

CHAPTER 5

THE FAMILY OF MARY ELIZABETH STANLEY GIBSON BOXLEY

[This chapter has been written by Margaret Cox Russell who is descended from Mary Elizabeth Stanley and has extensively researched the family. She has considerable documentation for the below. g.m.]

Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Alfred M. and Margaret Heather Stanley was born January 10, 1832 in Tennessee. I have not found any record, which substantiates the exact county of her birth, so I'll use only the State name at this time using census reports as proof. Mary died November 11, 1870 in Mercer County; Missouri and her mortal remains were committed to the earth at Salem Cemetery, Washington Township, Mercer County Missouri. At the time of death she was 38 years, 11 months and 1 day.

Between the dash of her birth and death year beats the very existence of her life. Take a moment with me and let's look at the dash and the legacy of descendants she has left behind.

Mary Elizabeth traveled with her family in their many moves, and finally settled in southern Iowa and northern Missouri. Her first marriage was to John Butcher Gibson, who was born February 14, 1831 in Putnam County, Indiana. John is a son of Lewis N., Sr., and his second wife, Elizabeth Butcher Gibson. Isaac M. Seay, Minister of the Gospel, married John and Mary September 2, 1849, in Mercer County, Missouri. Frequently and unfortunately, the old courthouses caught fire and burned to the ground; few, if any, records were saved and Mercer County Courthouse, located in Princeton, Missouri, suffered such a tragedy in the late 1890's. Although many records were damaged at this fire, none were so totally destroyed as the early marriage records of the county. Catastrophic fires also took their toll on homes. *[Note : Mary's family were in 1830 census in Hendricks Co., Ind. next to Putnam Co., g.m.]*

While searching for probate records in the Mercer County Courthouse, original copies were found in Margaret Elizabeth Ballews's probate package specifically naming five girls, all with the surname of Gibson, which gives pension money to the heirs of John B. Gibson, deceased. With this in mind I, wrote the National Archives in Washington, D.C. for possible information on John Butcher Gibson's service records. There is not a probate record in Mercer County under John B. Gibson's name or Mary Elizabeth's or of the three surnames she would have used. By return mail, I received the pension records of John B. Gibson from the National Archives and was pleased at the information the papers contained. Not only was statistical information extracted from these copies but also a wealth of family information is included, probably which would not be able to be found in any other source.

The 1850 United States Census contains the first written record in which she appears:

Mercer County, Missouri, by Mercer County Genealogical and Historical Society, Princeton, Mo, 2001, page 9, No township given. #48

Gibson, Elizabeth	age 44	female	born: Tenn
John	19	male md	farmer
M.E.	18	female	Tenn married in the census year
Louis	16	male	Mo
Nancy	15	female	Mo
Rhoda	11	female	Mo
Rebecca	10	female	Mo

Beda	7	male	Mo
Rachel	5	female	Mo
Kisire	2	female	Mo

John Gibson's father, Lewis N. Sr., had died in 1847; Elizabeth Gibson would surely be John's widow Elizabeth Butcher Gibson. Elizabeth Butcher Gibson did have relatives in Grundy County. Her brother, Abraham Butcher, lived and died in Grundy County and was the Executor of Elizabeth's husband, Lewis's will. Abraham and his wife, Abigail, are buried in Salem Cemetery, Mercer County, Missouri. The census list includes: M.E. is Mary Elizabeth and Louis, Nancy, Rhoda, Rebecca, Beda and Rachel, all proven children of Lewis and Elizabeth Butcher Gibson. Kisire may be a Butcher relative as written on the 1856 Iowa State Census.

1856 IOWA State Census, Center Township, Decatur County, Iowa (courtesy of Marvin Lander)

John B. Gibson	age	25	married farmer	born: Ind
Mary E.		24	married	Tenn
Lodema		4		Iowa
Fidela		3		Ia
Margaret		1		Ia
Keziah Butcher		15		Ia
Keziah		1		Ia

1860 United States Census, Madison Township, Mercer County, Missouri Post Office, Modena, Mo, by Elizabeth Prather Ellsberry, page 87

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GIBSON,	Elizabeth	age	55	female	born: Ohio
	R.E. (Rebecca)		19	female	mo
	B.A. (Beda)		17	male	Mo
	R.P. (Rachel)		15	female	Mo

I have not found Elizabeth Butcher Gibson's whereabouts in any other source after this census. I don't know if she died or remarried. I did receive the name of an Elizabeth Gibson in another record concerning my Cox line, which awards bounty land certificates in 1854 and sent to Grundy County, Missouri, but I don't know if this is the same Elizabeth Gibson.

#1372 Madison township, Mercer County, Missouri, page 87, by Ellsberry

GIBSON, John B.	age	30	male	born: Ind
Mary E.		28	female	Tenn
Lodena		9	female	Iowa
Fidela		7	female	Ia
M.E. (Margaret Elizabeth)		4	female	Ia
J.E. (Julia Ellen)		1	female	Ia
Lewis N.		23	male	Ind
Lovina Stanley		13	female	Ia

Lewis N. Gibson is John's younger brother. He and his wife are buried at Hamilton Cemetery, Mercer County, Mo. Lovina is probably Mary's sister, Louana.

Pension records listing the children's birthdates are available. They include "notes of a house fire years ago" in which the family record were destroyed.

John Butcher Gibson enlisted as a volunteer in the service of the United States Army and joined at Modena, Mercer County, Missouri. He was enrolled and mustered into service on the same day of August 12, 1861 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas as a member of Kansas 5th Cavalry, Company C, Volunteers for a period of three years. He was entered into service as a corporal. The Kansas Adjutant General's Report of the State of Kansas, Volume 1, 1861-1865, Leavenworth, Kansas by Bulletin Co-Operative Printing Company, Chicago, 1867, states he was promoted to Sergeant also on the day of his enlistment but his pension records do not reflect this rank but that of corporal.

These are the dates given for the births of the five Gibson children from the records of the pension application:

Lodema Gibson	female born:	July 6, 1851
Fidelia Gibson	female	April 29, 1853
Margaret E. Gibson	female	February 1, 1856
Julia E.	female	November 28, 1858
Rebecca J.	female	November 9, 1861

Many familiar and family names are on the roster of the Kansas 5th Cavalry Volunteers from the Mercer County, Missouri and Decatur County, Iowa area. Garrett Gibson, the captain, was in fact John's older half brother. The men from Mercer County who joined with the KS 5th were originally part of a home guard in Mercer County. *[See my note on the Gibsons in the previous chapter. g.ml]*

The Adjutant General's Roster Report for the Kansas 5th mentions John B. Gibson as having died while on march of disease, and even the pension papers found in the Mercer County Courthouse did not give a date of death or a reason, but his pension papers from NARA did provide this information.

Not only was John's death date and cause of death given, but also his brother, Garrett Gibson who was the Captain, wrote and signed an affidavit relating to John's death.

Different dates of death are given in various papers in the same records package, October 3rd, October 28th and October 30th; Garrett Gibson gives the death date of his brother, John, as October 30th, 1861, St. Clair County, Missouri, just a few months after his muster into the service. The cause of John's death is attributed to typhoid fever.

I am going to use the date given by Garrett Gibson because I think he would know the exact date of his brother's death and that he was with him at the time. Nathan Perdue, Clerk of the District Court in Leon, Decatur County, Iowa, also notarized the document written and signed by Garrett Gibson. This is where Garrett Gibson lived after the War of the Rebellion and died. He and members of his family are buried in Leon, Iowa.

St. Clair County, Missouri Cemetery Records do not show a John B., J.B., or John Butcher Gibson as being buried in that county so it appears his grave is not marked. Some sources state he died in Sinclair County, Missouri, but there is no Sinclair county and there does not seem to have been such a county in Missouri at any time.

John's widow, Mary E., gave birth to their last child who she named Rebecca Jane, on November 9th, 1861, just a few days after his death. I wonder if Mary had known that her husband had died at the time of this birth. The child Rebecca was possibly named after another of John's sisters.

Rebecca m. _____ McQuerry and is buried in Mercer Co., Mo.

John and Mary must have lived close to the small town of Modena, Washington Township, since this is where his address is given as joining the service from. By 1863, his widow, Mary, was using Middlebury, Mo, also in Washington Township but in the eastern part as opposed to Modena, which is in the western part of the township, as her mailing address.

This document appears to be the start of her application for pension funds. Her signature at the end is a mark, indicating she could not read or write. Decatur County, Iowa, is also listed as the place of their marriage but Decatur County was not organized until 1850 [from Appanoose Co.] and the same date of September 2, 1849 is given. So Decatur County could not have been the place of their marriage. John's death place is also given as Map 1, which could possibly be a military location as to an area and not the name of any town or settlement at the time of his death. *[Probably was Decatur Co. when application was made. g.m.]*

An affidavit signed by O.L. Stanley and John Laughlin attest to the fact "they lived near neighbors of the said John B. Gibson and Mary Elizabeth, the applicant, his wife for many years before he entered the service and know the foregoing of their personal knowledge". O. L. Stanley could very well be Mary's brother; Ozias Lafayette Stanley who was m. to Rhoda Gibson, John's sister.

Mary E. Gibson was awarded a widow's pension by February 3, 1863 and the Number being 11,961 and her daughters also received a pension as heirs of their father, Number 29,319. Pensions were granted as an Act of Congress in 1862 for widows and minors to the age of 16.

July of 1863 finds Mary E. Gibson's mailing address as Nine Eagles, Decatur County, Iowa. Surely she must have been with relatives at this time.

A "Brief", gives all the pertinent information needed for proof of the pensions in two pages. Mary Elizabeth Stanley Gibson, widow of John, remarried to William Alfred Boxley on October 5, 1865. Where she met Mr. Boxley is unknown. He was a widower, three times married with children still at home. Al Boxley was an early settler to the Mercer County area coming in 1840 from Illinois with family and in laws, the Ballews. Mercer County was formed in 1845 from a portion of Grundy County.

William Alfred Boxley was born in Spottsylvania County, Virginia, February 16, 1815 of unknown parentage. His first marriage was to Mary Elizabeth Ballew in 1840 in Vermillion County, Illinois. This Mary died in 1857; her youngest child of seven was two years old, and the oldest child was 16 years old. Mary Elizabeth Ballew Boxley is buried at Salem Cemetery, Washington Township, Mercer County Missouri.

Al Boxley married the second time to Elsie Best Weldon and, after she died, to her sister Elizabeth Weldon. They were both the daughters of James Weldon and his wife Mary (Polly) Best Weldon and they were married to Boxley and died in succession, so that by October 1865 Boxley married the widow, Mary Elizabeth Stanley Gibson.

William Alfred or Al Boxley was made the guardian of the Gibson children in February 1864; this action was taken before Al Boxley and Mary Gibson married. He was later relieved of this duty for unknown reasons.

I know of no photo of Mary E. that exists to this day. Al Boxley's image does exist, date unknown. However, I can speculate with some accuracy her place of residence for the last five years of her life. James Weldon died in 1847 and his wife Polly died in 1854. Boxley married the first of the Weldon ladies after their parent's deaths and obviously inherited the house upon the death of each Weldon wife. A newspaper article on the house Al Boxley lived in for many years is available.

Between 1857 and 1864 Al Boxley had buried three wives. There were children only by the first marriage.

1850 United States Census by Mercer County Genealogical and Historical Society, Princeton, Mo, 2001. No township given:

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Boxley, A. (William Alfred)	age33	male	farmer	born: Va
Mary Elizabeth (Ballew)		30	female	Va
Sofiah	9	female		Ill
William	7	male		Mo
Elizabeth	2	female		Mo
T.H. (Thomas)	6/12	male		Mo

1860 United States Census for Mercer County, Mo by Ellsberry, Madison township, page, 86

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Boxley, W. A.	age	45	male	born: Va
Elcy (Weldon)		32	female	Mo
Wm		17	male	Mo
George		13	male	Mo
Elizabeth		12	female	Mo
Sarah		9	female	Mo
Oscar		7	male	Mo
James		5	male	Mo

1870 United States Census, Madison township, Mercer County, Missouri by Genealogical Society, P.O. Goshen, Mo, page 68

Family number 120, Dwelling number 119

Boxley, William	age	55	male	born: Va
Eliz. (Stanley-Gibson)		38	female	Tenn
Sarah		19	female	Mo
James		15	male	Mo
Elsie		4	female	Mo
GIBSON, Margaret		14	female	Iowa
Julie E.		11	female	Ia
Rebecca J.		8	female	Mo

[Also, one could find Ballew and Sandlin families nearby as well as Alfred M. and Rebecca Sandlin Stanley in nearby Grundy Co. g.m.]

Sarah and James Boxley are children from Al Boxley's first marriage to Mary Ballew. Elsie is the child of Al and Mary Elizabeth Stanley Boxley and the Gibson children are Mary's children with John Butcher Gibson.

Boxley had been relieved of Guardian/Curator duties and was replaced by R. B. Ballew who was appointed in 1866. Boxley could not read or write and this could have been a problem in administering court records. I did not find a court action or reason for the change. It is also interesting to notice that

Richard Baxter Ballew is the brother of Boxley's first wife, Mary Ballew.

A descendant of the Ballew (Buddy Baxter Ballew) line, living in California set me in the direction of the Stanley line when he corresponded with me and sent me copies of a book written by a cousin of his. The book is "William Ballew, His Ancestors and Descendants" written by Violet Ann Ballew Walton, 1972, no longer in print. Elsie A. Boxley was born July 30, 1866 the only child of Al Boxley and Mary Elizabeth Stanley Boxley and was born in Mercer County, Missouri. She was not quite four and one half years old when her mother died. The 1870 Census is the last written record Mary Elizabeth appears on.

Boxley lived here until his death in 1895; the house was then sold by his heirs to the Wright family. There are many inaccuracies in the article which appeared in the Princeton Newspaper and was sent to me by Eva Brush Gibson, a descendant of Lewis N. Gibson, Jr.

1880 United States Census, Washington township by the Genealogical Society, 2002, page 248

NAME	COLOR	SEX	AGE	OCCUPATION	Birth	Father	Mother
Boxley, William	white	male	64	farmer	Va	Va	Va
Eliza D.	white	fe	40	wife	Ky	Ky	Ky
Elsie A.	white	fe	14	daughter	Mo	Va	Tenn
COX, Perry	white	male	17	laborer	Mo	Ill	Ill

Eliza D. is Elizabeth Durham Lewis, widow of William O. Weiser; she was his last wife. Rumor is she left him but unknown when. Perry Cox was born March 30, 1862 in Mercer County and is the youngest child of Oliver H. P. and Caroline Helm Cox. Perry Cox and Elsie Boxley were married January 31, 1881 in Mercer County, Missouri. She was fourteen and he was seventeen years old. They are my great grandparents.

CHILDREN OF JOHN BUTCHER AND MARY ELIZABETH STANLEY GIBSON

1. **Lodema Alice Gibson**, first child of John and Mary Gibson was born July 6, 1851 in Iowa and probably Decatur County as Mary's parents were living there at this time. She drew a pension due to her father's service in the civil war until the age of 16 years so her pension would have expired on July 5th 1867. Records of her pension are fewer because she drew for a shorter period of time but also not all records were found in the Mercer County records.

1881 History of Grundy County Missouri by Goodspeed of Chicago, page 67

Washington township was a long time without a Church, but religious services were held as early as 1839 at the homes of the settlers; the Reverend Thomas Thompson, then a resident of Franklin township (Grundy County, but remember Mercer County was not created until 1845 and its parent county was Grundy) conducted religious services. The services were of the Christian denomination and were the first held in the township. Later, other denominations held services in like manner, but no Christian churches were erected until 1870, when the Union Baptists built a church edifice. The organization took place on the 4th of July 1869. The following were the first members: Z.

W. Shackelford, Anna Shackelford, Jane Chestnut, Hiram Gay, Rhodena Gay (I believe this Rhodena is Lodema Gay. Lodema married Hiram Gay before 1870).

1870 Mercer County, Mo Census, Madison township, page 99 Published by Genealogical and Historical Society of Princeton, Missouri

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Gay,	Hiram	age	25	male	born: Mo
	Lodena	18	female	Mo	
	Mary C.	1	female	Mo	
	William	5/12	male	Mo	February

1880 United States Census, Madison township, Mercer County, Mo, Mercer County Genealogical and Historical Society, 2002, page 211

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Gay,	Hiram	white male	age	36	head	married	farmer		
								Mo	Ky
								Ky	
	L.A.	white fe	28	wife	keeps house			Mo	Mo
					Tenn				
	M.C.	white fe	12	daughter,	single at school			Mo	Mo
		Mo							
	M.F.	white fe	8	daughter,	single, at school			Mo	Mo
	W.R.	white male	2	son,	single,			Mo	Mo
				Mo					

- a. **Mary C. Gay's** projected birth year of 1868 early 1869 would give an estimated marriage year of her parents of 1867-68. So it would appear that Lodema Alice Gibson married Hiram Gay at about the age of 16.

Hiram Gay is the son of Lewis R. Gay and his first wife Lucinda Cornet. He was born March 12, 1844 in Missouri. His father, Lewis Gay Sr., married three times with his last wife being Prescella Gibson, a half sister to John B. Gibson. His wife, Lodema's aunt, was his step mother. (Information from D. Norton, G. Meddaugh and Marie Sellers Hollinger).

Hiram Gay died September 25, 1891 in Mercer County, Missouri and is probably buried in the Chestnut Cemetery south of Modena. His mother, Lucinda, is buried there with a marker but Hiram's grave is not marked.

Hiram Gay's Estate papers, dated November 7, 1891, consist only of a Petition for Refusal of Administration for Insufficiency of Property. Hiram's widow, Lodema, itemizes his net worth and states there are two minor sons aged 14 and 11. Lodema also signed this document with her mark. The younger son seems to have been born after the 1880 Census was taken. The two daughters were either married and on their own or had died.

Lodema Gay was not found on the 1900 Census on any that have been examined in Washington and Madison townships. However the Gay surname remained in these areas.

1900 Madison twp Mercer County, Missouri Census line 100, dwelling number 164, family number 166

Gay, Willard R. head, male, white, married 0 years, born July 1877, born Mo-Mo-Ia
Agnes A. wife fe white married 0 years, born Nov 1882

No children; all birth states listed as Missouri. This is a possibility but not proven.

Willard R. (W.R.) Gay 2 years old in the 1880 census would have been born about 1878. Also note the birth states of his father in Missouri and his mother in Iowa.

It is also believed Lodema is buried in Chestnut Cemetery where her husband Hiram is most likely buried although there seems to be no written proof of this. Clay Kronenberger did write some notes as to his aunts and copies of those handwritten are available. Clay's information obtained from his parents agrees with the Chestnut Cemetery site.

The following are records sent to me by Al Kronenberger. They were written by his father, Albert Clay Kronenberger Sr. Albert Sr.'s mother was Julia E. Gibson. See her story later.

2. **Fidelia Ann Gibson**, the second child of John and Mary E. Stanley Gibson is recorded born April 29, 1853 in Iowa. She would expire from the pension roll April 28, 1869. Final settlement was made to her on October 14, 1868 where she is known as Fidelia Hamilton. On October 6, 1868 her guardian, Mr. Ballew, addressed her as Fidelia Gibson. Possibly she was married between October 6 and October 14, 1868, but surely in October of 1868.

J. R. Hamilton who she had married signed the receipt for the final settlement of her monies. James Rile Hamilton was the oldest child of Henry Collins and Catherine Hickman Hamilton and was born December 1846 in Missouri.

1870 United States Census, Harrison County, Missouri Trail Creek township, P.O. Cainsville, page 154

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Hamilton, James R. white 22 male head farmer Born: Mo
Phidlelia A. white 16 female wife keeping house Mo
She can't read or write

James' parents are listed in the preceding household at 143-144.

Fidelia's life was short and her age, place and date of death are unknown. She is buried at the Hamilton Cemetery in Mercer County, Missouri. Her stone is broken at an angle and dates and numbers are not readable because not all of the stone is there. One number looks to be the lower part of 2 though.

Fidelia A.
Wife of
J.R. Hamilton
Died
A Little Flower of Love
That Blossomed But Died
Transplanted Now Above
To Bloom With God(unreadable)

There are no known children from this union and it is very possible Fidelia died in childbirth sometime in 1873 just after her 20th birthday. James R. Hamilton remarried early in 1874.

James R. Hamilton remarried February 5, 1874 in Mercer County, Missouri to Mary Hannah Milner, widow of Joseph Power. The Hamiltons moved to Chase County, Kansas where James died in 1921. I think they are buried at Matfield Green, Chase, KS.

3. **Margaret Elizabeth Gibson**, the third child of John and Mary E. Stanley Gibson was born February 1, 1856 with a pension expiration date of January 31, 1872. Margaret married Crawford Ballew on June 1, 1871, at the age of 15, in Mercer County, Missouri and would spend the remainder of her life in the Modena area.

1880 United States Census, Washington township, District 222, Mercer County, Missouri

Ballew Crawford	white male	30y farmer	born:	Mo	Va	Ind
Margaret E.	white fe	24 wife		Mo	Ky	Fl
Geneva	white fe	8 daughter		Mo	Mo	Mo
Thomas W.	white m	6 son		Mo	Mo	Mo
Effie	white f	4 daughter		Mo	Mo	Mo
Martha	white f	3 daughter		Mo	Mo	Mo

Crawford Ballew was the son of Thomas and Phoebe Crawford Ballew and was born July 21, 1849. B. B. Ballew from Violet Ann Ballew Walton's Book, page 38, shares his information. Crawford died October 15, 1932 after farming and living all his life in Mercer County, Missouri. His Probate is number B-101, in Princeton, Mo. His farm is listed in his probate record as South 1/2 of the NW 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 all in Section 21, twp 64 Range 21, being 120 acres.

Mrs. Margaret Ballew died at Modena: Trenton Republican Times, Apr 23, 1945.

Mrs. Margaret E. Ballew, 87 years old, died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Neva Higgins of Modena. She lived most of her life in Modena. Mrs. Ballew was born February 1, 1856, daughter of John and Mary Gibson. She was married to Crawford Ballew who preceded her in death. Three sons and three daughters survive. Funeral service will be held Tuesday at the Christian Church in Modena, conducted by the Rev. V.P. Walker. Internment will be in the Salem Cemetery west of Mill Grove. (Death date being April 21, 1945, her Probate number is B-137.

- a. **Geneva Ballew** was born 1872 in Mercer County, Missouri and married Luther L Higgins in 1895. They are buried at Salem Cemetery, Mercer County, Missouri.
- b. **Thomas Winfield Ballew**, born 6 May 1874, married Carrie Lutheny Shockey on 12 December 1901, near Spickard, Mo. She is the daughter of Henry and Ann Coon Shockey. Tom died Nov 25, 1952 (just a few days after his sister, Neva Higgins died in Mo.) in Santa Monica, CA. Carrie Shockey Ballew also died in Santa Monica 15 January 1969. One son, Clay, of Santa Monica named on Tom's obit and one grand daughter, all of Santa Monica.
- c. **Effa Ballew** was born in 1876 and married Prince Albert Deshler in 1897. She died in

1967. In 1932 when her father died she was living in Olathe, KS.

- d. **Martha Ballew** was born in 1878 and married Charles Perry Newton in 1899; they later divorced. Martha died in 1966. In 1932 she was living in Kansas City, Mo.
- e. **Leonard Ballew** was born in 1881 and married Anna Lee Sires in 1907. In 1932 they were living in Trenton, Mo; in 1945 residing in Houston, TX and in 1954 resided in Havanna, AR.
- f. **Henry Clay Ballew** was born in 1886 and married Isabel Vanderbilt Flagler in 1907. He died in 1967. They had no children and in 1932 lived in St. Louis, Mo and in 1945 lived in Florida.

I have not researched this family further but presume there are many descendants of this line remaining in the Mercer County area.

- 4. **Julia Ellen Gibson** is the fourth child of John and Mary Gibson and was born November 28, 1858. She seems to have married a little later in age than her older sisters but the exact date and place are unknown. Julia was born in Lineville, Decatur County, Iowa and she also received a pension from her father. There is a receipt for her care signed by Hiram Gay, who was her brother in law, thus further proving the girls kept in touch after the death of both their father and mother. Julia was about 12 years old when her mother died. She does not seem to be living at one residence for the entire time but I am sure none of the girls continued to live with their stepfather, William A. Boxley, after the death of their mother in 1870.

Receipts in Julia's behalf refer to her as July Ellen. This was for her schooling and payment was also made to Casteel Brothers for her needs. Casteel Brothers was a large and popular General Merchandise Store in Princeton, Missouri at the time.

Julia married Joseph Kronenberger before the 1880 Census was taken. Joseph was born October 13, 1845 in Newark, Ohio. How or why he came to Missouri is unknown but he seems to be the only member of his family to do so.

1880 United States Census, Harrison County, Missouri, Clay twp. Family History Library Film #1 254688; NA File T9-0688, page 6D

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Kronenberger, Joseph-- white male head 33y married wool
manufacturer
Father born DARM, mother born BIER (both in Germany)
Julia E. ---white female wife age 21y married keeps house born
in Iowa Father and mother both born Indiana
Millard A.---white male son age 6/12 born January in Missouri
Father born in Ohio mother born in Iowa

This would give an estimate year of Julia's marriage of 1878-1879. I have not found any more information on Millard and presume he died at a young age, either Iowa or Missouri.

Joseph Kronenberger does not show on any other census after 1880. It is known they ran a café and meat market in Brimson, Grundy County, Missouri around 1906.

Brimson, Missouri History Book, First Edition, Volume 1985, Walsworth Publishing Company, Marceline, Missouri, page 152, column 1

"Brimson could boast of two well known restaurants in the early 1900's both located in block 5 on the south side of Main Street. The restaurant located on the east end of this block on Lot number 1 was known as the Kronenberger building as is assumed to be the first restaurant built".

The first owner of this lot was Porter Thompson who transferred the land to the town of Brimson in 1900. The town of Brimson sold to George Norton on February 8, 1904; to F.D. Fulkerson and wife on February 8, 1904 with both transfers occurring on the same day, the land was then sold to Gabe Jones on April 25, 1906 and then to Joseph Kronenberger on September 6, 1906.

Brimson News in the Galt, Grundy County, Missouri Newspaper of October 15, 1904

"The restaurant and meat market building are nearly done and the duck and quail season is nearly here and late chickens are now ripe. The people won't have to live on them if they don't want to as they will be able to get pork and beef. It is stated that Joseph Kronenberger built the restaurant and was the operator a short time along with a meat market and it is thought he sold fresh meat but no facts are available. Operators of the business were found from 1904 to 1941 without the property being sold. it is assumed that the operators of the businesses were business operators and the property continued to be owned by Mr. Kronenberger".

Joe and Julia Kronenberger moved to St. Joseph, Missouri area but the exact date of the move is unknown. Their grandson, Al, believes they were in St. Joseph about 1906. They are listed in the 1916 City Directory but that is the earliest directory I checked. This would make it appear the move to St. Joseph; Mo was made from the Brimson area.

1916 City Directory, St. Joseph, Mo by R.L. Polk, p. 298

Kronenberger, Clay, student, boarder 309 W. Colorado Ave
Kronenberger, Jos, residence 309 W. Colorado Ave

For some unknown reason, Julia is not listed. By the time the city directory was made public Joseph Kroneberger had died.

Joseph died July 12, 1916, at the age of 70 years, 9 months and 10 days. He was buried at Mt. Mora Cemetery in St. Joseph, Mo on July 14 in the Northeast Privilege, Row 17, Grave 16.

1933 City Directory for St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Missouri, R.L. Polk, page 217

Kronenberger, Arth C. (Ida) scaler Swift & Co. home 3818 Terrace Ave
Kronenberger, Julia E. (widow Jos) home 5415 Swift Ave

1937 City Directory, St. Joseph, Buchanan County, Mo by R.L. Polk and Sons, page 242

Kronenberger, Albert C. (Ida C.) scaler, Swift & Co. home 3818 Terrace Ave
Kronenberger, Julia E. (widow Jos) home 5415 Swift Ave

1920 United States Census, St. Joseph City, Washington township, Buchanan County, Mo; Roll T625_907, page 138, ED 126, Line 52

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Kroenberger, Julia E. head of house, owns home, white, female, widow, 61 years old, can read and write born in Mo, father born IA mom b. Mo
Albert C. son, male, white, age 23, single, no occupation given, can read and Write, born in Mo, father born Oh mother born Mo

In 1930 Julia was living with Emma V. Fuller in Julia's home. She is listed as 71 years old, a widow, white, female born in Mo, father and mother both born in Mo. This from the 1930 United States Census for St. Joseph City, Washington township, Buchanan County, Mo, T626_1 177, page 1 7B, ED1 8

Julia will not appear on the 1940 census of the United States because she died September 30, 1939 at St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Joseph, Mo. She too is buried at Mt. Mora Cemetery.

Oddly, they are not buried next to each other but in different rows one row apart. She was buried on October 2, 1939 in the Northeast Privilege Row 18, grave 16

Julia Gibson Kronenbergers Will was probated in St. Joseph, Buchanan Couty, Mo. Her son, Albert Clay or Clay as he was known, was the administrator of her will which is Recorded in Book I, page 169, #302. Her estate was shared between her two surviving children, son, Clay and daughter, Cornelia Mapes. The lots for the Brimson property were in her estate.

Julia and Joseph also had the following children:

- a. **Millard Andrew Kronenberger** is only found on 1880 census. Since he is not listed in any cemetery in Mercer County, MO, he probably died and is buried in Iowa. (Al did not know of him at all)
- b. **Cornelia Jane Kronenberger** born August 22, 1882 in Iowa and died June 13, 1970 in San Diego, CA with a last residence of Oceanside, CA. Her first marriage was to Mr. _____ Allen, whom she must have married about 1903; his birthplace is given as Missouri but no other information is known of him. There were two children born in the Allen marriage:
 - i. **Clifton T. Allen**, born December 10, 1904 in Missouri was never married. He died in Oceanside, Cc. on December 6, 1993.
 - ii. **Frances Julia Allen** was born July 31, 1906 also in Missouri and died September 6, 1990 in San Diego, Ca. She was married sometime after 1930, as she appears single on the 1930 Census living with her mother, stepfather and brother. Her husband's name was Joseph Domenico Zannoni; he was born May

3, 1894 in Italy and died July 19, 1959 at Los Angeles, CA. They had no children and after the death of Joe, Frances went to live again with her mother and brother as her stepfather had died by this time.

Cornelia Jane Kronenberger Allen married again to Richard Mapes, who the census says was born in KS. They were married by 1920 and probably in St. Joseph, Mo as they appear in this **census Roll T625_907, page 13A on Swift Avenue:**

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Mapes,	Richard , male, white, age 46, married, head of house, born in KS father and Mother both born in New York, works at packing house
	Cornelia J. female, white, age 37, wife, born IA, father born OH, mother born IA
Allen,	Clifton T. , step-son, male, white, single, born Mo, father born IN mother b. IA
	Frances J. , step-dau, female, white, single, born Mo, father born IN, mom born IA

In the 1930 United States Census the Mapes-Allen family is residing in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, Ca.; Enumeration District 771, Sheet #5A, Roll T626_1 65

In this census age of first marriage is given. Richard Mapes states he was 41 years old at this time and Cornelia states she was 32. I don't think this is the date of her first marriage but the age at which she married Mr. Mapes, but it does correspond to a 1914-15 marriage to Richard Mapes. Cornelia and Richard had no children. I did find a Richard Mapes listed in the 1880 Census for 4th Ward, Wyandotte, Wyandotte County, KS, living with mother Libbie Mapes who was head of house. Richard is listed as 6 years old and a son. His father's birthplace is stated as PA and his mother's as NY. Family History Library Film 1254400, NA Film # T9-0400, page 387B.

Al Kronenberger, Jr. remembers visiting his Aunt and told me Cornelia Jane was very close to her children. They are all buried in the same cemetery in California but I have not researched this yet. Al also remembers attending her funeral in California and thought they were all buried at Forest Lawn in Los Angeles.

- c. **Charles Eugene Kronenberger**, the third child of Joseph and Julia Kronenberger is buried at Chestnut Cemetery, Mercer County Missouri. His stone has only:

C. E. Kronenberger
1887-1889

- d. **Albert Clay Kronenberger**, the fourth and last known child of Joe and Julia, was born June 30, 1896 in Missouri. He went to school near Brimson, Mo. in the early 1900's, probably when his parents had the market and café in Brimson. He served in the Army in WW I in France, and told his son it took 13 days to cross the ocean. Clay married Ida C. Buettner on August 8, 1923 in St. Joseph, Mo. (Book 43, page 225). Ida is the daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth Ellen Cordill Buettner. Clay and Ida lived most of their lives in St. Joseph until health concerns and age sent them to Michigan where their only child, Al, lived.

Ida was born July 30, 1894 in Nodaway County, Missouri and died February 10, 1984 at Ann Arbor, Michigan. Clay died April 8, 1986 in Allen Park, MI. Both Clay and Ida are buried at Memorial Park Cemetery in St. Joseph, Mo along with their infant daughter, Joan, who died of leukemia at the age of four months on January 31, 1933. Their son Albert Clay, Jr. or Al born December 3, 1929 at St. Joseph, Mo., resides in Northville, Mi. He is widowed and has one daughter, Anne, born in 1962 at Seattle, WA. Anne is married and is about to become a grandmother for the first time.

5. **Rebecca Jane Gibson**, the last child of John and Mary Gibson, was born after the death of her father. Her pension records contain copies of receipts on purchases made in her behalf from Leon, Iowa. She must have been living there for a part of her youth, further substantiating the thought of family in that area, either Gibson or Stanley or perhaps both.

Information on Rebecca is very weak. Al tells me her first marriage was to Frank Brown and indeed on her grandfather's, Alfred Stanley's, estate papers, she is referred to as R. J. Brown. Mr. Brown died and she remarried to Oliver Parker. They eventually moved to Las Vegas, San Miguel County, New Mexico where they died and Al says they are buried. There were no children by either marriage. I have not been able to get a lead on Rebecca or her marriages.

6. **Elsie Boxley**, daughter of Mary Elizabeth Stanley Gibson and William Alfred Boxley, was born July 1866. Her mother died when she was young and it appears she continued to live at home with her father until her marriage January 31, 1881 to Perry Cox in Mercer County, Missouri. She was fourteen years old at the time of her marriage. *[see census on p.6. g.m.]*

Al Boxley, Elsie's father, died September 24, 1895 and is buried at Salem Cemetery, Mercer County, Missouri, with his first wife, Mary Ballew Boxley. Elsie's mother, Elizabeth (Mary E.), is buried a few feet to the west surrounded by a concrete wall.

Perry and Elsie resided in Harrison, Mercer and Grundy Counties at different times of their marriage. When Perry's father, Oliver, died in 1892, they were living in Harrison County, Mo. Elsie received an inheritance from her father's estate. They built a home in Washington township in Grundy County, Missouri and lived there for several years.

1900 United States Census, Washington township, Grundy County, Mo; Supervisors District 2, Enumeration District 62, Sheet 5B, line 79 Dwelling number 113, Family number 114

Cox, Perry head of house, white, male, married, born Mar 1862, age 38, mar 20 years Farmer, born Mo, father born IL, mother born IL

Elsie, wife, white, female, born July 1866, 34 years old, married 20 years, six Children born to mother, 5 children living, born in Mo, father born VA Mother born VA

Cox, Stacy, son, male, white, age 18, born Sept 1881, single born in Mo, father and Mother both born in Missouri

Frank son, male, white, age 17, born Nov 1882, single, Missouri for all birth states

Allie---son, male, white, age 14, single, born Aug 1885,

Missouri for all birth states

Jay--- son, male, white, age 10, single, born July 1888,
Missouri for all birth states

Paul son, male, white, age 2, born July 1897, single, Missouri
for all birth states

In early 1910, Perry, Elsie and their two youngest, Jay and Paul left Missouri to homestead in Weston County, Wyoming. Oldest son Stacy was already in the western areas, married and with children. Son Jay did not stay in Wyoming long as he married later the same year in Missouri, but he is on the Census for the year 1910 in Wyoming.

1910 United States Census, Weston County, Wyoming, Upton Town, Election District 15 Family #27 Dwelling #27

Cox, Perry head, male, white, age 47, married 29 years, farmer,
born Mo, parents b. IL
Elsie A. wife, fe, white, age 43, married 29 y, 6 children born,
5 children living, born Missouri, father born VA, mother born IA
L. (Jay) son, white, male, age 20, single, farm laborer, born
Mo, parents born Mo
Paul, son, white, male, age 12y, single, no occupation, all
birth states are Mo

Son Stacy and his family were close if not next door at 26-26.

Cox, Stacy L., head, male, white, age 28, married 8 years,
farmer, all birth states Mo.
Iona, wife, female, white, age 27, married 8 years, 3 births, 3
living children All birth states are Missouri
Voy E., son, male, white, age 7, single, all birth states are
listed as Mo
Mildred M., daughter, white, female, age 4, single, born Mont.,
parents born Mo
Ruth V., daughter, white, female, age 2, single, all birth
states listed as Mo

Perry and Elsie Patented Land in Weston County:

Patentee Name: Perry Cox, Elsie Cox
Date of Issue October 4 1913
Land Office at Sundance, Crook County, Wyoming
Document # 04347
Accession/ Serial number 358342 159.6 acres
No mineral reservations
Authority of May 20, 1862; Homestead Entry Original

Elsie may have very well lived on the homestead to fulfill the homestead application. This land was in the family until 1946 when it was sold.

Perry Cox died in 1911, this obituary would seem to have been printed in a Mercer County, Missouri newspaper.

On Friday morning July 7 at 3:45 o'clock occurred the death of Perry Cox, a former resident of Mercer County, who passed away at his home on Soda Creek Weston County Wyoming, after a brief illness. The deceased was son of O.H.P. Cox and was born near Princeton on March 4, 1862. He resided in this county until 8 months ago when he moved to Wyoming.

The deceased was married in 1881 to Elsie Boxley and to this union six children were born, Goldie Cox, a daughter dying at the age of five years and five sons. Stacy and Paul Cox of Upton, Wyo. Frank Cox of Hunter, Oklahoma, Allie and Jay Cox of Spickard, Mo together with the grief stricken wife and helpmate survive him. After emigrating to Wyoming in 1910, Mr. Cox homesteaded the farm on which he died. His passing was entirely unexpected by his family, though he had been in poor health for many months. Funeral services were held at the Upton M.E. Church conducted by Rev. W.T. Caldwell after which the remains were borne to Greenwood Cemetery and laid to rest. Many manifestations of sympathy came from the people of the city of Upton and all the business houses were closed during the funeral services.

Mr. Cox was a man of good habits and sterling character and in his western home as well as in Mercer County, the home of his boyhood. A host of friends greatly mourn his death.

His Death Certificate is #07 189, File #191 1, Registered No. 688, State of Wyoming

Perry Cox's grave remained unmarked for over 50 years until his youngest son, Paul, made a stone for it. In 1967 Paul's son Dallas drove him to Upton Wyoming where the stone was placed. It is simply marked: PERRY COX 1862-1911.

The exact whereabouts of Elsie Boxley Cox after the death of her husband Perry are for the most part unknown. She did stay in Wyoming for a while before returning to Missouri. She lived with her son Allie and his wife, Manda. Allie had moved into the Perry Cox home in Grundy County after his parents had moved to Wyoming.

Elsie died in Trenton Missouri at the Wright Hospital on November 13, 1919.

Mrs. Elsie Boxley Cox was born July 20, 1866, died November 13, 1919 aged 53 years, 3 months and 13 days. In January 1881 she was united in marriage to Perry Cox. To this union were born five boys and one girl. She united with the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church at Cat Creek in the year 1916 where she remained faithful until her death. Another beautiful life has gone home. Here she suffered much. Now her sufferings are over. Her will had become God's Will. In Him she lived, moved and had her being. Her life was bid with God. I feel that she has gone to a better world; and that we are better in heart and richer in soul because we knew her.

Funeral services were held at Wild's Chapel, November 14, 1919, where a host of relatives and friends met to pay their

last respects to one we call loved.

C.E. Sherrah, preacher

Elsie is buried next to Goldie, her only daughter at Wild's Cemetery, Grundy Co., Mo.

ELSIE
Wife of
Perry Cox
July 30, 1866
November 13, 1919
In Loving Remembrance

The Children of Elsie Boxley and Perry Cox:

- a. **STACY LOGAN COX**, First child, was born August 17, 1881 on his grand dad Boxley's farm southwest of Princeton, Missouri.

His first marriage was to Iona (Irma) Brummett on July 25, 1903. She was born December 1882 in Mercer County to George and Eliza Mock Brummett. She died in Cut Bank, Montana in 1970 where she is buried; she had remarried sometime after her divorce from Stacy which occurred about 1920.

Stacy married again to Minnie B. Straight on June 17, 1928 in Mercer County Missouri. Minnie was born March 17, 1903 and died October 18, 1995. They had no children together. Stacy and Minnie lived in Aurora Colorado. Stacy died in Denver on March 17 1966. They are buried at Crown Hill Cemetery in Denver, Colorado.

Gene Cox of Moorcroft, Wyoming who is a grandson of Stacy's remembers Stacy going to Havre Montana where he taught school before returning to Missouri where he married Iona. Stacy also taught school at the Old Tennessee School in Mercer County when he was younger. He was in the meat cutting business during most of his life but also had some land at one time in Weston County Wyoming. By 1928 he was living in Denver.

Rocky Mountain News, Denver, Colorado March 17, 1966 p.26

STACY COX DIES; AIDED ARTIST CHARLIE RUSSELL

A man who acted as interpreter for famed Western artist Charlie Russell and who often posed on horseback for Russell's Montana scenes in dead in Denver at 84. Stacy L. Cox died Thursday in St. Anthony's Hospital after a long illness. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday in Howard Mortuary, Berkeley Park Chapel. Burial will be in Crown Hill.

Mr. Cox moved to Denver in 1928 and was associated with a grocery and market until retiring in 1942. He was born August 17 in Missouri but as a boy moved to Montana and worked for a sutler who provided provisions for the military troops and Indians.

For many years he was an official interpreter to the Assiniboine and Gros Ventre Indians at Fort Belknap Indian Reservation in Montana. Mr. Cox, knowledgeable in Indian lore,

was designated to gather materials representing tribal cultural art for the 1898 Trans-Mississippi International Exposition in Omaha, Nebraska while still in his teens. He could identify the tribe that had made almost any Indian object. Friends say that when objects were checked against authoritative guides, Mr. Cox's identification after only casual observation was seldom wrong.

While in Montana he became traveling companion and interpreter for Russell. He said the Indians were shy about posing and he assisted Russell by getting them to do so.

Mr. Cox also assumed the pose of a cowboy on horseback for a number of Russell sketches and paintings. He said Russell would use him to get the form of the cowboy, then painted different features on the cowboy's face.

Mr. Cox was so well respected by Indians of the area he was the only white man permitted inside lodges when tribes held secret dances forbidden by U.S. authorities.

About 1908 Mr. Cox moved to Upton Wyoming where he entered the general mercantile business. He married Minnie Straight on June 17, 1928.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a son, Voy Cox, Moorcroft Wyoming; three daughters; Mrs. Georgia Lee Tanner of Newport Beach, California; Mrs. Mildred Crouter of Los Angeles, California and Mrs. Virginia Clark of Sheridan, Wyoming. Other survivors include four brothers, three grandchildren and nine great grand children.

Stacy and Iona's children:

- i. **Voy E. "Hopper" Cox** was born September 27, 1903 at Princeton, Missouri and spent his entire life in Wyoming. He ran a tavern in Moorcroft, Wyoming for many years until forced into retirement at the horns and hoofs of a cranky bull. Hopper married Sylvia Stevenson on November 12, 1927 in Newcastle Wyoming. Sylvia was born September 29, 1905 in Wyoming and died September 1986. Hopper died July 14, 1979 in Sundance Wyoming. They are buried at the Moorcroft Cemetery.

Children of Voy "Hopper" and Sylvia are:

- (1) **Gene**, born 1928 still lives in Crook County, WY, has 5 children.
 - (2) **Kendall Stacy "Cork"**, 1929-1950
 - (3) **Loren Jay** 1932-1951
- ii. **MILDRED COX**, daughter of Stacy and Iona was born September 21, 1905 in Wyoming and died December 20 1993 in Newport Beach, California. She married George McRae and then Ernest Crouter.
 - iii. **VIRGINA LEE COX**, daughter of Stacy and Iona Brummett Cox, born April 28 1908 in Montana and died September 1982 at Sheridan, Wyoming.

- iv. **GEORGIA LEE COX** was born in 1914 she married Gilbert Blumanthal and then Don Tanner.

This is all the information I have on these families.

- b. **FRANK MONROE COX**, Second Child of Perry and Elsie Boxley Cox.

Frank was born September 23, 1884 in Mercer County, Missouri and died May 14, 1972 in Medford, Grant County, Oklahoma. He married Rebecca Ann (Beckie) Mullican on May 26, 1906 in Pond Creek, Grant County Oklahoma. Beckie is the daughter of Levi and Mary Loyd Mullican and was born April 17, 1879 in Daviess County Missouri and died August 12 1938 in Grant County, Oklahoma. They are buried at the Pond Creek Cemetery in Pond Creek Oklahoma.

Frank worked for the Railroad and lost part of his right leg in a railroad accident. He raised his two boys alone after the death of their mother and farmed on the Salt River.

Pond Creek- Funeral services for Frank M. Cox, 87, of Pond Creek, will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday in the Wilson Funeral Chapel. Rev. George Palmer will officiate with burial in the Pond Creek Cemetery.

Cox made his home in the Medford Nursing Home for the past three years. He was a retired farmer. The casket will remain closed following the service.

He is survived by two sons; Raymond of Jet and Everet of Del City, three grandchildren; one great grandchild, two brothers; Jay of Trenton, Mo and Paul of Plains, KS. Born in Princeton, Mo in September of 1884. Cox cam to Oklahoma 50 years ago and lived on a farm near Hunter.

Pond Creek Cemetery, Pond Creek, Grant County, Oklahoma

Frank M. Cox	Mother
Sep23 1884	Beckie Cox
May 14 1972	April 17 1879
	Aug 12 1938

Children of Frank M. and Beckie Cox:

- i. **Everet Newton Cox**, born May 17, 1913 Grant County, OK married Helen McConnel October 4, 1941 at Anadarko, Oklahoma. She was born May 26, 1923 at Lamont Grant County, OK daughter of George and Cora Mann McConnel. Evert was for years a fireman at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City. He died June 9, 1973 at Oklahoma City and is buried at Pond Creek. Helen still resides in Del City, OK.
- ii. **Raymond Frank Cox** born January 7, 1916 at Hunter, Garfield County, OK and died August 11, 1972 at Enid, OK. Raymond never married and is buried at Pond Creek next to his parents.

c. **WILLIAM ALFRED "Allie" COX**---Third child of Perry and Elsie Boxley Cox

Allie was obviously named after his grandfather William Alfred Boxley and was born December 14, 1885 in Mercer County, Missouri. He died April 28 1969 in Trenton, Mo. He was married to Amanda Dee Little the daughter of Jacob and Rebecca Atteberry Little on September 30, 1906 at Melbourne, Harrison County Missouri.

Amanda "Manda" was born September 20, 1882 in Harrison County, Missouri and died December 2 1971 in Trenton, Missouri. They are buried at IOOF Cemetery in Edinburg, Grundy County, Missouri.

SERVICES CONDUCTED FOR W.A. (ALLIE) COX

Funeral services for W.A. (Allie) Cox who died at his home at 1113 East 9th Street, Monday night, were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, from the Memorial Chapel of the Blackmore-Whitaker Funeral Home, with the Rev. Bob Stevenson, pastor of the Tenth Street Baptist Church officiating. Edward Holt sang "Safe in the Arms of Jesus", and "The Last Mile of the Way", Mrs. Carl Muff was organist.

Pallbearers were; Leon Davis, Tommy Hopkins, Ellsworth Smith, Hollace Brassfield, Lee Roy Leeper and Wesley Hutson. Burial was in the Edinburg Cemetery.

MRS. MANDA D. COX DIES IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Manda D. Cox, 89, of 1113 East Ninth Street, died at 8:10 p.m. Thursday evening at the Wright Memorial Hospital. The body was removed to the Blackmore-Whitaker Funeral Home where services will be conducted from the Memorial Chapel at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. The Rev. Don Reynolds, pastor of the Tenth Street Baptist Church will officiate. Burial will be in Edinburg IOOF Cemetery. There is no scheduled visitation at the funeral home.

Mrs. Cox was born September 20, 1882 in Harrison County, the daughter of Jacob and Rebecca Atteberry Little. She attended Harrison County schools and was married at Melbourne in the home of the Rev. Smith Shirley on September 30, 1906 to William A.(Allie) Cox. Mr. and Mrs. Cox farmed in Grundy County until they retired and moved to Trenton about 16 years ago. He died April 28, 1969. Mrs. Cox was a member of the Tenth Street Baptist Church. She is survived by one daughter, Katharene, now Mrs. Elmer Wilson, Chillicothe, Mo; one son, Randall Cox of Trenton; one sister, Mrs. Nancy Hudon of the state of California; five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Manley Cox, who died in 1954.

Allie and Manda's children.:

- i. **Manley Cox**, born April 27 1908 died September 9, 1954 of cancer, never married. Buried at Edinburg Cemetery.

- ii. **Jesse "Randall" Cox**, born March 25, 1912, married Elizabeth "Marie" Lugenbeal on July 11, 1936. She was born November 15, 1917 the daughter of Elmer and Ida Curtis Lugenbeal. They live in Trenton, Missouri. They had 3 children.

Daughter of Allie and Manda Cox:

- iii. **Katharene** born October 6, 1915 in Grundy County, Mo. She married Elmer Eugene Wilson on March 30, 1935 in Trenton, Mo. Elmer was born in 1914 in Livingston County, Mo the son of Charlie and Lizzie Traeger Wilson and died May 8 1974 in Chillicothe, Mo. He is buried at Resthaven Cemetery, north of Chillicothe, Mo. Katharene still lives in Chillicothe. They had 3 children.
- d. **JAY COX** was born October 30, 1889 in Mercer County, Missouri and married Cora Deborah Miller on November 23, 1910 in Mill Grove, Mercer County, Missouri. Cora was born April 14, 1893, daughter of Charles and Margaret Robinson Miller. Jay died at Wright Hospital in Trenton on April 3, 1970 and Cora died April 9, 1978 also in Trenton, Mo. They are buried at Wild's Chapel Cemetery in Grundy County, Mo along with their young son, Harold Denver Cox.

JAY COX, TRENTON RESIDENT DIES

Jay Cox, 80, Trenton, died at 7:25 o'clock at Wright Memorial Hospital where he had been a patient since March 28. The body was removed to the Blackmore-Whitaker Funeral Home where arrangements are pending.

Mr. Cox was born October 30, 1889 in Mercer County Missouri, a son of Perry and Elsie Boxley Cox and was married on November 23, 1910 in Mercer County to Miss Cora D. Miller. They farmed in Mercer County near Modena until six years ago when they moved to Trenton.

He is survived by his wife Cora, of the home; one son, Raphael Cox of Trenton, two brothers, Paul Cox of Plains, KS and Frank Cox of Enid, OK; and two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, two brothers and one sister.

CORA D. COX DIES SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. Cora D. Cox, 84, died at 1:42 p.m. Sunday in the Sunnyview Nursing Home, where she had been a resident since June of 1976. She was a former member of the Modena community.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Resthaven Mortuary. Clayton Davis, pastor of the Spiekard Christian Church will officiate. Burial will be in the Wild's Chapel Cemetery, south of Modena. A family visitation is scheduled from 7-9 p.m. tonight at the mortuary.

Mrs. Cox was born west of Modena on April 14, 1893, a daughter of Charles and Maggie Belle Robinson Miller. On November 28, 1910, she was married at Mill Grove to Jay Cox. Mr. and Mrs. Cox farmed south of Modena all their married life, moving to Trenton in 1964 after they retired. He died April 3, 1970.

Mrs. Cox was a member of the Hamilton Baptist Church near Modena.

She is survived by one son, Raphael Cox of Trenton; four sisters, Mrs. Nellie McQueery of Hiawatha, KS, Mrs. Alma Griffin of Trenton, Mrs. Grace Kinnison of Princeton and Mrs. Faye Arnote of Lakeland, FL; two grandchildren; six great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Children of Jay and Cora Cox:

- i. **Charles Raphael Cox**, born October 2, 1913. He married Opal Maxine Barnes on June 4, 1932 in Spickard, Grundy County Mo. Maxine is the daughter of Walter and Lucy Thogmartin Barnes and was born March 5, 1916 in Spickard. She died October 30, 1985 in Duncan, OK. Raphael is remarried and lives in Trenton, Mo. They had two children.
- ii. **Harold Denver Cox** 1922-1923 is buried at Wild's Chapel Cemetery, Grundy County.
- e. **Goldie Cox**, a daughter, was born in 1892 and died in 1896. Following is her obituary hand copied from the Cox family Bible.

Little Golda, daughter of Perry and Elsie Cox, died November 14, 1896, aged four years, eight months and 27 days. She died of that dreaded disease, membranous croup. It seems that all loving parents and kind friends could do proved of no avail and death claimed its victim, and little Golda's spirit went home to God who gave it. May the dear Master comfort the bereaved hearts and help them to so live to be able to meet the darling child in the sweet by and by.

Goldie is buried at Wilds Chapel Cemetery in rural Grundy County, Missouri.

Goldie H.
Daughter of O.P. & E.A. Cox
DIED
May 14, 1896
Aged 4y 8m 27d

- f. **Paul Cox** was born July 12, 1897 in Grundy County, Missouri. His first marriage was to Geneva Grace Burns on August 17, 1917 in Upton, Weston County, Wyoming. She was the daughter of John and Goldie Mae Bee Burns and was born July 13, 1900 in Madison, Wisconsin. They were divorced June 5, 1919.
 - i. Their child is **Lawan Wyoma Whitman** born June 6, 1918 in Omaha, Nebraska. Lawan never married and lives in Belle Garden, California.

Geneva is in the United States Census for 1920 for Upton, Wyoming living with her parents and using the surname of Burns, marital status is listed as divorced. Lawan does not show on this census with her mother.

Lawan does show on the 1930 United States Census with her mother and step-father, Harry Holiday Whitman, living in Laramie, WY, age 12.

Paul Cox married again to Lulu Beatrice Ratliff, the daughter of William Truman "Bump" and Wilma Adella Brown Ratliff, on September 16, 1921 in Trenton, Grundy County, Mo. Lulu was born November 9 1903 in Grundy county, Mo.

Paul did not have a middle name so he adopted the letter "C". His Sons teased him about the meaning and used "Cushman", meaning stingy or tight. Grandpa didn't seem to much care for their teasing.

Paul was a tall man about 6' 4", Lulu was a little under 5' tall. I never saw Paul in anything but overalls and he smoked a pipe nearly all the years I knew him. Prince Albert in the can was usually setting along side his chair and loose Prince Albert further decorated his surroundings.

They celebrated their Wedding Anniversary in Plains, KS in 1971 with a large gathering of family and friends

Paul died January 18, 1981 in Chillicothe, Mo. He is buried at Resthaven north of Trenton, Mo. Lulu died July 16, 1996 and is also buried at Resthaven.

From Plains, Kansas 100 Years 1885-1985 page 172

"Paul C. Cox (1897-1981) and Lulu Ratliff (1903) were married in 1921 at Trenton, Missouri. They came to Plains in 1946 to see Lulu's brother, Russell Ratliff and Paul got a job helping Leonard Hale farm, so they stayed here. Paul also did some carpenter work until 1951. He then went to work for West Plains Township on the roads.

Paul and Lulu came to Plains with five of their eight children. Two of their children were already married; Elsie, (1922) married Clifton Allison, Phoenix, Arizona, and Eldon (1923) married Nina Collins, Jamesport, Mo. Dallas came here when he got out of the service. In 1950 Paul and Lulu took Pearl and Dan Whan to raise. Pearl now lives in Indiana, and Dan still lives in Plains. Dallas (1926) married Barbara Eakes, a hometown girl, and they now live in Jamesport, Mo. Dale (1928) married Juanita Denison, Jamesport, Mo, Ivan (1929) married Lora Hughan and they live in Plains. They have four sons with three of them living in and around Plains. Wanda (1931) married L.A. Woltje, Jamesport, Mo. Jim (1932-1963) married Mary Eakes and have three children living in Plains, Jim, Carolyn Foster, and Marilyn Stoll, Mike Cox married to Vicki Geisinger, lives in Meade, where Mike is Sheriff for Meade County. Wilma (1933) married Bob Wells, Phoenix, AZ; their son, Bob Wells married Linda Lee and they live in Plains.

When Paul retired in 1977, he and Lulu moved back to Jamesport, Mo. They have 28 grandchildren and 48 great grandchildren".

Republican Times, Trenton, Mo January 22, 1981

PAUL COX PASSES AWAY

Paul Cox, a resident of Jamesport, passed away at 4:45 p.m. Sunday morning at the Hedrick Medical Center in Chillicothe where he had been a patient one day. Funeral services were held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Resthaven Mortuary, north of Trenton, with the Rev. Don Reynolds, pastor of the Tenth Street Baptist Church officiating. Special music was provided by a quartet, all nieces of Paul, which were Mrs. Sharon Hurst, Mrs. Winifred Champlin, Mrs. Karen Craig, and Mrs. Brenda Cook. They sang "Grey Speckled Bird", "Precious Lord Take My Hand", and "One Day At A Time". Mrs. Jackie Gibler of Trenton was the organist. Pallbearers, all grandsons were; Bill Cox, Ferris Allison, Bob Cox, Bobby Wells, Ivan Woltje and Jim Cox. Interment was in the Rest Haven Memorial Gardens in Trenton. Mr. Cox was born July 12, 1897 in the Forks of the River Community north of Brimson, a son of Perry and Elsie Boxley Cox. On September 16, 1921, he was married to Lulu B. Ratliff at Trenton. After their marriage they lived in the Brimson and Gilman City area until 1945, when they moved to Arizona. In 1946 they moved to Plains, Kansas and while living in Plains he worked as road maintenance man and ran a road grader for the City Township. In 1977 he and his wife moved to Jamesport. Survivors include his wife, Lulu of the home in Jamesport, four sons, Eldon Cox and Dale Cox both of Jamesport, and Ivan and Dallas Cox of Plains, KS; four daughters, Wanda, now Mrs. Lemuel Woltje, Havensville, KS; Elsie, now Mrs. Clifton Allison, and Wilma, now Mrs. Bob Wells, both of Phoenix, AZ and Lawan Whitman of Belle Garden, CA; one foster son, Dan Whan of Plains, KS; one foster daughter, Mrs. Pearl Bottorf of the State of Indiana ; 27 grandchildren; and forty great grandchildren.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, James Paul, who died in 1963; four brothers, one sister and three grandchildren.

St. Joseph News-Press July 19, 1995

**MEMORIAL OBITUARY LULU B. COX
ENTERED INTO ETERNAL REST MONDAY, JULY 17, 1995**

LULU COX---Trenton, Mo --- Lulu (Ratliff) Cox, 91, Trenton, died Monday July 17, 1995 at a Trenton health care center. Mrs. Cox, born near Jamesport, Mo on November 9, 1903, made her home north of Trenton after her marriage, moving to Arizona in 1945. In 1946 she moved to Plains, KS, where she had resided for 32 years before going to Jamesport in 1977 and Trenton in 1991. She was a member of the Tenth Street Baptist Church in Trenton. On September 16, 1921, she married Paul Cox at Trenton. He died in 1981.

Mrs. Cox was also preceded in death by a son, James, a daughter, Wilma Wells; two brothers; Lloyd and Russell Ratliff;

two sisters, Letha LaFollette and Jewel Lemley; and three grandchildren. Surviving; four sons, Eldon of Trenton, Dallas and Dale of Jamesport and Ivan of Plains; two daughters Wanda Woltje, Jamesport and Elsie Allison, Phoenix; a step daughter, Lawan Whitman of Bell Garden, CA; a foster son, Danny Whan of Plains; a foster daughter, Pearl Whan Bottord of Crawfordsville, IN; three brothers, Oden Ratliff Kingston, WA, Lester Ratliff Brimson, Mo; and Jay Ratliff, Trenton; three sisters; Betty Farris, Trenton; Willa Fouty, Springdale, AR; and Alice Thompson, Lincoln, NE; 27 grandchildren; 58 great grandchildren and 13 great great grandchildren. Service 2 p.m. Friday, Resthaven Mortuary, Trenton. Burial Resthaven Memorial Gardens. Trenton. Family visitation 7-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Paul and Lula are the parents of eight children:

- ii. **Elsie Clifton Cox**, born August 18, 1922, near Brimson, Mo. Married Clifton Forrest "Fizz" Allison on July 16, 1940 at Trenton, Mo. Fizz was born October 2, 1912 in Grundy County the son of Ray and Goldie Bunce Allison. They live in Phoenix, AZ. They had four children.
- iii. **William Eldon Cox**, second child of Paul and Lulu Cox, was born September 1, 1923 near Brimson in the Forks of the River Community. He married Nina Belle Collins on April 14, 1943 in Trenton, Mo. Nina was born August 16, 1926, near Chula in Grundy county, Mo, the daughter of Forrest and Eula Wise Collins. Nina died May 5, 1996 in Trenton, Mo. She is buried at Resthaven Memorial Garden, north of Trenton. Eldon continues to live in Trenton. They had 2 children.
- iv. **Dallas Rooks Cox**, third child of Paul and Lulu Cox, was born October 9, 1926, in the Forks of the River Community near Brimson, Mo. He married Barbara Ann Eakes on August 30, 1949 at Plains, KS. Barbara is the daughter of Adam and Helen Amerin Eakes and was born July 3, 1931 in Dodge City, KS. They reside near Jamesport, Mo. They had four children.
- v. **Ralph Dale Cox**, fourth child of Paul and Lulu Cox, born May 9, 1928 near Brimson in the Forks of the River Community. He married Juanita Denison on September 26, 1949 at Trenton, Mo. She was born January 30, 1928 in Trenton, Mo the daughter of Irvin and Nora Stewart Denison. Dale was a career Army man and died of Agent Orange induced cancer at the Carrollton Nursing Home in Carrollton, Mo on March 2, 2001 and is buried at Resthaven Memorial Gardens at Trenton, Mo. Juanita continues to reside in Jamesport, Mo. They had 3 children.
- vi. **Ivan Ratliff Cox**, fifth child of Paul and Lulu Cox, was born October 3, 1929 in Gilman City, Harrison county, Mo and married Lora Lucille Hughan on April 2, 1957 in Clayton, NM. Lora was born March 23, 1937 in Plains, KS daughter of William and Birdie Youngs Hughan. They live in Plains, KS. They had 4 children.

- vii. **Wanda Mae Cox**, sixth child of Paul and Lulu Cox, was born March 5, 1931 in Gilman City, Harrison County, Mo. She married Lemuel Alonzo “Dutch” Woltje February 10, 1951 in Plains, KS. Dutch was born October 15, 1923 in Plains, KS the son of Franklin and Blanche Blake Woltje. Dutch died from burn injuries suffered in a home explosion at KU Burn Center in Kansas City, Mo on May 16, 1999. Wanda died at a St. Francis Hospital in Topeka, KS on September 19, 2003. They are both buried in the Soldier Cemetery, Soldier, KS. They had 6 children.
- viii. **James Paul Cox**, seventh child of Paul and Lulu Cox, born March 24, 1932 in Gilman City, Harrison County Mo. He graduated from High School in Plains, KS and was married to Mary Dolorine Eakes on April 20, 1951 in Plains, KS. Mary is the daughter of George and Barbara Roth Eakes and was born June 29, 1933 in Plains, KS. Jim died in a gas explosion while working for Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company near Plains in Meade County, KS on October 4, 1963. He is buried at the Plains Cemetery in Plains, KS. Mary remarried and lives in Plains, KS. They had 5 children.
- ix. **Wilma Lee Cox**, eighth child of Paul and Lulu Cox, was born May 29, 1933 in Gilman City, Harrison County, Mo. She married Robert Lee Wells August 13, 1949 in Plains, KS. Bob is the son of Elmer and Dora Ferguson Wells and was born December 18, 1924 in Hamburg, AR. Wilma died March 19, 1988 in Phoenix, AZ and is buried in the Plains, KS Cemetery. Bob still maintains his home in Phoenix. They had 3 children.

My line [Margaret Cox Russell]: (1) Mary Elizabeth Stanley and William Alfred Boxley
 (2) Perry and Elsie Boxley Cox
 (3) Paul and Lulu Ratliff Cox
 (4) Dallas and Barbara Eakes Cox
 (5) Garald “Skip” and Margaret Cox Russell

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