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Cory Family Society Newsletter

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CORY REUNION 2009

The national group is planning to arrive on Wednesday July, 30th. Thursday and Friday are open.

Brunch and business meeting has been planned for noon on Sunday, August 2nd at the Holiday Inn at Beaver Falls, PA. You will need to call Holiday Inn to make your own Room Reservations. Reservations are due by July 1, 2009. Tell them you are with the "Cory Family Society Reunion" to get special rate of \$133.00 per person a night.

<u>Western Pennsylvania Area Reunion Association</u>: <u>Celebrating 100th Anniversary</u>

Friday: Meeting room available at the "Holiday Inn" all day for everyone to get together. **Saturday:** 10:15 a.m. Tour Historical buildings of the Little Beaver Historical Society at Darlington, PA. There will be a presentation during the tour of the "Greate Book" to the Little Beaver Historical Society in Darlington, PA by the heirs of the "Greate Book". This is the 400 year old book that was given to John Cory 1 of Southold, L.I., N.Y. by his mother when he left England around 1639 to come to America. It has been passed down to the oldest son for 12 generations and is now owned by local Cory descendants who are members of the Western PA Area Cory Reunion Association. It is not a Bible, but a Study Book called "The Seven Treatises, showing who be the true children of God". It was written by Rev. Richard Rogers a Puritan minister of Wethersfield, England. The Little Beaver Historical Society has other "Cory Mementos" on exhibit, as there are many descendants in our area. Our 100th Anniversary Dinner will be a catered buffet style dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the East Palestine Community Building at the East Palestine City Park.

Deadline date: July 1, 2009, for 100th Anniversary Dinner Reservations, to be held at 6:00 p.m., on August 1st. Cost for Dinner is: \$15.00 per person. Remember to complete the Registration Form at the end of the Newsletter. Mail form along with your check to: Editor and Genealogist, Marge Chilson, 778 North Market St., East Palestine, OH 44413.

From Mark Hester of the "Western PA Area Cory Reunion Association":

Elnathan Cory – Father of Western Pennsylvania Cory Families

Elnathan Cory was the son Ebenezer Cory and his wife Mary Mills. He was the sixth owner of the "Greate Booke", given to him by his father. He was born in the wilderness of Essex County, New Jersey on July 9, 1759. He was a farmer like his father. He lived a quiet life on his father's farm until the outbreak of the Revolutionary War.

According to Elnathan's Revolutionary pension application, he states his service during the war. In the month of August in 1775 he lived in the State of New Jersey in Essex County. At that time a report came into the neighborhood that the British had taken possession of Staten Island. He then volunteered under Captain Potter (who was later promoted to General) and marched to Elizabeth town and attached to the regiment commanded by Col. Spencer and lay stationed at that place for two months, the second month of which time he served as a substitute for Daniel Barker and was at that time discharged by parole and went home the same autumn.

General Washington made a requisition of three thousand volunteers. Elnathan volunteered again under the command of Captain Jacob Grain and placed under the command of the same Colonel, and marched toward Elizabeth town to retake it, which had been taken by the British. When the detachment to which he belonged reached within about four miles from Elizabeth town they halted. It was then about midnight and they were determined to push the enemy and take them by surprise about day light. A party of Hessians, with some light horse discovered them and lay in ambush and fired upon them. The front guard to which Elnathan belonged closed in on the enemy and took sixty Hessian prisoners and sixteen horsemen. A number were killed and wounded. In a few days they marched into Elizabeth town and lay there for four months. He regularly stool guard every other night during this campaign. At the end of the four months he was discharged which was in the Spring of 1776. The discharge was not in writing but parole by Captain Greene.

In July or August of 1776 Elnathan was drafted as a militia man for one month and marched under his uncle, James Cory, who was a lieutenant. The company was placed under the command of Col. Spencer and again marched to Elizabeth town and stationed there for the month. At the end of this month he was discharged.

In August of 1778 he was drafted again as a militia man for one month and marched under Captain Daniel Woods and placed under the command of Col. Potter and stationed at Elizabeth town. He served his month and was discharged by parole.

He served one other short campaign after the Indians at a place called Minesinks, near the New York line under Captain Beckwith. In this campaign he served as a volunteer.

HISTORY OF THE CORY BELL

This story was told by Mary (McCowin) St. John, granddaughter of Elnathan Cory on August 7, 1911 in East Palestine, Ohio.

"The bell was brought by Elnathan Cory, my grandfather, my mother's father, in the second year of the Revolutionary War, in which he served for seven years. He and his neighbor were going home from a battle when they heard this bell. They talked about it and decided to follow the sound until they could find it. They thought several times of turning back but pressed on and at last were rewarded by finding a large ox lying down chewing his cud.

They went to a cabin nearby and asked the man if he owned the ox and if he would sell the bell. He said he would and that he would take a dollar for each mile they had traveled. My grandfather said he did not know how many miles they had come. The man said 'you are soldiers from the field and it is just 4 miles to the battlefield so you may have the bell for 4 dollars'. So each man gave him two dollars.

The man said, 'now when you get home who will the bell belong to?' He suggested that they draw cuts for it and the man that gets it can pay the other when convenient. My grandfather and his neighbor agreed to this. The man then took two splints from a broom. The bell fell to my grandfather, and when he died he left it to my brother Cory (McCowin).

Now it has been in three generations. It can only go to those named Cory or Cory Elnathan. My mother, Matilda (Cory) McCowin, looked after it while she lived. I now have the care and appreciate it as so much gold. I hope and pray that the hands it falls into when I am gone will take care of it and pass it on to the next Cory, as that was my grandfather's request."

Each year the Cory Bell is rung to call the Cory Reunion to order. This year it will be rung 100 times to call the Cory clan to order.

During the war, Elnathan married Sarah Walker in Essex County, New Jersey. Sarah was born in 1758 and the daughter of Richard Walker.

In 1783 he and his family moved to Westmoreland County Pennsylvania. In 1783 Fayette County was formed from parts of Westmoreland County. Elnathan is listed in the 1788 list of property owners of Bullskin Township, Fayette County. Elnathan is again listed in the Fayette County tax list for 1789 for Bullskin township. Bullskin township is on the northern border of the county. Its general length from north to south is about nine miles. The eastern boundary is formed by the Chestnut Ridge, which separates it from the townships of Salt Lick and Springfield; on the south is Connellsville; on the west are Tyrone, and Westmoreland County, Jacob's Creek separating the latter from Bullskin; and on the north is Westmoreland County. The area embraced within these bounds is about 24,320 acres of land, varying from rolling to mountainous, the western half, in general, being tillable.

The family later moved on to Beaver County, Pennsylvania in 1799. Elnathan and Sarah were members of the Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church from its first organization in 1799.

On November 29, 1817 a deed was recorded in Beaver County conveying to Elnathan Cory, 172 acres of land in Little Beaver Township from the Pennsylvania Population Company. The land transaction to Elnathan Cory is listed as follows:

"This indenture made the tenth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixteen by and between William Griffith and Abigail his wife of the City of Philadelphia of the first part, by Enoch Marvin, their attorney, in fact, specially constituted by power of attorney bearing date on the thirty first day of December A.D. 1813, and recorded in the office for recording of deeds in and for the county of Beaver in book "2", page 43 reference being thereto had. And Elnathan Cory of the County of Beaver in the State of Pennsylvania of the second part. Whereas John Hays late of the County of Beaver aforesaid on the twenty seventh day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety six agreed with the President and managers of the Pennsylvania Population company for the time being, for the purchase of the following tract of land, situated in the township of Little Beaver in the County of Beaver aforesaid and bounded as follows: Beginning at a hickory on the West line of a tract surveyed in pursuance of a warrant in the name of John Sowers thence by land of Joseph Dilworth East two hundred and sixty perches and three tents to a post, thence by land surveyed in pursuance of a warrant in the name of Mary Sowers, North one hundred and twelve perches to a post thence West two hundred and sixty perches and three tenths to a post on the line of Joshua Hartshorn's land, thence by said Hartshorn south one hundred and twelve perches to the beginning containing one hundred and seventy two acres and allowance of six per cent which said agreement the said John Hays hath assigned to the said Elnathan Cory. the above described land being part of a larger tract surveyed in pursuance of a warrant for four hundred acres dated the 14th day of April 1792 and granted in the name of the said John Sowers and patented by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the said William Sowers and patented by the commonwealth of Pennsylvania to the said William Griffith and John B. Wallace by (?) dated the twenty ninth day of November 1815 and enrolled in Book ''H'', Vol. 11, page 42...''

In the Beaver County list of taxable's 1802-1806, lists Elnathan Cory as a distiller.

Soon after his land was conveyed to him, Elnathan Cory and his wife Sarah, ''*for a valuable consideration to them in hand paid by the said John Cory*'' sold to John Cory a parcel of his 172 acres. This Deed of Conveyance was dated April 15, 1817.

Elnathan died on February 14, 1838 at the ripe old age of 78. His wife Sarah outlived him by five years, dying on October 20, 1843. To this couple were born ten children:

John Cory	born January 8, 1778	Married	Mary Carbaugh			
Ebenezer Cory	born about 1780	Married	Mary Thompson			
Levi Cory	born about 1783	Married	Sarah			
Margaret Cory	born about 1786					
Abijah Cory	born about 1788	Married	Anna Martin			
Elnathan Cory	born about 1790	Married	1)Elizabeth King			
			2) Elizabeth Wilson			
Jeremiah Cory	born September 9, 1792	Married	Dorothea Martin			
David Cory	born about 1795					
Abraham Cory	born December 25, 1798					
Matilda Cory	born 1805	Married	Josiah McCowin			

From Cathy Oates:

I have a piece of newspaper type that was my grandparents. I took it to the Cooperstown's Museum [*in New York*] and they printed it. This is English and his business was in Stratford, England adjoining the Albion Hotel. My grandfather was in the livery business at the turn of the 20th century in Ontario County, NY. Our family is of the William Corey line from Rhode Island.



News from the Editor

If you have an article, photo or image of memorabilia to share please let us know. It is so nice to hear stories about our ancestors and see images from our past. Thank you Mark Hester and Cathy Oates.

Welcome ... New Members:

Ann Cortelyou Cory Stevenson Linda Costello Roxanne Seeber Marina Del Ray, CA Solana Beach CA Portage MI

Lost & Found Query Section

Needed: Queries, brick walls solved, ancestor obituaries found in newspapers, etc....

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2009 Membership Renewal

Dues are \$12.00 per year. If your mailing label indicates that your membership has expired please send payment immediately to avoid being dropped from the mailing list. We want to keep you in our membership, please notify Fred Corey, President of the Cory Society, if you cannot afford the \$12.00 annual membership.

2009 MEMBERSHIP FORM					
It's time to renew your membership for 2009. Dues a	re \$12.00 per family.				
1. Make check payable to: "CORY FAN	MILY SOCIETY".				
2. Please mail Dues Check and completed Membership Form to:					
James M. Corey, Treasurer, 115 Neenah Ct., Harpers Ferry, WV 25425					
Name:					
Address:					
City: State/Province: _	Zip Code: Country:				
	nt your address published? Yes No				
Email: R	eceive Newsletter by Email?Yes No				
Donations appreciated to: "CORY" Surname Genealogical and DNA Research Project \$					
(optional)					
(Cory, Corey, Corry, Corrie, Coury, Kory, Korie and other variant spellings)					

	2007 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM				
	(please complete this form and mail check to be received by July 1, 20)9).			
1.)	ANNIVERSARY DINNER.				
	Please let Marjorie Chilson know if you will be attending the				
	Anniversary Dinner, 6:00 p.m., on Saturday, August, 1, 2009.				
	Per person Dinner cost \$15.00 , people in my party.				
	My name is				
	My address is				
	My address is Make check out to: "WESTERN PA CORY REUNION ASSOCIATION"				
	Total Cost of Dinners:	\$			
2.)	GREATE BOOK.				
	Updated Information about the "Greate Book and James Enos Cory Letters to				
	William Smith Cory about the Book". Marge Chilson is planning to do one				
	more printing. Send \$20.00 if you are planning to attend the Reunion and will				
	pick up your copy there.				
	I want copies of the "Update on the "Great Book"				
	If you prefer your copy to be mailed, send \$25.00 for each book, this				
	includes postage and handling. Mail copy to:				
	Name				
	Address	¢			
2)	Cost of Books ordered:	\$			
3.)	TOUR LITTLE BEAVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUILDINGS, Saturday, August 1, 2009				
	Please let Marge Chilson know by July 15, 2009, Tel: 330-426-3709 or				
	email: <u>helenmarge@comcast.net</u> .				
	I plan to take the tour <u>Yes</u> No				
	Gary Lisica has set up a Western PA Cory website,				
	check for updates: <u>wpacory.@tripod.com</u> .				
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4.)	MAIL completed REGISTRATION FORM and CHECK to:				
	H. Marjorie Chilson, 778 North Market St., East Palestine, OH 44413				
	Total Check Enclosed:	\$			



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