



# Cory Family Society Newsletter

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## ERRATA

The September 1999 newsletter stated that "Members of the Western Pennsylvania Association, notably Marge Chilson among others, were responsible for organizing the National Cory Family Society in 1988." However, Marge has informed your editor that the national organization was the idea of Mark Hester and the Reverend John (Jack) Cory, and that they were responsible for its organization. Both Mark and Jack are members of the Western Pennsylvania Society and they discussed their plan for the national organization at a meeting of that society.

Under the heading "THE JOHN CORY MYSTERY," a theory is proposed that "the first American progenitor of both the Rhode Island and Long Island Cory clans was the same person, John Cory, a sailor who immigrated from Bristol." In fact, John Cory, who settled on Long Island was apparently a weaver. The John Cory who immigrated to Portsmouth with his mother Anne Roome was the son of a sailor, also named John, who lived and died in the Bristol area. Anne's surname was misspelled as Broome in the September newsletter.

The statement that "most Americans who bear the Cory/Corey surname are descendants of three progenitors in America: John, William, and Thomas" is correct, but Jenny Withers points out that Giles Corey of Salem also had many descendants. However, Giles had no male children in America so that any American with the Cory/Corey surname who descended from him probably inherited their name from another progenitor.

If any of you happen to note errors in the newsletter, please inform the editor. We want to keep the family history record as accurate as possible.

Art Corey, interim editor

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The Cory Family Society News letter is a quarterly publication sponsored by the Cory Family Society for the surname Cory, Corey, Corry, Corrie, etc.

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

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

As announced in the President's letter dated October 14, 1999, we are planning our next annual meeting for August 25-27, 2000. The meeting will be at the Ramada Inn in Newport News, Virginia, and will be hosted by Galen Moore whose address is:

P.O. Box 2206  
Newport News, VA 23609-0206

His phone number is: (757) 728-3630.

The Ramada Inn in Newport News is located at:

950 J. Clyde Morris Blvd.  
Newport News, VA 23601

Their toll free phone number is: 1 (800) 841-1112. The room charge is \$71.00 for either a single or double room. Please contact the Ramada Inn directly for reservations. Galen requests that you try to arrive at the Inn by Thursday evening, August 24, in order to facilitate final arrangements for tour transportation.

The closest airports to the Ramada Inn are Norfolk International and Newport News-Williamsburg. Direct flights to Norfolk are available from Chicago, Dallas, St. Louis, and Miami.

Flights from other cities, including London, land at Washington-Dulles where commuter flights to both Norfolk and Newport News-Williamsburg are available. There is also an Amtrak station in Newport News. The Ramada Inn operates a complimentary shuttle service from the Newport News-Williamsburg airport and from the Amtrak station. The Norfolk airport operates its own shuttle service with a stop at the Ramada Inn.

Galen Moore has planned tours of Jamestown, Yorktown, Fort Story and Fort Monroe. Jamestown, founded in 1607, was the first English colony in North America. Fort Story is the site where the first English settlers in America disembarked from their ship. There is a museum at Fort Monroe and a tower overlooks Hampton Roads where the battle between the "Monitor" and the "Merrimack" took place during the Civil War --- the first ever battle between ironclad ships. Yorktown was a colonial settlement in Virginia where colonial rule in America ended.

The restored colonial capitol of Virginia, Williamsburg, is only 25 miles from our meeting place and those of you who have not visited this town already may want to include this also on your itinerary.

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Mark Hassall, president of the Cory Society of England, stated that he was sure that the Virginia tours would be of interest to members of their society. He also said that they are planning a visit (perhaps in April/May 2000) to Jersey, one of the Channel Islands where there were Corys, and that any of our members would be welcome to participate.

Galen hopes to make the meeting in Virginia as inexpensive as possible, and this is the reason he has planned tours to interesting sites that involve no entrance charges and are close to the inn where the meeting will be held. Williamsburg is somewhat further from the inn, although only about 25 miles. It is not included among the scheduled tours, because of the substantial entrance and other charges that such a tour entails. However, the latter is a popular tourist attraction, especially for those who are interested in our colonial history. We expect to provide all members with a detailed time schedule for the tours and other activities well before the meeting.

We will have a number of important matters to discuss during the coming annual meeting. The most pressing matter is finding folks to take the jobs of president and editor, as the octogenarian, Art Corey, is now holding both of these positions on an interim basis. The ideal candidates would be people who have recently retired and have the time and interest to handle the jobs. If any of you have names to suggest please give them to the society officers, preferably before the meeting. We also need to continue the discussion began at the last two annual meetings concerning how best to make the genealogical information (already obtained by individual members) readily available to all. In particular, we need to make a decision in regard to Earl Cory's web site suggestion. In addition, if you have any suggestions about how to correct and update our membership address list please give them to Art Corey. Errors are constantly being found but not in a timely manner. It will help if all our members, who change their address, notify the editor promptly.

Galen Moore needs to make a suitable estimate of the number of rooms to reserve at the Ramada Inn for our meeting. Please inform Galen as soon as possible if you plan to attend. This is important because after a date prescribed by the inn, the Society will be liable for the charges of any unused reserved rooms. However, we hope that any of you who wish to attend will be able to have a reserved room at the inn since having all members together will facilitate the meeting, especially transportation for the tours.

## HIRAM COREY

Prior to the Civil War Americans bearing the surname Cory/Corey were located mainly in the eastern states, especially the northeastern states, although some were living in Canada where their ancestors had immigrated following the Revolutionary war. Hiram Corey was one of the latter, having been born in 1831 in Stanbridge, Province of Quebec. His father, Reuben, was born on a farm in Hancock, Massachusetts, but he was taken to Canada in 1803. Reuben was descended from a progenitor who settled in Massachusetts, circa 1630.

Hiram and his brother, Noah, left Canada on January 1, 1852 and went to California via the isthmus in Nicaragua. They arrived in San Francisco, at Clark's Point on February 26, 1852. The brothers engaged in contracting for a time, getting out logs for a saw mill. Later the Corey brothers were engaged in farming, stock-raising and lumbering in Marin County, on Corte Madera Creek.

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During his entire life, Hiram was an extremely active man. In 1862 he went to Aurora, near Virginia City, where he was for a time superintendent of a mine after which he returned to Marin County. In 1872, he went to Monterey County where he leased a ranch of 7,724 acres and began a dairy business which grew to 500 cows. During this period Hiram also operated the first ferry across the Salinas River. He bought the ranch outright in 1883 and retained it until 1889, when he sold it to the Buena Vista Land Company. He later repurchased 2,000 acres of the tract.

In 1890 Hiram and his wife Rose took their family to Europe where they toured Belgium, Holland, England, France, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, and Austria. In 1891 he returned to Monterey County near Salinas and purchased a ranch, known as the Las Palmas Rancho, and began its improvement by the erection of state of the art buildings and beautifying the grounds by planting ornamental and fruit trees. Hiram began raising horses, first as a hobby, but later for profit as there was a demand for the kind of animals he raised. The house was designed by Hiram and Rose and was a model farm house in every way. It stands in a sheltered canyon and became known far and wide for the hospitality shown by its owners. The house at 100 River Road, Salinas, remains to this day one of the showplaces in Monterey County.

After the death of Rose in 1900, Hiram married Mrs. Frances Elfreda (Eade) Johnson in 1901. Elfreda was known as Mimi by her family and friends. One daughter, Augusta Eleanor, resulted from this marriage. Hiram died in 1913. The following are quotes taken from an article in *The Democrat*, a Salinas newspaper, published after his death:



*Las Palmas Rancho as it appeared in 1909.*

“Our community was saddened last Tuesday as the news gradually spread during the day of the death of Hiram Corey, one of our oldest and most prominent citizens” ----- “He was a good man and prosperous, one of the kindest of husbands and fathers, a progressive citizen, and goes to his reward leaving the earth richer for his having lived on it.”



*Hiram Corey with family and friends (1909) ---- Hiram is sitting on left, Mimi is standing in middle rear, his only child, Augusta, is the youngster in the front row.*

The above account and photographs were contributed by a great grandson of "Mimi" Corey, Jeff Timby, who lives in Fort Collins, Colorado.

## 2000 Membership



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Telephone No.: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want your address published? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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