

## The Cox family of Ballynoe. Co. Limerick.

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One of the Taxation Commissioners for the “countie” of Limerick in 1654 was a Robert Cox. At that time Robert lived in a Stone house on the High Street in the Parish of St. Nicholas in Limerick City.

When Sir Thomas Standish of Bruff died in 1635 his 4 daughters were his co-heirs. One of them, Mary, married Robert Cox of Bruff, pre 1635. This Robert of Bruff is recorded in the Civil Survey holding the lands of Ballynoe, Ballyscanlan and Ballinfrumppa, totalling 140 acres. These were part of the forfeited lands of Piers Lacy who died in rebellion in 1601, which lands ended up with the Standish family, so we can see that with his marriage to Mary Standish, Robert Cox was the first of his name to hold these Townlands. The grant to Robert in 1637 was really a confirmation of his tenure. William Cox of Ballynoe was the Titulado for his area in 1659. The O’Grady papers in Anelecta Hibernia, No. 15, tell us that William Cox held his lands in right of his mother. (Mary Standish). Robert must therefore have died pre 1659.

### Betham’s Will Abstracts. GO 229. p29.

Sampson Cox = Constantia Barry  
Constance’s

(B. 1665) Daughter of William, Lord Barry  
as

(D. 1734)

*Betham seems to have mistaken*

*father’s name. Other sources name him*

*William , Lord Kerry. A Fitzmaurice.*

William Cox = Miss Hutchinson  
Ballynoe  
Co. Limerick.  
W. 4/3/1759  
Pr. 1766  
D. Oct 1762.

Hugh Cox = Elizabeth Vowell  
Eldest son.  
Ballynoe  
W. 3/11/1775  
Pr. 7/6/1783.

Vowell William Hugh John Sampson Robert Catherine Elizabeth.  
Ballynoe.

D.1788 D.1810 D.1821

(Dates of deaths added for clarity. Vowell was the eldest son and his brother William succeeded him when he died young).

### Irish Ancestor. Vol. 2. No. 1. 1976. “The Oldest Registers of Ballingarry”.

#### Baptisms.

21 March 1699,	Mary, daughter of Sampson and Constance.
24 October 1702,	Frances, daughter of Sampson and Constance.
20 January 1703,	John, son of Sampson and Constance.
8 April 1705,	Margery, daughter of Sampson and Constance.
21 May 1706,	Robert, son of Sampson and Constance
1 June 1707,	John, son of Sampson and Constance.
18 May 1708,	Deborah, daughter of Sampson and Constance.
13 August 1710,	Catherine, daughter of Sampson and Constance.

31 December 1730,	Hugh, son of William
30 November 1731,	Emmanuel, son of William.
5 December 1734,	Deborah, daughter of William.
25 February 1735,	Samuel, son of William.
Marriages.	
11 May 1698	Sampson Cox = Constance Odle, daughter of William, Lord Baron of Kerry. And widow of John Odle (sic). (Odell).
4 June 1700	Capt. Humphry Massy = Frances Cox of Ballynoe. (She must be a sister of Sampson's)
Burials	
1 June 1700	William, son of Sampson and Constance
2 June 1707,	John, son of Sampson and Constance.
8 April 1708	Robert, son of Sampson and Constance.
11 April 1709	Deborah, daughter of Sampson and Constance
10 October 1734	Sampson Cox.

Sampson Cox left an old Family Bible behind him in which he recorded the births of his children. The entries are signed off by Deborah Cox and dated 1631. So it would seem that Sampson dictated the information to his daughter Deborah in 1631 shortly before he died and this would explain the many entries which do not tally with the Ballingarry Baptismal Register. Sampson must have had a somewhat confused memory in his old age.

## Rosemary ffoliott's BMD's on microfiche at Co. Limerick Library.

Faulkner's Dublin Journal, Tuesday 2 Nov 1762,

Died suddenly, William Cox of Ballynoe, Co. Limerick. (*Son of Sampson and Constance*).

Limerick Chronicle, Monday 13 July 1772,

Married last Thursday, Richard Lane of Kilmacow, Co. Limerick to Miss Deborah Cox, daughter of the late William Cox of Ballynoe.

Limerick Chronicle, Wednesday 29 June 1796,

Married yesterday, William Cox of Ballynoe, Co. Limerick to Miss [Mary] Scanlan  
Clare Journal adds, daughter of Michael Scanlan of Ballynaha.

Clare Journal, Friday 29 March 1799,

Limerick, 27<sup>th</sup>. Died a few days ago at Beaufort, Co. Limerick, Mrs Cox, wife of Hugh Cox.

Ennis Chronicle, Thursday 9 June 1803,

Married on Sunday last, Mr Thomas Cox of Limerick City, Merchant, to Miss Sargent, daughter of Mr Benjamin Sargent of Newmarket, Co. Clare. Killaloe Marriage Licence Bonds give her name as Nicola.

Limerick Chronicle, Saturday 10 March 1810,

Birth, the lady of the Rev Richard Cox of a son.

Limerick Chronicle, Wednesday 24 Oct 1810,

Died on Saturday last at his seat, Ballynoe, William Cox, a Justice of the Peace for Co. Limerick; His remains were interred in the family vault at Ballingarry on Monday last.

Clare Journal, Monday 19 Oct 1812,

Married at the seat of her father on Sunday week, William H. Cox of Limerick to Maria Susanna, daughter of John Rochfort of Side-Brook, Co. Westmeath.

Limerick Evening Post, Wednesday 19 Oct 1814,

Married at Clifden a few days ago, Capt William Cox of the 95<sup>th</sup> Regt. to Miss Catherine Hawtrey, daughter of the Rev. Ralph Hawtrey of Waterford and sister in law of the Rev. Richard Cox of Parsonage House near Caherconlish, Co. Limerick. (The Rev Richard Cox was married to Sarah Hawtrey, Catherine's sister).

Limerick Chronicle, Wednesday 2 Nov 1814,

Birth yesterday in Mallow Street, the lady of William Cox of a son and heir.

Limerick Evening Post, Wednesday 18 Jan 1815,

Birth at the Parsonage House, Caherconlish, Co. Limerick, the lady of the Rev Richard Cox, of a son.

Limerick Chronicle, Wednesday 26 July 1815,

Birth at the Rev Richard Cox's Parsonage House [Caherconlish], the lady of Capt. Cox of the 95<sup>th</sup> Regt., of a daughter. (Catherine went to her sister Sarah's home to have her first baby).

Limerick Evening Post, Monday 1 Sept 1817,

Birth on Saturday at the Parsonage House of the Rev Richard Cox, the lady of Capt. Cox of the Rifle Brigade of a son.

Limerick Chronicle, Saturday 23 Jan 1819,

Married at Kilmahon church, Sampson Hugh Cox of Limerick City to Elizabeth, eldest daughter of John Goggin of Ballybane, Co. Cork.

Limerick Chronicle, Wednesday 15 Sept 1819,

Died on Saturday in William St., Miss Elizabeth Vowel Cox, daughter of the late Hugh Cox of Ballynoe, Co. Limerick. Her remains were this morning conveyed to Ballingarry for interment in the family burying ground.

Clare Journal, Monday 8 Nov 1819,

Married on Thursday last at the house of Mrs Cox, William Street, Limerick, Edward Gloster, Attorney to Miss Eliza Catherine Cox.

Limerick Chronicle, Saturday 4 Dec 1819,

Died in Bath, Miss Sarah Cox daughter of the Rev Richard Cox.

Ennis Chronicle, Wednesday 19 April 1820,

Died in William Street, Mrs Cox, widow of the late Hugh Cox of Ballynoe, Co. Limerick. The Limerick Chronicle adds, she died on Thursday 13 April, at an advanced age.

Limerick Chronicle, Saturday 3 March 1821,

Died last Thursday morning at the Parsonage House, Caherconlish, Master Richard Cox.

Clare Journal, Thursday 3 May 1821,

Died Hugh Cox of Ballynoe, Co. Limerick.

Limerick Chronicle, 31/12/1825.

Nick Reddan's Newspaper Abstracts.

Married on Thursday at Cahirnarry church, Edward Croker of Grange Hill, Co. Limerick, to Elizabeth Vowel Cox, youngest daughter of the late William Cox of Ballynoe, Co. Limerick.

Limerick Chronicle, 04/02/1826.

Nick Reddan's Newspaper Abstracts.

Married on Thursday at Kilcolman church, John Edward Langford of Stone Hall, Co. Limerick, to Mary, eldest daughter of the late William Cox of Ballynoe.

## Freemen of Limerick.

Josia Cox, Baker,

20/02/1747

Richard Cox, Esq.

12/09/1757

Sir Richard Cox, Bart.

03/09/1759

Michael Cox, son of Sir Richard Cox.

03/09/1759

Hugh Cox, Springfield, Co. Cork.

10/10/1763

Michael Cox, three sons of Richard Cox

Francis Cox and also

Richard Cox, three grandsons of his Grace, Michael, Archbishop of Cashel. 01/07/1771

William Cox, late of Ballynoe and now of the City of Limerick 27/06/1825

Benjamin Cox, by right of Marriage, 28/06/1830

Benjamin Cox married Mary Watson in St Munchin's church on the 21 May 1829.

## Alumni Dublinenses.

Sampson Cox entered TCD on the 1 July 1682 aged 17. Son of William Cox of Co. Limerick. B.A.1686.

William Cox entered TCD on the 7 July 1817, aged 18. Son of William Cox of Co. Limerick

William Cox entered TCD on the 18 Dec 1834, aged 17. Son of Rev Richard Cox of Co. Limerick.

## Nick Reddan's Registry of Deeds Index Project,

MS. 546393

28/12/1825

- A Edward John Croker, only son of B & C, Grange Hill, Co. Limerick. The Groom.  
 B Edward Croker, deceased.  
 C Eliza Croker, wife of B.  
 D Elizabeth Vowell Cox, daughter of E, sister of F, about 18 years old, a Spinster. The Bride.  
 E William Cox, deceased, of Ballynoe.  
 F William Cox, of Ballynoe.  
 G Henry Croker, of Ballyneguard.  
 H John Fitzgibbon Scanlan of Limerick City.  
 I Edward Gloster, Attorney, Limerick City.  
 J John Costelloe, Clerk to I. Limerick City.

The Bride was entitled to a £1000 dowry.

Edward Croker = Eliza Croker

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 William Cox =  
 Ballynoe  
 (D. 1810)

Edward John Croker = Elizabeth Vowel Cox.  
 Grange Hill. B.c.1807  
 Co. Limerick M.c. 1825.

William Cox.  
 Ballynoe

Mary Cox = John E. Langford

## Source: - Records of Ballingarry by Rev G. F. Hamilton. M.A.

Note: - Ballynoe, and Ballyneale are Townlands that lie close together near the town of Ballingarry.  
 Ballinamona House is on Ballyneale Townland.

In 1783, 3 May, Hugh Cox of Ballynoe died., father of John.

In 1788, Vowell Cox of Ballinoe was buried at Ballingarry.

(Vowell died in 1788. Vowell was therefore very young when he died).

In 1795, John Cox of Ballynoe was Churchwarden in Ballingarry.

In 1796, 30 June, William Cox of Ballinoe married Miss Mary Scanlan of Ballinaha.

In 1802, William Cox was living near Ballingarry.

In 1811, John Cox of Ballynoe was Churchwarden of Ballingarry.

In 1830, William Cox of Ballynoe was a Churchwarden at Ballingarry.

In 1833, 14 Jan, John and Barbara Cox baptised their son John at Ballingarry.

In 1837, Ballynoe was the residence of a W. Cox.

Ballyneale, old house, John Cox. New house built 1858.

Ballinamona, built 1836, John Cox Jnr.

In 1838, John Cox Jnr. was a Churchwarden in Ballingarry.

In 1850, Robert Cox of Ballinamona was elected Churchwarden of Ballingarry.

In 1850, Mary the daughter of Hugh Cox died at Leinster Terrace, Rathmines, Dublin.

In 1852, 29 July, Alice Cox of Ballynoe died, aged 9 years and 10 months. B. 14 Sept 1843.

Daughter of William and Elizabeth.

In 1855, 6 Oct, John Cox of Ballinamona, Coroner, was buried at Ballingarry. Aged 86.  
 (B.1769).

In 1859, 16 Dec, Robert Cox of Ballinamona married Kate Dowling at St Michael's Church, Limerick.

In 1862, William Cox of Ballynoe was appointed a Churchwarden of Ballingarry.  
 In 1868, Catherine Cox, daughter of the late John Cox, died at her brothers residence.  
 In 1869, 29 May, John Cox of Ballyneale died, aged 63, Brother of Robert who died in 1893. (B. 1806)  
 In 1870, William Cox of Ballynoe was still alive.  
 As was Robert Cox of Ballinamona.  
 In 1872, Elizabeth, the widow of William Cox of Ballynoe died.  
 In 1872, Robert Maunsell Cox of Ballinamona died, aged 6. Son of Robert Cox. (B. 1866)  
 In 1872, Mary Eliza, daughter of Robert Cox of Ballinamona, died.  
 In 1875, Mary Anne Cox of Ballinamona died.  
 In 1879, 19 April, William Cox of Ballynoe died aged 80. (B. 1799).  
 In 1885, Helen Fanny, the second wife of William Cox, died.  
 In 1890, 13 June, Col William Cox of Ballynoe, died. His widow was Mary Emma Cox.  
 In 1892, Robert Hugh Cox of Ballyneale died, aged 46. (B.1846).  
 In 1893 Robert Cox of Ballinamona was buried at Ballingarry aged 84. (B.1809).  
 In 1903, Rosetta, the daughter of the late William Cox of Ballynoe died at Cork.  
 In 1925, 20 Dec. Kate, the widow of Robert Cox, died. (Kate Dowling)  
 In 1930, Major F. Cox, living.

Hugh Cox = Major Thomas Odell=  
 Ballynoe The Grove  
 D. 1783 Ballingarry.

Son 1 son 2 son 3 John Cox = ? John Dowling = Grace Odell  
 (Vowell) Ballinamona House Tutor. B. M. 1838  
 D.1788 D.1855

John = ? Robert = Kate Dowling Julia = J.H.Bourchier  
 Ballyneale Ballinamona B.  
 B. 1806 B. 1809 M. 16/12/1859  
 D. 1869 D. 1893 D. 20 Dec 1925

1<sup>st</sup> Dau Constance = John Neville 3<sup>rd</sup> Dau Barbara = Dr Hugh White Roberta = James McCreery  
 Bennett  
 B. B. 1839 B. 1881  
 M. M. 5/7/1869 M. 1904  
 D. 1859 D. 4/5/1877

John Cox of Ballyneale is most likely the father of the John who was baptised on the 14 Jan 1833, son of John and Barbara Cox.

### **[limerick.ie/localstudies/Obits](http://limerick.ie/localstudies/Obits).**

LC of 04/09/1850. Died at Caherconlish, Sarah Cox, widow of Rev Richard Cox, Rector of Caherconlish. He was the grandson of Michael Cox, Archbishop of Cashel. She died at the house of her son-in-law, Rev Thomas Lyon of Kilbarron Glebe.  
 LC of 19/06/1850. Died, Mary Cox at Leinster Terrace, Rathmines, Dublin. Daughter of Hugh Cox, Ballynoe.  
 LC of 28/07/1852. Died, aged 8, Alice Cox, daughter of William Cox of Ballynoe.  
 LC of 06/10/1855. Died, aged 80, John Cox of Ballinamona. Senior Coroner for Limerick County.  
 LC of 04/08/1868. Died at brother's house, Catherine Cox at Ballinamona, daughter of the late John Cox.  
 LC of 01/06/1869. Died, aged 63, John Cox of Ballyneale. Co. Limerick.  
 LC of 06/02/1872. Died, Elizabeth Cox, wife of William Cox of Ballynoe.  
 LC of 14/09/1872. Died, aged 6, Robert Maunsell Cox, son of Robert Cox of Ballinamona.  
 LC of 01/10/1872. Died, Mary Eliza Cox, daughter of Robert Cox of Ballinamona.  
 LC of 22/05/1875. Died Mary Anne Cox of Ballinamona.  
 LC of 22/04/1879. Died, William Cox of Ballynoe.  
 LC of 26/09/1885. Died, Helen Fanny Cox, widow of William Cox J P of Ballynoe.  
 LC of 26/07/1892. Died, aged 46, Robert Hugh Cox of Ballyneale.

LC of 15/10/1892, Died, William Sydney Cox of 66 George's St. 2<sup>nd</sup> son of John Cox of Ballyneale. Brother of Robert Hugh Cox who died a few months ago.

LC of 22/07/1902, Died, aged 41 in New York, USA, John Hugh Cox, son of Mrs R. Cox of Ballinamona House.

LC of 03/03/1903. Died at Cork, Rosetta Cox, daughter of the late William Cox of Ballynoe.

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### St. Munchin's churchyard inscription.

John Cox died on the 4<sup>th</sup> October 1902 aged 41 years. Helena Edith Cox wife of the above died 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec 1914 aged 50 years. Their daughter Mary Anne died 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 1976 aged 84 years and Frances Waring Cox died 21<sup>st</sup> May 1983 and their son William W. Cox of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers was killed in action 21-29 March 1918 aged 19 years. (See Obits above. John was from Ballinamona House. John and his family are to be found in the 1901 and 1911 Census. John was a Grocery Store Manager and lived at No 5 Shelbourne Terrace, Thomondgate, Limerick.)

From all the clues given above a generation by generation succession line can be put together for the Cox family of Ballynoe. For this family the 30 year generation gap fits very well.

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|--|---|----------|
| 1 Robert Cox = Mary Standish.  | (Lived from circa 1600 to 1659)   |          |
| 2 William Cox =  | (Lived from circa 1636 to 1699)   |          |
| 3 Sampson Cox = Constance Odell nee Fitzmaurice.<br>M. 11/05/1698                                  | (Lived from 1665 to 1734)<br>(Constance was the widow of a John Odell)    |          |
| 4 William Cox = Miss Hutchinson  | (Lived from circa 1701 to 1762)<br>(An earlier baby William died in 1700) |          |
| 5 Hugh Cox = Elizabeth Vowell  | (Lived from 1730 to 1783)   |          |
| 6 Vowell Cox =   | (Lived from circa 1760 to 1788)   |          |
| D. 1788  |   | Brothers |
| 7 William Cox = Mary Scanlan<br>B. 1772<br>M. 30/06/1796<br>D. 1810                                | (Lived from circa 1766 to 1810)<br><br>D. 12 March 1825                   |          |
| 8 William Cox = 1 <sup>st</sup> Elizabeth<br>D. Feb 1872<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Helen Fanny<br>D. 1879 | (Lived 1799 to 1879)<br><br>D. Sept 1885                                  |          |

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Hugh Cox of Ballynoe died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1783. His eldest son and heir Vowell Cox died in England 5 years later in 1788. Vowell Cox must have been very young when he died. William Cox, the 2<sup>nd</sup> son would have been the next heir to Ballynoe. The 4<sup>th</sup> son John was living at Ballinamona House which was built in 1836 and John died there in 1855. After John's death his son John Jnr lived on at Ballyneale where he built a new house in 1858 and his brother Robert lived on at Ballinamona House where he died in 1893. Robert married at the age of 50, Kate Dowling on the 16 Dec 1859. Robert and Kate had a daughter Mary Eliza who was born in 1870 and died in 1872 and another daughter Mary Anne who died in 1875. Their son Robert Maunsell Cox was born in 1866 but died in 1872. They also had twin girls, Grace and Catherine, born on the 7 Feb 1865.

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### **Freeholders Register of 1829.**

Small Freeholders had to be registered their Freehold in order to qualify as voters in local elections.

This gives three people with the Cox surname who would be descended from younger sons of younger sons and who ended up as minor family members living in and around Limerick City.

William Cox, Linen Weaver of Mountpelier, Co. Limerick, registered his house and land at Quarry Road, North Prior's-land (Thomondgate) on the 25 April 1820 and again on the 8 Jan 1825 with the address now given as New Road, North Prior's-land.

James Cox, Linen Weaver of New Road, North Prior's-land registered his house and land at New Road in 1824 and again in 1825.

Edward Cox, Yeoman, of Coleman's Lane, registered his House, grounds and Premises in Coleman's Lane in 1824 and again in 1825.