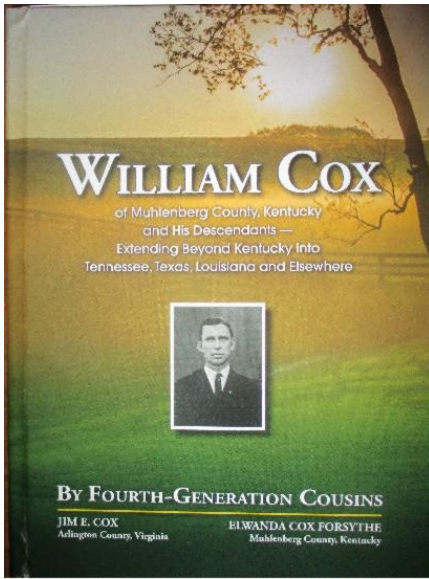


## Reese Connection back to Wales



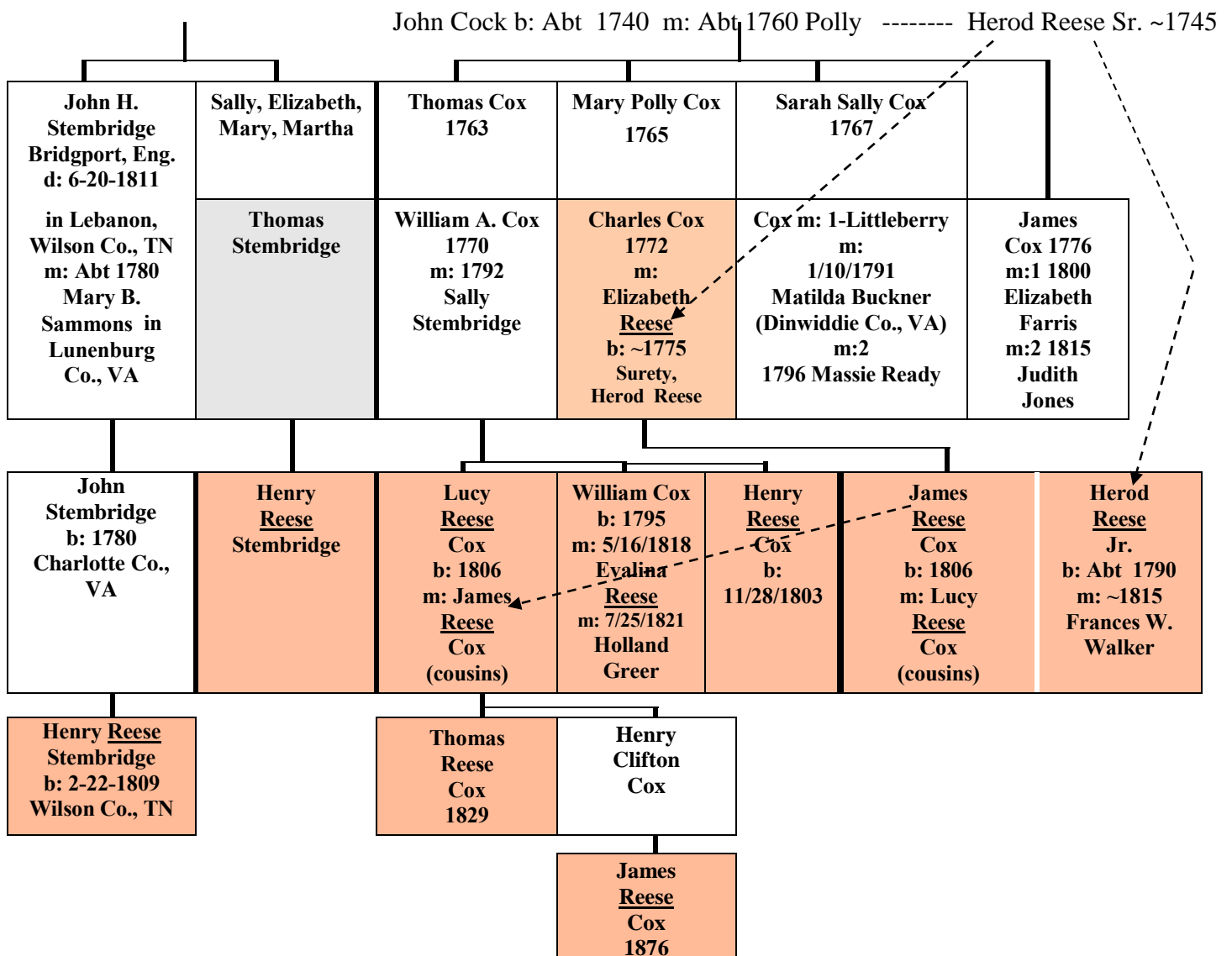
Having researched for decades for clues tracing the grandfather of our Littleberry Cox back to Wales, I finally found a y-dna match between Dr. Jimmy Cox of Arlington, Virginia and myself. Our ancestors link with the Coxes of Wilson County, Tennessee. He works in Washington, DC.

I immediately sent my findings and helped with his new version of his previous book, which is displayed on the left. On pages 2-6 and 2-7, he covers the Palmer, Reese and Cox connections.

The major clue is that, in TABLE 1, the name, Reese, has been used 13 different times as a middle name by the Stembridge and Cox families, and the Reeses were in Wales over 1,000 years.

Believe it or not the Welsh have a legacy that some very famous Jews had lived and died near Wales... Joseph of Arimathea, King Arthur, Henry VII, and Queen Elizabeth's grandfather. Mary (Christ's mother) is allegedly buried at Glastonbury. This would account for finding Jewish y-dna in Wales, but the most common is in haplogroup R1b1 as in most of Europe. The Welsh came to America long before Columbus. Rogers and Clark, on their trip to the Pacific in about 1805, found Indians that spoke Welsh.

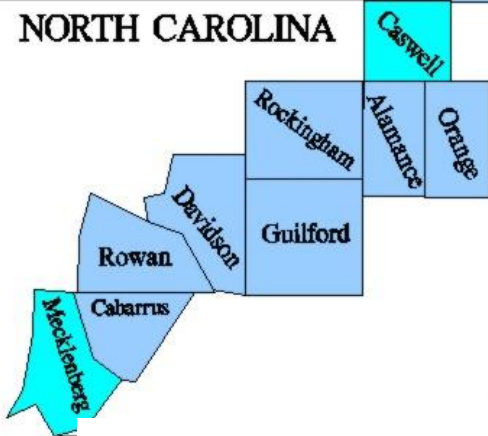
**TABLE 1. Cox and Reese Connection**





VIRGINIA

NORTH CAROLINA



**David ap Reese**  
 b: Abt 1676 Brecon,  
Brecknockshire, Wales  
 d: 1745 Pennsylvania  
 m: Maud Owens  
 Cecil Co., MD

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1699 Ester Reese  
 1700 Ruth Reese  
 1702 Charles Reese  
 1704 George Reese  
**1708 David T. Reese**  
 1709 William Reese  
 1712 Bryan Reese  
 1713 Thomas Reese  
1714 Capt. Hugh Rees  
 1716 Roger Reese  
 1718 Elizabeth Reese

**David Tasker Reese**  
 b: 2/11/1708 Brecon,  
 Brecknockshire, Wales  
1775 Signed the Mecklenberg  
Declaration of Independence  
d: 8/11/1787 Charlotte,  
Mecklenburg Co., NC  
 m: 3/31/1738 Susan Ruth **Polk**  
 b: 1719 Cecil Co., MD  
 d: Charlotte, Mecklenberg

**Findagrave Memorial Ids**

15571708  
 15571726  
 15572053

2. Thomas Reese  
 b: 1742 Cecil Co., MD  
 d: 1794 Anderson Co., SC
- 3: Catherine Ruth Reese  
 b: 9/23/1744  
 Mecklenburg Co., NC  
 d: 5/06/1826 Burk Co., NC
4. b: 1746 **David Tasker Reese**
5. b: 1748 Susan **Polk Reese**
6. b: 1750 Charles Gullett Reese
7. b: 1752 George Polk Reese
8. b: 1754 Mary Joanna Reese
9. b: 1757 Solomon Reese
- 10 b: 1760 Ruth Elizabeth Reese

1. Capt. James **Polk** Reese  
 b: 1739 Cecil Co., MD  
 d: 1828 Maury Co., TN  
 m: Elizabeth **Brevard**  
 b: 1748 Rowan Co., NC  
 d: 1831 Maury Co., TN  
 Granted 5,000 acres

Thomas **Brevard** Reese  
 b: 1775 Charlotte,  
Mecklenburg, NC  
 d: 1829 Wilson Co., TN  
 m: 4/05/1794 Sumner  
 Co., TN Peggy  
 Thompson Abt 1778

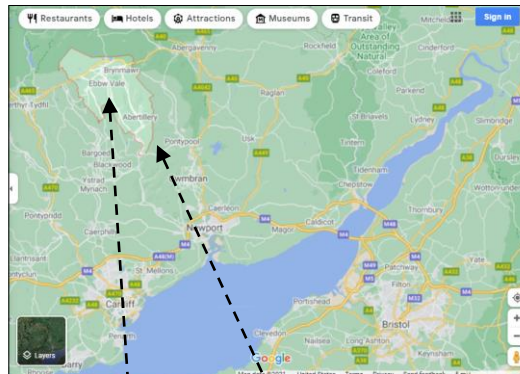
1790 John Jack Reese  
 1794 Viney Reese  
 1796 William David  
 1803 Margaret Reese  
 1805 Louisa Eliza  
 1805 Abner Reese  
 1809 Addison Reese  
 1811 Thomas B. Reese

Possible Connection  
 [11. Roger Reese Sr]  
 b: 1760 Greenville, NC  
 d:  
 m: Rebecca Kemp  
 b: 1755 Caswell Co., NC d:  
 1833 Wilson Co., TN

1776 William Francis Palmer  
 m: Sarah Rankin

1804 John Palmer Lebanon,  
Wilson Co., TN  
 m: 1823 Margaret Peggy Reese  
 b: 1805  
**d: 1874 Lebanon, Wilson Co., TN**  
 dau/of Thomas B. Reese & Peggy Thompson

Wilson Co., TN  
 1826 James R. Palmer  
 1827 Margaret Palmer  
**m: John Cox**  
 1831 Sarah Palmer  
**m: Anderson Cox**  
 1833 Louisa J. Palmer  
 1836 Richard Houston Palmer  
 1841 Ellen Palmer  
 1844 Henry Clay Palmer



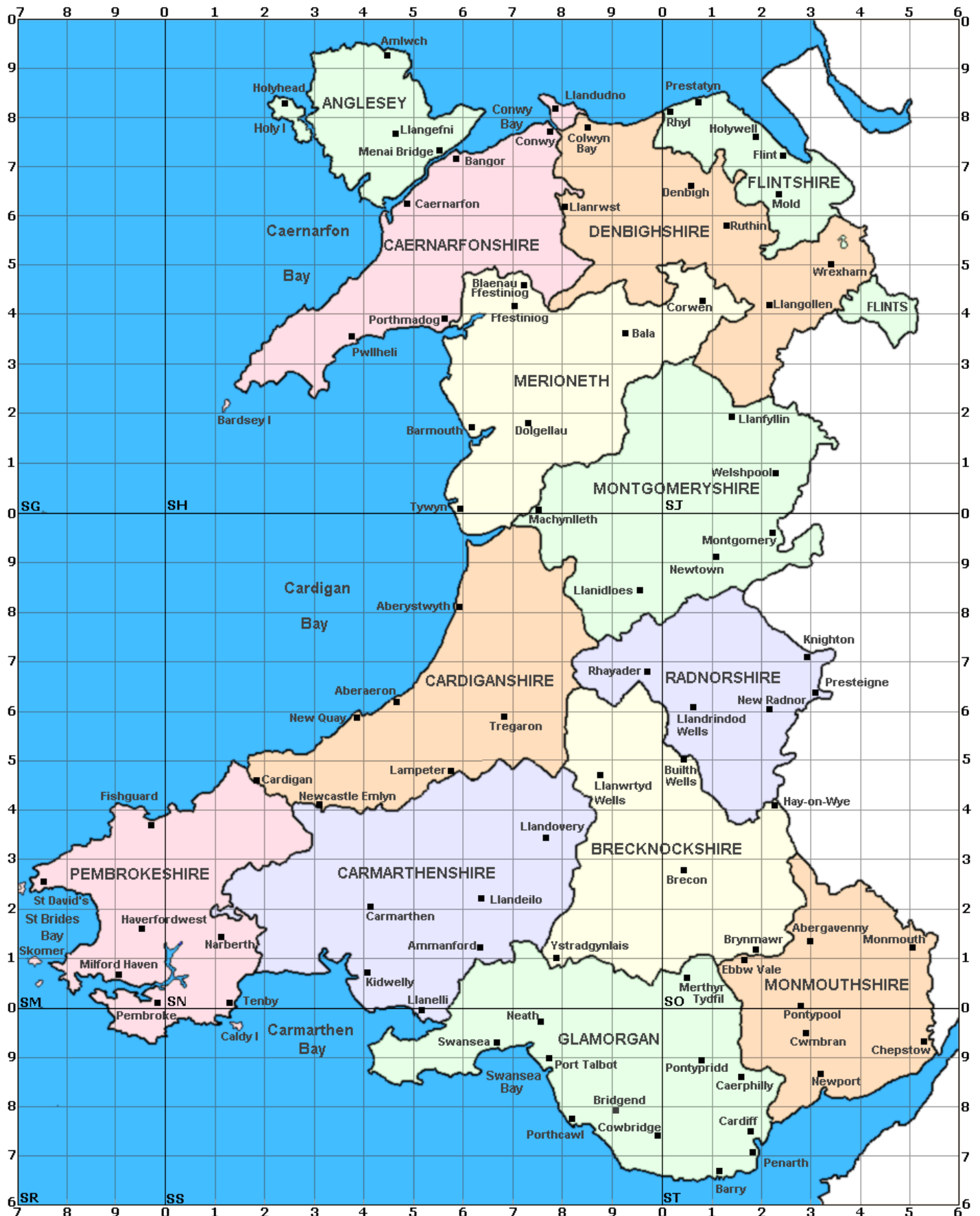
Rev David Reese at Blaenau Gwent, Wales ← 6 mi. apart → James Leonard & Coxes at Pontypool, Wales

Sons of Littleberry's nephews

Roger Reese Jr.  
 b: Caswell Co. NC

Evalina Reese  
 Wilson Co., TN  
 m: 1818 Wilson Co., TN  
 William "Billie" Thomas Cox  
 b: 1804 Wilson Co., TN

3. [Link to Map of Wales](#) (Fair Usage regarding possible CopyRight)



## CHART 4. Pedigree of William, Littleberry's Brother<sup>1</sup> b: 1772

Son of John and Polly of Campbell County, VA

### William Cox (Littleberry's brother)

b. 1772 Campbell Co., VA

d. After 11-03-1845 Lebanon (Wilson Co) TN

m. Sarah (Sally) Stembridge Campbell Co, VA, 7-24-1792 Charlotte Co., VA

Had 7 children:

1. Thomas Cox b. 5-05-1793 Campbell Co., VA

d: 8-11-1843 Lebanon (Wilson Co) TN.

m: Nancy Bailey

2. William "Billie" Cox b. 1795

m:<sup>1</sup> 5-16-1818 Evalina Reese

3. John Cox b: 1797 Campbell Co., VA. Was killed or died in MS in 1836

b: Campbell Co., VA. Raised near Lebanon (Wilson Co) TN

m: Elizabeth Palmer (family of Halifax VA) sister of Sarah Palmer (had 7 children)

d: in Mississippi 1836. The Palmer grandparent and his brother moved to Hinds Co., Mississippi, near Edwards Deport.

1. Dr. William Thomas Cox 1820 (2 wives, 9 children). (To Limestone TX).

1. William Cox married in 1867

2. Bessie Cox married in 1870

3. Charles Cox married in 1872

4. Susan C. Cox of Tunusis, LA. M. Robert Keeling 1877

1. Annie Keeling b: 1879 Mexia TX

m: 1903 Thomas J. Siddall

1. Florence Siddall<sup>2</sup>

m. 1903 Spaulding of Dallas TX

2. Henry L. Cox.

William Thomas Cox in his letter says, "Henry, the brother next to me, served through the war, came home demoralized and ruined. He was murdered near his home near Homer, Louisiana. John, the next son, was a practicing physician at Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He was assassinated there some years ago."

3. Dr. John Cox- b: Abt 1831. Died at Pine Bluff, AR.

4. Jordan B. Cox. St. Mary Parish in LA. Had 3 children.

4. Anderson Cox b: 1800 d: Abt 1855

m: Sarah Palmer. Had 5 children. Was sister of Elizabeth Palmer.

5. Henry Reese Cox b: 11-28-1803 d: 7-11-1889 Wilson Co., TN

m.<sup>1</sup> 11-11-1826 Polina "Perlina" Shorter

1. Polina Cox

m.<sup>2</sup> Maria Clifton 3-26-1830 Lebanon, TN

1. Sarah Ann Cox b: 1832

2. Henry Clifton Cox b. 7-13-1841 Lived in Monterey, Putnam Co., TN

(A letter from a cousin dated, June 20, 1898, says he had a family Bible with names & dates). d: 7-22-1902

m: Susanna Elizabeth Layne (age 22 in 1870 Wilson County, TN)

1. Minnie L. Cox (age 2 in 1870 Wilson County, TN)

m: ? Martin, McKinnev, TX<sup>3</sup> (Letter dated 1896 from Dr. William Cox)

3. John B. Cox b: 1845

4. William Thomas Cox b: 1847

5. Nancy P. Cox

6. Lucretia "Lucy" Reese Cox<sup>4</sup> b: 4-16-1806

m: 11-11-1826, (1<sup>st</sup> cousin?) James Reese Cox

(son of Charles Cox (Littleberry's brother) & Elizabeth Reese) Mason Co., TX

James died age 38. Lucy appears in Cherokee Co., TX, with 6 children in 1850.

1. The oldest daughter, Elizabeth, had married Maston (Martin?) Latham.

2. William S. Cox b: 1827

1. Naomi Miller Cox m: 1874 Pete King d: 1903. Had 7 children.

Lucy Naomi Cox, grandmother of Harold Zesch. Harold Zesch of

Mason, TX, had half a page of a Bible with names & dates

3. Thomas Reese Cox b: 1829 (9 living children in 1880)

### John Cox b: 1740

#### William Cox 1772

John Cox b: 1797

Dr. William Thomas Cox 1820

### John Cox b: 1740

#### 5 sons:

Thomas (to Wilson Co., TN)

Berry (to Green Co., KY)

Charles (to Wilson Co., TN)

William (to Wilson Co., TN)

James (to Wilson Co., TN)

### William Cox

#### 6 offspring:

Thomas

Billy

Anderson

John (father of the writer)

Berry

Lucy

<sup>1</sup> Offspring of John Cox's son, William Cox

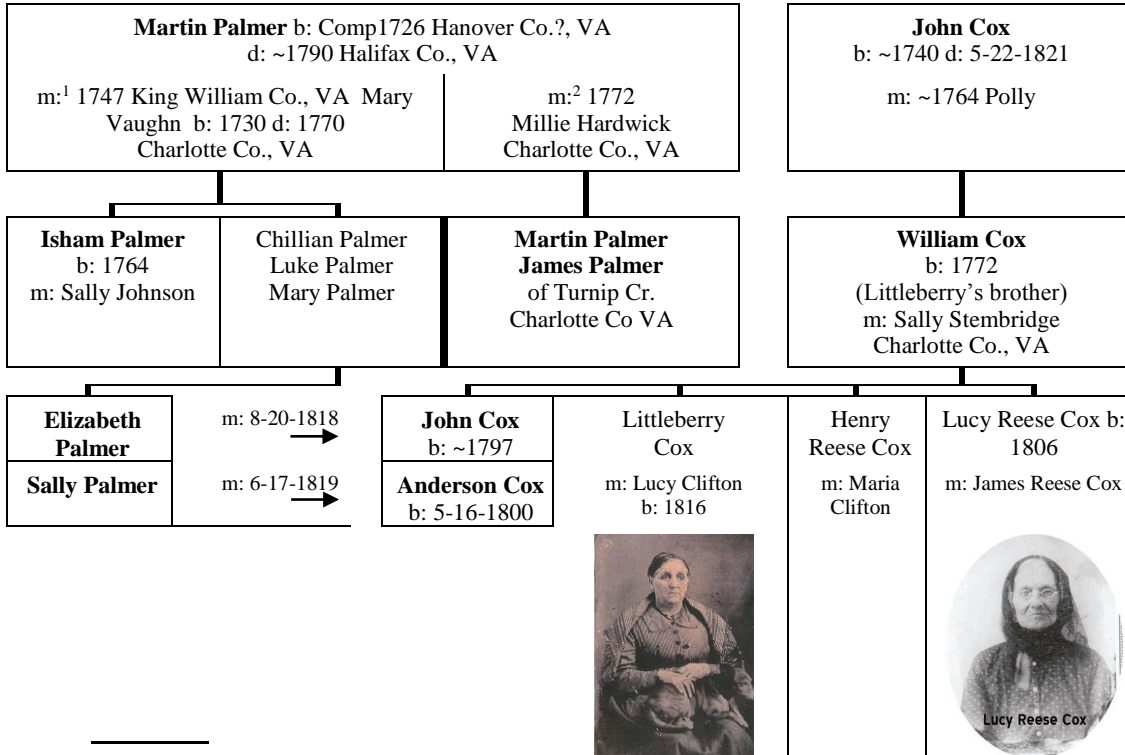
<sup>2</sup> Try doing a search for Annie Keeling Siddall (b: Bayer, Tunisia, LA) and her daughter, Florence Siddall Spaulding (b: Mexia, TX) at FamilySearch.org. Lived at 4553 S. Versailles St., Dallas, TX.

<sup>3</sup> Try doing a search for Abe Carroll or Minnie Cox Martin at FamilySearch.org.

<sup>4</sup> Of Lucy's children, William S. Cox stayed in Mason Co., TX. The other siblings went on to Arizona and New Mexico.

1. Harriett Elender Cox b: 1880
  4. Harriett Cox b: 1833 m: 1850 Joel Pennington
  5. Charles Sims Cox b: 1835 m: 1861 Martha Angeline Coots  
Descendent: Bernece Cox, 2404 Garfield, Albuquerque, NM.
  6. Martha Cox b: 1838 m: Joseph Thompson
  7. Mary F. Cox b: 1840
  8. James B. Cox b: 1841. Died in infancy.
7. Littleberry Cox 1815-1889  
m.<sup>1</sup> 1834 **Lucy Clifton, sister of Maria.**

**Table 5. Palmers & Coxes of Lebanon, TN  
Martin Palmer & William Cox (both of Charlotte Co., VA)**



**The William Parham Collection:<sup>1</sup>**

The following is a letter from Wm. Thomas Cox to Mrs. Minnie Martin, McKinney, TX, 1896:

Dear Minnie,

I [Dr. William Thomas Cox] expect I know more about our family than anyone now living (in 1896). It came originally from Wales and settled in **Campbell County, Virginia**, as I have heard my grandfather... often tell. Of his father's [my grandfather's] family there were five sons: Thomas, Berry, Charles, William and James. Thomas was the only one old enough to serve in the Revolutionary War. He did enlist, served his time, came home, and one day being present when there was a draft for men, and when a poor neighbor was drafted, Tom could not bear the distress of the family, but stepped up and told the officer to put his name in his place, marched away and never returned. We read of Chevalier Bayard's deed<sup>2</sup> but it was never anything like this.

The other members of the family emigrated to Wilson County, Tennessee, in 1808 but **Berry, Sr., having acquaintances in Green County, Kentucky**, moved on and settled there. I suppose you have heard of your grandfather's people- Thomas, Billy, Anderson, John (my father) and Berry. There was a sister, my aunt Lucy.<sup>3</sup> She and her children came to Texas many years ago and I think they are in Lano [Llano] or San Ano counties and some in New Mexico. The members of my family are all dead except myself and my youngest brother, Jordan B. Cox, at Franklin, St. Mary's Parish, Louisiana.

Henry, the brother next to me, served through the war, came home demoralized and ruined. He was murdered near his home near Homer, Louisiana. John, the next son, was a practising physician at Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He was assassinated there some years ago [end of quote].

<sup>1</sup> Source for: [Parham Genealogy](#) This first letter of William Thomas Cox is invaluable because it prevents a lot of conjecture made from other sources. The children of Charles, William, Littleberry and James were first cousins of the father of William Thomas Cox. Their grandchildren were cousins of William Thomas Cox.

<sup>2</sup> In chapter six, Chevalier Bayard is linked with Huguenots and Labadists of France and Holland as well as with Augustine Herman and Labadist settlements in New York, Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania.

<sup>3</sup> [Offspring of John Cox's son, William Cox](#)

Dear Arthur,

In a letter I wrote to you a few days ago I promised to write again soon and tell you about our family. My cousin Henry C. Cox of Monterey, Putnam County, Tennessee had the old Family Bible and promised to send me a copy of the record, but has failed to do so. I hope he will fulfill his promise.

**We are of Welsh descent.** My great-grandfather settling in **Campbell County, Virginia**, prior to the Revolution. I have often heard my grandfather say that the eldest son, Thomas Cox, the only one of his brothers old enough served out a term of enlistment in the Continental Army, came home and one day on going to a public gathering where men enlisted; and being moved by the distress of a family whose husband and father had been drafted, took the man's place and marched away-never to return. About the year 1808 the other sons, Berry Cox, Charles Cox, William Cox grandfather) and James Cox left Virginia where my father was born in 1797-and came to **Wilson County, Tennessee** near Lebanon.

**Berry Cox not liking Tennessee went over into Green County, Kentucky** where no doubt many of his descendants are. William Cox (my grandfather) and Sally Stembridge his wife lived and died in Wilson County, Tennessee. She was a woman of strong character and well known in the country in her day.

Superior to the old man, who was however a good man and a very religious farmer. They had seven children-Thomas, William, Lucy, Anderson, John (my father), Henry and Berry.<sup>5</sup>

They were all farm people. My father, John Cox, tho born in Virginia was raised on the old farm in Wilson County, Tennessee and married **Elizabeth Palmer, my mother**, the daughter of **Isham Palmer, a farmer from Halifax County, Virginia**. I have often heard my mother say she was born there.

**My grandfather and his brother Martin Palmer** left Tennessee and came to Hinds County, Mississippi near what was called Edwards depor afterwards, lived and... **(end of quote)**.