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I'm a little late in sending this newsletter but we will be on schedule for the next one. Several items are included in this newsletter but the most important one is the 2001 Cory Family Reunion in Chillicothe, Ohio. Dorothy Rout and her husband Chuck have done their homework in preparing for our visit. Details are enclosed in this newsletter: including some local history from Dorothy, registration forms, schedule, an excerpt from the Cory Family by Harry Harmon Cory, history of Chillicothe and the Hopewell Indians. I hope you can schedule some vacation in the Ohio area this June and will be able to attend our meeting. It should be an interesting tour as well as we are planning on having some additional presentations at the business meeting to let our members know what the Cory research has accomplished and where our research and website is heading.

Also included in this newsletter are our first webmaster report, our membership list, and our distribution to genealogical and historical societies as well as libraries. If you have any additional societies or libraries that should be added to our list please give me a call.

Vice President Vacancy

Due to her busy schedule hosting our meeting this summer and not being able to type Dorothy Rout has turned in her resignation as Vice President effective at the next business meeting. Any one wishing to fulfill this position or if you can talk someone into the vice presidency position please give me a call.

Society Logo

As reported in the last newsletter the use of the modified Coat of Arms as part of our Cory logo was decided to be discontinued. It was discussed that we would prefer a logo that alluded to the history of our families in America rather than to an unlikely heritage from European aristocracy. Our English cousins also did not approve of our use of a modified Coat of Arms as our logo. We are therefore looking for an artistic submittal by our membership to be presented at our next meeting. As I recall we did this once before and

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maybe we can find some of the previous submittals or someone may have a better idea. I look forward to several submittals for our meeting in June.

2002 Reunion

It may sound too early to think about our 2002 reunion, but we will need to start looking for a location and a host. This will be discussed and approved at our June meeting. There was some discussion at our meeting in Newport News that it may be time to schedule another meeting in Rhode Island where the Cory's (William and John Roome) came to America. Please start thinking where you would like to meet for the 2002 meeting and send me a note. Hopefully we can have Charlotte Muller give us an educational tour of the early Cory's arriving in America.

Research Donations

I have had several people asking if we accept donations for the continuing research of our Cory ancestry. I have added a line on the membership form that is strictly voluntary so people can donate if they so desire.

Genealogist Report

Hopefully we will have a report on our ongoing research on the Cory's in our future newsletters.

Future Newsletter Articles

I have been thinking of articles for subsequent newsletters and here are some of my ideas.

- I would like all of our membership to submit articles and stories of your ancestry (history, stories and/or bibliographies) of your Cory ancestry. With these referenced to our ancestry (could use Al Cory's book for reference) a collection could be collected and eventually published and we could preserve and archive some of our history for future generations. I would like to start with the William Cory history from Rhode Island as well as the English history and expand for each of the descendents as sent to me.
- Accumulate our old newsletters and summarize the contents and make copies available for current and new members for their review of the history of the Cory's. The cost for printing old issues and postage would be charged to the

party requesting such material.

- Additionally, as related to the previous article I would like for our association to be able to distribute the extensive material distributed from the Rhode Island and Southhold meetings as well as our trip to England. This information was very informative such as the original will of William Cory and the tracts of land owned by William Cory of Portsmouth. Charlotte Muller presented a lot of research and hard work she completed prior to our arrival. We need to make this information available to our membership.
- We need to reproduce the materials from our English friends in our newsletter for all to read.
- Print a list of references that are typical for the Cory research to aid current and future Cory's doing research on their cousins.
- List typical genealogical tips, tools, locations and references on how to do genealogical research.

A lot of these items could be added to our website and I'm sure we will. However lots of people are not familiar with surfing websites or do not have a computer.

If you have any further ideas please give me a call.

Reminder of Cory Association Dues

As a friendly reminder if you have not paid your annual dues and I'm one of them 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.

New Membership Drive

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.

Good Health to Vera Corey

We want to wish Vera Corey good health for her fast recovery from her recent surgery. Art Corey has said she has fully recovered and every thing is find.

Sincerely,

Fred (Cory) Corey

THE CORY FAMILY SOCIETY AND THE INTERNET

By Earl S. Cory, Vice President, Webmaster

At the Society meeting in August I was elected to Vice President, and to the newly created position of Webmaster. I placed pictures of the event and of the officers that I have on the website. As a result of the changes from the meeting, I created a new section on the website entitled *Documentation*. In this section, I

placed a copy of the Articles of Constitution, Society By-Laws, and a draft of the minutes of the last meeting. These documents are now available for all to see.

I receive e-mail, almost daily, from people with additions, corrections, and a lot of questions about their Cory/Corey ancestors. Recently, I have been working with Pat Peltz, a descendent of Rufus Cory of Susquehanna Co, PA. With her help I have added much to this family in the "Other Cory's Database." She led me to a wonderful resource for anyone doing research in the Counties of Wayne, Susquehanna and parts of Luzerne, PA.

The **Diamond State Data Service** in Western Australia has compiled a great deal of information for this northeastern part of Pennsylvania. The site presents the following sorts of information for these areas:

- Text from out-of-print and/or out-of-copyright texts relating to the area
- **Rhamanthus M. Stocker's** 1887 edition of The Centennial History of Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, including a surname index for the extracted sections. Images of maps of the area as contained in the book
- Census data for the areas
- **1850 Census** data extracts for Northeastern Pennsylvania counties. More than 26,800 names from Luzerne, Susquehanna and Wayne Counties.
 - **1860** Census data extracts for Susquehanna county
 - **1870** Census data extracts for Susquehanna county. More than 200 names from Wayne county
 - **1880** Census data extracts for Susquehanna county. Almost 600 names from Susquehanna county
 - **1910** Census data extracts for Susquehanna County. Almost 1,800 names from Susquehanna and Wayne counties.
 - A rather eclectic selection from 1910 Census data for Susquehanna
Access to personal ancestral information
- More than 7500 individuals and 2350 family groups are included. Data is shown with URL linkage between the individuals and families. A full index by surname is provided. Includes URL linkage to census data where known
- Other local information of interest to genealogical or historical researchers
 - Probate record extracts for Susquehanna county
 - Family reunion photo albums

The area of specific interest includes:

- The counties of Wayne, Susquehanna and parts of Luzerne
- Adjoining areas
 - The counties of Lackawanna, Pike and Wyoming in Pennsylvania; Broome and Delaware counties in New York

NEW MEMBERS

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

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CORY FAMILY REUNION 2001 AT CHILlicothe, OHIO

Vice President, Dorothy Rout will host our next annual meeting in Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio on June 22 through 24, 2001. Ross County was the home of Harry Harmon Cory who was one of the first to conduct extensive research on Cory/Corey history. A large colony of Cory/Corey families farmed in Ross County, Ohio from early in the 19th century. Dorothy Rout is a niece of Harry Harmon Cory. An article and biography by Harry Harmon Cory (July 1941) of Joseph Benjamin Cory is enclosed for your reading. Registration forms and motel reservation information are enclosed for you to make early reservations. A welcome will be as usual in the hospitality room with tours on Saturday and our business meeting and banquet on Sunday.

I decided to enclose a lot of Dorothy's letter to me because it exhibits a lot of her enthusiasm and gives us a lot of insight to the history of the Cory's in this area. As Dorothy describes her trip to Chillicothe and decides that it is best that we stay in Chillicothe rather than near Columbus.

"Yesterday I had one of the most fulfilling days of my life while stopping at the Comfort Inn to make our reservations. Low and behold one of the employees heard us talking and introduces herself. She was a Rout. Since Chuck, my husband, is a Rout, those two were both elated! Can you imagine? Chuck is now taking another course on locating ancestors. Here was one standing in front of him. So it was like "old home week." So right away our trip was a success and we had only arrived."

Stop # Two – "We visited the Ross County Genealogical Society which is not too far from the Inn. It was closed. However as we walked back to the car, a lady arrived and said she could help us. I wanted to verify the time the society would be open on the Friday of our reunion. Yes it is open from 1:00 PM to 4 PM. Some people may want to come early for this opportunity. John Bowle is the President of the Society and is a Cory cousin. Dorothy had lunch with him early this year."

Stop # Three – "Went to the coach company and was impressed with their new equipment for our travels around Chillicothe and Frankfort."

Stop # Four – "Drove to "Adena" for a cost check and it is \$5 per person."

Stop # Five – “On to Frankfort and the hometown of my grandparents Cory. I bravely knocked on the door and it was answered by a most gracious lady. I explained who I was and told about the reunion. I asked for permission if we could take pictures. We would not come in. Well, you would have thought she had known me all my life though I was a total stranger to her. She freely gave her permission and invited me in! Such wonderful memories of my grandparents flooded my mind! The house had changed little. The pot-bellied stove no longer heated the living room. It was gone. Her home was decorated with such flair of antiques and excellent good taste.”

Stop # Six – “The Presbyterian Church is on one of Frankfort’s main streets. Frankfort is rather small, so there aren’t too many streets at all. Walked in and asked whom we should contact about catering a noon meal for the Cory Family Society. This way the Cory’s who live in and around Frankfort could join us and we’d have a high old time together. Well, would you believe the young lady in charge was a Cory relative!! As the saying goes, we took to one another like a “Duck takes to water”. She is President of the ladies group and was meeting that night. They often are in charge of meals for groups as a way of making money. She would propose our request and get back with me. The cost is \$7.50 and includes a salad buffet, angel food cake with strawberries and drinks.”

Stop # Seven – “Stopped at Frankfort’s Greenlawn cemetery. Many Cory’s are buried here. The sextant could not help as to Cory’s grave locations. Sent us on a “wild ride and up a very interesting hill” to the home of a husband and wife who had a book on the grave sires. I think the couple, each were at least 140 years old! Anyway, they consented to help if I could send names. Well I’ll try to see what I can find and go there again. They were a dear couple.”

Stop # Eight – “This visit blew my mind as did the lady I visited in town. We drove to the Westfall road where the Cory farms were at one time. “Where the sun rose in the morning and set in the evening.” It truly was a Cory valley. Went to a farm home of my grandfather Cory. If you have a copy of the Book “The Cory Family” by Harry Harmon Cory and look on Page 82 you will see the old homestead built in 1839. The John Cory’s bought the house when grandmother and grandfather moved into Frankfort (sometime in the late 1920’s or 1930’s). The John Cory’s enclosed it plus modernized it. (Several years ago John passed away and we drove to Frankfort then went to the funeral home). His wife Joanne still lives there. I knocked on the door and Joanne opened it. I told her who I was and my mission to get her permission to bring the reunion group to her home to take pictures but not to come inside. It was like Wow! She invited me in without even batting an eye. Also there visiting was Jesse Cory’s wife, Helen, who lives on the other side of the road and walking distance away. Joanne asked Chuck to come in also, as he was waiting in the car. We had such a good time and chatted for almost a ½ hour. Joanne also gave her permission for our “walk about.”

Stop # Nine – “Checked on the fee to Mound City the prehistoric Indian site (200 BC to 500 AD) and it is \$2 per person.”

HELPFUL HINTS

- a) “If you fly to Columbus be aware that the time to rent a car and drive to Chillicothe could be 3 to 4 hours.”
- b) “The hospitality room is for our use only however it is on the second floor of the Comfort Inn. There are no elevators so you have to walk up.”
- c) “There are many “Fast Food” places near the Inn in Chillicothe.”
- d) The Comfort Inn is located on a road that leads off the highway. If you belong to AAA, check the travel guide.”

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- e) "If you are driving south coming from Columbus Airport on Hwy 23 and nearing Chillicothe look for these features: hospital on the hill to your left. Highway sign that says Chillicothe 3 miles to your right, state highway patrol to your left, water tower to your right. Pass under overhead viaduct and turn right very sharp so slow down. The next exit is Main Street you have gone too far."
- f) "Soon you will see shopping centers on both sides and lots of traffic lights will appear ahead of you. There is no direct street to the Comfort Inn. Continue pass Sears and Krogers and Certified Gas on your left and Super K-Mart, Days Inn and Burger King on your right. At BP gas turn right at the light. Drive back to the left behind the Comfort Inn."

"If you have any questions please phone me at 614 457-8206

"Both Chuck and I are looking forward to seeing and being with the Cory Clan!"

EXCERPT FROM *THE CORY FAMILY* BY HARRY HARMON COREY (July 1941)

BIOGRAPHY AND RECORD OF JOSEPH BENJAMIN CORY

Joseph Benjamin Cory was born and reared at the farm of his father, Israel Cory. This is the farm now known as the Lot Acton Farm. When a young man (1881-1883), he went to Illinois to try farming, but after three years of droughts, he returned to Ohio. From 1888 to 1921, he lived on the old Noah Cory farm on the north side of West Fall Pike one-mile east of Frankfort. In 1921, he moved into Frankfort, Ohio.

He was the church clerk for the Baptist Church at Roxabel for many years and all his children were brought up in that church and were members of it. His son, Harry Harmon Cory (the author of this book) was given in his middle name the middle name of Rev. Noah Harmon Long, who was pastor of the church for 25 years.

Joseph Benjamin Cory was the dean of the clan in and around Frankfort. All the relatives from far and near visited him often and his home in Frankfort was the scene of several summers of a family reunion and picnic, with all the relatives present even to the 42nd cousins. It was at his home on August 2, 1929 that the Cory Family Association was formed with over 60 present.

Joe Cory was a great storyteller. He possessed a keen sense of humor and a wonderful memory of boyhood events. He loved to play and tell jokes. One of the stock stories he and mother told for years afterward occurred at the old family home on West Fall Pike on spring about 1898.

Serepta Marine, daughter of Mrs. Marine, who was a sister of Wallace and Anthony Ross, married a Mr. St. Clair, a constable from Vinton County. They were married at her folks up in Fayette County and their wedding trip consisted of a journey in a two-wheel cart from Fayette to Vinton Counties. Our house was about half way in Ross County so they stopped to stay overnight with us, being in a way distance cousins. He was a large, raw-boned hill man in gaudy store clothes and with a big "bug" stickpin in his tie, as was the fashion in those days. In addition to their bundles of clothes, they had brought their wedding presents, which consisted of a Calla Lily, a baatam rooster and an umbrella, all tied under the seat of the cart. During the evening, he told all about Vinton County and bragged what a big shot he was. Said, "Why, I know people more than 12 miles from

home." Next morning, Mother asked him at breakfast if he wanted sugar and cream in his coffee and he replied, "No, ma'am, I take it bare." As they drove off down the road, Pa remarked, "He sure is a character."

FAMILY RECORD

(8-389) Joseph Benjamin Cory, b., March 18, 1849, d. June 23, 1940, m. (1) September 16, 1873, Emma A. Beard, m. (2) June 4, 1885, Grace Elvira Ross
Emma A. Beard Cory, b. August 29, 1851, d. Jan. 16, 1883
Grace Elvira Ross Cory, b. July 23, 1862, d. Sept. 8, 1937

(8-389) CHILDREN OF JOSEPH BENJAMIN CORY AND EMMA A. BEARD CORY

9-599 Witter, Remington, b. May 1, 1875, m. Mary Maria Wood, Dec. 22, 1897, who was b. Dec. 24, 1872
9-600 Grace Greenwood, b. July 27, 1876, m. (1) May 20, 1897, David C. Hanawalt, m. (2) Dec. 20, 1924, Walter Freeman Cassetty
9-601 Daisy Dean, b. Oct. 5, 1877, m. May 25, 1904, Waid M. Ross

(8-389) CHILDREN OF JOSEPH BENJAMIN CORY AND GRACE ELVIRA ROSS CORY

9-604 Mryna Alice, b. March 30, 1898, d. March 27, 1889
9-604 Harry Harmon Cory, b. July 20, 1890, m. Sept. 4, 1920, Sue Armstrong
9-604 Virginia Ruth, b. Sept. 20, 1899, m. Sept 12, 1921, George Thomas Wurster
David C. Hanawalt, b. Nov. 10, 1871, d. Feb. 1, 1918
Bernard Kenneth Hanawalt, infant, b. March 6, 1898, d. July 11, 1898
Walter Freeman Cassetty, b. Jan 4, 1875

CHILLICOTHE, OHIO (Population 21,900)

Founded in 1796, Chillicothe served as capital of the Northwest Territory and was governed by General Arthur St. Clair 1800-1802. The city was host to the state's first constitutional convention in 1802, and Chillicothe was Ohio's first capital. Now an industrial center, the city has many early 19th-century Greek Revival mansions.

Chillicothe is a junction of two scenic highways. A picturesque of SR 159 runs 34 miles southwest from Lancaster, while an impressive portion of US runs 19 miles northeast of Bainbridge.

ADENA STATE MEMORIAL, off Adena Rd. is west of SR 104. Furnished in period, this Georgian stone mansion was built 1806-07 for Thomas Worthington, sixth governor of Ohio. It was designed by Benjamin Latrobe, who later directed the reconstruction of the nation's Capitol after the British burned it during the War of 1812.

A tenant house, smokehouse, washhouse, barn and springhouse occupy the sites of the original buildings. An overlook provides a view of the hills that are reproduced on the state seal.

HOPEWELL CULTURE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

A 120-acre tract with a 13-acre earthwall enclosure about 3 miles north of Chillicothe on SR 104, this monument preserves 23 historic burial mounds that lie within a low embankment. The Hopewell Indians, who inhabited the area from about 200 BC to 500 AD, were noted for their artistry and their practice of erecting earth mounds over their dead. These artisans fashioned ornaments from materials foreign to Ohio.

A visitor center contains exhibits and public facilities, including an auditorium with a 15-minute orientation film and a recorded description and history of the site. Marked trails and trailside exhibits also can be found.

OBITUARY

We have had no reports of the loss of any of our long-time members.

2001 Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone No.: (_____) _____

Do you want your address published? _____ Yes _____ No

E-mail Address: _____

Enclosed: 2001 Dues \$ _____ Genealogy Research \$ _____

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