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PRESIDENT'S REPORT, by Fred Corey

We are a little late on publishing our newsletter but several things have happened in 2002 that we needed to readjust and get back on track. As mentioned in the April 2002 newsletter our genealogist Charlotte Muller passed away in February and our treasurer Maxine Hester passed away in October. We are also vacant of the Vice President position. As a result we did go forward with the reunion in Portsmouth in August and we have been behind since. And your President has been extremely bush at work. The President had to serve being President, newsletter editor, treasurer, membership chairman and organizing for the reunion, which was a little too much.

Obviously this is too much for any one person to take on. Thanks to Art Corey from Fort Collins, Co., he solicited the Cory membership and several volunteers came forward.

Karen Cory from Camarillo, Ca. has volunteered to take over the newsletter editor position and Joann Nichols from Brattleboro, Vt. has volunteered to be our treasurer and membership chairman.

Additionally Art and Vera Corey and Joe and Sandy Miller from San Diego met at my house in Phoenix for a two-day sorting of the Cory files (see my report later in the newsletter). With the passing of Charlotte Muller she left quite a void in the genealogy and historian position. She provided many answers to the many queries from our members as well as continuing to do research on the Cory's in her spare time. One of her favorite projects she was pursuing was the DNA research, which was trying to tie the various lines of the Cory's through DNA research. Again, thanks to Art Corey our members stepped forward and Art has taken over this very important project. (Please see his report later in the newsletter).

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Genealogist Position (Open)

Our Vice President & Web Master Earl Cory from Oakland, Ca. has also been very helpful in answering a lot of the queries about where our cousins belong and trying to make some ties to their ancestors. Earl over the last couple of years has spent many relentless hours taking over the database from Al Cory from Jacksonville, Fl. (Al had spent many relentless hours over the many years building the database of Cory's). Earl has also developed our web page, which has a tremendous amount of material available to our cousins doing research, and is an avenue of presenting news to our members. There will be a lot more information available in the near future as well.

I would also like to thank Carolyn Corey from St. Ignatius, Montana for taking the minutes at our reunion in August and seeing that the minutes get published on the web page. A copy of the minutes is also included in this newsletter.

With our new wave of volunteers our Cory Family Society should be able to function quite well and accept and provide genealogical information to our members for many years to come. Our newsletter and getting information back to our members is back on track. Please send information to Karen Cory that is news worthy to the Cory's.

CORY GENEALOGICAL RECORDS

With the passing of Charlotte Muller and Helen Mercier, we accepted and reviewed their records they have collected over the last 20-30 years. Mark Muller (Charlotte's son) packed and sent over 20 large boxes of material on the Cory's that have been collected. The John Cory line has over 10 large boxes (mainly collected by Helen Mercier), the William line has four large boxes and the Thomas, Giles and John of Roxbury has one large box (see my report later in this newsletter). Receiving these boxes and setting them up in my garage for our review committee to sort and decide what to do was another task that we made tremendous progress the weekend of February 21-22.

(Late breaking news: Mark Muller has more boxes of Charlotte's personal records, so we have more work to do.

GENEALOGIST POSITION(S) AND PERMANENTLY LOCATING CORY GENEALOGICAL RECORDS

We have decided to fill our genealogist position with multiple people rather than trying to find one person who would be knowledgeable with all the Cory lines. As discussed at our annual meeting we are also trying to find the right location(s) for the Cory records to be located where our cousins doing research can have access to these records. It has been concluded that our Society has out grown the ability for one person to manage all of the records and to conduct research for all of the Cory lines. (John of Southold, William of Portsmouth, Thomas of Chelmsford, John of Roxbury and Giles of Salem. Additionally we have a Web Site that is quite effective in providing information to our membership. The following members have volunteered to assist our members in providing information about the Cory's.

Cory Family Society Web Site: Earl Cory has agreed and has been providing answers to many queries people have written in or made inquires directly to our web site. Earl has the database as originally developed by Al Cory. This database is for all of the Cory lines and Earl will assist our members with most questions. This database is available for query on our web site and we encourage our members to search their inquiries as much as they can before asking for help.

John Cory Line: Sandy and Joe Miller from San Diego agreed to take the 3 x 5 card file that Helen Mercier from New Jersey had created over the many years of research. I believe there are over two feet of cards with lots and lots of information. Additionally John Bowdle has agreed to provide additional information on the John Cory line as people request this information on the John line.

Location of John Cory of Southold records: We are asking for your input on where we could permanently locate the 10 boxes of information of John Cory. In visiting with Mark Hester he has suggested a historical society in New Jersey.

William Cory Line: Stephen Corey from McCook, Nebraska has volunteered to assist people doing research on the William line.

Location of William Cory of Portsmouth: It is felt that the William Cory files would be best to be located in or near Rhode Island (either Portsmouth or Providence) at a historical society or library for people doing research in that area and for their convenience.

Thomas Cory Line: Kathleen Reed has volunteered to provide information on the Thomas line. It has been concluded that the Giles and John Cory from Roxbury are close to this line and information on all of these lines should be available from these records. Kathleen has agreed to be the caretaker and will accept the Thomas/Giles and John of Roxbury files.

Location of Thomas /John/Giles Cory Records: We will discuss this further at our next reunion as to the proper location of these records and to make them accessible to our cousins.

Cory Family Society Reunion
August 15 - 18, 2002
Providence, Rhode Island



ATTENDANCE: Diane Corey Adams, Thompson, CT; Michelle Walshak Braden New Albany, Indiana; Ernest Briggs, Portsmouth, Rhode Island; Margaret, Anneliese & Peter Muller Bruegel, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan; Ed & Louise Bush, Painted Forest, NY; Edward & Jean Carusi, Omaha, Nebraska; Arthur Corey, Putnam, CT; Carolyn Corey, St. Ignatius, Montana; Fred & Berneice Corey, Phoenix, Arizona; Clayton & Marilyn Corey, Lake City Iowa; Paula Corey, Grand View, NY; Art & Vera Corey, Fort Collins, Colorado; Earl Cory, Oakland, California, Lester Cory, Rhode Island; Don & Sue Dunkelberger, Somerville, Ohio; Marjorie Fenili, Enumclaw, Washington, Parker & Freida Hall, Citrus Heights, California; Carol Kloss, Hartford, Wisconsin; Bill & Debbie Masters, Arlington Heights, IL; Galen Moore, Newport News, VA; Kathleen Corey Reed, Monponsett, MA; Jane Ritchey, Boston, MA; Bill & Janet Sharpe, Modesto, Ca; Nels Tyring, Statham, NH; David & Lois Jean Walshak, Gonzales, TX; Ronette Walshak, College Station, TX; Pat & Otis Wyatt, RI; Rich Wyatt, Montclair, NJ.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Thursday - August 15, 2002 We welcomed our attendees at the Ramada Inn in Seekonk, MA.

Our next few days were quite busy with our educational tour of the early Cory's arriving in America and the William Cory line of Portsmouth, Rhode Island. As we commenced and continued our tour we showed several videotapes from our reunion tour in 1993 of which Charlotte Muller (deceased) narrated in 1993. These tapes were played on the bus as we traveled from one location to another. Typed copies of her tape, which was transcribed, were also handed out. A lot of this information is in Charlotte's (black book) entitled "The Early History of William Cory of Portsmouth, Rhode Island". Copies of her transcribed tapes are available to purchase and are available on the web site free of charge.

A lot of thanks needs to go to Patricia & Ottis Wyatt from Narragansett, Rhode Island for arranging most of the tour (including our lunches and buses) for the Cory group. A lot of behind the scenes activity was required to pull this event off. I know Otis and Pat made several day runs just to try to keep us on schedule. Additionally Lester Cory even with his back problems provided a lot of additional preparation time and gave us a very informative narrated tour of the Cory's east of the Narragansett Bay and Tiverton, Westport Pointe and Newport, RI.

Friday - August 16, 2002

**On Friday we visited the
Plimouth Plantation, Plymouth Rock,
Museum and Mayflower II Tour.**

**We also visited Pilgrim Hall Museum
which was a Gallery Museum with
lots of stories of America's founding
traditions.**



Saturday – August 17, 2002 (8 AM – 5 PM)



On Saturday we traveled to Westport Point where Lester Corey joined us. We saw where early Cory/Corey whaling vessels tied up. Then we walked along a section of Main Street to see these early houses, including a Corey house or two.

We traveled towards Tiverton, RI and visited Lot 22 of the Pocasset Purchase which William purchased in 1680 and left to his son(s) Thomas and Roger.

We then traveled South to Tiverton Four Corners (Historic District) where five Cory homes were built before the Revolution. This included the 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. The Chace 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 (deceased) lived there as a child more than ninety years ago. She gave us an informative talk in 1993.



We visited the Cemetery on the land of Captain Philip Cory – where he, his wife and descendants are buried. This cemetery contains the oldest gravestone in Tiverton, (We ordered a new cemetery sign and are hopeful it'll be in and installed).

We visited Westport Point, MA and land purchased by William Cory in 1669, which he left to his son, Caleb.

We visited a Cemetery in Westport Point where Capt. Isaac Cory, a grandson of Thomas Cory of Tiverton, and his descendants are buried.



We had a driving tour and a half mile stroll down Main Road to the tip of the point. During the Revolution Capt. Isaac Cory built his store that would remain active until 1915. This store was a 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. We then drove further north in Tiverton, to see the site of the first Tiverton land grants of William.



Our next stop was Cory's Lane in Portsmouth, RI where we visited the Old Cemetery; William Cory and Ann and John Roome's homestead and Green Animals Topiary Gardens. (We have also ordered a new sign for this cemetery and are hopeful it too will be ready for us to install.)



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. The Old Cemetery is the burial site for Samel Cory (the Revolutionary War Patriot). It is thought that William is buried there as well as his wife some years later.

We visited Briggs Hill – a site which overlooks much of William’s of Portsmouth lands and was the location of the Cory windmill. We toured the Prescott Farm with its Pilgrum furniture and its windmill.



We then traveled to 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 Navel Air Station. After considerable review of records and even a self guided tour in the woods (by our President) we have concluded that the house was destroyed or moved when the Naval Air Station was built.



Quidnessett Cemetery was our next stop. Gravestones in the “Homestead Cemetery” were moved to the Quidnessett Cemetery from the John Cory home site in 1941. The two oldest marked J.C. and E.C. are thought to be those of John Cory and his wife Elizabeth.



Sunday – August 18, 2002 (8 AM – 12 noon)

Sunday morning we spent visiting the Whaling Museum in New Bedford, MA. Mr. Kugler, a former director of the museum spoke to us about the whaling Cory’s and the sperm oil business. He spoke on whaling and Cory involvement in early whaling activities. He’s a descendant of the whaling Cory’s. Did you know that New Bedford once was the center of whaling activities in this country?



Cory Family Society Meeting - Minutes
Seekonk, MA. - Sunday, August 18, 2002

Fred Corey opened up the meeting at 2:30 PM. Fred spoke in appreciation of the late Charlotte Muller's work as past genealogist for the society & recommended her book. He spoke of the 30+ boxes in storage in Michigan from her records. He recommended that these records be sent to appropriate historical society locations & split according to the origins of the line represented.

Margaret Bruegel, Charlotte's daughter, addressed the group and donated a check for \$2500 for the continuation of the DNA project that had been so important to Charlotte. Art Corey, who is in charge of the DNA project, accepted the check.



Carolyn Corey read the minutes from the last meeting held at Chillicothe, Oh. On June 24, 2001. Minutes were approved with corrections. Moved by Pat Wyatt, seconded by Galen Moore.

Fred gave a brief financial report, as the treasurer Maxine Hester was not able to attend the meeting. The balance in the account as of this date is \$4746.23. The cost of the bus of this trip was subsidized \$500-600 from the account. Also, money is being spent on the DNA research project. Advance dues are on a computer spread sheet. Contributions to the DNA project are being accepted. Pat Wyatt moved to approve Maxine's treasurer's report, seconded by Galen Moore.



The Cory Society logo has been submitted by, Dorothy Rout. Earl Cory displayed the image from his computer screen at the meeting while Fred explained the meaning of the symbols & objectives of not using the previous logo of the UK Bremerton Cory's. Fred asked for comments. Mr. Wyatt? (Pat's son) asked about using the Cory flag from the whaling ship & Art Corey explained that it was specifically tied to the William line, therefore could not be used. Art motioned to accept the logo as presented. Pat Wyatt seconded the motion.

Fred stated that the genealogist/historian position is available & that several people could be delegated to help fill the gap, each working on a different family line. Pat Wyatt stated that there is a certified genealogist qualification for this position. The treasurer position will also be open within 6 months time, as Maxine Hester will be vacating that job due to ill health. Fred described the duties of treasurer.

Fred suggested that we have a March 1 cutoff date for paid memberships in order for the newsletter to be sent. At present there is not a good system of reminders for past due memberships. Earl stated that there are 218 Cory Society members on the computer list.

Fred introduced a new member, Kathleen Reed from MA, who immediately volunteered to help on the Thomas line genealogy.

Art Corey reported on the DNA research project. The overall purpose of the study is to determine the relationships between the 3 Cory/Corey surname progenitors; William of Rhode Island, John of Long Island, NY & Thomas of Chelmsford, MA. The male participants of this study were recommended by

Charlotte Muller due to their strong pedigree in representing the 3 lines. (Y chromosome passed down thru males only). Art was the exception as he had an unproven pedigree. He previously thought he might be from the William line, but discovered that he is instead from the Thomas line. The study has shown that the 3 progenitors have had no common ancestor since 1400 A.D. This means that John was NOT the father of William Corey of Portsmouth as he had been previously suggested.

Art gave handouts of his findings to the group & encouraged more male Cory's to come forward to be tested. The lab cost is \$195, when the testing is done in groups of 6 or more. (Hearty round of applause for Art's work)

Fred said he would like to do DNA burial research on the Brigg's Cemetery (Cory Lane, Portsmouth, RI) but there is a moral issue on whether this should be attempted.

Art recommends that the UK Cory's be included in future DNA research, so that the origins of the American Cory's can be found. Fred said that more contracts will be made to encourage UK line testing. Art suggested that the society send someone over to obtain samples firsthand.

Earl is currently updating the web site & the policy has been to NOT list the descendancy of living persons. Fred proposed listing information for all members on the web site. Earl opposed this idea because it would be too much work to change the current system. There was a discussion of charging for research/information from the Webmaster. At present there is no policy. Fred proposed an amendment for requests for information. Moved & approved that the same policy will be continued. Earl will not list vitals on living members & he will continue to accept requests for information at no charge.

Fred stated that there has been no report from the UK Cory Society. They are receiving our newsletters.

Earl Cory gave a detailed report on the contests of the web site & gave statistics for visitors to the site. (Round of applause for Earl's hard work)

Fred opened up discussions on the new agenda:

Charlotte's records are presently with her family in Michigan. They have left the decision for future locations up to the society. Pat Wyatt opened discussion of splitting the records to different states. For example, William should be in Rhode Island but there would be overlapping records, which should be copied for other locations.

More on-line records will be made available on the web site. Arthur Bertus Cory's book, with corrections made by Charlotte Muller, will be added as well as Edwin Francis Corey's notes made prior to the North Kingstown, RI fire in 1920, when the records were destroyed. Pat Wyatt's son suggested that a copy of these letter records go to the North Kingstown Town Hall.

Fred suggested possible locations for next year's annual meeting are England, Boston, New Brunswick, Salt Lake City & Southold NY. Art would like to go to England to get DNA testing started firsthand. Southold, NY is out because of lack of Cory's in the area to work on it. Fred suggested that we have 2 primary choices for the meeting; England & the Boston area. Janet Sharp suggested that there be more free time if a European meeting is planned.

Galen asked for the floor & read excerpts from a book entitled "Whale Commissioners Genealogies of Long Is. Families". This information pertains to the Cory's from the John Line.

Fred asked for feedback on this meeting regarding schedule, costs, facilities, etc. Discussion followed on the cost of hotels for the future. Carol Kloss suggested we keep the prices low. Earl suggested that we not plan a meeting in downtown Boston, but nearby, to keep expenses down. Don Dunkelburger said that if we keep the price down more people will be able to come. Art said if we go to England we will have to be adaptable (as prices are higher there). Clayton Corey asked Fred for a comparison of rooms. Berneice Corey stated that we had a good banquet for the \$. Galen Moore said we should keep to the budget. A discussion of what month would be best for future meetings ended with Fred saying that late August & early September seem to be the best times. Fred said that this discussion gave him enough feedback to make decisions for the next meeting.

Fred stated his appreciation for the contributions of Patricia & Otis Wyatt for planning this event. (Round of applause for them) Also, Lester Cory & Richard Kuegler will be sent thank you notes for their time.

(Round of applause for Fred Corey & his effort at making this a successful event)

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

NOTE:

On behalf of the Cory Family Society we extend our sincere appreciation of the (\$2500) donation from the Charlotte Muller Family. This money will be used to continue the DNA research.

Additional Research Donations:

Additional monies donated to conduct Cory research for the last several years are as follows: 2002 - \$215; and 2002 - \$100. We have used these monies for the continued research of the Cory's and ties to the English Cory's.

2003 Reunion

It has been suggested that the 2003 reunion be held near but outside of Boston, Massachusetts and to focus on the Thomas Cory, John of Roxbury and Giles Cory lines. We would anticipate a side trip to Salem to see the Witch Craft Trials of Giles Cory and his wife Martha. We are looking for volunteers to assist in hosting our next meeting.

The Cory Society in England – West Country Event May 2003

Friday 16th May to Monday 19th May

Staying by the sea at Hotel Penavor, Bude, Cornwall

Bring your family or friends to witness the re-enactment of the Battle of Stamford Hill 1643, visit Cory sites in Devon & Cornwall by coach or car, see lovely scenery, enjoy good food and bracing fresh air. Extended stays for golf, sight seeing & relaxing are possible.



Ida Birch [Program] and Jean Hayes [Accommodation & other details] are busy arranging a return visit to this area last visited by American and British Cory's in 1995. We hope to cover a wider area, include more recent discoveries and tailor our program towards those living relatives who join the visit. There will be lots of interest to people who do not belong to West Country lines and as in previous years a jolly social time is planned. Cost: £30 for weekend events and approximately £117 per person for 3 nights accommodation half board. Booking form from jeanhaye@globalner.co.uk or 020 8998 1914 or Jean Hayes, 3 Bourne Close, Thames Ditton, KT7 OEA, UK. It is essential to BOOK NOW so that we can reserve accommodations & coach transport. (Or, contact Fred Corey our President for further information).

Cory Society DNA Project

A report by Arthur T. Corey

A project was undertaken by the Cory Family Society to determine the genetic relationships between Cory/Corey family lines in North America and Britain by analyzing Y-chromosome markers. We wished to learn whether or not the progenitors: William of Portsmouth, John of Long Island and Thomas of Chelmsford were genetically related. Each had arrived in America during the period 1635-1645. We also wished to learn where in Britain the progenitors lived before arriving in America and to what current Cory lines in Britain they might be related.

Why DNA is useful for genealogical research

Two kinds of DNA material are useful for genealogical studies: Mitochondria and Y-chromosome bodies found in cells of living organisms. Mitochondria bodies found in all human cells are handed down from mother to her children virtually unchanged. Although not directly involved with reproduction, mitochondria contribute to some human characteristics and are associated with energy conversion in cells. Chromosome DNA is directly involved in reproduction and DNA bodies on chromosomes control most human characteristics. Y-chromosomes are found in the nucleus of cells of males only, paired with an X-chromosome. The nucleuses of female cells contain pairs of X-chromosomes only, and only males can contribute DNA from Y-chromosomes to their male offspring.

Both types of DNA have been used successfully to answer genealogical questions, including the genealogy of some well-known people in highly publicized cases. However, Y-chromosome DNA is more useful for tracing the ancestry of individuals bearing a particular surname. Most women in western cultures have historically taken the surname of their husband upon marriage. Bodies on the Y-chromosomes are handed down virtually unchanged from father to son for generations, except for rare mutations. This property makes the Y-chromosomes an ideal focus for genealogical studies because, barring adoption or illegitimacy, the Y-markers parallel the surname.

By determining the Y-markers of males bearing the same or similar surname, it is possible to determine (with a high degree of confidence) whether or not individuals have a common paternal ancestor. It is also possible to guess the number of generations two individuals are removed from their Most Recent Common Ancestor (MRCA) from the number of mutations found. Unfortunately, it is difficult to pinpoint the exact ancestor using genetic techniques currently available.

Each specific location on a chromosome has its own mutation rate, but to date the specific rates are unknown. Currently, the laboratory, that did our analyses, estimates that a total of about one mutation occurs (at one of the 26 locations the laboratory examines) in ten generations. However, this estimate is likely to change as the laboratories conducting the analyses obtain more data. It has already changed from one every 5 generations to one every 10 generations since we started our project.

The percent confidence for the estimated MRCA is currently not reported. If more than three mutations have occurred, the laboratory will report that the individuals are “genetically unrelated.” They mean by this that any common ancestor is probably sufficiently removed that the genetic relationship is insignificant.

The publicity resulting from a dispute involving the claims of black descendants of Thomas Jefferson (and its solution) has resulted in much research to develop Y-chromosome analysis as a genealogical tool. For example, Brigham Young University has an ambitious research project led by Dr. Woodward. The Molecular Genealogy Foundation supports this program. A benefactor of the foundation, Jim Sorenson, established a laboratory in Salt Lake City to provide Y-chromosome analyses for the public. It was his laboratory (Relative Genetics) that I contacted to see if they could help our Society establish the relationship, if any, between the three main Cory/Corey progenitors in America.

The Cory Family Society DNA project:

Charlotte Muller, our late Society Historian, was selecting the participants for the first phase of a Cory Family Society project involving American participants, and was planning to obtain English participants for a second phase at the time of her passing. At the last annual meeting of our Society in Seekonk, Massachusetts, Margaret Bruegl presented a check to our Society for \$5000.00 to defray the cost of completing our DNA project. The donation was a gift from the family of Charlotte Muller to honor their mother who, along with several other members, had suggested the project a couple of years earlier. We were able to expedite the second phase by using some of her family’s gift to defray the cost of analyses of DNA samples from English participants.

The objective of the first phase was to determine whether or not the three main Cory family lines, mentioned in the introduction, are genetically related. The objective of the second phase was to explore the relationship between current English Cory lines and to determine how the American and English lines may be related.

Analyses have now been performed by Relative Genetics on a total of 14 participants, six from England and eight from America. One of the American participants, from a family of relatively recent immigrants, was selected by the English Society as a representative of one of their family lines. Relative Genetics has now provided a report giving the results of the analyses performed to date. A summary of their report follows.

Participants:

Charlotte Muller, contacted a number of Cory/Corey males who agreed to furnish DNA samples for Y-chromosome analysis. She selected Cory males with well-documented records of descent from one or the other of the three progenitors mentioned. Those selected by Charlotte included; our web master, Earl Cory, from the Thomas line; John H. Corey of Rhode Island and Thomas Corey of Nebraska from the William line; and Charles Cory of Virginia for the John line. It is likely that Charlotte contacted others before passing, but I was not able to determine who they were.

Our president, Fred Corey volunteered to furnish a sample as a representative of the William line. I included my own sample because my brother and I wished to establish our own ancestry beyond our great grandfather. Alan Cory from Colorado was included to provide a second well-documented representative from the John line. Following the 2002 meeting in Seekonk, Arthur E. Corey from Connecticut requested that he be included as a participant.

After the lab had completed their analyses of the first seven American participants, we asked the Cory Family Society of Britain to suggest English participants. They appointed Jean Hayes to coordinate the selection of participants, with well-documented pedigrees, representing Cory family lines in Britain. Jean selected five English male participants representing family lines in Britain. She also requested that her relative, Halsey D. Cory from Florida, be included to represent her own family line.

Those selected by Jean Hayes, and the family lines represented, included: Michael R. Cory (Norfolk), Dr. William Cory (Kent/Northampton), Colin Cory (Northampton), John P.F. Cory (Poundstock), Dennis John Cory (W. Putford), Halsey D. Cory (Pyworthy), and Don Reginald Cory (Australian/Holsworthy).

Results:

DNA analyses indicate that the three Cory progenitors identified did not have a common ancestor within the number of generations regarded as genetically significant. Thomas of Chelmsford was not related to either William or John. John and William were definitely not father and son, at least not biological father and son. This was a major surprise for many of our Society members, as well as researchers in Britain, because there was convincing circumstantial evidence indicating that Thomas of Long Island was the father of William. The circumstantial evidence leading to this conclusion was reported in the Cory Family Society newsletter of September 1999.

Charles and Alan Cory also were found to be related, verifying their documentary records of descent from John of Long Island. Their Y-chromosomes differed at only one of the 26 sites examined. John H. and Thomas Corey are also related, verifying their documentary evidence of descent from William of Portsmouth. Fred Corey is probably related to William of Portsmouth also, but his Y-chromosome differed from those of John H. and Thomas at three sites, indicating a more distant relationship, or possibly no relationship. Earl Cory, Arthur T., and Arthur E. Corey have Y-chromosomes that differ at only one site. Since Earl's descent from Thomas of Chelmsford is well documented, it is likely that Arthur T. and Arthur E., as well as Earl Cory, are from the Thomas line. At least, they share a common ancestor with Thomas.

Only two of the English participants appear to be genetically related. Dr. William Cory and Colin Cory from the Northampton line are both related to Thomas of Chelmsford. The Y-chromosome of Colin is identical to that of Arthur T. Corey from Colorado at all 26 sites examined, and differed from the other participants from this line at only one site. The other English participants appear to be unrelated to one another, or to any of the three main American lines.

The Cory Family newsletter of November 1997 contains information on the genealogy of Giles Cory/Corey furnished by Brenda (Cory) Miller. Brenda states that Giles Cory was baptized Aug 1621 in St. Sepulcher's Church in Northampton, the oldest of four children of Giles and Elizabeth Cory. While we have no proof that the famous Giles from Salem, MA., was related to Thomas of Chelmsford, there is reason to suppose that they were both from the same Northampton line. We know that there was a continuous succession of Cory descendants in the village of Harpole from 1435 when an unnamed Cory built a large home (Fernville) there. The last Cory (Mary) to live there died in 1968. Harpole is five miles west of Northampton.

Unfortunately, the English coordinator failed to identify a participant from the Bristol area where William of Portsmouth was born. I have asked her to include a Bristol participant in the future if one can be found. In any case, we now have documentary evidence that William came from Bristol, and DNA evidence that Thomas of Chelmsford was from the Northampton line. We have yet to identify the English ancestors of the Long Island Cory line, but we hope to determine his line from DNA analyses of additional participants. In any case, DNA evidence indicates that the Long Island line is not related to the Norfolk line that probably includes the Bramerton Cory Family.

How you may participate:

Many of you, who like me have insufficient documentation to be confident of what Cory/Corey line in America you are descended from, may wish to participate in our project. If you are a male bearing the Cory/Corey surname or have a male relative with that surname, you can discover which line you are from, provided your relative will volunteer to participate. The cost currently is \$175 per participant, provided the analysis is done as part of our group project.

You may participate in our project by sending me the name and postal address of your Cory/Corey donor, and a check to cover the laboratory charge. Please send me your e-mail address, if you have one, as this will greatly facilitate communication. By sending me your name and address you will be agreeing to have the results of the analysis made available to the membership of the Cory Family Society by means of our newsletter. My address is:

Arthur T. Corey
636 Cheyenne Dr., #27
Fort Collins, Co. 80525-1571
E-mail: artcorey@lamar.colostate.edu

Addresses will be sent to Relative Genetics. Relative Genetics will then send a sample kit to each donor including a "Buccal Swab" along with directions for obtaining the sample from inside the cheek. A device for collecting and mailing the sample back to Relative Genetics will be included. Relative Genetics will perform and analyses when they receive a check covering the laboratory charge. After the laboratory completes the analyses, a report will be sent to me that will be forwarded to each participant along with my own summary of the results.

A check covering the laboratory charge should be made out to Relative Genetics and its purpose (for a DNA analysis) should be indicated on the check. You should indicate that you are a participant in the Cory Family DNA project. The postal address of Relative Genetics is:

Relative Genetics
2495 South West Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84115

We hope that many of you will participate in our project. The more participants involved the more information we will have about the history of Cory/Corey family lines. The charge of \$175/participant is a small sum compared to the cost of obtaining comparable information by other means. Discovering your Cory family line early will greatly narrow the scope of research needed to fill out your family tree.

If you have additional questions concerning Y-chromosome analysis, you may address them to Diahana L. Southard, Bioanalyst. Her E-mail address is: diahan@relativegenetics.com, and her phone number is (801) 461-9769.

The Cory Family Society and the Internet

By Earl S. Cory, Vice President, Webmaster

I must start with an apology. Several years ago, when I started all this, I promised to update the on-line databases every few months. It has been almost a year since I did it last. I just haven't had the time. It takes several days to get all the information on the site. I, again, promise to do better.

I receive e-mail, almost daily, from people with additions, corrections, and a lot of questions about their Cory/Corey ancestors. My backlog now is about 6" deep of hard copy and there are over 200 emails that I have not finished.

On the positive side, I have received all but two of the newsletters published by the society. The website is nearly complete from Volume 7, #3 on. The newsletters are in PDF format. In order to open and print one of these files, the user must have a copy of Acrobat Reader©. If you don't already have a copy, download it from <http://www.adobe.com/>. It is free and something that everyone should have as this is the format of most computer documentation.

A PLEA: I need copies of Volume 5, #3 (1989) and Volume 7, #1 (1992). Further, The last page is damaged on the copies I have of Volume 7, #2 (1992) and Volume 11, #1 (1996). If anyone has copies of these newsletters, please contact me (webmaster@coryfamsoc.com). I will copy and return them.

Another project I am working on for the Society is a CD ROM. The CD will contain information from the five Databases of the Cory Family Society:

1. Giles/John of Roxbury/Thomas of Chelmsford
2. Isaac of Plainfield
3. John I of Southold
4. William
5. Other

These include 44,294 individuals. There will also be several other documents. The following PDF documents will be included on the CD:

Combined Indexes, 242 pages
Ancestors of Giles Cory, 16 pages
Descendants of Giles Cory, 26 pages
Descendants of Isaac Cory, 19 pages
Descendants of John Corey of Roxbury, 28 pages
Descendants of John Cory I of Southold, 862 pages
Ancestors of Thomas Cory of Chelmsford (Speculation), 5 pages
Descendants of Thomas Cory of Chelmsford, 216 pages
Ancestors of William Cory of Tiverton (Speculation), 6 pages
Descendants of William Cory of Tiverton, 642 pages
Descendants of Other Cory Families, 137 pages

Copies of the 5 databases in GEDCOM format will be included:

Thomas.ged (11592 individuals, 4174 families, 279 sources)
Isaac.ged (304 individuals, 122 families, 14 sources)
John.ged (16591 individuals, 5655 families, 318 sources)
William.ged (13117 individuals, 4564 families, 323 sources)
Other.ged (2690 individuals, 969 families, 73 sources)

In addition, the following PDF documents are included:

Ancestors of Mary Earle	Cory Family Society By-Laws
Ancestors of Abigail Gould	1850 Census
Articles published on the web site	Meeting Minutes
DNA Project Reports	Newsletters

I am open for suggestions as to additional content. I expect the CD to be ready by May. Anyone interested, just email me at webmaster@coryfamsoc.com and tell me you would like a copy; there will be no charge for society members.

Passing of Cory Family Members

We are saddened to hear that a couple of our members have passed away.

Maxine Hester 81, of Bremerton, Washington died Oct. 3, 2002. She was born Dec. 22, 1920, raised and went to school in Renton, Washington. She was married to Donald Hester. She was an education aide for the school district and was a homemaker. She was the treasurer for the National Cory Family Society for many years and was a member of many organizations and volunteered a lot of her time. Survivors include her husband and daughters Marlene and Shirley and son Mark. Mark Hester was the President of the Cory Society for many years as well.

The Hester family has devoted many hours in helping our Cory Society to be where we are now. We will solely miss Maxine and we extend our condolences to the family. Mark Hester sends his comments "Mom was certainly proud to be a Cory and enjoyed being part of the Society".

Clarence (Glen) Corey 93, of San Diego, California passed away on June 21, 2002. He was born August 5, 1908 and raised in McCook, Nebraska and was a business owner and operator. He was married to a lovely lady from Scotland for 40 years and she continues to live in San Diego. He was a member of the Scottish Rite and the Al Bahr Shrine. He was distinguished by ascending to the position of Potentate of the Al Bahr Shrine. He was affiliated with the Optimists and the Elks. He grew up on the family farm, was a state-wrestling champion and began his pursuit of business interest. Commencing with the building of his petroleum distribution company, ultimately assisting greatly in the construction of Trenton Dam. His business included motels and retail industries. Where he moved to San Diego in 1957 and continued his pursuits well into the 1990's. All who had the privilege of knowing him, as a fair honest and a true gentleman in every sense of the word. Our community is better for having him in our midst.

President Message: Clarence as we knew him was my last uncle to pass away out of six Uncles and three Aunts. He was very close to my father who passed away in 1990 at an age of 89. My father Earl Corey was a carpenter and farmer (sounds like a Corey/Cory and yes he was stubborn) and he built my Uncle's house in McCook. Clarence or Glen as people in San Diego called him was like a father to me the last few years and we will miss him very much.

New Cory Family Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to our Cory Family Society:

Kenneth Elsesser
1027 W. Vernon Park Place, Unit 1
Chicago, IL. 60607
E-mail: kaeopa@aol.com

David A. & Mary F. Cory
21710 Ravenna Dr.
South Bend, IN. 46628-9563

Alan G. & Janet Corey
697 – 980 Gold Run Road
Susanville, CA. 96130
E-mail: acorey@earthlink.net

*Kenneth Elsesser is retired from our government and at the moment lives (at the moment) in Chicago, IL. His great-great-grandfather (on his mother's side), Dr. V.B. Corey migrated to West Point, IL. from Penn Yan, Yates County, New York (the Finger Lakes region) in 1850. He was born there and his parents were Joseph A. & Mercy Corey, both born in Rhode Island.

Dr. Corey's family migrated to Yates County, New York in the early 1820's. His grandparents were Joseph & Sarah (Brigg) Corey of East Greenwich, Kent Co., Rhode Island.

After several months of research in the Newberry Library in Chicago, Ken discovered the Cory Family Society web page. It enlightened him and provided him with much needed information on the identity of Dr. V. B's ancestors.

His family is descendant from the William Corey of Portsmouth, Rhode Island branch.

**Editor's note: We are glad to learn that our web site was of help to Ken finding out about his family history. Thanks for sharing this information with us Ken.

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 send a check of \$17.50 to Mark Muller, 1608 N. Connecticut, Royal Oaks, MI 48067.

Transcribed Tape of the Cory Reunion of 1993, narrated by Charlotte Muller, William Cory of Portsmouth, Rhode Island – Family History

This narration is from our Genealogist who has passed away of the reunion tour of the original homestead of William Cory of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, Cory homes and Cory's of Tiverton and the whalers. Please send a check for \$3 to cover postage and printing to Fred Corey, President. Also available on our website at no charge.

Transcribed Tape of the Presentation of the Cory's from Newport, Rhode Island area.
by, Richard Kugler

This speech was narrated from a talk that Richard Kugler gave to our reunion in 1993, which describes the whaling Cory's from Newport. Please send a check for \$3 to cover postage and printing to Fred Corey, President. Also available on our website at no charge.

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

While focusing on Jeremiah William Cory of the seventh American generation, the book also includes a discussion of the ancestry of Jeremiah—John(1), John(2), John(3), Elnathan(4), Ebenezer(5) and Elnathan(6). There is extensive documentation of known records of John 1 of Long Island. The book's follows Jeremiah across America from his birth in Western Pennsylvania to establishing a large family in Pickaway Country, 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.

Cory's 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 indexed, 478 marriages, 437 individuals, 484 locations, 12 generations.

Book V – Cory's of America: Progenitors who could not be linked to John, William or Thomas. Includes Giles. 109 pages indexed, 1,955 individuals, 726 marriages, 876 locations, 14 generations.

Volume I - \$10.,including postage. Volume II - \$30., including postage. Buy both Volumes I & II, \$10. will be donated to a library of your choice. To order, send a check or money order to: Al B. Cory, 11056 Orange Cart Way, Jacksonville, FL. 32223-7336

News Editor's Note:

If anyone would like to list their papers or publications on their family history and be available for other interested parties please e-mail or call the Webmaster or Editor.

Joann H. Nichols
(NEW) Cory Family Society -Treasurer

Joann Nichols is a retired legal secretary who has been doing genealogical research for over 30 years, both for herself and for others. She was a charter member of the Genealogical Society of Vermont, which was formed in 1971, and served as its third president for 18 years. She has attended several large genealogical conferences and gone to Cornwall in the UK and to Salt Lake City to do research.

She has served as treasurer for a few non-profit organizations and is an active member of her church, serving as historian, in the Building & Grounds Department and on the Nominating Committee at the present time.

Her Corey line starts with Gideon Corey who is first found in the 1790 census for Willsborough, Essex County, New York. He is there until the middle 1820s and then vanishes. Help is needed to try to determine his ancestry!

Joann may be reached by e-mail at, jnichols@sover.net, by telephone at (802) 254-9554, or by regular mail at, 110 Chestnut Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301-6579.

The Cory Family Society “Welcomes Joann” as our new Treasurer.

Newsletter – Editor

Thank you for reading our newsletter and I hope you enjoy it. I’m the new Newsletter Editor, Karen Cory.

I live in Camarillo, CA with my husband Cecil. Earl Cory our Vice President & Webmaster is my brother in law. My in laws are Claude & Phyllis Cory who hosted the 1996 Pacific Grove, CA, reunion.

Personally, I worked in the insurance field for nearly 30 years. My husband and I love to camp and spend at least 2 weeks each summer in our beautiful High Sierra’s. We own a 25 ft. 5th wheel trailer, so we go in comfort.

It is my goal to make this newsletter something everyone will enjoy. I hope to get this out to you in a timely manner each quarter. I’m open for suggestions from anyone as to what they’d like to see in this. You can e-mail me or call me with the information and I will do my best to include it in the newsletter.

I may be reached at, karencory@aol.com, by telephone at, (805) 987-2702, or by regular mail at, 227 Cartagena St., Camarillo, CA 93010

Reminder of Cory Association Dues

As a friendly reminder if you have not paid your annual dues for 2003, please send your checks to Joann Nichols. If you cannot afford the dues, please call our Fred our President, as he may be able to establish a lifetime membership for you. We want to keep you in 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 mail labels for each newsletter as to the status of your current payment. Anyone paying for several years in advance will be noted on your label. (See note about our labels)

I would like to ask each of you to ask your relatives and cousins to join our Cory Association and become a 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 grown and live on.

I ask you to keep the Treasure or myself current on your address and phone numbers so that we can send you the newsletters. Please submit your e-mail addresses and keep them current with us as we will be corresponding through e-mail as well. We will not include our membership on the web page.

Note: We hope to include an updated membership list with our July newsletter, so please be sure to update us on any changes as soon as possible. Thank you

Mailing Labels

Since our Treasurer (Maxine) passed away, our current membership list is not accurate. So, it has been indicated on everyone's label as to when dues are owed. If you see (Jan.2003), this means your dues are due NOW. If you see (Jan.2004), it means they are due next year. And, some have paid for 3 years, so that is also indicated on the label. Some of you have a lifetime membership indicated by (LifeMember).

So, it is very important that you look at your label to see when you owe your dues. We will be mailing out a new membership list in our July Newsletter, so we want to make sure everyone is up to date on dues by then. (Remember if you've changed phone numbers, e-mail addresses please let us know)

It will be addressed at our next meeting as to when we will drop you off the mailing list for the newsletter. As it stands now, we continue mailing the newsletters out if you've paid or not in the past. But, we will be changing that in the near future, so to make sure you don't get taken off the list, please send in your dues today if they are owed. Or, as indicated earlier you may contact our President if you cannot afford the dues.

We want to be able to provide as much genealogy to all of you as we can. Our website has been very helpful to many people in the past year or so and we need to keep this alive.

So, I think this is a good idea with the mailing labels, if we can all just remember to look at them once in a while.

Membership Form

Please complete the membership form below to renew your membership. It will be easier for Joann to keep track if you do this for her. She will also be able to check the correct spelling of your name, your address, telephone number and e-mail address too. Please P R I N T all of this for her, thank you.

Cut the bottom of this newsletter off and forward it to Joann to join or renew your membership with the Cory Family Society.

The Cory Family Society Newsletter is published with everyone in mind. As some of our members enjoy finding fault with other's work, intentional errors have been placed throughout the newsletter for their enjoyment...

**I would like to recognize my husband Cecil Cory as Co-Editor of this newsletter. I could not have done this without his help.

2003 Membership

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip Code: _____ Country _____

Telephone No.: (_____) _____

Do you want your address published? _____ (yes) _____ (no)

E-mail Address: _____

Enclosed: 2003 Dues \$10. Genealogy Research \$ _____
(Optional)

Payment for 3 Years \$30 for (2003 – 2006)

Membership dues are only \$10. per family Genealogy research is voluntary. Please send this form and your check, payable to, Cory Family Society to:

Joann Nichols
110 Chestnut Street
Brattleboro, VT. 05301-6579

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.