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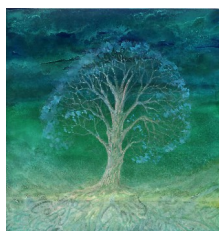
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Contacts from the Website

There have been regular contacts from the website but not as many as one might expect in view of so many people staying at home during periods of lockdown. There is a breakdown of just who visits on the back page of this issue. **And, what a year it has been!** The Cory Friends' Event in Herefordshire had to be cancelled due to Covid and other reasons. Determined not to be beaten a small number enjoyed a few days together (*see pages 12-15*).

This year's edition of the Cory Friends Newsletter includes details of research on behalf of contacts received since I reported to you last year. It was surprising how these seemingly unconnected enquiries became intertwined. Always there is something new to be shared even if occasionally it results in the proverbial genealogical brick wall. Yet, as you will read in these pages, our diligent research over many years still draws interest through the Cory website from many and varied sources.

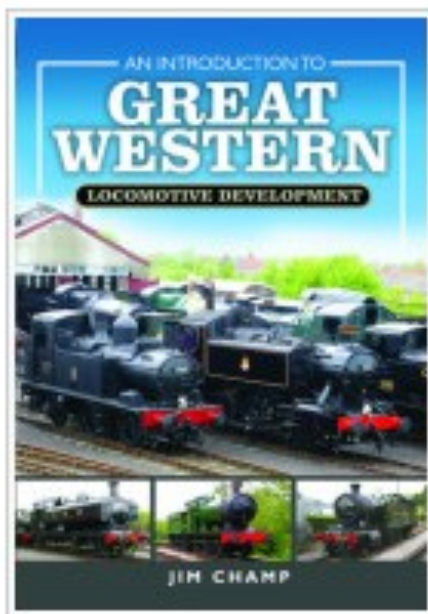
Rosamund Champ: The Cory Family of Tresparret and Jersey

I was particularly excited to receive a parcel from Rosamund Champ's son, Jim, containing Rosamund's own family story, *The Cory Family of Tresparret and Jersey*, written in 2009. I had heard that Rosamund had written her story several years ago and had shared it with others in her family line.

Now, encouraged by her son, an author himself, Rosamund generously gave permission for her story to be shared on the Cory website where it can be accessed from the Devon and Cornwall pages. Jim has also sent a copy to the Society of Genealogists to be stored with our main body of research.

Rosamund's very interesting and personal family story enabled me to add several new individuals to the Cory Archive and to a discovery on the Jersey FH website of identity cards issued by the German Occupation Force during WW2. The identity cards of Rosemary Holloway's grandparents, **James W Cory (1866-1955)** and **Ada Elizabeth Cory née Harris (1866-1942)** of St Helier, were amongst those found online. Rosemary's great grandfather, **James Cory (1820-1899)** is the youngest brother of **William Cory (1812-1892)** great grandfather of Rosamund. (*Devon and Cornwall, Table 13*).

Rosamund, through her father, **James Reginald Cory (1895 Swansea – 1985 Surrey)** descends from the



Jersey side of these Tresparrett Corys out of which five of Robert and Alice's nine children moved to Jersey.

After **Robert Cory (1788-1830 Tresparett)** died his widow, **Alice née French (1790-1872)** lived in Jersey until her death in 1872. Jim has dedicated his book to his grandfather, J R Cory.

For those who are interested in railway history the book *An Introduction to Great Western Locomotive Development* by Jim Champ can be purchased in either hardback, ebook or kindle formats from pen-and-sword.co.uk

Jane Cory of Marhamchurch

In May, Percy Willard asked if I knew who was the father of Jane Cory born in 1822 at Marhamchurch, Cornwall. right age and period, who *his* father was.

His interest stemmed from the marriage in 1842 of Jane Cory to George Lewery (spellings vary!) who was a Private 3rd Class on the vessel St Vincent, and son of Thomas Lewery.

They had a son, George, in 1843, and a daughter, Clara, in 1845, both according to the 1851 census were born in Portsmouth. Their home was at 17, George Street, East Stonehouse, Devon although Jane's husband was not at home on the night of the census.

I found a birth registration for **George Thomas Lewry**, mother's surname Corey in the Portsea Island District, Hampshire in the second quarter of 1843.

Jane was 29 in the 1851 census and unfortunately the only Jane Cory I can find in the 1841 census was not in the parental home but working as a servant in Egloskerry, 5 miles north of Launceston.

I was able to view Jane and George's marriage record online, which recorded that her father was Jno' Cory, a labourer. Jane's baptism is not in our archive and not in Marhamchurch parish records either so I am still checking up who her father was and, as no Jno' exists in our database of the

There are lots, and lots of John Corys!

I found that a John and Mary Cory had a daughter, Elizabeth, baptised at Marhamchurch in 1829; Ann in 1831; John in 1834; and Richard in 1837; but no record for Jane. This John, who was recorded in parish records as a labourer, was born in 1809 at Launcells, five years after his brother James.

Their parents were **James Cory (1760-1839)** and his second wife, **Elizabeth Jones (1760-1847)** who married on 19 March 1804 at North Petherwin. James had two daughters and two sons from his first marriage to Mary Daymon in 1789 at Launcells: Elizabeth, 1789; William, 1792; Hannah, 1794; and Richard William, 1796. Mary died in 1801 aged 33 years of age.

The pedigree table for this family is
*Cornwall 16/16a Launcells:
Marhamchurch.*

Frederick George Richard Cory (1908-1979)

Abby Norris contacted me in March this year to help trace her grandfather, **Frederick George Richard Cory's (1908-1979)** ancestry. Abby's father is Stuart, and with his brother, Martin, are from Frederick's second marriage to Gladys Bowler in 1948. Frederick also has two sons, Michael and Peter from his first marriage in 1930 to Anne Florence King (1906-1983).



Frederick George Richard Cory and Gladys Bowler

Frederick G R Cory, is the son of **Frederick George Cory (1879-1949)** and **Florence Rosina Curtis (1883-1971)**. They also had two daughters, Doris M, 1912 and Phyllis C, 1915. All of the children were born in Fulham. Frederick and Florence married in the Wandsworth District in 1905.

Frederick George was born in Torquay, Devon, the last of ten children born to **Richard Down Cory (1832-1881)** and **Mary Wood Down (1833-1909)**. Richard Down Cory was born in Bratton Clovelly, Devon, and for those familiar with Devon pedigrees, you will not be surprised to learn that their



Florence with Frederick G R Cory

pedigree table is *Devon & Cornwall: Bratton Clovelly 7.*

In 1871, Richard was living in East Street, South Molton, Devon, with Mary, and six children and, although at the age of 19 he was working as a servant on a farm, he had now become a blacksmith and provided well for his growing family. In all his wife bore 10 children, sadly Lewis, baptised in 1865 died in 1866 and, as often happened in those days, that lost baby's space was filled by another Lewis who was born in 1867.



*Frederick George & Florence Rosina Cory
with their children, Frederick, Doris and Phyllis.*

Richard's parents were **Thomas Cory (1802 – 1873)** and **Grace Down (1805-1879)** who married in 1878 at Bratton Clovelly. Grace was born in this village which grew rapidly in the following years and the numerous Downs families added to that number, so it seems likely there is a family connection somewhere between Mary Wood Cory neé Down and her mother-in-law, Grace Cory neé Down.

With Thomas, Grace had 5 daughters and Abby's ancestor, Richard Down Cory.



Mary Wood Cory née Down (1833-1909)

Grace's husband, Thomas, came from Jacobstow, where he was baptised in 1802, son of **William Cory (1764-1799)** of the *Stratton Tree 12* and **Mary Ayers** who married at Week St Mary in 1779. William in his turn, was the son of **Richard Cory (1723-1783)** and **Prudence French**. (*Stratton F2*) then back via **Nicholas Cory (d 1670)** and **Grace Saunders (d 1697/8)** before finally, to **John Cory** (abt 1600–) and **Sarah Crossman** at the head of *Stratton Tree F*.

How's that for ancestry!

Red Cross Volunteers

On one of my general searches into Corys working during World War One, I attempted to find records of Cory women who had volunteered as nurses. I discovered a list on the Red Cross site and wrote about them in The Cory Friends Newsletter (No 2) in June 2018. Since then, further names have been added to the list which now includes doctors too.

One of these was **Dr Charles George Cory (1871-1919)** of Cambridge and his wife, **Mabel Emily Hartridge Cory, M.B.E.** who worked as a Commandant in the VAD Fordham Hospital and continued volunteering with the Red Cross after the war. Her husband, Charles, worked until 1918, but died on 15 Feb 1919. His sister, **Ann Katherine Cory (1874-1953)**, worked at the Cambridge Hospital under her married name of Nash-Woodham. *Norfolk Tree 11.*

I noticed newly included this year, **Ada Elizabeth Cory** and her daughter, Doris Cory, of 2 Kensington Place, Jersey. Both volunteered to work part time as garment makers in the Jersey Hospital Stores. **Ada née Harris (1866-1942)** was Rosemary Holloway's grandmother. *D&C:13 Tresparett Jersey*

Doris, baptised **Dorice Cory (1895-1967)** married **Vernon Clift**. I learnt from Rosamund Champ's family story that they had two children, Denis and Joan. Rosamund wrote that '*Vernon*

used to travel to South America, I believe for a tea company run from Jersey called the Overseas Trading Co.'

Another volunteer was Dr Isaac Rising Cory whose contribution to the war effort was discovered through another contact from the website and more about his contribution appears on the next page.

Dr Isaac Rising Cory: Prisoner of War Camp Physician

In May, Trevor Brook emailed asking what we could tell him about Dr Isaac Rising Cory who first appeared in April 2012 issue, No 57. *Norfolk, Great Yarmouth Tree A16*.

Dr Isaac Rising Cory was born in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk in 1860 and died in 1945 at Rick Pasture, Stoke in Teignhead, Devon.

Red Cross records state that Dr Isaac Rising Cory was engaged in 1914, working part time at Newlands Corner Auxiliary Hospital, Merrow Downs, Guildford. The post was unpaid, with the rank of M.O. and lasted until after WW1 ended, until 1919. By this time, Dr Cory was 59, and as far as it can be known, still practising in Shere as well as also running the village Scouts, Shere Church choir and it seems was also associated with the Shere and Albury Fire Brigade, although it is not stated as in what capacity.

According to Albury History Society, Little Newlands Hospital was a WW1 Auxillary Hospital run at that time by Henrietta M St Loe Strachey, whose husband, John St Loe Strachey was the donor of the house. I was surprised to learn from Trevor Brook of Albury History Society that there was also an Italian Internment camp near there during WW1 and Dr Cory worked there.

Online searches revealed however that Dr. Cory, was the Holmbury St Mary

WW1 German Prisoner of War camp physician. Holmbury St Mary is next to the smaller village of Felday so it is not clear from online searches if there was only one camp or two. On pages 36 and 38 of a document dated 1916 on Surrey Archeology.org.uk website (obtained from the National Archives) Dr Cory is mentioned in connection to reports on Felday World War 1 Prisoner of War Camp under Medical Information: *Dr Cory calls twice a week at the camp, and when required. A marquee is kept in residence for erection as a hospital should it be needed. So far no cases of serious illness have occurred. There has been one minor accident in which a man had the last phalanx of his thumb cut off. He is now being treated at Belmont Military Hospital.*

A report by the Swiss Legation on the camp dated May 1918 details: *Captain K.H. Thorneycroft is still Commandant of Holmbury St. Mary Camp, and when the camps at Guildford and Redhill were opened in February 1918, he took over command of them also. Lieut. Richards is adjutant, Second Lieut. Paterson interpreter and Dr. Cory, a civilian practitioner from Shere, about 5 miles distant, camp physician. A special hospital hut, with an R.A.M.C. orderly in attendance, is now in use. Dr. Corby [sic] visits the camp twice weekly and when required. Serious cases of illness would be sent to Belmont War Hospital. The general health of the prisoners is good and*

they looked well and fit. There are at present 208 German prisoners of war at this camp. Vizefeldwebel Karl Meerbote, (153. Inf. Reg.) is camp leader.

During the First World War, hundreds of thousands of men found themselves interned in Britain. These were made up of: civilians already present in the country in August 1914; civilians brought to Britain from all over the world; and combatants, primarily soldiers from the Western Front, but also naval personnel and a few members of zeppelin crews, whose vessels fell to earth. Prisoners were interned in a large number of locations.

All evidence of the camp has vanished now, as it has with many such camps, some taken over for military training purposes in WW2, and some were made into airfields and prisoner of War camps in WW2. English Heritage lists 1026 British Internment Camps on The Guardian website. In Surrey the biggest camp was at Kempton Park Camp, Sunbury-on-Thames, a large complex consisting of 212 tents with a guards' compound of about 20 huts and 22 tents. Others listed in Surrey: Kingwood, Wormley, Godalming; Merrow Down Camp, Guildford; Ruskin Avenue, Kew; Westonacres Camp, Woodmansterne, **Banstead**, and two other possible sites, nearby; Topsite Camp, Thames Ditton; Barn House Farm, Shipley, Horsham; Old Dean Common Camp, Camberley; Raynes Park.

Jean Hayes visited the Shere Museum to reconnoitre and take photographs for the Cory event that she was arranging for the following year. Those who attended the Surrey Event in 2013 will remember our visit to Shere, which coincidentally also included a visit to the RHS Gardens at Wisley. This event was reported in the August 2013 Newsletter, No 61. The picture on the front cover of that issue was of Mark F R Cory, nephew of Dr Isaac Rising Cory, whose childhood home was in Banstead.

Earlier this year, I was contacted by someone interested in a house that had stood empty for some time. The property belonged to Mark F R Cory, and the prospective buyer, on searching for Mark's name found it on our Cory website in that very article. The power of the internet!

I was able to find a current email address for Rudi Okker, a relative of that extensive family, but who lives in America. Rudi kindly provided an email address for Mark's nephew from whom I learnt that Mark had had to move to a nursing home. Email query redirected, I withdrew from the proceedings. Sadly, I have since heard that Mark F R Cory died in August last year, shortly after his 90th birthday. *Norfolk, Bramerton Tree Jamaica Table A16/16a.*

Sian Phillipa Roberts (1959-2021)

Sian Cory was born in Aberystwyth and her Welsh lilt and happy laugh brightened up many of our Cory Events.

For over 30 years Sian bravely battled Multiple Sclerosis but it did not stop her living her life to the absolute fullest, with a smile on her face that so many remember. A governor at her son's old school for many years Sian visited regularly and listened to the children read. She was so proud of her own three sons and thrilled when her grandchildren were born.

Accompanied by her husband, Glyn, Sian attempted everything that she could on the annual Cory Events with great determination and was always fun. We will all miss her company at our Cory events.



Sian on Mother's Day this year

Sian's parents were **Philip Thomas Stroud (1910—1954)** and **Mary H Morris** who married in 1946. Sian was the youngest of their three children, being preceded by her sister, Rowena, and her brother, John.

Philip Thomas Stroud Cory was the son of **William Henry Cory (1871-1940)** and **Lydia Betts (1888-1945)**. William was a master butcher in Deptford. He and Lydia had nine children and lived at Akerham Road, Lambeth. When Sian joined the Cory Society in 2011 and told me her father's name, the Christian name of Stroud immediately helped me find her family connection to **George Stroud Cory (1829-1911)**. Sian's grandfather, who descends from Norfolk *Pedigree Table A8 Kent 1* and through this back to her earliest ancestor, and Norfolk's very earliest Cory, Robert Corie of Bramerton who died in 1444 at Bramerton, Norfolk. I was quite envious!

Cory Friends 2021 Gathering.



*On the left:
Wyn Cory, Barbara and Steve Sowden, and
Marilyn and Colin Cory at 'Maison' Jean.*



*Barbara Sowden, Colin and Marilyn Cory with
Jean Hayes, toasting Bill Cory who though
unable to join the party kindly provided the
Prosecco!*

Monday, 12th July

Due to the recent Covid pandemic, we had to cancel the Warner's holiday that was booked for Holme Lacy House Hotel in Herefordshire in June. People couldn't come from overseas and some had other reasons why they couldn't make the 2021. Sadly, Sian Roberts died suddenly in May, and will be greatly missed, especially for her enthusiasm for our gatherings, she enjoyed them very much and was an enjoyable and fun person to know.

Jean Hayes very kindly said that she would put up the six people who could gather, for three nights in July, in Thames Ditton. We met up with Barbara and Stephen at Jean's just in time for afternoon tea on Monday. Jean later gave us some information

about Wisley for the following day.

Tuesday, 13th July - RHS Garden Wisley, Surrey.

On Tuesday morning armed with a map and written instructions from Jean, we headed off to Wisley. Jean had pre-booked the venue and on a previous occasion had scouted out the route to the new RHS Hilltop which is part of a £160 million investment into the future of horticulture planned across all RHS Gardens.

We met up with Rosemary and Paul Holloway, it was lovely to see them again after several years. We followed Jean who had the uphill route planned so we could take the wheelchairs up avoiding steps.



*Jean Hayes and Wyn Cory
relax in the Wellbeing Garden*



*Paul Holloway and Barbara Sowden smile for
the camera, whilst Jean Hayes and Rosemary
Holloway enjoy the Hilltop Garden below.*



It was quite a hot day, so a little challenging, but we were all chatting away catching up on the last few years since we all met, so the walk went quickly.

After a walk through the beautiful rose garden we reached the new Hilltop attraction, where we walked through the Wellbeing Garden. The main reason for this area was to increase understanding of the health benefits of plants and was created by horticultural and other scientists interested in this field of research. By recording people's reactions to colours, smells etc., they hope to increase their knowledge and understanding towards creating new public spaces, hospital areas and parks.

The lift took us to the highest point of the building to see the great views. We then made our way back down into the outside restaurant area and had a welcome sit down and a sandwich and drink for lunch. We really enjoyed our delicious meals and especially Steve's Gourmet 25% discount card which included alcoholic drinks. As we were eight [outdoors] that day we had to split into two tables to have lunch.

The World Food Garden was our next venue. The RHS was influential in the 'Dig for Victory' during the Second World War turning over flower beds to vegetables. In this garden they grow fruit, vegetables and herbs, which also provides a 'plot to plate' experience for the café.

After walking through the vegetable garden, we went through the Hilltop



Steve & Barbara Sowden, Rosemary & Paul Holloway, Wyn & Marilyn Cory and Jean Hayes.



Steve Sowden; Jean Hayes; Barbara Sowden; Rosemary & Paul Holloway; Colin and his mother, Wyn Cory.

building and peeped into the library, where eight years ago members of The Cory Society saw some very old books which contained beautiful, meticulously hand painted botanical drawings, from 1804 [when RHS began] and before, dating back to the 1750's. Finances were bad in 1859 and all books had to be sold off to raise money. Reginald Cory was able to buy some back, which are in that library today. *See Cory Newsletter No 61 p 7.*

We walked through the Wildlife Garden. This part covered an acre of land, many wildflowers were in bloom whilst we were there and were very eye catching. There were log piles, green roofs, dry and shady places for creatures to inhabit and an attractive pond area, where schoolchildren are allowed to 'pond dip'.

We found some enchantingly colourful displays of flowers on our way down the hill and by the time we got to the shop and garden centre, there wasn't

enough time to finish off the day with a cup of tea as Paul and Rosemary had to get away to avoid the traffic. We all had a really interesting day and good catch-up.

Marilyn Cory

Wednesday 14th July

Our Thames Boat Trip from Hampton Court to Richmond departed at 12.45pm. Fortunately, we arrived at Hampton Court Train Station car park with ample time to spare. The parking has to be paid to 'Ringo' which is easy if one is registered with them. Colin wasn't and it isn't easy talking on ones mobile to a machine!

When our boat arrived we climbed onto the top deck which wasn't too crowded so we all had good viewpoints. What a grand day for this trip, the sun was shining and we had taken sandwiches and drinks with us.

Hampton Court is always a joy to see



Jean Hayes; Barbara Sowden; Marilyn, Colin & Wyn Cory enjoy a sunny day on the Thames



Hampton Court from the river. This magnificent palace was specifically built to impress royal visitors.

and Jean gave a superb commentary for the whole trip (which the other passengers appeared to enjoy too!) We were surprised that the Thames is so busy with boats, paddle boarders, kayaks etc. And of course so many beautiful houses to see. Then onto Teddington Lock.

When we arrived at Richmond Marilyn, Colin and Steve went to downstairs to the bar for a very welcome drink for all of us.

The our boat turned round and we had a relaxing trip back to Hampton Court. The day was by no means over. Back at Jeans for tea and cake.

That evening we went for a meal at the 'Fairmile' at Cobham. We had agreed to use Uber taxis for this event. We needed two taxis as Uber do not allow anybody to sit in the front passenger seat. So Colin, Steve and Barbara set off in the first taxi with Dimitri, our Russian driver, and gave him the

postcode for the Fairmile. Jean and Marilyn left shortly afterwards. We realised Dimitri was lost when he tried to drop us off in the middle of a housing estate. (Our Uber bill was over £20 whilst Jean and Marilyn's was £12.) This caused much merriment! Needless to say Jean got us all home safely.

A very happy day.

Barbara Sowden

Everyone helped me enormously and chipped in for take-aways so that I didn't have to cook. Thanks go to Marilyn whose resolve has kept the Cory Friends going. Before leaving on Thursday morning Marilyn pencilled in a date in 2022, around 4th July, possibly in Norfolk, when at least six can make it and we hope to see even more of our Cory Friends.

Jean Hayes

Dorothy Bamfield (1635-1717/18)

Two weeks before Christmas last year I heard from an excited Simon Daly. His sister's friend had traced part of their family tree of their great grandmother, **Elizabeth Ann Beer**, and it went all the way back to **Samuel Cory, 1641 Rattery Devon**, who married Dorothy Bamfield. I am always relieved to have the names of a Cory's spouse and I did remember this one although confess that I had to dive into the database to cross the Ts and dot the I's.

Samuel was buried in Rattery on 23 Oct 1711 and Dorothy followed him on 23 Jan 1717/1718. They head up the Cory Pedigree *Table H1* which can be found on the Cory website under Devon and Cornwall Roots, although both Table H1 and H2 are further identified as **Australian Roots** owing to the presence of the **Gostwyck Cory family of Vacy, Toowoomba**.

I was able to take Simon back to Samuel's father, John Cory, mercer of Holsworthy who was buried there on 22 Jan 1692 and his wife Joan, who was buried four years later. Proved in the Totnes Archdeaconry on 4 Apr 1693, John Cory's will mentioned not only his wife Joan, and son Samuel but also Samuel's offspring John, James, Dorothy, Lidia and Margaret, the residue going to a grandson, Samuel, who was also the executor.

It is lucky that on this occasion this invaluable information is available to us as Devon wills were destroyed by the bombing at Exeter during WW2!

Samuel and Dorothy had 8 children; three sons and five daughters all baptised in Rattery, Devon: The eldest was **Samuel Cory (1664-1698)** who married Alice Crab in 1682 and had a son and a daughter; **Rev John Cory (b 1665)** m 1690 Bridgett Luscombe had 2 daughters and 2 sons. Married 2] Elizabeth Wooton in 1714. The Gostwyck line descends from John; **James Cory, 1667-1691; Dorothy Cory, 1668-1745** m 1697 Rev Gawan Hayman; **Lydia Cory, 1670-1697; Elizabeth Cory, 1672-1674; Margaret Cory, 1673**, m John Savery; **Wilmot Cory, 1677-1678**.

Margaret Cullingworth's book 1996: Devon: Holsworthy, Rattery & Clawton, Cornwall: Marhamchurch & North Tamerton & New South Wales provided the following information:

Dorothy was born in 1635, the daughter of Rev James Bamfield and Wilmot Savery. Her father was Rector of Torrington in 1627 and became Vicar of Rattery in 1634. *See: Vivian's Visitation of Devon, Bamfield of Poltimore family.*

Her grandfather was Sir Amyas Bamfield of Poltimore (c1580 Devon -

1625/1626) who was Sheriff of Devon and knighted at Windsor on 9 July 1603, in the reign of James I of England and Ireland (who was also King James VI of Scotland).

Sir Amyas died on 9 Feb 1625/1626. His wife was Elizabeth Clifton, (born

c1580) daughter of Sir John Clifton of Barrington, Somerset. Amyas and Elizabeth had three children: James who married Wilmot Savery and had 'our' **Dorothy Bamfield (b 1635)** who married **Rev Samuel Cory** in 1663; John (b1580); and Jane who married **Sir Francis Drake** in 1602!)

Nicholas Cory, Mayor of Tintagel

In October last year, Stuart Avery was seeking information or an opinion about Nicholas CORY who was an 'ectopic' or non-local Mayor of Tintagel October 1624-October 1625.

'Who was he? My guess he was a plant, favourable to Francis COTTINTON Bt, who represented Charles II, and Buckingham. He did not vote for the somewhat indigent Jonathan PRIDEAUX Esq, who was the other Parliamentary candidate that year. Five voters were discordant, unusual in the Borough, which suggests they were in favour of the rising Richard, Lord Robartes interest, ie Charles Lord Lambart, which won out at the next election (1626). Alternatively, he may have been antipathetic to the rising Edgcumbe interest, which fought against Buckingham's influence.'

I had not heard of Mayor Nicholas Cory and set about searching for a likely candidate. The Cory database has four Nicholas Corys born around the years that would fit in with an age

to be voted Mayor, but with no connection to Tintagel. Nicholas Cory, abode Falmouth, is on the voters list in 1851/52/56/57 with property at Tregatta in Camelford, in the District of Tintagel. This is **Rear Admiral Nicholas Cory (1795-1864)** who can be traced back to **Nicholas Cory (buried 1670 Stratton)** son of **John Cory (born c1600)** who married **Sarah Crossman**. *Pedigree Table Stratton F1*

We certainly have a Prideaux in the Cory database: **Thomas Prideaux** married **Elizabeth Gostwyck (1771-)** on 13 Oct 1795 over more than a century later at North Tawton, Devon. Elizabeth Gostwyck was the sister of **Mary Gostwyck (1772-1855)** who married **John Cory the elder (1772-1855)** at North Tawton on 22 Dec 1794. They had 9 children, the last of which was Gilbert Cory who heads the Australian branch of Devon and Cornwall *Pedigree Table H2* and his sister **Sarah Bamfylde Cory (b1809)**.

From Linkinhorne to South Africa

In September Evan Cory emailed me via the website seeking further information on his father's Cory family. Evan knew very little about his paternal side as his father, **Raymond Peter Cory**, lost both parents by the time he was 15 and was living with his elder brother, Dennis Brian. Tragically, Dennis died in his early twenties and Raymond's elder sisters, Marjorie Mabel and Yvonne Elizabeth Mary, weren't really involved with Raymond's upbringing. This led to almost no knowledge beyond the name of his Raymond's father, **Kenneth Evans Cory (1914-1958)** and that of his mother, **Marguerite Patricia née Brown (1912-1963)**. Kenneth died of a heart attack when he was only 44.



*Evan's mother, Marguerite Patricia
and his sister, Yvonne Elizabeth Mary.*

Evan said that after his Aunt Yvonne passed he was sent a box of pictures and documents. Yvonne had written names on the back of the photos which helped him identify relatives. Evan very kindly shared copies of these for the Cory database.

From his father's brothers, Trevor Clifford Cory and Hilton Richard (George) Cory, Evan discovered from their descendants that his grandparents were **Sydney Richard Cory (1881-1938)** and Grace Elizabeth Lowder (1886-1954) both born in South Africa, but his great grandparents came from England. They were **William Evans Cory** born 1838 and **Mary Jane Harris** born in 1854, both at Plymouth.

Evan's Cory's family lived in South Africa but the use of the second Christian name of Evans brought to mind recent searches in Devon where certain GRO

birth records included the mother's name of Evans even before 1917 when the mother's maiden name was included automatically at registration. I had noticed the Cory linked with Evans showing up during previous GRO birth searches for Corys.

A search of the Cory database took me to **Richard Cory of Tavistock (1799-1872)** who married Maria Evans (1801 Devonport– 1839 Plymouth) on 10 Jun 1822. They had 12 children at Linkinhorne of which five had Evans as their second Christian name. The family were quite difficult to trace as their parish records were entered either under Cory or Curry/Cury. William Evans Cory was their seventh child. Oddly, despite numerous searches, records for only three of this family have been traced after the original baptism entries. Had they also left England?



Trevor Clifford Cory

Richard Cory's parents were **Richard Cory (1773–1848 Bray Shop, Linkinhorne)** and **Susanna Chubb (1773-1846)** who married at Linkinhorne parish church on 20 May 1796. Together they had 11 children between 1796 and 1815, all baptised in Linkinhorne.

From the Cory database I was able to take Evan's family line back one more generation to **Richard Cory** who was buried in Linkhorne on 2 Mar 1810. He married Anne Searle there on 3 May 1768. Ann was baptised in 1741 but died in the Poor House, Stone Bridge, in 1828. The couple had four sons, Richard, as we have discovered went on to marry and carry on the name of Cory, but Edward born in 1776 died aged 19 and two others, both named John, died as babes. Yet, this Cory family is extensive with 143 members in the Cory database.

Francis Cory and The Tailor of Bradworthy

In June I was contacted by Dana Cane who wanted to find out about **Francis Cory (1731, death bef. 6 June 1806)** of Bradworthy and his daughter **Mary Cory (20 Dec 1761-5 Jan 1848)**, who married John Westaway (death 30 Jan 1837) of Broadwoodkelly on 8 May 1789 in Bradworthy. Francis was a tailor and married Mary Turner on 22 July 1745.

I was able to tell Dana that her Francis Cory heads the Devon & Cornwall Pedigree Table *Woolsery Tree 1*. When Francis died in 1806 his burial record on 20 February recorded his age as 82, making his date of birth 1724. I found a copy of this page online. Sadly although Francis Cory made a Will it was one of many destroyed by enemy action in 1942.

The age reported at the burial of Francis might be incorrect of course. His wife had died 4 years previously leaving one of his children to provide information upon his death and burial.

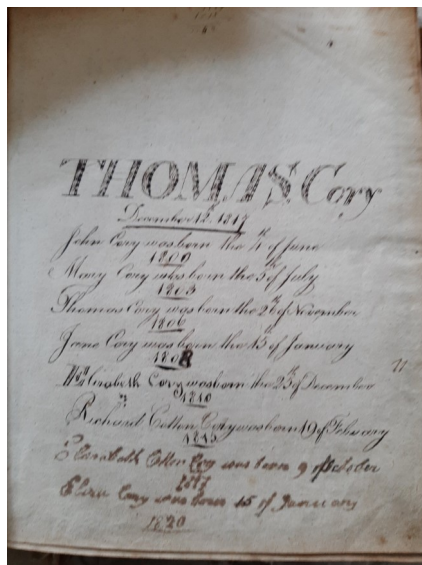
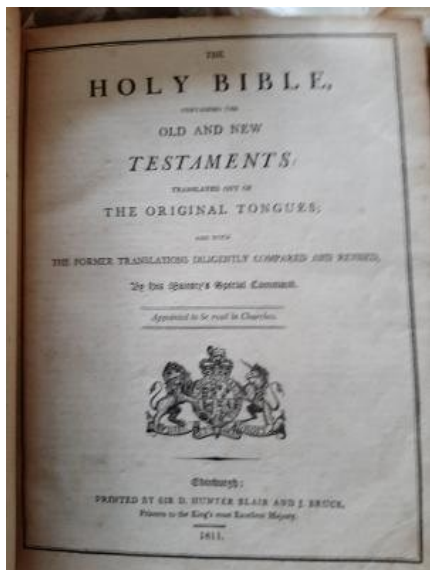
There is an entry for a Francis Cory baptised in 1724 at Bristol, Gloucestershire, on 5 April, son of Edward Cory, although the mother's name was not given. However, this is only a suggested connection as I feel it needs a lot more research to propose it as a definite linkage as there is nothing other than the date 1724. In this period sometimes other spellings are used, such as Currie/Curry/Corry and I have not yet fully researched these options.

And, of course there is the later baptism entry of *Frances Cory*, bap 9 Mar 1731 at Bradworthy, *son* of John Cory which I have seen online but question why they would have waited so many years to christen their son? Co-incidentally or perhaps tellingly, when Mary Turner married Francis in 1745 his name was entered as *Frances Cory*. I have seen the page online for 1724 Bradworthy baptisms which included Hu [sic] Cory, son of Andrew (*Bradworthy D1/DL*) on 21 February but no Francis.

Francis and Mary Turner had five other children before his daughter Mary. His first born, Thomas, was baptised as Helston and the remainder at Woolsery hence the pedigree table is named *Woolsery Tree 1*. His second son, John bap 12 Feb 1748 was also a tailor although not married. A note in the archives from a past member of the society, Jean Couch, advised us of a cutting she had seen about Richard Piper, grand nephew of John Cory:

The sewing machine had not then reached Pyworthy, and it was when discussing feats of hand work with older tailors that Richard heard about his locally famous great uncle, one John Cory, of Bradworthy. This old-time tailor had secured a considerable reputation as a craftsman, who combined honest workmanship with marvellous speed.

The Bible of Thomas Cory 1817



Judith Stilwell emailed at the beginning of March that she had been looking into her mother, Margaret L Cory's ancestry. Her mother's parents were **Harold Alfred Cory (1894-1978)** and **Dorothy Blanche Palmer (1895-1980)**. Judith grew up in Devon, although from Plymouth originally and that is where most of her recent ancestors lived and worked. Following the names in a Family Bible, which belonged to Thomas Cory, dated December 12th 1817, her research on Ancestry led Judith to the West Putford Corys from Cory Barton. Walter Cory being the furthest ancestor that she had found and a link to Hugh Cory in about 1771. *Plymstock Table 31.*

I found that Harold Alfred Cory was

indeed the fifth (and last) child and the 3rd son of **Alfred Fenwick Cory (1857 Oreston, Plymstock-1966 Plymouth)**. He married **Elizabeth Ann Hume (1857 Sunderland-1927 Plymouth)** in 1878 at Plymouth. Alfred F Cory can be found in the 1901 census in Plymouth listed as *Watchmaker And Jeweller's Manager*. Harold of course was still at school at this time but his elder brother, Frederick G Cory, aged 17, was working for his father as an apprentice.

Alfred Fenwick Cory was also the last child, of eight sons and one daughter, born to **Richard Cotton Cory (1815 Plymstock-1893 Plymstock)** and **Dinah Elston (1814, Turn Chapel, Plymstock-1891 Plympton St Mary)**. Richard married Dinah on 15 Mar 1840

and the parish marriage record at Stoke Damerel lists his father's name as Thomas Cory and her father's name as Thomas Elston. The couple had five children: Frederick George, 1883-1929; Margaret Louisa, 1885-1941, *Manageress of Dyeing & Cleaning shop in Plymouth*; Gertrude Grace, 1889-1963 *Housekeeper & Matron of school at Ilkley*; Charles Hume, 1892-1951; Harold Alfred, 1894-1978. Neither of the daughters married and were well employed according to the 1939 Lists.

Judith and I agreed in our research with the Cory Plymstock Tree 31 until it came to **Richard Cotton Cory's** family. The names in Judith's Bible differed to the Cory database, matching some, including or excluding others, but we did agree that there were nine children in the family.

The owner of this Bible proudly wrote his name, Thomas Cory, 12 December 1817. He was **Thomas Cory (1771-1844)** who was born and died in Plymstock. On 30 May 1798 he married **Grace Cotton (1779-1832)** at Boyton where Mary, their first born, was christened later that year, and then John was born in 1800. Perhaps Mary died, although I have found no record of it, for according to the Family Bible Mary's birth was in 1803. Again, I have found no parish record for this, nor any of the children named before Richard Cotton Cory, who was christened on 5 March 1815 at Plymstock. His father was noted as Thomas, a quarryman, and his mother, as Grace, both from Oreston.

The Bible has Thomas Cory Dec 1817 as a heading - so I believe it belonged to Richard Cotton Cory's father. It lists his brothers' and sisters' births as John Cory, 4 June 1800; Mary Cory, 5 July 1803; Thomas Cory, 26 Nov 1806; James Cory, 15 Jan 1808; Elizabeth Cory, 25 Dec 1810; Richard Cotton Cory, 19 Feb 1815 (Judith's ancestor); Elizabeth Cotton (Agnes) Cory, 9 Oct 1817; and Eliza Cory, 15 Jan 1820.

The Plymstock chart (*Table 31*) has now been updated online. This places Judith's family at the head of Plymstock Corys. Ida Birch in Newsletter No 37 (pages 5-7) listed the numerous Devon & Cornwall trees and explained how the DNA project had helped the society make new connections between some of these Corys from the South West.

Thomas Cory was buried on 17 Oct 1844 at Plymstock. His age was given as 73 and the only census that he appears in is the 1841, at Oreston, Plympton St Mary, aged 69, with his daughter, Agnes. Now, I believe that her name provides an important clue to Thomas Cory's parentage. There is no baptism record for Thomas in 1771-2 and only one baptism in Devon for the period of 5 years either side of 1775 and that is at Broadwoodwidge on 3 Jan 1779, son of Agness [sic] Cory.

Why would Agnes wait 8 years to have her son christened? Well, the answer, I believe, comes ten days later in the Broadwoodwidge marriage register on 13 Jan 1779 when Agnes Corey,

spinster, married a soujourner, Thomas Blight. The marriage was by licence and witnessed by Roger Blight and John Squires. All participants were able to sign their names. The couple had a daughter, Anne, but she died in 1787 at Broadwoodwidge. I did not come across a baptism for her or any other children. Thomas Blight or Blithe died in January 1796 and Agnes married John Mills in the June. Her daughter-in-law, Grace Cory, was a witness. Agnes died five years later and was buried at Broadwoodwidge on 20 May 1801.

Now, if only I could find a baptism for Agnes!

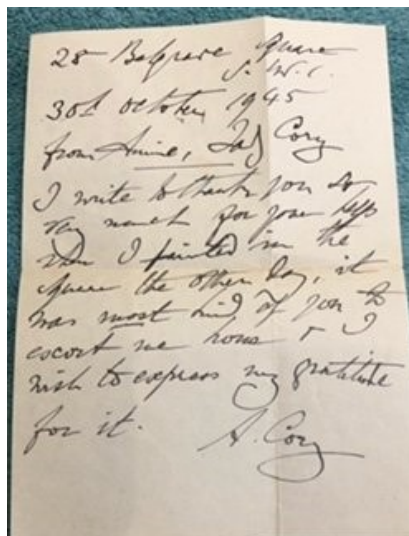
A Thank You From 1945

In January Julie Poole wrote that she had been sorting through the belongings of a deceased cousin and found a letter of thanks dated 30 October 1945, from Annie, Lady Cory, of from 28 Belgrave Square. It was signed A Cory. Julie wondered could this be Lady Jane Cory?

Lady Cory wrote: *I write to thank you so very much for your help when I fainted in the square the other day, it was most kind of you to escort me home & I wish to express my gratitude for it.*

I was doubtful as I had not considered that Lady Jane Cory would be known as Annie but Julie sent a photograph of the letter with her next email, and explained that the envelope which the letter was found in did not have any evidence of going through the post, and just had Lady Cory's name pencilled on the front, written in a different hand from the letter-writer.

It was a bit of a mystery as Julie's cousin Violet O'Hara (nee Ross), was a Civil Servant working in the pensions section but



she lived and worked in Blackpool in 1945 and would have been 24. However, her mother, Jemima Ross (nee Hayns) lived in East Ham, London, but she was also in Blackpool during the war moving back to East Ham in July 1945. It was impossible to

determine whether Julie's cousin would have been in London visiting her mother or whether it may even have been a different relative who helped Annie.

I checked my records and found that Lady Jane Anne Gordon Cory, nee Lethbridge (1865 Hamilton- 1947) and her mother were staying at 28 Belgrave Square on the nights that the 1901 and 1911 censuses were taken. The householder was Robert Carew with his wife, Julia Mary Carew, Jane's sister, who was born in Hamilton, Canada, in 1864. After a legal separation from her husband Lady Jane lived with her sister in London. Lady Jane's husband, Sir Clifford John Cory, lived at Llantarnam Abbey, Monmouthshire.

Julia Carew died in 1922. Her probate was granted to Jane. (Effects £38,925.16s.3d.) Interestingly, from the *Western Times*, 15 June 1923, Lord Carew, who died on 29 April, bequeathed the whole of his unsettled property of the gross value of £62,053 to Dame Jane Anne Gordon Cory, wife of Sir Clifford Cory, the former member for the St Ives Division.

On 11 June 1947, Dame Jane Anne Gordon Cory, widow, of 28 Belgrave Square, who died on 1 Feb 1947 aged 81 years, left £280,005.18s.5d gross. (*Western Times*) Neither sister had children. Jane bequeathed art and jewellery to the Victoria and Albert Museum and the list of the jewellery was extensive. Members of the Cory

Society visited the V & A to see her collection.

Articles about Sir Clifford Cory and Lady Jane Anne Cory appeared in Cory Newsletters *Nos, 18 and 19*, and these are available to view on the Cory website. On re-reading Ida Birch's second part of her article *Dame Jane Anne Cory's Bequests* I learnt that after six years spent in the country during WW2 Annie Cory returned to Belgrave Square and re-opened the house, and with so many boxes of her collection to be unpacked it would have been, at the age of 79, very tiring.

Winifred Graham, (**Matilda Winifred Muriel Graham 1873-1950**) who was married to Sir Clifford's cousin, Theodore Cory, described visiting Sir Clifford and Lady Cory at their home and gives a fascinating insight into their lives in her book, *Observations, Casual and Intimate*. She plainly was not impressed by Lady Cory's collections, stating that she and her husband preferred open spaces!

Lady Cory's house at 28 Belgrave Square still stands. The address is now the Serbian Embassy. Such an impressive building in a stunning row.

But, how wonderful it is to think that a heart-felt letter of thanks from Lady Jane Cory, which no doubt took only minutes to write, was appreciated and treasured by its receiver for so many years.

Reginald Radcliffe Cory's Funeral

Just as I approached the deadline for submissions for the Cory Friends Newsletter I received a request for information about the attendees at Reginald Radcliffe Cory's funeral.

My help was sought by Ray Crozier to find out more about **Reginald Cory (1871-1934)**. Ray is researching the life of Reginald Cory and his research has led him to a note about Reginald Cory's funeral in 1934 at Church Knowle which he found in one of Ida Birch's articles on the Cory website. This was in the Cory Newsletter (December 2005 No. 38, page 5) where Ida lists the attendees: *and this includes two cousins and two others*. Ray is curious to find out who these four people were.

Ray wondered if Ida had a list of the attendees, which was not included in the article, but might be in the Cory archive and if so what was her source of information. Ray has searched through *The British Newspaper Archive* of the period without success and I have searched newspaper archives online but was also unsuccessful. The archive did not contain any more information other than that in the article and I felt sure that if Ida had the names of attendees then it would have been noted. Perhaps this information was not noted at the time of the funeral and unfortunately neither was Ida's source.

Reginald married Rosa Blanche Kester

in 1930, but had no children. He had two brothers; **Herbert Beynon Cory (1855-1927)** who had 4 sons, but only the youngest of these, **Herbert Chichester Cory (1895-1967)** was still alive when Reginald died; his other brother, **Clifford John Cory, 1st Baronet (1859-1941)** married but had no issue (see page 16) Clifford, was 78 in 1937 but not present at the funeral; his sister, **Florence (1857-1936)** never married. *Pedigree Table Devon D1*.

Actual first cousins of Reginald therefore would have been from his father's siblings and these number four brothers and four sisters, resulting in at least 37 cousins!

Reginald was the son of **John Cory (1828 Bideford - 1910 Cardiff)** founder with his brother, Richard of Cory Brothers & Co. The brothers became very wealthy and they assisted all kinds of movements which helped in the social, educational, and moral progress of the people, especially of Cardiff. The brothers, like their father, assisted the Temperance Movement.

Richard Cory (1830 Bideford-1914 Llandrindod Wells) had 9 children, one of whom was **Theodore John Cory (1874-1961)** who, with his wife, Winifred Graham, was close to the family as we see on page 16. Theodore's brother, **Robert Wilberforce Cory (1911-1972)** could perhaps have accompanied him?

Reginald had requested a private funeral and burial in the family vault in St Nicholas churchyard at Cardiff but stated that if the house, 1 St James Place, St James St, London had been sold prior to his death, then in a churchyard of his wife's choosing.

In his will, dated 6 Jan 1932, Reginald made generous bequests to his wife, the British Museum, Fitzwilliam Museum, the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings, and to Cambridge University, for the general interest of Cambridge Botanical Gardens. *See Newsletter No 43, p9-13.* Members of the Society visited The Lindley Library, at the Royal Horticultural Society's headquarters in June 2008 where the librarian told us 'The Cory Bequest was the most important single donation the Lindley Library has ever received. *Newsletter August 2008 No 46, p2-4.*

He also left a bequest of £300 to Miss Edith Blanch Blyth, the daughter of Wm J Blyth, a solicitor's clerk and to Miss Blanch Badcock who lived there and ran his fowl farm at Frimley Green, Coleford Paddocks, all his poultry and ten acres of land.

I would suspect that Ray Crozier will have been very disappointed to learn that Reginald ordered that any letters found in a wooden box sealed with a blue seal kept in his rooms at St James Place, were to be burnt or destroyed unread as were any letters or papers found in his desk or

drawers in the Red Library at Dyffryn.

Reginald's solicitors were Messrs Bridges Sawtell & Co, 23 Red Lion Square, London, WC1 and his bank, the National Provincial Bank Ltd was appointed as his Executor and Trustee.

*Also mentioned in that newsletter on page 8, Reginald Radcliffe Cory's Patent Application in 1904 *Improvements in and in connections with Bicycles and the like*. I wonder what Reginald's generation would have made of the modern bikes of today?

Kent Cory Contact

In January this year Stephen Cory contacted me about his Cory lineage which he and a relative, John E Cory, had just started researching. Stephen's first contact through the internet was via the American Cory Family website who suggested taking a DNA test to ascertain his Cory roots.

Stephen's parents, **Roger Paul Cory (1933-2005)** and Dorothy A Young married in 1956 in Blandford, Dorset. Roger was the son of **Reginald George S Cory (1901-1947)** who was born in Kent, son of **George Edwin Cory (1875 Walmer– 1943 Bristol)**. George had 2 other sons: Walter Neville (1905); and Lewis Leslie (1909) who was the father of John. I was able to tell Stephen that if either he or John took a DNA test we have a Kent Cory DNA profile on record that we can compare it to and a long pedigree line back to Northampton. *Kent Pedigree K2*

Clawton Corys

During lockdown Jean Hayes has enjoyed keeping up with her Devon History Society through online lectures. She has found them very interesting, particularly one by Robert Rowland for the Clawton group which covered the Cory's of Wembury and Langdon. **Richard Cory (1822-1904)** *Tree: Stratton F5*

Clawton is where her great grandfather, **John Rundle Cory (1829-1911)** was born. See *Devon & Cornwall, Pyworthy English Line K2*. He married Mary Sleeman Hayman at Clawton in 1852 and had 8 children. After Mary died in April 1901 John married Mary Ann Fulford in the November of that year.

Jean's interest in the Pyworthy Corys, researching them whilst keeping us all on track for many years as the Cory Society Hon Sec, particularly during the lead up to the Dissolution of the Cory Society in 2017, quite left her Blake side of her family fall to the wayside. Jean's father **Herbert Charles Cory (1901 Milton Damerel-1981 Tiverton)** married **Edith Mary Blake (1907-2011)** at Holsworthy on 20 Dec 1928. Jean tells me that she has used lockdown to catch up with writing the Blake family history.

The earliest of Jean's Pyworthy Corys is **Samuel Cory (born c1680)** who married **Mary Allen (bap Shebbear 21 Jul 1686)** at Pyworthy on 24 Jan 1711. They had three children: John

1712; Mary, 1714; and Samuel 1719. The pedigree table for this is online. See *Devon & Cornwall: Pyworthy American Line K1*

It is John's marriage on 9 May 1745 at Bridgerule to Elizabeth Lane who makes Jean's family's first connection to Clawton; Elizabeth was baptised there on 23 Mar 1714.

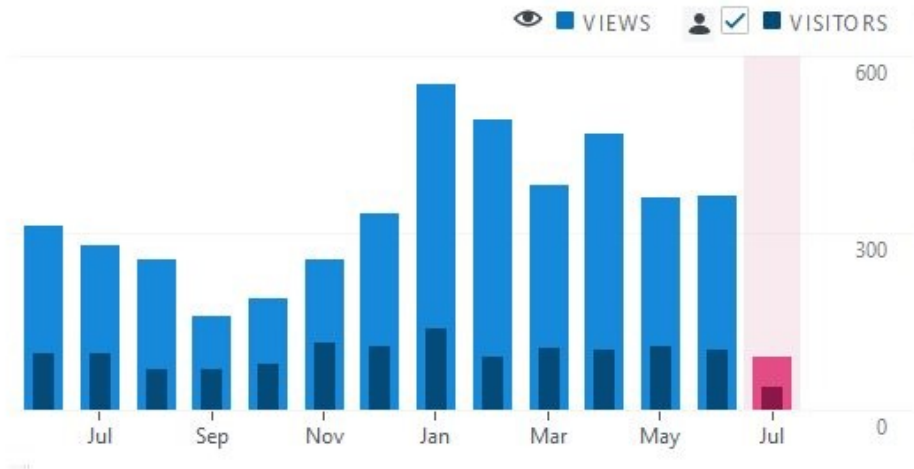
Jean described the last talk presented by Jim Bowen as stimulating. It covered Jim's interest in Bible Christian Ministers. In 1794 at Morenstow, **Andrew Cory (3 Jan 1772 Bradworthy – 28 Dec 1848 Morwenstow)** married **Mary Tremeer (1772 Morwenstow – 12 Jan 1854 Morwenstow)**. *Tree Bradworthy D1*. They had 10 children, and their two eldest children, Andrew (b 1794) and Ann (b 1796) became Bible Christian itinerant preachers as did their brother James born in 1802. Andrew was a minister at New Brompton chapel in Yielstead, Stockbury in 1822 and was President of the Conference in 1829 but tragically drowned a few years later at Devonport in 1833. He left a wife, Elizabeth née Courtice and a daughter, Ann Courtice Cory born about 1834. Elizabeth became a Bible Christian lay preacher and emigrated with Ann to Canada. Ann married Thomas Courtice and had a son Andrew Cory Courtice (b1857) who was a Bible Christian Minister in Canada. See *Newsletter No 22, p6*.

Website Visitors 2020-2021

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I am pleased to report that the Cory Archive continues to attract visitors. We have just reached halfway into July but already there have been 89 views by 38 visitors this month.

January had the biggest amount of traffic with 551 views by 138 visitors. In months, February and April, 492 views were made by 91 visitors and 467 views by 102 visitors respectively. Numbers have actually been falling over the years since a high in June 2017's 5,698 views.

The majority of visitors over the year have been from the United Kingdom 1569; followed by 632 from the United States, more than double of last year's views; Canada 253; South Africa 84; views from Australia 45; Belgium, 29; Switzerland 25; Germany 13; New Zealand 11; Japan 7.

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