

NOTE: Many articles incorrectly identify **Dr. Braxton D. Cox, Jr.** as the one who was assassinated in Jackson, KY in 1902. Some even mis-label **Dr. Braxton D. Cox, Jr.** in a family photo to be the one who was assassinated. Sadly, that misinformation can be found on various websites. Even the Directory of Deceased American Physicians, 1804- 1929 showed **Dr. B. D. Cox, Jr.** as the one assassinated. Following is a list of 7 proof documents to help clarify the matter.

KY Medical Journal, 1917 Memoriam for **Dr. B. D. Cox.**

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2. Louisville Monthly Journal of Medicine and Surgery, 1902 Obituary errantly shows Dr. B. D., Jr. as one assassinated.
3. "Early Modern History of Wolfe Co." cites Dr. Jason Cox's son, Dr. Braxton D. Cox who started practice in 1869. [My note: This supports him as the "Junior")
4. 1850 Owsley, KY Census shows the Sr & Jr.
5. 1880 Wolfe, KY Census shows Sampson Cox with 13 yr. old son, Brackson [My Note: This is the one that was later assassinated]
6. Breathitt News, June 18, 1907 cites, "S. D. Cox and the murder of his son Dr. B.D.Cox"
7. Breathitt News reports indicated Dr. B. D. Cox lived and worked in Jackson, Breathitt Co., KY.

To sum up, **Dr. B. D. Cox, Jr.** lived and practiced medicine in Campton, Wolfe Co., KY. He died in 1917 after an illness and was not assassinated. He is also the "Junior", who was the son of **Dr. Braxton Jason Cox**, and again, he is not the one who was assassinated.

The Breathitt Kentucky Newspaper covered the story of the assassination quite extensively and copies of the newspapers may be found online. Here are some of the details of the unfortunate assassination of **Dr. Braxton D. Cox.**

**Dr. Braxton D. Cox** was the innocent victim of what has been dubbed the Hargis-Cockrill feud. At the age of 36 years old, the doctor was ambushed in the heart of Jackson, KY by hired men believed to be members of the Hargis-Callahan clan.

The tragic assassination occurred on a Sunday night, April 13, 1902. According to witnesses, **Dr. Cox** was at his office in the Crawford Building located at the corner of Court and Main streets on the same side of Main as the courthouse. At about 8:15 p.m. the Doctor had left his office and was walking on Main Street to go down Court Street where he lived near the corner of Cherry and Court.

Apparently the cowardly assassins were awaiting the Doctor inside a nearby stable building owned by James Hargis. Town rumors pointed to these three men: Curtis Jett, Tom White, and William Britton who ambushed the Doctor as he strolled by.

The thundering sounds of their shotguns were quickly followed by the ghastly sounds of the fallen Doctor which witnesses Judge Hargis and Ed Callahan claimed they had heard.

In spite of rumors and witnesses, justice was elusive as no assassins were ever convicted. But the memories and sadness of this unfortunate event remained firm in the hearts of the hundreds who attended the funeral of the fallen Doctor who was put to rest at Marcum Heights Cemetery in Jackson, KY.