
Cory Family Society Newsletter

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This report will primarily report on our annual meeting In Chillicothe.

CORY FAMILY REUNION 2001 AT CHILLICOTHE, OHIO

Our 2001 Cory Family Reunion was held on June 22 through 24, 2001 in Chillicothe, Ross County, Ohio. Vice President Dorothy Rout and her husband Chuck hosted the meeting and did an excellent job and definitely did their homework in preparing for our visit. Information was previously sent out by Dorothy, which included some local history of Chillicothe and the Hopewell Indians.



Chillicothe, Ohio (Population 21,900) - Founded in 1796, Chillicothe served as capital of the Northwest Territory and was governed by General Arthur St. Clair 1800-1802. The city was host to the state's first constitutional convention in 1802, and Chillicothe was Ohio's first capital. Now an industrial center, the city has many early 19th-century Greek Revival mansions.

Adena State Memorial - Furnished in period, this Georgian stone mansion was built 1806-07 for Thomas Worthington, sixth governor of Ohio. Benjamin Latrobe, who later directed the reconstruction of the nation's Capitol after the British burned it during the War of 1812, designed it. A tenant house, smokehouse, washhouse, barn and springhouse occupy the sites of the original buildings. An overlook provides a view of the hills that are reproduced on the state seal. Unfortunately, it was closed all this year for renovations and we were not able to visit.

Ross County - was the home of Harry Harmon Cory 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.

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Dorothy Rout is a niece of Harry Harmon Cory. An article and biography by Harry Harmon Cory (July 1941) of Joseph Benjamin Cory was included in the February newsletter of 2001 and is also on the Cory Family society web page.



Harry Harmon Cory and his family in 1919



Harry Harmon Cory (July 1941)



A welcome - was held in the hospitality room on Saturday morning and several tours commenced with Dorothy taking us on a tour through "story place" where Dorothy grew up and went to school. We then went to the Grandview



Cemetery-grave of Virginia Cory Wurster. We visited the Ross County Historical Society. John Bowdle is the President of the Historical Society and is a Cory cousin.



We then visited Frankfort, Ohio, the hometown of Dorothy Rout's grandparents Cory. The house has changed little. The pot-bellied stove no longer heated the living room. It was gone. The home was decorated with such



flair of antiques and excellent good taste. Frankfort is rather small, so there aren't too many streets at all. Lunch was scheduled at Presbyterian Church (Youth Center), which is on one of Frankfort's main streets. They catered a noon meal for the Cory Family Society.



This way the Cory's who live in and around Frankfort could join us and we'd have a high old time together. The young lady in charge was a Cory relative!



We stopped at Frankfort's Greenlawn cemetery. Many Cory's are buried here. Copies of the cemetery layout were passed out. Copies of the cemetery layout of the Old Baptist Cemetery and a list of the plots are included on our web site. Several folks who walked in the newly cut grass left with some friendly "chiggers" and a few bites to contend with.

We then went on a "Walk about" homes and visited Joseph Benjamin Cory Townhouse, the farm home and present home of Mrs. John Cory (Joanne). We drove to the Westfall road where the Cory farms



The brick house built by Noah Cory in 1839 one mile east of Frankfort, Ohio. Occupied many years by Joseph Benjamin Cory and the birthplace of the Author. Left to right are Mrs. J. B. Cory, Lucretia Cory, Joseph H. Cory and "Celestine."

were at one time. "Where the sun rose in the morning and set in the evening." It truly was a Cory valley. This included homes for Joe and Tern Cory and Jesse and Helen Cory (Joe's parents). Also went to a farm home of Dorothy Rout's grandfather Cory. We then drove along the Egypt Pike — Scenic Rural Road Chillicothe- Camp Sherman.

If you have a copy of the Book "The Cory Family" by Harry Harmon Cory and look on Page 82 you will see the old homestead built in 1839. The John Cory's bought the house when grandmother and grandfather moved into Frankfort (sometime in the late 1920's or 1930's). The John Cory's enclosed it plus modernized it. His wife Joanne still lives there.

We spent much of the afternoon at Mound City the prehistoric Indian site (Hopewell Culture National Historic Park), a 120-acre tract with a 13-acre earth wall enclosure. This monument preserves 23 historic burial mounds that lie within a low embankment. The Hopewell Indians, who inhabited the area from about 200 BC to 500 AD, were noted for their artistry and their practice of erecting earth mounds over their dead. These artisans fashioned ornaments from materials foreign to Ohio. A visitor center contains exhibits and public facilities, including an auditorium with a 15-minute orientation film and a recorded description and history of the site. Marked trails and trailside exhibits also can be found.



John Dowdle, Ross County Genealogy Society presented information on land surveys, estates, wills and probate information concerning Joseph (father) and Nathan and Stephan Cory families. John will be submitting this article to the newsletter and for our web page.

Fred Corey used the local telephone line and with his lap top computer brought up the Corey Family Society web site (coryfamsoc.com) as well as the Cory Society web site from England (corysociety.org.uk). He demonstrated what is on line and discussed additional items that we may be adding to our web site. We thank Earl Cory in establishing the web site and for his maintaining the site and adding many new items. Our Cory Family Society Business meeting and banquet followed. Minutes of the business meeting are enclosed with this newsletter.

We then bid one and all a fond farewell and a safe journey home.

Sincerely,

Fred (Cory) Corey

Vernon Cory

Jenny Withers reported on the health of Vernon Cory (from England) who along with Michael Cory has spent relentless hours researching the English Cory's as well as writing a book on the American Cory's. Vernon had a stroke several years ago and continues to remain in a coma and we wish him and his family well. Mary, Vernon's wife, wishes everyone a Happy New Year with faith, love and friendship.

Membership

Our membership list has been updated and is included in this newsletter. Our distribution to genealogical and historical societies as well as libraries is also included. If you have any additional societies or libraries that should be added to our list please give me a call.

Vice President Vacancy

Due to her busy schedule Dorothy Rout has turned in her resignation as Vice President. Any one wishing to fulfill this position of vice presidency please give me a call.

Cory Family Society Logo

As reported in our previous newsletters we have discontinued the use of the modified Coat of Arms logo. We are looking for a logo that displays and illustrates the history of our families in America. We did receive two artistic submittals at our meeting in Chillicothe.

After lunch our annual meeting continued with discussion of the logo submittals. Phyllis Cory described her submittal and how she designed it. Dorothy Rout described her design. Both designs were very thoughtfully done. Discussions as to if the words United States of America should be omitted. The spelling of the name "Cory" was talked about and Charlotte explained various spellings.

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Logo Submitted by Dorothy Rout:

Crest: Three red stars signifying our celestial "lights" to guide them to a safe

Ship: Our forefathers came from over liberty, and the pursuit of happiness".

Laurel Leaf Crown: Like our ancestors and been rewarded.



voyage into the unknown-sailors of yore used harbor.

the seas to form a new nation-one of "life,

who sailed to America, we have worked hard

2002 Reunion (Back to the Cory Roots)

It may sound too early to think about our 2002 reunion, but we are starting to plan the reunion in Rhode Island for this summer. We will be basing out of Providence and the preliminary dates are Sept 6-8, 2002. Any comments on the proposed dates please give me a call ASAP. Charlotte Muller will be giving us an educational tour of the early Cory's arriving in America. Patricia Wyatt from Nannagansett, Rhode Island will be assisting with the local liaison. Art Corey and Fred Corey will also be assisting in arranging for reunion. We will be reserving rooms and sending details our soon so you can make your reservations. As any of us who attended in 1994, this will be a very enjoyable field tour and factual discussions of the early Cory's, don't miss this one!!!!

Genealogist Report

We will have an article from our genealogist next newsletter.

Reminder of Cory Association Dues

As a friendly reminder if you have not paid your annual dues for 2002 please send your checks to Maxine Hester. If you cannot afford the dues please give me a call, as we may be able to establish a lifetime membership. We want to keep our membership.

Please Note: As requested and to avoid sending out reminders when our society dues are due, we have decided to add a line to our mailing labels for each newsletter as to the status of our current payment. Any one paying for several years in advance will be noted on the membership list.

I would like to ask each of you to ask your relatives and cousins to join our Cory Association and become long term members. We want to build our association to extend our heritage and archive our ancestry in perpetual time. We will always need new members for our Association to grow and live on.

THE CORY FAMILY SOCIETY AND THE INTERNET

By Earl S. Cory, Vice President, Webmaster

The Cory Family Society and The Internet

The summer is over and I have gotten a lot of information for the web site. The pile on my desk just keeps getting higher and my inbox fuller. I get five to six emails a week with new or corrected information. It has been several months since I last downloaded the databases and I plan on downloading new versions early next year.

The mention of email brings to mind a small request. I am more than happy to hear from anyone with new and revised information or even questions. Currently there are over 50,000 names in my five databases. Please do me a favor when sending information, identify which family you are referring to, otherwise I have to search through all the databases just to find the person to update or report on. For example, I get email that will say; "You have my grandfather, John Cory on your website, you don't have his second wife Mary." Or, you have my great-great grandmother name spelled wrong; it is Betsy and not Betsie. It is very hard to locate which John Cory or which Betsy they are referring to.

The Cory Society, our English Cousins, have re-vamped their web site (<http://www.corysociety.org.uk>). There is a great deal of early Cory history, lists of sources and reference material, census material, and maps. They have sections on various regions of England, America & Canada, Australia & New Zealand, and Ireland. Visit their site; I think you will be pleasantly surprised at the amount of material that is presented. They recently elected new officers and I have updated our pages to reflect the changes.

Using information brought by my parents Claude and Phyllis Cory, I have updated the site to include a lot of new information. This includes a Map of the Cory lands in Ross County, information on Harry H. Cory; plot listings for a cemetery in Chillicothe, a list, with maps, of various cemeteries, and a photocopy of two pages of a very old document with John Cory's name in it. During the Cory Family Society meeting this summer, Dorothy Rout submitted a sketch for a new society logo. I have placed it on the site for everyone to see. All of these may be found in the 2001 Reunion section of the site.

There are many things that could be put on the web site that I have not. For example, a list of member along with their email address (no postal addresses or phone numbers) would make it easier for member to contact each other. If there is anything that you would like to see on the site, please email me and let me know. Also, if anyone would like a print out of information in one of the databases, let me know and I will send it to

you via email in RTF format. RTF format may be read in any word processor. If you are using an email system that does not accept attachment, for example Juno, or using WebTV which doesn't allow you do much more than browse the web, I will be happy to mail you the document.

If anyone would like a free, POP3 email account, such as yourname@coryfamilysociety.com, let me know and I will set it up for you.

Earl Cory, webmaster@coryfamilysociety.com.

UNRAVELING CORY FAMILY MYSTERIES

By Art Corey

Questions concerning the relationship between Cory family lines in North America and Britain have engaged our family society since its founding. Examples include the relationship, if any, between the William of Portsmouth and John of Long Island lines, as well as the Thomas of Chelmsford line. Our British cousins have similar questions, for example, the question of whether or not the Cory families of Bramerton and Cornwall are related to the Scottish Corries. Such questions have not been answered positively by traditional genealogical research to date, and there is reason to suspect that answers to many questions will never be found in available documents.

The International Center for Jefferson Studies recently used DNA analyses to verify long-held claims of some black citizens that they were descendants of Thomas Jefferson. This has given some of us hope that we might be able to solve a number of Cory family mysteries using this method. At the request of Charlotte Muller and others I volunteered to investigate the feasibility of employing DNA tests to establish the relationship, if any, between North American Cory lines. After following many unproductive leads, I finally have found where we can get the help we need to carry out such a project.

Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah is engaged in a huge research project using DNA analyses to clarify the relationship between individuals and groups of people around the world. They have a web site explaining their project: <<http://molecular-genealogy.byu.edu>>. They can be contacted by e-mail at the address: molecular-genealogy@email.byu.edu. They referred me to Relative Genetics, a company in Salt Lake City, organized by the BYU project leader to earn money in support of his research, and to provide DNA analyses for the public. I received an e-mail message from Diahn Southard of Relative Genetics answering a number questions that I had asked concerning DNA analysis. From Diahn, and others, I learned some of the facts about DNA analysis and how we should proceed to make use of the technique.

I have been assured that DNA analysis is, in fact, a reliable way of identifying a relationship between individuals and family lines. It occurred to me that DNA must undergo some mutations from generation to generation; otherwise tests would indicate common ancestors for all humans. In answer to my question concerning the number of generations for which a DNA analysis would provide reliable evidence of common ancestry, Diahn stated that she had successfully demonstrated common ancestry in lines that had been separated for 20 generations, confirming information I received from other sources. She said family lines that may have separated for only 12-13 generations, as for the case of the William and John Cory lines, should present no problem.

In answer to my question as to whether or not we could identify the relationship between William and John, Diahn stated: "Right now we have the capability to answer questions on strictly paternal lines. So all your participants would have to be Cory/Corey males. We could not say straight out that John was the father of William, but we will be able to say if they share a common ancestor within a certain number of generations. So it will be easy to deduce if they are father and son or not."

There are two types of DNA material currently being analyzed for genealogical studies. Y-chromosomes are passed from males to their male children but not to female children. Mitochondria material is passed from females to their female children, but this material is not transferred to a human egg by the male sperm. Both types of DNA material are currently being analyzed by Relative Genetics for genealogical studies.

To answer questions concerning the relationship between Cory lines we obviously will need DNA samples from males named Cory/Corey. We need to obtain samples from individuals whose lineage is well documented. I have been assured that it is better to have a minimum number of samples from individuals whose ancestry is well documented than a larger number of samples from individuals whose lineage is doubtful.

Our paternal lineage can never be determined with certainty by documentation, because we have only the word of mothers concerning the father of their children. The truth of this was made obvious to me when I was in Europe investigating my own ancestry. I was looking through 19th century parish records in a country that I won't mention. I observed that the record of about one out of every ten births included the notation: "father unknown." I wonder how many fathers were incorrectly recorded? When we undertake a DNA study we must be prepared to discover that some of us named Corey may not have inherited our Y-chromosomes from a Cory progenitor. It is unfortunate that we cannot determine the relationship between Cory lines through the analyses of mitochondria, because we could be sure of our maternal lineage. However we might, at a future date, obtain genealogical information, not concerning paternal lineage, from the analysis of mitochondria.

I have asked our Society genealogist, Charlotte Muller, to identify males from the William, John, and Thomas lines whose ancestors are well documented, and to inquire about their willingness to furnish samples. We can then send their names and addresses to Relative Genetics. Diahan Southard will send a kit to each of the participants. The kit includes "buccal swabs, Q-tips that are rubbed on the inside of the cheek, and directions for their use. The samples will be mailed to Relative Genetics and Diahan will perform the analyses after she receives a sample from each of the designated participants. Diahan will report the results to our Society president, or to someone he designates, and a report will be sent to all society members.

Our President, Fred Corey, has indicated that our Society will pay for the analyses of samples from designated participants, but other folks may want to have an analysis performed at their own expense. The cost per sample is currently \$130.00, an inexpensive way of obtaining reliable genealogical information. Dr Eugene Foster who organized the Jefferson project earlier referred me to another lab in Minnesota. The Minnesota lab also does DNA analyses for the public, but their charge is \$350.00 per sample. Furthermore, they have not yet responded to my detailed questions.

If you have questions concerning DNA analyses that I have not discussed here, you may call Diahan Southard at (801) 461-9769, or contact her by e-mail at the address: diahan@relativegenetics.com. I have found Diahan to be very prompt and forthcoming in answering my questions.

What: Y-chromosome (Ycs) markers are inherited from father to son and remain mostly unaltered from generation to generation. This property makes the Ycs an ideal focus for genealogical studies because; barring adoption or illegitimacy, the route of the Ycs through time in a pedigree exactly parallels the surname. The Ycs is widely used in establishing relationships among individuals sharing the same or similar last names. We do this by determining a Ycs haplotype, or a specific set of genetic data that is unique to a person or group. By testing several related male individuals we can create a Ycs haplotype that is inherited with a specific surname.

Who: With any two males who can trace their genealogy back to one common ancestor, we can create a Ycs haplotype for that specific shared ancestor. With a group study it works the same way. We can establish the Ycs haplotype for the most recent common ancestor between all lines in the group we find that share the same haplotype. Therefore, for any given group of males with the same surname, we will find one or more Ycs

haplotypes that can be generally linked to that surname, and specifically linked to the most recent common ancestor of all the individuals who share that haplotype.

How: The biological samples are collected using a cheek swab kit that is sent individually to each participant. The kit consists of two cheek swabs, instructions, an envelope to store the sample in, and a consent form. The participant can take his or her own sample at home and then mail it back to Relative Genetics. They then process it and prepare a report.

Report: The report that is generated from the testing will be emailed in PDF format and/or mailed to the director of the study. The report will outline all the testing performed, including a data table in a format generally accepted throughout the DNA testing field, and a complete explanation of the results as they apply to the question posed by the participants.

Cost: The cost of the testing is \$150 per person and can be paid individually or as a group. Payment can be made in the form of a check, money order, or any major credit card. All samples and payments must be received before testing will begin.

Questions: For group studies, any questions any of the participants have at any time throughout the process should be filtered through the group director and will be answered by a qualified member of their staff.

MINUTES ANNUAL MEETING

**June 24, 2001
Comfort Inn
Chillicothe, Ohio**

Present at meeting:

John Bowdle, Marge Chilson, Fred Corey, Berneice Corey, Alan Cory, Art Cory, Vera Corey, Claude Cory, Phyllis Cory, Galen Moore, Charlotte Muller, Chuck Rout, Dorothy Rout, Carl Withers, Jenny Withers, Ruth Sanders.

Dorothy Rout introduced John Dowdle, Ross County Genealogy Society who presented information on land surveys, estates, wills and probate information concerning Joseph (father) and Nathan and Stephan Cory families. John will be submitting this article to the newsletter and for our web page.

Fred Corey asked Charlotte Muller to present her update on her recent research on South Hampton records and comments.

Fred Corey opened meeting approximately 10:30 a.m. Jenny Withers read the minutes from the last meeting held in Newport News, Virginia on August 27, 2001. Minutes were approved with corrections. Moved by Chuck Rout.

Fred asked if anyone had any additional names for libraries or societies that would like to be added to the list to review Cory Society Newsletter. Please write down name and give or send to Fred. Also, any names of people who would like to join the Cory Society.

Fred recommended adding financial report to newsletter, as Maxine was not able to attend meeting and present her report. As a follow-up Maxine reported that the balance in the Cory Family Society account as of October 5, 2001 is \$4,546.24.

Marge Chilson was recognized as a lifetime member of the Cory Society and will be exempt of dues. She will also receive a plaque.



Fred discussed the web site information and availability to members. There was some discussion of charging a fee for certain research provided if a person requests information that is not a member of the Corey Society. A motion was made by Vera Cory to charge a fee for research requested by non-members. Motion seconded by Art Corey. Discussion followed with the decision approving a charge for non-members and a nominal cost for members. Motion was amended to \$20.00 non-members and \$10.00 per member payable in advance, to the treasurer. Motion voted on and carried.

Fred passed out submittals for coat of arms or logo identity to be reviewed. No immediate action taken at this time.

Chuck Rout introduced David, Emily, and John Scardena as they joined our meeting. David, Emily, and John are Dorothy and Chuck Rout's daughter, son-in-law and grandson.

Dorothy Rout submitted her resignation as vice president to Fred Corey. Fred Corey accepted her resignation and thanked her for her hard work and service, which was followed by a round of applause.

Fred discussed the newsletter preparation and asked for short articles and news submittals. Also, Fred suggested adding old newsletter articles to the web page as a reference.

Fred asked the members if the membership directory (including names, addresses, phone numbers and email) could be distributed to our membership. A discussion followed and was basically approved to distribute this information to our membership only through our newsletter.

Fred requested biography and ancestral information be submitted to the newsletter, along with land deeds, wills, and helpful hints.

Fred discussed the amount of interest the web site has been receiving, as many as two hundred inquiries per day.

Discussion concerning next years meeting with several sites mentioned. Also planning a couple years ahead, i.e. Rhode Island, England, New Jersey, Southhold, New York.

Art Corey stated that a Cory is president of the genealogy society in Rhode Island; Charlotte Muller also supported this information.

Motion to hold our next meeting in Rhode Island was made by Art Corey, seconded by Galen Moore, voted on, and carried. The time was tentatively set for the 3rd to last week of July 2002.

Fred asked for vice president nominations. Office will be left open until next meeting.

Meeting was temporarily moved to a banquet room, where lunch was served. After lunch meeting continued with discussion of the logo submittals. Phyllis Cory described her submittal and how she designed it. Dorothy Rout described her design. Both designs were very thoughtfully done. Discussions as to if the words United States of America should be omitted. The spelling of the name Cory was talked about and Charlotte explained various spellings.

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Jenny Withers will submit an update on the health of Vernon Corey of England to Fred for publication in the newsletter.

Claude Cory shared information he had discussed on the home of Hiram Corey and his large ranch in California. He has history concerning his arrival to California from Canada. The original home is now an office complex. If anyone is interested in further information Claude Cory has a book he copied.

No further old business. Fred thanked Dorothy and Chuck Rout for all their hard work and preparation for this year's reunion.

Motion made by Jenny Withers to adjourn seconded by Dorothy Rout – meeting adjourned 1:30 p.m.

NEW MEMBERS

I would like to welcome the following new members to the Cory Society.

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OBITUARY

We are saddened to hear that Jesse D. Cory, 83 passed away on December 20, 2001. He and his wife (Helen Butler) welcomed us at their farm home outside Frankfort at our 2001 reunion. He was the son of the late B. Frank and Mary Huffman Cory. He was a retired farmer, an avid gardener and a wood-worker being especially known in the Frankfort area for his sweet corn, gladioli and chain saw experience. He also served in World War II as a B-17 electrician. Their son Joe also spoke to us after the luncheon at the Presbyterian Church. We add our condolences to the family.

2001 Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

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

Telephone No.: (____) _____

Do you want your address published? _____ Yes _____ No

E-mail Address: _____

Enclosed: 2001 Dues \$ _____ Genealogy Research \$ _____

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

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