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YOUR NEW PRESIDENT

Fred Corey of Arizona was elected President of the Corey Family Society at the annual meeting in Newport News on August 27, 2000. Fred is a member of the William line: William/John/John/Abel/John/Clark/Daniel/James/Earl/Fred. He was born in Nebraska, growing up on a farm. He graduated from McCook High School in 1961 and attended McCook Junior College before graduating from the University of Nebraska in 1966 with a B.S. in civil engineering. He married his wife, Bernice, that summer and shortly after moved to California where he worked in the aircraft industry for a while. They moved to Colorado where Fred worked for the Federal Government. Both of their two children were born in Denver. During Fred's spare time he attended Colorado State University (CSU) to gain credits towards an M.S. in engineering.

After three years in Colorado, he and his family moved back to Western Nebraska where Fred started a business providing an irrigation scheduling service to farmers in Western Nebraska and Eastern Colorado. During this time he took ten weeks off from his business to complete his M.S. at CSU. Here is where he first met Art Corey, then a member of the engineering faculty at CSU. This was in 1974 before Art had done any research on Corey genealogy, but Art had read a book about the Salem Witch affair involving Giles and Martha Corey. He gave a copy of the book to Fred that was read by Fred's mother. Fred and Art have been acquainted since and both later became interested in Cory/Corey family history. Now Fred has succeeded Art as President of the Cory Family Society.

After eight years, Fred and his family moved to Arizona where they have lived for over 21 years. He has had his own engineering business in Arizona for 20 years and joined Kimley-Horn Associates as a Vice President in 1995. They design airports all over the West. Fred and Bernie have four grandchildren who all live in nearby Phoenix. Fred likes to explore his family genealogy, and is now stuck in Maryland/Delaware on his mother's side and looking for help. He and his wife have attended most of our Society meetings in recent years, including the trip to Cornwall with our English friends.

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

Cory Family Reunion 2000 at Newport News, Virginia

Tours

After failing to meet during the year 1999, the Cory Family Society held their 11th annual meeting in Newport News, Virginia, with Galen Moore as our host. After arriving at the Ramada Inn in Newport News on the evening of August 24, 2000, we traveled by bus on the morning of August 25th to Yorktown beside the York River. Here in the summer of 1781, Continental troops under General George Washington and French troops under the comte de Rochambeau trapped and forced the surrender of a British army under Lord Cornwallis, with important help from French naval forces under comte de Grasse that prevented reinforcements from reaching Cornwallis in Yorktown and blocked his escape by sea. This engagement effectively ended British rule over the thirteen original states composing the United States of America.

On the afternoon of August 25th we visited Jamestown, on the James River, the earliest English settlement in North America. After a visit to the museum at the site of the original settlement, we explored replicas of an Indian village, circa 1606, as well as replicas of original buildings in the first English settlement. Later we visited docks on the James River where replicas of ships bringing the first settlers to Jamestown are moored.



Coreys at the Docks at Jamestown

We continued our tour on August 26th by visiting Fort Monroe at Old Point Comfort at the tip of the peninsula between the York and James Rivers. Fort Monroe was the largest fortification ever constructed in North America. It was constructed to protect against an invasion of the Nation's Capitol and important ports on the Chesapeake Bay, such as Baltimore, as occurred during the war of 1812. Earlier, during the colonial period, a much smaller fortification called Fort Comfort had been constructed at the site to protect against a possible invasion by a Spanish force.

Although Fort Monroe was never required to repel an invasion by a foreign power, it served as an impregnable Union base during the Civil War and a base for military actions by sea against coastal towns further south along the Atlantic Coast. It also served as a starting base for the Union's ill-fated Peninsula campaign during the Civil War and as a haven for blacks fleeing slavery on the plantations of Virginia. Fort Monroe continues to serve as an important military base but not as a fortification, such fortifications being obsolete. The fort holds an extensive military museum, which we visited.

On the afternoon of August 26th we crossed the mouth of the James River and proceeded to Cape Henry at the mouth of Chesapeake Bay where the English Settlers first disembarked from their ships before proceeding to Jamestown. We also visited the old lighthouse at Cape Henry and one energetic Society member, Earl Cory, climbed the ladder to the top while the rest of us rested for our trip back to the Ramada Inn at Newport News. Many of our members took the opportunity, both before and after the scheduled tour, to visit Williamsburg, the restored colonial capitol of Virginia.

Business Meeting

The Cory Family Society held their annual business meeting at the Ramada Inn in Newport News at 10 a.m. on August 27, 2000, with Interim President, Arthur T. Corey, presiding. Sixteen members attended. The business included a revision of the Articles of Constitution and By-Laws to conform to provisions accepted at prior meetings but which had not been formalized previously by inclusion in revised Articles and By-Laws. The most significant changes were made to permit the addition of a Webmaster as an appointed officer of the Society. The Website devised by Earl Cory was adopted as an official project of the Society. In the future the Webmaster will work with the Genealogist to enter pertinent genealogical information on the Website to help members with family research.

The action taken in regard to a Webmaster was in response to a decision made at the previous annual meeting at Pacific Grove, California, to encourage Earl Cory to devise a website, which he proceeded to accomplish. Having discovered during the past year that the website promoted much interest in our Society and contributed to our acquiring a number of new members, those in attendance decided to make the website official and to appoint Earl Cory as Webmaster.

Another important decision was taken to discontinue use of a modified Coat of Arms as a Society logo. A motion to eliminate further use of a



Corys meet at the Ramada Inn in Newport News

modified Coat of Arms carried unanimously because all those in attendance would prefer a logo that alluded to the history of our families in America rather than to an unlikely heritage from European aristocracy. The decision was in response also to correspondence from English members to our officers indicating their distaste for our use of a modified Coat of Arms as a logo. A decision was made for the Executive Committee to suggest a suitable logo alluding to Cory/Corey history in America with the help of an artist, and to submit a design to the membership before our next annual meeting.

The membership voted to accept an offer by Vice President, Dorothy Rout to host an annual meeting in Ross County, Ohio in 2001. Ross County was the home of Harry Harmon Corey who was one of the first to conduct extensive research on Cory/Corey history. A large colony of Cory/Corey families farmed in Ross County, Ohio from early in the 19th century. The date of the meeting will be determined by the Executive Committee after consultations with Dorothy Rout, a granddaughter of Harry Harmon Corey.

An election of officers was held in which the present Treasurer and Vice Presidents were reelected. Fred Corey from Arizona was elected President and Earl Cory from California was elected Vice President as well as being appointed Webmaster. Carolyn Corey from Montana was elected Secretary. The selections were made as part of an effort to obtain younger and more energetic leadership for the Society. The new Articles of Constitution and By-Laws follow:

ARTICLES OF THE CONSTITUTION -- August 27, 2000

1. NAME: The family organization shall be known as the Cory Family Society.
2. OBJECTIVE: The objective of the Cory Family Society shall be to strengthen ties of kinship and fellowship between living members of the family; to maintain unity in the Society through frequent association of members in a social way; and to perpetuate the memory and genealogy of ancestors and descendants of the Cory Family by combining the resources and efforts of members of the Society in performing genealogical research, and by unifying all genealogical, historical, and biographical research necessary to compile accurate family records.
3. MEMBERSHIP: All descendants, their spouses and persons who are not descendants of the Cory Family, may become members of the Society by contacting the President or Treasurer and by paying the annual dues required to sustain membership. Members who have contributed outstanding service to the Society over a significant period of time may be made life members by vote of the membership at annual meetings.
4. OFFICERS: The elected officers consist of a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer. Terms of office shall begin at the close of the business session at which the officers are elected and cover a period of two years or until new officers are elected at a Society Meeting. Officers are eligible to be reelected. Failure to hold the Annual Meeting or any election of officers shall not disrupt the Family Society. Officers appointed by an Executive Committee shall include a Genealogist, a Society Editor, and a Webmaster. The Executive Committee shall be composed of elected and appointed officers and any active past presidents.
5. MEETINGS: The meetings of Cory Family Society shall consist of an annual meeting and any other meetings or reunions approved by the Executive Committee. The Annual Meeting shall meet at a place determined by a vote by a majority of members present at the preceding Annual Meeting, at a time determined by the Executive Committee. The agenda of the Meeting shall include any necessary elections of officers, presentation of business matters and any other general activities desired by the Executive Committee.
6. AMENDMENTS: The Articles, and subsequent Amendments of this Constitution, may be amended by a vote of three-fourths of members present at a Society Meeting.

BY-LAWS -- August 27, 2000

1. THE DUTY OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall be to represent the Family Society during the interval between Society Meetings, to recommend the time and place of Meetings, to determine the order of business and the program of the Meetings, and to perform other work which may be delegated to the Committee by the Society.

2. THE PRESIDENT shall exercise supervision over the Society, to call special meetings of the Executive Committee. He shall preside at all Society Meetings and submit to the Society any information and recommendations of importance. When necessary the President or the Executive committee shall designate one of the Vice Presidents to preside at Society meetings in the absence of the President and to assume the Presidents' duties.
 3. THE VICE PRESIDENTS shall carry out the policies of the Society by developing and administering programs within their assigned spheres of activities. Programs shall be approved by the Executive Committee. The Vice Presidents shall assist and counsel the President in all Society matters. The Vice Presidents shall act on behalf of the President in his absence.
 4. THE SECRETARY shall keep minutes of Society Meetings and meetings of the Executive Committee and perform other duties as directed by the President or the Executive Committee.
 5. THE TREASURER shall receive and keep an accurate account of all dues, contributions and other monies received by and in behalf of the Cory Family Society, and to handle all expenditures and disbursements for and in behalf of the Society.
 6. THE GENEALOGIST shall supervise and direct compilation of accurate genealogical records of the Cory Family, and will make the records available to the membership of the Society by entering appropriate genealogical information on a Society website and by any other method approved by the Society. The Executive Committee may appoint assistants to help in collecting and distributing the information compiled, and if necessary may engage a professional researcher. All members are requested to send any genealogical information they have accumulated to the Genealogist.
 7. THE SOCIETY EDITOR shall be responsible for preparing and mailing a Society Newsletter to the membership and appropriate genealogical libraries. The Newsletter will normally be mailed every third month or four times annually. The Executive Committee shall submit material for inclusion in the Newsletter, and all members are requested to submit suggestions.
 8. THE WEBMASTER shall design and maintain a Society Website and enter all appropriate information about the Society. The Webmaster will also enter on the Website such Cory Family genealogical information as is approved by the Society Genealogist or the Executive Committee.
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2001 Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Telephone No.: (_____) _____

Do you want your address published? _____ Yes _____ No

E-mail Address: _____

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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1123 N. Cambrian
Bremerton, Washington 98312

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9. THE ANNUAL DUES shall be sufficient to cover the cost of the Newsletter and Website and other necessary Society expenses as determined by the Executive Committee. The current charge will be published in each Newsletter. Additional funds may be requested according to the financial needs of the Society in carrying out programs approved by the membership at Society Meetings. Dues shall be paid annually on or before such dates as are specified by the President or Executive Committee and published in the Newsletter.
 10. THE BY-LAWS OF THE CORY FAMILY SOCIETY may be amended, altered, or added to by a majority vote of members present at a Society Meeting.

OBITUARY

During the past year the Cory Family Society lost four long-time members. **Leroy Kloss** of Hartford, Wisconsin passed away after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Carol (Corey) Kloss also a member of our Society.

Stanley Corey passed away in Arizona in November, 1999. Stanley had compiled a large amount of genealogical information relating to the Corey Family, especially relating to Corey families descended from loyalists who immigrated to Canada following the Revolutionary War. Stanley's records have now been included in our Society archives.

Robert W. Cory, a long-time member from Springfield, Illinois, passed away on January 4, 1999. He is survived by his wife Marie L. Cory who continues as a member of our Society.

Charles H. Cory of Auburn, New York, passed away August 9, 2000. Charles also accumulated a substantial amount of genealogical information that we hope to include in the Society archives.

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