

## Eleventh Annual Reunion Held

# Past Mingles With Present As Calvin Cox Families Meet

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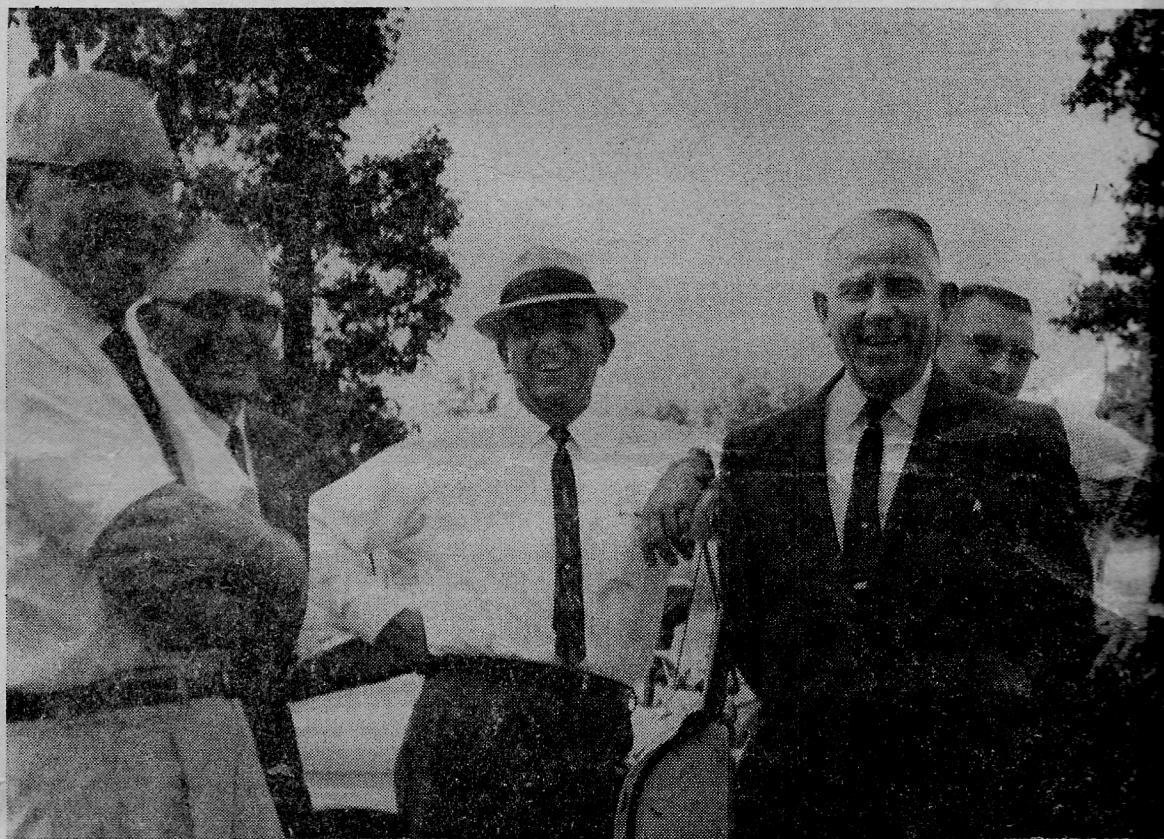
**THE PAST** mingled with the present and the generations mixed at the 11th annual Calvin Cox reunion Sunday at the Parks Cross Roads Christian church.

Large pictures of Calvin Cox and his first wife, Sallie Moffitt, occupied places of honor in the church sanctuary while smaller pictures and other relics of the past were exhibited elsewhere throughout the day.

While the reunion gathering and the family is comprised mainly of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and great-great-great-grandchildren, the generations were mixed in that two children of Calvin Cox by his second wife, Rebecca Smith, and the widow of another child by the widow wife are still alive and were present at the family reunion on last Sunday.

The two living children of Calvin Cox who were present at the family gathering Sunday are Johnny Cox, of Route 1, Ramseur, and Mrs. Icy White Cox, of Asheboro. Mrs. Yancy Cox, of Route 1, Ramseur, widow of the other son of the second set of children, was also in attendance.

It was at the Yancy Cox residence, formerly the Calvin Cox homeplace, that the reunion organization had its beginning eleven years ago. Johnny Cox was its first president. The reunion sessions were held at the Yancy Cox residence until the 10th session was moved the Parks Cross Roads church. It is in the Parks Cross Roads cemetery that Calvin Cox and both of his wives are interred. He died in 1914.



**JOVIAL GROUP**—A jovial group at the Calvin Cox reunion Sunday at Parks Cross Roads is seen here with two of Calvin Cox's grandsons, T. G. (Tally) Cox, Route 1, Ramser, the man with the hat, and his brother, Arthur (Ott) Cox, well know Ramseur barber, to his right. Men to the left are Rev. Lunnie Burgess and Edgar Beane, both of Ramseur. Man partially hidden to the right is unidentified.



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**ELVIN C. COX**, of the Clark Cox family and a great-grandson of Calvin Cox, presided over the reunion sessions Sunday in his capacity as president of the organization.

He was assisted in the conduction of the meeting by the other officers consisting of vice-president, Odell Cox; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Nannie Cox; and planning committee, Mrs. Mary Ruth Cox, Mrs. Mary Lois Wright and Nathan Cox.

All of the officers were re-elected through the report of a nominating committee composed of Donald Cox, Raymond Cox and Bryan Burgess. It was also decided to hold the reunion at the same time and place next year.

Prizes to the oldest descendants of Calvin Cox, man and woman, in attendance went to Ernest York, 70, of Greensboro, and Mrs. Mattie Cox Adams, of Smithfield, who is 71 years of age. Ernest York is the son of Tempa Cox York while Mrs. Adams is the oldest daughter of Emory Cox and the oldest grandchild of Calvin Cox. Both of these prize winners, grandchildren of Calvin Cox, are older than the two children of Calvin Cox who are still living.

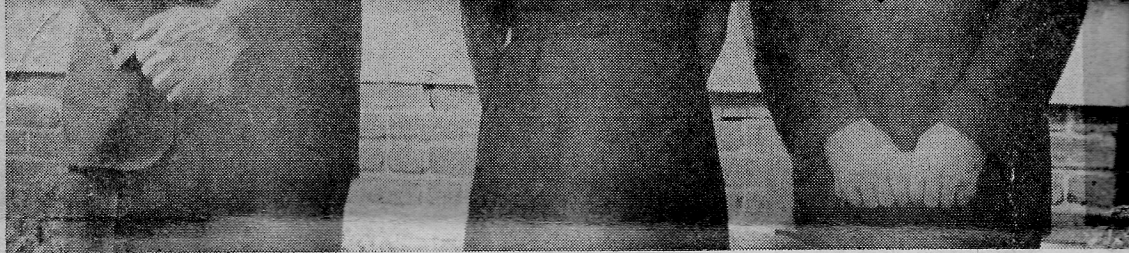
The Clark Cox family, with 36 members present, won the prize for the largest family group in attendance.

Howard Cox, of Camden, S. C., brother of the reunion president, conducted the devotions at the morning session. Arthur Cox, well known Ramseur barber, led the congregational singing. His daughter, Mrs. Forrest Bray, rendered special singing. Organist for the reunion was Mrs. Mary Lois Wright, of the Ivy Cox Burgess family, and pianist was Miss Wincy Cox, of the Will Cox family.

Prior to the eating of the picnic luncheon, silent prayer in memory of two deceased members of the family, Miss Agnes Cox and an infant, Nancy Jean Glass, was held.

Competitive singing by families of the children of Calvin Cox was held in the afternoon session. Judges were Ralph L. Bulla, V. C. Marley and Mrs. Madge Green Brinson.

Participating in the singing were Nathan Cox, Mrs. Alton Williams, Mrs. Forrest Bray and Miss Ann Adams, soloists,



**COX FAMILY OFFICERS**—Officers of the 11th annual reunion of the Calvin Cox family, who were re-elected at the annual gathering Sunday, are shown here, left to right, as follows: Ramseur Postmaster Elvin C. Cox, president; Mrs. Nannie P. Cox, of Route 1, Ramseur, secretary and treasurer; and Odell Cox, of Ramseur, vice president.

Misses Frieda and Gwyn Cox, duet, the Burgess Trio, composed of Mrs. Billie Lee Siler, Mrs. Erma Smith, and Mrs. Ann Harris, accompanied by Mrs. Frances Cox, all sisters, a quartet composed of Misses Frieda and Gwyn Cox, Mrs. Forrest Bray and Alton Cox, and choruses consisting of the Will Cox and Clark Cox families.

Adjudged winners were Nathan Cox, Misses Frieda and Gwyn Cox, the Burgess Trio, the quartet and the Clark Cox family.

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A MUZZLE-LOADING pistol belonging to Calvin Cox was

exhibited at the afternoon session along with a piece of leather coming from the tannery which he operated.

The pistol was carried by Calvin Cox on a trip by horseback to Indiana in search of land on which to locate. He didn't find any land that he liked in Indiana so he came back to the land on which he was born and spent his life.

The pistol which he carried to protect himself on this trip cost him his membership at the Holly Springs Friends Meeting, as the Quakers did not allow the purchase of firearms. However, he was later reinstated

in the membership of the Meeting House.

All of the first set of children to Calvin Cox remained in the home community, Route 1, Ramseur, between Ramseur and Coleridge, except Emory Cox who became a school professor and lived in various places until moving to Greensboro where he died and Tempa Cox York who first lived at Brown's Cross Roads and also later moved to Greensboro. Of the second set, Johnny Cox lives in the home community, on part of the land belonging to the old homeplace, Icy Cox White lives in Asheboro and Yancy Cox lived at the old homeplace until his death.