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### CORY SOCIETY ORIGINS

*Helen (Marge) Chilson of East Palestine, OH, First Historian for the Cory Family Society, provided the early history of the Cory Family Society presented here.*

The present Cory Family Society was preceded by several earlier Cory societies. The first, known as the Inter-State Cory Reunion Association, was founded in 1898. One of the founders was James Enos Cory of Crawford County, Ohio, a descendent of John<sup>1</sup> of Long Island. James was a carpenter, schoolteacher, and member of the Ohio State Legislator. He also was an early recorder of Cory history.

The last meeting of the Inter-State Cory Association, for which we have a record, was held at Morado Park in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, in 1908. The Inter-State Cory Association was evidently intended to become a national association, but for some reason, it didn't develop as intended, possibly because interstate travel was not easy in those days. The meeting in Morado Park in 1908 evidently was the last for that association.

On June 22, 1909, descendants of Jeremiah William Cory met in Elkhart,

Iowa, to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of Cory's in Iowa. Elkhart was named after Elkhart, Indiana, where they had lived before moving to Iowa. The Elkhart society continues to meet annually in June on Father's Day.

In mid-July, also in 1909, James Enos Cory organized another Cory Society. Their first meeting was in Morado Park, PA. Most early members were descendants of Elnathan Cory (1759-1838), and Sarah (Walker) Cory (1758-1843), the grandchildren of Elnathan, Jr. (1788-1848). All of these folks were descendants of John<sup>1</sup> of Long Island.

The latter group became known as the Western Pennsylvania Area Cory Reunion Association. They have met every year since 1909. Most of its current members are residents of Western PA or Eastern OH. Their meetings are often held in Beaver Falls, PA or East Palestine, OH.

The Western PA Association was destined to become the father society of the current Cory Family Society. Mark Hester, a descendant of Elnathan Cory, and The Rev. Jack Corey, a descendant of Samuel Cory (1863-1845) of Pyworthy, England were among those who attended the 1986 meeting of the Western PA Association. They persuaded members attending the meeting that a national Cory organization should be created. Their idea was not to replace local organizations, but to bring them together to share information.

The Society would be separate from the local societies and would provide news about family gatherings, and information from all over the United States, and possibly England. There would be no obligation for members of local organizations to join the national

organization, and the local organizations would continue as before.

Mark Hester became the first President; The Rev. Jack Cory became First Vice President, and Editor of a quarterly newsletter. Sylvia Vickroy was elected Secretary, and Linda Coursin became Treasurer. Marge Chilson was the first Cory Family Society Historian, and continued to serve as Historian until the fall of 1994 when Charlotte Mueller was appointed to that position. Marge continues to serve as Historian for the Western PA Association.

During the years 1987 and 1988 Mark Hester and the Rev. Jack Cory worked to enroll members from around the USA for the new National Cory association. When they had interested enough folks to constitute a viable organization, they initiated plans for a general meeting.

The first annual meeting of the new Cory society was held in Westfield, New Jersey, a state where many descendants of John<sup>1</sup>, had lived before some of them, including Elnathan, moved to Western PA. A second annual meeting was held in Chicago, a third was held in Beaver Falls jointly with the Western Pennsylvania Reunion Association in 1989.

Mark Hester continued to lead the Cory Family Society as president until after the 1996 meeting held in Southold, Long Island, where John<sup>1</sup> had settled circa 1643. Mark was succeeded by Charlotte Muller who also continued to serve as historian-genealogist.

Since the meeting in Beaver Falls, eleven more general meetings have been held. Our meeting in Harpole, England, this year was the 14<sup>th</sup> general meeting. No official meetings were held during the years 1999 and 2003.

Places for all general meetings of the Cory Family Society are listed below:

1989 --- Westfield, New Jersey  
1990 --- Chicago, Illinois  
1991 --- Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania  
1992 --- Salem, Massachusetts  
1993 --- Portsmouth, Rhode Island  
1994 --- Salt Lake, Utah  
1995 ---Launceston, Cornwall, UK  
1996 --- Southold, Long Island, N.Y.  
1997 --- Durango, Colorado  
1998 --- Pacific Grove, California  
1999 --- Washington, DC ---tour only  
2000 --- Newport News, Virginia  
2001 --- Chillicothe, Ross Co., Ohio  
2002 --- Providence, Rhode Island  
2004 --- Harpole, England

Presidents of the Cory Family Society:

1986-1996 --- Mark Hester  
1997-1999 --- Charlotte Muller  
1999-2000 --- Art Corey  
2000 - Fred Corey

Vice Presidents:

1986-1996 --- Rev. Jack Corey  
1986-1990 --- Gladys Hum  
1990 -2001 --- Dorothy Rout  
1996-2004 --- Jenny Withers  
2000- --- Earl Cory

Treasurers:

1986-- 1988 ---Linda Coursin  
1989-- 2003 ---Maxine Hester  
2003-2004 --- Joann Nichols  
2004 - --- James Corey

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1986-1988 --- Sylvia Vickroy  
1989-2000 --- Linda Anderson  
2000- --- Carolyn Corey

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1986-1992 --- Marge Chilson  
1992-2001 --- Charlotte Muller  
2000 - --- Vacant

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1986-1987 --- Rev. Jack Cory  
1987-1995 --- Al B. Cory  
1996-1997 --- Linda Hester  
1997-1998 --- Mimi Weijland  
1999-2000 --- Art Corey  
2000-2003 --- Fred Corey  
2003-2004 --- Karen Cory  
2004- --- Art Corey

**ANCESTORS OF THOMAS AND  
GILES CORY  
By Art Corey**

After more than a century of research, and much speculation, we now have information about the ancestors of two of three early progenitors of our surname in America. We previously had found the baptismal records of William of Portsmouth in Bristol, England and, as a result of our DNA project, we have discovered the ancestry of Thomas Cory of Chelmsford. Documentation concerning the ancestors of Thomas recently have been discovered by English members of our society who are also members of the English Cory Family Society and the Heritage Society of Harpole, a village near Northampton, England. English members principally responsible for the research leading to this discovery include Marilyn and Colin Cory, Brenda Miller, and Derek Allen, natives of Harpole.

Those of us who are related to the Cory families of Harpole, including Art Corey and Earl Cory, discovered our connection to Harpole because our Y-chromosome

matched that of Colin Cory who has traced his ancestry to Nicholas Corye of Harpole. We know that there were Cory families in Harpole at least as early as 1435, because members of the Harpole Heritage Society have seen records showing that a large home in Harpole, called Fernville, was built by an unknown Corye, circa 1435. Records giving the names and other details about the ancestors of Nicholas Corye before 1500 are either not available or not readable.

The surname of most descendants of Nicholas was spelled "Corye" until about the time Thomas of Chelmsford immigrated to America, circa 1642. Since that time the descendants of Nicholas in England have, in most cases, spelled their surname "Cory". I have used the latter spelling for the surname of descendants of Nicholas<sup>1</sup> rather than the original spelling.

No date for the birth of Nicholas<sup>1</sup> Cory has been found and we have no name for his first wife with whom he had at least five children. His second marriage was to Emma Dunkley, in 1538. Nicholas<sup>1</sup> and Emma had five children (of record) including John who married Alice, and Thomas who married Elizabeth Dunkley in 1539. John and Alice were the ancestors of Thomas who we believe immigrated to America circa 1642. Thomas and Elizabeth were the ancestors of Giles who we believe also immigrated to America at about the same time.

John and Alice had ten children of record including Nicholas<sup>2</sup> who married Elizabeth Ward in 1575. The latter couple had four children including Nicholas<sup>3</sup>, born circa 1577. Nicholas<sup>3</sup> married Elizabeth Ashbee in 1601 and had five children including Thomas, born circa 1603. Thomas married Alice Harris in 1622. Alice died four years later, but before her death she gave birth to three

children including Thomas, born circa 1622, who we believe immigrated to America, circa 1642. Summarizing, the lineage of Thomas of Chelmsford is: Nicholas<sup>1</sup>, John, Nicholas<sup>2</sup>, Thomas, Thomas of Chelmsford.

Thomas and Elizabeth Dunkley had eight children of record including Martin who married Katheren Righton in 1583. Martin had a son Giles born circa 1584, the father of Giles, born 1621, who we believe immigrated to Massachusetts, circa 1642.

Summarizing, the lineage of Giles of Salem Village is: Nicholas<sup>1</sup>, Thomas, Martin, Giles, Giles of Salem Village.

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Our reason for believing that this Thomas immigrated to America is that all other descendants of Nicholas<sup>1</sup> named Thomas during that era are on record as having died in England. Neither the marriage nor death of Thomas (born in Harpole in 1622) is recorded in England. Records are available showing that a Thomas Cory had settled in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, by 1645. The conclusion that Thomas of Chelmsford was the Thomas born in Harpole is reinforced by the fact that DNA from the descendants of Thomas of Chelmsford in America matches that of descendants of Nicholas<sup>1</sup> in Harpole.

We can be reasonably certain that all Cory/Corey males in America, with Y-chromosome profiles matching the Harpole Cory males, are descended from Nicholas<sup>1</sup>. However, we cannot be certain that they are all descended from Thomas of Chelmsford. To date, Earl Cory, our webmaster, and Thomas Wendell Corey are the only Cory males with documentary evidence of descent from Thomas. Society members Arthur T. Corey and Arthur E. Corey also have Y-chromosome profiles matching the Harpole Cory line. However, available documentary evidence indicates only that

their Corey ancestors lived in Connecticut early in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. No descendant of Thomas who moved to Connecticut has been identified. The possibility exists that another Cory male from the Harpole line immigrated to Connecticut for whom no record has been found.

We hope that in the near future our DNA project will provide us with comparable evidence concerning the ancestry of John Cory of Long Island. To accomplish this we may need the cooperation of the English Cory Family Society to identify additional participants in Britain, including Scotland, Wales, and Ireland, as well as England.

#### MEETING IN 2005

Our next general meeting is planned for New England, June 23-26, 2005. We hope many of you will hold this date open and plan to attend. We need to elect officers to fill current vacancies. Fred Corey, our president has stated that he would like to be relieved while he remains very busy running a consulting engineering firm. Art Corey has been acting as temporary editor. He feels that his advanced age makes it desirable to find a younger replacement. We would also like to find an experienced genealogist to fill the society historian position. We can have a suitable election of officers only if attendance is representative of our membership as a whole.

Those attending our 2004 meeting in Harpole, England agreed that Massachusetts would be the location of our next meeting. The time of the meeting was set early enough in the season to avoid the heat that might discourage our English members, and late enough that parents can be accompanied by school children. We are planning a program of tours that will make

important events in the early history of our country come alive in the minds of elementary and secondary school children, as well as be of interest to adults interested in family history.

Kathleen (Cory) Reed will be our hostess for 2005. Kathleen is a member of our society who has traced her ancestry to Thomas of Chelmsford, and has done considerable research on the Thomas line. Kathleen is in the process of locating a suitable meeting place and living accommodations. Unfortunately, we cannot find in America a village comparable to Harpole, where there is a large concentration of Cory families still living to provide us with bed and breakfast accommodations and prepare our meals. Corey descendants in America are well scattered across the country. Kathleen will try to find the most reasonable accommodations possible.

Kathleen is considering a variety of tours that should be of interest to our membership and will welcome any additional suggestions. We are hoping to contact descendants of Giles Cory also and to invite them to meet with us. A description of Kathleen's current plans follows.

#### PLANS FOR 2005 MEETING

By Kathleen (Cory) Reed

It's time to make preliminary plans for the next Corey Reunion to be held June 23-26, 2005 in Massachusetts. Exciting News ... Our English cousins have discovered that GILES COREY of Salem and THOMAS COREY of Chelmsford are cousins and so members decided at the meeting in June that they would like to tour Salem and Chelmsford, Massachusetts. The last Corey Family Reunion held in Salem, MA was August 7-9 of 1992. We're researching costs for a

walking tour of Salem on Thursday, speakers to share what life was like at the time for Giles Corey and his family in Salem, a visit to Danvers Salem Village Witchcraft Victim's Memorial; Friday we're going to explore the Concord / Lexington area to hear about life in Middlesex County learning about colonial, revolutionary war, literary and natural history; Saturday we're making plans to visit the Chelmsford Historical Society located at an old homestead built in the late 1690's, and then we're off to Charlestown to tour the USS Constitution and the Bunker Hill Monument; Sunday we'll visit the "Old Chelmsford" Garrison, one of 19 British garrisons in Chelmsford built partly to protect the residents from an Indian attack and partly to insure the colonists remained loyal to the King, according to their website: [www.garrisonhouse.org](http://www.garrisonhouse.org), followed by our business meeting.

Chelmsford is celebrating their 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2005; events have not been established. I'm hoping to incorporate an activity in town with our tour.

In the History of Chelmsford Massachusetts, by The Rev. Wilson Waters, p. 45, he states, "..."  
*The meadows upon Great brook early attracted settlements in the southerly quarter of the town, in what is now Carlisle. The first we find there were: John Barrett, George Robbins, Thomas Cory and Ambrose Swallow. A highway was laid out for their accommodation "to mill and meeting-house" in 1671..."*

The "Great Brook Farm State Park" is located in Carlisle, which was once a part of the town of Chelmsford, for those who wish to enjoy a relaxing nature walk this may be of interest to you.

If you are interested in attending this upcoming event please send an email to

Kathleen Corey Reed at: [shamrock713@msn.com](mailto:shamrock713@msn.com) for continuing updates and costs.

## GENEALOGICAL TIP

By Kathleen Reed

I take photographs of headstones to document my family, I know this may seem morbid to some, but I like to document the information listed on the stones and appreciate the wonderful carving on the gravestones too. My tip... I put all the photos in a Cemetery Photo Album. It keeps the photos very organized and if I have a question of whether I miss-typed a death date in my computer I can quickly refer to these photos to verify my information.

## QUERY

Corey, Samuel (Thomas<sup>1</sup>), b.6 Feb.1669/70, Chelmsford, MA, m. Bethica/Betheca ? Thee book Corvs of America 1sredition, Book 3,pgs. 2-3 by Al Bertus Cory states that Samuel married Bethica Cook. I would appreciate help in finding documentation on this marriage. Kathleen Corey Reed, P.O. Box 157, Winthrop, ME 04364.  
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## SOCIETY MEMBER LOST

Bette Helwig, an active member of the Cory Family Society reports that her husband, Richard Helwig, passed away on 25 February 2004. The Society expresses it's sympathy and best wishes to Bette, and hopes she will remain active in our society.

# GENEAOGY FORUM

Carolyn Corey, editor

This is the third appearance of this column, which depends entirely upon the input of Cory Society members for it's continuation.

Thanks to Joan Guilford for her response to my querie about the background of ALLEN COREY, Justice of the Peace & author of a Washington Co. NY gazeteer c. 1837. She writes that although Allen Corey is not related to her, she came upon the following source of information about him & his NOTABLE brother John Addison Corey when researching her own lineage (John Cory of Roxbury, MA) in Wash. Co. NY.

Joan believes that they may both be sons of Daniel & Hannah (Todd) Corey, altho I was unable to verify that. It appears that Daniel Corey was a cousin. Does anyone have more information on the Cory/Corey ancestor line of this accomplished family??

## NOTABLE CORYS

### Judge John A. Corey-Saratoga Co. N.Y.

Born 5 Nov. 1805 died 29 Apr 1873

Judge John A. Corey, was born at Greenwich, Washington Co. NY. His father was a farmer\* <his name is not given-see search below>. Allen Corey, of the West Troy (NY) Democrat was a brother. Sidney G. Corey, D.D. and Rev. Daniel Corey, well-known Baptist "divines" were cousins.

John A Corey moved to Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Co. NY in 1824 & went to work for the newspaper there. He also pursued his interest in the law & was admitted to the practice in the Supreme Court in 1838. "With a 'divided love', in 1844, he went back to journalistic labors".. & started The Saratoga Republican.

He also served as justice of the peace & subsequently as county judge. He was appointed governor of Kansas by President Pierce in 1855, but "he declined the honor." Soon after he was appointed the U. S. Commissioner which he retained until his death.

"Early in his life he married a daughter of George Strover, Esq. of Schuylerville, NY. They had one son & 3 daughters"\* See notes following

Adapted from "The History of Saratoga Co. New York" by Nathaniel Bartlett Sylvester published in 1878, p. 203.

John A. Corey is also listed as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Saratoga Monument Assoc. (1856-91) which was formed to commemorate the 1777 Revolutionary War Battles of Saratoga.

**I searched for more information on this family & found the following at**

**ANCESTRY.COM ON-LINE IMAGES:**

**\*Searching for the father of John A. & Allen. CLUES- his name is not known, but he is described as a farmer in Greenwich, Washington Co., NY at the time of the birth of John A. C.1805. I didn't find a Daniel Corey, as suggested above as a possibility. 1800 U. S. Federal Census for Washington Co. NY; NO Coreys(Corys)in Greenwich**

**There is a John Corey in Hartford (apx. 20 m. No. of Greenwich)  
There is a Thomas Corey in Cambridge (apx. 5 mi. So. Of Greenwich)  
1810 U. S. Federal Census in Greenwich, Wash. Co. NY  
There is a John Corey with a boy under 10 (could be John A. age 5) & a girl under 10. He is between 26 & 45. Wife same age category.  
1820 U. S. Federal Census for Washington Co. NY:  
No John Corey in Greenwich  
John Corey in Hebron (apx. 12 mi. No. of Greenwich) with young children.**

**Looking for more information on the 2 brothers, 1)John A. & 2)Allen:  
1850 U. S. Federal Census for Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Co. NY  
1)John A. Corey age 45 Occupation: "printer"; Wife: Ruth age 27  
2 sons John A. Jr. age 4 & Charles H. age 2  
Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Co. NY  
2)Allen Corey age 41 Occupation: "publishes paper"; Wife: Ann age 39  
daughter Helen age 15  
1860 U. S. Federal Census for Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Co. NY  
1)John A. Corey age 55 Occupation: "editor"; Wife: Ruth S. age 36; 3 sons & 2 daughters:  
John A. Jr. age 11; Charles H. age 9; Grace M. age 9; Samuel F. age 6 Ruth S. age 1  
1860 U. S. Census for Troy, Ward 8, Rensselear Co. NY  
2)Allen Corey age 49 Occupation: "printer West Troy Democrat"  
Wife: Cordelia age 36; 3 daughters  
1870 U. S. Federal Census Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Co. NY  
1)John A. Corey age 66 Occupation "lawyer"; Wife: Ruth (no children listed)  
1870 U. S. Federal Census for West Troy, Albany Co. NY  
2)Allen Corey age 56 Occupation: "editor"; Wife Cordelia age 46; 5 girls ages 3-16**

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James M. Corey

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