



# CORY FAMILY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## NEWS OF AN OLD FRIEND

Art Corey, a long-time Cory Family Society guiding force, has served as president, newsletter editor and contributor. He has always offered welcome advice behind the scenes.

Art and his wife Vera attended many annual meetings and hosted the 1997 meeting in Durango, CO. In 2002 Art began work with DNA reporting and analysis for the society.

Earlier this year Art wrote to Earl Cory with news to share.

In 2013 Art and Vera moved from Fort Collins, CO, to Las Cruces, NM. Inviting visitors, Art described the area and nearby points of interest such as White Sands Proving Ground and Carlsbad Caverns.

The day Art wrote, he said that Vera's health was declining. We recently learned the sad news that Vera passed away the next day. Our thoughts are with him.

Earl has circulated Art's letter to society officers. Other members wishing to read the full letter or contact Art should email Earl.

## A Vignette of David Magie Cory *Sixth Generation from John I of Southold*

By: John Corey

When my father Alexander Corey (1904-1993) died, I found a small book of poems by David M. Cory, with a signed note to my grandfather inside. I knew there was a David in my direct line (1690-1758, grandson of John 1 - I have this David's powder horns), but this book was too new - early 20<sup>th</sup> century - to be his.

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### A Favorite with WJZ Boys and Girls



David Cory of the New York Evening Mail, who tells the fascinating "Jack Rabbit" Stories.

*Radio Broadcasting News, October 7, 1922, Vol.2, No. 19,  
page 10; americanradiohistory.com*

# A Brief History of the Cory Family Society

Updated by: Luke Davidson and Earl Cory

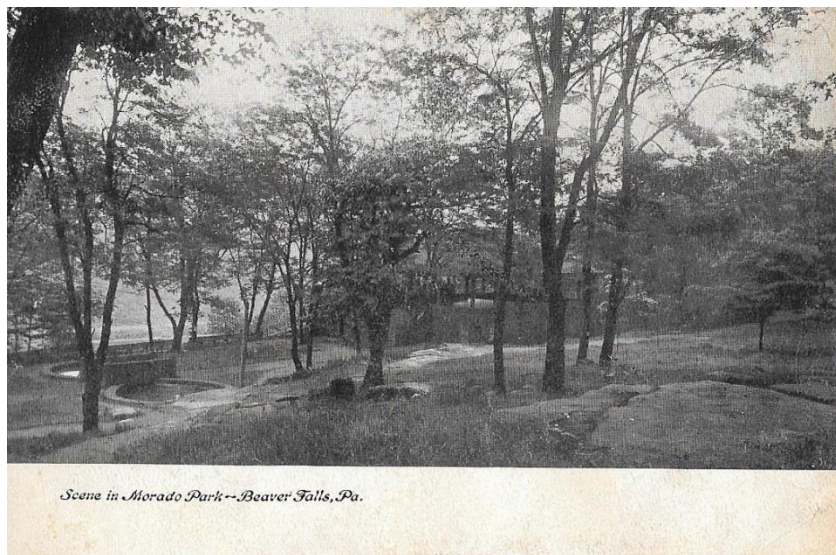
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## Cory Society Origins

Helen (Marge) Chilson of East Palestine, OH, First Historian for the Cory Family Society provided the early history of the Cory Family Society presented here.

1898 - The present Cory Family Society was preceded by several earlier Cory Societies. The first, known as the Inter-State Cory Reunion Association, was founded in 1898. One of the founders was James Enos Cory of Crawford County, Ohio, a descendant of a ca.1643 settler of Long Island, New York, **John of Southold**. James was a carpenter, schoolteacher, and member of the Ohio State Legislature. He also was an early recorder of Cory history.

1908 - The last meeting of the Inter-State Cory Association, for which we have a record, was held at Morado Park in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, in 1908. The Inter-State Cory Association was evidently



Beaver Falls postcard from 1908

intended to become a national association, but for some reason, it didn't develop as intended, possibly because interstate travel was not easy in those days. The meeting in Morado Park in 1908 evidently was the last for the association.

1909 - On June 22, 1909, descendants of Jeremiah William Cory met in Elkhart, Iowa, to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of Corys in Iowa. Elkhart was

named after Elkhart, Indiana, where they had lived before moving to Iowa. The Elkhart society continues to meet annually in June on Father's Day.

In mid-July, also in 1909, James Enos Cory organized another Cory Society. Their first meeting was in Morado Park, Pennsylvania. Most early members were descendants of the three children (who remained in the area) of Elnathan Cory (1759-1838), and Sarah (Walker) Cory (1758-1843).

The three children were John Cory (1788-1845), Elnathan, Jr. (1788-1848), and Matilda Cory McGowin (1805-1867) who married Josiah McGowin. All of these folks were descendants of **John of Southold**. Jeremiah Cory (mentioned above) was also a son of Elnathan and Sarah Walker Cory, though he moved first to Indiana and later settled in Iowa.

The latter group became known as the Western Pennsylvania Area Cory Reunion Association (from here on known as WPACRA). That association was organized at the suggestion of James Enos Cory in 1909 (James was not a descendant of Elnathan Cory, Sr. though he was a descendant of **John of Southold**). The WPACRA has met every year since 1909. Most of its current members are residents of western Pennsylvania or eastern Ohio. Their meetings are often held in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania or East Palestine, Ohio.

1986 - The WPACRA was destined to become the father society of the current Cory Family Society. Mark Hester, a descendant of Elnathan Cory, and the Rev. Jack Cory, a descendant of Samuel Cory (1863-1945) of Pyworthy, England were among those who attended the 1986 meeting of the WPACRA. They persuaded members attending the meeting that a national Cory organization should be created. Their idea was not to replace local organizations, but to bring them together to share information.

The Society would be separate from the local societies and would provide news about family gatherings, and information from all over the United States, and possibly England. There would be no obligation for members of local organizations to join the national organization, and the local organizations would continue as before.

Mark Hester became the first president; the Rev. Jack Cory became first Vice President, and Editor of a quarterly newsletter. Sylvia Vickroy was elected Secretary, and Linda Coursin became Treasurer. Marge Chilson was the first Cory Family Society Historian, and continued to serve as Historian until the fall of 1994 when Charlotte Muller was appointed to that position. Marge continued to serve as Historian for the WPACRA until her death.

1987 to 1988 - During the years 1987 and 1988 Mark Hester and the Rev. Jack Cory worked to enroll members from around the USA for the new national Cory Family Society. When they had interested enough folks to constitute a viable organization, they initiated plans for a general meeting.

1989 - The first annual meeting of the new Cory society was held in Westfield, New Jersey, a state where many descendants of **John of Southold** had lived before some of them, including Elnathan, moved to western Pennsylvania.

1989 - Annual Meeting, jointly with the WPACRA, Westfield, New Jersey - Mark Hester, coordinator

1990- Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois – Rev. Jack Cory, coordinator

1991- Annual Meeting, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania – Marge Chilson, coordinator

1992- Annual Meeting, Salem, Massachusetts – Helen Westergard and Mark Hester, coordinators

1992 - In October of 1992, a preliminary meeting to discuss formation of an English Cory Society was held in Northampton, England. On December 17, 1992, a steering committee was appointed and the Cory Society in England was formed. Since that time, members of both societies have attended each other's meetings and shared genealogical information.

1993 - Annual Meeting, Portsmouth, Rhode Island – Charlotte Mueller, coordinator

1994 - Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah - Mark Hester, coordinator

1995 - Annual Meeting, Launceston, Cornwall, England, UK – Cory Society, coordinator

1996 - Annual Meeting, Southold, Long Island, New York – Mark Hester, coordinator

1996 - Mark Hester continued to lead the Cory Family Society as president until after the 1996 meeting held in Southold, Long Island, where **John of Southold** had settled. Mark was succeeded by Charlotte Muller who also continued to serve as Historian-Genealogist.

1997 - Annual Meeting, Durango, Colorado – Art and Vera Corey, coordinators

1998 - Annual Meeting, Pacific Grove, California – Claude and Phyllis Cory, coordinators

1999 - Reunion Tour, Washington, D.C. (tour only; no official meeting)

2000 - Annual Meeting, Newport News, Virginia – Galen Moore, coordinator



2001 – Two submissions for a new Cory Family Society coat of arms were chosen and combined to make the current coat of arms. The designs were made by Dorothy Rout and Phyllis Cory. The outline of this coat of arms is frequently used in the current newsletters.

2001 - Annual Meeting, Chillicothe, Ohio – Dorothy and Chuck Rout, coordinators

2002 - In 2002, Art Corey undertook the coordination of DNA reporting and analysis. As a result of this, it was determined that the three main lines of Corys in America were related in name only. Further investigation and coordination with the Cory Society in England, has determined that the **Thomas of Chelmsford** line in the US is genetically related to the Corys from North Hampton and specifically Harpole, England. There is some preliminary evidence that there may also be connection to the Norfolk Corys. The **William of Tiverton** line has been matched to Corys from the Bristol area of England. As yet the **John of Southold** line has not been connected to a British line, but the Cory Society continues to search.

2002 - Annual Meeting, Providence, Rhode Island - Patricia and Otis Wyatt, coordinators

2003 - No meeting

2004 - Annual Meeting, Harpole, England, UK – Colin and Marilyn Cory, coordinators

2005 - Annual Meeting, Tewksbury, Massachusetts – Kathleen Reed, coordinator

2006 - Annual Meeting, Arlington, Virginia - Steven and Kathy Zwobot and Art Corey, coordinators

2007 - In August of 2007, Thomas Corey, the Cory Family Society Genealogist, took over coordination of the DNA project.

2007 - Annual Meeting, Oakland, California – Earl Cory, coordinator

2008 - Annual Meeting, Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada – Beth Cory McCready, coordinator

2009 - Annual Meeting, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania – Mark Hester, coordinator

2010 - Annual Meeting, Bristol, England, UK – Marilyn Cory, coordinator

2011 to 2014 - No meetings

2011 to 2014 - From 2011 to 2014, interest in the Cory Family Society dwindled and the board members were unable to focus as much time on the society. This meant that no newsletters or meetings were held during that time. Shortly before and during this time period, several attempts were made to find a new president and newsletter editor that had time to lead the society, but no one was able or willing.

After Fred Corey's retirement from work in 2014, he initiated several conference calls among the board members to determine the future of the society. During those calls, since there was no perceived benefit in belonging to the society, it was decided to suspend the society dues until 2016. It was also decided to resume having meetings, but as reunion meetings on an every two- or three-year schedule to give members more time in planning. Fred agreed to one more term as president, but urged others to volunteer and expects to see a new president elected at the next reunion meeting.

2014 - In 2014, Luke Davidson volunteered to resume newsletter publications.

2015 - Reunion Meeting, New London, Connecticut – Samantha L. Corey, coordinator

2015 - In 2015, newsletter publication was resumed. At the reunion meeting the board decided to begin publishing 3 newsletters per year and to only send them out through email. In the past, postage and other costs had risen to over \$400 per issue. Past issues of the newsletter, as well as meeting minutes, are available on the society web page and newsletters will be continuously added to the website a year after they are published.

2017- Reunion Meeting, August 24-27, Michigan – Jan Corey Arnett, coordinator



### Leaders of the Cory Family Society From 1986 to the Present

<p><b>Presidents:</b>            (1986-1996) Mark Hester            (1997-1999) Charlotte Muller            (1999-2000) Art Corey            (2000-Present) Fred Corey</p>	<p><b>Vice Presidents:</b>            (1986-1996) Rev. Jack Cory            (1986-1990) Gladys Hum            (1990-2001) Dorothy Rout            (1996-2004) Jenny Withers            (2000-Present) Earl Cory            (2015-present) John Corey</p>	<p><b>Treasurers:</b>            (1986-1988) Linda Coursin            (1989-2003) Maxine Hester            (2003-2004) Joann Nichols            (2004-Present) James M. Corey</p>
<p><b>Secretaries:</b>            (1986-1988) Sylvia Vickroy            (1989-2000) Linda Anderson            (2000-2005) Carolyn Corey            (2006-2008) Melody Sue Corey            (2009) Bernie Corey (Acting)            (2010 - Present) Carolyn Corey</p>	<p><b>Historians-Genealogists:</b>            (1986-1992) Marge Chilson            (1992-2001) Charlotte Muller            (2000-2006) (Vacant)            (2006-Present) Thomas E. Corey</p>	<p><b>Newsletter Editors:</b>            (1986-1987) Rev. Jack Cory            (1987-1995) Al B. Cory            (1996-1997) Linda Hester            (1997-1998) Mimi Weijland            (1999-2000) Art Corey            (2000-2003) Fred Corey            (2003-2004) Karen Cory            (2004-2005) Art Corey            (2005-2011) Kathleen M. Reed            (2011-2014) (Vacant)            (2014-Present) Luke C. Davidson</p>
<p><b>Web Master:</b>            (2000-Present) Earl Cory</p>	<p><b>DNA Project Coordinator:</b>            (2005-2007) Art Corey            (2007-Present) Thomas E. Corey</p>	<p><b>Newsletter Coordinator:</b>            (2015-Present) Chris Koehler</p>
<p><b>Meeting Coordinator:</b> (2015-Present) Earl Cory</p>		



The photo on the left is of John Corey, viewing the grave of David Cory, Esq. who died in 1758. The cemetery is the Old Burying Ground of the First Presbyterian Church in Southold, New York. The photo on the right is a close-up of David's grave. These photos were taken during the last Cory Family Society meeting which took place during September 2015. John is the author of this newsletter's feature article about David Magie Cory.



## Corys of Kentucky in the Civil War

### Brother against Brother

By: Luke C. Davidson

The United States Civil War was a turbulent time in our nation's history. It was the deadliest war in American history, with battles and skirmishes devastating both the Union and Confederate sides. Frequently, and especially in central states, brother was pitted against brother. It is no surprise that a Cory family would find itself in this manner during the war. Though a majority of the Cory family soldiers in Bath County, Kentucky served on the Union side, there was one brother who served with the Confederates.

Bath County, Kentucky, even today, is mostly a rural county with a few small towns scattered throughout. The county seat, Owingsville, is about 48 miles east of Lexington, Kentucky and a little over 100 miles southeast of Cincinnati, Ohio. The above mentioned Cory family began when John Cory and Sarah Ann Sexton were married on July 20, 1830 in Bath County. John and Sarah had many children, at least four of which served during the Civil War. The four children known to have served include Willis, Daniel A., Thomas, and Benjamin F.



Bath County Courthouse, Owingsville, Kentucky  
(Taken by Luke Davidson, March 2016)

Willis, Daniel, and Thomas were all in Captain Barber's Company of the Fleming County State Guard towards the end of the war. However, earlier on in the war, Daniel enlisted at the age of 17 on November 10, 1861, in Company D of the 24<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Infantry. He served several years in this company, and was wounded in Knoxville, Tennessee on November 25, 1863. This information was found in the Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Kentucky, Union Volume II and Daniel's compiled service records.

Benjamin F. Cory, on the other hand, took a different path in life, joining the Confederate cause. Benjamin is listed in the 1850 Federal Census twice. He is listed with Robert and Cynthia A. Sexton Lyon's family in July 23, 1850 (Cynthia is believed to be Sarah Sexton Cory's sister, so she would be Benjamin's aunt). Then, on August 9, 1850, he is listed with his own family (his father, mother, and siblings are listed with the last name "Cora" rather than Cory, and the family name is frequently

spelled Cory, Corey, or Corry in other records). It would be interesting to know why he lived with his aunt and uncle at one time. Maybe other relatives had an influence on his joining the Confederacy. At any rate, he was enlisted on October 21, 1861 into Company H of the 5<sup>th</sup> Regiment Kentucky Infantry. He served in said company until 1862, and then re-enlisted with Company F of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Mounted Rifles, serving with that company until the end of the war. This information comes from the Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Kentucky, Confederate Volume, Benjamin's compiled service records, and the Widow's Pension for Benjamin's wife, Elizabeth Reed Cory.

There also appears to be a relative named John Corey who enlisted into the Union in 1862, though he deserted at Green River, Kentucky in January 1863, taking with him a horse, gun, and sabre. He



returned from desertion but was sick in a hospital in Evansville, Indiana by November 1864. He first served in Company A of the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment Kentucky Cavalry, though near the end of the war he was transferred to Company H of the 6<sup>th</sup> Regiment Kentucky Cavalry. While in this regiment, he deserted again at Louisville, Kentucky in August 1865. He is about ten years too young to be John Cory, the father of the other soldiers named above, though he does appear to be from Bath

[thomaslegion.net/borderstatecivilwarhistory](http://thomaslegion.net/borderstatecivilwarhistory)

County, Kentucky and is likely a relative of the other Cory family. All of this information came from John Corey's compiled service records.

A fellow researcher who had connections to Bath County, Daniel Wyatt, mentioned that the Union soldiers "would go down to the gap every once in a while and fire their guns up in the air at the Confederates on the other side of the gap, and then return home and [tend] to the crops. They never wanted to shoot one another since both sides were related" (email, 2016). He told me that stories about the war were passed down from his great grandfather and grandfather, and he remembered that his great grandfather's old wallet was full of Confederate money that he wasn't able to spend after the war was over.

I was only able to find one other Cory who served during the Civil War in Kentucky. However, he, John C. Corey, was from McLean County, Kentucky which is around 230 miles west of Bath County.



He had joined the Union through Company F in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment Kentucky Cavalry, and was the only one of the Kentucky Cory soldiers to be promoted above the rank of private. He was commissioned as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in February 1863. He served throughout the war and was able to receive a pension for his service in 1902. The above information came from John's compiled service records and his federal pension.

I wasn't able to find out the parents or birth place of either John Cory who lived in Bath County. However, I was able to find a John Corey who fit with the John C. Corey of McLean County. John C. Corey is listed as having been born in New Hampshire in most Federal Census records and I was able to find a John Corey who was the same age as the McLean County John. This John Corey was born on March 21, 1820 in Jaffrey, New Hampshire, and was the son of David and Betsey Corey. This information came from the Jaffrey Town Clerk records.

Hopefully, we will be able to discover the origins of all the Kentucky Cory's. For those of you reading this article, if you know more about the Cory's in this article, please let us know. It would be great to find out more information and possible stories or photos on these families.

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**Cory Benjamin**

Co. H, 5 Kentucky Mtd. Inf.  
(Confederate.)

Private Private

CARD NUMBERS.

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Number of medical cards herein.....

Number of personal papers herein.....

BOOK MARK:

See also

6 24 Ky.

**Daniel A. Cory**

Co. D, 24 Reg't Kentucky Inf.

Appears on

Company Descriptive Book

of the organization named above.

REGISTRATION.

How many years before 5 years 6

Rank

Rank and length

in Battle

Remarks:

Enlistment

Rec'd 18 1861

Camp

at Hill

J. Taylor

6 3 Cav. Ky.

**John C. Cory**

Co. F, 3 Reg't Ky. Mtd. Vol's

Age 41 years

Appears on

Company Muster-in Roll

of the organization named above. Roll dated

Bathorn 11 Jan 6. Ky Dec 13 1861

Muster-in to date Dec 13 1861

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When Oct 20 1861

Where Bathorn

Period 3 years

Valuation of horse, \$ 100

Valuation of horse equipments, \$ 100

Remarks:

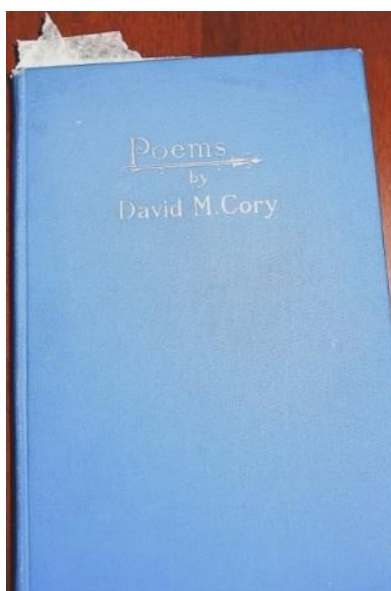
This organization was subsequently became Co. F, 3 Reg't Ky. Cav.

Book mark: 381-U.S.-1880

J. Hall

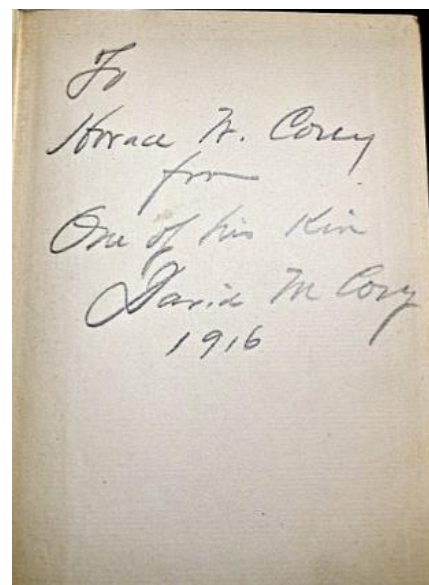
Above are compiled service record cards. From left to right; Benjamin F. Corey of Bath County, KY, his brother, Daniel A. Cory, also of Bath County, and John C. Cory of McLean County, KY. All of these compiled service records came from the state archives at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives in Frankfort, KY.

## (A Vignette of David Magie Cory, continued from page 1)



Who was this David Cory, and how had his book come to my father, Alex? The search led to a fascinating peek into one part of our extensive and diverse clan.

Some hints in the references and phrasing in the poems suggested to me New York (and my dad grew up and worked early in his career in New York City), so I started with the *New York Times*. Their obituaries led to some fascinating characters, both this David (1872-1966) and his sons David and Daniel.



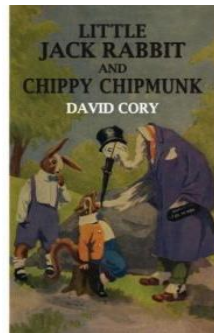
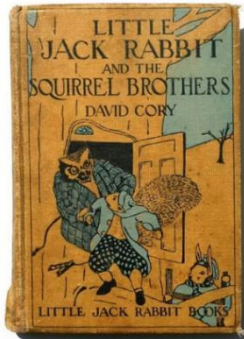
First, the basics: the David Cory of our immediate interest, son of David Magie Cory and Ellen Munroe, was born October 26, 1872, in Oyster Bay, Long Island, NY. These Corys had branched off from my branch generations ago, making our David my seventh cousin, once removed.

The older David was himself son of a David, this being a time when such confusion was a bearable tradition (no TSA, credit scores, or other durable ID requirements!). Our David was fairly well off, I think, by the Oyster Bay address of his parents, his attendance at the English and Classical High School in Englewood, NJ, and his initial profession as a Wall Street stockbroker, which he pursued for twenty years.

It was during that time and work that David married Louise Elizabeth Treacy, also of New York City, and raised with her two sons, David Munroe Cory (these folks REALLY liked the name David!) and Daniel Magie Cory. As told to an interviewer for the *New York Times* (November 25, 1917), the stories our David spun and told to his children began when he was a young student and wrote mostly about animals when he was assigned composition work.

David's boys enjoyed his tales, and he was in the habit of writing them down in the evenings, too, at their request, so they might be remembered later. In fact they were put into a book for the boys that was shared among their playmates until nearly worn out. According to that same interview, some of the neighbors (presumably playmates' parents) asked him to publish the stories.

Many were accepted immediately and became the first of many published David M. Cory stories. These include the Jack Rabbit series of tales, initially as a daily series in the *New York Daily Mail* (from 1915), and then the *New York Evening World* (from 1923); as well as in 15 books published by Grosset & Dunlap and reissued as two compilations by Harper & Brothers. Harper also published ten books of stories that first appeared as dailies in the *Evening Sun*, called “Puss in Boots, Junior.”



The books were popular both in the US and the UK, and David might well have made a living from either these or his career on Wall Street. His publications were also accompanied by a radio presence, as David was a true raconteur and shared his stories not only in print, but also in the telling on a local station.

David Cory had another side to him. Remember my dad’s book of poetry? Here’s a poem from that volume:

#### THE WORLD ASLEEP

**L**IKE sentinels the watchful elms  
 In sturdy grandeur stand.  
 In armor green they move between  
 The sky and sleeping land.

The quiet stars their vigils keep;  
 And o'er the silvery moon  
 Their laces trace in flimsy grace  
 The mists from swamp and dune.

Beneath her drowsy, brooding wing  
 Calm Night has silenced all  
 The clamors rude; 't is solitude  
 Save for the gray bat's call.

The world 's asleep, the sun away,  
 Till Time brings forth another day.

Other poems appear in David’s 1911 volume *Moods*, (The Poet Lore Group) and anthologies such as *The Best Loved Poems of the American People*, Hazel Felleman (2008). One of his better known poems:



## MISS YOU

MISS YOU, miss you, miss you; Everything I do Echoes with the laughter And the voice of You. You're on every corner, Every turn and twist, Every old familiar spot Whispers how you're missed.	Oh, I miss you, miss you! God! I miss you, Girl! There's a strange, sad silence 'Mid the busy whirl, Just as tho' the ordinary Daily things I do Wait with me, expectant For a word from You.
Miss you, miss you, miss you! Everywhere I go There are poignant memories Dancing in a row. Silhouette and shadow Of your form and face, Substance and reality Everywhere displace.	Miss you, miss you, miss you! Nothing now seems true Only that 'twas heaven Just to be with You.

Our story here might end -- with evocative poetry and those lasting works of children's literature. But those two sons of his -- David Munroe Cory (1903-1996) and Daniel Magie Cory (1904-1972) had some interesting tales of their own. Watch for word of them in future newsletters!

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### From Our English Cousins

## The John of Southold Puzzle

Adapted by: Chris Koehler

*Marilyn Cory, of the UK Cory Society, wrote recently:*

It is a great pity that you have not been able to find out where your John of Southold originated in the UK. Matters were made worse when the company handling our DNA analysis changed and the end results didn't tally with what our genealogist, Margaret Goffin, had found. She has since had to draw a line under the research and put it to rest.

I do wonder though if there is a solution out there, before we all get too old and die off or lose interest! I think I am right in saying, the John of Southold line is the only large line that we cannot trace its origins. I expect there are smaller lines, also not sure, but John of Southold is such a large group.

*Our webmaster, Earl Cory, gave us his thoughts:*

There is widespread misinformation about the John line in online sites such as Family Search, RootsWeb, and Ancestry. When John descendants then upload this misinformation to their trees, the result is hundreds of wrong information sources. We must let our members know that, despite what they might find on the internet, there is not yet a definitive answer to the question of John's English origins.

It would be of invaluable help in this puzzle if we could expand and coordinate DNA information with our English cousins. We have a real need for DNA submissions to FamilyTreeDNA from (1)



more of our own US Corys - particularly men with the Cory surname and its variants - as well as (2) UK Corys, again particularly men with the Cory/variant surname. Then our genealogist, Tom Corey, can work on getting this all together.

We will be in touch with the UK Cory Society and provide updates to all as more information comes in.

### **It's Your Newsletter!!**

For our ***"Corys of Note"*** feature -- Do you know of any famous (or infamous) Corys? Ideas so far include illustrator Fanny Young Cory Cooney (1877-1972), photographer Kate Thompson Cory (1861-1958), the poem and song "Richard Cory", Hiram Cory (the namesake of Corry, Pennsylvania), and the aforementioned activist priest David Munroe Cory (1903-1996) and philosopher Daniel Magie Cory (1904-1972).

For a planned ***"Cory Family Stories"*** feature -- Do you have Corys who aren't "famous" but are important in the fabric of our lives - and the history of our country? Let's share our stories - the grandmother born the eighth child of a Colorado gold miner, the great grandfather who gained US citizenship by serving in the Union Army during the Civil War, whoever has a story to tell.

### **Membership News**

## **Our 2016 Membership Drive**

By: Carolyn Corey

We now have over 100 paid members for 2016, a gain of over 40 since 2014. Included with this issue of the newsletter is our 2016 membership list. Please be sure to let me or Jim know any changes.

As a result of the new membership form sent out with the February newsletter, asking each member to email their CORY/COREY LINEAGE, I have been able to resolve quite a few with unknown ancestor questions by re-directing them to officers who had the answers. I even connected with a cousin I never knew about!

Our genealogist Tom connected a few people to a William line that has Mayflower connections! Earl, our webmaster, sent out several impressive lineages from his large database. John, our vice president, also assisted with info on the John line, including a Cory soldier who was a pall bearer for the Lincoln funeral!

**If you did not include your CORY/COREY LINEAGE with your membership application please feel free to email that to me. We will send you what information we have available.**

Be sure to encourage friends and family with Cory/Corey connections to join the society so they can enjoy the benefits of membership first-hand. Information about joining is on our website, [www.coryfamsoc.com](http://www.coryfamsoc.com).

**Reunion News****Let's Meet in Michigan!**

By: Earl Cory

Mark your calendars. The 2017 Cory Family Society Meeting is being planned for August 24-27, 2017 in Michigan. The meeting will be hosted by Jan Corey Arnett, a noted author, journalist, and longtime Cory Family Society member.

The exact location has not been decided; details will follow in the next newsletter. There are several locations in Michigan to consider. The Upper Peninsula (UP), is a relaxing area nestled between three of the great lakes. The meeting coincides with their annual Wild Blueberry Festival. The Mackinac Bridge is one of the longest suspension bridges in the world. Other locations are Sault St. Marie and Mackinac Island, location of "Somewhere in Time" (a place where the only gridlock is with horses and where fudge should be a part of every meal.) Further south, there is the Henry Ford Museum, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek, and Ann Arbor.

We would like your feedback as to where you would like to hold the meeting.

Many Cory families settled in Michigan. Pre-statehood settlers of Michigan generally came from New York, Ohio, the New England states, and Ontario. Many immigrants from Germany and the Netherlands arrived by 1850. They migrated west both before and after the Civil War to the rich farmlands of the mid-west. Their paths were from the North-East through Canada to Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan. Others moved east through Pennsylvania and Ohio to land in Michigan.

**The Cory Family Society**

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