glad she didn’t put boxing gloves and a ball bat in my crib!”

James Edward Shields (James), b.14 May 1938, d. 16 Dec. 2002. Married to Ada Kaye Chambers. James owned a market in Pell City, Alabama named Shields Corner Store and Shields Old Time BBQ. James and Ada Kaye are buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Manchester, Tennessee. They were the parents of two children:

- James E. Shields, Jr.
- Jaimie K. Shields



James and Ada Kaye Shields



James and Ada Kaye Shields



Sam and Mayet Shields

Sam Jarrett Shields (Sam), b. 13 Sept. 1939 in Coffee County, TN (Manchester). Married Leah Crawford, 1977 (div.). Sam and Leah had one child, Ashley Layne. His second wife is Marietta Cacuyog (Mayet). They married in Delano, California on 29 April 1989, where they still reside. They have two children, Lauren and Ben. According to Sam, “Mayet and I live in central California in mostly farming country (grapes and citrus). I would like my own and Mayet’s values to be passed to my grandchildren as our parents did for us. I am a physician and practiced surgery for 32 years and then retired. I now work in ER medicine two shifts a week. I enjoy working around the house and fishing. I also enjoy flying. My favorite story was when Monie [Arlie Mae Shields, Sam’s mother] visited and we went to Las Vegas. We experienced an earthquake in one of the high rises. She was very calm and told us she thought she was in a vibrator bed. She enjoyed telling that story to everyone.”

- Ashley Layne Shields
- Lauren Shields
- Ben Shields

From the Cox Family Cookbook: “I remember Mama Cox [Della] as short, happy and fat; Pop [Sam] was thin and always friendly—and lost without her. About twice a year we (I, James, and Billy Sam, when he was in Tennessee) would dress our dog, Gypsy, in old clothes and present him to Grandma (Mama) Cox; she would laugh until she had tears. In the summer, Papa Cox would pay us a nickel a crate to pick strawberries (and all

we could eat). It was the high point of the summer. My parents (Arlie and David) were loving (not demonstrative) and always supportive. Christmas always included ham and eggs at Sunday brunch—always! I do think we all have the Cox eyes as far as physical traits go. Once while riding in the country with Daddy (then Road Commissioner), Monie, myself and Billy Sam—were so insistent on going to the mountains he stopped and put us out and drove out of sight. As we were near tears, he drove back and picked us up. Needless to say, we had nothing to say. Daddy would tell stories by the hour about people he knew (always good) and things he had read. Sometimes he would get tears in his eyes if it was dear to him; Monie never refuted them. A favorite family recipe was always chicken and dumplings, of course! –Sam Shields



Helen Joyce Wilson (Helen) b. 27 Aug 1930. Married Luke Cunningham 31 Dec 1951. They have two children:

- Teri Rene Cunningham
- Darren Dale Cunningham

From the Cox Family Cookbook: “I remember Sam as religious and Della as jolly; her saying was ‘Oh, shaw.’ My mother, Jean Wilson, was very loving and caring. Holidays we had homemade rolls and turkey and dressing. Another favorite recipe was cherry crisp.” –Helen Wilson Cunningham

Dorothy Ann Wilson, b 12 July 1938 in Manchester, TN, d 08 May 2010 and is buried at Forest Mills Cemetery in Manchester, TN. Married Orris Dee Spivey (Rocky) (b. 24 Jan. 1936, d. 29 August 2013) on October 7, 1961 at Forest Mill Methodist Church in Manchester. Rocky and Charles (Dorothy’s brother) were in the Navy together. Dorothy loved the outdoors—gardening, flowers, birds, and fishing, while Rocky loves old western movies and has possibly collected them all, according to Dorothy. They had three children:

- David Keith Spivey
- Claudia Jean Spivey
- Travis Scott Spivey



From the Cox Family Cookbook: “No one has ever made better scrambled eggs and biscuits than Mom Cox. Don’t know her secret, but they ended when she got an electric stove. Pop Cox always let his grandchildren help pick strawberries--5¢ a quart, don’t step on the berries. Sunday after church always meant company for dinner or going to someone else’s house. Favorite foods of our family included homemade rolls and holidays were special just to be together. My parents were sharing, caring and being there for neighbors, friends, and family. My Mother [Jean] always made Sunday morning breakfast special. I remember her making chocolate syrup to put on biscuits. A clear sugar syrup for pancakes and my favorites which she passed down to me, toast and dip.”
–Dorothy Wilson Spivey

Charles Norman Wilson (Charles), b. 25 December 1934 in Manchester, TN. Married 29 July 1961 to Helen Ritchie (b. 27 November 1942) at the home of Edward and Willie Ann Ritchie in Manchester, TN. Charles died at home in Arrington, TN on 24 August 2001 and is buried at Forest Mill Church Cemetery on Highway 55 in Manchester, Tennessee. Helen says, “Charles and I were married for 40 years. The important thing for us was raising our children to be good Christian men. They both have a love of home and family. Charles and I were best friends as well as husband and wife. We definitely were soulmates.”



They had two children:

- Charles Anthony Wilson
- Stephen Brett Wilson

Herman Wayne Cox (Wayne), b. 20 May 1934, Coffee County, TN. Wayne married Donna Jean Anderton (b. 20 July 1936 on 8 May 1960). The couple settled in Tullahoma, Tennessee.



Wayne Cox

They have two children:

- Elizabeth Ann Cox
- Jeanna Kaye Cox

Wayne's Biographical Sketch: I was first of five children and as a boy worked on the family farm at Forest Mill. After graduating from high school, I attended The University of Tennessee for one year. Then I joined the U.S. Air Force and spent the next 8 years in Service. I was Stationed in San Antonio, Clark Air Force Base, Andrews Air Force base and Arnold Air Force Station, where I met Donna. After the service I returned to school at Middle Tennessee State University and graduated in 1966 with a B. S. Degree in Accounting. I spent the next 25 years as an Accountant for Middle Tennessee Ready Mix Concrete in Tullahoma. I've been a member of First Baptist Church since 1960, serving on several different committees, I am a Deacon and have been the secretary of the Preschool (Nursery) for 41 years. I was a member of the Tullahoma Lions Club for 18 years and served in every Office in the Club including President. I was also District 12-O Zone Chairman for one year. I now work for Donna's Accounting Service (DAC Services) as an Accountant, For Horton Supply, Inc. and Industrial Warehouse Services, LLC in Winchester, Tennessee.

Harold Richard Cox (Harold), b. 15 June 1935 in Coffee County, TN. Married to Myrna Ann Edgin (b. 8 January 1936) on 6 May 1955 in Rossville, GA. The couple lived in Manchester, TN until Harold's death 8 July 1984. He is buried in Manchester at Forest Mill Cemetery. Myrna Cox died August 25, 2020 and is buried at Forest Mill.

Biographical Sketch from his family: Harold was the second of five children and worked on the family farm at Forest Mill as a boy. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the Air Force and served in Hawaii, Thailand, Germany, England, France, Newfoundland, and Vietnam. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. After serving for twenty years, Harold retired to Coffee County. He was an employee of the U. S. Postal Service and a gardener, woodworker, and artist. His personal traits were of honesty, integrity, intelligence, a sense of humor, dependability, and perfectionism. He enjoyed his mother's corn relish and was a member of the Main Street Church of Christ.

Harold and Myrna had two children:

- Richard Keith Cox
- David Brian Cox

Shirley Jane Cox (Shirley), b. 31 July 1936. Married Robert Anderson Dalton, Jr. (b. Nov. 28 1933) on 29 Dec. 1954. Robert Dalton passed away on 12 Sept. 2004 and is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Nashville, Davidson County, TN, Section Sunset A. They have one daughter:

- Cheryl Nanette Dalton



Harold & Myrna Cox with sons



Shirley Cox Dalton

Phyllis Ann Cox (Ann), b. 1 December 1941. Married to Leslie Keith Redmon. They have four children:

- Myra Jane Redmon
- Thomas Kirk Redmon
- Amy May Redmon
- John Gordan Redmon



Linda Kay Cox (Linda), b. 30 June 1946. Married David Frank Barker on 27 June 1971, divorced between 1994-96. Linda remarried Gene Hixson of Dunlap, Tennessee. Linda and David had two children:

- Julia Kaye Barker
- Kyle David Barker



**Billy Sam, Jane,
Kelle, and Matt
Bennett**

Billy Sam Bennett, b. 30 Nov. 1938 in Detroit (Wayne County), MI. On 20 Jan 1962, he married Ethel Jane Stegal at Forest Mill United Methodist Church in Manchester (Coffee County) TN. Jane was born 14 November 1941 in Murfreesboro (Rutherford County) TN. Her parents were Ethel Lytle Morris Thomas and William Mitchell Stegall. Billy Sam was a supervisor for the Benco Company in Murfreesboro, TN. Their church affiliation is Methodist. He was a Master Mason, and was a member of the U. S. Army Reserves (retired). Billy Sam died on 3 August 2013 and is buried in Rose Hill Memorial Garden, Manchester, TN. Jane and Billy Sam are the parents of two children:

- Kelle Rae Bennett
- Matthew F. Bennett

From the Cox Family Cookbook: “Sam Jones Cox was named after the famous evangelist Sam Jones. He usually wore 2 pairs of pants and 2 shirts at the same time. He had a stiff 1st finger on (as I remember) his left hand. He almost always wore a neckerchief around his neck. He also wore long-sleeved shirts exclusively. I never saw him in a short-sleeved shirt. He had very thin hair above and forward of his ear (a family trait I believe passed on to John and James Shields, Jeff Jordan, Wayne Cox, and myself).

He was a very religious man and very emotional in his later years. He was very proud of his accomplishments and his children. He very much enjoyed his oldest son Bernice to visit and help him by giving him a hair cut and helping him to rob his bees of honey. When he walked, he stepped very high, like folks do when walking in heavy dew. Some folks said this was caused by living on the mountain his early years. I remember James, Sam, and myself kidding around, saying we hoped the preacher didn't ask Pop (that's what most called him) to give the closing prayer at church because he could pray forever. His most used prayer, as I remember it, was his prayer of thanks at meal time: "Our dear, kind and most gracious heavenly Father, we thank you for these blessings that we are about to receive. Save and sanctify them to the nourishment of our body and soul and save us all in Heaven. In Christ's name we pray. Amen."

Della Layne Cox was short of stature, approximately 4' 10" but long on loving care. She always had a very soft spot in her heart for the grandchildren. A most trusted and caring companion of Sam Cox for over 50 years. She became very overweight in later years, probably due to undiagnosed diabetes, but always maintained a very cheerful appearance. If you were lucky enough to spend the night in her house, and you ate all your breakfast, you were treated to her homemade biscuits and chocolate syrup—a treat I'll never forget as well as her quick hugs and wet kisses. She was truly the power behind the throne. Pop made all the decisions until Mom spoke, and then he decided what must be done, but only after she said okay. She wore glasses since the first I can remember. She was dressed up when without an apron. She had a dog named Brownie. She loved her chickens. She also had very long hair that I only saw down on rare occasions. As I remember, it was close to waist length, but she always wore it above the neck. She made the best cakes I ever ate. Always tops.

My mother, Nell Ruth Bennett was born March 3, 1913, the 4th child of a family of 8 kids. She had lots of great memories of her early years. She married Fate Bennett, who became physically and mentally disabled due to an industrial accident. She had one child (myself) and miscarried at least once—maybe twice before Dad was injured. She and my Dad were married and moved to Detroit to seek their fame and fortune. After he was injured, he was in a coma for over a year. This happened in Toledo, Ohio while he was employed with the Willis-Overton Co. (makers of the Jeep vehicle). This was a life-long injury, but my Mom stuck by him to the end. He lived approximately 10-11 years longer. Some of his other brothers and sisters tried to talk her into putting him in a home, but she said she had promised "until death do us part," and she continued to wait on him hand and foot until he finally died of a brain tumor. My Mom was a good-looking woman. As loyal as there is and would have fought till death for me, my Dad, her parents, or brothers and sisters. She grew up poor, as did all the Cox kids, but they were all happy and well cared for. They were truly people of the earth. Well grounded in morals, ethics and religious values. I can remember when James, Sam and myself were about 10 or 11 years old. We were trying to clean all of last year's corn out of the corn crib to get it ready for the new crop. We were all at my house one day, arguing about who could shuck corn the fastest. My Mom heard this and challenged us to a race--her generation against ours and 3 against 1. The long and short of it was, she out-shucked us at least 2 to 1 and she hadn't shucked corn since she was a kid! My Mom and her siblings grew up as children of

tenant farmers. They were well acquainted with hard work, strong family ties, and a sense of self. Those most like Pop—John Shields, Jeff Jordan, Wayne Cox. Those most like Mom—Jonine, Kelle, and Ann Cox. Arlie, Nell and Jean=Cox’s Army!” –Billy Sam Bennett

Roy George Cox, Jr. (Roy, Jr.), b. 1 Nov. 1941 at Critian Hospital in Detroit, MI. d 26 November 2012 in Manchester, TN. Roy, Jr. married Jennie Luise Krug (b. 7 January 1947 at M. Carmel Hospital in Detroit MI) on 24 July 1965. Roy, Jr. He was a fire fighter in Dearborn, MI and served three years in the U. S. Navy. Jennie is the daughter of Henry Krug and Auguste Krebs Krug. She was employed as a beautician. The couple retired to Manchester, Tennessee where they built next to Sam and Della’s last home on Old McMinnville Highway. They have three children:

- Roy George Cox, III
- Randall Henry Cox
- Tracy L. Cox



Roy Cox, Sr. with Roy Cox, Jr.

From the Cox Family Cookbook: “I remember Mom’s pies and the big breakfasts she would make. We were used to a bowl of cereal. Also, Pop’s stories and his whittling on the front porch. When Pop was in Windsor, Canada while visiting us, he started a conversation with a man and told him he was never this far north before; the man said to him “you’re south of Detroit.” He looked very surprised! My Ma (Marion) had to have a driver’s license but never drove a car. When I was young, Dad would work late and when he got home, we would be in bed. He would come in to say goodnight and tickle our bare feet with his whiskers! My favorite dinner was pork chops in tomato soup with mashed potatoes. Ma would make a bunny cake for birthdays—a round double layer with marshmallow bunnies around the outside. I remember my parents as loving, caring and being equal with everyone.” –Roy Cox, Jr.

Sharron Louise Cox Gregory (Sharron), b. 30 April 1943 at Grace Hospital in Detroit, MI. Married to Lawrence Wayne Gregory on 15 Jan. 1966 at United Brethern

Church in Detroit. He was b. 16 April 1941 in Purdy, Virginia and was a truck driver for a cement company. The couple was married for 47 years before Wayne died on 11 December 2013 in Dearborn, MI. He is buried at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. They have four children:

- Matthew Todd Gregory
- Lawrence Wayne Gregory, Jr.
- David Michael Gregory
- Audra Christina Gregory

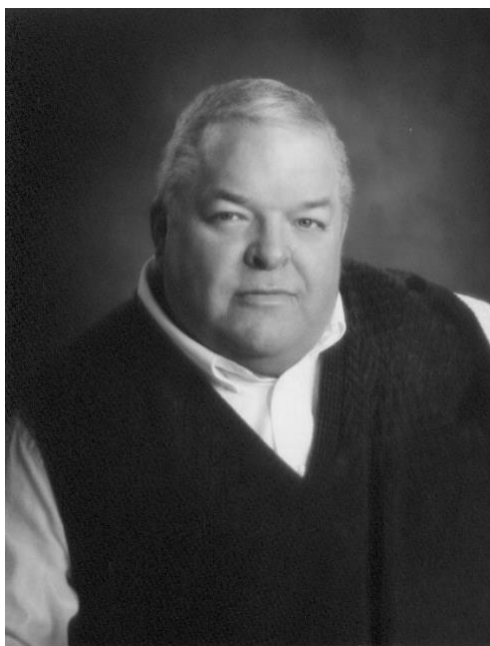
From the Cox Family Cookbook: My grandmother had hair to her waist; I can remember combing it and thinking how pretty it was to have long hair. I remember my Grandpa sitting in his easy chair in front of the wood burning stove poking inside and his spittoon close by. My Mother (Marion) always gave of herself. Den Mother and Camp Fire leader, she was always involved in what Roy, Jr. and I liked to do. One time my Dad (Roy) went on a trip by plane, and he brought me a shaggy dog, green in color, white bow around the neck; I still have this dog all these years. My Mother always had the bunny cake for her grandchildren--chocolate cake, white icing and the bunny made from marshmallows on top of the cake. For New Year's we always had a pork roast, mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, sauerkraut and kielbasa, a variety of vegetables and different kinds of desserts. My parents have always been caring, giving, and always ready to help; they would always love having the grandchildren stay the night.—Sharron Gregory



**Roy Cox, Jr., Sharron
Cox Gregory, Roy Cox,
Sr.**

Edwin Jeffries Jordan, Jr. (Jeff), b. 1 Nov. 1944 in Nashville, TN. Married Daune Rae Gowland. Before retirement, Jeff was a high school teacher, eventually becoming an assistant principal. He also hosted a local sports radio talk show in Murfreesboro, TN and was elected to the Rutherford County Commission, serving two terms. Currently, he serves on the Rutherford County School Board. Daune worked for Procon Products in Murfreesboro until her retirement. They have two children:

- Lillian Reneé Jordan (Reneé)
- Ginā Daune Jordan (Ginā)



Jeff Jordan



Jeff and Daune, Reunion, 2007

From the Cox Family Cookbook: I remember Sam and Della very well; they were both loving, hard workers and strong in their faith. I remember an afternoon we spent picking corn. Pop drove the tractor, and I sat in his lap. My older cousins picked the corn—ear by ear—and threw it in the wagon. We sang and joked. They may have hated it, but I loved it: of course, I wasn't picking corn!

One thing I certainly had (and still do) is cousins. They are a lot of fun today and were then as well. Dorothy, Billy Sam, and Sam were close to my age and we spent more time together. I didn't know then how good they were to me. Dorothy made great fudge, Sam shared his books and often took me swimming or to the park—he also knew how to “share” his chores. Billy Sam was usually just on the edge of something, and he was so funny. The Cox family and related members—Sam (Pop), Uncle George, Uncle Al and

others taught me to hunt and fish—they took me to church and other places as well. I remember a week we spent at camp—swimming—hiking and generally having a big time. A Sunday fell in there somewhere and Uncle David gave a sermon to all the campers. I don't remember what he said, but I do remember he meant it. He loved children—such a smart man.

My Mother, Velma, was a rock—very caring and always there. My Father, Ed, was wise, often distant and funny. I remember my Mother and I going home on a November date in 1960. On the way she stopped and voted. After she got back in the car, we drove about a mile and she said—“Son, I've done something today that I can't believe I've done. I've voted for a Catholic for President of the U. S.” I do not remember my reply. Just like Manchester in 1960—everyone in Murfreesboro knew everyone else. On one occasion a policeman met my father around 8:30 going for coffee on the Murfreesboro square. The policeman told my Father that he had seen me out the night before at around 1:00 a.m. My Dad said—“how is he?”

There are hundreds of other memories, of course, and good or bad, they all become part of history and of you. Daune remembers that just before we were married I took her to visit Aunt Nell. Now there was a great woman. Anyway, after she fed us, Daune and I walked next door to meet Pop. Daune said he asked me a lot of questions about her (she and Uncle Al were sitting right there). Anyway, she said all the questions made me squirm. Looking back—I'm sure I thought I knew everything. When Daune and I left, Pop knew more about us than we did. One must remember that death is a big part of life. I remember as a boy I walked into the room at the exact moment my Mother got the news (I think from Aunt Nell) that their Mother, my grandmother, had died. Mother was ironing at the time. After she hung up she never stopped ironing and never stopped crying. I was a useless pallbearer at the funeral but I do remember Bill Sam saying—you always see people at funerals that you will see at no other occasion and—you say you won't cry, but you always do.

Jennifer Jean Jordan (Jenny), b. 20 Jan. 1951 at Rutherford County Hospital, Murfreesboro, TN. On 11 July 1985, married Terry Alan Henley, (b. 22 July 1960 in Lebanon, TN) in Murfreesboro, TN. Upon their marriage, the couple took each other's names, becoming Terry Jordan-Henley and Jennifer Jordan-Henley. (Jennifer is the current keeper of this genealogy.)

Jenny's Biographical Sketch: I grew up outside of Murfreesboro, TN, near a tiny community called Salem on Moreland Lane. We had a little house that we rented on a large working farm owned by Earl McKnight. I spent a lot of time outdoors in what I now realize were idyllic circumstances, although we didn't have any close neighbors with children for me to play with. I liked going to Manchester to visit all my Cox relatives, and remember spending time with my mother's sisters, in particular. Six and a half years separate me and my brother Jeff, so most of my cousins had left home by the time I came along. I attended Campus School and Central High in Murfreesboro, and in 1969, left home to roam the country, which I did for several years, primarily living in New Orleans and Nashville. During this period, I also attended Draughon's Business College, married

and divorced twice, and took care of two stepchildren for a while. I returned to college in 1980 where I met my husband, Terry. We moved to Knoxville, TN in 1991, after graduating with Masters' degrees from Middle Tennessee State University.

Today, Terry is Deputy Regional Director of the Department of Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities for the East Tennessee Region. He is an avid gardener and collects comics. He loves music and is a great cook. For eight years, I was Director of the Writing Center at Roane State Community College in Oak Ridge, TN. In that position, I was one of the first in the country to develop online student writing consultations and to publish some of the first studies in the field. In 2001, I left the Center to teach full-time as an English professor. I specialize in American Literature. I also enjoy watercolor and photography and have several collections, including vintage tablecloths and dolls. I am a sometimes member of the Smoky Mountain Quilting Guild and am usually working on a quilt. Terry and I spend time hiking, biking, and dancing together; we love to travel, especially on the back roads of America.



**Terry and Jennifer Jordan-Henley
Wedding, 11 July 1985.**



Terry and Jenny, Christmas 2011

From the Cox Family Cookbook: I am Sam and Della's youngest grandchild and youngest child of Ed and Velma Jordan. Terry and I have careers—no children or grandchildren. For domestic background noise, we have a dog. My favorite memory of my mother and father is walking in their bedroom as a child and finding them standing in front of the window enjoying a prolonged kiss. My father looked kind of grumpy to see me; my mother blushed. But neither one broke the embrace.

I remember Sam and Della, better known as Mom and Pop, but because I was so young, my memories of Mom, in particular, are those of a child—vague, unformed pictures, largely colored by a sense of place rather than character. I remember, for instance, that whenever we arrived for a visit, I'd head for the kitchen table. Mom always left the uneaten morning biscuits, and sometimes the butter, under a linen cloth for people to nibble on all day. Mom would invariably offer me milk, but the "express" milk (straight from the cow) was too rich for me. I think Mom thought I might be spoiled because my

own mother would always bring homogenized milk when we visited. I also remember loving to sit in Mom's nubby arm chair, which was usually warm, if she's just gotten up, and I remember her showing me how to churn butter (it was hard to do and took a lot of strength) and get the eggs out from under the chickens without getting pecked, which she was deft at doing. Mom's death was one of my first experiences with such an event. When she died, she was laid out in her bedroom, and Mother took me in to see her, explaining that she wouldn't be back, but that she was no longer suffering. I was very sad, but Mom looked peaceful, and I remember being glad for her and telling her good-bye.



Jenny, Farm on Moreland Lane, mid-1950s.

I have sharper memories of Pop, as he lived longer. I remember his scratchy whiskers and how he smelled like chewing tobacco. He was a good shot with that tobacco, too. His spittoon set by the wood-burning stove in the living room, and he rarely missed, except for some occasional chin dribbles. I also remember how well he had his horse trained. The horse would come when she was called and help Pop put on and take off her bridle by lowering her head. And the horse could practically take off the plow by herself! I followed Pop around quite a bit when he would let me. Once he took me to the woods to show me a Lady Slipper, and once he taught me how to pick strawberries. That, too, seemed like hard work, but Pop was adamant about picking the right berry at the right time. After we picked a bunch, Pop showed me how to put them in a strawberry basket so he could sell them at his roadside stand. After I'd done one basket, though, he stopped me, telling me to put all the little berries and slightly green berries on the bottom and the big red juicy ones on top. I immediately saw the logic in this maneuver, and from then on, I separated the berries into categories and he "basketed" them.

It's not easy to describe one's own parents, but in retrospect, Mother was a country girl who longed for the city, and Daddy was a city boy who longed for the country. Daddy (Ed) died at 54, and one of my favorite comments about him, written by the editor of the Memphis newspaper who was his friend, was that he was a "magnificent rail" of a man. He was that; Daddy always looked like he walked out of a clothing advertisement in *Esquire* magazine. He was also a kind man and highly intelligent. A commercial artist,

Daddy was often ahead of his time in his viewpoints, and he had a sharp wit, which my brother, Jeff, inherited. It was only after his death that I discovered the respect Daddy had earned in Murfreesboro. It appears that at one time or another, he gave advice to many people who sought his help on private matters. Daddy could keep his mouth shut.

I was privileged to enjoy my mother, Velma, for many years, until she was in her 80s. My husband Terry describes her as being like a “porcelain doll.” I have always thought of my mother as a true Southern lady. She appeared delicate, but she was made of strong stuff. Her sensibility, however, was delicate. She was generous and warm, loving and sensitive to others. She was also stubborn though. She would not let me (at age 44) move a birdbath for her, yet the next time I visited I found the birdbath in a different place, where she had “rolled” it. “Don’t worry, Jenny,” she said. “I can move it, but YOU might hurt your back!” Mother insisted on being independent, a trait I admire but which caused me occasional consternation. One of my favorite stories about Mother was one my father told, although I remember the morning it occurred. We had had several days of hard rain, and because of washed-out roads, the school bus couldn’t pick Jeff and me up. Mother packed us up in the Rambler to drive us to school herself. Unfortunately, we were very nearly washed away by a flash flood while crossing the slab bridge on our road. Mother was gasping and trying to unstick the car, I was beginning to simultaneously yell and cry in the back seat, and Jeff was yelling and about to leap from the car to manually push us off the bridge when the car finally responded. (Actually, Jeff may have pushed us off). The horn got stuck and began to blare, however, and it continued to blare for the next few miles while Mother drove us to meet the bus. Apparently, when she finally made it home (going around the long way this time), Daddy had decided to get up and was contentedly reading the paper in the kitchen. As he told it, he smiled up at her and asked, “What’s for breakfast?” whereupon Mother promptly lobbed an egg at him.

Generation No. 6
The Thirty-Nine Great-Grandchildren of Samuel and Della Layne Cox
Great-Great Grandchildren of William H. Cox and
William Thomas & Mary Jane Layne
Great (3) Grandchildren of Nathan and Rebecca Cox and Isaac and Samantha Layne

- David W. Blankenship
- Lori Diane Shields
- Charlotte Jonine Shields
- John Alfred Shields, Jr.
- Melissa K. Shields
- James E. Shields
- Jaimie K. Shields
- Ashley Layne Shields
- Lauren Shields
- Ben Shields
- Terri Rene Cunningham
- Darren Dale Cunningham
- David Keith Spivey
- Claudia Jean Spivey
- Travis Spivey
- Charles Anthony Wilson
- Stephen Brett Wilson
- Elizabeth Ann Cox
- Jeanna Kaye Cox
- Richard Keith Cox
- David Brian Cox
- Cheryl Nanette Dalton
- Myra Jane Redmon
- Thomas Kirk Redmon
- John Gordon Redmon
- Amy May Redmon
- Julia Kaye Barker
- Kyle David Barker
- Kelle Rae Bennett
- Matthew F. Bennett
- Roy George Cox, III
- Randall Henry Cox
- Tracy L. Cox
- Matthew Todd Gregory
- Lawrence Wayne Gregory, Jr
- David Michael Gregory
- Audra Christina Gregory Hight
- Lillian Reneé Jordan
- Ginā Daune Jordan



Cox Reunion 2002
The Great-
Grandchildren

Standing, from left to right: Randall H. Cox, Audra Gregory, Reneé Jordan Bolden, Ginā Jordan Elkins, Claudia Spivey, Travis Spivey, Matthew Todd Gregory.
Kneeling: Roy G. Cox, III, Jonine Shields Franks, Kelle Bennett, John Shields, Jr.



**The Great
Grandchildren's
Spouses, 2002**

**From left to right:
Quentin Bolden, Darla
Cox, Gloria Cox,
Randall Franks, Tricia
Shields**

David William Shields IV Blankenship, b. 15 March 1959 in Manchester, TN (Coffee County). After his father's death (David W. Shields, or "Sonny"), his mother, Cora Rogers Shields, married Gene Blankenship, who formally adopted David. David married Lisa Kamryn Leighty Blankenship (b 10 March 1967 in Melbourne, FL, Brevard County) on 22 May 1993 in Harrisonburg, VA. David earned his Bachelor's degree in Cardiopulmonary Sciences from the University of Central Florida and is currently employed by St. Jude Medical as a sales and clinical representative in Cardiac Care. Lisa has a Bachelor's degree in Health Information Management from the University of Central Florida and a Master's degree in Health Information Management from the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, MN. The couple lives in Roanoke, VA and have two children:

- Rebecca Leigh Blankenship
- Alexander Blankenship



Lisa and David Blankenship

Lori Diane Shields, who died at 21 days of age.

Charlotte Jonine Shields (Jonine), b. 26 May 1956 in Memphis, TN. Married to Randall Wayne Franks (b. 5 Oct. 1950, d 10 April 2013) on 15 Sept. 1979. The couple lived in Madison (Madison County) AL. Their children include:

- Nori Grace Franks
- Robert Shane Franks (Randall's son from a previous marriage)
- Randy Zane Franks (Randall's son from a previous marriage)

I remember the holidays at Monie's (Arlie Shields) as including breaded tomatoes and eggplant casserole as well as eggs, bacon, etc. for Christmas brunch. A favorite memory related to my Dad (John Shields, Sr.): he would comb his hair down in his face, close the doors in the hall, turn out the lights, and scare us. This was fun!

John Alfred Shields, Jr., b. 23 May 1958. Married Patricia (Tricia) Leigh (b. 12 September 1957) on 29 Aug. 1986. John and Tricia divorced in May 2006 in Williamson County, Tennessee. On 4 February 2013, John remarried Dina Filomena Velocci at Snowmass, Colorado. Dina, born in New York City, brought two children to the marriage, Olivia Francesca Posey (b 20 December 2000) and Julia Alessandra Posey (b 12 May 1998). Both girls were born in Nashville. John has served as Chief of Anesthesia at St. Thomas Hospital and is now Assistant Chief at Vanderbilt Hospital. He has published several scientific articles about anesthesia and heart surgery. John continues his anesthesia career at Vanderbilt and finished his Ph.D. in 2013; Dina is almost finished with her doctorate and also gives anesthesia. John also teaches at Middle Tennessee School of Anesthesia. The two children of John and Tricia are:

- Emily Bryson Shields
- John Alfred Shields, III

From the Cox Family Cookbook: Monie (Arlie Shields) was strong, kind, and wise, and everyone looked forward to her Christmas brunch every year. She always had great food and a wonderful family get-together. John, III and Emily spent a weekend with Monie once and were introduced to her homemade chicken and dumplings' which John loved. He was about five or six at the time; when Monie's birthday came around, he said the reason "she's lived so long was because she is a good cook and eats right!" Emily knew Grandmonie loved to read, so she piled up in bed with her when she visited and read to her at bedtime. John, Jr. loved to play with his cars and balls in the long hallway at Monie's house, just as his children do now when they visit. It was a perfect spot.



Dina and John Shields, Jr.

Melissa K. Shields (Missy), b. 7 Oct. 1960 at Hamilton AFB in Navato, CA (Marin County). (Her father once noted that “it was the only AFB beneath sea level,” and now it is a museum and a marsh.) Missy attended Middle Tennessee State University and earned a BSN (Nursing). She currently works at Lincoln Medical Center (same-day surgery), and she lives in Fayetteville, TN. She has one child with Brian (Keith) Jones, of Hendersonville, TN:

- Samuel Keith Shields

James Edward Shields, Jr., b. 14 Dec. 1959. Married to Nancy Crawford on 26 Feb. 1982 (div.). He remarried Cindy Graham Tipton. His children are:

- Jennifer Ellen Shields
- Heather Shields
- Rheanna Shields
- James Shields, III
- David Shields

Jaimie K. Shields Barrows, b. 30 Dec. 1963. Married Walter Doyle Crawford, Jr. in 18 June 1981 (divorced in October 2000). They had four children (listed below). Jaimie remarried Jerry Wayne Barrows (b. 8 May 1967) on 8 November 2002.

- Ambrae Kaye Crawford
- Walter Doyle Crawford, III
- Megan Crawford
- Trisha Crawford

For Christmas as long as I can remember, we have had breakfast at Grandmonie's on Christmas Day. After a 3-hour drive from Alabama to Tennessee, breakfast at Grandmonie's was well worth the trip. We were asked to have lunch—we did a few times—but the “tradition” won; it is a little harder to prepare. But the outcome was well worth the wait! Thanks, Grandmonie!

For years my family has owned a grocery store in Pell City, AL. We were at the first location for 16 years; we bought the store in September 1980. We closed the doors in September 1996 when our lease ran out. We bought the store we are in now in May 1993. Our customers are really good to us, remembering us on holidays and after their weekend BBQ parties!

I found a high school assignment in preparing for this book—an interview I sent Grandmonie for the “depression years.” She married in 1930, and was raising four boys during this time period. She remembers during the 1940s, the children saw war maneuvers all around; soldiers, tanks, and trucks. Some of the couples lived in her home. One day she missed two of her young sons and found them a half mile away. The soldiers had them sitting on an oil drum! There was very little entertainment during that time; Sunday School and church, Home Demonstration Club once a month; children's 4-H Club, visiting friends and cousin's houses. Flour cost 49¢, sugar 20¢, coffee 25¢, cookies 5¢, and medicine 25¢. Shoes were 50¢ and \$1.00. Imagine! There was no TV; they did not own a camera and could not afford to get the daily paper during that time. Difficult, but happy.

Ashley Layne Shields, b. 28 April 1978. Ashley is currently 26 and will be graduating California State University with a degree in Business. She plans to pursue a career in banking.

Lauren Shields, b.30 Nov. 1989. Lauren is very outgoing. Among her talents is poetry writing.

Ben Shields, b. 30 June 1993. Ben has an interest in becoming an architect some day.

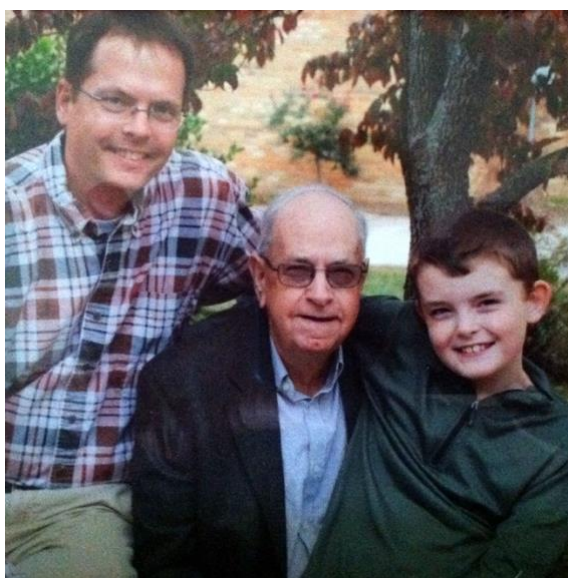
Teri Rene Cunningham, b. 23 June 1960.

Darren Dale Cunningham

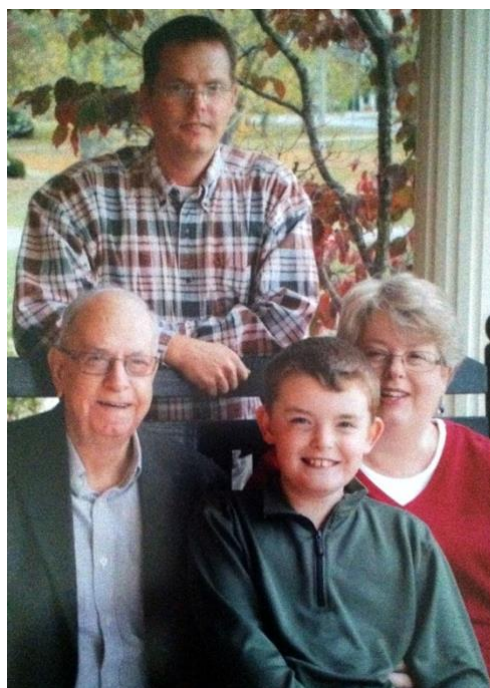
David Keith Spivey, b. 11 December 1964, d. 12 December 1964 and is buried at Forest Mill Cemetery.

Claudia Jean Spivey, b. 2 April 1967 in Shelbyville, TN. Claudia married William Scott House (b. 5 August 1966) (div). They had one child (see below). Claudia currently lives in Shelbyville, TN where she teaches high school English. She has previously taught college English in Nashville and Murfreesboro, TN. She loves to read, swim, and travel, and likes to go on new adventures with her son:

- Ryan Wilson House



**Travis and Rocky Spivey,
Ryan House**



**Travis and Rocky Spivey, Ryan and
Claudia Spivey House**

Travis Scott Spivey, b. 21 October 1969. Graduated Middle Tennessee State University.

Charles Anthony Wilson, b. 4 Aug. 1962, baptized 15 June 1975. Married 31 May 1997 to Sherry Manning Norvell. Anthony works for American Airlines, and Sherry is a stay-at-home Mom. The couple lives in Peachtree City, Georgia and have two children:

- Palmer Clayton Wilson
- Brandon Payne Wilson

Stephen Brett Wilson, b. 29 Nov. 1966, baptized 31 August 1980. Married 22 March 1997 to Karen Annica Emerson. Stephen is in sales for Saia Trucking and Karen is an accountant. They live in Smyrna, TN.

Elizabeth Ann Cox (Beth), b. 29 April 1962 at Tullahoma, TN. Beth graduated from Middle Tennessee State University in 1985 with a B. S. Degree in Theatre Administration, with a minor in Management/Marketing and Business Administration. From May 1985 to October 1990 she was Box Office Manager at Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Montgomery, Alabama. From October 1990 to July 1992 she was Ticket Center Director at the Victoria Theatre Association, Dayton Ohio. From 1992 to the present she is Senior Technical Product Specialist for Tickets.Com. Beth is active with her church, The Brook. She volunteers with Help our Homeless Veterans and Citizens as well as Theatre Huntsville. Beth and her three cats Grayson, Dixie, and Maggie live in Madison, Alabama.

Jeanna Kaye Cox, b. 8 May 1969 at Manchester, TN. On 23 December 1989, married Richard Lonnie Altstatt; they have one child Rachel Elizabeth Altstatt (b. 5 August 1990). The couple divorced in 1991. Jeanna married Wendell Scott Stewart (Scotty) in 1995 (div. 2008) and they have one child Lora Nicole Stewart (b. 1 April 1998). On 10 April, 1010, Jenna married Sidney Edgar Wing, and the couple lives in Madison, AL. Jenna now has three step-sons, Devon James Wing b. 3 January 1987, Gordon Evans Wing, b. 26 November 1988, and Christopher Raymond Wing, b. 5 April 1991), and works for The Lioce Group, LLC. Jenna graduated from Virginia College in June 2014. Jeanna's two children are:

- Rachel Elizabeth Alstatt
- Lora Nicole Stewart

Richard Keith Cox, b. 12 Feb. 1956 in Madison, TN. Married Kathie Jane Cross (b. 16 November, died 2 June 2016) in June of 1979 in Manchester, TN. They had two children:

- Stephanie Leann Cox
- April Jennifer Cox Crouch

David Brian Cox, b. 26 Dec. 1962 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Married Cindy Renee Condra (b. 20 July 1962) on 12 May 1990 in Tullahoma, TN. The couple live in Normandy (Bedford County) TN. They have two children:

- Christen Taylor Cox
- Matthew William Cox

Cheryl Dalton True, b. 2 Dec. 1961 in Nashville, TN. Married Charles Walter True, Jr. (Charles) (b 23 October 1961) on 29 December 1997 in Berry Hill, Tennessee by Rev.

Everett Hooper. They have one child from Charles's former marriage to Beverly D. Young:

- Justin Travis True.

Myra Jane Redmon Raines, b. 6 Sept 1960 in Nashville, TN. Married Paul Raines. The couple have four children:

- Michael Chad Johnson
- Alan Johnson
- Nichole Redmon
- Jennifer Raines

Thomas Kirk Redmon, b. 9 Aug. 1963, Nashville, TN. Married Lorraine Redmon

John Gordon Redmon, b. 7 July 1964 in Nashville, TN. Married _____ (div.) The couple had one child:

- Brett Redmon

Amy May Redmon Reidl, b. 23 Aug. 1972 at Carmel, IN. Married _____ (div.) The couple had three children:

- Anabel Reidl
- Olivia Reidl
- Zachary Reidl

Julia Kaye Barker, b. 10 August 1978, Chattanooga, TN.

Kyle David Barker, b. 22 July 1980, Chattanooga, TN.

Kelle Rae Bennett, b. 13 Aug. 1963 in Manchester (Coffee County) TN. Kelle married Ronnie Joseph Bradshaw (b. 26 January 1967) on 24 March 1990 at the Concord United Methodist Church in Rockvale, TN. The couple divorced in 2000. They have two children:

- Devin James Bradshaw
- Abby Layne Bradshaw

Matthew Fate Bennett (Matt), b. 13 Oct. 1965 in Fayetteville (Lincoln County) TN. Married Jacqueline Desiree Goldiger (b. 4 May 1964) on 16 October 1993 in San Diego, California. Matt died on 13 May 1994 and is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery in Tullahoma, TN.

Roy George Cox, III, b. 8 July 1967 at Mt. Carmel Hospital in Detroit, MI. Married Gloria Joy Ober on 15 February 1991 at St. Marks Lutheran Church in Flat Rock, MI. Gloria was born 5 February 1970 in Trenton, MI to Wayne and Helen Ober. She is a graduate of Flat Rock High School and attended Henry Ford College and Eastern Michigan University. Roy III graduated from Edsel Ford High School in 1985 and received undergraduate degrees from the Detroit College of Business and a Graduate degree from Central Michigan University. The couple currently resides in Libertyville, IL. They have four children:

- Roy Cox, IV (Jake)
- Adam Gregory Cox
- Mitchell Lee Cox
- Ava Gabrielle Cox

Randall Henry Cox, b. 31 March, 1969 in Dearborn, MI. On 1 November 1993, in Las Vegas, NV, married Charlene Ann Kovach (b 28 June 1969) (div May 1999). On 29 July 2000, Randall married Darla Jo Anderson (b 8 July 1965 in Glen Dale, WV.) in Shawnee, KS. The couple currently lives in Owasso, OK. Randall and Charlene have two children:

- Samantha Cox
- Lorrin Cox

Randall and Darla Jo have two children:

- Tanner Randall Cox
- Keegan Layne Cox

Randall and Darla met in Naples, FL where they worked together at a luxury beach resort. Randall is an executive chef; he has lived and worked in many beautiful locations all over the United States. Randall enjoys golfing, watching hockey, cooking, and a good cigar. Darla is an avid antique hunter and loves to decorate with her treasures. When pregnant with Keegan, they had a difficult time choosing a middle name for him. They decided on Layne, and at the time did not know the history of it being a family name. When they told Roy, Jr., he was very pleased that they had chosen a family name, telling them about his grandma, Della Layne.

Tracy L. Cox, b. 1 May 1970 in Dearborn, MI. Tracy has attended Davenport University and Central Michigan University. She currently lives in Michigan where she works as a sales executive in the automotive community.

Matthew Todd Gregory, b. 28 Dec. 1966 at Harper Hospital in Detroit, MI. Matt currently works at CVS, a warehouse, where he drives a forklift and unloads trailers. He collects baseball cards and has sets from 1975 to the present. He loves going to rock

concerts and baseball games to see the Tigers, as well as football and hockey. He also likes old-time radio shows and owns many of them on CDs. Matt has one child:

- Jacob Timothy Melvin

Lawrence Wayne Gregory, Jr. (Larry), b. 30 Sept. 1969 in Dearborn, MI. Married Michelle Louise Bizoe (b. 19 March 1970) on 16 October 1992 in Westland, MI. Currently reside in Manchester, MI. Larry is employed at U.P.S. as a truck driver and plays golf. He also enjoys astronomy and collecting baseball cards and comic books. Michelle is a mortician and likes cooking, gardening, scrapbooking and golfing. The couple have three children:

- Johnathan Lawrence Gregory
- Joseph Alexander Gregory
- Joshua Michael Gregory

David Michael Gregory, b. 12 May, 1974 in Lincoln Park, MI. He graduated from Rappahannock High School in Warsaw, Virginia in June 1992. He married Carrie Beth Callis (b. 18 Dec. 1978) in Virginia on 18 July 1998 and they now reside in Warsaw, Virginia. The couple have five children:

- David Michael Gregory, Jr.
- Ian Dawson Gregory
- Bruce Edward Gregory
- Kierstin Pauline Gregory
- Emma Grace Gregory

Audra Christina Gregory, b. 16 July 1977 in Lincoln Park, MI. Audra graduated from Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw, Virginia with an Associates in General Studies in June of 1998. She moved from Warsaw, Virginia to Michigan and works as a dental assistant while pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. She plans to teach Pre-Kindergarten. Audra married Edward James Hight (b. 18 November 1978 in Kettering, OH) on 11 October 2013. Edward will graduate in the Fall 2014 with a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science. The couple lives in Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Lillian René Jordan (Renée), b. 19 Nov. 1964 in Murfreesboro (Rutherford County), TN. Renée married Quentin Bolden (b. October 26, 1965 in Murfreesboro, TN) on 20 Dec. 1992. They currently live in Rockvale, TN, and they have two children:

- Alicia Daune May b. 10 Aug 1988. (Alicia is the daughter of Renée's first husband, Jerry Van May, b. 1 July 1958. Renée and Jerry divorced on 30 March 1992.)
- Edwin Jacob Bolden (Jake) b. 4 Feb. 1998.



Reneé, Jake, and Quentin Bolden

Ginā Daune Jordan (Ginā), b. 12 Feb. 1966 in Murfreesboro (Rutherford County), TN. Ginā (pronounced Juh-nay) earned a B. S. degree in accounting from Middle Tennessee State University in 1990. On the 8 June 2013, Ginā married William David Dixon in Fairhope, AL. David was b. 28 February 1961 in Mobile, AL. The couple lives in Daphne, AL. Ginā and Scott Elkins, her previous husband, have one child:

- Ashley Jordan Elkins (Ashley). (Ashley is the daughter of Gina’s previous husband, Scott Elkins, b. in Memphis on 3 Nov. 1964. The couple divorced in 2007.)



Gina Elkins



David Dixon

Generation No. 7

The Fifty-five Great-Great Grandchildren of Sam and Della Cox

Great (3) Grandchildren of William H. Cox and

William Thomas and Mary Jane Layne

Great (4) Grandchildren of Nathan and Rebecca Cox and Isaac and Samantha Layne

- Rebecca Leigh Blankenship
- Alexander Blankenship
- Nori Franks England
- Emily Bryson Shields
- John Alfred Shields, III
- Samuel Keith Shields
- Jennifer Ellen Shields
- Heather Michelle Shields
- Rhianna Doris Shields
- James Edward Shields, III
- David William Shields
- Ambrae Kaye Crawford
- Walter Doyle Crawford, III
- Megan Brooke Crawford
- Trisha Danielle Crawford
- Ryan Wilson House
- Palmer Clayton Wilson
- Brandon Payne Wilson
- Rachel Elizabeth Alstatt
- Lora Nicole Stewart
- Stephanie Leann Cox
- April Jennifer Cox Crouch
- Christen Taylor Cox
- Matthew William Cox
- Justin Travis True
- Michael Chad Johnson
- Alan Johnson
- Nichole Redmon
- Jennifer Raines
- Brett Redmon
- Anabel Reidl
- Olivia Reidl
- Zachary Reidl
- Devin James Bradshaw
- Abby Layne Bradshaw
- Roy Cox, IV
- Adam Gregory Cox
- Mitchell Lee Cox
- Ava Gabrielle Cox
- Samantha Cox
- Lorrin Cox
- Tanner Randall Cox
- Keegan Layne Cox
- Jacob Timothy Melvin
- Johnathan Lawrence Gregory
- Joseph Alexander Gregory
- Joshua Michael Gregory
- David Michael Gregory, II
- Ian Dawson Gregory
- Bruce Edward Gregory
- Kierstin Pauline Gregory
- Emma Grace Gregory
- Alicia Daune May
- Edwin Jacob Bolden
- Ashley Jordan Elkins

Rebecca Leigh Blankenship, (Rebecca) b. 27 September 1994 in Harrisonburg, (Rockingham County), VA. Rebecca graduated from Hidden Valley High School in Roanoke, VA in 2013 and currently attends Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, TN.

Alexander Blankenship, (Alex) b October 4, 1997 in Harrisonburg (Rockingham County), VA. Alex attends Hidden Valley High School in Roanoke, VA.



Cox Reunion, 2002
A Few of the Great-Great
Grandchildren (and one Great-
Great-Great)

Left to right, Nori Bryant,
holding an unknown child;
Alicia May, with arms around
Ashley Jordan Elkins and Jake
Bolden; center rear, John
Shields, III and Emily Shields;
girl with doll is Abby Bradshaw
with her brother Devon
Bradshaw; back to front are the
Cox boys, Roy IV, Adam, and
Mitchell.

Nori Franks England, b. 9 Dec. 1982 in Huntsville, AL. Married Timothy Dean Bryant (b. 17 July 1979) on 30 July 2003 in Montego Bay, Jamaica (div. April 2007). The couple had one child, Sean Carter Bryant. Nori remarried 8 August 2008 to Scott Cody England (b 26 February 1987). Nori and Cody have one child as well, Avan Jude England. Nori completed her Bachelor degree in Sociology and Spanish in May 2008 but continued to work in management until the birth of her second son when she became a stay-at-home mom. Scott is the Project Manager at a Solar Energy Installation Company, having achieved several professional management and heavy machine operating certifications. The family lives in Athens, Alabama and have three children:

- Sean Carter Bryant
- Avan Jude England
- William Asher Rascoe England (Liam)



Nori, Cody, Sean, and Jude

Emily Bryson Shields, b. 5 Feb. 1990. Emily is in graduate school at Middle Tennessee State University. Her major field of study is Quantitative Psychology.

John Alfred Shields, III, b. 2 Oct. 1987 in Nashville (Davidson County) TN. John, III is a registered nurse, working at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, TN. He works in critical care, and is working towards applying for anesthesia school.

Samuel Keith Shields, b. 15 June 1999. Sam is in the Ninth Grade Academy in Fayetteville, TN and likes football and pets.

Jennifer Ellen Shields, b. 5 Oct. 1982. Married Jesse Dawson on 28 June 2003. Jennifer has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Jacksonville State University and in 2014 is beginning her tenth year as a teacher. She is also pursuing a Master's Degree in Library Media from the same University. The couple have two children:

- Zachary David Dawson
- Madilyn Brook Dawson

Heather Michelle Shields, b. 28 March 1978. Married Jacob Rawlinson. Heather has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and a Master's Degree in Library Media. She is currently a Media Specialist. The couple have one child:

- Joshua Carter Rawlinson

Rhianna Doris Shields, b. 20 March 1984. Married Dan Bradford. The couple have two children:

- Emma Kate Bradford
- Michael Daniel Bradford

James Edward Shields, III, b. 19 Nov. 1986. Married Hope Leigh Anne Shields. The couple have two children:

- Lilah Belle Shields
- James Edward Shields, IV

David William Shields, b. 15 January 1992.

Ambrae Kaye Crawford Walker, b. 17 Oct. 1981 in Birmingham, AL. Ambrae currently works at Shields Corner Store in Pell City, Alabama, where she runs the BBQ,

does meat and three's and is best known for her cheeseburgers. Ambrae married Barry Joe Walker (b. 14 Sept. 1983) on 18 August 2010. The couple have three children:

- Makinzie Kaye Crawford
- Austin Gene Walker
- Owen Reed Walker

Walter Doyle Crawford, III, b. 8 Feb. 1985 in Birmingham, AL. Doyle currently runs Shields Corner Store in Pell City, Alabama. He married Shelli Denise Underwood (b. 10 May 1989) on 3 October 2009. The couple have two children:

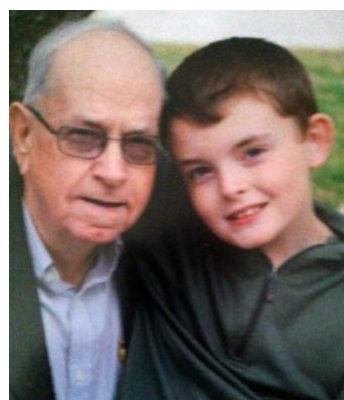
- Kensli Lauran Crawford
- Maci Danielle Crawford

Megan Brooke Crawford Oden, b. 25 Nov. 1987 in Birmingham, AL. Megan married Andrew (Andy) Allen Oden (b. 2 March 1988) on 8 August 2009 in Destin, Florida. The couple lives in Pell City, Alabama. Megan graduated from the Paul Mitchell Cosmetology School in 2008 and works at Shield's Corner Store. The couple have three children:

- Ada James Oden
- Della Faye Oden
- Greta Brooke Oden



Andy, Ada James, and Megan Oden



Ryan House with his grandfather, Rocky Spivey

Trisha Danielle Crawford b. 15 Nov. 1983 in Birmingham, AL works at a company that tests different equipment for fighter jets. She has recently earned a degree in mechanical engineering and is known to her nieces and nephews as "Dish."

Ryan Wilson House, b. 1 Sept. 2000.

Palmer Clayton Wilson, (b. May 5, 1999).

Brandon Payne Wilson, (b. 6 December 2002).

Rachel Elizabeth Alstatt (Rachel), b. 5 August 1990. Rachel attends Sparkman High School, Madison , AL, where she is an honor's student. She is a great artist and has won several contests. She also likes to write and has had several works published in the school magazine.

Lora Nicole Stewart (Lora), b. 1 April 1998. Lora attends Endeavor Elementary School, Harvest, AL, where she is an honor's student. She also enjoys art and music.

Stephanie Leann Cox, (b. 2 March 1981). Stephanie has a B. S. in Elementary Education. She is married to Wes Snouffer. The couple have three children:

- Lily Josephine Snouffer
- Verlin Milo Snouffer
- Hazel Adeline Snouffer

April Jennifer Cox Crouch, (b. 28 March 1983). Married 26 December 2003 to Jehu (Jay) Crouch (div.) The couple have three children:

- Madison Rhiannon Crouch
- Jehu Charles Randall Crouch
- Caleb Crouch

Christen Taylor Cox, (b. 27 March 1994 in Tullahoma, TN).

Matthew William Cox, (b. 26 February 1999 in Tullahoma, TN).

Justin Travis True, (b 24 November 1989 in Madison, TN. Married Kayley Nichole Spurr, b. 9 April 1990. The couple lives in Chattanooga, TN and has one child:

- Milo C. True

Michael Chad Johnson,

Alan Johnson,

Nichole Redmon, (b. _____) Married _____ (div.) Nichole has four children:

- A. J. Acuna
- Justin Tran
- Jesse Tran
- Elyana Redmon

Jennifer Raines,

Brett Redmon, (b). Married _____. The couple have one child:

- Paisley Grace Redmon

Anabel Reidl,

Olivia Reidl,

Zachary Reidl,

Devin James Bradshaw, b. 7 March 1993 in Murfreesboro (Rutherford County) TN

Abby Layne Bradshaw, b. 10 July 1997 in Murfreesboro (Rutherford County) TN.

Roy Cox, IV (Jake), b. 30 April 1991 and baptized at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Flat Rock, MI on 2 June 1991. His godparents are Bruce and Janet Ober. Jake is currently 13 years old and will be an 8th grader at Shumate Middle School in Gibraltar, MI this fall. Jake is an outstanding student and runs on the track and field team at school. Some of his hobbies include biking, computers, movies, and in-line skating.

Adam Gregory Cox, b. 1 June 1995 and baptized at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Flat Rock, MI on 25 June 1995. His godparents are Robert and Susie Ober. Adam is currently 9 years old and will be in 4th grade at Hunter Elementary School in Brownstown, MI. Adam is an outstanding student and plays hockey for the city of Trenton. Some of his hobbies include biking, in-line skating, reading and any type of electronic "gadget."

Mitchell Lee Cox, b. 27 August 1998 and baptized at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on 4 October 1998. His godparents are Robert and Jody Croskey and Caroline Ober. Mitch is currently 5 years old and will be in Kindergarten at Hunter Elementary School in Brownstown in the fall. Mitch is a mini-mite on his Trenton Hockey team. His hobbies include building things with wood, baseball, hockey, in-line skating and bike riding. He also loves trucks, motorcycles, and hunting. He would like to be a "worker-man" when he grows up!

Ava Gabrielle Cox, b. 1 October 2003. Ava was baptized on 9 November 2003 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Flat Rock. Her godparents are Robert Frakes and Tracy Cox. She is currently 8 months old and a very happy baby!

Samantha Cox, b 10 March 1995.

Lorrin Cox, b 28 November 1996.

Tanner Randall Cox (b. 24 February 2001.

Keegan Layne Cox b 10 September 2002.

Jacob Timothy Melvin, b. 26 February 2003.

Johnathan Lawrence Gregory, b 17 November 2004 in Dearborn (Wayne County) MI.

Joseph Alexander Gregory, b 10 April 2006 in Ann Arbor (Washtenaw County), MI.

Joshua Michael Gregory, b 11 October, 2007 in Ann Arbor (Washtenaw County), MI.

David Michael Gregory, Jr. , b 7 May 1999 in Kilmarnock (Lancaster County), VA.

Ian Dawson Gregory, b 26 November 2002 in Kilmarnock (Lancaster County), VA.

Bruce Edward Gregory, b 8 August, 2007 in Kilmarnock (Lancaster County), VA. At Bon Secures Hospital.

Kierstin Pauline Gregory, b 28 September 2010 in Richmond, VA at Bon Secures Hospital.

Emma Grace Gregory, b 28 April 2014 in Richmond, VA at Bon Secures Hospital.

Alicia Dawn May Villines, b. 10 Aug. 1988 in Nashville, TN. Alicia graduated from Eagleville High School in 2006 and earned an Associate of Science degree from Motlow

State Community College in 2013. She currently works at St. Thomas Health Services in Rutherford County as a Cardiac Tech. On 7 July 2012, Alicia married Michael Daniel Villines, Jr., an electrician who works at Enterprise. Michael was b. 9 January 1981. The couple live in Murfreesboro, TN. They have one child:

- Skyler Jeffries Villines



Michael and Alicia Villines

Edwin Jacob Bolden (Jake), b. 3 Feb. 1998.

Ashley Jordan Elkins (Ashley), b. 10 Oct. 1997.



Jake Bolden



Ashley Jordan Elkins

Generation No. 8

The thirty-one Great (3) Grandchildren of Sam and Della Cox

Great (4) Grandchildren of William H. Cox

Great (5) Grandchildren of Nathan and Rebecca Cox and Isaac and Samantha Layne

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Sean Carter Bryant (Carter), b. 17 May 2005. Carter lives in Athens, Alabama. Carter is an A honor roll student and an avid soccer and baseball player, receiving several awards for accelerated reading and most valuable player.

Avan Jude England, b. 11 Jan. 2011. Jude is an outgoing, excitable young boy, earning the nickname his Papa (Randall Franks) gave him of “Mayhem”; he enjoys singing and playing the drums.

William Asher Rascoe England (Liam), (b. 05 Oct 2015) at Madison Hospital, Madison County, AL.

Zachary David Dawson, b 3 May 2006 in Birmingham (Jefferson County), AL.

Madilyn Brook Dawson, b 15 March 2010 in Birmingham (Jefferson County), AL.

Joshua Carter Rawlinson, b 22 December 2009 in Birmingham (Jefferson County), AL.

Emma Kate Bradford, b 19 March 2012 in Montgomery (Montgomery County) AL.

Michael Daniel Bradford, b 19 June 2008 in Valdosta (Lowndes County), GA.

Lilah Belle Shields, b 8 June 2012, Columbus (Muscogee County), GA.

James Edward Shields, IV b 18 November 2009 in Honolulu (Honolulu County),
Hawaii.

Makinzie Kaye Crawford, b. 19 November 2002 in Birmingham (Jefferson
County) AL.

Austin Gene Walker, b. 13 September 2010 in Birmingham (Jefferson County) AL.

Owen Reed Walker, b. 26 December 2012 in Birmingham (Jefferson County) AL.

Kensli Lauran Crawford, b. 21 December 2013 in Birmingham (Jefferson) AL.

Maci Danielle Crawford, b. 4 Sept. 2014 in Birmingham (Jefferson County) AL.

Ada James Oden, b. 12 Nov 2012 in Birmingham (Jefferson County), AL.

Della Faye Oden, b. 18 Feb 2015 in Birmingham (Jefferson County), AL.

Greta Brooke Oden, b. 12 Feb 2016 in Birmingham (Jefferson) AL.

Lily Josephine Snouffer, b. 7 March, 2007 in Overland Park (Johnson County), KS.

Verlin Milo Snouffer, b 7 June, 2009 in Overland Park (Johnson County), KS.

Hazel Adeline Snouffer, b 21 Oct 2012 in Overland Park (Johnson County), KS.

Madison Rhiannon Crouch, b. 16 February 2002 in Tullahoma (Coffee County),
TN. Madison has a “feisty personality and loves to talk,” according to her mother, April
Crouch.

Jehu Charles Randall Crouch (J. C.), b. 18 May 2004 in Tullahoma (Coffee
County), TN.

Caleb Crouch, b 24 July 2008 in Murfreesboro (Rutherford County), TN.

Milo C. True, b 26 January 2013 in Chattanooga (Hamilton County), TN.

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