

# CORY FAMILY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!! 2019 Cory Family Society Reunion July 11 to July 14 in Des Moines, Iowa

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We sure did see Iowa corn – and lots of it! This photo, taken Friday, July 12, shows that corn had definitely been “knee high by the Fourth of July.” Harvesting of this cornfield will be in October or November, once it has dried.

According to <https://www.iowacorn.org/education/faqs>, although Iowa produces more corn per year than most countries, because of its ideal growing conditions, most of the crop is field corn, which is grown to make fuel, animal feed, food products, and thousands of everyday industrial products. According to a 2010 online *Reuters Green Business News* “Factbox” article these industrial products include plastics, soaps, paint, wallboard, adhesives, dry-cell batteries, and pharmaceuticals.

Corn has been Iowa’s leading crop for at least 150 years. Less than one per cent of Iowa’s corn crop is sweet corn for human consumption.

### **BIENNIAL MEETING MINUTES**      **John Corey, President**

This should be interesting. I’m going to try this on my phone, in an airplane. The room became available for setup at 11:45 after being switched from the Dallas Room to the Polk Room next door without notifying us. Chris Cory had pizza, salads, chicken, and pasta delivered at 12:00. She also provided iced tea while the hotel provided ice water. Joe Cory brought in an ice chest of beer and soda.

**CORY FAMILY SOCIETY BIENNIAL MEETING  
JULY 17, 2019, WEST DES MOINES, IOWA**

The Cory Family Society met at the Sheraton Hotel in West Des Moines, Iowa; officially convening for business July 17, 2019, at 12:15 after two days of tours and food; John Corey, presiding.

1. Item the first: Thanks to Joe Cory, our host, and Chris Koehler, coordinator.
2. Chris Koehler read Secretary Carolyn Corey's minutes of our 2017 meeting in Lansing, Michigan. Mark Cory moved to accept them, seconded by Christina Cory, and approved by silent acclamation.
3. The gathered throng enjoyed a round of introductions, requested to tell at least one interesting thing about themselves. Very entertaining. Interesting facts included Joe's Cory England trip and Fred Corey's official Narragansett tribal membership (with wallet card!). As this was occurring, a note pad was passed around for all attendees to sign their names and email addresses.
4. Christina Cory read the Treasurer's Report (**Editor's Note:** no copy attached; revised for online security. Members are welcome to contact Christina directly for details.) indicating very few transactions since prior meeting. She received [all funds] in taking over the position from James Cory. Expenses were for checks, and a few items that are illegible in my notes! [She reported] the balance in the account, expected expenses for the 2019 event for meeting room and pizza, [and] requested approval to disburse for such expenses and sundry. Bob Fisher so moved. Chris Koehler seconded, and another raucous round of silent acclamation yielded official approval. Christina suggested we also approve an advance to cover reservations for our next meeting (2021). Mark Cory moved and David Cory seconded to approve the \$750 expense for this meeting and the \$500 advance for the next.
5. Thomas Corey was unable to attend so no DNA project report was given.
6. Earl Cory presented visitation data on the various pages of our website. He presented the sizes of the various databases for each of the Cory lines and the status of lines that are in the works. Most of the lines are trees on Ancestry.com. He proposed removing the duplicate trees on our website and replacing them with links to the public trees at Ancestry. He also proposed to make the website more mobile-friendly. No objections were raised to these plans.
7. There was an item raised by Chris Koehler to update bylaws and clarify officer succession. The Prez rudely overruled these as impractical at the moment (as he had no copy of current bylaws and saw no immediate need -- this will no doubt come back to bite him!)(**Editor's Note:** No offense taken!).
8. Chris Koehler also raised the more pressing matter of preservation of documents and relics, mostly now in private hands. Discussion included

possible public-access repositories like state libraries. Fred Corey suggested states of origin for our three main lines as the most promising.

Mark suggested adding an index to prior newsletters on our website as part of this project. John Corey agreed to work on that.

Bob Fisher noted that his New Brunswick folks have quite a lot of such materials. Fred Corey said Charlotte Muller's stuff came from Providence, Rhode Island, and might go back there. John Corey agreed to follow up with Thomas Corey, who has 15 file boxes of her notes and papers.

9. Newsletter help: as Luke Davidson moves on and with his new family, Chris Koehler has shouldered this largely alone and seeks support or assistance in layout and formatting. Gail Cole proposed to ask her daughter to help.
10. Anita Simonsen offered to host our next gathering (2021) in Billings, Montana. Discussion ensued about registration and tour options.

With pizza fully consumed, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectably submitted ,

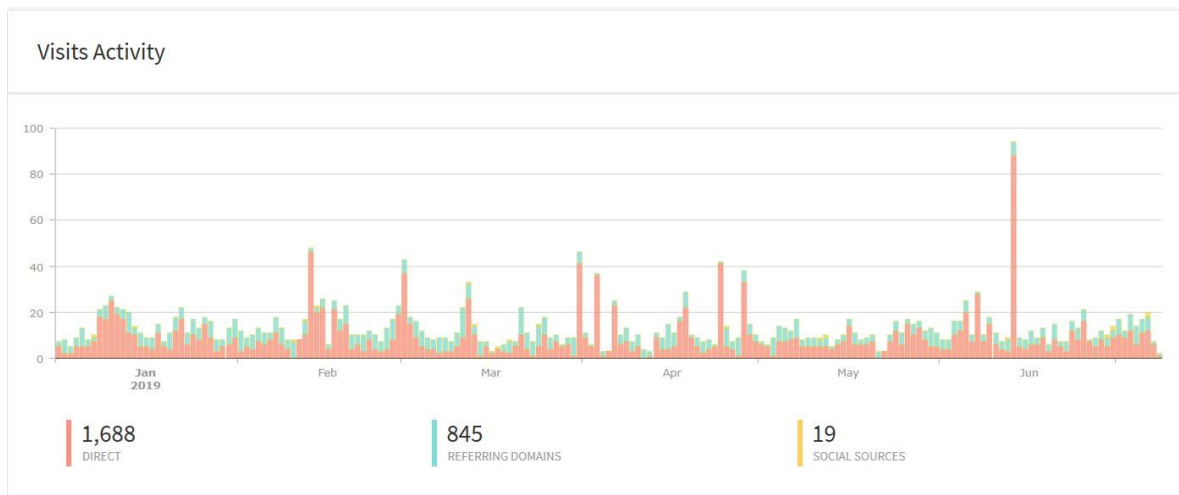
John Corey, President

Earl Cory, Vice President

## WEBSITE REPORT FOR CORYFAMSOC.COM

Earl Cory, Webmaster

This year to date:



### Top Referring Domains

845 Total Visits

|                    |            |
|--------------------|------------|
| google.com         | 749 Visits |
| yahoo.com          | 32 Visits  |
| duckduckgo.com     | 16 Visits  |
| bing.com           | 15 Visits  |
| ancestraltrails.ca | 14 Visits  |

### Top Social Sources

19 Total Visits

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| Facebook | 19 |
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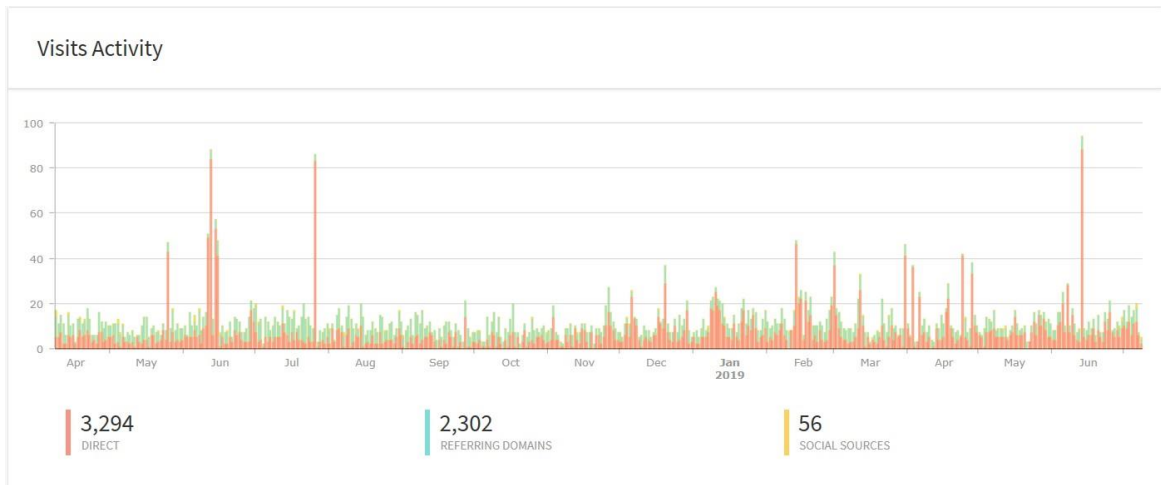
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## Device & Platform

|                |      |               |     |
|----------------|------|---------------|-----|
| Desktop Visits | 1.6K | Mobile Visits | 970 |
| Chrome         | 791  | iOS           | 768 |
| Edge           | 214  | Android       | 166 |
| Firefox        | 141  | Windows       | 1   |
| Other          | 436  | Other         | 35  |

## Apr 2018 to date:



## Databases

**Thomas (Harpole)** 51,469 people 18,976 families, 8 Trees

1. Thomas Cory (est 1450 Harpole) 48,197 people (Thomas of Chelmsford)
2. Hiram Isaac Corey (1833 Vt -1915 Mich) 1495 people (Jan Corey Arnett)
3. Thomas Cory (est 1720 – 1800 Harpole) 922 people (Colin Cory)
4. Martin C. Corey (1790 – 1847 CT) 378 people (Art Corey)
5. James Curry (1756 – 1805 NC) 255 people (Everett Curry)
6. Samuel Cory (1677 – 1766 Harpole) 92 people

- 7. George M. Corey (1840 – 1870 NH) 85 people
- 8. Henry Corey (1763-1856 VT) 35 people

**John 1 of Southold** 25,557 people 9,338 families 1 Tree

- 1. John Cory (1611-1685 Southold)

**William of Portsmouth (Bristol)** 19,777 people 7,118 families 5 Trees

- 1. John Corye (1580 -1621 Bristol) 19,201 people  
(William of Portsmouth)
- 2. John Corey (est 1760 RI) 344 people
- 3. Elias M. Corey (1826 NY– 1871 PA) 92 people
- 4. Clement Cory (est 1815 PA) 59 people
- 5. Emery J. Corey (1832 NY – 1897 PA) 21 people

**John of Roxbury** 1,247 people, 527 families 1 Tree

- 1. John Cory (1682 – 1730 MA) 1,243 people

**Isaac of Plainfield** 1,564 people 630 families 4 Trees

- 1. Isaac Cory (1684 -1748 CT) 1,555 people
- 2. Joseph Cory (?-1755 CT) 1 person
- 3. Catherine Cory (est 1880 CT) 2 people
- 4. Viretta Cory (married 1812 CT) 2 people
- 5. William Cory (1792-? CT) 2 people

**Other** 8,473 people, 3,062 families 108 Trees

**Bramerton Hall** 963 people, 304 families

**Devon** 1574 people, 560 families (work in progress) 2 Trees

- 1. John Cory (1505-1563) 952 people
- 2. Samuel Cory (1690-1760) 622 people

**Irish** 556 people, 208 families (work in progress) 6 Trees

- 1. John Corrie (Scotland) 392 people
- 2. Patrick Corey (1830 -?) 113 people (Ontario)
- 3. Peter Corr (est 1760) 41 people (New Brunswick)
- 4. Mather Corry (1620-1683) 6 people
- 5. Eugene Corry (1564-?) 4 people
- 6. Dr. John Corry (Dublin) 1 person

**Scottish** (Charles de Courcy (923 – 993)) 338 people, 157 families

## Ancestry Family Trees

1. Harpole Corys in America (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/113100301>)
2. Other (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/116931896>)
3. John-Roxbury (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/158023052>)
4. Isaac of Plainfield, CT (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/154199724>)
5. John 1 of Southold, LI (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/115231196>)
6. William of Portsmouth, R.I. (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/115323672>)
7. Bramerton Hall (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/119193462>)



### OUR 2019 REUNION ALBUM

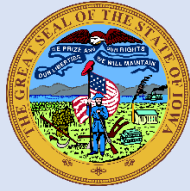
(With thanks to those who sent photos. We couldn't fit them all in!)

Cory Family Society members and families from near and far – Arizona, California, Florida, Indiana, Michigan, Montana, New York, Texas, and of course Iowa -- gathered in warm and welcoming Des Moines for three days of catching up with old friends and meeting new ones.

Unfortunately, some Corys who signed up were not able to attend. We missed them, but we still had over 30 Corys in various combinations for tours and meals. Almost all attended the closing meeting. Apologies to anyone we left out.

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Amy & Brad Cory                        | Rick & Marilyn Cory                               |
| Earl & Christina Cory                  | Nate & Angela McLaren (their daughter)            |
| Fred & Bernie Corey                    | Jaiden and Ainsley (McLaren grandchildren)        |
| Clayton Corey (Fred's brother)         | Russell Cory                                      |
| John & Sue Corey                       | Justin & Mindy Wentland (Russ's daughter)         |
| Gail Cole                              | Alex and Gwendolyn (Wentland grandchildren)       |
| Irene Cory DeBlake (her mother)        | Tom & Mary Cory                                   |
| David A. Cory                          | Mary Ann Cory (Tom's mother)                      |
| Joe Cory & Sandra Saluri               | Elizabeth Mitchell (Tom's sister)                 |
| Nicolaus Cory (Joe's son)              | Bob & Phyllis Fisher                              |
| Mark Cory                              | Roxy Holveck                                      |
| Dick Cory (his father)                 | Elaine Cory (her mother)                          |
| Ralph Cory                             | Trystan Rumbaugh and Zack Rice (Roxy's grandsons) |
| Andy Cory and John Cory (Ralph's sons) | Chris Koehler                                     |
|  | Kathy Delsanter (her sister)                      |
|  | Allen & Anita Simonsen                            |

Although our lines are not proven to be actual cousins, we are all family!



**THE IOWA  
STATE CAPITOL BUILDING**



The city skyline from the main entrance on the West Capitol Terrace.



The USS Iowa, the fourth ship so named. She saw duty in the Pacific Fleet in World War II and the Korean War, as well as operational and training duty in the Pacific and Atlantic Fleets. Retired in 1990, she is now a museum ship in the Port of Los Angeles



The best way to photograph the dome is lying down!  
The banner of the Grand Army of the Republic is suspended under the painted ceiling.



The Iowa State Flag, adopted in 1921, is based on the French flag to honor the area's history as part of the French Louisiana Territory. Flags in the display case are changed from time to time. Iowans have served in every war since the Revolution. This flag flew in Afghanistan.



The Old Supreme Courtroom. The bench carvings were first done in 1886 by William Metzger. With the increase in the number of justices 41 years later, he was brought back to add to the bench. The Supreme Court is now in the nearby Judicial Branch Building, completed in 2003.



Our guide told us the Grand Staircase statues were made for the Illinois state capitol but rejected by their State Commissioners as too scantily clad. They were subsequently brought here to Iowa's capitol.



This mural, *Westward*, 1905, was described by the artist, Edwin H. Blashfield, as a "symbolic presentation of the pioneers led by the spirits of Civilization and Enlightenment to the conquest by cultivation of the Great West."



Installed in 1976, this case shows the Inaugural gowns of every Iowa First Lady since territorial days.



Current Governor Kim Reynolds's spouse Kevin in his formal attire.



Iowa native Floyd Brackney's *Plenty*, was commissioned for the state's exhibit at the 1915 Pan-American Exposition in San Francisco, later placed in the Capitol.



*Suffrage Memorial Panel*, 1934, Nellie Walker, also an Iowa native. Portraits of 3 suffrage and civil rights pioneers by Mary Kline-Misal commemorating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Iowa's ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment were put on exhibit just before our visit.





The House of Representatives Chamber.



The Senate Chamber.



The Law Library has over 100,000 volumes, including the laws of each state and the federal government, as well as pre and post Colonial confederate state codes.



A 14<sup>th</sup> Century church manuscript in Latin written on vellum and bound with wood front and back covers.



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The smallest book in the collection, dated 1627.

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The Charters of Pennsylvania and Philadelphia, printed by Benjamin Franklin in 1820.

(r)

The oldest book in the collection, dated 1539.



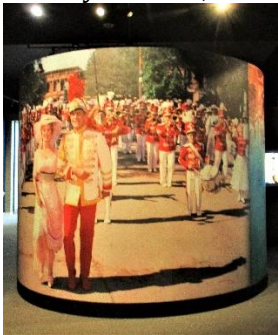
**PRE-HISTORY**

Woolly mammoth bones found in Iowa were donated to the museum and are on display along with a full-scale replica of a skeleton found in Wisconsin and a model of a woolly mammoth.



**HOLLYWOOD IN THE HEARTLAND**

As early as 1919, movies have been shot in Iowa. Many were even about Iowa. Just a few --



*The Music Man*



*State Fair*

*Eagle Rock*



*Field of Dreams*

**YOU GOTTA KNOW THE TERRITORY**

Life in Iowa before it became a state and the many changes that took place when settlers arrived.



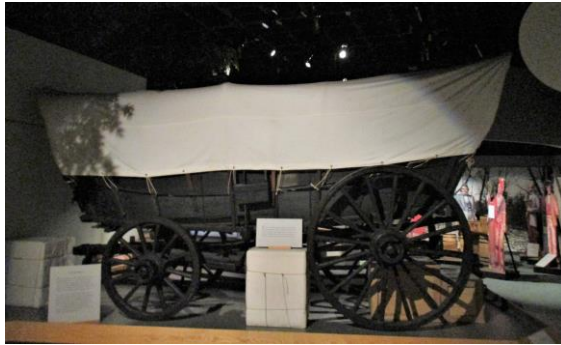
People for the Land

“The White people speak of this country at this period as ‘a wilderness,’ as though it was an empty tract without human interest or history. To us Indians it was clearly defined then as it is today; we knew the boundaries of tribal lands, those of our friends and those of our foes.”

Francis La Flesche  
Omaha Tribe

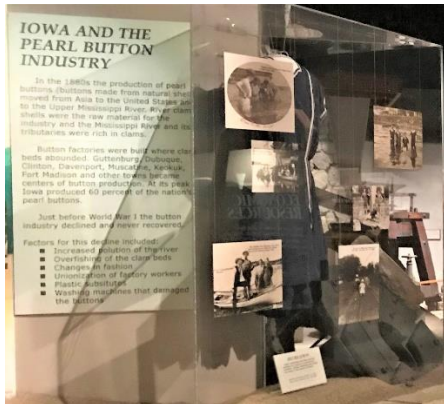


La Flesche (1857-1932), was the first indigenous professional ethnologist.



A DELICATE BALANCE

Iowa’s natural resources and the balance between using them and preserving them.



Using shells of clams taken from the state’s 19 rivers, Iowa once produced 60% of the nation’s pearl buttons. Overharvesting and use of plastics brought the boom to an end.



Iowa enacted the nation’s first wildlife protection bill as a result of the passenger pigeon being hunted to extinction.



Hunters saw prairie chickens as sport while farmers saw them as an extension of their livestock.



Lead and coal were first mined by settlers in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century, although indigenous peoples had used these resources even earlier.

Lead is still a leading resource, along with zinc, sand and gravel, gypsum and clay, and stone mining and quarrying.

The last Iowa coal mine closed in 1994.

Iowa’s most important resources are said to be its soil and climate, ideal for farming and livestock. Stewardship of fish and wildlife, forests and prairies, as well as watershed protection, are managed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

### JUNETEENTH IN IOWA

Commemorating June 19<sup>th</sup> celebrations after the Civil War ended slavery in the United States. Iowa had entered the Union in 1846 as a free state. Juneteenth gained official state recognition in 1990.



### OTHER EXHIBITS

We also saw information about Iowa in politics, the Civil War and World Wars I and II, as well as early aviation and bicycling, celebrities, and literature by and about Iowans.



This 500-acre interactive, open-air museum covers 300 years of Iowa history. It has three period working farms and a fictional town. Most of the buildings were moved here from elsewhere in the state. However, the Flynn house and barn are original to the site.

### THE 1875 TOWN OF WALNUT HILL





The Flynn House and Barn

Our transport to the farm area!



**THE 1900 FARM**



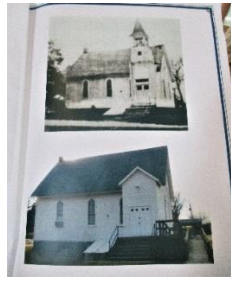


The museum closed before we got to the 1700 Ioway and 1850 Pioneer farms. Another visit!



**CORY GROVE CHURCH**

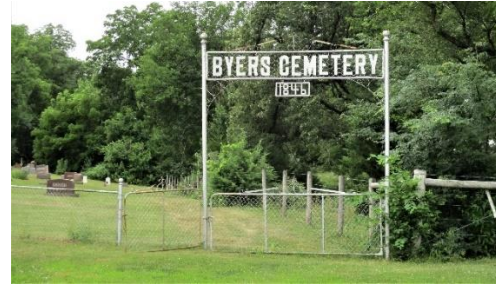




We're invited to visit the Cory Family Farm.



But first we find Cory headstones.



The farm has been in Mary's family for over 120 years. Her 3<sup>rd</sup> great grandfather bought the land from the Federal government in 1855. Tom and Mary's children are the 8<sup>th</sup> generation to live here.





BIRTHPLACE OF DES MOINES  
 FORT DES MOINES NO 2  
 1843-1846  
 PRESENTED TO THE CITY OF DES MOINES BY THE  
 DES MOINES BIRTHPLACE ASSOCIATION, JUNE 6, 1965

**AT PRINCIPAL PARK**



**POLK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

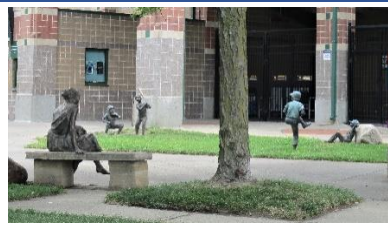
**BIRTHPLACE OF DES MOINES**  
 Polk County, Iowa

**Fort Des Moines No. 2**  
 Established May 1843 — Evacuated March 1846

This cabin is a memorial to the military outpost, Fort Des Moines No. 2, occupied by Company I, First Regiment U. S. Dragoons and Company F, First U. S. Infantry. The Fort was the second of three military installations named Fort Des Moines.

In 1846, the City was established near this site at the confluence of the Des Moines and Raccoon Rivers.

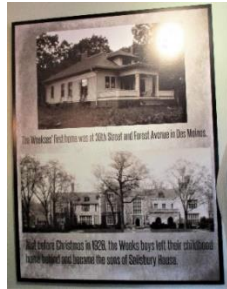
In time, all the original Fort buildings disappeared. This circa 1840's log cabin was moved from Washington County, Iowa to this site in 1964 by the Polk County Historical Society.





# SALISBURY

HOUSE & GARDENS



Born of humble beginnings, Iowa native Carl Weeks (1876-1962) achieved great success in the manufacture of cosmetics. Above left, Carl and Edith Van Slyke Weeks (1882-1955) with sons Charles, William, "Hud" and "Lafe" in 1921. Above right, their previous Des Moines home; below that Salisbury House as they took up residence in 1928.

*inspiredtoteach.co.uk*  
 Touring the cathedral city of Salisbury, England, in the early 1920s, Carl and Edith had been so taken with the King's House, named for a visit by 15<sup>th</sup> Century King James I, that they built their family's new Des Moines home in the same style. Many interior features were brought to Des Moines from a house on Crane Street in Salisbury.

The Weeks's Salisbury House.



The formal entrance opened into the Great Hall.



We were first taken to the garage, where our tour started ...



and then were led into the Friendship Hall, with some of Carl's rock collection embedded in the walls.



Rotary club gift



Gibraltar rock



Iowa geode



Minnesota pipestone

From there we crossed the Balcony, with its view of the Great Hall...



On the Balcony wall, a small very detailed Italian mosaic.

and visited some of the upstairs rooms.



Edith's bed and bath.



Carl's bed and bath.



In another bathroom was a cabinet with products from Carl's Armand Company, by 1927 the leading manufacturer of face powder in the United States, with sales outlets worldwide.



Oldest son Charles's bedroom.



Downstairs in the Common Room, we learned more about the Weeks's 30 years in the house and took note of the molding-embellished ceiling and the needlepoint panels crafted in England.



Carl and Edith's extensive art collection is displayed throughout the house.

In the Dining Room is Anthony Van Dyck's 1624 portrait, *Cardinal Domenico Rivarola*.



In the Breakfast room is Joseph Stella's 1926 *Apotheosis of the Rose*.



In the Great Hall is Sir Thomas Lawrence's 1809 *The Brothers La Bouchere*.



Our last stop was the Library, with more than 5000 rare books and documents. The contents of the library had recently been sold to nearby Grinnell College to raise funds for needed repairs. Once moved, the collection will be digitized to increase research access.



The oldest artifact in the house, 500-1000 BC pottery from Cyprus.



Among many first editions is Ernest Hemingway's 1935 *Green Hills of Africa*, inscribed to Carl.

The house is on 9.4 mostly wooded acres in a residential neighborhood.



After deeding the house to Drake University in 1934, Carl and Edith remained living there, paying rent and retaining ownership of the contents. As a condition of the rental, they agreed to private tours.

In 1950, with the Armand Company facing increased competition, Carl retired, merging the company with a subsidiary, Weeks & Leo. In 1954 Drake sold the house to the Iowa State Education Association. Carl and Edith moved out, selecting some of their furniture and artwork to take with them and selling the rest to ISEA.

The house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1997. Acquired by the newly formed Salisbury House Foundation in 1998 it was opened as a museum in 1999. Weeks & Leo continues today, producing private label OTC vitamin, herbal and toiletry products.

## OUR 2019 FAMILY PORTRAIT



## COME TO THE 2021 CORY FAMILY SOCIETY REUNION MEETING IN



**WILL WE SEE YOU THERE??**

Details to follow in 2020 newsletters and on our website.

# UPDATES TO OUR WEBSITE

Earl Cory, Webmaster

## The website was created 21 years ago.

During our 10<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 1998, I proposed that the Society have a website in order that the information that was being generated by family members be made available to all members. This idea was approved and I volunteered to take on the creation of the website. Over the next year, I purchased the domain name CorFamSoc.com (at the time, domain names were limited to nine characters) and created our first site.

During the 2000 meeting, I discussed the features of the site and things that I thought should be included. This included email accounts for officers, copies of our constitution and by-laws, and membership lists. This last was voted down and decided that it would be included in the newsletter.

Over the years the website has changed to include more information, such as articles published by members, minutes of meetings, our DNA project, and copies of all of our newsletters.

During the 21 years that we have had a website, the way people use a site has changed. In the beginning, people accessed the site with 10" monitors using Netscape; now much of the access is via mobile devices such as phones and tablets. Twenty years ago, almost no one scrolled to access information; they clicked on menu items and links. Now many sites are composed of only one page that one scrolls through on their device.

At our recent meeting in Des Moines, I announced that I was going to undergo a revamping to the website to support mobile devices. That effort is now complete. In addition to the new format, I have included several new features and removed some old ones but have maintained the old structure so that current users will not get lost.



## The website is re-vamped in 2019.

First of all, the website changes as your screen gets smaller. You will notice that the navigation bar changes from a menu list to a single HOME button and the "hamburger" icon, ☰, that mobile users have come to expect.

I have also expanded the MEETINGS page to include reports from all meetings held by the society since it first reunion in 1989.

The forms on the site, CONTACT US, MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, and CHANGE OF ADDRESS now incorporate Captcha in order to cut down on spam.

I have added a search box to help find things.

One previous feature is now missing: family trees for each of our databases. Maintaining redundant locations for our published databases is time consuming and unnecessary. I decided to use

Ancestry.com Public Trees for our primary location of published genealogies and I will no longer publish the databases to the website.

Genealogies of each line will be published to Ancestry as time permits. I am not able to sync new information to the published trees every time a database is updated. New information (additions, corrections, changes) are made almost every day. Please contact me and I will be happy to provide the latest updates.

The following seven of our ten databases have been published to seven Ancestry.com public trees.

1. **Bristol (William of Portsmouth)**  
(<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/115323672/>)
2. **Harpole/Northampton (Thomas of Chelmsford/Giles of Salem Village)**  
(<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/113100301/>)
3. **Isaac of Plainfield, CT**  
(<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/154199724/>)
4. **John 1 of Southold**  
(<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/115231196/>)
5. **Norfolk (Bramerton Hall)**  
(<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/119193462/>)
6. **John of Roxbury, MA**  
(<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/158023052/>)
7. **Other Corys not yet identified as to line.**  
(<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/tree/116931896/>)

Three additional databases, **Devon Corys**, **Irish Corrys**, and **Scottish Corries** are under development and will be published in the future.

Look over the new site and contact me , [webmaster@CoryFamSoc.com](mailto:webmaster@CoryFamSoc.com), with any additions, corrections, etc. that you would like to see. ★★★

## ABOUT JOHN CORY'S GREAT BOOK

*David A. Cory, M.D.*

In 1991, Cory Family Society historian, the late Marge Chilson, compiled a booklet titled *Excerpts from the Greate Book*, in which she included photocopies of pages from *Seven Treatises*, a religious book owned by John Cory I of Long Island.

John Cory's copy of *Seven Treatises* has been handed down through the generations, and as detailed by Joe Cory in the CFS Newsletter, [Vol. 29, No. 1](#) (March 2018), it is now in the possession of Charles E. Cory.

In a booklet entitled [The Great Book of John Cory](#) I examine some of the myths and facts about the Great Book. As a companion piece, I have scanned Marge's [Excerpts from the Greate Book](#). Free access to both digital booklets is available by clicking on the preceding links and on our website [coryfamsoc.com](http://coryfamsoc.com).

## Our Cory Cousins

# 83<sup>RD</sup> EKONK HILL COREY FAMILY REUNION

*Andrew Shetland (William of Portsmouth)*

On July 13, 2019 the descendants of Paris Henry Corey and Amy Anne Robbins of Ekonk Hill, Connecticut, met for their 83<sup>rd</sup> annual family reunion. Fifteen families gathered at Hopeville State Park in Griswold, Connecticut. Each summer since 1937 this branch of the William of Portsmouth line has gathered as a family to celebrate and reflect on their heritage.



*Andrew F. Shetland  
taken off Cedar Swamp Road in Sterling, Connecticut on July 13, 2019.*

### Family Group Sheet

| Husband Parents   |  | Wife Parents   |   |
|---|--|--|---|
| <br><b>John Hamilton Corey Sr.</b><br>1807 - 1889   | <br><b>Melissa Maria Wright</b><br>1809 - 1890 | <br><b>Archibald Robbins</b><br>1823 - 1848  | <br><b>Rebecca Sheldon Weaver</b><br>1826 - 1907  |
| + Add another spouse  |  | + Add another spouse   |   |
| Husband   |  | Wife   |   |
| <br><b>Paris Henry Corey</b><br>BIRTH: 12 Aug 1839 in Fulton, Schoharie County, New York, USA<br>DEATH: 16 May 1904 in Sterling, Connecticut<br>Profile Search Edit |  | <br><b>Anne Robbins</b><br>BIRTH: 4 Mar 1846 in Voluntown, New London County, Connecticut, USA<br>DEATH: 15 Aug 1920 in Brooklyn, Connecticut<br>Profile Search Edit Focus |   |
| Relationship Events   |  |  |   |
| Marriage<br>New York, USA   |  |  |   |
| View more relationship events (1)   |  |  |   |
| + Add a child   |  |  |   |
| <br><b>Abby Olney Corey</b><br>Daughter   |  | BIRTH 9 JUL 1862 in Foster, Rhode Island   | DEATH 1941 <span style="color: green;">2 Hints</span>   |
| <br><b>Hattie Eliza Corey</b><br>Daughter   |  | BIRTH 15 Nov 1864 in Rhode Island  | DEATH 1947  |
| <br><b>Henrietta Evelyn Corey</b><br>Daughter   |  | BIRTH 25 Jan 1869 in Killingly, Connecticut  | DEATH 6 Nov 1897 in Voluntown, Connecticut, USA   |
| <br><b>William Archibald Corey</b><br>Son   |  | BIRTH 16 Oct 1875 in Scituate, Providence, Rhode Island, USA   | DEATH 16 Feb 1951 in Worcester, Massachusetts, USA  |
| <br><b>Paris Alvin Corey</b><br>Son   |  | BIRTH 29 Mar 1877 in Providence, Providence, Rhode Island, United States   | DEATH 22 Jul 1960 in East Lyme, New London, Connecticut, USA <span style="color: green;">2 Hints</span> |
| <br><b>Melissa Rebecca Corey</b><br>Daughter  |  | BIRTH 27 Apr 1881 in Artic, Kent, Rhode Island, USA  | DEATH 1913 in Connecticut   |
| <br><b>Henry Allen Corey</b><br>Son   |  | BIRTH 22 Mar 1883 in Sterling City, Windham, Connecticut, United States  | DEATH 23 Sep 1918 in Connecticut <span style="color: green;">1 Hint</span>                              |

**Family Tree Group Sheet for Paris Henry Corey from ancestry.com tree of Andrew F. Shetland.**

All of the members in attendance are descended from one of the children of Paris Henry Corey as seen in the family tree group sheet above: Abby Oney Corey, Hattie Eliza Corey, Henrietta E. Corey, William Archibald Corey, Paris Alvin Corey, Melissa Rebecca Corey, or Henry Allen Corey. Family members brought their own lunches and a potluck dish to share before conducting an annual business meeting. The meeting is called to order with the pledge of allegiance and a prayer led by the family Chaplin.

The family member that traveled the farthest to attend the reunion was Marilyn West from Ethelsville, Alabama. She brought her daughter, granddaughter, and great granddaughter who all live locally in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Marilyn's family descends from Paris Henry Corey through Hattie Eliza Corey (pictured above). This was the first time members of this line had been in attendance in a number of years.

The eldest lady in attendance was Patricia Knapp, 78 of Waterford, Connecticut. The eldest male in attendance was Charlie Whipple, 84 of Wakefield, Rhode Island. The youngest child in attendance was Lilith Paulin, 3 years old, from Southbridge, Massachusetts. Sadly, the family heard the news of the deaths of two family members: Ruth Barter Smith, who passed at the age of 100, and Matthew Corey of Plainfield, Connecticut. The family also learned of the birth of a new relative, Madelyn Renea Corey daughter of Gilman and Lydia Corey.

The family elected the following family members to serve as their Ekonk Hill Corey Family Reunion leadership for 2020:

**Andrew Fletcher Shetland, President**

**Everett Corey, Vice President**

**Amanda Destremps, Secretary**

**Pat Knapp, Treasurer**

**Charlie Whipple, Chaplin**

Next year's Ekonk Hill Corey Family Reunion will be held at Hopeville State Park in Griswold, Connecticut, on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 beginning at 1200 hours, with an annual business meeting at 1400. All descendants of Paris Henry Corey and Amy Anne Robbins are encouraged to attend. Any other local Cory Family Society members interested in attending can contact Andrew F. Shetland at (860) 917-4535 or 19ashetland@gmail.com for additional details. ★★★

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## FROM THE EDITOR

In 2020 we will continue bringing you articles about our Cory lines as well as news in DNA and genealogy research. But remember, the newsletter depends on contributions and suggestions from you, our readers.

We welcome scattered notes, complete articles, poems, or -- a new idea – cartoons -- whatever you can think of.

Contact [editor@coryfamsoc.com](mailto:editor@coryfamsoc.com) with any questions.

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