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NEW CORY FAMILY SOCIETY FORMED

THE CORY SOCIETY WAS FORMED IN ENGLAND

A preliminary meeting was held in Northampton in October 1992. On the 17th December 1992 a steering committee was appointed which includes Corys with ancestors traceable over many centuries. Michael Cory and Patrick Cory, now living in Dorset and London respectively represent the Norfolk branch, with a clear line back to the late 14th century; Mark Hassall, proud of North Cornwall Cory roots known from the 1600's; Vernon Cory of the Western Corys of Cornwall; Colin Cory of the Midland Corys, with ancestors far back in medieval Northamptonshire.

The group is now formed and welcome members from other countries. I will include a form and price for you to join if you wish. If we are serious in tracing our roots we now have a good source of reference through our English cousins. This News letter, with permission of *The Cory Society* will keep you informed as we get the information. If I am right our reunion is being planned for England in 1995.

Of all the research and work in the past many years of the originators of this group, their aim through *The Cory Society* is to pass their finding to all who are interested in their roots. Remembering now this is a two way street. We want the English Corys to know about us as well. We can do this by answering their queries and submitting queries to them.

Some of the Historical Gems are:-

© Thomas CORIE, a Norwich Royalist in the early days of the Civil war was arrested by Oliver Cromwell in person after trying to raise support on Lowestoft.

© John CORY, appointed clerk to King Edward III and to the Black Prince, fulfilling many diverse functions.

© Giles COREY of Northampton, emigrant to New England who became a victim of the notorious Salem Witchcraft trials.

© Richard CORY of Hartland and Bideford, who founded one of the largest coal mining and supply industries in South Wales.

© William CORY of Week St Mary,

Cornwall who, London based, advised Isambard Kingdom Brunel upon speculations for coal use in the "Great Eastern".

THE CORYS, WERE DID THEY COME FROM
From the first Edition "The Cory Society Newsletter"
The answer to this apparently simple and obvious question is one which defies a direct reply.

We must first look at the name which, in modern usage, describes not only the individual but also the family. The first question therefore should be "where does the name come from?" A family name or surname was not known in England before the Norman Conquest. The important label for an individual was his Christian or "given" name. The need for a second appellative arose gradually and at first was applied to the father and passed to the eldest son but not to other family members. This second name could be derived from various characteristics, the commonest being the place where the person lived. Other possible sources could be occupation, Physical features (eg "The Red", "The Tall" etc), the father's or mother's name, a nickname (eg "the cunning"). There are numerous pit falls in attributing and particular surname to such origins. It was formerly not unusual for people of the same family to have different surnames by reason of, say different occupations.

When names became written down the opportunity for mis-spelling opened the flood gates of confusion. The CORY name itself can be found spelled in upwards of 25 different ways each producing approximately the same phonetic sound! We have therefore arrived at another question- which spelling should be chosen as authentic, or at least standard? The decision, which must retain arbitrary element, has been towards the simple CORY form and the principal reason for this is that for several centuries it has been the most frequent. However, after careful study of variant names the critical letters are deemed to be -OR-, permitting the acceptance of CORE, COREY, CORIE, CORYE. This does not invalidate gross misspellings in circumstances where the standard name is known to be paramount.

Having established the surname the link with the origin can be investigated. The Domesday book of 1068 provides an excellent source of Anglo-Saxon names. Here we find the name CHORI in Cornwall as a manor owned, prior to the Norman conquest, by Godwin, Earl of Wessex. With some difficulty we can identify the place with the modern farm of West Curry in the Parish of

Boyton. This place was known in former times (though not consistently) as GREAT CORY. The location is within a district extending into North Cornwall and North Devon where a large proportion of all the Corys have lived for centuries. It is a fairly safe deduction that the first Corys of the West obtained their name from this place. This is despite the fact that very little is known of the history of Great Cory itself.

But there are Corys elsewhere in England, did they all come from the same place? There has been a fairly wide distribution of Corys in Southern England up to the end of the 19th century, but concentrations are apparent in Norfolk, South Wales, Northamptonshire and London. A well documented emigration of a Cory (or Corie) from Cornwall to Norfolk in 1398 was responsible for the large East Anglian nucleus. Two families of the North Cornwall/North Devon Corys settled in South Wales in the 19th century. In the case of Northamptonshire Corys have been present since the 15th century, especially at Harpole and Northampton. They cannot be connected by available records with any other Cory group. It is possible, though not probable, that they have an independent origin.

As for the London Corys, while one North Cornwall immigrant is known, it has proved impossible to account the origins of the many holders of the name. They have been present from the 14th century, mainly in the city of London. London, like many other capital cities, has always acted as a magnet for provincial hopefuls and beginnings tend to be soon forgotten in the maelstrom of the "great Wen". Corys have been present in emigrant streams to former British Empire from the 17th century onwards, though our information has yet to proceed beyond the Americas, Australia and a single family in old Indian Raj.

The possibility of more than a single origin of Corys cannot be completely excluded but it is safe to say that Corys are of Anglo-Saxon origin, have been in southern England for a very long time and have produced their full quota of interesting and thoroughly worthy individuals!

Membership is open to all who bear the Cory name, or close variants thereof, or who are immediate family relatives of CORYs even though not so named £15 dues. An application form is attached to this letter.

QUERIES

The query section in the Quarterly is for the benefit of all. They are placed by our cousins who are interested in the preservation of the Cory surname and their personal family. Please help those who request information, also please send the information to the Editor to up date his data base. The Editor will try to answer the query from his data base if at all possible, Please send a SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope).

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LAWHORN Rachel (Lahern) Married, (John Cory ?) , Children; Mary Ann, Elizabeth, John T, and William. Editor would like to have the Information. Darlene Goodman 5323 Devers Ave Louisville, KY 40214 ...Contact... Rufus Bruner 8701 Fox Lonas Rd Knoxville, TN 37923.... Send the editor some Group Sheels.
- 402
COREY John Allen Married Virginia Alice McGlasson, 4 Feb 1840 Venton KY. Five children; Alice Madeline, Lulu B, William McGlasson, Lamar, and Cora. John born 17 Nov 1827. (Parents ?) Mary Alice Shulman 2759 Manchester Rd Ann Arbor, MI 48104-6571. Don't forget to send to the editor for his files.
- 403
COREY Anne She died after 1760, married March 1719 to Samuel Barber, b 8 Nov 1695, d 8 May 1760 in Richmond RI. This girl has to be a descendant of William and Mary Earle. Help.... Editor...
- 404
IRISH Jesse born Tiverton RI Sept 26, 1712, had son Peter who married Mary CORY, probably in Danby VT. Who is the Parents of Mary Cory of Tiverton RI. Jane Palmer Box 196 Kensett, IA 50448... don't forget the Editor
- 405
BALANCE Robert Married Bessie Adeline COREY.... need to track Bessie, dates submitted don't say 1800's or 1900's They had daughter Betty Ninetta who married Leland Mc Swain.. Betty McBroom 2860 Reservoir Ln Redding CA 96002
- 406
COREY George Onondaga Co NY is the clue here. Looking for the lineage of George COREY b ca 1770 d before 1818 in Onodaga he married Catherine Burgess before 1797 she died 28 Dec 1832, Onondaga NY We believe the Children were; Polly b ca 1797, she married Tobias Goodfellow...John b ca 1799 he either died or left his family by 1850 He married an EVA , had sons George W. and James, Daughters Hannah, Olive and Eliza. ...Thomas Gull 403 Taylor Ave Rockville, MD 20850.....Don't for get the editor.

THAT'S ALL FOLKS,, I NEED SOME QUERIES, IF YOU WANT THIS SECTION IN THE NEWS LETTER.. YOUR CALL

NEW SUBJECT:

I have belonged to many of the bulletin boards available through the computer and modem, ie Fido Gene, America on Line, Prodigy and CompuServe. I have answered many queries through these boards and met many very nice people. I am now active on CompuServe. you can get me, as Al B Cory 73141-3662. I operate out of the ROOTS forum... You can contact me with that address. What I would like to do, is to start a group with CORY/COREY interest. I'm sure we can get more into our society, as many who I've contacted through the bulletin boards have joined at this time. This way I could answer some of your queries on the board, and others could get the same information. If you have never used the electronic bulletin board, try it. Its the coming generation. (not soliciting) but if you want to join CompuServe let me know and If you go on through me I can get credit and save me some money when I answer all these queries. but never the less give me a call on the board.
Al.

There is William Henry Cory born ca 2 May 1831 Died 29 Jan 1893, buried in the St. Helena's Episcopal Church yard cemetery in Beuford South Carolina., He was married to Ellen Rebecca Hill, Children ; William Henry b 21 Jun 1870 d 8 March 1942 and Caroline Chapline, b 1 September 1873 and d 22 March 1960. I am quite sure that he is not from one of our progenitors that we are tracking. Here is a brief scenario that makes this so interesting: We have all heard of the charge of the light brigade and their gallant effort in October 1854, when 673 men and horses ran the Russian cannon and rifle gauntlet up a narrow valley. 247 men and 497 horses paid with their lives running the gauntlet, after the 20- minute slaughter was over many more men and horses died. While it might of been a gallant gesture on the part of the men who rode, it certainly was not one of Great Briton's most notable battle strategies. On the 25th of October 1854 there were only 10 men of the Mounted members of the 13th Light Dragoons left to answer the call for parade. Two of these were John H Fuller who died in Charleston SC on Sept 6, 1871. His tombstone reads, that he is "the only member of the gallant 600 that charged at Balaclava, Russia, buried in America. Then there is William Henry Cory who died and was buried 22 years later and was also buried in America. Does any one know any more about this John William?

DON'T FOR GET THE LOGO CONTEST

There have been no submissions since the last news letter.. Come on now lets all get in to the contest. There is no prize, but think of the prestige. Below are the only submissions thus far. send yours to me for publication. We will vote on them in Salt Lake next meeting.

LOGO #1



LOGO #2



Cory

LOGO #3



LOGO #4



*The Early History of
WILLIAM CORY
of
Portsmouth, Rhode Island*

This book contains material not previously published on the William Cory/Corey Family. Includes transcriptions of early papers, maps, wills, deeds, Cory/Corey pictures, houses and Revolutionary War documents as well as stories.

to order Copy: Please send check to Charlotte Muller, 30001 Northbrook, Farmington Hills MI 48334

THE CORY SOCIETY
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

NAME OF MEMBER.

ADDRESS

ZIP CODE

TEL NUMBER ()

I/WE HEREBY APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE CORY SOCIETY
AND ENCLOSE THE MEMBERSHIP FEE OF £ 15.00
DONATION £

SIGNED.....DATED

CHEQUES SHOULD BE PAYABLE TO :> NRBS ACC.04006T00980
AND SENT TO:> **THE TREASURER THE CORY SOCIETY**
ORCHARD LODGE HARPOLE NORTHAMPTON NN7 4DU ENG

(DO NOT DETACH - THIS RECEIPT WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU)

MEMBERSHIP NO.....

THE CORY SOCIETY

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THE SUM OF £ IN RESPECT OF MEMBERSHIP FEES.
WITH THANKS.

.....ON BEHALF OF THE SOCIETY

DATED.....

Announcing a new book of CORY history:

*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--John¹, John^{II}², John^{II}³, Elnathon⁴ Ebenezer⁵, and Elnathan⁶. There is extensive documentation of known records of John I of Long Island. The book follows Jerimiah across America from his birth in Western Pennsylvania, to establishing a large family in Pickaway County, Ohio, to northern Indiana and finally to central Iowa. 60 pages, paperback. Price \$12.00 including postage. If your in a hurry, Ill mail it first class for \$14.00. If you're extremely impatient, I'll ship it UPS for \$16.00. Make checks payable to David A. Cory, 51373 Pebble Beach Ct. Granger, IN 46530.

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Name _____
_____ Address _____

City _____ St _____
Zip _____ Phone _____ (____) _____

Please fill out the above form or provide like information, include a check in the amount of \$10.00 for the current years dues, to **The Cory Family Society**. Send to the Treasurer, Mrs Maxine Hester at 1123 N. Cambrian Bremerton, WA. 98310

For the purpose of inter family contact, please initial if you will allow us to give out your name and address.

YES

No

DUES: Check your label: 1993 Paid, Life/Comp OK,
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CORYS OF AMERICA
Ancestors and Descendants

The first Edition of the book CORYS OF AMERICA is still available through the Editor. The book is in the register format, contains 920 pages with 12,000 names, indexed. The book is library cloth bound, standard 6 x 9 inches, gold leaf titles. this book contains separate genealogies of the descendants of John Cory of Southold, William of Portsmouth, Thomas of Chelmsford, and many more not connected to one of the afore mentioned progenitors.

The book may be purchased for \$50.00 which includes shipping and handling. I will send a book to your favorite library or Society for \$38.00 including shipping.

To Purchase said book you may send your check or money order to:

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