



# Cory Family Society Newsletter

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## EDITOR'S REPORT, by Karen Cory

First I'd like to take this opportunity to "thank" everyone that E-mailed me since I did my first newsletter. I received lots of wonderful compliments and really appreciated them.

You don't know how much work it is doing this newsletter until you've done it. It took me about 2 weeks by the time I arranged all the articles and photos the president provided.

Off to the printers for 2 days while I print the mailing labels here at home. Then the real work begins folding, stapling, and putting labels and postage on all 280 copies.

I think, about 20 were returned from members that have moved. Between Joann (Treasurer) and myself we thought we had an up to date mailing list, but we have had to make a few corrections.

So, a big "thanks" goes out to all of those past Newsletter Editors from me.

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As of this date no Annual Meeting has been planned for 2003. Many people have contacted me concerning the meeting and nothing has been arranged for this year.

We are now looking at something on the East Coast for 2004. If anyone is interested in helping with the plans for this or has any suggestions, please contact our President. Help is needed for this event, so if you feel you can take on the responsibility it would be really appreciated.

A meeting location and Hotel accommodations need to be checked out. Tours that would be available in the area and what all the costs would be per person. The Boston area is under consideration, but anything is still possible.

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## **ADDITIONAL DNA DONORS**, by Arthur T. Corey

The April 2003 Newsletter contained a report describing the results of a DNA project to determine the genetic relationships between Cory/Corey family lines here and in Britain. By comparing the Y-chromosomes of Cory males with well-documented pedigrees in the USA and in Britain we were able to establish that the three major Cory lines in the USA are not genetically related. We established that several Cory family lines in Britain are also not related, but we found that members of the Northampton line in England are related to the descendants of Thomas Cory of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, who arrived in America circa 1640-1645.

We already had documentary evidence that William of Portsmouth had immigrated to Rhode Island along with his grandmother from Bristol, England, circa 1638. His birth records were found in Bristol. We still have no verified evidence about the birthplace of John who arrived on Long Island circa 1643-45. We would like to find a connection between the John line in America and current Cory lines elsewhere. To accomplish this we will need additional DNA donors from England, and perhaps from Ireland or Scotland, as well as additional donors in America.

We would like to find participants in Ireland, because the Cory surname with a variety of spellings, including Cory, Corey, Corry, and Corrie is fairly common in the Republic of Ireland. This surname is also common in Northern Ireland and Southern Scotland, where Corry and Corrie are the most common spellings. Wendel Corey, a descendant of Thomas of Chelmsford, concluded that the Corey/Cory surname came from the Celtic word corrie, meaning a hollow on the side of a hill. He believed that all current Cory/Corey lines in America were descended from a titled family that immigrated to Cornwall from Scotland, and the results of his research were widely disseminated among families bearing the Cory/Corey surname throughout the USA.

Kathleen B. Cory, a professional genealogist, who died last year, has disputed Wendel Corey's theory of the origin of the Cory surname in England. Kathleen was married to the late Paul Cory, heir to the House of Bramerton. Kathleen could find no verification that anyone from the Scottish Corrie (Corry) line immigrated to Cornwall. She was very confident that the surnames Corrie and Corry are unrelated to the English surnames Cory and Corey. However, we have no proof that some current Cory/Corey surnames in America, Britain, and especially Ireland, are not corruptions of the original Celtic spelling. We know that a member of the Scottish line immigrated to Northern Ireland from Scotland during the 17<sup>th</sup> century. It would be of interest to determine whether other members of this line founded the surname in the rest of Ireland, and whether any Cory/Corey lines in America could have a similar origin.

While I was employed as a visiting professor at the University College of Galway in 1984-1985, I visited Northern Ireland and Scotland. At the National library in Edinburgh, I found and read a history written by Lord Belmore about his family: "The History of the Corry Family of Castle Coole". Castle Coole is a manor house in County Fermanagh, Northern Ireland, a magnificent example of classical Georgian architecture. At the time of my visit to Castle Coole in 1985 it was still occupied by a Lord Belmore (a descendant of the author) who occupies a seat in the House of Lords. However, the manor had by that time become a property of the British National Trust, as the cost of its maintenance is too great for a private family to manage under current economic condition

From the history written by Lord Belmore, I learned that some member of the Corry family had made a substantial fortune in the lumber business and acquired a large estate in County Fermanagh, the site of Castle Coole. They were occupied with farming and one member of the family wrote a book about the science of agronomy. At some stage the family intermarried with royalty and became titled.

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It would be helpful to involve participants from the Corry families of Scotland, Northern and Southern Ireland, and other parts of Britain and America to discover if any of the Corry families are related to any families with the Cory/Corey surname. At this date we have no evidence of a connection between Cory/ Corey lines with the Corry lines originating in Scotland or Ireland, but we have no proof that such a connection does not exist in some cases. We do know that a number of individuals with the surname Corry did immigrate to America from Ireland as they gave their place of birth as Ireland to census takers here. We also know that families live in all parts of Ireland who bear the surname Cory or Corey, and we can't rule out the possibility that John of Long Island, for example, emigrated from Ireland, a part of Britain in the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

We know that many families from lines originating in England or Scotland did immigrate to America in the colonial era and later. Moreover, until recently, spelling of English words and surnames was not standardized, and was subject to phonetic interpretation.. Spelling changes for surnames were frequent from generation to generation and from one individual to another, as most of us who have conducted genealogical research have discovered.

I had hoped and expected that following the April 2003 newsletter; a larger number of our membership would be inspired to participate in our project. However, to date only two individuals in addition to the original 14 participants have sent their DNA samples to be analyzed. I hope many more individuals bearing the surnames: Cory, Corey, Corry, or Corrie will be inspired to join us in this project.

Members of the Cory Family Society who can trace their ancestry to Thomas Corey of Chelmsford, and some of us who have discovered our connection to that line through DNA analyses, are delighted to learn where our line originated. We now can be sure, beyond a reasonable doubt that our ancestors lived for centuries in the vicinity of Northampton. Presently, members of our Cory/Corey line are looking forward to a trip to the village of Harpole, five miles west of Northampton, where there was a continuous succession of Cory descendants from 1435, when an unnamed Cory built a large home (Fernville) there.

It is likely that members from other Cory/Corey lines will have the satisfaction of knowing where their ancestors lived, before any of them immigrated to America, if we can persuade a sufficient number of participants from America and abroad to submit DNA samples. The report by Arthur T. Corey in the April 2003 newsletter explains how males bearing the Cory/Corey surname, or some variation of this surname, can contribute to our project.

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## **THE CORY FAMILY SOCIETY AND THE INTERNET**

by Earl S. Cory, Vice President, Webmaster

Thank you for the response that I received when I asked for back issues of the newsletters. I have received all but one, Volume 5, #3. The website has a (nearly) complete set from Volume 1, #1 on. The newsletters are in PDF format. In order to open and print 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.

With the completion of the newsletter, I am ready to start creating the Society CD. The last newsletter contained what I am going to include on it. I also have a submission from John E. Bowdle, Cory Family in Ross County, Ohio. It is a modified and extended version of the material he presented at the Society meeting in Chillicothe, OH, two years ago. Send me email at [webmaster@coryfamsoc.com](mailto:webmaster@coryfamsoc.com) for your copy.

I get a great amount of email with questions that I can't answer. I am going to send several of them to Karen Cory, our newsletter editor. Hopefully, she will be able to create a question and answer? section for the newsletter. If you have a question, send them along and she can add them to that section.

One question that I get a lot of is: "What information is required to update the Cory website?" There is a simple answer, just send it to me. I accept information in almost any format, Word, WordPerfect, GEDCOM, Text, PDF, etc. I ask that you be as complete as you can when sending information. Please include full names, dates, places, etc. Information like Aunt Anne Cory was born in the west is not very useful. Also, if you know it, please include the branch of the family. There are currently nearly 50,000 people in the societies' five databases. For example, I get submissions like, "The information you have on your website about my Uncle William Corey is incorrect, he was born in 1923." I don't have a clue what to do with this type of statement.

As our DNA project shows, several of the branches are only loosely related, but many people who write me feel that I am their cousin and know all there is know about their family. For example, a recent inquiry "Was Abigail any relation to Priscilla Gould and John Putnam?" How should I know? What branch of the family are you talking about? I suspect, this is in relation to the Thomas branch, but I am not a Gould expert. I am more than happy to help, but please give me enough information to look it up in the database.

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On a different note, my parents, Claude and Phyllis Cory, celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary this year. You may remember that they hosted the Tenth Reunion, June 26-28, 1998, at the Best Western Lighthouse Lodge in Pacific Grove, CA.



Claude was born November 8, 1915 in the town of La Ray in Jefferson County New York. In his own words:

From that time until I was about five years old I don't remember too much. I do know this much, my dad bought his first automobile the next year (the only new one he ever had). It was a 1916 Ford touring car. That means it was open with a cloth top and had side curtains that you put on when it rained. I know or was told that it was put away in the winter because he could not start it when got cold. The roads were not passable anyway. The car did not have an electric starter and you had to crank it by hand. The oil you got at the time had a very heavy base and it got like heavy tar when it was cold.

The picture that I have inserted here are of my mother, father, brother and sister in front of the farmhouse where I was born. My father, brother and sister were born there as was my grandfather James Cory. My Great Grandfather Elijah Cory built the house about 1814. My first two sons were born while we were living there.

I do remember when I was little of going to my grandmother and grandfather's house. They lived in Watertown on Indiana Ave. My grandmother's name was Sara and my grandfather's name was Sam Reviere. She always saved the filler stripes from shredded wheat boxes for me to color on when I came. They were made of thin brown cardboard and she always had a yellow crayon to color with because I guess that was the only one you could see on it.



**Cory Family  
about 1913  
Pearly, Carrie,  
Viva & Earl  
Cory**

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Claude and Phyllis met in High School:



**Black  
River  
High  
School  
built in  
1930**

When I went to High School in Black River, New York, I found that there were girls there and that I hadn't noticed them before. Also, I discovered that when I got my first car, they were much easier to find.

My first girl friend did not go to Black River to school, but that was a short romance. My folks did not approve of her (I didn't see anything wrong with her) but to keep them happy I ended it and started to look elsewhere.

As I remember it, the one that I finally found actually came looking for me. She came over one night just as I had finished my evening work in the barn. She came with a friend of his girl friend and mine. They were looking for someone to go somewhere, so I went. This relationship went on for over five years. We got married on April 27, 1938.

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Claude  
&  
Phyllis  
in 1933

Phyllis Sayer & Claude Co,  
1932

We met before in school. The study hall had some seats that were double and for some reason or another the teacher had me sit with her for a while. We did get to know each other a little and I guess this peaked her interest.

Sixty-five years later, after leaving New York in 1947 and living in Southern California for 18 years, they moved to Pacific Grove in the Monterey Bay area of Central California. There they bought and ran a TV sales, repair, and rental store for 15 years. Retiring in 1980, they have continued to be active members of their community, go camping in their fifth wheel, visit their grandchildren, and great-grand children.



Sayer  
House  
in  
Black  
River

Howard Sayer House in Black River, July 4 1941

In 1998, Claude underwent hip replacement surgery. Unable to get around during his convalescence, he acquired a computer and scanner, taught himself to type, and now has a great deal of fun working in Photoshop and surfing the Internet. This, of course, lead to installing a second computer, getting a DSL line, and setting up a home network. Phyllis uses her computer to write emails to her friends, play cards, and do puzzles.

Who said retirement can't be fun.

(Editors Note: Claude & Phyllis are also the parents of Phil & Cecil Cory, Iva Heitz and my in-laws.)

## GENEOLOGY FORUM,

by, Carolyn Corey, Secretary

This is the first appearance of this column, which will depend entirely upon the input of Cory Society members for its continuation. I hope this will become an interactive site. The concept of reciprocal participation came about in my frustration of sending genealogical queries, either on-line or thru genealogy associations, that dead-ended with no result after months (years) of anticipation!! The format is loosely based on The Boston Evening Transcript genealogical columns published between May 1900 & April 1941. (More about this column in future issues)

### **SEND RECORDS & ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:**

Carolyn Corey, P.O. Box 580, St. Ignatius, MT 59865-0580

(please send all records thru the Post Office)

Email: [ccorey@blackfoot.net](mailto:ccorey@blackfoot.net)

## **SECTION I. LOST & FOUND CORYS/COREYS**

Those of us, who are digging deep in our quest for genealogical answers, uncover a great deal of data, not all of which is directly connected to our own ancestors. My idea for starting this section came about as a result of my inadvertent accumulation of primary records (ie; land records, death & birth certificates) that did not pertain to my specific Corey/Cory genealogical line. Rather than discard this valuable information, it occurred to me that publishing the names in the Cory Newsletter would be a possible way to connect this vital data with those who could use it in their own genealogical research. Everyone is welcome to join in this process.

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Send in primary records that are not yours & you are now qualified to submit a NEW (LOST) query, at the same time, about your own Cory/Corey family line. ALSO, if you solve a mystery by sending in records, you may now submit a NEW QUERY\*

**NO HERESAY, PLEASE only substantiated facts !!!**

To retrieve the FOUND records, all that is required is:

1) Brief description of your lineage (EX. Wm1, John2, John3, etc.) & pertinent information which indicates that this is your ancestor. Include a SASE envelope, please. Your reply will be published in the next issue. 2) You may now send in a NEW QUERY. (If more than 1 related person responds, no problem, you have now found a new relative & copies will be sent to all).

\*You may resolve a query with FOUND info even if you are not directly related; you still qualify to submit your own NEW QUERY!! But, in this case, I will hold the records to be sent to the related person(s).

DO NOT SEND IN NEW QUERIES unless you meet above requirements, so that we can keep the ball rolling!

Some of us have traveled 100's of miles for genealogical information, only to discover that we should have checked our local Mormon Church library first! When I started my genealogical journey several years back, the town clerk in a small town in Vermont told me to go to Salt Lake City! The records here had already been copied onto microfilm & organized into categories by the Mormons. But most towns in VT do have additional vital information & are willing to help you out provided you don't mind searching thru the old hand-written ledgers (usually not indexed). This is how I obtained the following land records that weren't my Stephen Corey's!

## DOCUMENTS

**FOUND: Stephen & Hannah Cory's land records.** According to the Federal 1850 census for Wallingford, Rutland Co. VT, Stephen was a farmer age 70, born in Mass <c.1780>. His wife Hannah, age 53, also born Mass. <c. 1797>.

1) 29 Oct 1864-Quit-claim/sale of 2 pieces of Wallingford land totaling 100 acres from "Hannah Corey" for \$273 to Wm. C. Fox. mentions husband "Stephen Cory". 2 documents.

2) 28 Sep 1865-This land record states that "Stephen Cory & Hannah Cory wife..of Landgrove, Bennington Co. VT" sell their Wallingford land "all our farm known as the Cory farm" to Wm. Cummings for \$900.

3) 16 Nov. 1867- "Hannah Cory of Wallingford" sells land to J. W. Ainsworth for \$500 signed by "Hannah Cory & Stephen Cory".

**FOUND: Death Certificate of FRED A. CORY** died 31 Mar 1925 age 68. Residence 62 E. Elm St. Chicago, Cook Co. IL. 40-year resident of Chicago. Wife Elspeth. Father was John Cory  
Born 25 Mar 1857 in Racine WI. Buried in Milwaukee WI.  
Occupation real estate. Mother's maiden name Isabel Brinkerhof.

**FOUND: Death Certificate of George Corey** died 14 Jan 1916 Chicago Cook Co. IL age 76, widower. Occupation carpenter. Resident 20 years in Chicago. Residence upon death-1400 W. Madison  
Born in Michigan,<c.1840>. Buried in Kalamazoo MI 17 Jan 1916

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## **SECTION II. NOTORIOUS, NOTABLE & INTERESTING COREYS/CORYS**

Send in a brief family history to be printed in future articles featuring your interesting Cory relative. Newspaper stories are welcome. Mass murderers, ornithologists, etc., etc. are all of interest. Documentation not required, but be sure to include your Cory lineage.

**Here are some examples:**

Do you have a double CORY/COREY LINEAGE?? For example, your great-grandfather Corey/Cory married your great-grandmother whose maiden name was Cory/Corey. SEND IN YOUR DOUBLE CORY MARRIAGE & lineage information to be printed in a future issue.

Are you related to ALLEN COREY, who was justice of the peace c. 1837 in Greenwich, New York? He also wrote a gazetteer about Washington County, New York. We would like to hear more about him & his lineage for a future issue.

## **SECTION III. GENEALOGY TIPS, by Carolyn Corey**

Send in your own genealogy tips, anecdotes, problems, etc. encountered in Cory/Corey research!!

How can we locate Cory/Corey ancestors in the early federal census records??

None of my known Corey ancestors in Vermont are listed in the 1790-1840 federal census index books. I discovered that these original transcribed federal census indexes have many errors & omissions. The Mormon Church has federal census records on microfilm (categorized geographically by year) some of which are very difficult to read &/or are too dark or light to make legible copies. Nevertheless, my sister & I spent many hours in Salt Lake City perusing microfilm records of small towns in Rutland Co, VT page by page to locate our elusive ancestors. By using this time consuming method, we found a few of our ancestors listed by the correct spelling Corey & Cory. (These entries should have been, but were not, in the federal index books.)

I have subsequently discovered that Ancestry.com has a very worthwhile on-line census image program, with surnames indexed by Soundex, available for as low as \$39.95/year. \* Now you can view these files, at your leisure, right in your own home! The surprising revelation for me was the frequency of misspelled surnames. I found missing Coreys/Corys under Carr, Cora, & Carey without having to look page-by-page. The program also enables you to enlarge/reduce any part of the original hand-written record images, which you can then print on your home printer. You can also download the blank census forms from this site, which have clearly printed column headings, because many hand-written headings are very hard to read.

### **MY PERSONAL TRIP THRU ANCESTRY.COM ON LINE IMAGES:**

I knew that William Corey<sup>5</sup> (Wm1-John2-John3-Caleb<sup>4</sup>) moved to Danby, Rutland Co. VT c. 1795 after serving in the Revolution in Rhode Is. (according to the primary records in his pension file). Some of his descendants still live in the small town of Danby. The 1800 census (for VT anyway) lists last names in alphabetical order on the original census. However, 1810 & later are listed by location, which is very useful in locating other relatives living nearby! I found NO William Corey in Danby VT in 1800 federal census (alphabetical listing), nor in the 1810.

1810 U.S. Census "William Carr" is listed in nearby Middletown, Rutland Co., who is over 45. He seems to fit the demographics of Wm. Cory<sup>5</sup>, who died in 1815. No familiar names for neighbors nearby, however. "Wm. Carr" does not appear in the 1820 U.S. Census. This might be a match. The next step is to look for land & vital records in Middletown (thru LDS records) to corroborate that Wm. Corey lived here.

1830 U.S. Census; Danby, Rutland Co. VT; "Wm. Cora" listed with no data on the information lines, just the name!! However, his next-door neighbor is Wm. Corey<sup>6</sup>'s reputed brother-in-law Gary Harrington. This is a likely match.

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1840 U.S. Census; Tinmouth, Rutland Co. VT; I found my great-great grandfather Hiram Corey listed as "Hiram Carey" living 2 doors down from "Charles Carey" (Charles Corey<sup>6</sup> proven son of Wm. Corey<sup>5</sup>). Both Hiram & Charles fit the demographics exactly (ages of wives; ages & sexes of children). This information may help me corroborate that Hiram is the son of Charles. Here too is a likely match.

NOTE: Don't dismay at the seeming high cost listed at the web site. Take advantage of the 30 day free trial first-I've never paid full price for their services! Prices are negotiable at their telephone center. The on-line census is currently available thru 1930. Ancestry has indexed most of the census files at this time. However, when searching large cities, ie; Chicago, you may need to know the street address of your ancestors to obtain the Enumeration District number to locate them in the on-line program.

Don't forget to check the Cory Family Website for the 1850 Census prepared by Art Corey. All the New England states listing Cory/Coreys are covered.
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### New Cory Members

We would like to "Welcome" the following new members to our Cory Family Society.

\*Robert Corey Hackler  
Anderson, IN.

Stephen Paul Cory  
Richfield, MN.

\*LeAnn Sanderson  
Bountiful, UT.

Janet Grabbert  
Bastrop, TX.

Cory Wilden  
Houston, TX

Michael Corey  
Anchorage, Alaska

\*Colin F. & Marilyn Cory (returning members)  
Northampton - England

\*My mother was Harriet Corey who died at the age of 100 just a few years ago. She had tracked the Corey's back to Portsmouth, RI but thought they came over from Wales. Now from Ancestry.com I learn about William Cory coming over from Bristol. In surfing the net I learned of the Cory Society and about Bramerton Hall. This is all fascinating and when we go to London on our annual visit in September I will hop up to Bramerton Hall and possibly look at graveyards in Bristol. I have been to Bristol and Norwich but didn't know about the associations.

I am in the process of retiring and will soon have more time for this kind of thing. I am especially interested in determining for sure when our branch changed from Cory to Corey. Our researcher shows my great-grandfather Barney as being named Barnabus. I have seen his grave and have some furniture he made; my mother would have been surprised to learn that he was really Barnabus.

This is all great fun. I have traced my paternal lineage back over to Alsace and have made a few trips there. But this new (to me) information about the Cory's is equally interesting.  
(From: Robert Corey Hackler)

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\*My name is LeAnn Sanderson, but my maiden name is “Cory” and I was searching in Ancestry.com and came across the Cory Society. This interested me, since I am researching my family name. As of now I only know my Father’s name and his parent’s names, so I am interested in finding out where the family came from. I wanted to join in hopes that maybe I would be able to do the family genealogy. My Father’s name is John Edward Cory, born in California. His Fathers name is John Ellis Cory, birthplace unknown to me at this time. His mothers name is Martha Ellen Miller. That is all that I know of my Fathers family. I never knew my Father, so I never had a chance to find out any other information. (From: LeAnn “Cory” Sanderson)

\*Marilyn & I have been members previously but regrettably let our membership lapse. We attended the 1992 reunion in Salem, Mass. And our line is that of Nicolas 1538 of Harpole, Northampton, the furthest back we can go; Gyles 1621 (Salem 1692), christened in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Northampton; and as recently evidence by the DNA test, also the line of John of Northampton to which Thomas of Chelmsford and latterly, Art, Earl and Arthur Corey belong.

My sister Brenda Miller has been a member of the Society for many years and we were involved both in the Brammerton visit in 1983 and the Launceston visit in 1995. We are fortunate therefore to be acquainted with a number of the Society’s members. (From: Colin F. & Marilyn Cory)

### Passing Members

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

Elizabeth Anderson passed away last August 2002. She was the mother of Linda Anderson and Elizabeth Beyer.

Stella Riddel, died at the age of 99. She was the mother of Alice Stillwagon and the Aunt of Linda Anderson and Elizabeth Beyer.

### Research Donations

The Cory Family Society Officers would like to give a big “Thanks” to the following members that have made a donation to our Society for research. Without your help this Society could not continue with the research projects that are being done.

Gilbert M. Corey  
Springfield, IL.

Wendy Justus  
Anchorage, Alaska

Christine Corey Kirk  
Merced, CA.

Richard C. Jones  
Foresthill, CA.

Alice M. Deckker  
El Cerrito, CA.

Jenny & Carol Withers  
Pepper Pike, OH.

Ellen M. Moore  
Lexington, MA.

Conlin F. & Marilyn Cory  
Northampton – England

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**QUERIES**

We have many members that need help with genealogy information. Earl, our Vice President has been able to help a few of you but not all. It is hard to answer everyone's questions without having a Genealogist helping us. Earl has forward the following "Queries" that he has not been able handle.

Carolyn, our Secretary has also started a column. So, this is also a good start to getting some of your questions answered. As you can see our Society is in need of someone to take over this position. We would welcome any of our members to take on this challenge.

A Genealogist is needed for our Society to take on some of this work for us. If you would like to help, please contact our President, Past President or Vice President. If members would like to get together to do this, that would be fine too.

In the meantime, we will add your questions in our newsletter that remain unanswered. You can send them to me, Karen Cory – Newsletter Editor or Earl Cory, Vice President – Webmaster.

So, anyone that may have information concerning the following, please contact those persons. Hopefully this column can continue and many of you can get answers to your unanswered questions.

**Here are the Queries:**

Was Abigail any relation to Priscilla Gould and John Putnam?  
Haven Putnam [bahamabob@cox.net]

I, too, am looking at the Tyrrell and Martin Counties deeds. My thoughts haven't gelled yet about the connections, but I, too, have questions about the documentation for previous information suppositions?).

I'm pretty sure that Corah is a misinterpretation of Cory. I've seen it several times, especially in Martin and once or twice in Pitt. There was also a Malkum Courry in Surry County. Deeds in Pitt show that Joseph Corrie and Elizabeth Corrie (variously sp. as Cory) were related to Benjamin Cory. Also, Joseph was an heir of Shadrack Cory (variously sp. as Shadrack Cawrey), who was given land for serving in the Rev. War. (I'm thinking that Shadrack was either his brother, most probably, or his son.) Another interesting find is that a deed in Tyrrell in 1750 mentioned land owned by Benjamin Cory (Sr.) bound on one side by that owned by Caleb Cory. (Did he belong to the RI or MA branch?)

Information from deeds include several in Tyrrell from Benjamin Cory, Sr., planter, to one son Benjamin Cory, Jr., planter and blacksmith, and another son John Cory in the decade of 1740 and 1750. Another deed shows that Ben Jr. sold land belonging to Ben Sr., now deceased, in 1762 (deceased after July 1750, before 1762). According to dates from Earl, this family in Tyrrell, who later moved to Martin, could not have been the Pasquotank (NJ) line. I think that there may have been two different Cory families in Martin (Griffins area and another area I can't recall just now). Also, I saw a Tyrrell deed to Davison Cory from Benjamin and Ann Meads, a Pasquotank name, and then back to the same Benjamin and Ann a few years later.

Patricia Mersereau [pmersereau@mindspring.com]

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From time to time if I have a brick wall I come back and review my information...do you have any notes concerning the #50 Benjamin Cory b 1711 in NJ died 1770 in Pasquotank Co., NC? I had started with researching for any Cory and various spellings in NC...I came up with Ann, John, John, James, Thomas from 1769-1786...then the supposed children of the above Benjamin show up....now my question. I go to Essex Co., NJ and Benjamin or a Benjamin is there in 1780 with a Thomas.... I just wonder if the NJ Cory's actually came to NC? Does any documentation make an actual connection from NJ to NC? I haven't seen anything, is there a will that makes the connection? Do you have someone that could be contacted about that move? Have you ever seen the name Corah...which would be close to the Irish pronunciation of Cory? There are Corahs in NC and the names are right....

—Sherrie Perkins [sherrie258@koyote.com]

I am trying to find out information about my great great great grandmother's parents and place of birth. Her name was Sarah Ann Corey and she was born June 8, 1811 in RI. Her mother's first name was Catherine. Sarah's family moved to NY when she was young. She married Calvin Hayward/Howard in Livingston Co. NY around 1830. She and Calvin moved to Shiawassee Co. MI with their six children in 1848, where she died in 1867. Some of her relatives also settled in MI including a sister married to a William Williston. There is also a Corey road in Shiawassee Co. named after her relatives.

Unfortunately I have none of her relatives names. I am writing in hopes that you may know of branch of the Corey family she may belong to. I found a William Corey ( B. Sept. 1790 RI) on your website that lived in all the same states as my great grandmother. Do you have a listing on his parents and siblings? He died in Jun 1869 in Kent Co. MI. Please contact me if you have any information that may help me find out who Sarah's parents were.

Beth Hjertos [behjertos@hotmail.com]

I am trying to locate the names of the parents of Wiseman K. Chase who married Zilpha Cory (5th Generation -Thomas) on 2/7/1826 in Bath, NH. I was wondering if you had any information. Wiseman is my husband's great-great grandfather. I have his death date and children, but cannot find who his father and mother were. I would appreciate any help you could give me.

—Katherine Chase [KJCVT@aol.com]

Arnold Cory of Lowndes Co Al is my line. In fact my father was named after him. He is my brick wall. Any help I can get, I will be most thankful.

Loretta McKenzie [sbm1@frontiernet.net]

My father's great-grandmother was Susan Corey and her father was Dwight T Corey. There is a death cert. for Dwight in Griswold, which lists his parents as Thomas and Lydia. Your info shows his father as Charles Corey. There was a Thomas Corey in Brooklyn CT in the 1820 census and a Thomas Corey in Griswold CT in the 1830 census. Maybe you could help me find the right Corey line. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Courtland Kinnie [b.kinnie@worldnet.att.net]

May be you can use this: Inez Rambo Berg, PO Box 537, Wheatland, CA 95692

[imbrmb@syix.com]

I am the granddaughter of Polly (Mary Ann) Cory Scidmore. She was b. in NY, m. Abner Brush Scidmore 1 Jan 1811 in Pinkney, Lewis Co., NY. Her father was Benjamin Cory, who d. in 1829 in Lewis Co., NY. The following is his will.

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**COPY OF WILL**

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In the name of God amen. I Benjamin Cory of Pinkney, County of Lewis, State of New York being weak in body, but of sound perfect memory, blessed be almighty God for the same, do make and publish this my last will and testament in a manner and form following. (That is to say)

First I give and bequeath unto my eldest son James Cory the sum of one dollar. I do also give and bequeath unto my six younger sons, Cyrus Cory, Palmer Cory, Perly Cory, Benjamin Cory, Serrel Cory and Chester Cory, the sum of one dollar a piece. I also give and bequeath unto my eldest daughter Piercy the sum of one dollar. I do also give and bequeath unto my three younger daughters Polly, Rachael and Betsey the sum of one dollar a piece, which said several legacies or sums of money I will and order shall be paid to said respective ligatures within two years from this date, and lastly as to all the rest residue and remainder of my real and personal estate goods and chattels of what kind and nature so to give and bequeath the same to my beloved wife Hannah Cory whom I hereby appoint sole executrix of this my last will and testament and hereby revoking all former wills by me made. In witness whereunto I have set my hand and seal this the 5th day of April.

Benjamin Cory (Seal) in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

Sylvester Corry

John Blumberg

Jacob Overacher

LEWIS COUNTY, NY

Be it remembered that on the twenty second day of October in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine personally appeared before me Sylvester Miller Surrogate of the County of Lewis aforesaid, John Blumberg of the subscribing witnesses to the will of Benjamin Cory late of the town of Pinkney, in the said county deceased, who being duly sworn declared that he did see the said Benjamin Cory deceased say and execute the instrument hereunto anoint and impress with the seal of office of the said Surrogate which said instrument purports to be the last will and Testament of the said Benjamin Cory deceased bearing date the fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty nine, that he heard him, the said Benjamin Cory publish and declare the same as and for his last will and testament. That, at this time thereof he the said Benjamin Cory was of sound disposing mind and memory to the best knowledge and belief of him the said John Blumberg and that he together with Sylvester Cory and Jacob Overacher the other witness to the said will did severally subscribe their names thereto as witnesses in the presence of the testator.

In Testimony Whereof the said Surrogate hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal of office @ one at the village of Louisville this twenty second day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine.

Sylvester Miller Surrogate

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Carolyn White is searching for information about Benjamin Corey born 1798 in Virginia. She writes; He married Kandus Craig and their son is my maternal great grandfather. Benjamin & Kandus (Craig) children were: John, William, Elizabeth, Martha, Nancy, Rebekah Caroline and James C. Corey. James married Lucinda Franklin. Their daughter Flora Belle Corey married James Hugh Williams (my maternal grandparents). James was born in 1843 and lived in Sevier Country, Tennessee. I'm extremely interested in finding out about this family and especially who are the parents of Benjamin Corey. Some of my family members believe that Benjamin was born in Virginia and lived for a time in Kentucky. Any help I can receive would be appreciated.

Contact, Carolyn White (e-mail: carolynwhite@yahoo.com)

### Address- Book

Included with this newsletter is our current Address-Book of Members & Libraries we send our newsletter to. Again, if a mistake in your name, address, telephone number etc. has been made please contact Joann or myself to make this correction. (See note below concerning E-mail)

During the past 3 months I've received information from several libraries concerning our newsletter. Some did not have complete sets and I have provided them with the ones they were missing. Most of them are very pleased with what we are doing and thanked us for sending them our newsletter. (Most of the newsletters can be found on the Cory Family Website)

Several of our new members came across our newsletter in the library, so this is a very good thing. If you have a library you feel you'd like to include on our roster, please let us know and we will place them on the list.

### Correction – April Newsletter

My father in law (Claude J. Cory – Pacific Grove, Ca.) informed me that they hosted the 1998 Reunion. I indicated in the April Newsletter that it was in 1996, sorry Dad. Thanks for your help and keeping me up to date on things. My father in law is 88 years young....

### Western PA. Reunion, August 10, 2003

This just in from Marge Chilson; The Western Pennsylvania Area "Cory Reunion" will be on August 10, 2003 at 1 PM. Location: East Palestine City Park, East Palestine, Ohio (tables 23 – 26). Bring a covered dish and all utensils (plates, silverware etc.)

If you have any questions you may contact Marge Chilson at her E-mail address: helenmarge@aol.com

All Cory's are "Welcome" to this event.

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## Did you know?

I had a note from Brenda Miller of England that might interest some of you. If you have any additional information concerning the following, please let me know.

Brenda writes: "I left my heart in San Francisco" (song) by Cross – Cory brought singer Tony Bennett back into the limelight in 1962 after the craze of rock'n roll had kept him out of it for years. George Cory and Douglas Cross wrote it.

Brenda also visited Pearl Harbor a few years ago. Still in the USS Arizona is an EE Corey, does anyone have any information on him?

## FOLLOW UP- April Newsletter:

After our last newsletter went out I contacted Pat Wyatt who was "host" of the last Reunion to find out about the signs that the Cory Society had ordered. Pat was nice enough to contact me to let me know that both signs were ordered from the State (free of charge) and the Tiverton sign was installed before the family met and visited that cemetery.

The Portsmouth sign did not come in until later but has been installed by the Highway Department of Portsmouth. This is great news and we are glad the new signs are now up in the cemeteries. Thanks for your help Pat.

## When E-mailing:

First, I would like to apologize to anyone that E-mailed me and I didn't acknowledge it. I don't open E-mail unless it's from someone I know or has something to do with the Cory Family Society. So, when you are E-mailing the Officers or me, please indicate under "Subject", CORY FAMILY SOCIETY or CFS. That will get our attention and we will open the mail. Thank you....Karen Cory (Newsletter Editor)

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## **Deadline for Newsletter**

The next deadline for the October newsletter will be September 15, 2003. So, If you have anything that you'd like in the newsletter PLEASE send it to me or one of the Officer's prior to that date. My goal is to get this newsletter to everyone in a timely manner. You can e-mail it to me in "Word" format and that makes it real easy for me. Or, mail it to me if you don't have access to a computer and the Internet.

## **Missing Members – Help Needed**

Many past members are missing and we cannot locate them. If anyone knows where the following past members are, please let me know as soon as possible. Or if they have moved we need to have a current address for them.

Harry Chase, Portsmouth, RI

Diane Corey, Dayville, CT

Martin Corey, North Bend, WA

Rockne H. Johnson , Honolulu, HI

Michael McKenzie, Tucson, AZ

John & Edna Theiss, Fayetteville, TN

Chris & Cindy Timby, Santa Clara, CA



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**Reminder of Membership Dues:**

As a friendly reminder if you have not paid your annual dues for 2003, please send your check to Joann Nichols. If you cannot afford the dues, please call Fred our President, as he may be able to establish a lifetime membership for you. We want to keep you in our membership. Please check your mailing label now to see if your dues are due, thank you.

**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.

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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.

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**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)

<p>Membership dues are only \$10. per family Genealogy research is voluntary. Please send this form and your check, payable to, Cory Family Society to:</p> <p>Joann Nichols 110 Chestnut Street Brattleboro, VT. 05301-6579</p> <p>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.</p>
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