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# Cory Family Society

## Newsletter

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#### 2002 Annual and Family Reunion-Rhode Island (Back to the Cory Roots) August 15-18, 2002

**!!!!!Last Chance to Sign Up for the Reunion!!!!!!** 

Our reunion is only 6 weeks away and is scheduled for August 15-18 (Thursday through Sunday).



We are scheduling a trip to the Plimouth Plantation, Mayflower II and Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth, Massachusetts on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> for the people who want to come one day early. Plymouth is a short hour from where we are staying.

We are staying at the Ramada Inn. I have asked for the date to be extended for reservations and keep our group rate. So if you have not made your reservations please do so ASAP and also send me a note so we can plan the events and ordering the coach size. Call 508 336-7300 for room reservations. They are listed under the Cory Family Society and we have 20 rooms reserved (\$84 single and \$89 double). We will reserve more rooms if we see we have a lot of interest. The Ramada Inn is east of East Providence, Rhode Island in Seekonk, Massachusetts near I-195 and 114. They have a restaurant and meetings room on site. This should be centrally located for our tours to Plymouth, Cory farm in Portsmouth, Kingston, Providence library, Tiverton, Plymouth, etc.

We do have videotape from our tour in 1993 of which Charlotte Muller narrated. We will be showing the tape as well as presenting materials that Charlotte presented last time. A lot of this information is in Charlotte's (black book) entitled "The Early History of William Cory of Portsmouth, Rhode Island". Patricia Wyatt from Narragansett, Rhode Island and Lester Cory will assist in the tours. We will be providing an educational tour of the early Cory's arriving in America. Several Cory members attended the



reunion in 1993 and I'm sure this group as well as new attendees will enjoy this tour as this will be a very enjoyable field tour and factual discussions of the early Cory's, don't miss this one!!!!! See you there.

#### Fred Corey, President

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The Cory Family Society Newsletter is a quarterly publication sponsored by the Cory Family Society for the surname Cory, Corey, Corry, Corrie, etc.

Annual membership dues are \$10.00 per family, payable to Cory Family Society, c/o Maxine Hester, 1123 N. Cambrian, Bremerton, Washington 98312

Cory Family Society Web Page: <u>www.coryfamsoc.com</u>

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reprint (Prior Newsletter) of our Portsmouth Rhode Island Tour – August 1993 By Charlotte Muller

Saturday's tour began in Portsmouth, RI at the Northwest corner of West Main Rd and Cory's Lane, where William Cory received his eight-acre land grant in 1657. He also inherited the adjoining thirty-eight acre land grants of his stepgrandfather and grandmother, Ann and John Roome. His two sons John and William inherited this land in 1682. On the south side of Cory's Lane we stopped at the old cemetery where Samuel Cory the revolutionary War Patriot is buried. It is thought that William is buried there as well as his wife some years later

Crossing the bridge to Tiverton we passed over lot 22 of the Pocasset Purchase William purchased in 1680 and left to his son's Thomas and Roger. South to Tiverton Four Corners we stopped at five Cory homes built before the Revolution, including Cory-Hicks-Bordon home purchased by Thomas Cory in 1720, and remained in possession of his descendants until 1900; the home built by his grandson, Philip Cory c1770; and the Chase Cory house purchased by Andrew Cory in 1816 and occupied by his descendants until 1966 when it was donated to the Tiverton Historical Society.

We visited the cemetery on the land of Captain Philip Cory, where he, his wife and descendants are buried. At the Chase Cory House we were greeted by Edna Snell who lived there as a child more than ninety years ago.

Continuing east our tour headed for Westport Pointe, MA by the way of Cornell Rd. where we passed the land purchased by William Cory in 1669, which he left to his son, Caleb. Our bus stopped at the cemetery in Westport Pointe where Capt Isaac Cory, a grandson of Thomas Cory of Tiverton, and his descendants are buried. Mr. Dexter and Mr. Wadsworth, both descendants of Alexander Cory, a grandson of Isaac Cory, who were our guides for the half a mile stroll down Main Rd. to the tip of the point, met us there. During the Revolution Capt. Isaac Cory built his store that would remain active until 1915. This store would be the focal point for his whaling, coastal trading and fishing business. We passed by beautiful old homes, many built soon after the Revolutionary War, including the home of Capt. Isaac still owned by his descendants. Isaac inherited lands in Westport from his father, Philip Cory in 1750, which still remain in the possession of his descendants.

Our last stop was the Whaling Museum in New Bedford, MA where we viewed some papers from collection of Isaac Cory papers.

Sunday morning we visited the North Kingstown, RI "Homestead" land purchased by John Cory c1705 son of William Cory of Portsmouth, RI. His descendants owned this land and home until 1901. In 1941 the land was made part of the Quonset Naval Air Station and at this time the gravestones in the "Homestead Cemetery" were moved to the Quidnessett Cemetery. His descendants at this cemetery took many pictures. The two oldest marked J.C. and E.C. are thought to be those of John Cory and his wife Elizabeth.

Charlotte Muller has complies a Booklet "The Early History of William Cory of Portsmouth, Rhode Island and his descendants". Contains material not previously published on the William Cory/Corey family. Includes transcriptions of early papers. Deeds, wills, maps, Cory/Corey pictures, houses, copies of revolutionary War Documents as well as anecdotal stories. Upon permission from Charlottes descendants copies will be available for purchase at the reunion or can be purchased before or after. *Submitted by: Charlotte Muller; August 1993* 

#### 2002 CORY FAMILY SOCIETY REUNION

#### **REGISTRATION FORM: SEND COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

Fred Corey; 15174 East Twilight View Dr.; Fountain Hills, AZ 85268; Phone:(480)836-0124; Fax:(480)836-1529; E-Mail: fredccorey@cs.com.

Name: Address:				
Phone:			Number Attending:	
ARRIVAL:		Thursday, August 15, or		
		Friday, August 16 Coach Plimouth and Mayflower II Tour * Pilgrim Hall Museum Buffet Lunch No. of People	<ul> <li>\$ 10 Per Person</li> <li>\$ 14.85 Per Person</li> <li>\$ 4.50 Per Person</li> <li>\$ 12.95 Per Person</li> <li>Total Cost: \$</li> </ul>	
		<u>Saturday, August 17</u> Coach Lunch (Pay for your own) No. of People	\$ 10 Per Person Total Cost: \$	
		Sunday, August 18 Coach Banquet (Estimate) No. of People	<pre>\$ 10 Per Person \$ 20 Per Person Total Cost: \$ Grand Total \$</pre>	
		<ul> <li>Pre-School – 12<sup>th</sup> grade \$9.00, Children 5 and under are free.</li> <li>Coach charges are for adults only.</li> <li>Buffet lunch menus for children will be provided</li> </ul>		
		MOTEL RESERVAT	ION INFORMATION	
We will be stay	ing at: The Ramada Inn.			

East of East Providence, Rhode Island at Seekonk, Massachusetts Near I-195 and 114 (508) 336-7300

#### PLEASE PHONE THE MOTEL DIRECTLY FOR RESERVATIONS

Mention the Corey Family Society for our special rates (\$84 single and \$89 double - non-smoking). Indicate date of arrival and date of departure and if you wish 1<sup>st</sup> floor accommodation. The cutoff date for the room rate is July 15, 2002.

#### **CORY TOURS - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Preliminary)**

#### Thursday PM - August 15

• Welcome - Hospitality Room

#### Friday – August 16 (8 AM to 6 PM)

- Plimoth Plantation Museum and Mayflower II Tour Plymouth, Massachusetts.
- Pilgrim Hall Museum Tour Gallery museum and stories of America's founding and traditions

#### Saturday - August 17 (8 AM to 5 PM)

- Towards Tiverton, RI Lot 22 of the Pocasset Purchase William purchased in 1680 and left to his son(s) Thomas and Roger.
- South to Tiverton Four Corners (Historic District) Five Cory homes built before the Revolution, including Cory-Hicks-Bordon home purchased by Thomas Cory in 1720, and remained in possession of his descendants until 1900; the home built by his grandson, Philip Cory c1770; and the Chase Cory house (1730) purchased by Andrew Cory in 1816 and occupied by his descendants until 1966 when it was donated to the Tiverton Historical Society. Edna Snell who lived there as a child more than ninety years ago.
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- Driving tour half-mile stroll down Main Rd. to the tip of the point During the Revolution Capt. Isaac Cory built his store that would remain active until 1915. This store would be the focal point for his whaling, coastal trading and fishing business. We passed by beautiful old homes, many built soon after the Revolutionary War, including the home of Capt. Isaac still owned by his descendants. Isaac inherited lands in Westport from his father, Philip Cory in 1750, which still remain in the possession of his descendants.
- Whaling Museum in New Bedford, MA viewing some papers from collection of Isaac Cory papers. Visit with Mr. Kugler

#### Sunday - August 18 (8 AM to 12 Noon)

- Portsmouth, RI Cory's Lane, Old Cemetery, and Green Animals Topiary Gardens (1880): William Cory and Ann and John Roome's homestead. William Cory received his eight-acre land grant in 1657. He also inherited the adjoining thirty-eight acre land grants of his step-grandfather and grandmother. Burial site for Samuel Cory (the revolutionary War Patriot). It is thought that William is buried there as well as his wife some years later.
- North Kingstown, RI "Homestead" land purchased by John Cory c1705 son of William Cory of Portsmouth, RI. His descendants owned this land and home until 1901. In 1941 the land was made part of the Quonset Naval Air Station.
- Quidnessett Cemetery Gravestones in the "Homestead Cemetery" were moved to the Quidnessett Cemetery. The two oldest marked J.C. and E.C. are thought to be those of John Cory and his wife Elizabeth.

#### Business Meeting and Banquet – (12:30 PM to 4 PM)

#### **OPTIONAL PLACES TO VISIT**

For those of you coming in earlier or wish to modify your tour schedule and perhaps do some personal research here are a few references for you to review.

#### LIBRARIES, HISTORICAL SOCIETIES & MISCELLANEOUS SITES

Portsmouth Town Hall –

Newport Historical Society – Museum with library and research Facilities. Walking tours of Colonial Newport

Redwood Library and Athenaeum (1748-50) – Newport. Oldest continuously used library building in America.

**Providence Athenaeum (1830)** – Providence. One of the nation's oldest libraries and culture center. Greek Doric temple design.

**Rhode Island Historical Society Library** – Providence. Extensive collection of Rhode Island history and artifacts. 121 Hope St.; Providence, RI 02903

Museum of Rhode Island History at Aldrich House (1882) – Providence. Headquarters of the Rhode Island Historical Society.

Providence Public Library -

RI State Archives - 337 Westminster St.; Providence, RI 02903

Friends Meeting House – (1699). Newport. Oldest religious structure in Newport

Old School House (c. 1716) – Portsmouth. Nation's oldest school, containing antique desks, school bells, and text books.

**Old Stone Mill** – Newport. Unidentified origin. Most popular theory is that it was built by Norsemen before Columbus' voyage. Academic theory has it built by a Colonial farmer.

**Casey Farm (c. 1750) -** North Kingstown. Mid 18<sup>th</sup> century homestead still functioning as farm with an assortment of animals. Surrounded by fields, barns, and high stone walls, the house overlooks Narragansett Bay.

**Great Swamp** – South Kingstown. The Great Swamp Fight took place on December 19, 1675, during King Philip's War, and resulted in the near annihilation of the Narragansett Indians.

**Old Narragansett Church (1701)** – North Kingstown. One of the oldest Episcopal Churches in America. One of the four original Colonial parishes in Rhode Island. Oldest church organ (1680) in North America

**Old Washington County Jail (1792)** – South Kingstown. Pettaquamscutt Historical Society Headquarters. Contains old jail cells, period rooms, and Colonial garden. Exhibits depict life in South County during last 300 years. Genealogical and history library.

Smith's Castle (1678) – North Kingstown. Site of trading centers established by Richard Smith and Roger Williams in 1637. In 1700, a slave-holding estate.

**Coggeshall Farm Museum** – Bristol. An 18<sup>th</sup> century working farm with animals, a working team of oxen, and historical farm activities, including 18<sup>th</sup> century crafts. Historical herb and vegetable garden.

Butts Hill Fort – Portsmouth. Site of Rhode Island's only major Revolutionary War land battle. August 29, 1778.

Brown University (1764) - 7th oldest in America. Used as barracks by American and French troops during revolution

Cathedral of St John, Episcopal (1810) – One of four original Colonial parishes in state. Adjoining historical graveyard.

Meeting-house of the First Baptist Church in America (1775) – Congregation founded by Roger Williams in 1638.

First Unitarian Church (1816) - Houses largest and heaviest bell cast by Paul Revere & Son.

John Brown House (1785) - Three story Georgian mansion. Celebrates many aspects of Rhode Island's heritage.

Johnson & Wales Culinary Archives & Museum – This one-of-a-kind museum contains over 200,000 items relating to culinary arts and entertainment.

Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design – One of the nation's finest small museums.

**Old State House (1762)** – Rhode Island Declaration of Independence sighed here May 4, 1776, renouncing allegiance to King George IIII two months before the other colonies.

**Prospect Terrace** – Burial place of Roger Williams and site of Roger Williams Memorial.

**Roger Williams Landing Place Monument** – Site where Providence founder first step ashore in 1636 in exile from the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

**Roger Williams National Memorial** – Visitor center, exhibits, and slides on the site of the original Providence settlement (1636).

**State Capital (1900)** – Built with white Georgian marble with one of only three self-supported marble domes in world. Contains original Rhode Island Charter (1663) and historic Gilbert Stuart portrait.

Governor Stephen Hopkins House (1707) – Signer of the Declaration of Independence.

**Benefit Street's "Mile of History"** – The most impressive concentration of original Colonial homes in America and site of many superb examples of early Federal and 19<sup>th</sup> century. Walking tours.

**Slater Mill Historic Site** – Includes Slater Mill (1793), birthplace of America's industry; the Sylvanus Brown House (1758), an early skilled worker's home; and the Wilkinson Mill (1810) which houses an authentic 19<sup>th</sup> century machine shop. A reconstructed 16,000 lb. water wheel (c. 1826) is in operation. Operating early textile machinery and demonstrations of hand-spinning and weaving

#### SHOPPING

The Arcade (1828) – Greek Revival structure houses the oldest indoor shopping center in the country. Lively marketplace with shops and eateries.

**Federal Hill** – Providence's "little Italy". Federal Street and adjacent blocks between Broadway and Atwells Avenue. Italian culture and other ethic cuisine. Traditional bakeries, shops, groceries and restaurants.

#### Preliminary Annual Meeting Agenda August 18, 2002

- 1. Reading of Minutes June 24, 2001
- 2. Financial Report
- 3. Cory Family Society Logo Approval
- 4. Vice President and Genealogist Vacancies Nominations
- 5. Newsletter Update
- 6. Website Report
- 7. Membership report
- 8. Listing of People's Names on our Database and Web Site
- 9. DNA Research Report by Art Corey
- 10. Report from our English Friends Cory Society
- 11. Location and date for next Cory Family Reunion
- 12. Other business
- 13. Adjournment

#### Membership

Our membership list has been updated and is included in this newsletter. Our distribution to genealogical and historical societies as well as libraries is also included. If you have any additional societies or libraries that should be added to our list please give me a call.

#### Vice President and Genealogist/Historian Vacancies

The Cory Society has two vacancies that we will need to fill. Please consider volunteering for these positions or recommend members who may be available. I would like to accept nominations at our annual meeting.

#### **Cory Family Society Logo**

As reported in our previous newsletters we have discontinued the use of the modified Coat of Arms logo. We are looking for a logo that displays and illustrates the history of our families in America. We did receive two artistic submittals at our meeting in Chillicothe.

Dorothy Rout and Claude and Phyllis Cory have submitted designs that have been thoughtfully designed. Both submittals are being reviewed and will be submitted as one at our annual meeting for approval.

#### Logo Submitted by Dorothy Rout:

**Crest:** Three red stars signifying our voyage into the unknown-sailors of yore used celestial "lights" to guide them to a safe harbor.

**Ship:** Our forefathers came from over the seas to form a new nation-one of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness



Laurel Leaf Crown: Like our ancestors who sailed to America, we have worked hard and been rewarded.

#### **Reminder of Cory Association Dues**

As a friendly reminder if you have not paid your annual dues for 2002 please send your checks to Maxine Hester. If you cannot afford the dues please give me a call, as we may be able to establish a lifetime membership. We want to keep our membership.

**Please Note:** As requested and to avoid sending out reminders when our society dues are due, we have decided to add a line to our mailing labels for each newsletter as to the status of our current payment. Any one paying for several years in advance will be noted on the membership list.

I would like to ask each of you to ask your relatives and cousins to join our Cory Association and become long term members. We want to build our association to extend our heritage and archive our ancestry in perpetual time. We will always need new members for our Association to grow and live on.

I ask you to keep the editor current on your address and phone numbers so we can send you the newsletter. Please submit your e-mail addresses and keep them current, as we will be corresponding through e-mail as well. We will not include our membership on the web page.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

I would like to welcome the following new members to the Cory Society.

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#### PASSING OF SOCIETY MEMBERS

We are sadden to hear that Clarence Glen Corey of San Diego passed away June 21, 2002. He was born in McCook, Nebraska August 5, 1908 and he was a businessman and a member of the Scotish Rite and Al Bahr Shrine. He was 93 years old. After growing up on the family farm, he began to pursue business interests commencing with the building of a petroleum distribution company, ultimately assisting greatly in the construction of Trenton Dam. His business pursuits diversified to include many areas including the motel and retail industries. He moved to California in 1957.

Correction Erwin Fellows from Zephyrhills, FL died November 9, 2001 and not as reported as Eugenie Fellows November 9, 2002. Robert William Cory died January 4, 1999. We add our condolences to their families.

#### LOST CORY(S)

We have lost contact with the following people. If anyone knows of his or her address or e-mail please inform the editor. The last know address are as follows:

Ruth E. Cory 2478 Petersham Rd Athol, MA

Earl & Cheryl Cory PO Box 185 Wilson, WY

Audrey LaPorte 701 Grove St. Menasha, WI Mrytle Bliss Main Rd Tiverton, RI 02878

Harry Chase Cory's Lane Portsmouth, RI 02871

Owen Dexter Box 66 Westport, MA 02790 William Lashua 156 Birch Park Cir W. Springfield, MA 01089

Helen Mercier 935 La Higuera Green Valley, AZ 85614

John & Edna Earl Theiss 15 Parks Lane Fayetteville, TN 37334

#### MEMBER'S PUBLISHED BOOKS ON THEIR RESEARCH

Several members have published books on their research. The following lists those publications, along with information upon obtaining the publication:

## The Early History of WILLIAM CORY of Portsmouth, Rhode Island by Charlotte Muller

This book contains material not previously published on the William Cory/Corey Family. It includes transcriptions of early papers, maps, wills, deeds, pictures, houses, and documented stories. To order a copy, Please the editor a note and a check for \$17.50 and he will see that you will receive a copy and a check sent to Charlotte's family.

In a Land not Sown, The Life and Times of Jerimiah William Cory, Sr. 1793-1860 by David A. Cory, M.D.

While focusing on Jerimiah William Cory of the seventh American generation, the book also includes a discussion of the ancestry of Jerimiah--John<sup>1,</sup> John<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>, Elnathon<sup>4</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>5</sup>, and Elnathan<sup>6</sup>. There is extensive documentation of known records of John 1 of Long Island. The books follows Jerimiah across America from his birth in Western Pennsylvania to establishing a large family in Pickaway Country, Ohio, to northern Indiana and finally to central Iowa. There are no more copies available, but the online version is available on the Cory website.

## *Corys of America, Second Edition by Al B. Cory*

Genealogical records assembled in the register format. Consists of two volume, cloth bound, library books.

#### Volume I

**Book I John Cory of Southold, Long Island, New York** 875 pages, indexed, 13,149 individuals, 4,407 marriages, 3,158 locations, 14 generations.

#### **Book II My Mothers Side of the Family**

Willis, Busroe, Witten, Downs, Cain. 44 pages, indexed, 503 individuals, 126 marriages, 182 locations, 9 generations.

#### Volume II

#### Book III William Corey of Portsmouth, Rhode Island

603 pages, indexed, 8,847 individuals, 2,994 marriages, 2,252 locations, 12 generations.

#### Book IV Thomas Corey of Chelmsford, Massachusetts

91 pages, 478 marriages, 437 individuals, 484 locations, 12 generations

#### **Book V Corys of America**

Progenitors who could not be linked to John, William, or Thomas. Includes Giles. 109 pages, 1,955 individuals, 726 marriages, 876 locations, 14 generations.

Volume I - \$10.00 including postage. Volume II - \$30.00 including Postage. Buy both Volumes I and II, \$10 will be donated to a library of your choice. To order send check or Money Order to: Al B. Cory; 11056 Orange Cart Way; Jacksonville, FL 32223-7336

Note: If anyone would like to list their papers or publications on their family history and be available for other interested parties please give the web master or editor a call.

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2002 Membership				
Name:				
Address:				
City:				
State/Province: Zip Code:Country:				
Telephone No.: ()				
Do you want your address published? Yes No				
E-mail Address:				
Enclosed: 2002 Dues <u>\$ 10</u> Genealogy Research \$ (Optional)				
Payment for 3 Years <u>\$ 30 2002-04</u>				

Membership dues are only \$10.00 per family. Genealogy Research is voluntary. Please send this form and your check, payable to *Cory Family Society* to:

Maxine Hester 1123 N. Cambrian Bremerton, Washington 98312

**Note:** There have been some questions as to how the genealogy research funds will be utilized. These funds will be used specifically for researching our Cory line by genealogists and for our new project of DNA testing.

### **Corey Family Society**

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