

# COX-BENTLEY-WHITLOCK REUNION

Joyce Willingham posted a notice of this upcoming reunion on the GenForum site. The event takes place 9am, Apr.27,2002 at Gilmer, Texas - Upshur County Yamboree Building on highway 271. Cost is \$10 to reimburse for the rental of the building

RV sites are available. Contact Lea Ann at Ceteford@aol.com  
Reservations are requested of the RV sites.

Any questions about anything, you may contact:  
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Motels in Gilmer:  
Gilmer Inn - 1018 Hwy 271 - Phone # 903-843-3033  
Ramada Inn - 920 Hwy 271 - Phone # 903-843-6099; Reservation 1-800-2-RAMADA

Motel in Gladewater [15 miles from Gilmer] Best Western of Gladewater - 1009 E. Broadway (Hwy. 80)  
Phone # 903-845-8003

There are numerous motels in Longview & Tyler, which are about 30 miles south of Gilmer.

For the lunch break Gilmer has McDonalds, Sonic, Bodacious B-B-Q, Pizza Hut, Dairy Queen, Catfish Junction, Taco Bell-Kentucky Fried Chicken, 2 Mexican Restaurants, Subway Sandwich's (by Dairy Queen), Cowboy Cafe, and Golden Corral all located right on highway 271. On the square you might find a few quaint little sandwich shops and a burger place.

The Cox-Bentley-Whitlock family is detailed on our WHITLOCK33 chart. They are the descendants of William Whitlock & Mary Rowntree of Union Co., South Carolina. William and Mary were married December 27,1767 St.James, Northam, Goochland Co., Virginia. Their daughter Mary (Polly) Whitlock (1774-1851) married as her second husband William Bentley. The Cox connection is from the marriage of Lucinda Bentley to Taliferro Lewis Cox December 27,1835 Blount Co., Alabama. The connection to Texas is through the Cox family who were settlers in Texas in the early 1850's.

Reunions are always a great way to meet new "cousins" and share family stories. They also enable researchers to share research and clues and develop strategies to solve long standing family mysteries. Of the nearly 80 Whitlock families in our files this is the only one headed by a couple where we only know the name of the wife (Grizel Coleman). The identity of the mysterious Mr Whitlock who married Grizel Coleman in the 1720's-1730's still eludes us.

Good luck with the reunion - wish I could be there.