

Mount Olive N.C.
Aug. 10, 1963

Mr. Ashely P. Cox
Hopeville Ga.

Dear Mr. Cox,

Thank you for your letter and I will be glad to give you such information relative to the Cox and Marlow families as I have which is nesararily sketchy, and may be more or less inaccurate. The Cox & Marlow families in the Camp Swamp Community are closely related, but inter married. My Father, John Needham Cox, Jr, had two sisters who married their double first cousins, two Marlow brothers: Mary Cox married Albert Marlow, and Martha Cox married John Marlow (Parents of Maxie Marlow, and Callie Marlow, a sister of Albert & John, married my father's brother George Pinkey Cox. - all double first cousins. Quite a bit of intermarriage for one family. I feel sure that my father's sister Martha was named after your great grand mother.

I cannot give you very much information about the Marlow line. But my father's mother was Elizabeth Marlow (born 1822 or 23 Died 1899) She had a Bro. named Ruben Marlow who was father of Albert & John who married her daughters Mary & Martha, and ruben Marlow married a Butler, who was half sister of grand father, John Needham Cox Sr. I can remember Jesse Marlow, the Methodist preacher in Columbus Co. But I doubt if he was a Bro. to your great grandmother (1824), - as Jesse Marlow was about the same age as my father (Born in 1854), - but I am sure he is of the same family, as we always called him Uncle Jesse Marlow, though he was not a real uncle, but was a close relative on a separate sheet. I am sending you information from my grandfather, John Needham Cox Sr.'s Bible. And on another sheet information from my grandfather, John Needham Cox Jr, 's Bible.

Just before my father died (1933) he and my mother, gave me some information which may not help you much, but may be of some interest to you in tieing your notes together. My father said that his father told him that:-

The Cox family came from England and settled in Virginia. Later John Cox one of 5 brothers, moved south from Virginia and settled on the lower Waccamaw River. each of the other sons settled as follows:- one settled on Tar River in Pitt County; one settled in Wayne County on Neuse River (I know and have talked with many of the Coxes in Wayne County, and I feel sure that my grandfather's father came from the Wayne County Cox line - one settled in Marlboro County S.C. on Great Pee Dee River in the area of Bennettsville S.C. There is still a big family here, bearing the Cox name. And one of the brothers went west and settled in Ohio.

According to my father (1854) - the first named John Cox moved into the Waccamaw Country, and went into the cypress shingle business, and married a young woman from a Bellamy family. They had a son named Jesse Cox

Jesse CoxMartha Stanley or Stanaland
John Needham Cox, Sr. & Elizabeth Marlow
D LamarHardy
ElizaDaniel Butler
Marshal J.Fanny Butler
Jesse S.(died young)
(1854) John Needham Jr.(1854) Mary Perlinn Inman
(1884) Headley M.English 4 children
(1888) Dr. Grover S.Carimichall 2 sons
(1888) Robert L.Mc Whorter 2 sons 1 daughter
(1892) Allen M.Smoot 1 daughter
George P.Callie Marlow
MaryAlbert Marlow
Dillon E.(never married)
MarthaJohn Marlow

(Elizabeth Marlow's parents were Jesse S. Marlow and Mary Butler)

My mother's line comes like this:- (Calista Baldwin's parents were Charlie Baldwin and Amelia McNeill)
Hardy InmanCharity Williams
(B1822-D1893) Allen InmanCalista Baldwin

Both the Innmans & Baldwin families grew up around Whiteville & Lake Waccamaw. My grandfather Allen Inman settled at Iron Hill N.C. about 16 miles south of Whiteville where he engaged in farming and & turpentine business. Although married and having big, he served in Confederate Forces at Fort Fisher N.C. He, as a young man, had learned Tailor's trade, and while in service at Fort Fisher, made uniforms for Col. Lamb Com. of Fort Fisher. He was there at fall of fort, but I do not think he was captured but escaped and went home to his wife & children.

About all I can tell you about the Marlow family is that Jesse Marlow who married Mary Butler, was my great Grandfather. I do not know but tow of his children, my grandmother Elizabeth C. Marlow and a son Ruben Marlow, who was father of Albert John Jr, Frank, Wingate, George, Callie, and Marshall Marlow. The old family home stood near Maxid Marlow's home whom you visited. The old home I remember seeing as a boy. It was of split, hewed, pine logs about 4 inches thick and 12 inches wide morticed together at the corners, and covered with cypress shingles. The logs were fat lightwood, and it would be standing today, and for another 100 years, if it had had some repair, and left standing. My grandfather's home was of the same construction, but was torn down and burned for firewood, what a pity!

The Marlow family cemetary is located about 1/2 mile from Maxie Marlow's present home, where a great many Marlow's and Butlers are buried. Most of the old grave markers were hewed slabs of fat lightwood, and went away with time. But I remember seeing some of them, as a small boy. Most of the original settlers in the Camp Swamp Community were Coxes, Butlers & Marlows. They are all kin, and inter married very frequently. It would take a Philadelphia lawyer to unravel all the lines and cross lines. But I have heard my grandfather John N. Cox Sr., say that he and Elizabeth C. Marlow were not related.

I hope all this will be of some help & of interest to you. Whenever you can, com to Mt. Olive to visit us. Best wishes R.L. Cox

Below is record from my grandfather's bible

(B1824-D1897) John Needham Cox Sr. of Columbus Co. N.C.
(B1823-D1899) Elizabeth C. Marlow of Columbus Co. N.C.

Were married Feb, 20 1844

Marriage performed by John G Bellamy Esq.
Witnesses - Michael Sellers, Susanna Sellers

Children

(B 9/10/1846) D. Larmal Cox (M 4/10/1868) Ann C. Hardy
(B 2/15/1848) Eliza C. Cox (M 1/23/1878) Daniel M. butler
(B 11/16/1849) Marshall J. Cox (M 3/5/1873) Francis C Butler
(B 1/20/1852) Jesse S. Cox (died young)
(B 9/21/1854) John N. Cox, Jr. * (M 12/4/1879) Mary P. Inman
(B 5/12/1857) Geo. P. Cox (M 3/23/1883) Mary Callie Marlow
(B 8/7/1859) Mary E. Cox (M 5/12/1878) Wm Albert Marlow
(B 10/8/1861) Martha E. Cox (M 4/10/1881) John J. Marlow

* My Father

Aug 13, 1963
R. L. Cox
116 Jurney St.
Mt. Olive N.C.

P.S. My grandmother Elizabeth C. Marlow may have been born in 1822. Bible does not record date of birth. But she died (record) 8/3/1899 and she was 76 or 77 yrs old when she died. I think she and your great grandmother (1824) may have been sisters. R.L. Cox

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Below is record from my father's family Bible
John Needham Cox, Jr.
Mary P. Inman

of Columbus Co. N.C.
of Columbus Co. N.C.

Were married on Dec 4, 1879 at Iron Hill N.C.

John Needham Cox, Jr
Mary P Cox (wife)

Born 9/21/1854
Born 11/1/1854

Children

Headley M. Cox
Grover S. Cox
Robert L. Cox
Allen M. Cox

Born 3/21/1882
Born 11/19/1884
Born 6/27/1888
Born 7/9/1893

Marriages

Headley M. Cox & "Frank" English
Robert L. Cox & Winnie E. McWhorter
Allen M. Cox & Everett Smoot
Dr. Grover S. Cox & Annie E. Carmichael

10/20/1915
8/30/1916
6/6/1923
8/2/1925

Robert L Cox
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Dear Mr. Cox

I meant to say in my other letter that I remember your grandfather Ravenwood Cox and heard my father speak of him. I do not recall that they claimed to be related. But I suspect that they came from the same family line. A I recall it your grandfather Ravenwood lived in the Ebenezer (Methodist) church section, or the Buck Creek (Baptist) Church sections of Horry County S.C.

R.L. Cox

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

At about six o'clock Saturday afternoon, August 1, 1931 Mr. John Needham Cox passed away at his home in Tabor, N.C. after a long and useful life, spent in Tabor and Columbus county. He had been a member of the Methodist church practically all of his life and was an official for many years. Mr. Cox had the respect and confidence of all who knew him. While he was a devoted member of the Methodist church and believed firmly in her doctrines and polity, still he was broad-minded and liberal in his views and loved and respected Christians of all creeds.

Resolved first, That we are grateful to God for the long, useful life of Mr. Cox in our midst, and that it has been our privilege to know him intimately and to appreciate his sterling character.

Second, That we extend to his family our sincerest sympathy and commend them to the same loving heavenly Father that he loved and served so faithfully for so long a time.

Third. That a copy of these resolutions be published in the North Carolina Christian Advocate, that a copy be inscribed in the minutes of our Sunday school and that a copy be sent to the family

A. B. Stavry,
Mrs Letha Butler,
Mrs. O. V. Hicks.

Cox - Rev. John N. Cox, son of Mr. Jesse and Mrs. Martha Cox, was born in Horry County, S.C., January 17, 1823, was married to Miss Elizabeth C. Marlow, February 20, 1844, was licensed to exhort in 1858 and to preach in 1887 and died in great peace at his home in Columbus County, N.C., January 14, 1897. His funeral was preached January 17, 1897, on his 74th birthday, at Camp Swamp church by his pastor, Rev. J.R. Sojourner, from Psalms 37:37. Such are the dates that mark the principal epochs in the life of this beloved local preacher. Nine children blessed his marriage, four of whom died in the faith and preceded him to the better world, and five are left behind with his aged companion, to mourn their irreparable loss. He was converted in his early manhood and joined the Methodist church

under the ministry of rev. D.D. Cox, and ever after adorned his profession by a meek and lowly life and godly conversation. He was a devoted husband, akind and loving father, a faithful friend and an obliging neighbor; an excellent nurse, he administered unto the necessities of the sick and at the same time pointed them to the lamb of God. His ear was ever open to the cry of the poor and his hand quick to relieve their need. His house was always the preacher's home and many itinerant remembers the graceful courtesy of this christian household.

Mr. Cox was an excellent preacher, earnestly and, at times, eloquently warning sinners and pointing them to the Lamb; being specially gifted in prayer and when he "had liberty," as was often the case, "heaven came down our souls to greet, and glory crowned the mercy seat." In times of revival, "Uncle John" was in great demand and many jewels did he win for his crown. he often expressed the wish that his counsels, songs, and prayers might sink deep down in the hearts of sinners and, after hes death, spring up and redound to God's glory. Thus, faithfully fulfilling every obligation, he lived loving and beloved. He was a sufferer from heart trouble all his life. His health began to fail in April, 1896, and from that time until his death he scarcely knew an easy moment, but he bore his sufferings patiently, no murmur escaping his lips, he completely submitted his will to God's, thus exemplifying by his life the sanctification, he professed. To weak for a long time to pray in his family or praise God aloud, his prayer to God was for strength to do so. On January 3d, after a severe paroxysm of pain, when every breath was a gasp and apparently the last, God in answer to earnest prayer, instantly relieved him of all pain and enabled him to rise from his couch, unassisted, walk about the floor and praise God in a loud voice, and then to kneel down (something he had not been able to do for months) and lead his family in prayer. One day his eldest, living, son asked him if he desired to get well, he expressed his perfect resignation to God's will, adding, as he pointed upward, "Yonder is my home and portion fair, my treasures and my hopes are there, and my abiding home." The day before he died when asked "how it was?" he exclaimed "Peace, peace, peace!" and later on, "Praise His holy name!" He sank into a stupor and never recovered consciousness. May his mantle fall on his numerous descendants, of whom he leaves thirty-two grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Rest on, dear, dear, old friend, until the archangel's trump shall awaken thee to glory and then, reunited with all thy loved ones, mayest thou hear the welcome plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant," and receive thy reward: "A crown, with peerless glories bright, which shall new luster boast, when victors wreaths and monarch's gems, shall blend in common dust."

COX, - Elizabeth C. Cox was born in Columbus County, N.C. April 1, 1821; was married to Rev. John N. Cox February 20, 1844; and died August 3, 1899.

Sister Cox was converted early in life and has ever been a faithful follower of the Lord Jesus. She was loyal to the church and no sacrifice was too great for the furtherance of her Master's kingdom. During the last 14 years of her life she was a constant sufferer and during the last two years her suffering was most excruciating, but her affliction only drew her closer to the Savior. frequently during the terrible paroxysms of pain she would lift her voice in shouts of praise to God that it would not last always and that she would soon be at rest. Oft times someone would be attracted by a noise in her room when she had been left alone, and in going to see what was the matter, would find her shouting the praises of god. Almost her last utterance was "Glory be to God on high!" She earnestly exhorted everyone to live right and prepare to meet God. The devotion of her children during her long and tedious illness was simply beautiful. She lacked no attention in their power to give. There are two sons and two daughters, and these were united in seeing that every attention was given-not only her necessities, but each seemed eager to anticipate her slightest wish- a drink of cool water, moving her chair, a more comfortable position, etc. Would that such devotion to parents were more common. the family is broken here; may it be unbroken in the home above. It was my privilege to visit Sister Cox a number of times during her illness. I have never before witnessed such patience and resignation in such affliction. the value of such consecrated life and such a triumphaant death cannot be estimated. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. * * Their works do follow them."

N.L. Wiggins

