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**Cory Farm  
212 Cornell Road  
Westport, MA**

**John Cory.** (Correy) Bristol, England. Mariner by trade. Died 1621  
Married Anne Wauker born 1582 Bristol, England. Came to American as part of  
Plymouth Colony Moved to Portsmouth, RI

Children:

Daughter (name unknown?)

John

William (1)

**Dartmouth Town Deed (Acushnett Ponagasett Acockesett)**

William Earll to William Correy (Cory)(1)

Dec. 4, 1669

"William Earll of Portsmouth, \_\_\_ for \_\_\_ full satisfaction \_\_\_ aid by William Correy  
of Portsmouth, house carpenter \_\_\_ have \_\_\_ sold \_\_\_ one third part of a \_\_\_ lott ---  
belonging to the lands formally called by the Names of Acustnett Ponagasett Acodkesett  
& since \_\_\_ called \_\_\_ the Towne of Dartmouth \_\_\_ the first Division of the said Lands  
to the \_\_\_ Date hereof \_\_\_ Called the Westernmost Arm with in \_\_\_ Dartmouth \_\_\_ with  
all \_\_\_ Meadows belonging \_\_\_ To be holden of his Majtie \_\_\_ as of his Manner of East  
Greenwich \_\_\_ forth day of Dec \_\_\_ 1669.

**William Cory:** Born 1618 Bristol, England. Died In Portsmouth, R.I. Died -1681/2. A  
miller/carpenter he owned substantial holdings In Portsmouth, RI and Dartmouth, MA  
(now Westport.

Married Mary Earle – 1656

Children:

John

William

Thomas (2)

Caleb(2)

Roger

Mercy

Ann

Mary

Joan

Margaret (not mentioned in will)

**William Corey (1)Will. Dated Jan. 4, 1681/2 (died Feb. 8, 1681/2**

His wife and all of his children are mentioned in his will which includes 10 " items" .  
Item 5 relates to the land he owned in Dartmouth here quoted

"Item 5: I give and bequeath unto my forth son Caleb (2) to come into his possession at  
one and twenty years of age all that my Right it being one third part of a Share or

Purchasers Right land into all the lands being and belonging to the Town of Dartmouth in the Colony of Plymouth aforesaid as well in the lands undivided as that Part already divided with al the Rights Profits Privileges and Emoluments thereunto belonging. And the said Inheritance to be and belong to my said Son Caleb during his natural life. And after his decease to such child or children of his body lawfully begotten as he my said Son Caleb in his last Will and Testament in writing shall see Cause to give and bequeath the same unto."

### **Crane Survey 1712 – William Cory(1) land Dartmouth. (Now Westport)**

"June 11, 1712 then surveyed ye homestead of William Corie deceased beginning at ye n w corner of Henry Brightman's farm at ye edge of ye marsh thence n 40 degrees w 100 rods to ye stonewall ye bounds between said Corie and ye homestead of Phillip Taber thence a 44 w18 rods to ye edge of ye marsh: as the stone wall now stands then from ye place where we came to ye n line thence to 44 gds E as the wall now stands 13 rods to a flat Rock just against ye Corner of ye wall a Little and thereof thence E 45 dgs n 100 rods to a heap of stones just by a black oak tree on ye E ward side thereof for Joseph Tabors Corner.

Corner and on sd point 256 rods to a Stak on a plaine –Leave off June 12, 1712 for sd Cory beginning at 2 gray oaks Ebenezer Tripps Corner of his homestead then E 166 rods to a stak and heap of stones on ye plaine for a Corner thence E 45 dgs S 18 rods to a young white oak sapling marked w stones about it then w 45 dgs S 8 rods to the place we left off yesterday, then we began again at ye 2 gray oaks where we began in ye morning thence n 20 dgs w 44 rods to a stake on ye S ward side of ye path: Thence S 45 dgs w 13 rods to a stake and heap of stones on ye n side of sd path for a Corner thence 20 dgs E to ye Line that we ran up between of Taber and said Corys 191 rods to a Coventree marked in ye n w line of ye homestead: This land and ye Land Laid out yesterday measures 363 acres qualified 214 acres"

### **Caleb Cory (2) Born 1668/70. Died before Apr. 1704**

Almost nothing is known about Caleb or his wife except that her name was Sarah. He inherited the land in Dartmouth, name later changed to Westport, at the age of majority. He lived in Dartmouth and had at least 3 children: twins James and Rachel and a son Caleb. Caleb apparently lived on his father's land in Dartmouth. The twins, James and Rachel both married people named Lamphere and lived in Westerly, R.I.

Apparently Caleb (2) only lived to be about 30. He died interstate and his widow Sarah was appointed administratrix of his estate.

It appears from the New Bedford Record of Deeds of Bristol County, Mass that Thomas (2) of Tiverton, Caleb's brother, purchased a sizable portion of Caleb's land in 1720. This is the land on the Westport Map marked as belonging to Wm Cory. Thomas gave this 240 acres to his son Thomas (3) [Thomas (2), Wm (1) ] as mentioned in the will of Thomas Cory (2) dated 23 Sept 1734.

**Thomas Cory (2) 1666-1737– First will dated Jan. 1731/32** (Son of William Cory and Mary Earle)

Item # 2.

I give and bequeath to my grandson Thomas Cory (4) son of my son Thomas Cory (3) Of Dartmouth deceased all that part of land hand housing in Dartmouth aforesaid where \_\_\_\_\_ he my said son Thomas lived: that is I give unto him my said grandson all that part of said farm with the haying thereon which is bounded and \_\_\_\_\_ing south easterly on Thomas Brightman land or homestead north westerly on Phillip Tabor land and homestead, south westerly on the westernmost \_\_\_\_\_ of including all my salt meadow at the foot thereof and to extend on the breadth from said river north easterly until it makes two hundred acres of land by measure also I give unto my said grandson forty acres of land being a part of my tract of land lying \_\_\_\_\_ George Woods Land and land belonging to Phillip Tabor of New London and is joining southerly on my brother-in-law Phillip Tabor land which said forty acres of land hereby given is to and shall extend from my said brother Phillip land northward on the whole breadth of said \_\_\_\_\_ tract until it makes forty acres by \_\_\_\_\_ all which I give unto him my said grandson Thomas his heirs and assigns for ever and to come into his possession at the age of 21 years. But if in case he shall decease before he comes to the age of 21 years or becomes \_\_\_\_\_ then my will is that all the lands above given to my said grandson shall be equally divided amongst all my children and those that may represent them if any of them should be \_\_\_\_\_ either male or female to them their heirs and assigns forever.

**Second will dated 1734 Thomas Cory (2) 1666-1737–** (Son of William Cory and Mary Earle)

Wife is Sarah Tabor.

Second Wife is Susannah (Manchester) Tabor. Thomas (3) lived in Tiverton.

Children:

William

Mary (Durfee)

Sarah (Brown)

Phillip

Thomas (3)

Rebeckah

Patience

"----- I Thomas Cory of Tiverton in the county of Bristol, in New England, yeoman, etc, etc.,

(The "first give and bequeath" is about his land in Tiverton)

Next paragraph – "I give and bequeath to my grandson Thomas Cory (4) the son of Thomas Cory (3) of Dartmouth two hundred acres of land and salt meadow with the housing thereon being the homestead farm where my son Thomas lived in said Dartmouth bounded northerly on Philip Tabors land and south easterly on Thomas Brightman land

southwesterly on the western most arm of Axocet River and to extend north easterly the whole breath of said farm like it makes up to two hundred acres. up to two hundred acres

by measure, and further I give my said grandson forty acres of land by measure lying between George Wood and Philip Tabor of New London and joining to my brother in law Philip Tabor and to come into the possession of my said grandson when he comes to the age of twenty-one years, etc, but if my said grandson shall happen to dye without issue then my mind and --- is that the land meadow [?] and housing herein given shall be equally divided among all my children both male and female or their legal representatives if any of my children should happen to dye before my said grandson to them their \_\_\_\_ and assigns forever.

I give and bequeath to my son Philip Cory and his heirs and assigns forever all that my homestead farm where I now live in Tiverton with the housing thereon etc., etc."

#### Note about Thomas (2)

He was an inhabitant at the time of the organization of Tiverton, Rhode Island, March 2, 1692. He was said to have inherited large estates there and was probably the first wealthy Corey in America. His will, dated September 23, 1734 and proved March 21, 1738, names his two sons, William and Philip as Executors. He left extensive lands and houses to his sons. He left his wife 100 pounds in money and 500 pounds to each of his daughters. His son Thomas (3) was said to be educated in England. Sarah Tabor was probably the mother of all of the children.

Inventory at death - 4,862 pounds, 15 shillings, 6 pence, viz: house apparel and books 41 pounds 3 shillings, 6 pence, pewter, 6 silver spoons, cheese press, bonds 2,955 pounds 4 shillings, 2 pence, meat cattle 29 pounds, horse kind 60 pounds, sheep 30 pounds, 397 acres wild land in sundrey places, 1 pound, 16 shillings, 10 pence.

#### **Thomas Cory (3) 1699-1727**

died in Dartmouth, married Ann Durfee. No further information. Died before his father. Children:

Thomas (4)

There could be more children.

#### **Thomas Cory (4) 1725-1802 (son of Thomas (3) and grandson of Thomas (2)).**

Will dated 1796

Married Abigail (Lawton) Cory

Children:

Sarah Wood

Prudence Shaw

Mary Earl

Lydia Eddy

Elizabeth Cory (5)

Benjamin Cory(5)

William Cory (5)

Thomas Cory (5)

Augustus Cory

" ---- I give and bequeath unto my son Benjamin Cory(5) and to his heirs and \_\_\_\_\_ forever all that part of my homestead farm he now improves as the farm was set off unto him some years past; also I give unto him my said son Benjamin \_\_\_\_\_ heirs and \_\_\_\_\_ my ridge flat known by the name of the little Meroon (?) Flat in Acoaxet river, also my little orchard adjoining to Philip Tabors Land and lying to the eastward of the Hammock meadow so called reserving only unto my son William Cory the use and improvement of the easterly half part of said little orchard for the term of two years next after my decease the improvement of which half part I give unto my said son William for said term. "

"I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Cory (5) the use and improvement of my great chamber and southwest bedroom adjoining. Also a privilege to the well for water and to the oven to bake and a privilege through the kitchen and up and down the kitchen stairs to the chamber and also a privilege round the house for laying wood \_\_\_\_\_ for and during the term she shall remain unmarried if she shall see fit to improve the farm herself but not to hire the farm out to any persons."

"I give and bequeath unto my son William Cory (5) his heirs and assigns forever, all the rest and residue of my estate both real and personal which I have not before or shall not here in after in this my last will and testament otherwise disposed of he doing \_\_\_\_\_ what I shall here in order him. "

**William Cory (5)** – yeoman (son of Thomas (4) Died 1842. (Will dated 1831)

(Cousin – Issac Cory)

Wife: Suzanne

\_\_\_\_\_ "I give unto my sister Elizabeth Cory and to her heirs and assigns forever, all my land and buildings and all the west and residue of my estate of every sort and kind not herein before disposed etc."

**Elizabeth Cory (5)- sister of William (5) Will dated April 1845**

My will is that my executors herein after, \_\_\_\_\_ exact grave stone \_\_\_\_\_ my in my grave is our family burial ground equal to that of my brother William \_\_\_\_\_ and the following legacies out of my estate.

I give and \_\_\_\_\_ to **Capt. Samuel Brightman, his heirs and assigns, my house and land, where I now live, and also my great b \_\_\_\_\_**.

I give to S \_\_\_\_\_ B. Brightman the daughter of Jeremiah my gold necklace, ear rings, finger ring \_\_\_\_\_ and silver thimble.

I give to Abigail Soule the wife of Israel Soule, my \_\_\_\_\_ and the table belonging to them, all my chairs, my small \_\_\_\_\_ stand, my longest chest, my woolen puff, and fifty dollars in cash.

I give to my niece(?) P \_\_\_\_\_ Negusmy(?) best bed and black and white coverlets, two sheets, two pillows, and one bolster and case.

I give to \_\_\_\_\_ G. (?) Cory (the daughter of Lawton H. Cory) .my next best bed, two pillows, one bolster, one blue and white coverlet, two blankets, two sheets, two pillow cases and one \_\_\_\_\_ case.

I give to Catharine H. Hathaway ( daughter of Lawton Cory) . one bed, one bolster, and the pillow, two pillow cases and one bolster case, one white coverlet, two blankets, and two sheets.

I give to H \_\_\_\_\_ Cory (daughter of Lawton H. Cory) one bed, one bolster, and the pillows \_\_\_\_\_ fifty-eight pounds \_\_\_\_\_ .Abigail Sisson.

I give to Sarah C. Gifford, Sarah Brightman, and ---- Potter, the remainder of my bedding, \_\_\_\_\_ apparel and household furniture to be equally divided between them.

I give to my nephew Robert Earl one hundred dollars.

I give to my niece Martha Borden one hundred dollars.

I give to Ardelin (?) \_\_\_\_\_ (daughter of \_\_\_\_\_) fifty dollars.

I give to Deborah Palmer (?) wife of Jonathan) one hundred dollars..

I give to Augustus Cory (son of Benjamin Cory) one hundred dollars. and what \_\_\_\_\_ apparel (?) I have on hand at my decease.

I give to \_\_\_\_\_ Soule all the provisions I may have at my decease.

I give to Robert Earl, Sarah Negis, Martha Borden, and \_\_\_\_\_ Palmer; all the west residue of my estate be equally divided between them.

I hereby nominate and appoint Capt. Samuel Brightman to be exactor of this my last will and testament.

There are 3 years between Elizabeth death(?), **Capt. Samuel Brightman**, inheriting the land and **Charles M. Gifford** selling the house and land in 1846/48.

Did Gifford get it from Capt. Samuel Brightman?

( Samuel Brightman from Westport, who might be the same, was Born 1791. Married Esther Gifford 1851.)

### **Charles M. Gifford**

Wife- Susannah

Probably 1848

Charles M. Gifford of Westport "yeoman in consideration of \$3,400 to me paid by Joshua H. Cornell and Godfrey Cornell of the same Westport yeomen"

"The homestead farm where I now live containing 60 acres more or less bounded Northerly by Godfrey Cornell's land, easterly partly by the woods, partly by the John Brightman farm so called, southerly partly by said Brightman land and partly by the river and westerly by the river reserving for a burying ground a piece of land at the north end of the meadow north from the dwelling house of thirty feet wide from the west side to the road."

(Also Note that in Feb. of 1848 Joshua H. Cornell bought a tract of a land

"containing 15 acres being a part of the land which I have this day bought of Charles M. Gifford commencing at the river in the line between this farm and the Grantees thence easterly in the line about 69 and a half rods to the north east corner of a meadow thence southerly by the wall about 51 rods to the corner of the wall adjoining the pasture thence westerly by the wall to the wharf meadow thence northerly by the wall to the corner of

the middle meadow thence westerly by the wall to the river with a privilege for passing from the roads over the pass way to the river and the land hereby conveyed.")

**Joshua Cornell** ( Father is Godfrey Cornell) - died 1863. will probated 1865

Homestead farm valued at 5,500.00

(Wife - Angeline [Wood] R. Cornell)

Married second Theresa Howland

Children:

Abby Anne Cornell

Joseph H. Cornell

Amanda M. Cornell

Ella F. Cornell

Charles E. Cornell

Joshua H Cornell

Nathan W. Cornell

Mary E. Cornell

Annie W. Cornell

Children by Theresa ??

Daniel H.

Pardon

Godfrey

John W. (a whaling captain)

Abigail

Sarah

Gideon

Edwin

Addie A.

"We the commissioners therein named , having been first sworn and given notice to all persons interested, as therein directed, have set off an estate of homestead to have set off to Angeline M. Cornell widow of Joshua H. Cornell late of Westport in said county deceased, and to Abby Anne Cornell , Joseph H. Cornell, Amanda M. Cornell, Ella F. Cornell. Charles E. Cornell, Joshua H. Cornell, Nathan W. Cornell, Mary E. Cornell, Annie W. Cornell her minor children in the land and buildings occupied by said deceased as a residence, as follows:

The north half of the barn together with north half of the barn cellar and so much of the barn ????? to the west of the barn as lies to the north of a line running through the center of the barn cellar and (centering ?) on the west side of the barn yard. Together with the privilege of passing and repassing to and from said north part of the barn yard through and over the south part of said barnyard and by the south side and east end of the barn into the house yard, and also the following described lot of land, beginning at the northeast corner of the meadow at the south of the lane, thence southerly as the wall stands to the southeast corner of the Round Meadow so called, thence south forty five degrees east to Henry Brightman's land. Thence easterly in said Henry Brightman's line to the highway. Thence northwesterly in the line of the highway to the place of beginning together with all of the seaweed or eelgrass privileges that Joshua H. Cornell had on the Brightman land so called and the privileges belonging thereto of carting to and from the same.

"----- and we have set off to Angeline R. Cornell widow of said Joshua H. Cornell as her Dower in said estate as follows:

All of the Porch or new part of the dwelling house. The southeast front room in the old or main part of the dwelling house and the front chamber over it with the privilege of using the front entry above and below and also the front stairs for the purpose of occupying said

front room and chamber, the back entry or sink-room, and the room over the same and the stairs that goes up out of the said sink-room or entry together with the clothes room or closet under said stairs. Reserving the privilege for the occupants of the remainder of the dwelling house to pass and repass through said entry or sink-room and to get water from the pump in said entry or sink-room provided said occupants pay one half of the expenses of keeping the cistern in repair. The south half of the garret with the privilege of passing and repassing through the backroom in the chamber of the house to and from the garret stairs and using said garret stairs and passing and repassing through the north part of the garret to the south half thereof. "

"The south part of the cellar under the house the cellar to be divided by a line passing through the middle of the cellar way through the center of the foundation of the chimney. Also the slaughter house so called standing at the north of the barn, and ten feet of the north end of the woodshed and the north half of the???? or grainway (silo perhaps . AWB). Also the privilege of using the backhouse or privy in common with the other occupants of the house together with all of the trees and fruit that grows in the house yard. Also the rights and privilege of the house yard and the lane leading to the road in common with the occupants of the remainder of the house and farm."

"And also the two following described lots of land: the first lot is described as follows:

Beginning at the southeast corner of the garden by the road thence northerly in the line of the highway to Godfrey Cornell's land. Thence westerly in said Godfrey's line to the northeast corner of the pear orchard. Thence southerly as wall stands nine rods. Thence north fifty one and one half degrees east to the wall on the east side of the orchard. Thence southerly as the wall stands to the house yard. Thence easterly and southerly as the wall stands to the lane. Thence north fifty one and one half degrees east to the wall on the east side of the orchard. Thence southerly as the wall stands to the house yard. Thence easterly and southerly as the wall stands to the lane. Thence easterly on the north side of the lane as the wall stands to the place of beginning. "

"The second lot is described as follows:

Beginning at the northeast corner of the meadow at the south of the lane. Thence southerly as the wall stands to the southeast corner of the Round Meadow so called. Thence by the compass south forty five degrees east to Henry Brightman's land. Thence westerly as the wall stands to the northwest corner of land formerly owned by John Brightman deceased. Thence north twenty six degrees west until it comes to the old house meadow so called. Thence easterly as the wall stands to the south west corner of said Round Meadow,. Thence northerly as the wall stands to the meadow south of the lane. Thence westerly as the wall stands to the southwest corner of \_\_\_\_\_garden\_\_\_\_, Thence northerly as the wall stands to the house yard. Thence easterly as the wall stands on the south side of the lane to the house yard. Thence easterly as the wall stands on the south side of the lane to the place of beginning"

#### **Joshua Cornell's children sell land to :**

Ethel Kaplan and Rose Goldstein.

In 1920 They sell to:

Morris L. Schwartz

Schwartz sells to:

Joseph Almeida

Almeida sells to:

Morris L. Schwartz (This is weird)

Schwartz sells to :

Manuel C. Pavao in 1925.

This deed reads exactly the same as Pavao to Pierce. (See below. )

Pavao sells to:

Clifford L. Pierce in 1938

Pierce sells portions of farm to James Barnet, Date not known.

Pierce heirs sell the house and 6.3 acres to Timothy Bryant. 2004

#### **(Portion of Deed -Pavao to Pierce**

##### **"First Lot:**

Bounded northerly by land formerly of Godfrey Cornell; easterly partly by the road and partly by the John Brightman Farm, so called; southerly by said Brightman land and partly by the river; and westerly by the river; Containing 60 acres more or less.

Reserving for a burying ground a piece of land at the north end of the Meadow north from the dwelling house thirty (30) feet wide from the west side to the road."

##### **"Second Lot:**

Beginning at the corner near Cornell's Blacksmith Shop so called; thence southerly and westerly on land of the first described lot herein and the river to the southwest corner or part of the river meadow; thence easterly on the land formerly of Henry Brightman and John Brightman, thence southerly on land formerly of said John Brightman and Henry Brightman up to the road near George Gifford's house so called thence northerly on the road to the first mentioned bound . Containing 39 acres more or less. Together with all the privileges and appurtenances hereto belonging for a description of privileges reference may be had to divisio deed between Edward P. Church and John Brightman of Sept. 1848.

Hereby conveying all my right and title to the Sedge Flats lying in the West River Bear Brant Channel; and all my right title and interest in the above described premises and being subject to all the rights to pass to and fro as previous deeds set forth and all other rights that the division deed and other deeds conveyed.

Also thirty cows ( he goes on to give their tag numbers), choice of two horses from 4 now on farm; one general electric frigidaire; one Perfection Milking Machine; 685

pounds of mild rating which they have with Braleys Creamery; Hay in barn and in stacks; two silos with contents; all roughage on farm.