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DNA PROJECT UPDATE

By Art Corey

The number of participants in the Cory Family DNA Project continues to grow and has now reached 38 (22 Americans and 16 English). The three main Cory/Corey lines now have a number of participants sufficient to shed light on the interrelation among current families who have proved their lineage from one or the other of the three main Cory/Corey lines.

Cory Family Society members, and others bearing the Cory/Corey surname, continues to participate in our project by submitting DNA samples. However, during the current year many of the earlier participants have sought help in locating other participants whose Y-chromosome profile is identical, or nearly identical, to their own. Because of the substantial number of participants from each Cory Family line who have submitted samples, we usually are able to help them.

By exchanging known pedigrees, with others whose Y-chromosome profiles are similar, it is often possible for participants to fill in the blanks in their own ancestry. Answering requests for this kind of help has lately become a major function of your project coordinator.

All Cory Family Society members who are not yet sure to which Cory/Corey line they belong are encouraged to submit a DNA sample. The sample must be from a male

relative bearing the Cory/Corey surname because the analysis involves measurements of DNA at sites on the Y-chromosome that is inherited from father to son only.

The postal address of each male donor must be sent to the laboratory doing the analyses for our society:

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

The donor should indicate that he would like to submit a DNA sample as a participant in the "Cory Family DNA Project". The laboratory will then send the donor a sample kit with instructions for its use. The kit will contain swabs for removing DNA material from the inside of the Donor's mouth. This is easy and painless, and takes only a few seconds.

Samples are placed in an envelope, as instructions in the kit explain, and mailed to the address shown above along with a check to cover the cost of the analysis. Currently, the charge for a standard analysis involving measurements at 23 sites on the Y-chromosome is \$155.00. This is actually the most efficient and inexpensive way to determine one's Cory family line.

When submitting a sample, donors should indicate their willingness to share their Y-chromosome results with other participants from the same Cory family line. Participants will be able to access the results of their personal analysis from a Relative Genetics website. Current privacy laws prohibit Relative Genetics from allowing individual donors to see the results of other participants. However, with the permission of the individuals involved, the American project coordinator (*currently Arthur T. Corey*) will refer the participant to other participants with similar DNA profiles. Comparing pedigree information with others with closely

related ancestry provides a powerful tool for filling in the gaps in one's own pedigree.

DNA Project questions contact Art Corey at: artcorey@lamar.colostate.edu.

BENJAMIN CORY

by Patricia Merseau

Benjamin Cory, my great-great-great grandfather, was a businessman and a farmer who, according to the 1850 census, owned 1,000 acres of land. Although we don't know his parents, we know through DNA testing that Benjamin was a descendant of William Corey, born about 1628 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England, who migrated to Portsmouth, Newport County, Rhode Island, in the mid 1600s. According to the Cory Family Society, one son of William¹ was William² whose son Benjamin was born 1694 in Portsmouth, Newport County, Rhode Island, and moved to Tyrrell County, North Carolina, where he died in 1750. Benjamin¹ had at least two sons, John and Benjamin². Colonial records show a Benjamin Cory in Pitt County in 1764 and 1775, in Martin County in 1778, in Pitt County again in 1782, and in Bertie County in 1787. While there was another Benjamin Cory, born 1711, who moved from New Jersey to Pasquotank County where he died in 1770, it is reasonable to assume that the Benjamin found in Pitt and Martin Counties was Benjamin², a blacksmith, farmer, and businessman.

The only Corys in Pitt County in the 1790 census, Joseph Cory and Elizabeth Cory were found in adjacent households. In April 1792, they sold land formerly owned by Benjamin Cory, now deceased, to Oliver Smith (Deed Book M, p. 684, 1792). Elizabeth Middleton Corey was the widow of Benjamin². It is remotely possible that my great-great-great grandfather Benjamin was the son of Benjamin² and Elizabeth. The

Corey surname was spelled variously as Cory, Corrie, Corey, Cawrey, and even Chory in early deeds and censuses.

Benjamin, born 1793 in Pitt County, married *Rebecca A. Jones*, born 1801 and daughter of John Jones, at age 30 in 1823. While the majority of people living in Pitt County in the early 1800s could neither read nor write, Benjamin and Rebecca were literate. Apparently, they valued education for their children, also. In the 1850 census, most of their children were described as students and literate.

Benjamin and Rebecca had seven children who lived to adulthood. Benjamin A., Jr., "B.A." was born in 1826, married *Martha A. "Patty" Tyson*, and had at least three sons, B. L., born 1858; Joseph J. "J. J.", born 1864; and James R. "J. R.", born 1868. B.A. died in December 1872.

Samuel T. was born in 1829, married first *Mary E. "Letitia" White* in 1866 and second *Georgia Ann S. Wall* in 1880. Samuel and Letitia had 3 sons, William L. F., James A. S., and James Henry, and two daughters, Armitta (Mittie) and Lula. Letitia died the same day she gave birth to Lula. (See Samuel T. Cory article in *Chronicles of Pitt County, Volume II*). Samuel later married *Georgia Ann Wall* who died after the birth of their son, John G. Samuel followed in his father's footsteps as a farmer and businessman, accumulating land and lending money to his neighbors. He died in 1893.

Benjamin and Rebecca's third son, John G.H., was born in 1832 and enlisted in the Confederate Army as a private in January 1862. He died as a soldier in Petersburg, VA., in November 1862 of severe diarrhea. John was a farmer and a businessman who never married. Estate records showed that he owned much land and lent money to his fellow Pitt Countians.

Martha A. "Margaret" Cory was the first daughter of Benjamin and Rebecca. She was born in 1836 and married *Spire Worthington, Jr.* They had at least 3 daughters and 1 son: Louise "Lovie" Worthington, born 1860, died 1875; Queenie Worthington, born 1861, died 1883, who married Abner Slaughter; Annie Worthington, born 1863, died 1882; and Samuel Glasgow Worthington, born 1865, died 1953, who married Lydia Campbell "Miss Cammie" Smith (See *Chronicles I, Article 1380*).

Mary Ann "Elizabeth" Cory was born in July 4, 1834, and died July 15, 1910. She married *Wyatt Gardner* and had eight children, including Benjamin Asa Gardner and Morgan Oswald Gardner. Some of her descendants still live in the Gardnerville area of Pitt County (See *Chronicles I, Article 602*).

Rebecca A. S. Cory was born in 1839 and died February 14, 1905. She never married but lived close to Samuel and her youngest sister Louisa.

Louisa Amanda F. Cory was born September 5, 1841, and died September 3, 1911. She married *Captain Charles Alexander White* September 14, 1864, and had seven children. (See *Chronicles I, Article 1290*.) Louisa and her husband Charles were close to her brother Samuel who married Charles's sister Mary E. "Letitia" White. Louisa and Captain Charley took care of Samuel just before he died, and Captain Charley was the executor of Samuel's estate.

Benjamin had accumulated much land by the time he died in January 1858. Like other large landowners during that time, he had slaves to help him tend the land. Upon his death, his land and his slaves were divided among his wife, Rebecca, and their seven children. Rebecca must have been a businesswoman in her own right. She

inherited land from her father and had several deeds recorded in which she bought or exchanged land herself. She lived with Samuel much of the time until her death about 1869.

I gathered information from deeds, census records, wills, and Chronicles of Pitt County, Volume I. As a child, I was told that this person and that person were my "kin." It was exciting to learn how we are connected!

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Pitt County Names to be in index:

Cory (Corey), Benjamin

B. A. (Benjamin, Jr.)

B. L.

James R. (J. R.)

John G.

John G. H.

Joseph

Joseph J. (J. J.)

Elizabeth Middleton

Samuel T.

Martha A. Margaret

Mary Ann Elizabeth

Rebecca A. S.

Louisa Amanda F.

Gardner, Benjamin Asa

Morgan Oswald

Wyatt

Jones, John

Rebecca A.

Slaughter, Abner

Smith, Lydia Campbell

Tyson, Martha A. "Patty"

Wall, Georgia Ann

White, Captain Charles Alexander

Mary E. "Letitia"

Worthington, Annie

Louise "Lovie"

Queenie

Samuel Glasgow

Speir, Jr.

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William Corey Descendants in N.C.

By Patricia Merseau

William¹ Corey baptized at St. James, Bristol, England, 21 May 1634; d. Portsmouth, RI, 8 Feb 1681/2; m. circa 2657 Mary Earle, b. circa 1640, d. Portsmouth, RI, 22 March 1718, daughter of Ralph and Joan (Savage) Earle. She m. (2) in 1683 Joseph Timberlake. William was the son of John^B Cory who was the son of John^A Corie (a sailor) and Agnis (Ann?) Wauker of St. James, Bristol, England.

William² Corey_b. circa 1659 in Portsmouth, RI; d. 14 May 1704 in Portsmouth, RI; m. Martha Cook 1681.

Benjamin Corey¹_b. circa 1694 in Portsmouth, RI, moved to Darmouth, RI, before moving to North Carolina where he d. in Tyrrell County about 1756. (Deeds to sons Benjamin and John found in Tyrrell County. Latest one mentioned deceased father Benjamin in 1756.)

Benjamin Corey² b. circa 1725. Tyrrell County deeds list him as a blacksmith. (I suspect this Benjamin was the one who was found in Pitt, Martin, Tyrrell, Bertie, etc. and who died about 1792. I think he was married last to Elizabeth Middleton, widow of John Middleton, and was possibly the father of my Benjamin Cory, b. 1793. If not, my Benjamin was the son of Joseph Cory who was the only male Cory listed in Pitt County about the time of Benjamin's birth.)

Benjamin Corey³ b. circa 1755 in Pasquotank County, m. Prudence Pendre in 1786, d. circa 1800.

Solomon Corey¹ b. 4 Nov. 1791 in Bertie County, N.C.; moved to Kingston, MA, after the deaths of his parents; m. Charlotte D. Winsor; d. 27 Jan, 1865, in South Malden, MA. (Master of brig "Cazenove")

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Mann, CE. "Deloraine Pendre Corey." *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol 65, p.103, 1911.

Wilcox, WHM. "Further Notes on the English Home of the Cor(e)y Family of Rhode Island." *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, Vol. ____.

Tyrrell County Deed Book, Book 1, p. 238, 1745. Indenture made by Denis and Ann Collham that their son Cornealeas Collham apprentice Benjamin Corry the Younger, Blacksmith.

Tyrrell County Deed Book, Book 1, p. 311, 1745. Benjamin Cory, Senior, to Benjamin Cory, Junior.

Tyrrell County Deed Book, Book 2, p. 101, 1750. Benjamin Cory, Senior, to son, John Cory, Planter.

Tyrrell County Deed Book, Book 2, p. 269, 1756. John Cory to James Blount. Mentions deceased father Benjamin Cory and also that land bounded by that of Caleb Cory and others.

Martin County Deed Book, Book A, p. 81, 1774. Elizabeth Corey and daughter Dorcass Harris to John Stewart. States that Dorcass was daughter of John Middleton.

The Cory Family Society and the Internet

By Earl S. Cory

I am going to tell you about how I go about finding information on the internet about people. There are several tools available, for example search engines, forums, and various databases. The following shows what happens when you get started on finding a simple answer to a question via email and what a tangled web it can lead to.

I received e-mail from Sherry Boysel. Her request was a simple one:

My name is Sherry Boysel. I am the great-great granddaughter of Arthur O. Cory and Emily Stone. In searching in your site, you indicate that Arthur O. Cory is a descendant of John 1 of Southold, NY. I am having a problem in tracing his line back directly to John 1. I would appreciate it if you could send me any information that would help me in making that progression. I have been researching family lines for about four years. Certainly would be happy to share with the Cory Family Society my information regarding the descendants of Arthur O. Cory and Emily Stone of Shelby Co., Indiana.

Arthur O. Cory may be found in the John line, but we had no information in our database beyond that he was born about 1826 in Chatham Twp, Morris Co, NJ, the son of Jacob Cory Jr. and Mary Ann Chadwick. I supplied Sherry with a PDF showing the ancestors of Arthur O. Cory and asked that she supply any information she had as to the descendants of Arthur.

Sherry supplied the following information:

"He and Emily had four children - one who

died in infancy. Their daughter Clarissa M. (called Clara) was my great-grandmother. She married William Frederick Hilt in Shelby Co., IN after having been brought up by her maternal grandparents, the Ambrose P. Stones. “

Family legend has it that he died at Camp Sumter, Andersonville, Macon Co, GA (Andersonville Prison) in 1864 or 1865. The Illinois Civil War database lists: CORY, ARTHUR O PVT D 116 IL US INF MAROA. This last word is his place of residence, Maroa, Macon Co, IL.

The list of the members of Company D of the 116 Regiment, lists CORY, Arthur O. Private Maroa Sep 6, 1862 M.O. June 7, 1865, prisoner war (<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilcivilw/r155/116-d-in.htm>). This implies that he had been a prisoner of war and was mustered out June 7, 1865, four months after the end of the war.

A check of the Andersonville website (www.montezuma-ga.org/chamber/prisoner.asp?code=64316) reveals:

From the Andersonville Prison files:	
Andersonville Prisoner Profile	
Code No:	64316
Grave No:	NOT BURIED AT ANDERSONVILLE
Last Name:	CORY
First Name:	ARTHUR O.
Rank:	PRIVATE
Company:	D
Regiment:	116
State:	IL
Branch of Service:	INFANTRY
Date of Death:	
Cause of Death:	
Remarks:	
Reference*:	ADG VOL VI 256
Place	

Captured:	
Date Captured:	
Alternate Names:	
Status:	SURVIVED ANDERSONVILLE

“Everything that I have ever seen on him indicated that he died there! I know that there is supposed to be a grave marker for him in one of the small Shelby Co. cemeteries - I forget just which one at the moment. But it was my understanding that his body was not buried there - it was just a memorial. I will have to check that out further and see what that has to say.”

The mystery is: Family legend has him dying in Andersonville prison, but the war record say that he survived Andersonville and was mustered out on June 7, 1865 while a prisoner of war. Lee surrendered at Appomattox Court House on 9 April 1865. On June 23, 1865, the last formal surrender of a large Confederate force occurs in the Oklahoma Territory. The war was over and Andersonville closed by then. *Where did Arthur O. Cory die? Where is he buried?* The conditions at Andersonville were terrible and it is very possible that he died as a result of Andersonville, but is not buried there. Since he was very much alive 3 months later when he was mustered out.

This led me to do some searching on the internet. From the Shelby Co Marriage Records (http://www.rootsweb.com/~inshelby/courthouse/marriage_records/marriages_b6.htm) we find that he married Emily Stone on 7 Aug 1853.

The same records list 5 other Corys all married about the same time.

07 Dec 1848 John J. Cory Sarah Ulrey
22 Feb 1852 Jonathan Cory Elizabeth

Gibbins

01 Feb 1854 Reynolds Cory Magdalena

Tevis

01 May 1851 Samuel Cory Lydia E. Loggan

27 Mar 1852 William Cory Elizabeth Young

Contacting Laura Engle on

Genforum.Genealogy.com/cory/, she was able to tell me that these five are brothers and the sons of Reynolds Cory, a family that is listed in the "Other Corys" database.

Back to Arthur O. Cory, further investigation finds probate records that state after the death of Ambrose P. Stone, 16-Sep-1873. Their uncle, Henry C. Stone took over guardianship. 17 Feb 1874, he withdrew guardianship and turned it over to James L. Keyton.

We can also find probate information about his brother Alexander Cory, who also died in Mar 1864 leaving 4 children and a widow, Loretta, who later married a Smith.

Looking at the 1850 Census, we find Arthur Cory living with his parents at age 22 in Fayette County, Harrison Twp. His birthplace is listed as OH. His older brother, Jonathan Cory, age 32, is also listed, but married to ? Moria. His birthplace is listed as NJ. Another brother, Alexander Cory is listed as age 29, born in OH.

All this implies that their father Jacob Cory must have moved to OH about 1820 where at least two children were born, then moved on to IN. Yet, all the children are listed on the 1850 Census as being born in Chatham Twp, Morris Co, NJ on a NJ website (<http://www.longislandgenealogy.com/corey/names3.htm>).

During all this, I came across biographies from two books published about Shelby Co, IN (http://www.rootsweb.com/~inshelby/biographies/bio_alexander_cory.htm). In there are

listed the lives of Alexander Cory, brother to Arthur O, and Alexander's son Henry S. Cory.

ALEXANDER CORY, deceased, was born in June, 1820, in Preble County, Ohio. When he came to Shelby County he was only seven years of age. He was brought up at Freeport, by his uncle, Alexander Rittenhouse, one of the best merchants ever in this section. From his earliest boyhood, Alexander Cory was a business man. Although his advantages of school education were very small, he was a fine scholar, and in mathematics he was unexcelled. At a period when young men usually are wasting their time, he was already deeply involved in ambitious schemes of business.

Now a new name enters into the mystery, Alexander Rittenhouse. Freeport is also located in Shelby Co, IN. Since his parents lived until 1871 in Shelby Co, why was Alexander raised by an uncle?

This simple inquiry led to several searches on the internet for more information. As a result, we have added two generations to the family of Jacob Cory, found record of four marriages of another Cory branch. But we still have not answered the question of where Arthur O. Cory died, and where he is buried.

Newsletter Updates:

by Kathleen Reed, Editor

At our business meeting in June the Society voted to publish our Cory Family Society Newsletter three times annually. At this meeting I accepted the position as the new newsletter editor. Art Corey did a great job this past year keeping up the newsletter along with coordinating and keeping the DNA Project organized. I will try my best to continue to offer our members important

information related to our goal of researching and sharing CORY related stories, research found, queries, tips in conducting genealogical research, DNA updates, etc. Please visit The Cory Family Society website (www.coryfamsoc.com) to view past newsletters. At the business meeting the Society decided they would like to offer the members a choice of how they would like to receive their Newsletter.

Please indicate on the attached Membership Form if you would like to receive your Newsletter via Postal Service or Internet E-mail. James Corey, our treasurer, will notify the editor of your preference.

OR

If you have already sent in your 2005 Membership Dues to the treasurer and you would prefer to receive your newsletter via e-mail please notify Kathleen Reed at: shamrock713@msn.com of your choice. In your e-mail please note in the Subject Line: Cory Newsletter and include the following information: *Member Name and E-Mail address.*

Note: We will assume members would prefer to receive their newsletter via postal service unless otherwise notified.

Thank you.

QUERIES

The Query Section is for the benefit of all Cory cousins who are interested in the preservation of the CORY Surname. Please consider helping those who are requesting the information, and also send a copy to the editor so that we can update the Cory Database. Send a query to put in our Query Column. Let's help each other to solve research problems.

Query #1:

"Warning Out" in Landaff, Grafton County, N.H. in 1786, [May 6, 1786] see Town Records, pg. 100/101, record 76, Landaff, NH at NH State Archives, extracted 9/5/96. "Ephraim, Susannah his wife, Samuel, John, Ephriam, Oliver, Jacob, Susannah, Elizabeth and Nancy their children. Samuel Corey and Sabria his wife; Samuel and Abigail their children and Silas Corey". Ephraim COREY and his family continued to stay in Landaff or surrounding towns of Lisbon and Bath, NH according to town records, census records and deeds. I believe all three CORY men came from the Stow, Middlesex County, MA area and served in the Rev. War together and moved to Landaff, NH.

Do you know where Samuel COREY, wife Sabria and their children Samuel and Abigail moved to? What happened to Silas Corey ?

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