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## A CLUE TO THE ENGLISH BACKGROUND OF THE CORIEY FAMILY OF RHODE ISLAND

By Jane Fletcher Fiske: as printed in NEHGR Vol 145 1991

Only slightly less common than the tale of three brothers who came to America is the story of an ancestor who went back home to claim a legacy in England. Verified examples of the latter situation in the Cory family of Rhode Island. Surprisingly, no hint of it has been found in any printed material on that family.

Not much has been written about the Corys, although descendants are numerous. In his sketch of the family in *Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island* (hereinafter GDRI), pages 56-57, John Osborne Austin, who usually demonstrated his through familiarity with manuscript material in local repositories, missed one important document in the Rhode Island Archives. James Savage, in his *Genealogical dictionary of the First Settlers of New England*, (Boston, 1860-62), appears to have known it, but he failed to mention it under the name of Cory (1:460), where it might have caught the researcher's eye, and placed it instead under the name Roome (3:572).

The first record we have of William Cory of Portsmouth is on 10 December 1657, when he was granted eight acres by the town. He was admitted a freeman the following May (Austin, GDRI,56). The record that Austin, and other researchers, missed is found in the first volume of the so-called Colony Records: on 28 February 1667, Anne Roome, a widow of John Roome of Portsmouth, "for and in consideration of full and just satisfaction and true payment by mee in hand Received from "William Corrie of Portsmouth, house carpenter, deeded to

him "two certain mansion houses with the lands thereto belonging...in St.James Parish in the street called St.James back in the City of Bristol, in Old England" which had been left to her by her late husband and by him "put into the hands and care of Mr Thomas ffloyd of Bristol" (Rhode Island Colony Records 1646 to 1669, 2 vols [R.I. Archives MS 00209], 2:354). On 18 October 1667, she gave him a confirmatory deed, and immediately following it, on the same page (both documents copied in a beautiful blue ink which has survived the centuries unfaded), is another record dated 13 November 1669 (ibid.,371), stating that William Correy,

being aged about fowre and thirte yeares being now personally present and intending a voyage to England upon occasion of demanding and Receiving the Estate that his grandmother named Ann Roome hath made sale and surrender of unto him by the within written deed: I say this certifieth that the bearer hereof William Correy aforesaid is the reputed son of one John Correy deceased who was sometime inhabitant in or near the City of Bristoll in England and son of Ann Roome aforesaid: and further this certifieth that the said William Correy is bound for England in company with one William Earle inhabitant in the same towne of Portsmouth on Rhod Island and the aforesaid William Correy is alsoe Inhabitant of the aforesaid Portsmouth ... which said William Earll may be able to testifie in England and to the parson that shall ther Exhibit these presents whether hee be the same to whome they are now committed and in whose behalfe these Lines are written ... Voted at Newport ... the thirteenth day of November ... 1669... under hand of governor [Benedict Arnold] ... Joseph Torrey recorder. Ann may have died by that time, for Robert Howkens testified that "I doe witness that I see the afore named widdow alive the 22 day

of 8 month [October] 1669"(ibid.); her inventory, however, was not taken until the following summer.

Did William manage to claim his inheritance? William Earl was his brother-in-law, and the two could not have been in England long, for Austin points out that in 1670 Earl bought a large amount of land in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, and sold a third of it to Cory. The IGI shows no birth record for william Correy or his father John in Gloucestershire nor a marriage record either for John or for his mother Ann (\_\_\_) Correy to John Roome.

Further work in England, concentrating on the Bristol area, is needed, but in the meantime, the Cory ancestry as given by Austin can be extended as follows:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Correy died probably in England before 1638, leaving a widow Ann (spelled in records variously as Ann, Anna and Annis). She married, second, John Roome, a merchant who owned property in England. John Roome's name appears frequently in the records of Newport and Portsmouth, the two towns on the Island of Aquidneck where he was admitted an inhabitant in 1638 (Austin, GDRI,167). In 1643 he was indicted for slanderous speech concerning Governor Coddington, which he acknowledged, and was remitted to pay court charges (Howard M. Chapin, *Documentary History of Rhode Island*, 2 cols.[Providence, 1916-1919], 2:150. He signed his mark, a large trailing R, as witness to a deed from Roger Williams to richard Smith, dated 3:7mo:1651 (James N

# QUERIES

The query section in the Quarterly is for the benefit of all. They are placed by our cousins who are interested in the preservation of the Cory surname and their personal family. Please help those who request information, also please send the information to the Editor to up date his data base. The Editor will try to answer the query from his data base if at all possible. Please send a SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope).

- 401  
CORY (COREY)  
Isaac Still searching for proof of parents of Isaac Cory m. Abigail Taft; Moved to Clarkson, NY 1816. Thought to be son of Benjamin of Salisbury, CT area b 1779.  
Dana R. Spencer; 1580 Oilwell Rd Blacksburg, VA 24060.
- 402  
CORY  
Amos (Not Amos Picton) Looking for the parents; Amos was born 2 Oct 1834 Essex Co NJ d 22 May 1878 in Eufala Barbour Co AL. ca 1852 Married Mary Adeline Caldwell. Children; Mary Alice, Francis, Charles Edward, Anna, John, Minerva Lee, and Amos. Jaunita Wilkerson 803 LaVega Waco, TX 76705
- 403  
CORY  
Mahitable Refer to page 16 No 36 vii, **CORYS OF AMERICA** I am looking for proof of the name Mahitable. My ancestor married Tobias Rykman, who married a Cory. Could be Wahuldt or Mahitable. (Old hand writing). Need names and data concerning her children.  
Mrs Lowell E Nichols 775 North Bluff Rd Greenwood, IN 46142
- 404  
COREY  
Charles Charles married Clarissa Leonard, Dau of Seth Leonard and Rebecca Smith in West Springfield, MA 28 November 1820?. Would like information on Charles ie Parents and line. Steve Allen 7911 S. Xenia Ct Englewood, CO 80112
- 405  
CORY  
Timothy Born ca 1804-1806, head of family 1820; Vermont Census, Orleans Co Derby Twp. Looking for father, could be Ebenezer Cory, Rutland Co West Haven Twp in 1810 Census  
Charles Cory Libby 1994 Iuka Ave Columbus, OH 43201.
- 406  
CORY  
Hiram D Married Harriet Riggs, both born in NY. Children Dennis Lyman b 1844, Mary, Typhena, Sylvia, Snyder and Louisa. Lyman married Celia Smith. Need family information. (this is a correction on the Editors goof). Alice Locke 4019 Valencia Ct Panama City FL 32405
- 407  
CORY  
James Enos There must be some one out there that has the family information on James Enos. He was one our foremost Cory historians. Please send me his family history from him to present for the archives. His father and my Gr Grandfather were brothers. It will save me a lot of work and travel. Editor
- 408  
BARBER  
Samuel Samuel Barber married Annè Cory, March 1719, South Kingston, Washington Co RI. He was b 8 November 1695, North Kingston. Wash Co RI. Died 8 May 1760 Westerly Wash Co RI. The only thing I have or can find on Anne is she married Sam and died July 1760. They had twelve children, no papa or mama , bound to be a descendant out there some place who has something on Anne. Have lots of request. Editor, please
- 409  
CORY  
Daniel Daniel had a son Thomas W. born 6 October 1806, Ohio. Thomas married Elizabeth Richey in Gibson Co IN. Thomas died 2 March 1849 in Fulton Co IL. Who is Daniel and his ancestors. Please help Shirley Chamlers, PO Box 2844 Estes Park, CO 80517
- 410  
CORY  
Joseph Would like the ancestors of Joseph of Voluntown CT. Born ca 1820-21 Married 8 Dec 1849 Voluntown RI to Sarah E Matson b ca1832-33 in RI. Children Joseph Henry b 23 Aug 1856, Frank b ca1876, Asa A b ca1859, Emma J b ca1867 and Bertha b ca1878.
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CORY  
Wymond Wymond was born in Statton England 4 August 1811, died 18 Feb 1859 in Tiverton, Coshocton Co OH. Married Sarah Kiger, 29 Oct 1837 at Tiverton OH. His father was Richard Cory from England. Children Richard, Elizabeth, Julia, William, Wymond and James Philip, born 18 apr 1852, he married Ervilla Allen. Would like to correspond with some one in this line. Marylou Cory Nyblod 8452 59th Ave N.E. Marysville, WA 98270
- 412  
CORY  
William William ,b March 24, 1886, died 26 Jan 1845 Married Electra Hedges 28 Feb 1809. both buried Hanover NJ, They had nine children. Where do they fit. Editor
- 413  
COREY  
John Newton John N b ca1853-59 died 15 Jan 1893, Omaha ME?. Married Eliza Jane Omens b ca1859 Omaha NE. Children Russell Lee bca1884 Omaha NE died 24 Jan 1899 Sedelia MO, Fannia May b 25 May 1892, died 24 Jun 1963 Minneapolis MN, married Henry Clay. will share Information. Geri Peterson 1240 Flicker Cr Eagan, MN 55123  
**Editor needs this information to up date the data base.**
- Don't forget that the**

Arnold, ed., *The Records of the Proprietors of Naragansett otherwise called The Fones Record* [Providence, 1894], 93-4. He died at Portsmouth, probably shortly before 9 November 1663 when his inventory was taken (original, Portsmouth Scrap Book [Office of Portsmouth town clerk], 18). Administration was given to his widow Anna 2 February 1663/4, testimony being given that before his death he had made his wife executrix of all his estate (Austin, GDRI, 167). His inventory, amounting to £252 15s 11d, was taken by William Cadman and William Hall (Portsmouth... Scrap Book, 18). Ann Roome, signing her mark, A, on 7 December 1666 deeded a share on Quononicut and Dutch Islands to Benedict Arnold (John R. Bartlet, *Records of Colony of Rhode Island*, 7 vols. [1856-62, rep. ed., New York, 1968], 1:361).

As noted above more detail, Mrs Ann Roome in 1667 deeded to William Corrie property in Bristol, England, which had been part of the estate of her late husband, John Roome. William is not called a grandson in the deed, but documents confirming it in 1669 refer Ann as his grandmother.

The inventory of Mrs. Annis Roome of Portsmouth, taken 30 August 1670 by William Cadman and William Hall, amounted to £22 4s 7d (Portsmouth Scrap Book, 18). In it, mention was made of a churn broken by Nickolis Brown and "some things in the hands of William Cory and Mr. Randall Houlden of Warwick," and land at [?Quonon]icut.

Child; surname *Corie / Correy / Cory*:

2. i John, b. perhaps ca 1605

**2. JOHN CORREY**, son of \_\_\_\_ Correy and his wife Ann, was born perhaps about 1605 in England, and may have died there before 1638, although there is the possibility that he was the John Cory indicted with George Cleere in 1643 upon suspicion of felony and ordered to appear at next Quarterly Court at Newport (Chapin, *Doc. Hist. Ri.*, 2:150). As noted above, John Roome was indicted at the same court for slanderous statements. The case of John Cory and George Cleere was referred to the next sitting of the court, which was held in December 1643 (*ibid.*), but no further record of either man has been found.

John Correy, son of widow Ann Roome, had

lived in or near Bristol, England, according to information given to William Corrie to carry with him on a voyage to England in 1669. the name of John's wife is not known, but it is likely that she died young, and that their son William was left in care of his grandmother.

Child' surname *Corrie / Correy / Cory*

William, b ca. 1635, probably in or near Bristol, England; d. at Portsmouth, R.I. 8 February 1681/2 (date from his inventory in Portsmouth Scrap Book.) 75); m. probably ca. 1657 Mary Earle, b. ca. 1640, d. at Portsmouth 22 march 1718, daughter of Ralph and Joan (Savage) Earle; she m. (2) in 1683 Joseph Timberlake. The English background of the Earle family is treated in *English Origins of New England Families*. 1st series (Baltimore, 1984), 2:635-6. In his will dated 4 January 1681/2 and proved 29 February proved 29 February 1681/82. William Cory named his wife Mary, his sons John, William, Thomas, Caleb and Roger, daughters Mercy, Ann, Mary and Joan (Portsmouth LE Book 1:150) For more information see Austin GDRI, pp 56-7.

(ed) I do believe, what I have read here is, that William of Portsmouth, was born in St. James Parish, Bristol England. His father was John Correy his mother is unknown, but he was raised by his grandparents. We do not know the name of his grand father but his grandmother was named Ann. She later married John Roome. Please note the variation in the spelling of the surname. Is it any wonder the genealogist have a hard time trying to find their ancestors.

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### WITCHCRAFT VICTIMS READMITTED

(USA TODAY MONDAY, SEP 21, 1992)

Members of the first church of Salem, Mass., voted to readmit Rebecca Nurse and Giles Cory, excommunicated in 1692 during the witchcraft hysteria. the vote by the Unitarian parish was part of the 300th anniversary of the witchcraft trials. Nurse was one of 19 hanged on witchcraft charges. Cory was killed by the pressure of stones piled on his chest. (*May they rest in Peace*)

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Biographical Society, New York NY..  
State Historical Society of Wisconsin,  
Madison WI.....  
The Everton Publishers Inc Library, Logan  
UT.....  
New Jersey State Library, Trenton  
Miller Cory House Museum, Westfield  
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The New York Public Library, New York  
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LA.....  
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Revolution Library, Washington  
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United states Daughters of 1812 Library,  
Walnut Creek CA.....  
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