

Wm Cox



William John Flynn Cox, son of William S. Cox and Agnes Flynn, was born 27 Jan 1877 St. Vincent Twp., Grey Co., Ontario and died 3 Mar 1963 Hamilton, Ontario. Buried in Woodland Cemetery, Wentworth Co., Ontario

Married Ethel Maude Chantler, daughter of William Henry Chantler and Mary Emily Saunders, 14 Feb 1900 at Meaford, Grey Co., Ontario

She was born 28 Oct 1877 Bracebridge, Muskoka District, Ontario and died 14 Feb 1949 Hamilton, Ontario. Buried in Woodland Cemetery, Wentworth Co., Ontario

Attended the Nashville Bible School

1898-99. Listed as from Meaford, Ontario

Both later attended the Beamsville Bible School

The Bible Student and *Gospel Herald* have numerous articles and news items by and about W. F. Cox.

Ethel Chantler Baptized December 14, 1891 married William Cox.
The Meaford Journals 1848-1998, p. 43

Canada Notes

Among the late arrivals at the Nashville Bible School from Meaford, Canada, are Mr. and Mrs. John Deegan, Mr. and Mrs. James Trout, Miss Maud York, Miss Emily Falls, W. F. Cox, and John Jay. W. E. Trout, who is in charge of the Commercial Department of the Bible School, came with his wife and child the last of September. From the city of St. Catharines we have Brother Ellis Claus, and from Carman, Manitoba, we have Brothers Stanley York and Norman Mallory. With Brother Whitfield, who has been here two terms, and Brother Mackie, we make up a fair representation from that part of the continent.

Gospel Advocate, November 10, 1898, p. 723.

SUN. JAN. 1, 1899

We had some snow this morning thawed a little in middle of day Bro Lipscomb spoke this morning on 53 Isaiah The

Vicarious suffering of
Jesus. He was grand I
wrote letters to Mrs Hamley
and Mrs Whitelaw. Had the
boys down for a treat of
candy nuts & raisins They
were Bro Claus, Cox, York,
Jackson and Sam Whitfield
and Wilson Mallory were
here had a sing

Mary Williams Trout Diary, 1899

WED. MAR. 29, 1899

Ice an inch thick this morning
but the leaves
dont seem to be hurt. I went
in to see Armstrong baby 10
lbs, dark, name Patty
Hathaway. I sent letter to
Abbie - went to meeting sick
hustled home. Cox & Jay
went home tonight

Mary Williams Trout Diary, 1899

Carman:

Brother and Sister W. F. Cox and
two little ones arrived safely in Carman, on
May 11th, and we hope with this important
accession to do great good this summer.

The Bible Student, June 1911, p. 7

***Brother Cox Visits David Lipscomb
College***

[by] W. F. Cox

Sweet Memories

The good Lord providing the
occasion it was my pleasant privilege to
attend the series of lectures at David
Lipscomb College for 1953. It is, indeed,
inspiring and gratifying to be associated
with such great men as those who are
engaged in training the youth of our land to
know God, "to know thee the only true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent is life
eternal." After an absence of fifty-four years
it was then that I concluded my studies at the
old Nashville Bible School. This was the
former name of David Lipscomb College. It
is almost unbelievable that such a change
could have taken place. The large campus
of 45 acres is dotted with beautiful brick
buildings to accommodate the hundreds of
students each year. The word marvelous is
inadequate to express my surprise at the
wonderful growth and development of this
college in the last 54 years.

To my knowledge all of my teachers,
then, have gone to their reward save Brother
S. P. Pittman and Brother C. E. Morris.
Brother Morris is just 82 years young and
still active, anxious to continue preaching
the good news of salvation.

For years I have longed to meet these
brethren face to face, once again on earth.
This visit granted just that. Next month we
give some clippings from the Nashville daily
press giving more details of this visit.

It was encouraging to meet for
worship the Lord with so many consecrated
Christians. Hundreds were present to eat
together the Lord's Supper. The scene and
reality of the occasion was a foretaste of
what it will be like when we reach the
Paradise of God.

During the lecture week the

auditorium which seats 1400 people filled to capacity several times. Services began at 9 a.m. and usually concluded at 10 p.m. with the exception of time off for lunch. The lectures were just plain gospel sermons delivered by faithful preachers of the gospel. I assure you this visit to Nashville, Tennessee brought back sweet memories of the days of my youth.

Gospel Herald, April 1953, p. 2

*W. F. Cox Guest at David Lipscomb
Lectures*

(From Nashville Daily News Paper)

Canadian Marvels at New Campus

An elderly gentleman from Hamilton, Ontario, strolled the campus of David Lipscomb College yesterday and marveled at the changes of 54 years have wrought in his alma mater.

It was before the turn of the century when W. F. Cox, now minister of the church of Christ in Hamilton, studied at the Nashville Bible School, then on S. Spruce St. His tutors were the institution's founders, David Lipscomb and J. A. Harding.

Three years after Cox finished in 1899, the school was moved to its present location on Granny White Pike, and in 1918, upon the death of Lipscomb, its name was changed to David Lipscomb College.

In the years since that time, Cox has risen in the ministry and now is assistant editor of the *Gospel Herald*, a religious periodical published in Radville, Saskatchewan. He did not come back to Nashville until this week, when he came to attend the current series of lectures on "Christians are the light of the world," which began Monday at David Lipscomb.

He is one of the several hundred visitors from throughout the United States, Canada, Italy and Japan who have attended the lectures. ...

Gospel Herald, May 1953, p. 1

Another grand old warrior of the Cross has laid his armour down. The sword of the Spirit which he wielded for more than fifty years has fallen into other hands. He has fought his last battle and finished the race of life and now rests from his labours. The secret of his life lies in the fact that he knew where he was going and he pressed on toward the goal, till the very end. He believed that the world would make room for the man who knew where he was going. Bro. William F. Cox was no politician in religion. He had his mind made up concerning what he believed to be right and he never varied from the course of life he had set before him. As a preacher he put his soul into the task, and his sermons were based on Scripture and not the modern philosophy and trends of the present generation.

Brother Cox was born near Cape Rich, Ontario, on the 7th Line, North of Meaford, Ontario, January 27th, 1877. The meetinghouse was located on the corner of the Cox farm and remained in use until it was taken by the Government during the last world war. The area now forms part of the Tank Range. His family were all members of the Church, and at the age of fourteen he was baptised by Bro. J. C. Lister, a pioneer preacher in Ontario.

Brother Cox was a student at the Old Bible School in Nashville, Tennessee in the year 1899; afterwards he attended the Beamsville Bible School. He started to preach in Beamsville in 1905. For more than half a century he labored with churches in Hubbardsville, Pekin, and Rochester, N.Y. ; Carman, Manitoba; Selkirk, Collingwood, Beamsville, Tintern, Fenwick, Port

Colborne, St. Catharines, and Hamilton; all in Ontario. While working with Sanford Avenue, Hamilton, he assisted with the work in the East end of the City and on May 4, 1947, he started his last regular work with the Ivon Avenue congregation. In the same year he laid the corner stone for their new building. Upon its completion in 1959 he preached the first sermon. This was just a few days before he reached the 83rd mile stone of his long and useful career.

From childhood, Bro. Cox loved the great outdoors. Frequently he would lose himself in the woods or beside some stream, where he learned to relax in nature's glory. Doubtless it was here that he frequently meditated upon his sermons and tracts. Besides the memory of his pulpit work, he leaves behind "The New Testament Church" and "The Dividing Line". These are pointed, positive works, well worth our reading.

On February 14th, 1900, Bro. Cox married Ethel Chantler, and for a short period of time he operated a farm outside of Meaford, Ontario. Upon the death of his young son, William, in 1904, he sold his farm and decided to preach the gospel for the rest of his life.

In 1922 he located on a fruit farm in Beamsville, where he built a home and raised his family. During this time he preached in surrounding churches and engaged in evangelistic work. For a period of ten years, while preaching in St. Catharines, he conducted a weekly radio programme over CKTB. For forty-nine years Bro. Cox and his wife shared the joys, hardships, and sorrows of life, together. It was a sad day for him and his family when his beloved companion passed away on their wedding anniversary.

Brother Cox is survived by one daughter and four sons. Mrs. Alex Fisher, Hamilton, Ontario; Austin, Toronto; James, Lake Worth, Florida; David, Beamsville; and Claude, Stoney Creek. Also two sisters

and two brothers. Mrs. L. J. Keffer, Grimsby; Mrs. Edna Watterworth, Meaford; Charles, Owen Sound; and Ernest, Meaford.

As a farewell tribute of respect, many friends and relatives gathered at the Robinson Funeral Home on the afternoon of March 12th, 1963. There amid banks of flowers, mingled with tears, we bid farewell for the present to one who had lived so long and served so faithfully. How many of us can say when the end comes, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness." Bro. Cox knew that he was going and was awaiting the call. He did not have to wait long or suffer much. While he dismissed the Prayer Meeting on Wednesday night, he received the Angelic call on Saturday night, and went to his Eternal Home. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

The writer was assisted by Bro. Tabor and Bro. Grant at the funeral home and the cemetery. Charles G. McPhee.
Gospel Herald, April 1963, p. 13

BRO. W. F. COX PASSES

We have just learned that one of Canada's veteran preachers has been called home. We share with a host of brethren a feeling of loss.

Last month's Gospel Herald carried an article by this grand old soldier of the cross. Very appropriately it dealt with life beyond the grave. No doubt after 86 years of waiting, his mind was occupied with thoughts of his future home. This is as it should be.

This writer has many fond memories of meetings in his boyhood when Brother Cox preached in a forceful and dignified way. Sermons then uttered helped to keep alive in the Niagara Peninsula and elsewhere the plea for New Testament Christianity. The influence of this godly man through voice and pen cannot be weighed nor measured.

In days when evangelists eked out a precarious living, he augmented his income by farming. Throughout the lean years and the trials of controversy he sought to remain faithful to the Master he served. His example and encouragement have been helpful to many younger men. Now he is no longer with us. "His reward follows after."

-Roy Merritt

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On Monday, February 14th, Ethel Maude Chantler, beloved wife of Bro. W. F. Cox of Hamilton, Ontario, passed from the realms of time to her eternal home. Sister Cox had been in failing health for some years, but went about in her accustomed way until last Fall when she suffered a light stroke. From that time on she grew gradually worse, until she answered her last call.

Sister Cox was born at Meaford, Ontario, where she spent her early life, and it was there that she married Bro. Cox about forty-nine years ago. She became a member of the church of Christ while young and faithfully supported Bro. Cox in his work as long as her strength remained.

Today she is mourned by her husband and five children. Her daughter, Mrs. Pauline Fisher, lives in Hamilton. She also leaves a number of grandchildren, one of which (Ruth Fisher) is the wife of Les Grant, one of young gospel preachers, in Abilene Christian College, Texas.

The funeral services were held from the Robinson Funeral Home, Hamilton, where many friends filled the chapel, standing even to the door and overflowed into adjoining rooms. The service was

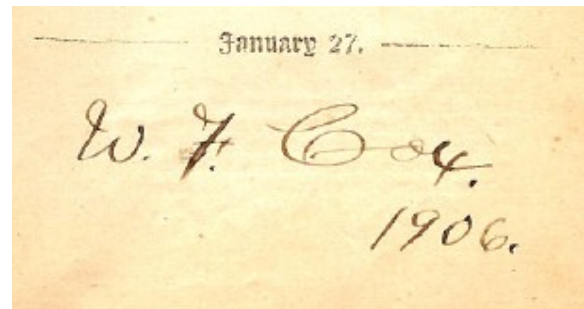
conducted by Bros. McNery, Whitfield, Johnson and McPhee. Then the long procession of sorrowing friends wended their way to Woodland cemetery, where the mortal remains of Sister Cox was laid away to await the call of the Lord.

"Jesus, Thou Prince of Life,
Thy chosen cannot die;
Like Thee, they conquer in the strife,
To reign with Thee on high."

--Charles G. McPhee

Gospel Herald, April 1949, p. 2

Ontario Marriage Registration: #006888-00 (Grey Co): William John Flynn COX, 23, farmer, St. Vincent, same, s/o William S. COX & Agnes FLYNN, married Ethel Maud **CHANTLER**, 22, Bracebridge, Meaford, d/o William Henry CHANTLER & Mary Emily SAUNDERS, witnesses were Ernest E. ELLIS & Emily Victoria FALLS, both of Meaford, Feb. 14, 1900 at Meaford



From the birthday book of Theste Estella Stewart.