

# OCCGS Civil War Veterans Project

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## Veteran's Information

**Veteran's Name:** John B. COX

**Birth Date:** March 1848 <sup>4</sup>

Location: Ohio <sup>4,9</sup>

**Death Date:** 1 December 1924 <sup>13,14</sup>

Location: Santa Ana, Orange County, California

Buried at (Cemetery): Fairhaven Memorial Park

Plot Location: W-183

GPS Coordinates: N33° 46' 12.34628" W117° 50' 37.78342"

(DMS) Datum: NAD83. Coordinates are +/- 1.00 feet of the grave location



**Side Served:** Union <sup>1,2</sup>

Rank: Private

Company: I

Unit: 51<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment

State: Illinois

**Occupation:** Barber, Justice of the Peace

## Family Information

### Parents –

**Father:** William M. Cox <sup>10</sup>

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1811, Pennsylvania<sup>10</sup>

Death Date/Location: 09 February 1863, St. Louis, St Louis County, Missouri <sup>14</sup>

**Mother:** Hannah Norris <sup>10,17</sup>

Birth Date/Location: 5 March 1818, Ohio <sup>10</sup>

Death Date/Location: 05 October 1890, Knox County, Illinois <sup>14</sup>

**Spouse:** Sarah <sup>3,4</sup>

Birth Date/Location: February 1854, Indiana <sup>5</sup>

Death Date/Location: 1932, Orange County, California <sup>14</sup>

Marriage Date/Location: 1879, Kansas <sup>4,5</sup>

### Children –

**Name:** Bruce Cox <sup>4</sup>

Birth Date/Location: abt. 1880, Kansas <sup>4</sup>

Death Date/Location: unknown

**Name: Burns Cox** <sup>5,6</sup>

Birth Date/Location: 25 December 1883, Arkansas<sup>5,6</sup> Death Date/Location: unknown

**Name: Mary Cox** <sup>5</sup>

Birth Date/Location: March 1887, Arkansas <sup>5</sup>

Death Date/Location: unknown

**Name: Blaine Cox** <sup>5</sup>

Birth Date/Location: 4 February 1892, Arkansas <sup>5,6</sup>

Death Date/Location: unknown

World War I Draft Registration, Los Angeles County, California

## Additional Information

**Member of Sedgwick Post No 17, GAR**

**U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles**

Enlisted 20 March 1865, mustered in 22 March 1865, mustered out 25 September 1865 at Camp Irwin, Texas

**Illinois Civil War Detail Report**

John B. Cox age 18, brown hair, blue eyes, 5' 4", born in Ohio and working as a farmer, and residing in Joshua, Fulton County, Illinois enlisted as a private in Co I, 51<sup>st</sup> Illinois US Infantry on 20 March 1865 at Canton, Illinois for a period of 1 year.

Mustered in 22 March 1865 at Camp Butler, Illinois and mustered out 25 September 1865 at Camp Irwin, Texas.

**Civil War Pension Index**

I, 51 ILL INF

John B. Cox, invalid, 18 August 1891, Arkansas

Sarah Cox, widow, 26 December 1924, California

**John's father, William M, Cox**, enlisted Co I, 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Illinois and died in 1863 In St. Louis, Missouri. He is buried at Jefferson Barrack's National Cemetery.

**John's older brother, Isaac D. Cox**, enlisted in Co B, 126<sup>th</sup> Infantry Illinois. He died 7 June 1865 at Overton Hospital, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee

**John's older brother, Joseph Elias Cox**, fought with Co D, 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry Iowa and survived the war.

**Register, Santa Ana, June 4, 1915, page 5**

Hon. John B. Cox, Justice of the Piece

.... is probably the youngest Union veteran in the state of California....

John Cox ran away from his Illinois home at the age of seventeen and enlisted in the 51<sup>st</sup> Illinois Infantry, serving to the close of the war. His father and two older brothers had already enlisted in the Union Army. His father and one brother were killed during the war.

Photograph of tombstone for John B. Cox, Fairhaven Memorial Park, Orange County, California taken by Charles Lewis Beal, 3/09/2007. Retrieved 5 June 2013, from Findagrave.com. Used with the permission of Charles Beal.

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