

**Cory Family Society Annual Meeting
Oakland, California**

**Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2007**

President Fred Corey called the meeting to order at 12:45pm on August 5, 2007 at the Washington Inn Hotel following a buffet luncheon. At Fred's request, the attendees introduced themselves and stated the Cory family line they are descended from. Fred expressed our appreciation to Vice President and Web Master Earl Cory and his wife Christina for making the preparations for the events and meeting, and for hosting us at their home on Saturday evening. Fred also expressed his appreciation to Kathleen Corey Reed, James M. Corey, Arthur T. Corey, Thomas E. Corey and Sue Corey for their work.

The minutes of the annual meeting held October 23, 2006 at Arlington, VA taken by Kathleen Corey Reed were read by the Secretary. The President asked for corrections or additions. Thomas E. Corey noted that at pages 1 and 3 of the minutes, Cory, in the name of the Cory Family Society, is spelled without the "e" and his surname is not spelled with the "e (Corey)." Earl Cory moved, and June Corey Troyer seconded, that the minutes of the 2006 meeting be corrected as noted. The motion was approved.

Due to the absence of Treasurer James M. Corey, President Fred Corey presented the treasurer's report. The balance on August 3, 2007 was \$9,546. The cost of producing and mailing the Society newsletter was discussed. Complimenting Kathleen Corey Reed on the excellent newsletters, Janet Sharp suggested that adhesive stickers be used instead of staples to seal them for mailing. Earl Cory encouraged the members to receive their newsletter electronically. Earl will reformat to a single column from the 2 column style. Membership dues are now \$12. Fred reminded us that persons who cannot afford the dues should contact the President. Janet Sharp moved for approval of the treasurer's report as submitted. Frieda Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Fred informed us that the Society in the UK has requested additional funds to use for the Cory Family DNA project. Fred will check with the Treasurer to see how much we've already given to the UK Society for this purpose. We need to encourage the English Society to get more Cory DNA contributors from all family lines. Earl Cory moved that \$400 be given to the English Society for our DNA project. Frieda Hall seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Earl Cory reported on the 2007 meeting and tour expenses. He asked that the Society contribute \$850 towards these expenses, which were higher than expected because we did not have as many members at events as planned for. Frieda Hall moved for approval of \$850 to Earl for event and meeting expenses. Bernie Corey seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Society genealogist Thomas E. Corey reported that 56 men submitted DNA samples for the Cory Family DNA project. The testing of the DNA samples of several more Cory

contributors is incomplete so they are not included on the Relative Genetics website at this time. Even so, as of August 1, 2007, Relative Genetics transferred the information from our project to Ancestry.com except for individuals who requested to opt out. Relative Genetics said that Ancestry.com would be contacting surname-project coordinators and participants. Tom, with the help of Art Corey, is going to see if our DNA project can be relocated to Family Tree DNA in Texas. Tom does not think the move of our DNA project information to Ancestry.com is in the Society's best interest due to the subscription cost to access it on Ancestry.com and how the information will be presented on that website. Tom will keep us informed as he gets more information about whether the DNA project will be moved to Family Tree. At this time he does not have information on how to contact all of the men who contributed DNA samples for the Cory Family DNA Project. Frieda Hall moved that Tom and Art be permitted to transfer the DNA project data to whichever organization they select. Janet Sharp seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Tom asked that the CFS newsletter **in bold face type** request any future DNA contributors to contact him for instructions on testing procedure and what lab will be used by the Society.

In his report Tom described cluster research and spoke of how this might help us overcome the brick wall when looking for the 2 to 3 generations of ancestral missing links between the Revolutionary War and 1850. Frieda Hall offered to look to see if she copied the pension files at the Salt Lake City LDS library of Corys who served in the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Tom told us there are free books online by Microsoft that have adjutant general military service records. There is also a website, Footnote.com, available by subscription that has records from the National Archives. Fred asked Tom how we might find early records in the UK that may have been removed to England from Massachusetts. Tom will look into this. One suggestion was that we pay a genealogist in England to research for us. Tom told us how we can order English records online. The 27 boxes containing the research of Charlotte Mueller will be transferred to Tom from Fred Corey. Fred described the condition of the containers when he received them and when he, Art T. Corey and the Muellers had tried to sort the material by family line. Fred said the Muellers have more records. A warning was given not to let original documents out of your sight. When loaned they rarely come back to you. Jan Corey Arnett suggested that the Society consider allocating funds to Tom for proper storage containers and equipment to preserve and archive these records.

Frieda Hall asked whether a request for DNA samples from persons buried at Portsmouth, RI had been made. Fred reported that no request was made and this idea was not being pursued. However, the best time to ask for DNA from burial sites is when graves are being moved due to construction. Then permission to obtain DNA may be needed from the oldest living relative of the deceased. Thomas E. Corey, CFS genealogist, said that the need for permission depends on State law. Discussion about the hair and bone samples needed for mitochondrial DNA testing followed.

Webmaster Earl Cory reported he has a backlog of email requests to put items into the database of the Society. Fred asked if Earl needed money or help to take care of this work. Earl said no, the information is all on a server. The problems are that lots of requests for information are too general, the volume of "other Corys" information, and that the servers time out when entering new family line data or updating data on the CFS website. The website also has information about the officers of the Society.

Fred told us that he is looking forward to retiring and that his position as President is open.

The question was asked whether we need to have a meeting every year. It was brought out that the Society is governed by bylaws and the legal status of the organization which may require an annual meeting.

A lively discussion of future meeting locations and events followed. It was suggested that the 2008 meeting be held in a big city where there is a major genealogy research center (such as LDS in Salt Lake City, UT) and places of tourist interest. However, at any site there also needs to be someone local to make arrangements and transportation options. To increase attendance at the meeting, it would help to know where members would like to do research or visit places related to our Cory ancestors. New Brunswick and Yellowstone National Park were discussed as possible locations. Fred proposed New Brunswick as the location for our 2008 meeting. There were 9 votes for New Brunswick and none for Yellowstone. New Brunswick was tentatively chosen as the location for our next annual meeting with Salt Lake City as the alternate. If the meeting is held in New Brunswick, it was agreed that it should be held late August or early September. Earl will make contacts to learn more about New Brunswick as a meeting location. It was suggested that notices of the meeting be sent to local newspapers and to genealogy magazines. Bernie Corey moved and Bill Sharp seconded a motion that for our 2009 meeting we accept the invitation of the Western Pennsylvania Cory Association to join them at their reunion meeting in Ohio. Motion passed. Fred will contact Marge Chilson about this. The United Kingdom was the location favored for the meeting in 2010.

Earl shared email greetings to us from Colin and Marilyn Cory and Roger and Brenda Miller in England. June Troyer moved and Jan Corey Arnett seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:30pm. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Sue Corey.