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REUNION
JUNE 26, 27, 28
Pacific Grove, California at the
Lighthouse Lodge

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FOR RESERVATIONS:

Phone (800) 858-1249, ext 513 mention the Cory Family Society account #2085 single room in the old historic section - \$79, single - \$129, double - \$139

Now is the time to make your reservations. Come meet your CORY COUSINS and board members, share stories, genealogy, hints for researching and visit a desirable vacation spot. You will also meet some wonderful people including our hosts, Claude & Phyllis Cory. We hope to see many of our loyal California members who have been unable to attend the reunions before.

The Best Western Lighthouse Lodge is located one block from the Pacific Ocean at the corner of Lighthouse Ave. and Asilomar Blvd. Included in the room price: a complimentary continental breakfast, social hour 4:30pm - 6:00pm and weather permitting an outdoor barbecue cookout.

Pacific Grove was first settled in 1775 as a Methodist Camp Meeting Ground complete with muddy tent sites. These were replaced with Cottages and later many magnificent Victorian mansions were built. In 1879 Pacific Grove was designated as the second Chautauqua Center in the United States. Just what was the Chautauqua Movement? My guess is that we will find out in June. You will have the opportunity to attend services at the First United Methodist Church.

The climate is moderate with chilly nights so bring a jacket or sweater and slacks might be more comfortable than shorts.

United or American Eagle airlines have flights into the Monterey Peninsula Airport from the San Francisco Airport. A Taxi from the airport should cost about \$5.00 - \$7.00.

On Friday we will have a group reservation for the world famous Monterey aquarium which will be open from 9:30am until 6:00pm. All day bus ticket tickets for the local shuttle bus will be provided. Near the aquarium is the American Tin Cannery, now housing approximately fifty outlet stores.

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The *Cory Family Society 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.

PRESIDENTS CORNER:

My apologies for these two late newsletters. Just as we were getting the SNAFU'S and computer bugs worked out, Mimi's husband had a heart attack and everything was put on the back burner. He is recovering rapidly and is back to work, the holidays are over and the Cory newsletter is now back on track.

Pacific Grove does not book groups during the months of July or August. We had a choice of June or September, so we chose June.

We have had numerous requests to provide a membership list for our members. At the 1997 reunion it was voted to compile such a list and make it available to members only. There are two questions on our membership form for this purpose. One to give permission to include your name and the other for you to indicate whether you wish to receive a copy of the membership list.

Some of our members had already paid their 1998 , membership dues in 1997. Check your address label on this newsletter for the date in the upper left hand corner. "98" indicates that your membership has been paid for 1998. However I would appreciate your filling out the form with the questions for the membership list answered.

"Bachelor Bess" and the family of Elizabeth Florence Corey will be featured in our February issue.

Word has been received of the death of Edna (Cory) Snell 98, of Tiverton, Rhode Island, on December 24, 1997.

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Saturday we leave by bus for a visit to the redwood forests, a trip by a narrow gage train up into the Santa Cruz mountains, a short easy hike through the redwoods. For lunch a chuckwagon barbecue is planned.

Sunday morning no specific plans have been made. We will have our annual banquet at 1:00pm with our meeting afterwards.

The registration form for the planned activities will be in the February newsletter.

For you golfers out there who have always dreamed of playing Pebble Beach, this may be your chance. These are the Pebble Beach Golf Courses:

Spyglass Golf	(408) 625-8563	\$175/220
Poppy Hill Golf Course	(408) 625-2035	\$45/105
The Links at Spanish Bay	(408) 647-7495	\$50/185
Pebble Beach golf Links	(408) 625-8518	\$225/295

1997 REVIEWING OUR CORY ORIGINS IN ENGLAND

No trace of our **THOMAS CORY** of Chelmsford, MA has been found in England, not even a suspicion. The problem is that we have no information as to his date or place of birth or the names of his parents.

The baptism record of **WILLIAM CORY** of Portsmouth, Rhode Island has been found in the records of St James Church in Bristol, England, along with his father John's baptism and his paternal grandparents John and Ann (Wauker) Cory marriage record. The Cory name is found in Bristol records dating back to the fourteenth century.

However two of our most fervently held theories have recently been disproved. First, the **ROBERT CORIE** of Bramerton Hall, Norfolk IS NOT connected to the Scottish Robert de Corrie family. Old records compiled by Peter le Neve, Norrey Kings at arms and proved in Chancery (court) about 1745 state that Robert Corrie immigrated from Cornwall in 1398. No English Cory family has been found to have descended from the Scottish Robert de Corrie line. No American Cory has been found to have descended from the Bramerton Hall Cory family.

Second, it has been a long held belief that **JOHN CORY (COREY)** of Southold, NY was descended from the Bramerton Hall Cory family. The Peter le Neve records eliminate all possibilities of this relationship. There are several other possible lines but to date no proof as to the names of John's parents has been found.

GILES CORY was baptized 19 Aug 1621 in St Sepulcher's Church in Northampton, England, the oldest of four children of Giles and Elizabeth Cory.

Giles probably arrived in Massachusetts between 1640 and 1644. His name appears as a witness in a court case on 11 Jul 1644 while he was employed as a farm worker.

Industrious, hardworking as well as physically strong Giles eventually owned a large farm of 150 acres in what is now Peabody near Salem, MA. Even in his later years he outworked many younger men. However Giles would never be a candidate in a popularity contest. He was short-tempered, quarrelsome, and mean spirited, traits that often landed him in the courts to settle relatively minor squabbles with his neighbors.

Giles and his third wife, Martha were both arrested in the infamous 1692 witchcraft hysterics. He wrote a will 11 Jul 1692 while being held in the Ipswich jail, leaving his remaining property to his sons-in-law, William Cleaves and John Moulton. He had earlier given his other daughters and husbands their portions of his estates.

Giles refused to plead either guilty or not guilty. Under British law he was 'pressed' to encourage him to cooperate. This cruel form of 'persuasion' involved staking him on the ground, placing a large board on his chest, and piling large rocks on top until he provided information or died. Giles survived three agonizing days of this torture before he died on 19 Sep 1692. Martha was hung on Gallows Hill 22 Sep 1692. Eighteen other men and women suffered the same fate.

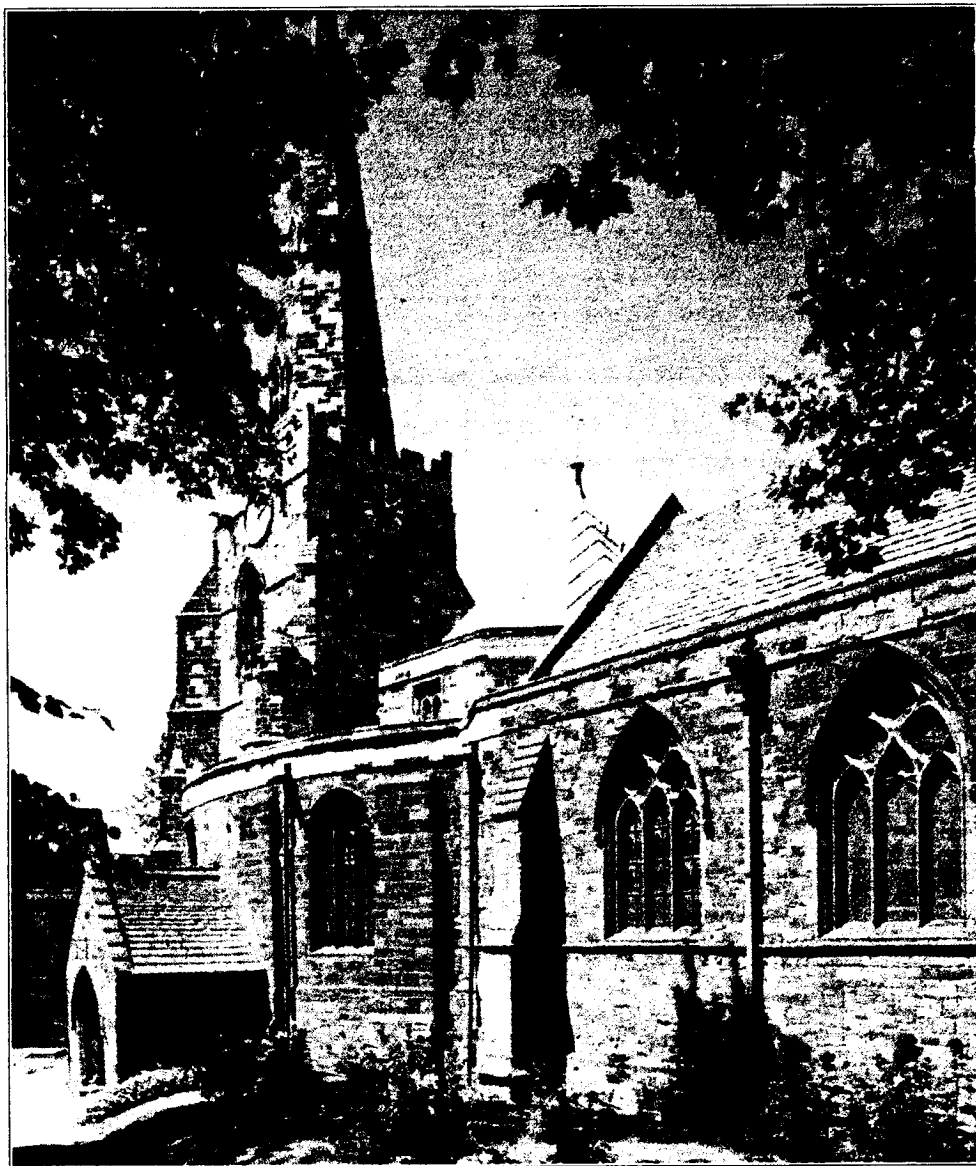
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Two other English laws effected the outcome of that tragic affair. A suspect could not be brought to trail without pleading either guilty of not guilty and if convicted of witchcraft would have all their property confiscated and sold. However this crusty, contentious curmudgeon did not suffer in vain as his property was not confiscated. I think it can be said that he won the last battle

Most of the young girls (children) who were the accusers later publicly recanted their stories.

Twenty years later the Massachusetts Legislature annulled the convictions and made some reparations to the families, including those of Giles who received twenty one pounds.

Thomas Rich, the son of Martha Cory and Henry Rich, her first husband also received a settlement of fifty pounds. This Thomas possibly accounts for Giles being suggested as the father of Thomas Cory of Chelmsford, MA.



St Sepulchre Church Northampton, England
Giles Cory bp 19 Aug 1621

GENEALOGY of GILES CORY

NICHOLAS = Emma Dunkley*
d1551

THOMAS = Eliz Dunkley* John Nicholas William Henry Robert
d1566

Martyn = Katheren Righton Nicholas James Thomas Alice Isador
d1542* m1583** Agnes
d1584**

GILES** = Elizabeth
d1584

GILES = Margaret Amy Amee Nicholas
b1621+ b1623+ b1624+ b1630+
= Mary Brite
= Martha (Penoyor) Rich

Martha = Margaret = Deliverance = Elizabeth = Mary
Wm Cleaves Henry Crosby John Moulton John Parker

John Eleanor Martha	William Hannah Robert Ebenezer Benjamin	Abigail	John Giles Martha Mercy Joseph Margaret Mary
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* Baptismal and marriage records found in Harpole Parish Registers.

** Baptism, marriage and burial records found in Kislingbury Parish records.

+ Births found in St Sepulchers Parish records.

Note: More information on Giles Cory can be found in *Progeny of William Cleaves* by Eleanor V Spiller, Box 15, Warren NH 03279.

Found in the archives of Northampton, England under "Enrollments of Indentures of Apprenticements and Admissions to Freedom".

1616/17 - Egideus Cory and 1619 - Giles Cory, both maltsters (a maltster is one who makes malt from barley for use in making alcoholic beverages).

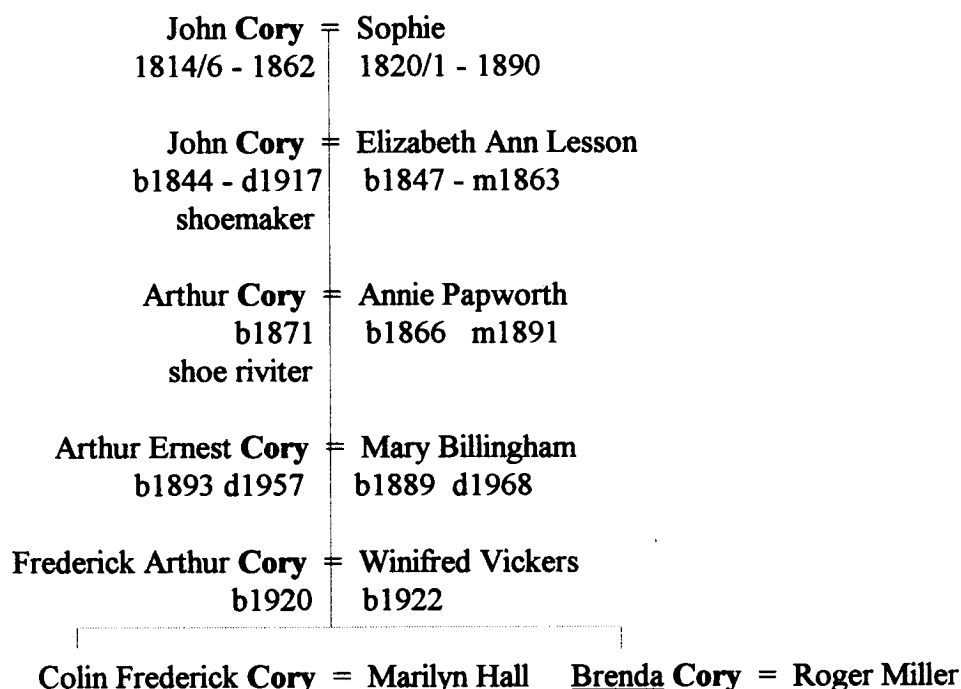
FERNVILLE - FIFTEENTH CENTURY CORY HOME IN HARPOLE, ENGLAND

Five miles west of Northampton, in the village of Harpole, there has been a continuous succession of Cory descendants since the fifteenth century. In 1435 an unnamed Cory built a large home to which various additions have been made through out the centuries. There is an old deed dated 1485 conveying the Harpole property to a Nicholas Cory. This deed inscribed on pig skin, is still in existence.

Fernville had been in and out of Cory ownership numerous times. Arthur and Mary (Billingham) Cory, the grandparents of Colin and Brenda (Cory) Miller were the last Cory owners. Following the death of Mary Cory in 1968 Fernville was sold out of the Cory family. Brenda Miller says her father, Fred Cory, his two brothers and one sister all grew up at Fernville.

Fernville has its own resident friendly ghost who roams the house calling "Mary". The present owners report having heard the ghost recently.

The Northampton, England material on both Giles Cory and the Fernville house was contributed by Brenda Miller. She and her Brother Colin have done extensive research into the old records of Northampton and surrounding villages gathering Cory data.



Note: A more complete lineage can be found in The English Corys by Michael & Vernon Cory

QUERIES

Earl R Cory, PO Box 145, Wilson WY 83014, is trying to trace his father, **OREN ROY CORY JR** born circa 1922 in Dallas Texas. In 1945 he was a member a Marine Boxing team. After his parents divorced, contact was lost. His father is thought to have returned tot he Dallas Area.

Where was **Benajah Cory**⁶ born? Some records state that Benajah was born 24 Oct 1778 in Hanover, Essex Co NY, s/o Moses⁵, Jonathon⁴, Abraham³, John².¹. A Statement made by Benajah Cory states that he was born in Burlington, VT. **Mr Rockne Johnson**, 1934-B Keonaona St, Honolulu Hawaii 96817, who is a descendant of Phoebe Jane, d/o Benajah would like some help in solving this conflicting information.

James Harrison Corey III¹¹, James H II¹⁰, James H I⁹, George Washington⁸, Daniel⁷, Joseph⁶, Wm⁵, Wm⁴, John³, John², Wm¹ would like to hear from descendants of **Daniel**⁷, b1819 Northville, Fulton Co. NY, M#1 Samantha Miller; ch Adaline b18141, Oscar, b1843, Louisa M b1846, George W b1849, James M b1857. M#2 Sarah A Edmond b 1810, Saratoga Co, NY; ch Josephine b 1857, Eugenia E b1860, Joseph b4 Feb 1868. Daniel Corey moved to Chenango Co about 1857. **James H Corey III**, 30 Division St., Norwich NY 13815-2040.

England's

THE CORY SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP 1998

Title(s): _____

Membership No: _____

Name of Applicant(s): _____

Address: _____

Post (Zip) Code: _____

STD (Area) Code: _____ Tel No: _____

I/We hereby apply for membership of the CORY SOCIETY and enclose the membership fee of _____ £12 (UK) \$27 (US) C\$36 (CAN) Rnd97 (SA) A\$36 (AUS).

Overseas members may pay instead £15 Sterling by bank draft via UK Branch of Bank.

Signed _____ Dated _____

Cheques should be made payable to: THE CORY SOCIETY, please send with this form to the treasurer: Mrs. M C Cullingworth, 2 Pankurst Close, Bexhill-On-Sea, East Sussex TN39 5DL(UK)

THE CORY FAMILY SOCIETY
Membership 1998

Name of Applicant(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____

Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Area Code: _____ Telephone No: _____

E-mail/fax _____

Do you want your name/address on the membership list: _____ Y _____ N

Do you wish to receive the membership list: _____ Y _____ N

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

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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