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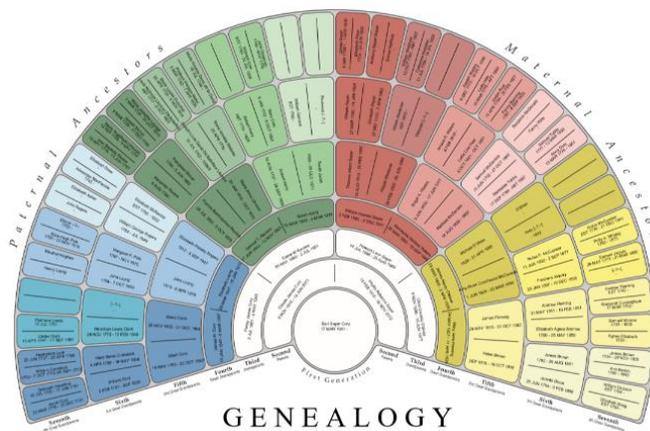
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## ORGANIZING FAMILY INFORMATION

*Earl Cory (Harpole Corys), Vice President and Webmaster*

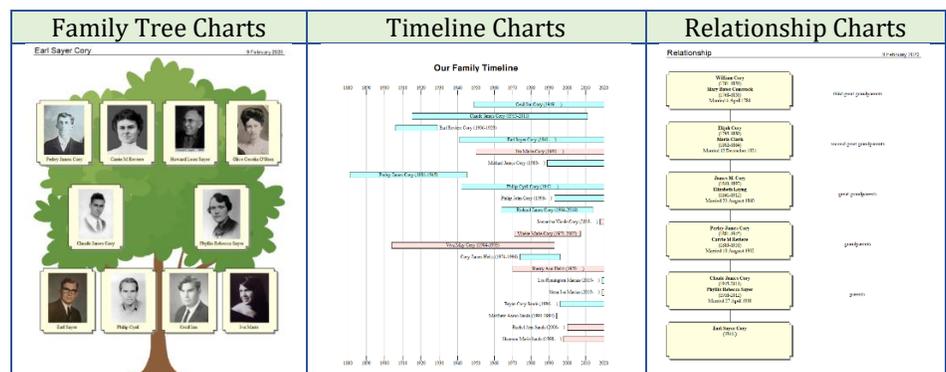


### GENEALOGY

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As we research our ancestors, we record our findings. We may post information online on a genealogy site or on a program we have downloaded onto our computers. Many of us keep file drawers of original records and printouts of those we have found online. We organize our records because we want to see the results of our efforts or to share with friends or family members.

Charts of various forms are effective ways to keep track of what we have learned. Some charts can be quite effective for display, such as the fan chart seen above.





| Ancestor Charts   | Descendant Charts   | Pedigree Charts   |
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| <p style="text-align: center;">Ancestors of Earl Sayer Cory</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Descendants of Perley James Cory</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Four Generation Pedigree Chart</p> |

### Family Group Sheets

Genealogy software may include many of these charts, or similar.

In addition, there are online resources. For example, the National Genealogical Society provides online versions of some of these that can be filled in.

### Making charts with an online program.

Many people who don't use their own software but rely on online applications such as Ancestry or MyHeritage, resort to screen shots or the few reports available on those applications.

Both My Heritage and Ancestry do offer some direct print options, but they are not very flexible in their output format. However, there are a number of other options, all of which will use your data in the form of a GEDCOM. The question I now hear you asking is, "That is all well and good, but what is a GEDCOM file and where do I get one?"

GEDCOM is an acronym standing for Genealogical Data Communication. It is an open de facto specification for exchanging genealogical data between different genealogy software. GEDCOM was developed by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS Church) as an aid to genealogical research. A GEDCOM file is plain text containing genealogical information about individuals, and meta data linking these records together. Most genealogy software supports importing from and exporting to GEDCOM format.

## Making charts from your GEDCOM.

- I. <https://www.myheritage.com/> offers an array of charts as well as some book options. After creating or signing in with your password, select “Import GEDCOM from the **Family Tree** button” if you have not already uploaded it.



Then go back to the **Family Tree** button and this time select “Print Charts & Books,” which will appear when you select “More” on the drop-down menu. This will lead you to the following screen:

The screenshot shows the 'Charts &amp; books' page on MyHeritage. At the top, there are links for 'Create new chart', 'My charts', and 'My poster orders'. Below that are 'Chart options' and 'Advanced customization options'. A numbered step '1 Select type of chart or book' is shown. A list of radio button options includes: Bowtie, Close family, Ancestors, Descendants, Hourglass (selected, with a 'Vertical' dropdown menu), Sun chart (marked 'New'), Fan chart, All-in-one, and Family book. To the right is a preview of a family tree chart titled 'My Family Tree'. Below the options, the text reads: 'Select your choice and the application will take you through the process.'

- II. [www.Treeseek.com](http://www.Treeseek.com) website offers the same service. They have two options, use your information on Family Search, or generate a chart from your GEDCOM file. Following is their home page.

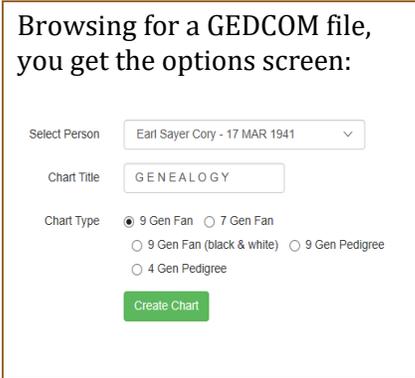
The screenshot shows the Treeseek.com website. At the top left is the Treeseek logo, and at the top right are 'Help' and 'Login' buttons. A red message states: 'You might need to click on login button twice. we are aware of the problem, Thanks for your patience.' Below this is a phone number: 'Please call 801-540-1973 if you have any questions'. A large banner with a Christmas theme (gifts, candy canes, pine) is displayed. Below the banner, the text reads: 'Visualize your genealogy' and 'Easily create charts with your data gathered from FamilySearch.org. Login to begin creating your charts.' A blue button says 'Login now to create your chart'. At the bottom, a green 'New!' tag is followed by the text: 'We now support creating charts with a GEDCOM file. Try now.'

If you use the blue “Log in now to create your chart” button, you will have to pay for one of their fancy colorful charts. But if you click the blue “Try now” link, then you get the GEDCOM upload screen.

## GEDCOM

Upload your gedcom and select the person to be at the beginning of your chart. If your GEDCOM file doesn't work, please report the details in Help

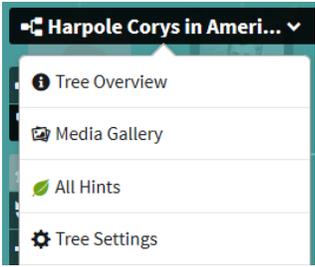
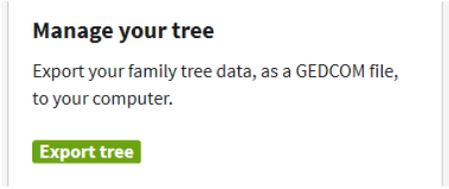
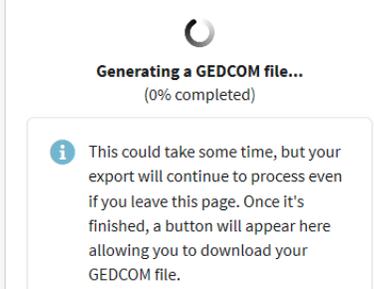
Upload GEDCOM File

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| <p><b>Browsing for a GEDCOM file, you get the options screen:</b></p>  | <p><b>Next, click the “Create Chart” button. Your chart is generated and displayed. You will see:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Your chart is complete</p>  | <p><b>Then click “Download Chart” and a PDF chart is displayed. Right click (Mac – Command Click) to save the file.</b></p> |
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III. <https://www.rootsmagic.com/> RootsMagic

The chart process in RootsMagic has a number of steps. See the next newsletter for details.

IV. [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)

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| <p>1. From any page on Ancestry, click the Trees tab and select a tree, then from the tree name menus in the top left corner select Tree Settings.</p>  |   |
| <p>2. On the right side of the Tree Settings page, click Export tree.</p>   | <p>3. The button will begin spinning and say Generating a GEDCOM file.</p>  |

4. When it stops spinning, right-click (Mac: Ctrl+ click) on the Download Your GEDCOM File button that appears.



5. In the drop-down menu from right-clicking, select Save as, Save target as, or Save link as.



6. In the window that appears, choose a location from the panel on the left side and click "Save." If you select "Desktop" as the location, the file will save to the main screen of your computer where it is easily accessible for this or any other purpose.

V. <https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/printing-fan-chart/> recently introduced the ability to create a Fan Chart from their database. The unfortunate limitation is that it will not publish living people. ★★

## CORY FAMILY SOCIETY REUNION Billings, Montana 2021



Billings is in southern Montana on the Yellowstone River. In the north, trails wind along the rimrocks, which are sandstone cliffs. The Western Heritage Center displays local historical artifacts. The Moss Mansion showcases early-20<sup>th</sup> century interiors. Pictograph Cave State Park's rock paintings are just outside of town. Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument is where Lieutenant Colonel Custer died. Anita Simonsen has volunteered to be the local coordinator. We will have more information in upcoming newsletters. In the meantime, contact Earl Cory with any comments or ideas at [webmaster@coryfamsoc.com](mailto:webmaster@coryfamsoc.com).

# THE USEFUL NOVELTIES OF THE THREE WILLIAMS

*John Corey (John of Southold), President, with Chris Koehler, Newsletter Editor*

To be patentable an invention must be: Useful, Novel, and Non Obvious. These principles of uniqueness have held in various interpretations since medieval times. At least three of our Coreys have come up with just such useful novelties.

It may be that Coreys are just naturally inventive folk. The US Patent & Trademark Office lists over 18,000 patents issued to inventors with surname COREY and another 2,600 more to CORYs. It's true there have been over 10,000,000 numbered patents now, but then there are also over 150,000 common surnames in the USA (and nearly 6 million total, as of the 2000 census!) but COREY+CORY, just 2 of 150,000, is a far smaller fraction (0.00001333) than 20,600/10,000,000 (0.0026). It is 154 times more common than if COREY+CORY were proportionally inventive. (You may know that your doughty president is one of these: that John Corey has over 60 issued patents so far).

And so it came as no surprise to find while researching the famous COREY fire hydrants (once manufactured near my current stomping grounds) to find two further Corey inventors that were awarded patents for inventions in related public utility fields. And their overlapping timing seemed to suggest three generations of inventors! Meet the three Williams:

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| William W. Corey | Fire Hydrant patents issued 1890/1900s and 1940s         | <b>WW</b> |
| William G. Corey | Pumping apparatus patents issued 1930s to 1950s          | <b>WG</b> |
| William S. Corey | Cutting machine and clamp patents issued 1950s and 1960s | <b>WS</b> |

Even though WW lived in St. Louis, Missouri, and the other two in southern California, it seemed to me these three might well be related somehow. After all, those boys wouldn't have been the only ones to have headed for the Golden State in the Depression years of the 1930s.

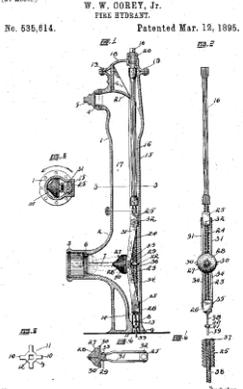
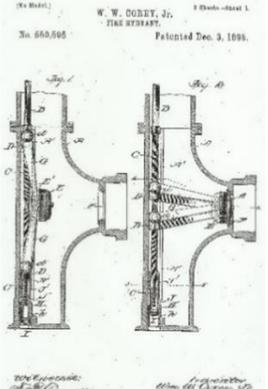
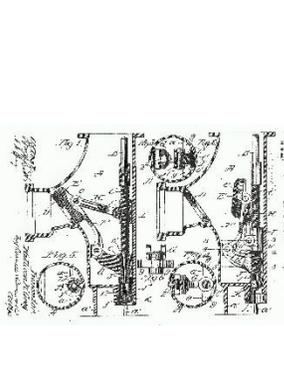
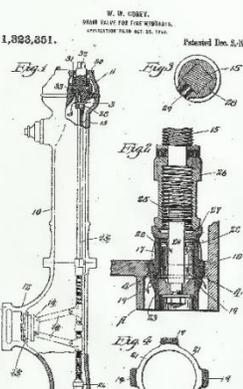
## **William W. Corey – Fire Hydrants**

William W. Corey, Jr. (1869-1956), was born and reared in St. Louis, Missouri. From the 1880s until the early 1970s, his fire hydrants were manufactured by Troy, New York's Rensselaer Valve and its 1954 (date per Smithsonian's <https://invention.si.edu>) successor, Ludlow- Rensselaer, and have been in service throughout the country.

Born to William Wallace Corey (1836-1900) and Mary L. Towne (1835-1901) in St. Louis, Missouri, WW seems to have lived his whole life in the area. In 1892 he married Caroline Walther(1868-1946), and they had one daughter, Myrtle Corey (1884-1984).

WW's fame comes from his hydrants being practical and frost proof! They could be serviced from ground level, an advantage in that pipes could be below the frost line and not need to be dug up for hydrant repair or replacement. Also note that, as seen in patent #2,282,641\*, his later hydrants and standards could withstand damage from any wayward vehicles.

WW was awarded 8 patents altogether, the first ones from 1895 to 1919, and then in 1941 to 1943 for improvements.

| 1895<br>FIRE HYDRANT<br># 535,614  | 1895<br>FIRE HYDRANT<br># 550,595   | 1901<br>FIRE HYDRANT<br>#678,545   | 1919<br>DRAIN VALVE FOR FIRE<br>HYDRANTS<br># 1,323,351  |
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|  <p>W. W. COREY, Jr.<br/>FIRE HYDRANT.<br/>No. 535,614. Patented Mar. 13, 1895.</p> <p>1894 Canada # 47,087</p> |  <p>W. W. COREY, Jr.<br/>FIRE HYDRANT.<br/>No. 550,595. Patented Dec. 3, 1895.</p> |  |  <p>W. W. COREY, Jr.<br/>DRAIN VALVE FOR FIRE HYDRANTS.<br/>No. 1,323,351. Patented Dec. 2, 1919.</p> |

Rensselaer's second model, the List 90, dates back to before 1895 and is commonly referred to as a "Corey" hydrant after its inventor. That model was so successful, it was produced into the early 1970s with only minor variations. They are, in fact, still in use in Seattle, Washington, and according to sources, in several other locations.

| NE corner of Spring and 1st, Seattle   | Western Ave, just south of Pike Street, Seattle  |
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|   <p>Josh Dugan<br/>(John I of Southhold )</p> |   <p>Josh Dugan<br/>(John I of Southhold)</p> |

The earliest List 90s have cast on the barrel the company name as "Rensselaer Mfg.", the patent numbers, and "The Corey" on the bonnet, as seen at <http://www.firehydrant.org/pictures/ren01.html>.

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|  | <p>The bonnet lettering is not readable in this photo.</p>  <p>© J. Anderson</p> |  |   <p>© J. Kaminski</p> |
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Later the company name was cast as “Rensselaer Valve Co.”

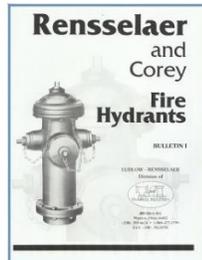


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After Rensselaer became part of Ludlow-Rensselaer, hydrants manufactured by the company were cast with “Ludlow-Rensselaer.”

However, the original List 90s have “THE COREY” cast on the top. And of course there’s a wrench.



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| <p>1941<br/>FIRE HYDRANT, STREET LIGHT STANDARD, AND SIMILAR STRUCTURES<br/>#2,262,356</p> | <p>*1942<br/>FIRE HYDRANT, STREET LIGHT STANDARD, AND SIMILAR HIGHWAY ACCESSORY<br/>#2,282,641</p> | <p>1942<br/>FIRE HYDRANT, STREET LIGHT STANDARD AND SIMILAR STRUCTURE<br/>#2,305,377</p> | <p>1943<br/>VALVE STEM OR VALVE OPERATING DEVICE FOR FIRE HYDRANTS<br/>#2,309,238</p> |
| <p>Assigned to Iowa Valve Co.<br/>Des Moines, Iowa</p>                                     | <p>Assigned to Iowa Valve Co.<br/>Des Moines, Iowa</p>   | <p>Assigned to Iowa Valve Co.<br/>Des Moines, Iowa</p>                                   | <p>Assigned to Iowa Valve Co.<br/>Des Moines, Iowa</p>                                |

From the very early 1900s to the 1960s, Iowa Valve Co. also produced a hydrant based on WW’s patents.

These hydrants were sold under the name Iowa-“Corey” type, as seen in this 1932 advertisement.



William Wallace Corey died August 31, 1956, in St. Louis. His *St. Louis Globe-Democrat* obituary says that he was “former president of the Iowa Valve Co.” and co-founder of an unnamed company he retired from four years before. Survivors given were his daughter, “Mrs. Charles G. Frier, a grandson and a great-grandson.”

**William G. Corey – Pumps**

William Gardner Corey (1891-1959) was born June 11, 1891, to a famed Corey-by-marriage we have already met, Dr. Martha Dunn Corey (1852-1927) – the first physician in La Jolla, California – and her husband George Henry Corey (1830-1906). (See *Cory Family Society Newsletter*, October 2019.)

Born in West Virginia but growing up in the San Diego area after his father’s death, he began at University of California, Berkeley, in 1913. He appears in the 1913, 1914, and 1915 Berkeley yearbooks, but in his 1917 draft registration he gives his occupation as “garage proprietor” – perhaps his start in the petroleum industry?

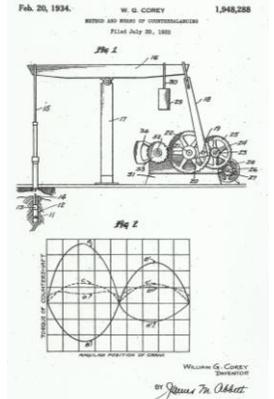
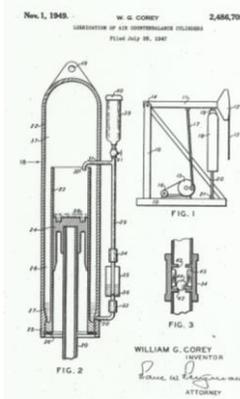
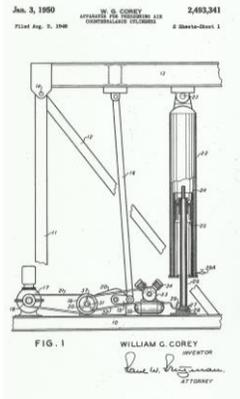
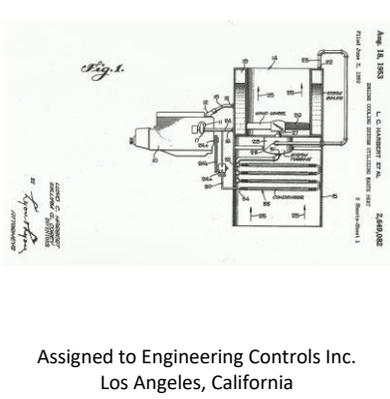
According to a California War History Committee card completed in 1919 by his mother, his studies were interrupted by his US Army enlistment. She says he went to “officer school,” becoming a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in 1918. She states that he served until August 1918 and then “went ... to the State University to finish his course there. Will graduate in 1920.”

The 1920 census finds him along with a brother at their mother’s address with no employment. However, after that he was apparently quite busy. His 1922 voter registration has him living in Los Angeles, employed as an engineer, and in 1923 he married Mary Julia Scripps (1897-1996). Newspaper reports of the wedding say that the couple would live in San Francisco, where WG was employed in the “Southern Pacific oil fields.” The decade brought the first three of his eight patents (1924 and 1925 while living in Berkeley and 1928 in San Francisco), and the San Diego births of daughters Virginia A. Corey (1924-2012) and Mary M. Corey (1927-2017).

| 1924<br>PUMPING POWER<br>#1,495,250<br>(primary with 2 others) | 1925<br>RODLESS DEEP WELL PUMP<br>#1,523,231<br>(primary with 2 others) | 1928<br>HYDRAULIC PUMPING POWER<br>#1,666,255<br>(primary with 1 other) |
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City directories in the 1930s for Pasadena, Los Angeles County, list WG variously as an engineer with a petroleum company, a salesman, or a civil engineer, and at Pacific Tool and Gear as a manager. The decade brought son William C. Corey (1930-2012), a new patent in 1934, and in 1935, daughter Sarah Scripps Corey.

On his 1942 WWII draft registration WG gave his employer as Pacific Gear Works in Los Angeles. His remaining patents were all while living in the Los Angeles area.

| 1934<br>METHOD AND MEANS OF<br>COUNTERBALANCING<br>#1,948,288  | 1949<br>LUBRICATION OF AIR<br>COUNTERBALANCE<br>CYLINDERS<br>#2,486,705  | 1950<br>APPARATUS FOR<br>PRESSURING AIR<br>COUNTERBALANCE<br>CYLINDERS<br>#2,493,341  | 1953<br>ENGINE COOLING SYSTEM UTILIZING<br>WASTE HEAT<br>#2,649,082<br>(with primary Lloyd C. Herbert)  |
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|  <p>Feb. 20, 1934. W. G. COREY 1,948,288<br/>METHOD AND MEANS OF COUNTERBALANCING<br/>Filed July 20, 1930</p> <p>WILLIAM G. COREY<br/>INVENTOR<br/>BY James W. Abbott<br/>ATTORNEY</p> |  <p>Nov. 1, 1949. W. G. COREY 2,486,705<br/>LUBRICATION OF AIR COUNTERBALANCE CYLINDERS<br/>Filed July 29, 1947</p> <p>WILLIAM G. COREY<br/>INVENTOR<br/>BY James W. Abbott<br/>ATTORNEY</p> |  <p>Jan. 3, 1950 W. G. COREY 2,493,341<br/>APPARATUS FOR PRESSURING AIR COUNTERBALANCE CYLINDERS<br/>Filed Aug. 5, 1948</p> <p>WILLIAM G. COREY<br/>INVENTOR<br/>BY James W. Abbott<br/>ATTORNEY</p> |  <p>Aug. 18, 1953<br/>L. C. HERBERT et al. 2,649,082<br/>ENGINE COOLING SYSTEM UTILIZING WASTE HEAT<br/>Filed Aug. 1, 1951</p> <p>Assigned to Engineering Controls Inc.<br/>Los Angeles, California</p> |

William Gardner Corey died in Los Angeles on December 2, 1959. According to his *Los Angeles Times* obituary, he was a mechanical engineer with Lacy Oil Tool Co and was survived by widow Mary Scripps Corey, son William G. (sic) Corey, and daughters Virginia Lance, Mary Lownes, and Sally Karsten.

### William S. Corey – A CUTTING MACHINE AND SEVERAL UTILITY CLAMP IMPROVEMENTS

William Spencer Corey (1897-1968) was born January 19 or 20, 1897, in Los Angeles, California, a son of Frank W. Corey (1863-1939) and Kathryn E. Van Buskirk (1868-1927).

WS lived his entire life in the Los Angeles area. He registered for the draft there in 1918, giving his occupation as truck driver and his nearest relative as Katherine (sic) Corey. The 1920 Federal census shows that by age 23, WS was living with his brother, age 24, and that both of them were machinists in auto repair. (His name is given as Spencer W. and the last name is spelled Crey, but the brother and their demographics indicate the he is undoubtedly our WS.)

WS must have married shortly thereafter, as in 1921 daughter Mildred Y. Corey (1921-2012) was born to him and his wife the former Gladys A. Pauly (1901-1988), with son Spencer Pauly Corey (1925-2000) arriving 4 years later.

The 1930 census finds him working as an airplane mechanic.

The 1940 census yields neither of them, even under various spellings, but the 1940 Los Angeles voter registration record does list both WS and Gladys at the same address, with his occupation given as “calker, repairman.”

WS came to his inventive years beginning in 1950, with his patent for a machine which improved the safety of industrial cutting of wood blocks for furnaces and fireplaces. This was followed over the next 16 years by four more patents, these for clamps of several types used to join or repair pipes or conduits. His last was granted in 1966. His residence for all his patents was Tujunga, Los Angeles.

| 1950<br>WOOD SLICING<br>MACHINE<br># 2,493,914 | 1950<br>UTILITY SERVICE CLAMP<br># 2,526,200 | 1953<br>UTILITY SERVICE<br>CLAMP<br>#2,660,200 | 1964<br>TAPPING SLEEVES<br>#3,132,881 | 1966<br>SERVICE CLAMP<br># 3,292,954<br>Substitute for 259,006<br>abandoned |
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William Spencer Corey died June 14, 1968. His headstone is inscribed "Loving Husband, Pop, and Grandfather." His obituary in the *Los Angeles Times*, says Spencer Corey is in Glendale and Mildred Culbertson is in Bakersfield, Grandchildren Chris Corey and Lynne Culbertson are mentioned.

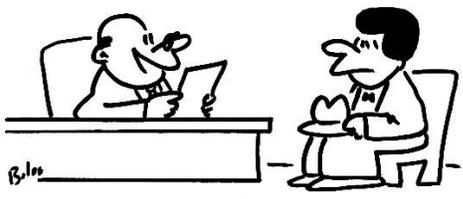
**In summary - no relationship found!**

Following Ancestry hints on these fellows leads to all three of our Cory/Corey lines. However, grains of salt abound, as family tree connections assembled by users are not necessarily accurate and reliable. More importantly, the three Williams don't show up on our Cory Family website genealogies, so I just couldn't connect them.

It seems Coreys are just very inventive stock - and fond of the name William. ★★ ★

## ARE YOU RELATED TO ... ANY NOTED CORYS?

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B.I.M.

"No kings or noblemen, but you're descended from a guy whose cousin knew Benjamin Franklin's cook!"

CartoonStock.com

Maybe:

- Dr. Albert B. Corey, past NYS Historian
- Fanny Young Cory, artist and illustrator
- Kate Cory, painter/photographer of the Hopi people
- Walter Monroe Cory, architect

There are also some already on the CFS website. Help add to them by letting us know what you have.

(And don't leave out the infamous ones!)

## FROM THE EDITOR

**Correction:** In our October 2019 report on the Des Moines reunion, we mixed up Joe Cory's relatives relationships! Joe sent us the correct info: "On page 6 it has Brad and Amy Cory. Amy Cory is Russell's wife. Brad's wife Laura didn't come to the reunion." Our apologies!

The newsletter depends on you, the Corys out there, to help us put the newsletter together, and apparently to keep it accurate! We need you to give us ideas, suggestions, comments, etc.

We want to see anything you have, whether you have scattered notes that defy completion or full articles. Poems, quips and sayings, cartoons – and even questions – are welcome. We might edit for space or clarity, but we need your ideas to work with.

Although we do try to stay up to date with Facebook postings, the best way to contact the newsletter directly is [editor@coryfamsoc.com](mailto:editor@coryfamsoc.com).

### NEXT 2020 NEWSLETTER DUE DATES -- Note date changes\*

FOR THE \*JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER:

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FOR THE OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER:

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