



Cory Family Society Newsletter

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100th Anniversary of the Western Pennsylvania Area Cory Reunion 30th July to 2nd August 2009

On August 1, 2009, the Cory's of Western PA were joined by the national Cory Family Society of America and members of the UK Cory Society for the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the local group. The day began with a tour of the five buildings of the Little Beaver Historical Society in Darlington, PA. Many Cory artifacts are on display at the Greensburg Academy and museum including a gun made by John Cory 1778-1845. He was one of three early Beaver County gunsmiths.

A highlight of the tour was the presentation by the heirs of the 400 year old "Greate Book" to the Little Beaver Historical Society to be on loan for one year. The presentation was made at a noon box luncheon held at the 1847 historic Reformed Presbyterian Church in Darlington, PA. The book was written around 1603 by Rev. Richard Rogers, a Puritan minister of Wethersfield, England. It was given to the first John Cory by his mother to bring with him to America in 1639. It has been passed down to the oldest son through 12 generations. The heirs, Charles Cory of Spotsylvania, VA, and Jeffrey and Leslie Vickroy of Lisbon, OH, presented the "Great Book" to President Alan Ferguson of the Little Beaver Historical Society.

A book compiled by Marge Chilson, historian of the Western PA Area Cory Reunion Assoc., was also donated to provide information on the "Greate Book" and its' author, Rev. Richard Rogers. The tour was followed by a catered dinner at 6:00 P.M. at the East Palestine Community Center. The first Western PA Reunion was held in 1909 at Morado Park in Beaver Falls, PA. Many later reunions were held in East Palestine, OH at what was originally the East Palestine Fair Grounds. The East Palestine Community Center is the last of the surviving buildings of the original Fair Ground Complex.

A business meeting of the Western PA Area Cory Reunion Assoc. was held. Chuck Cory rang the "Cory Bell" calling the meeting to order. President Thomas Vickroy passed away in 2008 and Mark Hester, acting as interim President, conducted the meeting. Special recognition was given to Fred Corey, President of the national Cory Society and Colin Cory of the UK Cory Society.

Officers elected for 2010 were: President, Jim Lisica, of Prospect, PA; Vice President and Webmaster, Gary Lisica, of Stone Boro, PA and Sec/Treas., Diana Maye of Akron, OH.

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The 101st Reunion will be held on August 8, 2010 at the East Palestine City Park. The Newsletter editor will send information in July of 2010.

Members of the national Cory Family Society enjoyed a trip to the Portersville, PA Steam Engine show on August 30th, and gathered for an informal dinner at the "Wooden Angel" restaurant in Beaver, PA on Friday evening. Saturday morning they joined the Western PA Cory's for the tour of the Little Beaver Historical Society's five buildings in Darlington, PA, and the banquet on Saturday evening at the Community Center in East Palestine, OH.

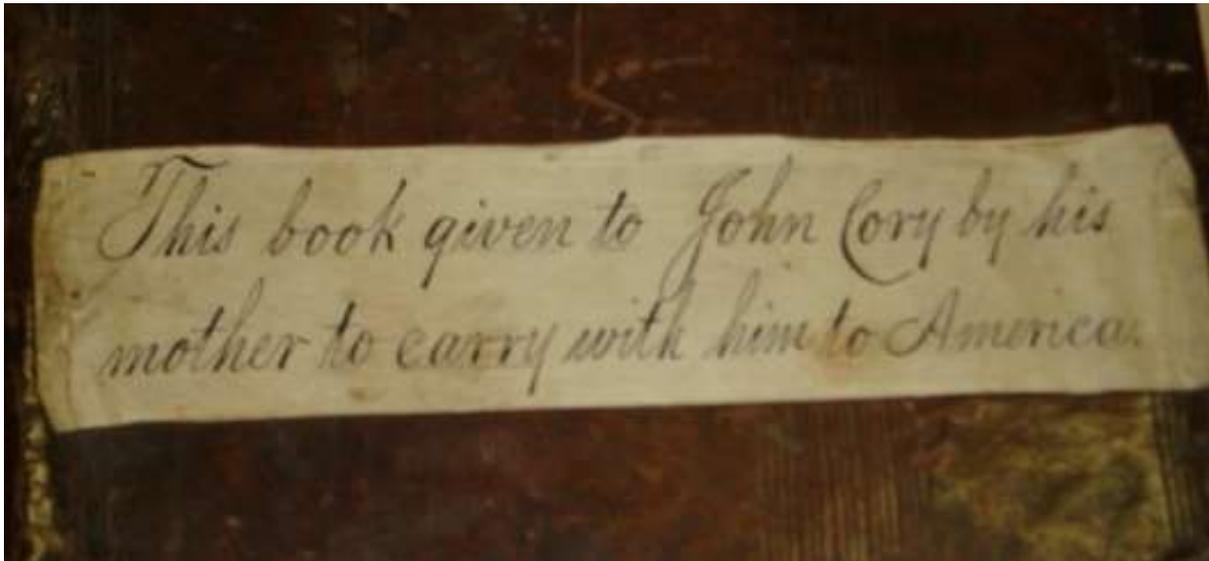
The national Cory Family Society met for a Brunch and business meeting at noon on Sunday. President Fred Corey was in charge of the business meeting. Bernie Corey recorded the minutes in the absence of a secretary. A report was given on the DNA project by Fred Corey. Colin Cory, of Harpole, England reported on their DNA progress. A \$20.00 donation was made to the DNA project on behalf of the Western PA Area Cory Assoc. This was in memory of two of their members, President, Thomas Vickroy; and Kenneth Maye. Galen Moore shared some of his latest research on the Cory Family.

The national Cory Family Society will join England's, "UK Cory Society" in Bristol, England in 2010.

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From left to right: Alan Ferguson, President of the Little Beaver Historical Society, Matthew Cory, Charles Cory of VA (one of the heirs of the "Greate Book"), and Leslie Vickroy (daughter of Thomas Vickroy, who died in 2008. He was President of Western, PA Cory Reunion Assoc.).



Those who attended the banquet on August 1, 2009, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Western PA Cory Reunion Association.



[See highlights below of the 100th celebration perspective from our English cousin, Marilyn Cory, of the Cory Society of England. Sorry I wasn't able to attend the meeting, but after reading her perspective of the gathering I feel I was there. Thank you Marilyn.- editor]

100th Anniversary of the Western Pennsylvania Area Cory Reunion 30th July to 2nd August 2009

The national Cory Family Society joined up this year with the above society to celebrate their 100th anniversary. We met up on Friday afternoon in a room reserved for us in the Holiday Inn Beaver Falls near the Ohio border. It was great to see folks which we hadn't seen since the meeting in Salem, Mass. 17 years ago, Mark Hester, Marge Chilson and her sister Ruth, Dorothy and Charles Rout, the years melted away as we renewed old acquaintances. Also there was Galen Moore, Fred and Bernice Corey and his brother Clayton and Marilyn who we met at the Harpole meeting 5 years ago. Clayton was recovering from a bad accident on his farm in which he lost an eye, we all wish him well for the future. After the initial get-together we went for a meal in the evening to the town of Little Beaver and the food was excellent, and the company of course.

Saturday was thankfully a sunny day, (we had been having thunderstorms), and 28 of us met up at 10:00 a.m. in Darlington for a tour of the Little Beaver Historical Society beginning at the Greensburg Academy which was the oldest building in Beaver County dated 1802. It had been a prep school for men entering the ministry and later became a classical academy. John Brown attended the school, the abolitionist who

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led the raid on Harpers Ferry before the Civil War. Dr William Holmes McGuffey was also a graduate, whose most enduring impact on millions of Americans was his classroom textbooks which taught generations of Americans to read. It has been estimated that more than 122 million McGuffey Eclectic Readers, Spellers and Primers were sold from 1836 to 1920. His books on reading constituted the library of literature for the children of the "Little Red School House" period. In 1882 it was turned into a train station and is the oldest standing railroad station in the nation.

The very first exhibit was a quilt which looked very normal at first appearances, but which was put together in such a way as to be a coded message in the "Underground Railroad". I had not heard of this before and was most interested. They were hung out on a fence or cabin door, left to 'air out' while communicating a specific action or step in a journey. It is described as one of the most dramatic chapters in America's history, an account of how countless slaves made their way out of bondage. There is a story about a slave owner chasing a runaway and swore the man vanished as if he had stepped on some kind of 'underground railroad'. The idea of an Underground Railroad taking people north to freedom was used to describe the network of abolitionists and safe houses that helped slaves escape to Ohio because of its long border with the slave states and its nearness to Canada. Safe houses along the way were known as 'stations', those who guided the escapees were called "conductors" and the runaways themselves were called "passengers".

Harriet Tubman was one of the best-known conductors on the railroad, after she made her escape from slavery, she returned to the South a total of 19 times to bring over 300 fugitives to freedom and she never lost a single passenger. Reaching a "station" in the North meant food, clothing and a place to hide when capture was imminent. The Railroad took them all the way to Canada in some cases and estimates are that as many as 100,000 people escaped slavery between the American Revolution and the Civil War.

Upstairs held the Native American room displaying a large selection of arrowheads from the late archaic period through early woodland period 1300bc - 400ad. Also a fluted point found in Beaver County dates to Paolithic period approximately 12,000 - 8000bc. We took a photo of a rifle circa 1811-1820, in a display case because it was made by gunsmith John Cory between 1800 and 1845. He was born in New Jersey in 1778 and died near Darlington, Beaver Co., PA in 1845. There were finds from Fort McIntosh 1778-1788 of Colonial Redware pottery, miscellaneous metals from forge site, fireplace hooks, coins, keys and grapeshot, cannon would be loaded with 30/40 shots at a time.

Some of the glassware displayed was from the Flint Glass Co. who developed the first glass ovenware dishes, they had a lovely opalescence to them, a bit like Lalique glass. Another item I found interesting was a toy made by the Sand Toy co. called Sandy Andy, 'invented to entertain and occupy the time of children', it had a 2 ft. high spiraling metal mast which was anchored on a solid surface, a metal figure of a man would spiral to the bottom.

The next stop was the McCarl Industrial Agricultural Museum, housing a number of impressive machines from the Golden Age of Industry, both steam and fuel driven. Amongst the working exhibits was a water

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pump, traction engine, horse power dairy cream separator. Jay Leno, a well known chat show host, donated \$5,000 to get the collection going.

We then moved on to the Log Cabin which came from Frederickstown, Ohio, originally built around 1815. We spent some time looking at the herb garden and chatting to the ladies in traditional dress of that time before going inside and seeing the artifacts on display and learning more about way people lived at that time.

The main event of the weekend was the ceremony to dedicate the passing over of the 'Greate Book' which has been in the family for 400 years and originally came over from U.K. with John Cory born 1611. After a short prayer from Marge Chilson, it was given to the president of the Little Beaver Historical Society, Alan Ferguson, for their safekeeping. Those handing it over were Chuck Cory, Jeffrey and Leslie Vickroy.

The 'Greate Book' called the Seven Treatises, is a religious study book, not a bible and given to John by his mother. It was written around 1604 by Rev. Richard Rogers (born 1550 to 1618, and for many years was a minister in Wetherfield, Essex). He felt that there should be a complete break from the Church of England, which didn't alter much from the original catholic ways, so Rev. Rogers wrote the book with this in mind. It is the 4th Edition and very rare. It is now kept in a wooden cabinet made by James Enos Corey in 1907 the wood came from the farms of Corys who had owned the book at one time. The four wooden letters which make up the CORY name are taken from different trees, the C is cherry, the O is oak, the R is rosewood and the Y is from a yew.

This book was given by the descendants of Elnathan Cory 1759 to 1838 and his wife Sarah Walker Cory. He was born in Essex Co., New Jersey and migrated to Westmoreland Co., Pennsylvania (PA) around 1783, and then on to Beaver Co., PA with his family of seven sons and one daughter. He was the 6th generation of Cory's in America.

The book was given to John by his mother, but no one at the time thought to say where the family originated from and the search is still ongoing. John died in 1684/5 in Southold, Long Island, his son John was born in 1639. After the ceremony and lunch together, the afternoon was free-time so several of us went off to see a steam/tractor fair.

In the evening the anniversary celebration was held at the East Palestine Community Centre in East Palestine Park, OH, where Marge Chilson (a youthful 86 year old and a very active member of the Cory reunions over the years), had made the arrangements for our buffet dinner of baked chicken, roast beef and other lovely food. Leslie Vickroy baked a cake especially for the event. They had their annual meeting after the very good meal, which was called to order by the ringing of "The Cory Bell". The Bell was bought by Elnathan Cory in the second year of the Revolutionary War, in which he served for seven years. He and his neighbour were going home from a battle when they heard this bell, they decided to follow the sound until they found it, they thought several times of turning back but pressed on and were at last rewarded by finding a large ox lying down chewing his cud. They asked the nearby farmer if he

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would sell the bell, he agreed and said he would take a dollar for each mile they travelled, but they did not know how many miles that had been. The farmer said that if they had come from the battlefield it was 4 miles away, so they could have the bell for 4 dollars. It has now been in the family for six generations and can only go to those named Cory or Cory Elnathan. It was donated to the Western PA Cory Reunion Association in 1957 by Cory descendant Ancel Cory St John. It is in the care of the current President, James Lisica of Prospect, PA.

Marilyn Cory, [UK Cory Society]

**CORY FAMILY SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING
HOLIDAY INN, BEAVER FALLS, PA
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 2, 2009**

President Fred Corey called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM and again after lunch at 1:20 PM on August 2, 2009, at the Holiday Inn hotel. Those attending included members of the Cory Family Society, Cory Society from the U. K. and members of the Western Pennsylvania Area Cory Reunion Association: Fred Corey, Bernie Corey, Clayton Corey, Marilyn Corey, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kehl, Mark Hester, Marlene Noll, Marjorie Chilson, Ruth Sanders, Galen Moore, Charles and Dorothy Rout, Barbara McCorvin, Colin Cory and Marilyn Cory (UK), Diana, Annika, & Ethan Maye, and Linda Anderson. Most are members of both societies.

Bernie Corey read the minutes from the Cory Family Society annual meeting of September 28, 2008, which was held in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. Corrections to the minutes were noted and made. Mark Hester made the motion to accept the minutes and seconded by Galen Moore. Fred Corey reported that the current balance of the treasury as of July 21, 2009 is \$8,441.00. Fred noted that there are some outstanding invoices and check due to the Cory Society for DNA research. This will be reviewed and adjusted accordingly ASAP and the remaining balance due to the Cory Society will be sent. Motion was made and accepted to approve the treasure's report.

Fred read a note from James Corey, our treasurer acknowledging a \$25.00 contribution from Carl and Jenny Withers of Hudson, Ohio for the Cory surname genealogical research and DNA research. Their gift is very much appreciated and well wishes are sent for their continued good health.

Also a donation of \$20.00 from Helen M. Chilson was presented for the DNA project and very much appreciated.

Mark Hester asked for consideration to cover the cost of the hospitality room of approximately \$425.00. Motion was made by Chuck Rout and seconded by Galen Moore to cover this cost.

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Fred commented that Art and Vera Corey were unable to attend our meeting this year due to Vera's illness and would appreciate anyone to call or stop by and see them. We wish the best health for both Vera and Art.

Fred passed around membership list and asked for any corrections of information including email address.

President Fred Corey entertained a brief discussion referring to the Cory ancestral lines that came to America from various parts of England, expressing that through DNA tracing by the Cory Society from the U.K. and from DNA tracing from the Cory Family Society of America that some of the lines that were previously unable to be traced that through DNA their origins can now be traced and connections can be made. There are some thoughts that the John Cory may have a Scotland linkage. However Colin Cory from England said that the spelling in Scotland is usually spelled Corrie and that this linkage is highly unlikely.

Thomas Corey is changing our DNA testing facility to Family Tree Maker for better service. Apparently, it is hard to interpret data from Ancestry Dot Com and Family Tree Maker. The UK Cory society prefers to stay with Ancestry Dot Com. We will try to see if there is a way to overcome this confusion. Fred will arrange a conference call with our officers and will then get back with Margaret Goffin in the near future.

Fred thanked the Pennsylvania Cory's (Marge Chilson and Ruth Sanders) for their hospitality during their celebration of their 100th anniversary of the Western Pennsylvania Area Cory Reunion Association and that we enjoyed their historical museum tour of three buildings on, Saturday. At lunch the owner's of the John Cory "Greate Book" was presented as a loan (1 year) to the Little Beaver Historical Society. They will look into trying to preserve the book. It is carried in a wooden box that was made in 1900 to carry the book and to try to not have any further deterioration.

Fred stressed the importance of the Cory Family Society website as a valuable tool to send information to and will be kept in perpetuity. We encourage folks to send information to Earl Cory.

Due to some health issues this year, the Cory Family Society newsletter was not sent out on a regular basis as in previous years, hopefully we'll get back on schedule this year. Fred asked that everyone with information or articles to send them to Kathleen to be inserted into the newsletter. The Cory Family Society Newsletter is also added to our Cory Family website.

Fred briefly talked about perhaps planning for a trip back to England in 2010 for the annual Cory Family Society meeting. This would allow for more research and visiting the historical areas of interest to the various Cory lines perhaps in June or July of 2010.

Colin Cory introduced a tentative itinerary consisting of about 2 week stay. The itinerary was outlined by Brenda Miller from the Cory Society from the UK. This schedule would be meeting in the Wales and Bristol area are 4 to 5 days as well as some sightseeing then a break 4 to 5 days for individual research and sightseeing then on to northern and eastern England for 4 to 5 days. The general consensus was 2 weeks may be too long for families with kids or may be too expensive for the longer stay for the retired folks. Marilyn Cory then presented an alternative schedule of approximately five (5) days with research

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and visiting historic sites as a core trip with individuals doing some additional research on their own either prior to the core dates or after. Fred encouraged people to send him emails with their suggestions. Late June or early July seems to be the least expensive time and children are out of school.

Discussion also followed about possibly going to the Long Island area in 2011 for the annual membership meeting. Mark Hester also mentioned as having a lot of Cory history and will assist in planning the trip and will call some folks still living in the area.

Marilyn Cory reported 60 memberships in the Cory Society of the UK. She has forms if anyone is interested in membership. She displayed a copy of their newsletter. Their society is photographing deteriorating headstones while they are still readable.

Marilyn read an email from Marilyn Goffin who is their DNA coordinator researcher in England and has had conversations with Thomas Corey concerning the changes of DNA research companies. The interpretation of the data has been very confusing and they are going to stay with Ancestry Dot Com. Fred said he would try to check with Thomas Corey and Earl Cory and see what we can do.

Galen Moore made a presentation and reference of a Cory ancestor from "Cory's of America Ancestors and Descendants 2nd addition". And also Cory's that were involved with the Civil war and old tax records of Cory's from South hold, Long Island, NY. Also he had information on Corey's spelled "Corey" from New York. Galen passed around several articles he had copied in his research of the various Cory/Corey lines. Galen shared his many hours of research and displayed a framed ancestor history chart of his family linkage for his Cory ancestry line.

Fred Corey will schedule a conference call with the officers of the Cory Family Society to further coordinate these activities and any other business as required.

There being no further business the meeting was called for adjournment. Dorothy Rout motioned that we adjourn and was seconded by Mark Hester. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Bernie Corey Acting Secretary.

Electronic Mailing List

Information on our next meeting in the UK will be emailed to members in January and published in the next newsletter.

If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically or to receive periodic updates to events, please be sure to include your current email address on your renewal form. At present only about half of the members get up to date information because of either no email address or their email address has changed.

To be placed on the on the Electronic Mail List, please send email to EarlCory@CoryComputerSystems.com or webmaster@CoryFamSoc.com.

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Lost & Found Query Section

Question regarding the daughter of Chief Gasesett Naragansett Sachem:

Elizabeth (Minnetinka) Gasesett¹ (daughter of Chief Gasesett Naragansett Sachem) was born about 1660 in Newport Co., RI. She died about Dec. 1713, North Kingstown, Washington Co., RI (Now Wickford). She was buried on 19 Dec., 1713, in Quidnessett Cemetery, North Kingstown, RI, she married John Cory Sr., Sep. 1678 in Portsmouth, Newport Co., RI.

We have been trying to find something further on Elizabeth's father, Chief Gasesett Naragansett Sachem. He was to have died when killed in a battle with the Mohegan Indians during King Philip's War (1675-76). Any information would be greatly appreciated. Looking forward to hearing from you. Please respond to Sue at: jnsford@cox.net.

~ Always appreciated: Queries, brick walls solved, ancestor obituaries found in newspapers, etc....

Welcome New Members

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James Muse Arlington, VA

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2010 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.

2010 MEMBERSHIP FORM

It's time to renew your membership for 2010. Dues are \$12.00 per family.

1. Make check payable to: **"CORY FAMILY SOCIETY"**.
2. Please mail Dues Check and completed Membership Form to:
James M. Corey, Treasurer, 115 Neenah Ct., Harpers Ferry, WV 25425

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