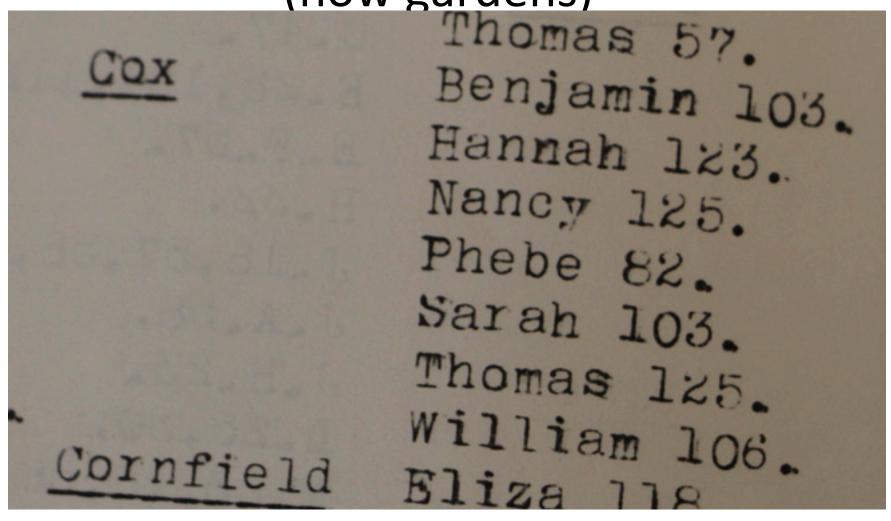
# The Magnificent Cox Families of Sedgley (Part 2)

### 19<sup>th</sup> century burials – Vicar Street

Cox burials in Vicar Street Graveyard (now gardens)



#### Vicar Street Graveyard (now Gardens)

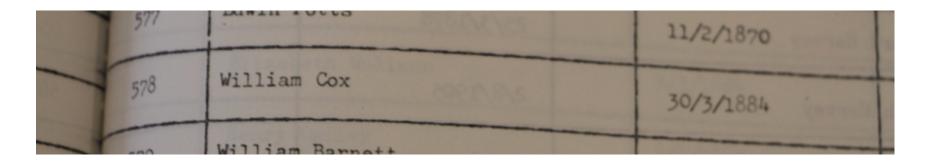
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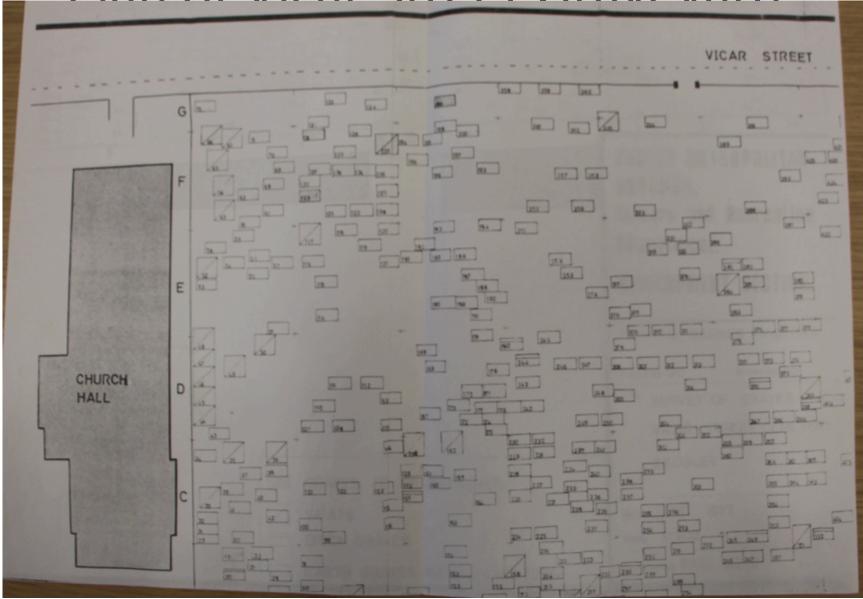
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16/7/1860
17/6/1864

#### **Burials Vicar Street**



Plan of Vicar Street Gravevard



### 20<sup>th</sup> Century – prominent/ well known Coxes

## Ted Cox: Fruiterer and Florist – Gospel End Street



#### Ted Cox – Fruiterer and Florist (2)

#### Rex Burrows posted 29/10/19:

Cox's nursery was originated by my Grandfather in about 1860/1870 and passed on to my Grandmother in circa 1905.

Prior to starting the nursery he was described in the census returns as a nailer and we're his family members.

The nursery was however operated by my Uncle Walter who had only just finished school when his father died. He was also helped by his sister ( my mother) and the business flourished and expanded to include floristry.

In the course of time Walter's son joined his father and the business became known as 'W. E. Cox and Son, Nurserymen and Seedsmen'.

Floristry was also included, with wreaths and bouquets a speciality.

#### Ted Cox – Fruiterer and Florist (2)

- The nursery occupied the land where Avington Grange (Close?) now stands.
- The floristry was run principally from the shop which was situated in the property on the right with the blue door.
- The property on the left (black door, no14) was indeed the original Methodist chapel prior to its move to Tipton street.
- In the family it was known as the warehouse where vegetables from the nursery were kept for retail sale.
- Until the property was sold for housing it still retained the original large arched chapel window.

#### Ted Cox Fruiterer and Florist (3)

- When Uncle Walter died Ted continued to run the nursery still helped by my mother, until the landlord sold the land for development.
- <u>Ted continued to sell fruit and veg. from the shop but the passing trade was was insufficient to justify carrying on with this.</u>
- However floristry continued with emphasis on wreathes and bouquets. In this he was joined by his daughter Jane, who continued the trade after Ted died. But she did not have any transport and was unable to continue and closed the business.

#### **Brian Cherrington writes:**

I worked at the Nursery as a Wednesday afternoon job – probably in around 1962. I remember being paid four bob for the afternoon. This was in the days when Dudley Grammar School pupils had the afternoon off but went to school on Saturday mornings!

I did odd jobs for old Mr Cox such as wheeling coke to the three boiler houses which heated the various green houses. Fuel must have been a bit cheaper in those days!

Also working at the nursery were old Mrs Cox, the Cox's son who was probably in his thirties and wife. Also I remember a Mr Borrows and his wife who were probably in their sixties then.

Old Mr Cox who was a lovely old chap, always had a pipe in his mouth died in 1963 or 64 of what was described to me as an enlarged heart, whatever that is.

You asked about the Nursery shop which was on Bush Bank. In your photograph Cox's was the centre of the three shown with steps up to the door which opened into a small shop. Behind the shop was one big open room where they prepared flower arrangements but mainly wreaths. I remember the room had a very high ceiling.

Mr and Mrs Cox also lived there but I cant remember there being any doorways off the big room. Maybe the property was bigger than I remember or they lived in one of the adjoining cottages??

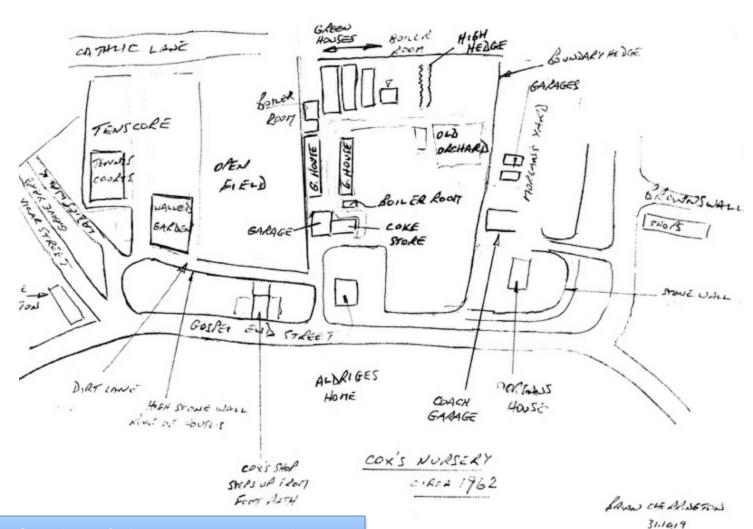
At the rear of the premises was a small garden and at the end a high stone wall with a gate into the lane which ran at the back of the houses on Bush Bank.

The top of the lane which was unmade linked through to Ladies Walk and the Tenscore. From the Cox's gateway 50 yards or so down was the driveway into the Nursery yard with a tin garage (may have been an old Nissen hut) at the side of which was a large coke store used to heat the green houses.

The Nursery had probably six or so large green houses heated by hot water pipes fed from three boiler houses. The Nursery was to the rear of the Morgan premises which had a coach garage and various outbuildings behind the yard.

Morgans also lived on site in a large detached house which fronted onto the road. All of the land for both Morgan's and Cox's are now of course taken up by new housing.

I have attached a sketch of the area. I am no map maker so apologise for it being a bit rough. No doubt the scale is wrong in a few areas and others may have a better idea. The layout of the Nursery is I think a fair representation of what was there in the early sixties.

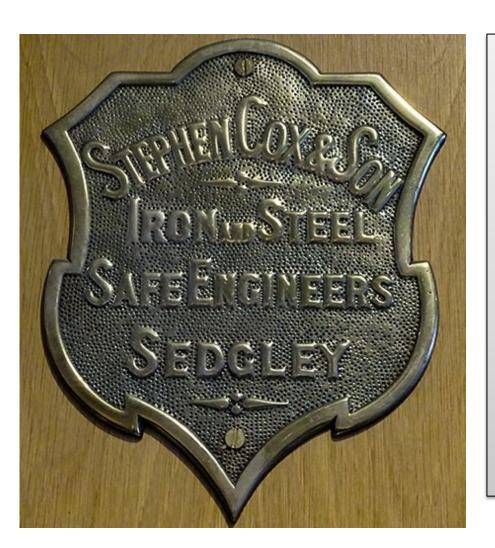


Map of Ted Cox's business, 1962 - by Brian Cherrington

#### Location of W.E. Cox and Son Nursery



#### Stephen Cox - Safe Manufacturer



Stephen Cox and Son
Safemakers were established in
1890 and located on Dudley
Road. Stephen Cox not only
made safes - they also made iron
doors and frames.

Stephen Cox & Sons Safes provided fire and burglar-proof safes, fire cabinets and wall safes.

Some may still be in use.

#### Stephen Cox Safe Manufacturer (1)

#### Carl Higgs posted 30/10/19:

- Stephen Cox was born 29 Feb. 1864 to parents Stephen Cox Snr., a cordwainer (shoe maker) and Elizabeth, of 67 Chapel Street, Coseley.
- By 1881 the family had moved to Clarence
   Street, Upper Gornal, and Stephen Jnr. was already working as an iron safe maker, aged 17.
- He had an older brother, William, who was a railway clerk, and a younger brother Alfred, who was a painter and glazier, as well as sisters
   Hannah. Fanny and Lucy. and another younger

#### Stephen Cox Safe Manufacturer (2)

- Stephen married Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Hinton at Sedgley on 13 Apr. 1890 and they went to live at 8 Tipton Street.
- Stephen was already an iron safe manufacturer and employer in 1891 with an 18 month old son named Frank Augustus.
- Also living with them was Stephen's young apprentice Alfred Hale from London.
- By 1901 Stephen's family had moved to 51
   Dudley Road they now had another son,
   Horace, and a daughter, Ida. Over the next few years Stephen's business grew.

#### Stephen Cox Safe Manufacturer (3)

- His two sons Frank and Horace came of age and joined the business; two more daughters, Doreen and Henrietta were born, and the family moved into 'Hawthorn Villa', 141 Dudley Road (though Stephen and Elizabeth had also lost two children in infancy by 1911).
- Stephen Cox died 31 Mar. 1939 aged 75 years, leaving his estate to his widow Elizabeth and his three daughters, Ida Ethelinda (wife of John Whitehouse), Doreen Marjorie (wife of Walter James Hammond), and Henrietta Baxter Worsey

#### Census Return – Stephen Cox 1911

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#### George Cox – 1<sup>st</sup> Sedgley Scouts



On 1st March 2013, hundreds of local people attended the funeral of the late George Cox, MBE at All Saints' Church. There was a guard of honour mounted at the church entrance by local scout groups and 1st Sedgley Morris Men.

#### George Cox MBE funeral (1)



#### George Cox Funeral (2)



#### George Cox funeral (3)



# 1<sup>st</sup> Sedgley Scout Hut – building the original hut





**1st Sedgley Scout Hut** in the 1970s. It was built from scratch on Sunday mornings over a four-year period 1974-77 by dedicated volunteers: The Sunday Morning Working Club included Frank Turner, Wilf Beech, Alan Turner and Lawson Turner. Up till then the scouts had met in a number of local venues including Queen Victoria School Hall, the old All Saints' Parish hall and Ruiton Windmill (1965). Later, in 1985, an extension was built to act as a group equipment store.

### George Cox MBE – 1<sup>st</sup> Sedgley

Scouts stores



Photos of George Cox with the then Mayor of Dudley Councillor David Caunt launching a campaign called 'Be a Brick and Buy a Brick' to raise money for a group scouting stores attached to the original building. The opening of 1st Sedgley Scout Hut was on Saturday 5th November 1977 - the extension was opened on 9th November 1985.





#### Squadron Leader Stephen Cox



**Squadron Leader Stephen Cox of the Royal Air Force** Volunteer Reserve, who survived the Second World War only to die of undiagnosed appendicitis on Christmas Eve in 1945. He was only 28. He's buried in Gospel End Street graveyard - his grave, along with other military graves, is maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

#### Squadron Leader Stephen Cox

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2.XL.:- IN EVER LOVING MEMORY OF SQUADRON LEADER STEPHEN COX 

R.A.F.V.R. BORN JULY 6 1917 PASSED OVER ON CHRISTMAS EVE

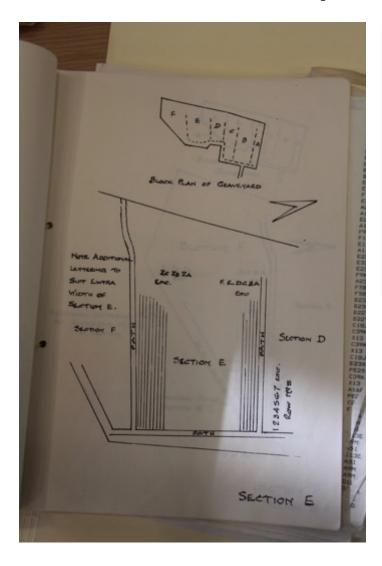
1945 TO THAT BRIGHTEST OF ALL MEETINGS ALSO HIS BELOVED

FATHER FRANK AUGUSTUS DIED 7 APRIL 1956, AGED

65 YEARS ALSO HIS VERY DEAR MOTHER ROSE LILIAN DIED 20 OCTOBER 1958 AGED 66 YEARS.
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#### Squadron Leader Stephen Cox

Malcolm Cox writes: Stephen's brother, my father Geoff Cox, was also an RAF officer serving as a Lancaster pilot in WW2.



Section E of Gospel End Street Graveyard

Stephen is buried in the second row, plot XL, with his father Frank and mother Rose.

### Grave of Squadron Leader Stephen Cox and his widow Agnes – Gospel End Street graveyard.





### 20<sup>th</sup> century burials

## Coxes buried in Gospel End Street

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#### Coxes buried in Gospel End Street

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#### Gospel End Street Burial

20.H.:- UNKNOWN

20.1:- IN/LOVING MEMORY OF / ANN / BELOVES WIFE OF

JOSEPH COX/ (OF HURST HILL) / WHO DIES OCT 16 " 1917

AGED 68 YEARS / "PEACE PERFECT PEACE" / ALSO JOSEPH/

BELOVED HUSBAND OF THE ABOVE / WHO DIED JUNE 22 " =

1922 AGED 72 YEARS / "AT EVENTIDE IT SHALL BE LIGHT."

20.J.!- IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOSEPH COX BELOVED HUSBAND

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# Gospel End Street Burial Inscriptions

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27.XA.:- UNKNOWN

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27.XB.:- IN LOVING MEMORY OF EDWARD CHARLES COX

DIED JAN 11 1953; AGED 77 YEARS. | ALSO HIS BELOVED

WIFE LOUISA MARTHA DIED JAN 17 1959 AGED 80 YEARS. -

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17. XP. :- UNKNOWN

17. XQ. :- IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARTHA HELEN THE BELOVED 'ST WIFE OF ENOCH COX DIES JULY 15 1938 AGES 34 YEARS.

HE GIVETH HIS BELOVES SLEEP.

17. XP. :- IN LOVING MEMORY OF ALLCE BELOVES WEED OF TOHAL NO.
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### Gospel End Street Burial

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17.A.:- IN LOVING MEMORY/OF/ CHARLES HARRY BELOVED SON OF CHARLES H.

AND LENIVA J. M. COX/OF WOODSETTON/BORN DEC 29 1904/ FELL

ASLEEP FEBRUARY 16 1912/ JESUS CALLED A LITTLE CHILD UNTO HIM/

ALSO CHARLES HARRY COX/BORN JAN 26 1878 DIED AUG 20 1932

R.I.P. ALSO LENIVA JANE MAUD COX/BORN JULY 21 1880

DIED JAN 27 1962

17.B.:- IN LOVING MEMORY OF R.I.P./ HERBERT RICKWARD/ WOODSETTON/

21.U.'- UNKNOWN
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# Gospel End Street Burial Inscriptions

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AGES 85 YEARS | IN GODS KEEPING.

15. A.:- IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY DEAR FATHER THEOPHILUS COX |

DIED MARCH 15 1953 AGED 83 YEARS | WILL ALWAYS BE

REMEMBERED BY HIS | DAUGHTER GWENDOLINE CRONN

15. B:- IN LOVING MEMORY OF | JAMES ALFRED BURROWS |
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6.E.:- UNKNOWN

6.F.:- IN LOUING MEMORY OF | WILLIAM COX/DIED FEB 19 1903 AGED

73 YEARS | ALSO OF SARAH ANN, WIFE OF THE ABOVE | DIED

NOV 7 1916 AGED 85 YEARS | ALSO OF MARIA, BELOVED DAUGHTER

OF THE ABOVE | DIED FEB 11 1927 AGED 75 YEARS | AT REST.
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# Gospel End Street Burial Inscriptions

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3.D:- UNKNOWN

3.E:- IN LOVING MEMORY OF BETSY COX, DIES MAY 22<sup>NO</sup> 1901,

AGED 62 YEARS ALSO OF WILLIAM COX HER BELOVES HUSBAND

DIED JAN 2<sup>NO</sup> 1903, AGED 66 YEARS ALSO OF ALICE DAY,

THEIR GRAND-DAUGHTER, DIES DEC 1917, AGED 21 YEARS,

3.F.:- UNKNOWN
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#### Gospel End Street Burial

Inscriptions 1897/AGES 6/YEARS/GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN 10.D: - IN/LOVING MEMORY OF/CHIEF PETTY OFFICER / JOSEPH COX/ BELOVES SON OF FREDERICK & ELIZABETH COX WHO DIED FEBRUARY 18" 1923 AGED 33 YEARS THY WILL BE DONE ALSO OF JOSIAH THE BELOVED HUSBAND OF SARAH HOUGH DIED IN FRANCE FEB 11" 1915 AGED 30 YEARS ALSO OF THE ABOVE FREDERICK COX, WHO DIES SEPTE 13TH 1913 AGED 65 YEARS / ALSO OF THE ABOVE ELIZABETH COX WHO DIED FEBRUARY 13TH 1933/ AGED 85 YEARS / AT REST.

13. F.:- IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY DEAR WIFE AGNES MILLS/
DIED MARCH 13" 1951 AGED 65 YEARS/ ALSO OF GWENDOLINE
ELIZABETH, BELOVED WIFE OF THOMAS BISSELL/DIED

FEB 11" 1954 AGED 49 YEARS/
ALSO SARAH HOUGH, / AND ELIZABETH COX.

#### Gospel End Street Inscriptions

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SECTION B CONT.
JOSHUA COX, OF HURST HILL
      WHO FELL ASLEEP JUNE 16TH 1895 | AGED 31 YEARS)
       IN LIFE BELOVED, IN DEATH LAMENTED!
      ALSO OF JOSHUA JOEL ASHCROFT COX/SON OF
      THE ABOVE | WHO FELL ASLEEP JANUARY 9TH 1912 AGED 23 YEARS /
         IN THE MIDST OF LIFE WE ARE IN DEATH.
      IN LOVING MEMORY OF JOSHUA COX
        BELOVED HUSBAND OF CLARA COX |
WHO FELL ASLEEP APRIL 7th 1924 AGED 66 YEARS |
        NOT MY WILL, O LORD BUT THINE BE DONE
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#### Gospel End Street Inscriptions

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4.A:- [BROKEN STONE]:- IN LOVING MEMORY OF SUSANNAH THE BELOVE)
WIFE OF JOHN HEWITT OF HURST HILL WHO DIED OCTOBER 3 PD
1896 AGED 65 YEARS HISO OF JOHN HEWITT HUSBAND OF THE ABOVE WHO DIED JANUARY 29 1900 HAED 88(?) YEARS. |
LON POT]:- IN LOVING MEMORY OF SARAH ANN COX DIED NOV 11 1926 AGED 79 YEARS SHE WENT ABOUT DOING GOOD.
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Gospel End Street Burial Inscriptions

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26.8.:- UNKNOWN

26.C.:- IN UNFADING MEMORY OF ANN JANE COX (OF 70 HURST RD. HURST HILL) | RI
WHO DIED MARCH 17" 1921 AGED 27 YEARS | ALSO JOHN
WILLIAM COX | KILLED IN THE GREAT WAR. APRIL 9" 1918
AGED 20 YEARS. "AFTER MUCH SUFFERING - PEACE"

26.D.:- UNKNOWN
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#### Gospel End Street Burial Inscriptions

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