

# Cory Family Society Newsletter

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## Looking for Fred Corey in all the right places

Fred Cory was a nice, quiet, polite old man who spent his final years in Sturgis, MI rooming with Elvie and Velma Miller and their son, Maurice. Before he retired Fred owned a shoe repair shop in Howe, IN just south of the Michigan-Indiana border. He loved a good cigar and often talked about playing on the Nine Spots baseball team. Fred Cory never mentioned a family, wife or children and he never had visitors. When Fred Cory died around 1936, the Millers found a family bible among his personal effects, although there was no Fred Cory mentioned there.

Last fall I received a telephone call from the wife of Maurice Miller wanting to know if I had any information on Fred's family. Maurice was about ten years old when Fred died and now nearly sixty years later they still have Fred's bible and wanted to know about Fred's family.

The Miller family are the really extraordinary people in this story. Imagine keeping Fred Cory's bible all these years!

The bible contained many Upson names ending with Jessie Upson (b CT) married Mary Dayton; Samuel Cory s/o Benjamin Cory of Westfield, Essex Co, N.J. married Mary Dayton Upson and had a son named Dayton S Cory. The following data on this family, who lived in Peru, La Grange County, IN comes from the records of James Enos Cory.

**Samuel**<sup>7</sup> (Benjamin<sup>6</sup>, Jonathon<sup>5</sup>, Joseph<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3,2,1</sup>.)

marriage #1 Elizabeth Frazie, ch Emilene, James M, Frances Maria

marriage #2 Phebe (Lyon) Moger, ch **Benjamin Joseph**

marriage #3 Mary (Dayton) Upson, ch Dayton Samuel Cory

**Benjamin Joseph**<sup>8</sup> m Frances E Clark, ch Ida Estella, **Frederick** (b 17 Dec 1862), Charles Henry.

The 1850 Census list two of Samuel's brothers, Christopher & James M also living in Lima, Indiana. James Manning was a physician whose four children moved to San Jose, CA after 1850 and Christopher, a Presbyterian minister remained in the Lima & Sturgis, MI area. Rev. Christopher and a Rev. W. Cory of Lima, IN are mentioned in the Sturgis history as Pastors of the Presbyterian Church. William Cory, s/o Christopher is said to have died 1907 in Sturgis. We have no information on the brother and sister of Fred Cory. Although he did have relatives that lived in the Sturgis area, it is possible he may have been the last of his family.

## Reunion '97 at Durango, Colorado

Reservations can still be made at the Best Western Rio Grand Inn (800) 245-4466. Mention the Corey Family Society block #1045 for our group reservation. For additional information, see page 5.

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## President's Corner

Linda Hester has asked to be replaced as Editor of the Cory Family Newsletter at the end of this year (December, 1997). If you have a computer with desktop publishing software and can spare some time once every three months please write for more details. We consider our newsletter a most important function of the CFS. The research and writing are done by others and the costs are covered by our treasury.

After an exhaustive search our CFS genealogist reports that she has been unable to find any Corys buried in the centuries old Anasazi Cliff Dwellings near Durango, CO. Instead, she has "dug up" facts on our two vice-presidents, Jenny Withers and Dorothy Rout.

### Jenny Withers<sup>11</sup>, First Vice President

Jenny (Cory) Withers, wife of Carl Withers has three children and two grandchildren. She has been active in genealogy since 1974 and joined the CFS in 1988 or 1989. She is descended from John V<sup>10</sup>, Charles C<sup>9</sup>, John L<sup>8</sup>, Ira T<sup>7</sup>, Daniel<sup>6</sup>, Jeremiah<sup>5</sup>, Elnathan<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3,2,1</sup>. Jenny belongs to the following organizations: Ohio Genealogical Society, First Families of Cincinnati, past regent of the Moses Cleaveland chapter of the Ohio DAR, registrar of the Colonial Dames, and recording secretary of Daughters of American Colonists.

### Dorothy Rout<sup>10</sup>, Second Vice President

Dorothy Jean Wurster, wife of Charles Rout, has two children and five grandchildren. Her line is Virginia Ruth<sup>9</sup>, Joseph B<sup>8</sup>, Israel<sup>7</sup>, Nathan<sup>6</sup>, Joseph<sup>5</sup>, Elnathan<sup>4</sup>, and John<sup>3,2,1</sup>. As the niece of Harry Harmon Cory, noted genealogist, compiler and publisher of two Cory Family genealogies, she first became interested in genealogy at age sixteen. She is a Life Member of the Ohio Genealogical Society, Founding member of the Cory Family Society, member of the Nathaniel Massey Chapter of the Ohio DAR. In 1971 she published The Wurster Family, Chillicothe, Ohio, the story and history of her father, George Thomas Wurster and branches of the Aid and Barrett families, two related families. This book covers years from 1819 to the present.

### How Many Kids?

The distinction of the largest Cory family living in one household from the 1850 census goes to Rufus and Sally Jane Cory of Jessup Township, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania. Fifteen children were reported, nine girls and six boys aged 5 to 23, all born in Pennsylvania.

### Family News

#### Deaths

Ms. Olga Swift, of Lake Isabelle, California, passed away recently. She traces her family to the Pasquotank County, N.C. family of Benjamin<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3,2,1</sup> but was never able to find the proof.

*Our next issue will feature an update on the Sag Harbor Pitcher.*

# History



## St. James Church of Bristol, England

**William Cory of Portsmouth,  
R.I. baptized 21, May 1634.**

St. James Church of Bristol, England was constructed in the twelfth century by the Benedictine Order following the Norman conquest of England by William the Conqueror. The light cream colored stone used in building the first section was brought from France and built in the Norman style of architecture identified by the rounded arches of the doors and windows. By the late twelfth century, builders began using the traditional Gothic style architecture with pointed arches and gray stone. The interior structure of the church remains virtually unchanged. With light provided by windows on all four sides the sanctuary was bathed in a soft glow the morning I was there.

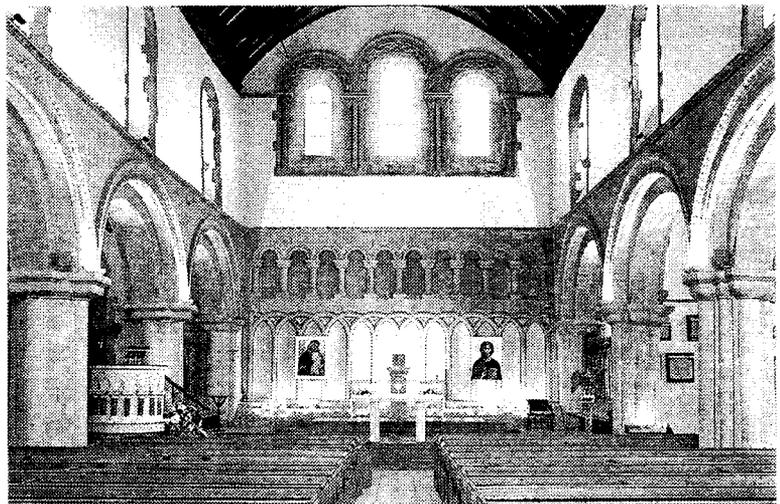
Between 1536-1540, King Henry VIII dissolved all the Catholic Religious Orders and ordered church records, books, and artifacts destroyed. The original churches and monasteries had an additional section beyond the altar called the choir (or quire) used by monks or priests. These were also ordered destroyed. The priest of St. James removed by the order of Henry VIII promptly renounced Catholicism, joined the new church of England (Episcopal) and after several years returned to lead his old congregation at St James. The choir removed at that time has never been rebuilt.

Some years ago St. James closed its doors, suffering the same fate as many other inner city churches. Parishioners died or moved away and the church grounds became the hangout for the homeless, and drug or alcohol addicted. "The Little Brothers of Nazareth," a monastic order with connections to a Cistercian Abbey, have taken over the Church and in addition to traditional services have taken on the mission to serve the needs of the homeless and needy.

Two new buildings are in the planning stage: a drop-in-center and a rehab hostel for drug and alcohol addicts. Bristol city law requires archaeological excavations beneath proposed new construction before issuing building permits. Both sites contain twelfth century cemeteries and the foundations of numerous buildings torn down, some centuries ago. The graves go down at least six feet with bodies buried one on top of another. Before burial the deceased were first wrapped in cloth or a shroud with a hole cut out over the face to allow the spirit to escape. The average height for men was approx 5'8" or 9" and six footers were not uncommon. Many skulls have been found with a perfect set of teeth.

The church is now known as St. James Priory, Haymarket St, Bristol, England. The prior is Brother John. The inner-city bus depot is a few hundred feet down the street from the narrow entrance to the church.

**Note:** Historical data provided by Brother John and archaeological data provided by one of the men digging at the site during May, 1995.



# Genealogy

## John Corey<sup>3</sup> (John<sup>2</sup>, Wm<sup>1</sup>) m #1 Mary Evans, m #2 Elizabeth

While no conclusive proof has been found, there is sufficient evidence to suggest that John<sup>3</sup> (John<sup>2</sup>, Wm<sup>1</sup>) first married Mary Evans, had at least one child and his second wife was Elizabeth (surname unknown).

About six years ago I began receiving charts of this John with Mary Evans as his first wife, but finding creditable proof has been almost impossible. I first found this data on charts submitted by Jeanne Orchard to the Mormon church around 1960. The chart for John<sup>3</sup> listed the following sources "FR.I.9 Vol 50, p78, 83, 89". To date I have been unable to identify this source but I did find the information in the Louise Prosser Bates records found in the Rhode Island Historical Society Library (121 Hope St, Providence, R.I. 02906). However I found much of the data in the Orchard papers not consistent with work of any other recognized genealogist. Libby Beaumont checked with the staff of the R.I. Historical Society Library, and their opinion was that the Bates collection was very creditable, although there were some errors. This collection has been completely indexed and the material on films.

Edwin Francis Corey included the following note in his unpublished handwritten genealogy of William Cory of Portsmouth, R.I. compiled before 1918. "The court house of North Kingstown was destroyed by fire several years ago together with some of the records contained therein and portions of those records preserved were badly damaged and are in many places illegible which accounts for the blank spaces in the foregoing abstract". There was a second fire sometime during the 1920's and I do not know if any

portion of this record survived. It is clear that, according to the following excerpt, there was a wife and one child who at some point left John. Please note that the date, the name of John's wife and the name of the child are missing. Mr Edwin Corey had inserted '(1719-1722)' after 'Nov 17' in the second line.

*"Whereas, John Corey of Kingstown appeared Town Council of sd Town the 14th day of Nov 17- of a summons from the Henl the Gov ... bare 10th day of this Instant c to answer to such as shall be objected against him relating to and maintaining of his wife &c. and whereas John Corey appeared & Capt Henry Bull on behalf of the Said Corey's wife, after debate the said Corey & Bull did agree that the said ... allow wife (from the last time she went to Newport until of March next ensuing) seven Shillings per ... to Toward her and chylde maintanance and Cory doth also promise that if he hath any custody belonging to either his wife or child that he will deliver them to any person his wife & child"*

## Queries

Descendants of the James Manning Cory family who settled in San Jose, CA after 1850. ch. #1 - Dr. Benjamin Cory, physician & member of first California State Legislature, (9ch). Ch #2 - Adeline Cory m Rev John Scott, (5ch). Ch #3 James M Cory, Jr, (5ch). Ch #4 Dr. Andrew Jackson Cory (2ch). Charlotte Muller would like to hear from you! 30001 Northbrook, Farmington Hills, MI, 48334.

Chuck Rhodes, RR 2, Box 2906, Brush Creek Rd, California, MO 65018 is looking for the parents of Jackson Corey, b ca 1825, N.Y. (1850 Census, Crawford Co, PA). Ch Clarissa, Mary J, Caroline (Carrie) & Burlin. May be related to a Rufus Corey b ca 1773, N.Y. living in the same town.

Mary Hitchcock of 2345 Coach House Dr., Brookfield WI, 53045 would like to correspond with descendants of Thomas & Naomi (Cory) Hitchcock and Francis McQuire & Isabelle (Hitchcock) Cory.

Would the person who submitted (to Al Cory) the data on Sarah Cory<sup>3</sup>, d/o Roger Cory of Tiverton, R.I. who married David Matteson please contact Charlotte Muller, 30001 Northbrook, Farmington Hills, MI 48334.

# 1997 Cory Family Society Reunion

## TRANSPORTATION:

Flights into the La Plata County Airport (Durango) can be made from Denver (DIA), Colorado Springs, Dallas, Phoenix, Los Angeles, Los Vegas, or Albuquerque, N.M.

Transportation from the airport to the Best Western Rio Grand Inn is FREE. Call the Inn BEFORE you plan to arrive and a car will be sent for you. Phone: 1-800-245 4466.

For transportation around town, use the free trolley which passes about every thirty minutes.

Best Western Inn offers a free deluxe continental breakfast each morning and two free cocktails each evening to its guests.

## EVENT SCHEDULE:

### FRIDAY, AUG 15

Day long guided bus tour of the Anasazi archeological sites at Mesa Verde National Park. Box lunch & gratuity included.

### SATURDAY, AUG 16

We will board the 8:30 Durango-Silverton Narrow Gauge Train, arrive Silverton 11:55 A.M. Depart Silverton 2:00 P.M. arriving back at Durango 5:25 P.M. Lunch not included. We must reserve & pay for our tickets thirty days in advance. Unused tickets will be refunded minus \$10.00. Tickets are \$42.70 for adults and \$21.45 for children.

### SUNDAY, AUG 17 at 1:00 P.M. Banquet and Annual Meeting

Dinner will be served buffet style. The menu will include salad, sauted Chicken breast with walnuts or pork tenderloin roasted with herbs, rice pilaf, vegetable medley, cake & coffee or tea. Please note any special dietary needs on your application and we will make an effort to have them fulfilled.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending \_\_\_\_\_

#### FRIDAY, August 15: Tour to Mesa Verde National Park @ \$45.00/person

# Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ Total cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### SATURDAY, August 16: Durango-Silverton Train @ \$42.70/adult or \$21.45/child

# Tickets \_\_\_\_\_ # Adults \_\_\_\_\_ # Children \_\_\_\_\_ Total cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### SUNDAY, August 17: Banquet & Annual Meeting @ \$25.00/person

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_ Total cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed registration form & check payable to *Arthur Corey*, 1309 Kirkwood Dr. #601, Fort Collins, CO 80525-1981

Membership dues are only \$10.00 per family. Please send this form and your check, payable to Cory Family Society to:

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