

Corey/Cory Surname Project: 2023 Update

The outline below is derived from the slides presented at the Cory Family Society Meeting on September 16, 2023. Explanatory comments are in italics.

- Project Overview

- Current Members: 170
- Membership is unrestricted
- Three main lines
- John Cory of Southold
- Thomas Cory of Harpole/Chelmsford
- William Corey of Bristol/Portsmouth
- Other lines: William Cory (Scotland), Francis Corry (Ireland), Unrelated, etc.

Some surname projects at Family Tree DNA limit membership to males with the surname of interest. The Corey/Cory project is open to anyone with an account at FTDNA. The focus of the project is on the three main lines: John, Thomas, and William, but there are several other subgroups unrelated to the three main lines.

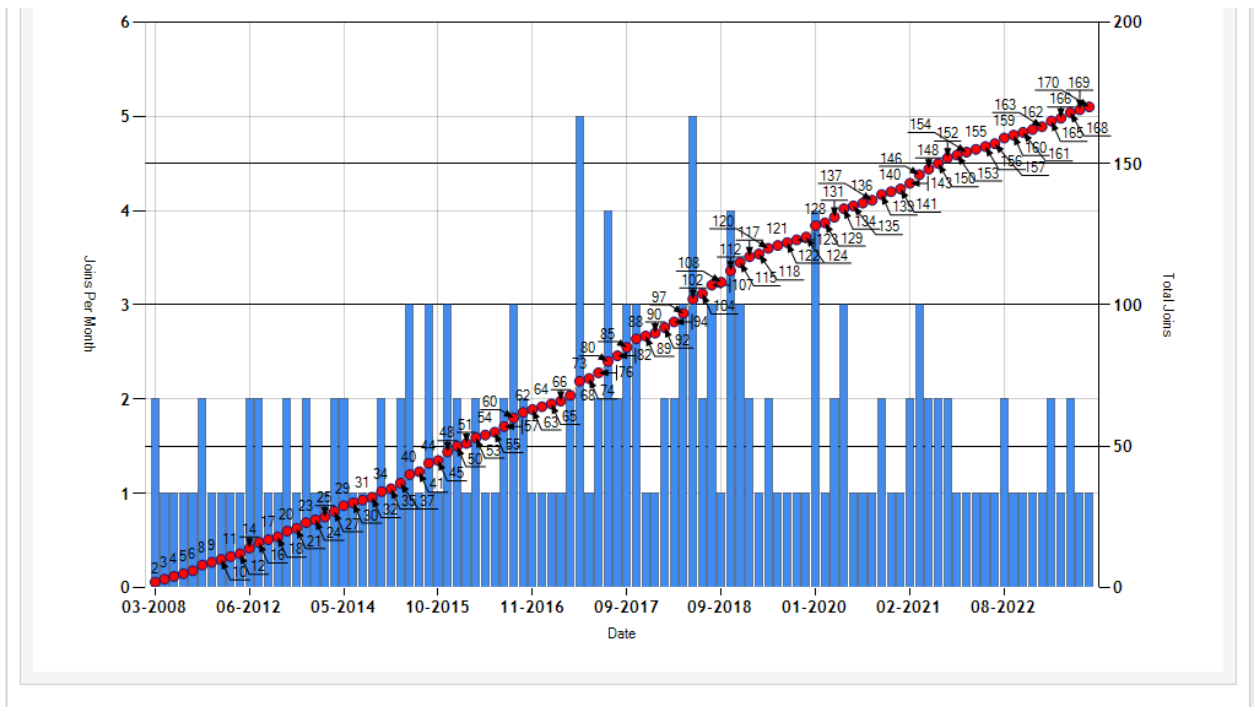
- Y DNA

- Basis of the project
- Passed from father to sons, to their sons, etc. with infrequent small changes over generations
- Results for 44 patrilineal descendants in the three main lines
- Big Y (Y 700) provides the most data
- John of Southold: 16/18 members have results at the Big Y level (one test in lab)
- Thomas of Chelmsford: 7/10, (one pending Y700 upgrade)
- William of Portsmouth: 7/18 (one pending Y700 pending arrival at lab)

Males receive an X chromosome from their mothers and a Y from their fathers (patrilineal descent). As surnames are generally also passed from fathers to sons, Y DNA is particularly helpful for genetic genealogy.

- Six new tests or upgrades since last CFS meeting – John of Southold
- Five new tests or upgrades since last CFS meeting – Thomas of Chelmsford
- Four new tests or upgrades since last CFS meeting – William of Portsmouth

- Growth of the Corey/Cory Project

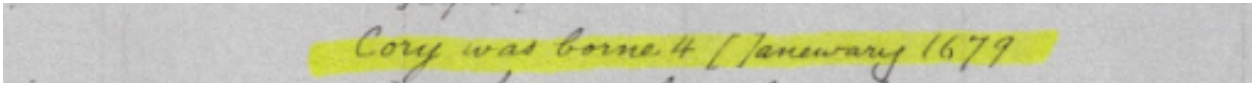


Blue bars indicate new joins per month and red dots indicate cumulative joins since inception of the project. Current membership is 170.

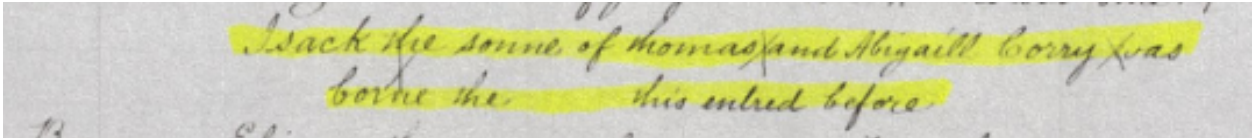
- Isaac Corey of Plainfield, Connecticut
 - Previously unknown ancestry
 - Speculation that he was in the John of Southold or William of Portsmouth line
 - Y DNA of a patrilineal descendant places Isaac in the Thomas of Chelmsford line
 - Second tester with probable link to Plainfield but incomplete paper trail also in the Thomas line.
 - Previously uncovered clues from Chelmsford records suggest Thomas had a son Isaac

Isaac Corey of Plainfield, Connecticut, who died in 1748, is an example of Y DNA testing provide new information. Previously thought to be either in the John of Southold line or the William of Portsmouth line, Y DNA testing shows he was in the Thomas of Chelmsford line.

- First Book of Town Records, Chelmsford, Mass, Transcribed



Cory was borne 4 / January 1679



Isack the sonne of Thomas and Abigail Corry was borne the ____ this entered before

The transcribed First Book of Chelmsford, Massachusetts Town Records show birth of an unnamed Cory born 4 Jan 1679 (page 167). The following page contains the entry "Isack the sonne of Thomas and Abigail Corry was borne the ____ This entered before." It is not definite that the 4 Jan 1679 date applies to "Isack," but the proximity of the entries raises that possibility. It also appears an attempt was made to X out the second entry, but when this was done and by whom is unknown. In any case, we cannot rule out the possibility that Isaac of Plainfield was a son of Thomas of Chelmsford. Clearly, they were related based on Y DNA evidence.

- The Future
 - The more the merrier
 - Locating potential testers who are willing and able to participate
 - Encouraging upgrades
 - More family trees and earliest known ancestors from existing members

Respectfully submitted,

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