

## Cory Family Society Newsletter

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## Corys gather in Southold

By Mark Hester

"Charlotte Muller was elected President and Jenny Withers was elected 1st Vice President of the Cory Family Society." he eighth annual Cory Family Society Reunion was held in Southold, Long Island on September 13, 14 and 15. The reunion head-quarters was the Ramada Inn at Riverhead. John Cory I settled in Southold, it is believed, in 1640 and came with a party headed by the Rev. John Youngs from New Haven. The first recorded mention of John Cory is 1644 as Whale Commissioner in Southampton. He later moved (back) to Southold and remained there until his death.

All the Corys began arriving at the Ramada Inn on Thursday afternoon. Cousins gathered in the lobby to visit and meet. Friday morning bright and early we gathered on our trolley to proceed to the Horton's Point Lighthouse and Museum. It was raining that morning but it didn't dampen our enthusiasm. The lighthouse was built on the original land of Barnabas Horton, a contemporary of our John Cory. We were given a tour of the museum and climbed the steep steps to the lighthouse itself.

Next stop was the First Presbyterian Church and churchyard of Southold. It was this church that the early Corys of Southold attended. The current church structure was built in 1803 and is the third church built on this site. The society was given church records relating to the Cory family and were given a tour of

the sanctuary. Some mustered enough courage to brave the rain and wander in the cemetery. The oldest Cory stone was that of David Cory, sheriff and grandson of John Cory I. Pictures were taken and off we went to Hashamomack Cemetery, where John Cory may have been buried. There are no Cory markers in the cemetery. After lunch we returned to Southold and visited the Southold Historical Society. Many of us learned that a local vineyard was selling "Corey Creek" wine. Some left for the local store to purchase the wine to bring home.

On Saturday, the trolley picked us up for a cruise on the "Peconic River Lady" at Riverhead. We had an hour and a half cruise down the Peconic River and into Gardiners Bay. Once back in Riverhead we proceeded to the Suffolk County Historical Society and Museum where we were met by Mr. Wally Broge, the curator. He gave us a description of the museum and a brief tour. Following the museum we gathered in the trolley for a tour of the Paumanok Vineyards. We were supplied a lunch and a wine tasting tour. Our last stop of the day was at Palmar Vinyards for another wine tasting tour. We returned "happily" that day back at the Ramada Inn.

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It's time to renew your membership to the Cory Family Society. Please submit your \$10 dues by January 1st.

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Cory Family Society

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The Cory Family Newsletter is a quarterly publication sponsored by the Cory Family Society for the Surname Cory, Corey, Coray, Corie, Etc.

Annual membership dues are \$10.00 per family, payable to Cory Family Society, c/o Maxine Hester at the address noted above.

I or the many Cory Family Society
(CFS) members who have not met
me personally or through correspondence, I'm descended from William
of Portsmouth, RI and his son Thomas
Cory of Tiverton, RI and have been involved in genealogy for about twenty
years. My family consists of six children,
six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Since the death of my husband
last year, my wonderful children have
been making a concentrated effort to keep
me busy. Sometimes too busy!

When Mark Hester asked me to take over the presidency, I gave some thought as to how the newsletter could communicate more effectively with our members. Fortunately for me, Linda Hester is already ahead of me. Linda will be assembling a file of contributions of all sorts and sizes from our cousins out there for future issues so that we can have a balanced and informative newsletter. We hope you like the new results and want to let you know all suggestions are welcome.

During our enjoyable tour of Southold in September, several of us were able to sneak in some Cory/Corey research and this data will be shared through the newsnewsletter.

## President's

After our Sunday Reunion Banquet, Jenny Withers
was voted First Vice
President. Jenny has been a
CFS member for many years
and is currently researching the
origins of her ancestor, John Cory of
Southold, Long Island. We welcome her
to the Board. The other board members
have remained, and I look forward to
working with them in the future.

Following elections I made two suggestions: 1) that Mark Hester remain on the Board, to which he agreed, and 2) a request for a change in the CFS by-laws to include the editor of our newsletter on our Board. Dorothy Rout, Second Vice President and one of the founding members agreed to prepare and present the proposed amendment for a vote at the reunion next year.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, look for your newsletters in February, May, August, and November of next year.

Charlotte Muller

## Southold

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On Sunday we returned to the First Presbyterian Church at Southold for church services. We were recognized and welcomed to the church. On the return to the Ramada Inn we drove to Corey Creek near Southold for pictures. We made it back to the Ramada Inn just in time for the banquet.

At our annual business meeting we voted to donate \$100 for the restoration of St. Peter's Church in Bramerton, Norwich, England. Many Corys are buried within its walls that once occupied Bramerton Hall. Elections were held for the offices of President and 1st Vice President. Charlotte Muller was elected President and Jenny Withers

was elected 1st Vice President of the Cory Family Society.

Dorothy Rout presented a special tribute to outgoing president Mark Hester. A plaque was presented to Mark with special thanks for his service during the last 10 years. The members voted to give Mark a lifetime membership. Mark expressed his gratitude and indicated the last 10 years had been a labor of love. He wished Charlotte and Jenny the very best and knew they would do an outstanding job in their offices.

It was voted to hold the 1997 reunion in Colorado. Arthur and Vera Corey will be the hosts. It was voted unanimously by all to dedicate this reunion weekend to the memory of Helen Cory Mercier (see Obituary on page 3).



## Helen Cory Mercier

January 30, 1914— June 8, 1996

elen was the daughter of Albert Cory and Maude (Wilson). Albert was descended from John Cory I who was born in England ca. 1611 and died in Southold, Long Island in 1685. Helen made the original arrangements for the Cory Family Society to celebrate its reunion this year at Southold, and was looking forward to attending.

Born and educated in Brooklyn, NY, Helen was employed as a secretary by

> the Bell Telephone Laboratories in New York City. She was later transferred to the New Jersey offices of AT&T and moved to East Orange, NJ.

She was widowed in the late 1950's from her marriage to Horace Camp, a coworker at

AT&T. They never had any children of their own; however, all of her life Helen found herself surrogate parent to nieces, nephews, Sunday School students, and more recently, elementary school students near her home in Arizona. She provided enrichment to

youngsters of all races and creeds. She encouraged them from early youth into adulthood.

On March 25, 1960, Helen married Harvey Octave Mercier, who was an engineer with Nabisco, and who was widowed at approximately the same time as she. They subsequently moved from East Orange, NJ, to Liberty Corner, NJ, where they lived until they were both retired. Harvey's brother, Ed, encouraged them to move to Green Valley, Arizona during their retirement, and they spent their last years there. They celebrated their 25th anniversary there before Harvey passed away on June 25, 1987. It was during her retirement that Helen took up genealogy and put together the missing links of the Cory chain from John I. She had located sufficient records during her working years to become a member of the D.A.R., and the work fascinated her. She spent countless hours assisting others with their genealogy.

Helen will be dearly missed by those of us for whom she set a shining example.

"She spent countless hours assisting others with their genealogy. Helen will be dearly missed..."

It's time once again to renew your Cory Family Society Membership. Membership payments are due January 1st. Dues are only \$10.00 per family. Please send this form and your check, payable to Cory Family Society to:

Maxine Hester

1123 N. Cambrian, Bremerton, Washington 98310.

RENEW YOUR 1997 MEMBERSHIP	
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By Dorothy Rout 2nd Vice President Cory Family Society

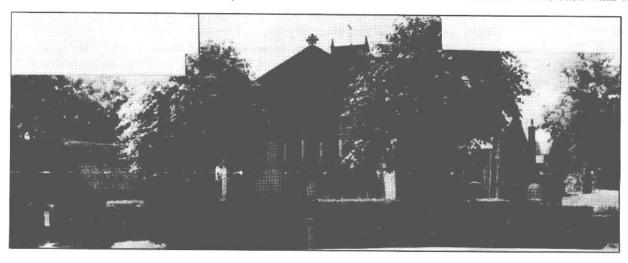
# St. Peter's Church, Bramerton England Needs our Help!

ord has been received from Mr. H.B. Blake of Bramerton, En gland, that St. Peter's Church is badly in need of repairs. He is head of the Fabric Fund which translates to us as a restoration project.

Mr. Blake writes that this "church has been in constant use for divine worship to this day." sicknefse above 4 yeares continuouce wch he endured with much pacience dyed the 17th day of August A hlni 1629 and in the 56 years of his age, leaving behinde him a second wife and six sonnes and two daughters which hee had by his first wife."

Another feature of the church is a low "window" in the back walk where long.





St. Peter's Church, Bramerton England

"To see such history

disappear is

unthinkable."

The Corys certainly can be witnesses to the phrase, "constant use."
There are Corys buried under the church floor and also in the cemetery adjacent to the building.

My husband Chuck and I visited Bramerton Hall over 10 years ago. This Cory home and St. Peter's are within walking distance of one another. We were in Bramerton for an international Cory Reunion and we all worshipped together on a Sunday morning at St. Peter's.

How does one explain the feeling of wonder and awe when a plaque dedicated to Robert Cory hangs near the altar? It reads:

"Here lyeth interred the body of Robert Cory who after a longe and tedious To see such history disappear is unthinkable.

Today, the small Anglican congregation is seeking our financial aid for the task ahead. Three ways we can help are to:
1) send a donation, 2) buy a photo of Bramerton Hall, or 3) do both — send a donation *and* purchase a photo of Bramerton Hall.

## Send a Donation.

The rate of exchange, which usually varies slightly from day to day, is <u>approximately</u> £1=\$1.60. Therefore £6.24=\$10.00, £12.50=\$12.00, ... £62.40 = \$100.00, etc.

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# Early history of Southold, Suffolk Co., Long Island<sup>1</sup>

"All early Southold records dating from 1639 to 1651 were lost."

hroughout England the sixteenth century was a time of fierce struggles between the old Romanism (Catholicism) and the new Protestism. In England, King Henry VIII abolished the Catholic Church to form the Church of England (Episcopal) with himself as head. This religion was continued by his daughter, Queen Elizabeth I. The reign of Elizabeth I was followed by that of the Stuart Kings; James I, Charles I and Charles II who were Catholic and made bitter war on all nonconforming religious groups. After more than one hundred years of religious upheaval there were many small groups,

> each with its own minister who sought to emigrate to the colonies. Rev. John Younges and his followers was one of these groups.

A record dated, England May 11, 1637 states "John Younges of St. Margritts, Suffold, minister, 35, Joan his wife, 34, with six children are desirous to pass for Salem in New En-

gland, to inhabit. This man was forbyden passage by the commissioners and went not from Yarmouth." Rev. Younges appeared in Salem, New England several weeks later, was received as an inhabitant and granted land in Salem, MA. Rev. Younges probably came to New England with his brother, Capt. Joseph Younges in his ship "Love," who sailed between London and Salem. John and Joseph were sons of the Rev. Christopher Younges, Vicar of St. Edmunds Church in Southwold, Suffolk,

England, parish of Reydon from 1611 until his death in 1626.

Rev. Younges did not remain in Salem, MA, but went south to New Haven, Ct., and then across to the eastern end of Long Island. Prior to 1638, this area of Long Island was called Yennecott by the Corchog Indians. Present day Main Road follows their trails thru heavily forested areas from their principal encampment in Cutchogue to the eastern end of the Island. Remains of the Indian villages are still to be found today in Cutchogue. There Rev. Younges found thick forests, level meadows for planting, salt hay to feed livestock, sheltered deep water creeks for their ships, good fishing and the friendly Cutchogue Indians. The land at Yennecott was purchased through James Ferrett, the land agent for the Earl of Sterling who in turn was appointed Overlordship of all Long Island by King James of England. On Oct. 24, 1640 Rev. Younges and the settlers were ready to move onto their new land.

### **Early Records**

All early records dating from 1639 to 1651 were lost. Consequently the identities of those first settlers are not known. In addition to the Younges family the list of *probable* first families is *thought* to have been Barnabas Horton, Thomas Moore, William Wells, Matthais Corwin, John Budd, Peter Hallock, Richard Terry, John Corey, Barnabas Wines and Tom Benedict. In 1651, a record was

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## **History of Southold**

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"Government was a simple form of democracy. Every male voter had to attend town meetings or be fined." made of all the inhabitants with their home lots and accurate records have been kept ever since. In 1660, there were at least sixty families. Many of Southold's early settlers came from Suffolk and Norfolk Counties (East Anglia) in England.

Soon the first house of Worship was built on the ground where the Founders Monument now stands and was probably a simple log house with a dirt floor, no heat and rough benches. Forty years later the second church with a larger meeting house was built on the north side of Main Street across from the present Southold Presbyterian Church constructed in 1803. Next to the church is the Old Burying Ground, also called God's Acre.

The rich meadow land made for easy planting and before long surplus wheat, oats, barley and corn were being shipped to the West Indies along with salt pork, beef and apples while furs and leather were shipped to England.

Capt. Joseph Younges, along with his ship was an early settler. With the deep water Town Creek providing a good sheltered harbor, wharves were soon built followed by a ship yard. Other skilled craftsmen joined the growing settlement.

Southampton, settled in 1640, was the

only other settlement on Long Island but was difficult to reach from the settlement at Southold. Southold was a part of New Haven, CT. The settlers went to New Haven to conduct their business affairs.

The women had few opportunities to socialize except for church. The life was hard and many women died young. Frequent epidemics of communicable diseases took a heavy toll on young children. By 1690 few of the Cutchogue Indians survived diseases for which they had no immunity.

Government was a simple form of democracy. Every male voter had to attend town meetings or be fined. Rev. Younges' son, Col. John Younges, and his grandson were the town recorders (clerks). The recorder kept records of wills, conveyances (deeds) town meetings and the town court where minor civil and criminal cases were settled. More serious charges were tried in Hartford, Ct.

To the Rev. John Younges goes the credit for selecting a good location, his choice of families, his administrative ability, all in addition to his duties as their pastor. There is no doubt that these early settlers were moral, religious, hard-working, prudent and unselfishly devoted to the needs of their settlement.

Charlotte Muller

## **Queries**

Sally Ann Cory m Addison Thompson 15 Dec 1844 in Ross Co., OH. Moved to Henry Co. IN. Sally Ann, (8) is descended from Noah, Nathan, Joseph, Elnathan, John (3,2,1). Mr. Douglas Foster seeks more information on this family.

Edward F. Corey

Born ca 1828, settled Macoupin, in Southwestern Illinois. Janice McKee is looking for any information on the ancestors of Edward.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This article was condensed from a speech given by Kathy Gross at the Southold, Long Island Presbyterian Church. She lists her source as the Rev. Epher Whitaker D.D., minister of the church from 1851 until 1891. Rev. Whitaker researched and wrote the History of Southold's First Century. I have made no attempt to check any of the facts.

## **Bramerton Hall**

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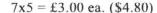
## Purchase a photo of Bramerton Hall

The painting was completed in the early 1800's with the Cory oak in front of the house and a gentleman sitting under another tree on a grassy area further down to the left. The fellow is joined

David Colkett. The photo of the drawing is really stunning!

The sizes available to choose from are as follows, along with the <u>approximate</u> exchange rate of £1=\$1.60

Size (inches)



$$8.x6 = £3.50$$
 ea. (\$5.60)

$$10x8 = £4.50 ea. ($7.20)$$

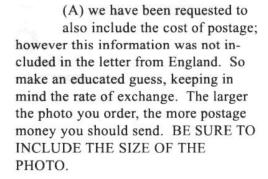
$$12x10 = £8.00$$
 ea. (\$12.80)

$$20x16 = £20.00 ea. ($32.00)$$



Of course the best idea is to send a donation and order a photo. That is a WIN-WIN situation for everyone.

Here are instructions on how to accomplish all of this:



- (B) Go to a bank and order a bank draft in pounds. The bank will probably charge a fee for this service. The bank draft should be made out to: "St. Peter's Bramerton. Fabric Fund"
- (C) Mail the bank draft and state the size of the photo, if you desire to order one, and fill out the form on page 8.

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Bramerton Hall

by sheep and cattle in a restful mood. A huge shade tree to the lower right helps frame the lightly colored home which appears in the center of the canvas. Bramerton Hall is shown in its state of change. The older left half (Cory house) has a sharp rising scalloped roof while the newer connected right half (Blake's new section, stage 1) is square and plain. The architectural differences are prominent and really tweaks one's interest. The Cory part was torn down in 1867.

You will need to decide if you wish an unmounted color photo of an early view of Bramerton Hall taken of an original oil painting done in the Horwich School style by artist Samuel

## **Bramerton Hall**

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Thank you for considering helping with this cause.

## Now a bit of geography.

The town of Bramerton is about 220 miles Northeast of London and located in East Anglia. It is near the marshes and fens which head down toward Great Yarmouth on the coast of the North Sea.

If you are a long-time fan of the "Prince Valiant" comic strip, you are familiar with fens. Those are the low watery places where a boat is needed to go amongst the reeds and miniature hillocks.

The nearest "big" town to Bramerton is Norwich, 5 miles away. It is famous for its Norman fortress built by William The Conqueror (after his victory in 1066), market place, and the cathedral.

It is of interest to note that in the history of the Southold Presbyterian Church, Long Island (where this year's Cory Family Society reunion group worshipped on Sunday, September 15) the author talks about the early settlers buried in the church cemetery. "Here also is William Wells, Gent. Came from Norwich in Norfolk Shire where his father was Prependiary for the Norwich Cathedral."

I wonder if the Wells and Corys families knew one another back in England. Coincidence? The access to the land, water and sailing industry offered by Southold, Long Island, reminds me of the farms and the Broads (marshes) near Bramerton — also the availability of the port city of Great Yarmouth, the sea and the shipping lanes. Maybe several families were looking for similar territory that they were accustomed to in England.

St. Peters, Fabric Fund, Bramerton England H.D. Blake, Hall Farm, Bramerton, N414 7DN, En	gland
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## **Queries**

**Jacob Cory m Anna Ball** 

Born ca 1742 d/o Caleb Jr. & Sarah (Wallace) Ball. Looking for the parents of Jacob. Estelene Lapinski, 12006 SW 270th St., Kent, Washington, 98031-7838.

Martin Van Buren Corey

Born ca 1854, MI, s/o William & Betsey Corey. Looking for proof that Martin is the s/o William & Betsey (Cranston) Cory who came to MI from Marion, Wayne CO, NY. Janice Johnson, 4050 Sashabaw Rd, Waterford, MI 48329. Email: janjsn@aol.com.

Desire Cory m Timothy Meeker

Still the greatest unsolved mystery in our CFS files. Mr. D. Michael Iradi of NJ requested information on the parents of Desire.

Of interest to those who descended from this line — Kathy Kirkpatrick Soffell has published <u>Timothy Meeker & Desire Cory and Their Descendants</u>. She may be contacted by writing *Kirkpatrick's*, 640 N. Maine, #2241, North Salt Lake, UT 84054. Phone: (801) 292-5770, Fax: (801) 292-5912.

NOTE: Please send your queries or findings to Charlotte Muller unless an address is specifically given.

#### PRELIMINARY PLANS

## Reunion '97 in Colorado

Place:

Best Western Rio Grande Inn, Durango, Colorado Date:

August 15-17, 1997

"We want this year's reunion to be an event the whole

family can enjoy."

Arthur and Vera Corey of Fort Collins, CO, are our hosts for the 1997 Cory Family Society and have begun planning some exciting activities. Colorado is not noted for any large settlement of the Cory/Corey family so there are slim pickings for researchers (but has that ever stopped us from discussing our ancestry?)

We want this year's reunion to be an event the whole family can enjoy (both young and old). Bring your family and enjoy a vacation in the Rockies. Here is a sampling of what we have to look forward to. Remember, this is just a preliminary, and not a final, so there may be some changes ahead.

## Friday, August 15th

Day long guided bus tour of Anasazi archeological sites at Mesa Verde National Park. Tour includes box lunch at Mesa Verde. Park is 36 miles from Inn. The charge including the box lunch will be \$45/person.

## Saturday, August 16th

Journey to Silverton on narrow gauge railroad. This is a historical railroad using coaches built in 1880. The route traverses some of the most spectacular scenery in North America. We depart Durango at 8:30 AM and arrive Silverton at 11:55 AM. We depart Silverton at 2:00 PM and arrive Durango at 5:25 PM. The train station is one block from our Inn, and the round trip is about 90 miles.

There will be time for lunch in Silverton as well as for a walking tour of this picturesque mining town. The train ticket is \$42.70 and does not include lunch. Children under 12 are half price - no charge for children not occupying a separate seat on coach.

## Sunday, August 17th

Banquet and meeting at the Best Western Rio Grande Inn. Dinners will be approximately \$26.00.

## Transportation

Durango may be reached most conveniently by car or air. The trip by car can be very interesting as the route from any direction passes through spectacular scenery.

The easiest access to Durango is by air to the La Plata County Airport, 18 miles from Durango, where free transportation to the Best Western Rio Grande Inn can be arranged. Flights to the local airport can be obtained from Denver, Colorado Springs, Dallas, Phoenix, Los Angeles, Las Vegas, or Albuquerque. Bus transportation to Durango is available, but is extremely time-consuming, as the route from any direction is circuitous with many stops.

## **Accommodations**

Rooms at the Best Western Rio Grande Inn are deluxe. Suites are available that hold 4 to 6 people, 36 of which are equipped with a small refrigerator and microwave oven. The location is ideal—near good restaurants and other places of interest along Main street, most of which can be reached by a free trolley that runs every 30 minutes. Transportation to and from the La Plata County Airport is included in the room

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## Reunion 97 In Colorado

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This is your newsletter.

Please send any items you would like to see in the newsletter. Deadline for the next newsletter is January 15th, 1997

charges, as is a deluxe continental breakfast.

## Charges

\$115/day for a couple + tax

\$135/day for a suite (2 bedrooms & living room) + tax + \$10 for roll away if needed.

### **Alternative Activities**

There are other interesting activities that may appeal to those who might find the trip to Silverton on the narrow gauge railroad tiring (or alarming). Silverton is at an elevation of 9,500 feet, and the route passes through narrow gorges with shear drops of several thousand feet at the side of the track in places. There may be a problem for those sensitive to heights. One can arrange a guided walking and trolley tour, including a western museum, factory outlet stores, and western art galleries.

This is an excellent family oriented reunion. We encourage you to bring your whole family for fun and excitement on this great weekend reunion in Colorado.

## OOOOPS! Get out your erasers!

Descendants of John Corey, son of William Cory of Portsmouth R.I., we have a correction for you. NORTH KINGSTON is the wrong town! It should be NORTH KINGSTOWN, Washington Co, R.I.



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