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2002 Annual and Family Reunion-Rhode Island (Back to the Cory Roots)

August 15-18, 2002

The date for the reunion is now final and it is scheduled for August 15-18. We were able to pick a date that will work for all of us and hopefully for other Cory members who can come. We had to change the date from our previous preliminary announcement due to availability of rooms and availability of board members.



We are scheduling a trip to the Pilgrim Plantation in Plymouth, Massachusetts on Friday for the people who want to come one day early. Plymouth is a short hour from where we are staying. We will be staying at the Ramada Inn. Call 508 336-7300 for room reservations. They are listed under the Cory Family Society and we have 20 rooms reserved (\$84 single and \$89 double). We will reserve more rooms if we see we have a lot of interest. The Ramada Inn is east of East Providence, Rhode Island in Seekonk, Massachusetts near I-195 and 114. They have a restaurant and meetings room on site. This should be centrally located for our tours to Cory farm in Portsmouth, Kingston, Providence library, Tiverton, Plymouth, etc.

With Charlotte Muller's passing away we will have to refocus some but we should be able to provide a very interesting tour. The tour to the Pilgrim area will be a highlight as well. I do have a videotape from our tour in 1993 of which Charlotte narrated. We will be showing the tape as well as presenting materials that Charlotte presented last time. A lot of this information is in Charlotte's (black book) entitled "The Early History of William Cory of Portsmouth, Rhode Island". Charlotte was planning our tour with Patricia Wyatt from Narragansett, Rhode Island and several people have stepped up to assist. I will be making a trip prior to our reunion to arrange the final details. We will be providing an educational tour of the early Cory's arriving in America. Several Cory members attended the reunion in 1993 and I'm sure this group as well as new attendees will enjoy this tour as this will be a very enjoyable field tour and factual discussions of the early Cory's, don't miss this one!!!! See you there.



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Reprint (Prior Newsletter) of our Portsmouth Rhode Island Tour – August 1993

By Charlotte Muller

Saturday's tour began in Portsmouth, RI at the Northwest corner of West Main Rd and Cory's Lane, where William Cory received his eight-acre land grant in 1657. He also inherited the adjoining thirty-eight acre land grants of his step-grandfather and grandmother, Ann and John Roome. His two sons John and William inherited this land in 1682. On the south side of Cory's Lane we stopped at the old cemetery where Samuel Cory the revolutionary War Patriot is buried. It is thought that William is buried there as well as his wife some years later.

Crossing the bridge to Tiverton we passed over lot 22 of the Pocasset Purchase William purchased in 1680 and left to his son's Thomas and Roger. South to Tiverton Four Corners we stopped at five Cory homes built before the Revolution, including Cory-Hicks-Bordon home purchased by Thomas Cory in 1720, and remained in possession of his descendants until 1900; the home built by his grandson, Philip Cory c1770; and the Chase Cory house purchased by Andrew Cory in 1816 and occupied by his descendants until 1966 when it was donated to the Tiverton Historical Society.

We visited the cemetery on the land of Captain Philip Cory, where he, his wife and descendants are buried. At the Chase Cory House we were greeted by Edna Snell who lived there as a child more than ninety years ago.

Continuing east our tour headed for Westport Pointe, MA by the way of Cornell Rd. where we passed the land purchased by William Cory in 1669, which he left to his son, Caleb. Our bus stopped at the cemetery in Westport Pointe where Capt Isaac Cory, a grandson of Thomas Cory of Tiverton, and his descendants are buried. We were met there by Mr. Dexter and Mr. Wadsworth, both descendants of Alexander Cory, a grandson of Isaac Cory, who were our guides for the half a mile stroll down Main Rd. to the tip of the point. During the Revolution Capt. Isaac Cory built his store that would remain active until 1915. This store would be the focal point for his whaling, coastal trading and fishing business. We passed by beautiful old homes, many built soon after the Revolutionary War, including the home of Capt. Isaac still owned by his descendants. Isaac inherited lands in Westport from his father, Philip Cory in 1750, which still remain in the possession of his descendants.

Our last stop was the Whaling Museum in New Bedford, MA where we viewed some papers from collection of Isaac Cory papers.

Sunday morning we visited the North Kingstown, RI "Homestead" land purchased by John Cory c1705 son of William Cory of Portsmouth, RI. This land and home was owned by his descendants until 1901. In 1941 the land was made part of the Quonset Naval Air

Station and at this time the grave stones in the "Homestead Cemetery" were moved to the Quidnessett Cemetery. His descendants at this cemetery took many pictures. The two oldest marked J.C. and E.C. are thought to be those of John Cory and his wife Elizabeth.

MOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

We will be staying at:

The Ramada Inn.
East of East Providence, Rhode Island
at Seekonk, Massachusetts
Near I-195 and 114
(508) 336-7300

PLEASE PHONE THE MOTEL DIRECTLY FOR RESERVATIONS

Mention the Corey Family Society for our special rates (\$84 single and \$89 double - non-smoking). Indicate date of arrival and date of departure and if you wish 1st floor accommodation. The cutoff date for the room rate is July 15, 2002.

CORY TOURS - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Preliminary)

Thursday PM - August 15

- ◆ Welcome - Hospitality Room

Friday - August 16

- ◆ **Plimoth Plantation** - Museum and Mayflower II Tour – Plymouth, Massachusetts.
- ◆ **Towards Tiverton, RI** - Lot 22 of the Pocasset Purchase William purchased in 1680 and left to his son(s) Thomas and Roger.
- ◆ **South to Tiverton Four Corners (Historic District)** - Five Cory homes built before the Revolution, including Cory-Hicks-Bordon home purchased by Thomas Cory in 1720, and remained in possession of his descendants until 1900; the home built by his grandson, Philip Cory c1770; and the Chase Cory house (1730) purchased by Andrew Cory in 1816 and occupied by his descendants until 1966 when it was donated to the Tiverton Historical Society. Edna Snell who lived there as a child more than ninety years ago.
- ◆ **Cemetery on the land of Captain Philip Cory** - where he, his wife and descendants are buried.
- ◆ **Westport Pointe, MA** - land purchased by William Cory in 1669, which he left to his son, Caleb.
- ◆ **Cemetery in Westport Pointe** - where Capt Isaac Cory, a grandson of Thomas Cory of Tiverton, and his descendants are buried.
- ◆ **Driving tour half mile stroll down Main Rd. to the tip of the point** - During the Revolution Capt. Isaac Cory built his store that would remain active until 1915. This store would be the focal point for his whaling, coastal trading and fishing business. We passed by beautiful old homes, many built soon after the Revolutionary War, including the home of Capt. Isaac still owned by his descendants. Isaac inherited lands in Westport from his father, Philip Cory in 1750, which still remain in the possession of his descendants.

Saturday - August 17

- ◆ **Portsmouth, RI** - Cory's Lane, Old Cemetery, and Green Animals Topiary Gardens (1880): William Cory and Ann and John Roome's homestead. William Cory received his eight-acre land grant in 1657. He also inherited the adjoining thirty-eight acre land grants of his step-grandfather and grandmother. Burial site for Samuel Cory (the revolutionary War Patriot). It is thought that William is buried there as well as his wife some years later.
- ◆ **North Kingstown, RI** - "Homestead" land purchased by John Cory c1705 son of William Cory of Portsmouth, RI. This land and home was owned by his descendants until 1901. In 1941 the land was made part of the Quonset Naval Air Station.
- ◆ **Quidnessett Cemetery** - Gravestones in the "Homestead Cemetery" were moved to the Quidnessett Cemetery. The two oldest marked J.C. and E.C. are thought to be those of John Cory and his wife Elizabeth.

Sunday - August 18

- ◆ **Whaling Museum in New Bedford, MA** - viewing some papers from collection of Isaac Cory papers. Visit with Mr. Kugler
- ◆ **Business Meeting and Banquet** -

OPTIONAL PLACES TO VISIT

For those of you coming in earlier or wish to modify your tour schedule and perhaps do some personal research here are a few references for you to review.

LIBRARIES, HISTORICAL SOCIETIES & MISCELLANEOUS SITES

Portsmouth Town Hall –

Newport Historical Society – Museum with library and research Facilities. Walking tours of Colonial Newport

Redwood Library and Athenaeum (1748-50) – Newport. Oldest continuously used library building in America.

Providence Athenaeum (1830) – Providence. One of the nation's oldest libraries and culture center. Greek Doric temple design.

Rhode Island Historical Society Library – Providence. Extensive collection of Rhode Island history and artifacts. 121 Hope St.; Providence, RI 02903

Museum of Rhode Island History at Aldrich House (1882) – Providence. Headquarters of the Rhode Island Historical Society.

Providence Public Library –

RI State Archives – 337 Westminister St.; Providence, RI 02903

Friends Meeting House – (1699). Newport. Oldest religious structure in Newport

Old School House (c. 1716) – Portsmouth. Nation's oldest school, containing antique desks, school bells, and text books.

Old Stone Mill – Newport. Unidentified origin. Most popular theory is that it was built by Norsemen before Columbus' voyage. Academic theory has it built by a Colonial farmer.

Casey Farm (c. 1750) - North Kingstown. Mid 18th century homestead still functioning as farm with an assortment of animals. Surrounded by fields, barns, and high stone walls, the house overlooks Narragansett Bay.

Great Swamp – South Kingstown. The Great Swamp Fight took place on December 19, 1675, during King Philip's War, and resulted in the near annihilation of the Narragansett Indians.

Old Narragansett Church (1701) – North Kingstown. One of the oldest Episcopal Churches in America. One of the four original Colonial parishes in Rhode Island. Oldest church organ (1680) in North America

Old Washington County Jail (1792) – South Kingstown. Pettaquamscutt Historical Society Headquarters. Contains old jail cells, period rooms, and Colonial garden. Exhibits depict life in South County during last 300 years. Genealogical and history library.

Smith's Castle (1678) – North Kingstown. Site of trading centers established by Richard Smith and Roger Williams in 1637. In 1700, a slave-holding estate.

Coggeshall Farm Museum – Bristol. An 18th century working farm with animals, a working team of oxen, and historical farm activities, including 18th century crafts. Historical herb and vegetable garden.

Butts Hill Fort – Portsmouth. Site of Rhode Island's only major Revolutionary War land battle. August 29, 1778.

Brown University (1764) - 7th oldest in America. Used as barracks by American and French troops during revolution

Cathedral of St John, Episcopal (1810) – One of four original Colonial parishes in state. Adjoining historical graveyard.

Meeting-house of the First Baptist Church in America (1775) – Congregation founded by Roger Williams in 1638.

First Unitarian Church (1816) - Houses largest and heaviest bell cast by Paul Revere & Son.

John Brown House (1785) – Three story Georgian mansion. Celebrates many aspects of Rhode Island's heritage.

Johnson & Wales Culinary Archives & Museum – This one-of-a-kind museum contains over 200,000 items relating to culinary arts and entertainment.

Museum of Art, Rhode Island School of Design – One of the nation's finest small museums.

Old State House (1762) – Rhode Island Declaration of Independence signed here May 4, 1776, renouncing allegiance to King George III two months before the other colonies.

Prospect Terrace – Burial place of Roger Williams and site of Roger Williams Memorial.

Roger Williams Landing Place Monument – Site where Providence founder first step ashore in 1636 in exile from the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

Roger Williams National Memorial – Visitor center, exhibits, and slides on the site of the original Providence settlement (1636).

State Capital (1900) – Built with white Georgian marble with one of only three self-supported marble domes in world. Contains original Rhode Island Charter (1663) and historic Gilbert Stuart portrait.

Governor Stephen Hopkins House (1707) – Signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Benefit Street's "Mile of History" – The most impressive concentration of original Colonial homes in America and site of many superb examples of early Federal and 19th century. Walking tours.

Slater Mill Historic Site – Includes Slater Mill (1793), birthplace of America's industry; the Sylvanus Brown House (1758), an early skilled worker's home; and the Wilkinson Mill (1810) which houses an authentic 19th century machine shop. A reconstructed 16,000 lb. water wheel (c. 1826) is in operation. Operating early textile machinery and demonstrations of hand-spinning and weaving

SHOPPING

The Arcade (1828) – Greek Revival structure houses the oldest indoor shopping center in the country. Lively marketplace with shops and eateries.

Federal Hill – Providence's "little Italy". Federal Street and adjacent blocks between Broadway and Atwells Avenue. Italian culture and other ethnic cuisine. Traditional bakeries, shops, groceries and restaurants.

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 and Genealogist Vacancies

The Cory Society has two vacancies that we will need to fill. Please consider volunteering for these positions or recommend members who may be available. I would like to accept nominations at our annual meeting.

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.

Dorothy rout and Phyllis Cory have submitted designs that have been thoughtfully designed. Both submittals are being reviewed and will be submitted as one at our annual meeting for approval.

Logo Submitted by Dorothy Rout:

Crest: Three red stars signifying our voyage into the unknown-sailors of yore used celestial "lights" to guide them to a safe harbor.

Ship: Our forefathers came from over the seas to form a new nation-one of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness".

Laurel Leaf Crown: Like our ancestors who sailed to America, we have worked hard and been rewarded.



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.

I ask you to keep the editor current on your address and phone numbers so we can send you the newsletter. Please submit your e-mail addresses and keep them current, as we will be corresponding through e-mail as well. We will not include our membership on the web page.

THE CORY FAMILY SOCIETY AND THE INTERNET

By Earl S. Cory, Vice President, Webmaster

Welcome to the Cory, Corey, Corrie, Corry, Coray, Corie...- Web Site

Yes any of the above spelling(s) and some with the Kory(s) are or may be our Cory line. For those of you who do not have a computer at home, or do not have access to a computer, or are not aware of our web site and what is available, I have reprinted a portion of the first page from our web site. You can also go to a library and request to use a computer to visit our site. Earl Cory has done a tremendous job in developing our web site and updating our site with up-to-date information on the Cory(s). In addition Earl is maintaining and updating our massive data files on Cory genealogy. This file was originally developed by Al Cory from Jacksonville, FL. Charlotte Muller has also spent tremendous amount of time providing updated data as well. Earl spends a lot of

time trying to respond to your inquires our your family history. I know he gets a lot of requests and his stack of requests are stacking up so please be patience and he will be able to respond to you.

Database Update

All five of the Cory databases have been updated and uploaded to the web site. The new format should make it easier for you to find who you are looking for. Several people have requested that information on living people be removed from the web site. Many people have supplied corrections and additions to information on living people. This presents a problem! With living information removed, it is hard to determine if additions or corrections are needed.

For security reasons, I have removed all information about living people (as best as I can determine) from the web site, but kept the information in the Society Databases.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPLY INFORMATION ON LIVING PEOPLE.

Editor's Note: We will discuss this item at our annual meeting. To aid in finding our ancestors and relatives and also finding living people currently doing research we may want to list living people as well as people who have passed on. This would surely aid people doing research and finding their cousins. If people specifically request not to be listed then we could also honor that request.

A special request, when you die, please have some one let me know so that I can change your status and put the information on the web site.

Earl Cory, Webmaster

1850 Census On Line - Prepared by Art Corey

All of the New England States are covered. A number of Southern states had no Cory/Corey families listed in the 1850 census. Most of the Western states existed only as territories which did not have a census until 1860.

Genealogies

Genealogies of each of the branches will be published on this web site. As new information (additions, corrections, changes) is provided, it will be published on the Genealogy pages for each of the lines.

Resources, Inquires, and Corrections

The Cory Family Society welcomes inquires. When sending inquires, please indicate which branch of the family you are inquiring about.

In addition, there are several places to post inquires on the GenForum web site:

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/corey/>; <http://genforum.genealogy.com/cory/>;

<http://genforum.genealogy.com/corry/>; <http://genforum.genealogy.com/corrie/>.

Several members of the society monitor these sites and help provide answers.

The following web sites are also valuable resources for general genealogical research: Cory Society; Family Search; Rootsweb; Social Security Death Index Interactive Search; Family Tree Maker; Genealogy Library; Family Origins; Genealogy; Family Reunion; How to Articles; Genealogy Site Finder.

Family Tree Searcher: Genealogy - Ancestors – Ancestry

Enter your ancestor information just once to search your ancestry at multiple online genealogy databases. The site also includes hints for searching family history online.

Newsletter

The Cory Family Society publishes a quarterly newsletter to its members. Membership in the society is only \$10 per year per family. Membership not only provides a subscription to the newsletter, but the opportunity to participate in the Cory Family Reunions, have direct access to other active members, and access to the societies database and genealogist. To join the Cory Family Society, go to our membership page, fill out the application, and send it along with the \$10 membership fee to the Society Treasurer.

The Western Pennsylvania Area Cory Reunion Association - invited all members to attend their 90th Cory Reunion. Click here for a report on the event.

Publications and Articles

Several members of the Society have written articles or published works on their ancestors, check out the Publications and the Articles pages.

Menus for additional Pages of our Website

[About Us] [Documentation] [Annual Meetings] [Officers Directory] [Membership] [Change of Address] [Cory Society] [West. PA Reunion] [Genealogies] [Articles] [Publications] [Newsletters] [Bibliography] [FAQs]

Cory Society

There is a direct link to our friends from England and to their web site Cory Society (corysociety.org.uk).

Inquiries

Send mail to webmaster@coryfamsoc.com with questions or comments about this web site. When sending inquiries or corrections please indicate which branch of the family.

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

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PASSING OF SOCIETY MEMBERS

We are saddened to hear that Charlotte Muller from Farmington Hills, MI passed away unexpectedly Wednesday February 13, 2002 in the morning after suffering a heart attack. Charles H. Cory from Auburn, NY and Eugeneie Fellows (died Nov. 9, 2002) from Zephyrhills, FL have passed away. We add our condolences to their families.

LOST CORY(S)

We have lost contact with the following people. If anyone knows of his or her address or e-mail please inform the editor. The last known address are as follows:

Ruth E. Cory
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Athol, MA

Earl & Cheryl Cory
PO Box 185
Wilson, WY

Audrey LaPorte
701 Grove St.
Menasha, WI

Mark Sampson
338 W 1st Street
Delphos, OH

MEMBER'S PUBLISHED BOOKS ON THEIR RESEARCH

Several members have published books on their research. The following lists those publications, along with information upon obtaining the publication:

*The Early History of WILLIAM CORY of Portsmouth, Rhode Island
by Charlotte Muller*

This book contains material not previously published on the William Cory/Corey Family. It includes transcriptions of early papers, maps, wills, deeds, pictures, houses, and documented stories. To order a copy, please the editor a note and a check for \$17.50 and he will see that you will receive a copy and a check sent to Charlotte's family.

*In a Land not Sown, The Life and Times of Jerimiah William Cory, Sr. 1793-1860
by David A. Cory, M.D.*

While focusing on Jerimiah William Cory of the seventh American generation, the book also includes a discussion of the ancestry of Jerimiah--John¹, John², John³, Elnathon⁴, Ebenezer⁵, and Elnathan⁶. There is extensive documentation of known records of John 1 of Long Island. The book follows Jerimiah across America from his birth in Western Pennsylvania to establishing a large family in Pickaway County, Ohio, to northern Indiana and finally to central Iowa. There are no more copies available, but the online version is available on the Cory website.

Corys of America, Second Edition
by Al B. Cory

Genealogical records assembled in the register format. Consists of two volume, cloth bound, library books.

Volume I

Book I John Cory of Southold, Long Island, New York

875 pages, indexed, 13,149 individuals, 4,407 marriages, 3,158 locations, 14 generations.

Book II My Mothers Side of the Family

Willis, Busroe, Witten, Downs, Cain. 44 pages, indexed, 503 individuals, 126 marriages, 182 locations, 9 generations.

Volume II

Book III William Corey of Portsmouth, Rhode Island

603 pages, indexed, 8,847 individuals, 2,994 marriages, 2,252 locations, 12 generations.

Book IV Thomas Corey of Chelmsford, Massachusetts

91 pages, 478 marriages, 437 individuals, 484 locations, 12 generations

Book V Corys of America

Progenitors who could not be linked to John, William, or Thomas. Includes Giles. 109 pages, 1,955 individuals, 726 marriages, 876 locations, 14 generations.

Volume I - \$10.00 including postage. Volume II - \$30.00 including Postage. Buy both Volumes I and II, \$10 will be donated to a library of your choice. To order send check or Money Order to: Al B. Cory; 11056 Orange Cart Way; Jacksonville, FL 32223-7336

Note: If anyone would like to list their papers or publications on their family history and be available for other interested parties please give the web master or editor a call.

2002 Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

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

Telephone No.: (_____) _____

Do you want your address published? _____ Yes _____ No

E-mail Address: _____

Enclosed: 2002 Dues \$ 10 Genealogy Research \$ _____
(Optional)

Payment for 3 Years \$ 30 2002-04

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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1123 N. Cambrian
Bremerton, Washington 98312

Note: There have been some questions as to how the genealogy research funds will be utilized. These funds will be used specifically for researching our Cory line by genealogists and for our new project of DNA testing.

Correction: We failed to update the membership form to “2002”. Anyone who has recently paid his or her dues will be credited for 2002.

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