

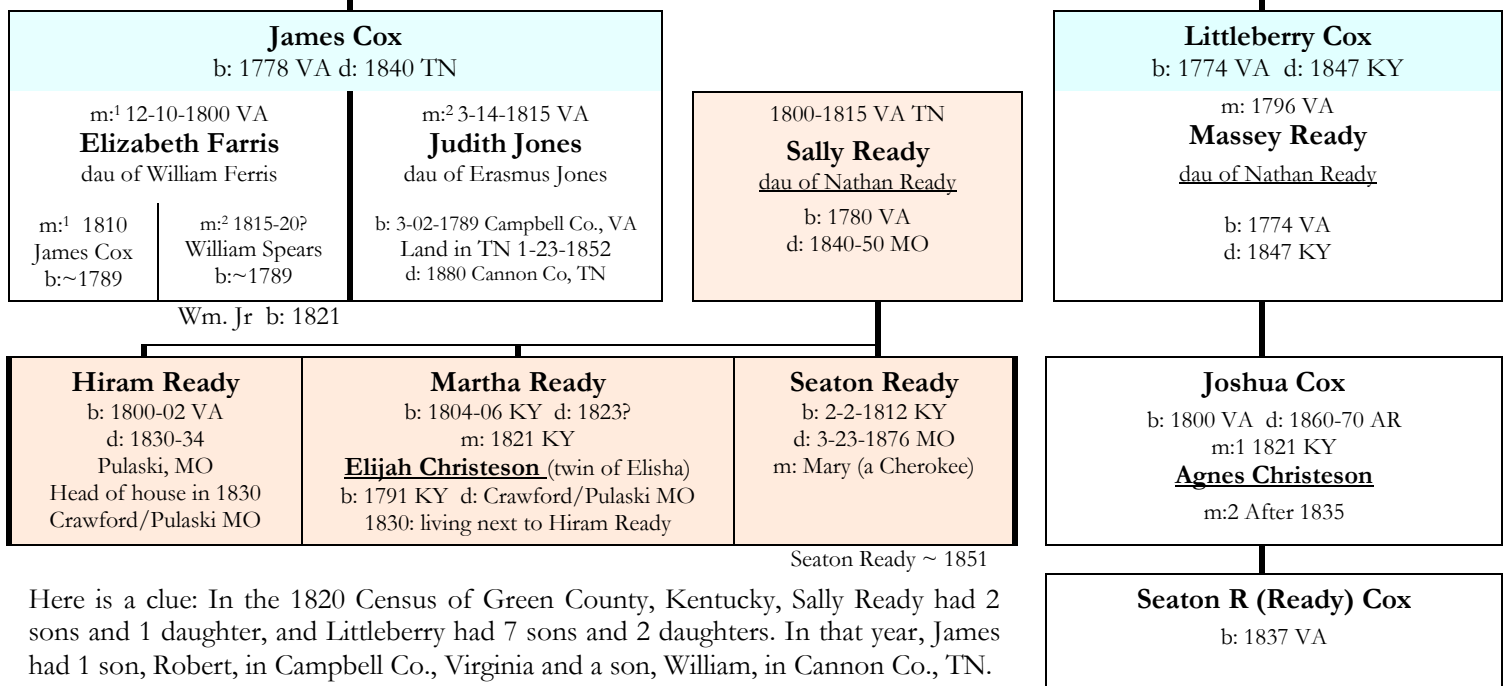
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## The Mystery of Sally Ready and Littleberry Cox (Revised 7-13-2016)

The y-dna of the descendants of Sally Ready match the descendants of Littleberry Cox and his younger brother, James Cox. How could this happen? Are some Coxes actually Readys or visa versa?

One theory is that, since Sally was the sister of Massy Ready, Littleberry's wife, and, since Sally lived only four houses from Littleberry (in the 1920 Census of Green County, KY) then Littleberry must have passed his y-dna down to Sally's male descendants. Or perhaps there is an alternative, even better link back to James Cox as in TABLE 1. What happened to Elizabeth Fariss, the first wife of James Cox? She remained in Virginia with a son, Robert Cox, until she and Robert inherited land from her father, William Fariss, in 1831. There are several pieces of evidence that prove this.

**TABLE 1. Sally Ready belongs to James Cox or Littleberry Cox?**



Here is a clue: In the 1820 Census of Green County, Kentucky, Sally Ready had 2 sons and 1 daughter, and Littleberry had 7 sons and 2 daughters. In that year, James had 1 son, Robert, in Campbell Co., Virginia and a son, William, in Cannon Co., TN.

### Introducing Sabra Hix

The solution? John Hix was the guardian of Massey Ready when she married Littleberry Cox in 1796. He was also the father of Sabra and Mascilida Hix.

Sabra had married Joshua Morris, and he died first. Then she made her last will and testament before 1829. After publishing her will, she bought 514 acres not covered in the will. Therefore, the acres needed to be sold and turned into cash to give her nearest kin. This Indenture to her will was created on June 1, 1829. One of her nearest kin was, of course, her sister, Mascilida Hix, who had married Nathaniel Ready. Her one share of the cash was to be divided among Mascilida's six children, two of them being Massey Ready and Sally Ready (as in TABLE 2).

**TABLE 2. Hix, Morris, Ready & Cox Relatives in Virginia**

From the above, we have the following relationships:

**Sabra Hix** b: Abt 1841  
 m: **Joshua Morris**  
 d: 1823 (Childless)

sister of

**Marcella Hix**  
 b: 1744

m: **Nathaniel Ready**

Their six children were:

- Needs proof from Nathan's will >  
 Jane also called Jenny? >
- One share of Sabra Morris estate in 1818
1. Charles Ready (m: 8-04-1794 Sally Mason in Bedford Co.)
  2. Jane "Jenny" Ready (m: William Mason in Bedford Co)
  3. Massey Ready (m: 10-20-1796 Littleberry Cox in Charlotte Co., VA)
  4. Sally Ready
  5. Sabra Ready m: [Robert Daniel Nash](#) (in Bedford Co., KY)
  6. Martha Ready

[Kentucky Coxes](#)

[Littleberry & William Cox](#)

[Littleberry & Charley Cox](#)

[William & Charles Cox](#)

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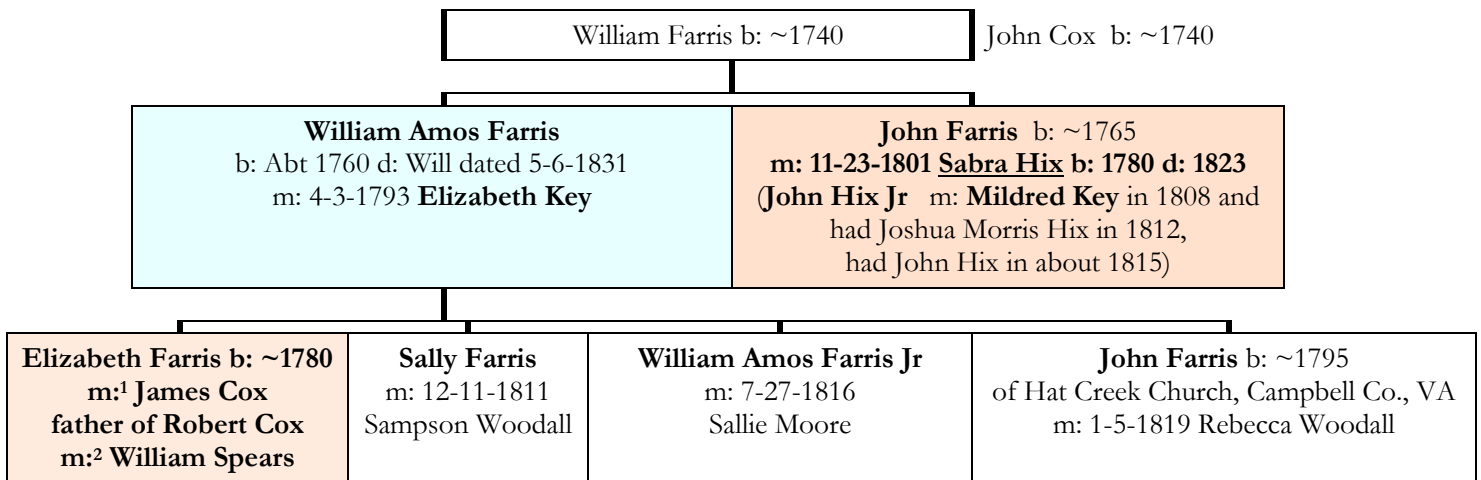
[Palmers & Coxes](#)

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Sabra Hix (b: ABT 1741) had married Joshua Morris. Another property belonged to Sabra Hix (b: 1780) and John Fariss, an uncle of Elizabeth Fariss (wife of James Cox). She had married to John Fariss, the brother of James Cox's father-in-law! (TABLE 3)

**TABLE 3. Estate of William Amos Farris**



The 1810 Census of Campbell County, Virginia listed these neighbors in a row: William Farris, Jacob Key, James Cox, Erasmus Jones and Robert D. Nash. James did not go to Kentucky after his marriage in 1815.

William Farris was the father of Elizabeth, the first wife of James Cox. Jacob Key was Elizabeth Farris' grandfather. Erasmus Jones was the father of Judith Jones, a wife of James Cox after 1815. Robert D. Nash married Sabra Ready, a sister of Sally and Massey Ready, and he witnessed (in 1821) the will of John Cox, James' father. A Sabra Hix also married John Farris.

<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=sagas2013&id=I259>

#### **James Cox and Sally Ready / William Cox and Massey Ready**

Littleberry Cox married Massey Ready, and both were both born in about 1774, thus were about the same age, and they married in Campbell Co., VA in 1796. James Cox and Sally Ready were born in about 1778 and were about the same age. James would have known Sally after 1796, after his brother had married Massey, her sister, in 1796.

Nevertheless, James married Elizabeth Farris in 1800, and something happened.

In present-day Campbell County, VA, William Fariss' will (on 5-06-1831) leaves 145 acres for Sampson (and Sally Fariss) Woodall and 72.5 acres for William (and Elizabeth Fariss) Spears and 72.5 acres (in present-day Campbell County, VA) for Robert Cox, the son of James (and Elizabeth Fariss) Cox.

Somehow word got back to James Cox's nephew, John Cox, of Lebanon, Tennessee, and he became an attorney for Robert Cox, William (and Elizabeth Farris Cox) Spears and Thomas C. Farris.

145 acres were conveyed to Thomas C. Farris for \$201.55, and this was their portion of the estate of William Fariss, deceased, on Entry Creek (which was about a mile from Hat Creek Church). Sampson (and Sally Farris) Woodall sold his portion (Deed Book 19-405, May 22, 1834).

Previously, Thomas C. Farris and William A. Farris Jr. had bought 145 acres on Entry Creek from Martin Hancock of Charlotte County. Sampson (and Sally Farris) Woodall had previously conveyed this land to Hancock by to settle the estate of William Farris, deceased (Deed Book 18-400, Nov 25, 1831). (See Deed Book 17X, pp 267-268.)

In 1821, Martin Hancock had been a witness of the Last Will and Testament of John Cox, James Cox's father.

Based upon massive circumstantial evidence, one can rationally conclude that Elizabeth Farris married William Spears Sr. in Virginia probably between 1815 and 1820 because Elizabeth gave birth to William Spears Jr. in 1821. Elizabeth and James got a divorce, and she evidently retained custody of her son, Robert Cox,

In 1815, James married his neighbor in Virginia, Judith Jones, a daughter of Erasmus Jones. Judith Jones gave birth to her first child, William H. Cox, in 1819 in Cannon County, Tennessee.

This is not just speculation. Details on the Fariss (Farris, Ferres, Farrar) family back to 900 AD are disclosed here: <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=:2753682&id=I47533>.

### **First trip from Virginia to Tennessee and Kentucky**

To prove that James Cox and Sally Ready had opportunity to mate and produce offspring between 1800, when James married Elizabeth Farris in Virginia and 1815, when he married Judith Jones in Virginia, we need to connect some dots.

First, we need to define when and who went first went from Virginia to Tennessee. The grandson of James' brother, William Cox, wrote a letter in 1898 saying, "About the year 1808 the other sons, Berry Cox, Charles Cox, William Cox (my grandfather) and James left Virginia where my father (John Cox) was born in 1797 – and came to Wilson County, Tennessee near Lebanon."

This may imply that Littleberry's wife, Massey Ready, went with them, and this may also imply that Massey's unmarried sister, Sally Ready, may have gone along.

The letter continues. "Berry Cox not liking Tennessee went over to Green County, Kentucky..." This may imply that Massey went with Littleberry and may also imply that Sally went also.

Next we find Littleberry, Massey and Sally in the 1820 Census of Green County, Kentucky. Sally Ready was living in the fifth house after Littleberry's house as the census taker went down the road. Therefore, one might assume that, if Sally's male descendants' y-dna matches the y-dna of the descendants of Littleberry and James, then Littleberry is the most likely donor of the y-dna. Case closed, right?

Littleberry's son, John, was born in 1805, his first child born in Kentucky. In the 1820 Census of Green County, Kentucky, he had 10 children.

### **James' Mysterious Fifteen Years: 1800 to 1815**

So the letter in 1898 said Littleberry also went to Lebanon (Wilson County) with his other brothers, but he preferred to move on to Kentucky. What happened to his brother, James? Did he stay in Tennessee? Did his wife, Elizabeth Farris, stay in Virginia?

In 1815, James married Judith Jones. Where was James between his two marriages, between 1800 and 1815?

We find another clue in the 1810 Census of Campbell County, Virginia, which listed the following neighbors in a row as the census taker went down the road: William Farris, Jacob Key, James Cox, Erasmus Jones and Robert D. Nash. James Cox was back in Virginia in 1810 surrounded by his first wife's father, William Farris, and his second wife's father, Erasmus Jones, and his first wife's grandfather, Jacob Key.

### **When Were Sally Ready's Three Children Born?**

Next, we come to a unique insight. Sally's Children were born between 1800 and 1851, between the two marriages of James Cox. A link found at rootsweb.com/family trees says a Bible exists, which lists their birth dates. Seaton was born on Feb 2, 1812.

<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=:96394&id=I0040>

Another sight has Hiram born BET 1800 and 1802 and Martha born BET 1804 and 1806. Therefore, they were born between 1800 and 1812.

<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=lready&id=I03613>

### **First Children of Elizabeth Farris Cox and Judith Jones Cox**

To keep things in perspective, Elizabeth stayed in Virginia. She and her son, Robert Cox, are listed in her father's will in 1819, and Robert had married a Carwile neighbor. Elizabeth had remarried William Spears. In 1850, there is another William Spears in that location, age 29 (born in 1821).

James Cox and his second wife, Judith Jones, and his father-in-law, Erasmus Jones, removed to Wilson County, TN, which became Cannon County after 1837. Their first child was William H. Cox, born in 1819.

By 1820, James had two offspring from two wives. Littleberry had 10 offspring from one wife.

### **Assumption and Conjecture**

We might assume that somehow Sally and James became companions. Between 1800 and 1815, it is hard to imagine that James would not visit Littleberry on his way to see his brothers in Tennessee. If so, perhaps James helped Sally plow her garden and do odd jobs, or perhaps they became soul mates just as many today share the same space. Perhaps this explains why the descendants of Hiram and Seaton Ready, Sally's two sons, match the y-dna of descendants of James and Littleberry Cox.

Perhaps this explains why Sally is called a widow with a daughter and two sons in the 1820 census of Green Co., KY, and Sally lived only four houses from Littleberry. But this is pure conjecture. It would seem more believable that Sally Ready was a widow. This could be true if Massey had a brother who married Sally Mason. His widow would be called Sally Ready, but her sons would not match James' y-dna. More details are needed.

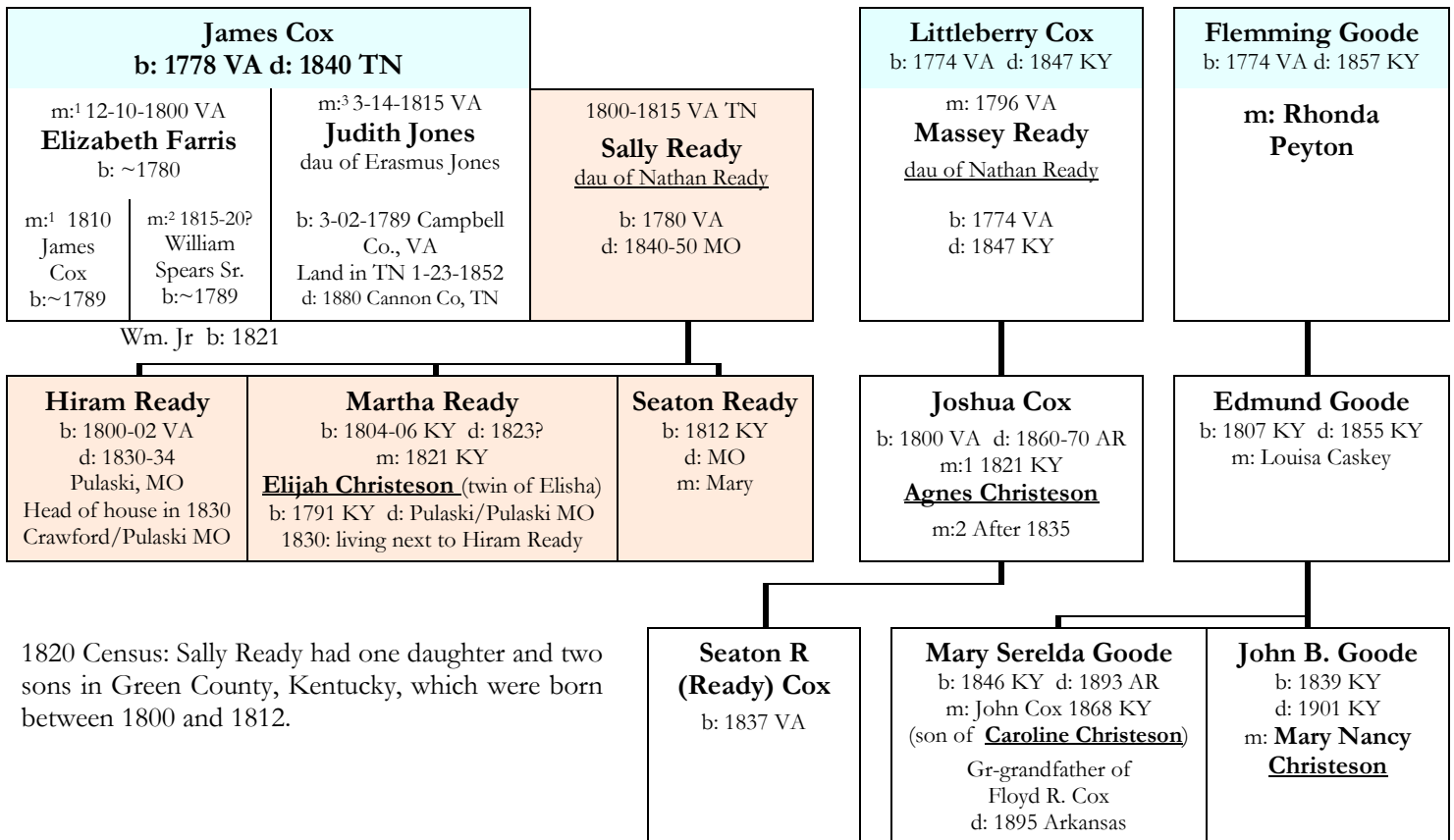
### Filling in the Details

7-20-1792: James' brother, William, married Sally Stembridge. From what can be gathered so far, the Stembridge family paved the way for the Cox migration to Wilson County, Tennessee. In 1806, Sally's father, John Stembridge, bought land near Lebanon and later died there on June 20, 1811.

Charles Cox married Elizabeth Reese on Aug 23, 1792 in Virginia, and their son, James Reese Cox (born 8-31-1805) married William's daughter, Lucy Reese Cox (born 4-16-1806) in Tennessee. This implies that William and Charles were closely knit together, and Littleberry and James were favorite brothers.

Joshua Morris received land on Turnip Creek, a few miles across the Charlotte County border, after 1787. Other residents there included Sabra Hix Morris, Nathaniel Ready, Publius Jones, and William Walker.

**TABLE 4. Cox, Farris, Spears Ready, Goode and Christeson**



### Another Alternative?

Another angle to consider is that perhaps Sally Ready was a widow in 1820 because she was married to her cousin, Charles Ready: <http://www.genealogy.com/forum/surnames/topics/dale/2431/>. Perhaps Charles Ready who married Sally Mason on 8-04-1794 matches the Cox y-dna? Ysearch.org has the results for Charles Ready born 1770.

As said, the y-dna of Nathaniel Ready and his sons, the brothers of Massey and Sally Ready would not match the j2a4h2 y-dna of James and Littleberry Cox. Ysearch.org pretty well clears this up, but a present descendants should take a y-dna test to be absolutely sure.

In 1796, William Mason married Jane (Jenny) Ready, a sister of Massey and Sally Ready. Sally Mason

married Charles Ready in 1794, probably a cousin. After Charles' death, his wife would be a widow named Sally Ready, but her sons would not match James and Littleberry Cox. This view is covered here:

<http://www.genealogy.com/forum/surnames/topics/ready/472/>.

Even though Charles Ready, born 1770, moved south of Lebanon, Tennessee, to Readyville, his male descendants do not match the y-dna of the descendants of James and Littleberry Cox.

Ysearch.org enables researchers to find the y-dna sequences of those who have sent for y-dna tests. Charles Ready (born 1770 / died 1859) is one of the donors. His y-dna results found [HERE](#) are far from being a match with the markers found on three males, three descendants of Littleberry. Y-dna of Isham Ready is found [HERE](#).

Other J2h4 Coxes of Bedford Co. and Lee Co., VA closely matching Littleberry Cox are found [HERE](#) and [HERE](#). Perhaps these Coxes had connections with the Cox, Mason, Ready, Hix and Keenum lines. A chapter discussing these connections is found on pages 73-74 of [Grandfather of Littleberry Cox](#).

### Cox Y-dna

The y-dna of Claibourn Cox b. 1791 of Goochland Co., VA and James Cox, the son of Valentine Cox, of Lynchburg Co., VA, is R1b1. This includes the Cox immigrant to James Island in 1598 and the Quaker Coxes in Pennsylvania after 1662. The sequence begins with:

13, 23, 14, 11, 12, 14, 12, 12, 12, 13, 13 and 30.

The y-dna of William and Caleb, sons of Littleberry Cox, is J2a4h2. The sequence begins with:

13, 23, 15, 09, 13, 17, 11, 16, 13, 13, 11 and 29.

The y-dna of John Cock (m: Elizabeth Goad) of Bedford Co. and Carroll Co., VA (Burk's Fork), and Peter Cock (b. 1827) (Burk's Fork), is N1c1. The sequence begins with:

15, 24, 14, 11, 11, 13, 11, 12, 11, 14, 14 and 30.

Archibald Cox (b. 1773 d. 1842) is also N1c1 as well as Peter Larsson Cock (b: 1610 in Sweden, d: 1687 in PA).

### Grandfather of Littleberry Cox

Some of Littleberry's descendants have applied for admittance into the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) by linking back to George Cock Jr of Campbell Co., VA. By claiming that George Cock Jr. of Campbell Co., VA was a brother of John Cox of Campbell Co, VA, Littleberry's father, they blaze a false trail back to the Cock families of James Island, and Richmond VA areas.

Just a superficial review of the following will untangle this deception:

George Cock Sr. d: will on 12-24-1801, 2-14-1802, Campbell Co., Virginia. Married Agnes:

[http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=leila\\_daiutolo&id=I25177](http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=leila_daiutolo&id=I25177)

George Cock Jr. d: will on 5-08-1818, probated 5-11-1821 Campbell Co., Virginia:

[http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=leila\\_daiutolo&id=I25176](http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=leila_daiutolo&id=I25176)

Judith Johns (wife of George Cock Jr.) d: will on 11-13-1838, Campbell Co., VA:

<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=jhmjr&id=I377>

John W. "Jack" Cock b: 1758 d: 1821 will on 11-22-1822 Wilson Co., TN:

[http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=leila\\_daiutolo&id=I25180](http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=leila_daiutolo&id=I25180)

John Cox (Littleberry's father) d: 7-01-1821, Campbell Co., VA:

<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=kraft-gedge&id=I3072>

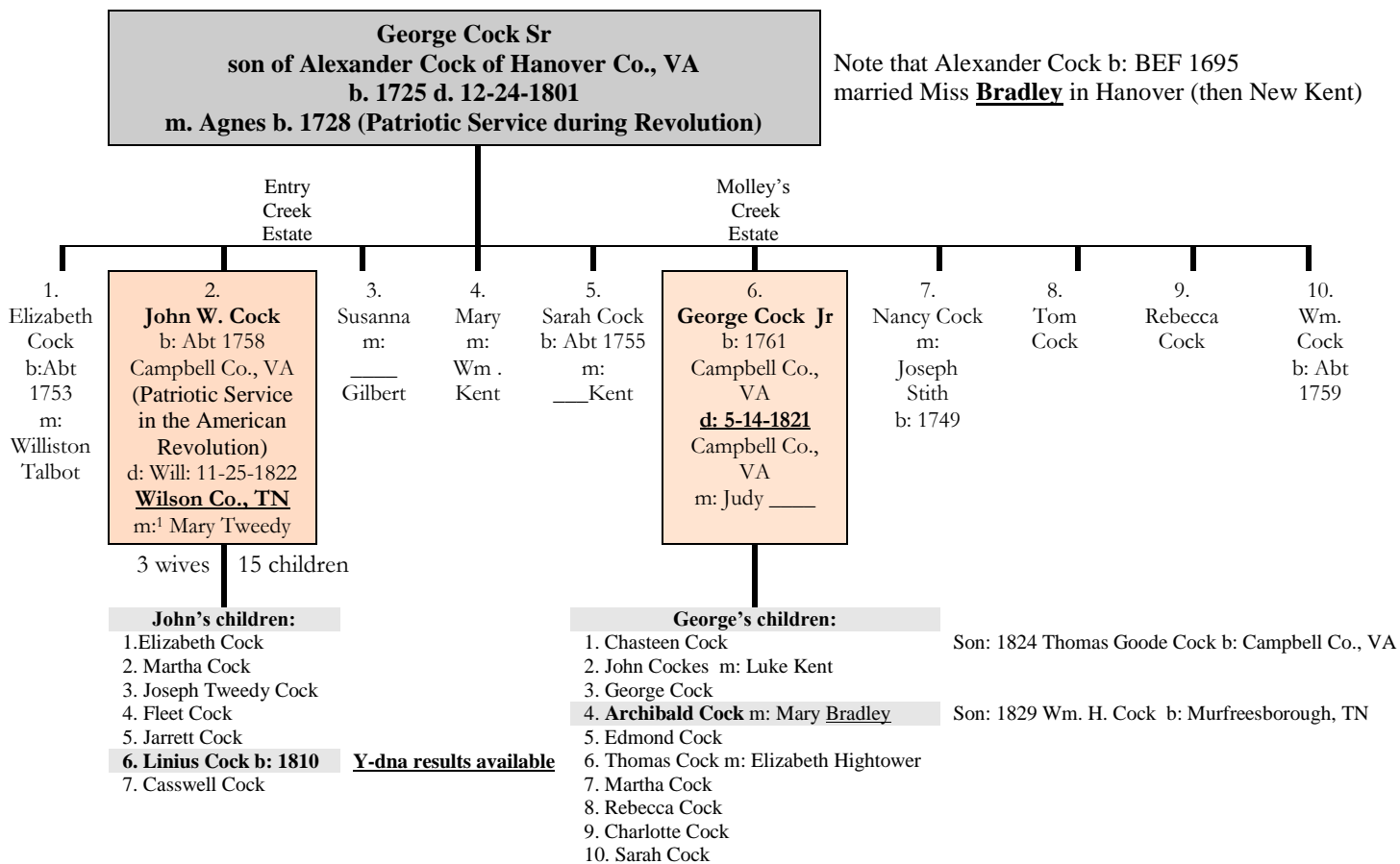
Littleberry Cox (Cocks), d: 10-1847, Green Co., KY.

<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=kraft-gedge&id=I579>

<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=lready&id=I00992>

Littleberry's unknown grandfather (whoever he was) allegedly lived in America prior to the Revolution, but two letters written by William Thomas Cox in 1897 & 1898 disclosed a different view. He said the John Cox (Cocks) family removed from Wales and came to Campbell Co., VA, just before the Revolution. This would be just before the birth of Littleberry in about 1774.

CHART 5. John Cock and Mary Tweedy NOT Parents of Littleberry's Cox



The following links offer final proof that the George Cock/John Cock family line is not related to Littleberry and James Cox. The two families just happened to live about three miles apart and just happened to contribute supplies for the Revolution at the same time and appeared for reimbursement on the same day after the war. This is merely circumstantial evidence that they knew each other. The y-dna of Linius Cock does not match the y-dna of Littleberry Cox.

**Y-dna sequence for Linius Cock:**

[http://www.ysearch.org/alphalist\\_view.asp?uid=&letter=C&lastname=Cox&viewuid=UTS8Z&p=0](http://www.ysearch.org/alphalist_view.asp?uid=&letter=C&lastname=Cox&viewuid=UTS8Z&p=0)

Rootsweb link to **Linius Cock** b: 1810: <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi>

R1b1 Y-dna of Currin Cox, Valentine Cox, **William Cocke** (the 1598 Immigrant) [HERE](#)

R1b1 Y-dna of **John Cock** [HERE](#)

R1b1 Y-dna of George & **Linius Cock** [HERE](#)

J2ah42 Y-dna of **Littleberry Cox** [HERE](#)

J2ah42 Y-dna of **Shapiro family** [HERE](#)

R1b1a2 Y-dna of **Quaker Coxes** [HERE](#)

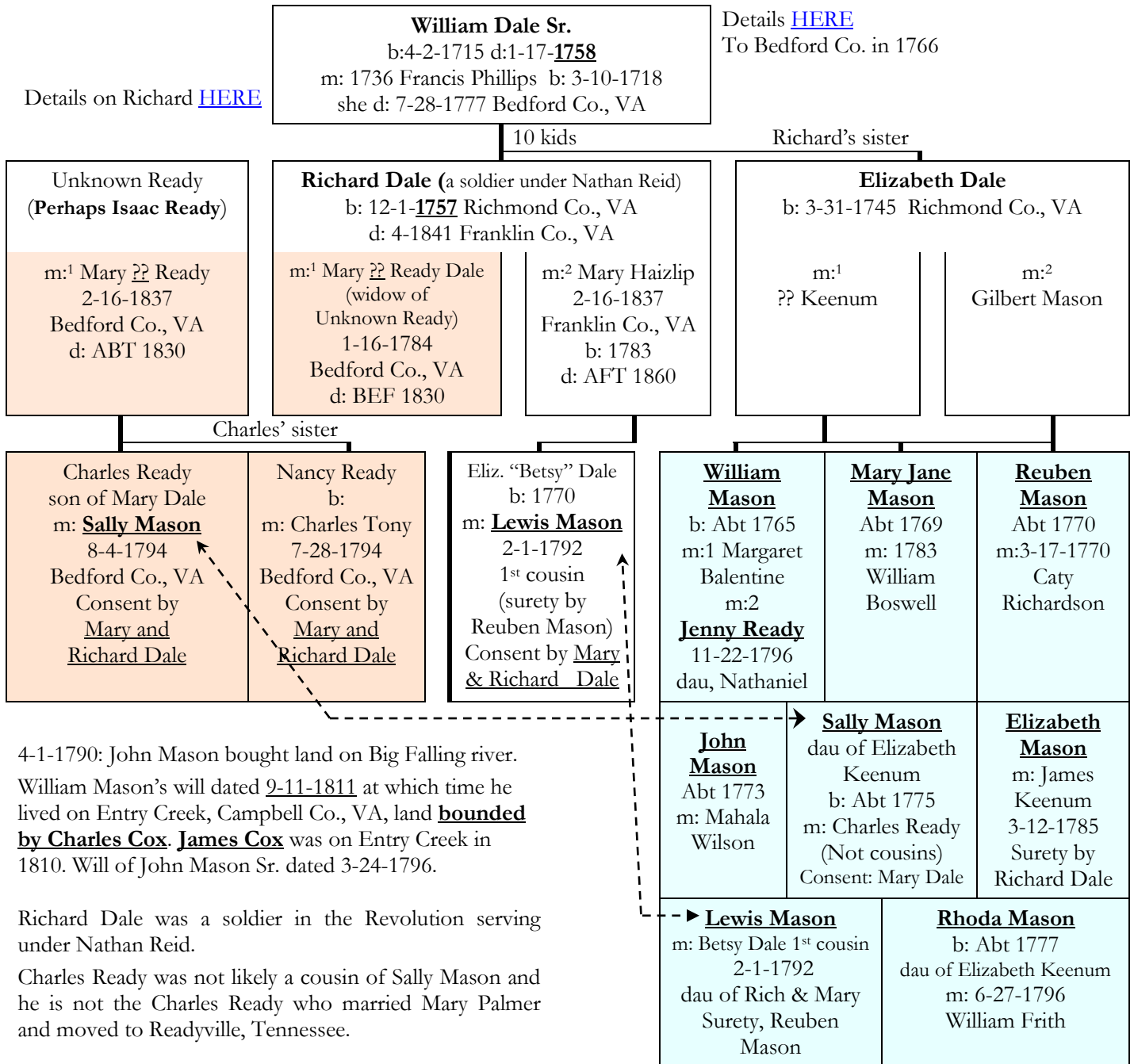
R1b1 Y-dna of **Isham Ready** [HERE](#)

R1b1 Y-dna of **Charles Ready** (m: Mary Palmer) [HERE](#)

R1b1a2 Y-dna of **Tutor** (kings of Eng after Henry VII) [HERE](#)

R1b1a2 Y-dna of **Stewart** (kings of Eng after James I) [HERE](#)

**TABLE 6. Cox, Farris, Spears Ready, Goode and Christeson**



4-1-1790: John Mason bought land on Big Falling river. William Mason's will dated 9-11-1811 at which time he lived on Entry Creek, Campbell Co., VA, land **bounded by Charles Cox. James Cox** was on Entry Creek in 1810. Will of John Mason Sr. dated 3-24-1796.

Richard Dale was a soldier in the Revolution serving under Nathan Reid.

Charles Ready was not likely a cousin of Sally Mason and he is not the Charles Ready who married Mary Palmer and moved to Readyville, Tennessee.

Isaac Ready served in the Revolution under Col. Charles Lynch of Lynchburg, VA. He was wounded at Guilford Court House in North Carolina.

Another Charles Ready may have been a cousin of Jenny Ready (sister of Sally and Massey Ready).

The estate of their father, Nathaniel Ready, was in Charlotte County, next to William Walker, Publius and Erasmus Jones, Sabra Morris and others who had lived at Entry Creek, in Campbell County just a few miles away.

**TABLE 7. Ten Generations of Cox R1b1 Y-dna after James Towne, VA, and Quaker Coxes of PA**

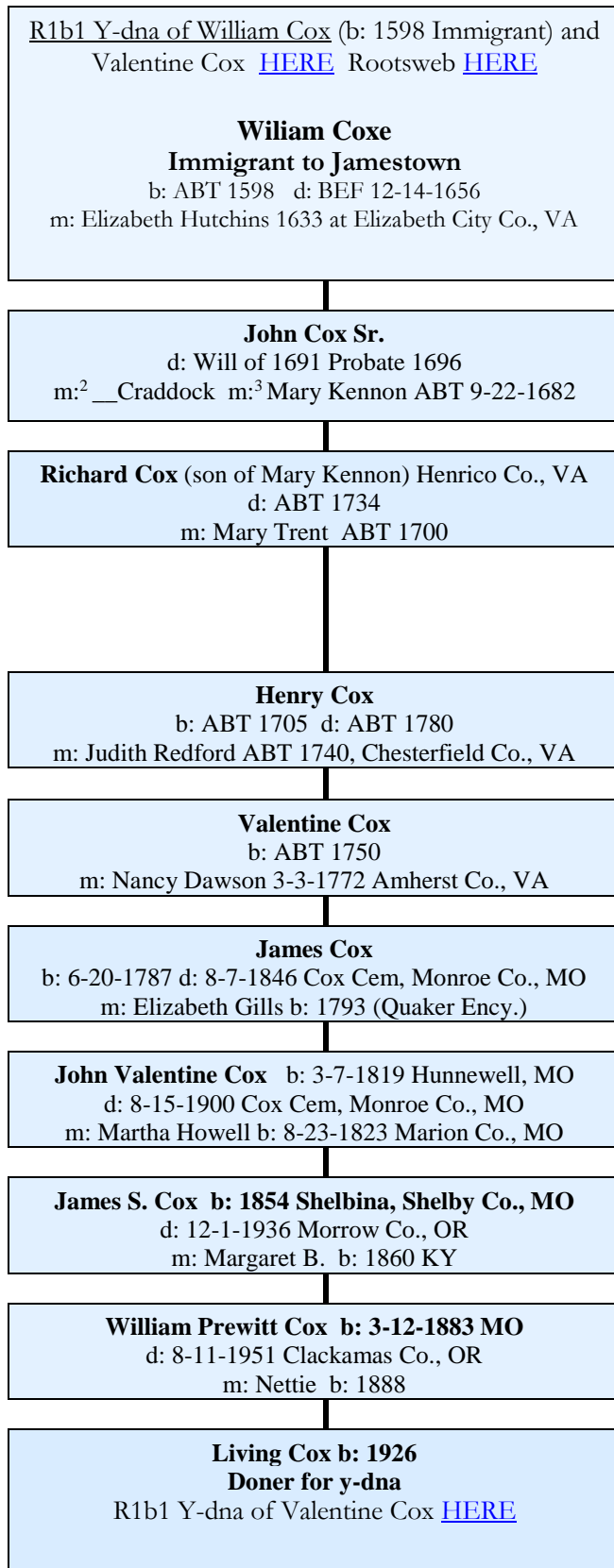


TABLE 7 provides a 10-generation structure for attaching other family trees and French Huguenots from Wales, such as, Jones, Fuque, Faure, Hix, etc.

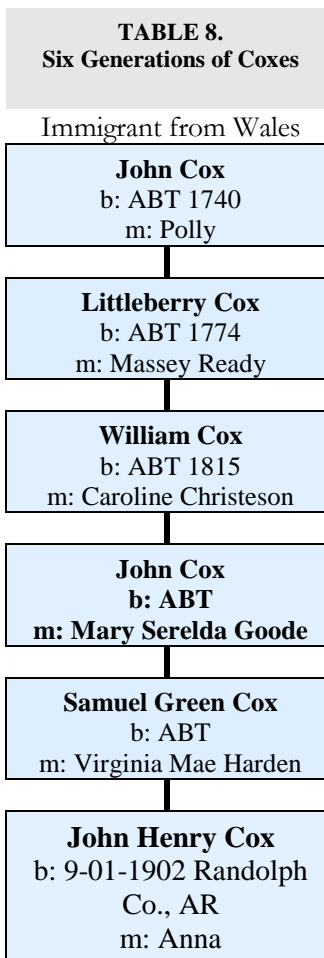
Cox [HERE](#) p 100, Farris [HERE](#), Reese (Rhys) [HERE](#) (p 11), Rice Hix [HERE](#), Noel [HERE](#) (p 97), Nash [HERE](#) (p 67), Keenum [HERE](#) (p 74), Goode [HERE](#) (p 92)

R1b1 Y-dna of Joshua Cox, Sir Richard Cox of Ireland [HERE](#)  
R1b1 Y-dna of William Cox, a Quaker, [HERE](#)

J2a4 Y-dna of Shapiro [HERE](#),

J2a4 Y-dna of a Huguenot, Guillaume Fouquet [HERE](#)

TABLE 8. provided seven-generations with the y-dna sequence, J2a4h2, of Littleberry Cox posted [HERE](#)



Sally Ready