


# Cory Family Newsletter

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At the New London Ferry Dock.  
 Front Row: Earl and Chris Cory, Chris Koehler, Sue Corey, John Corey.  
 Second Row: Marilyn Corey, Pat and Les Cory.  
 Top Row: Colin Cory, Ethan Corey, Dave Cory

## JOHN OF SOUTHOLD TO JOHN OF MELROSE AND BACK AGAIN

For those of us who are of the John I of Southold line, the 2015 Cory Family Society reunion was a homecoming of sorts. For John Corey, avid pursuer of the perfect gewurztraminer wine, there was more to it.

**John Cory I** was born on 9 Oct 1611 in England. John was one of the men who assisted John Youngs on October 21 1640 in the organization of the First (Presbyterian) Church at Southold, LI., New York. John Cory is mentioned as being from Southold and as the Whale Commissioner 7 March 1644. The Will of John CORY I, dated 1 February 1685. Proved 2 October 1685. I give to Son John, Iron Kettle, Great Bible, Chest and its contents, a Cloke and halfe a debt of 12 pounds, half my Weaving Takell, my Bell Mette Skillet, Beds Rugs and Bolsters.. **I give my son Jacob halfe my Land in Ye Oyster ponds, Upper Neck,** to be paid by son Abraham, 2 Cows, halfe my Sheep, Weaving Cloaths and halfe my Weaving Takell, halfe my Husbandry Tools, with halfe my Lumber and 14 acres of Land to his son.. **To son Abraham my lot in Ye Oyster Ponds, upper Neck, he paying halfe ye price to his brother Isaac,** halfe my Sheep, a debt of 12 pounds, halfe my Husbandry Tools and halfe lumber..

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## Cory Family Society Reunion New London, CT and Southold, NY September 17-20, 2015

Over the weekend of September 17-20, 2015, members of the Cory Family Society, in the words of event organizer Samantha Corey, "traveled from afar to celebrate Cory family history and explore New London, CT, and Southold, NY, with the family!"

Taking part in the weekend's activities were Fred and Bernie Corey and Fred's brother Clayton (AZ - William); Earl and Christina Cory (CA - Thomas); Carolyn Corey (MT - William) and her sister Marjorie Corey Fenili (WA); David Corey (VA - John 1); Christine Koehler (NY - John 1); John and Sue Corey (NY - John 1); John and Sue's son and daughter Ethan Corey (NY) and Samantha Corey (DC); Les Cory and Pat Cory (RI - William); and from the English Cory Society, Colin and Marilyn Cory(UK - Thomas/Harpole).

Thursday, September 17, was arrival day, with no scheduled activities.

Friday, September 18, local historian Mark Roberts led a tour of the New London, CT, area. New London is on the Thames River, which Mark told us is pronounced the way it looks to us, rather than the English way - something to do with Queen Victoria's husband Prince Albert's difficulty saying the word!

In Harkness State Park, we explored the seaside grounds of the Harkness Mansion, once the summer home of the family of a "silent partner" of oil magnate John D. Rockefeller.

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*2015 Cory Family Society Meeting Overview; New London, CT (Con't)*

Next was the New London Customs House Maritime Museum. Customs revenue was the major source of federal revenue until 1913, when the IRS was created. We saw exhibits on the US Coast Guard, lighthouses, whaling, deep-sea diving and the Amistad affair. To our delight, docked alongside was the replica of the Amistad, which visits various ports in its mission to educate the public on the history of slavery, abolition, discrimination, and civil rights.



The following is adapted from Marilyn Cory's account of the reunion event for the English Cory Society newsletter:

'Friday - After sailing over to America... we docked on a very hot and sunny day in Boston...After struggling with our luggage and finding the car hire, we did, to our surprise manage to meet up with the group for lunch at a

café that was a former National Whaling Bank.

'Boarding our tour bus, we visited Mystic Seaport Historic Centre. It is a re-creation of a traditional New England Whaling Village, where you can see people acting the various roles of their time during the 1800's. This area was a reproduction of an early settlement where the whaling ships docked with their precious cargoes. It was cleverly done and one was transport into an earlier world, walking along the large boardwalks, looking into the various buildings, Print Shop, Cooperage, Chandler's shop to name but a few. It was a beautifully sunny day in an idyllic setting, walking around the various wharfs and looking at the ships in the shimmering waters of the Mystic River.

'Here is moored the "Charles W. Morgan", a restored whaling ship which they say is the oldest one still in existence in the USA. I couldn't resist, whilst in the records building, typing in the name Cory. A William Corey came up, he signed to crew on the ship from 1853 to 1856, at the age of 21, I was surprised and pleased to find him, now someone has to find him in their line?

'We met up at the Mystic Collections Research Centre, which has a large maritime archive collection. They showed us some pieces of scrimshaw, some fairly simply carved and some very finely

etched. In a collection of model ships, again we had a little find, a model of a Mississippi River Stern Wheel Steam Boat called "Myrtle Corey" of Memphis Tennessee, 1898.

'If anyone wants to look further at William Corey above, I have contact details for: Collections Research Centre, Maribeth Bielinski, [collections@mysticseaport.org](mailto:collections@mysticseaport.org)



'At dinner we renewed friendships and forged new ones, over very good food.'

Saturday, September 19.

Marilyn's account continues:

'After a very misty start ... we departed New London, CT, heading for Southold, on the Long Island Ferry. This became a very pleasant journey as the sun came out and we were on the ferry for well over an hour, chatting and basking in the sunshine on the top deck...

'We boarded a small bus taking us to Corey Creek Vineyard, now part of the Bedell group of wineries. Our

group sampled several wines ...We enjoyed a lovely lunch ... outside on the porch with our wines, overlooking the land of the early settler John Cory I of Southold. Instead of wine during his time he had oyster beds, but the creek, just down the road from the vineyard, is now devoid of edible shellfish.

'After lunch we were met by local historian Daniel McCarthy and visited the Reformed Presbyterian Church and the Old Burying Ground, which predates the church and that affiliation. It was originally the site of a Congregational Church that was the core of the original settlement. We found some early Cory graves, detailed in "Ancient Burial Grounds of Long Island, New York," by Edw. Doubleday Harris, Esq. of New York City, New England Historical & Genealogical Register, SOUTHOLD, Vol. 53, April 1899, p 169-176.

'We also stopped at the Southold Historical Society, which holds their archives and shop.

'John Cory of Southold, the early settler, from whom many, many Coreys descend, has so far eluded us as to

Britain. I sincerely hope it will be resolved, possibly through DNA.

After we returned to New London on the ferry 'we met for dinner...and John Corey shared his last two bottles of his favourite Gewurztraminer wine with the Corey Creek label on, (as the label is now under Bedell labels). We were all very appreciative of his gesture and enjoyed the wine and hospitality.'



Sunday, September 20. Marilyn closes her account with a summary of the formal Cory Family Society meeting. She ends with:

'...We all went our separate ways, hopefully inspired by the experience of a lovely weekend...Here's looking forward to the 2017 meeting!'

### Michigan 2017



where he was born in Great

Cor(e)ys: Earl, Dave, Ethan, John, Colin, Fred, Clayton, Les.

Watch for plans in future newsletters as the event takes shape.

### **JOHN OF SOUTHOLD TO JOHN OF MELROSE AND BACK AGAIN (Con't)**

Abraham my son to pay all my debts and to pay his brother Isaac 5 Shillings and to satisfy William Tuthill for what trouble he is at about, my will.. To Daughter Hannah Lot by Mill and her Daughter Hannah an Iron pot and one Heifer.. Daughter Abigail an Iron pot, 1 Iron Kettle, Blankets and pillows, chest and what's in it.

John died on 7 Mar 1685 in Southold, Suffolk Co, Long Island, NY.

And sons followed sons:

**Isaac Cory** was born in Sep 1649 in Southold, Suffolk Co, Long Island, NY. **On July 6, 1680, his father gave him a deed of trust for most of his possessions, (Southold town records I, pg. 115).** Isaac was rated at Southampton in 1683, on 148 pounds, 3s, and 4d. In 1686, as an inhabitant of that town, **he drew lot No. 50 of the Acobogue meadows, in connection with Henry Ludlam. He afterwards removed to the town of Southold, where he owned over a hundred acres in 1695.**



More Cor(e)ys: Samantha, Marjorie, Chris, Carolyn.

Isaac died on 8 Mar 1702 in Southold, Suffolk Co, Long Island, NY.

**David Cory** was born on 16 Apr 1690 in Southampton, Suffolk Co, Long Island, NY. While Sheriff of Suffolk Co, NY 1731-1733, **David built a house on the old CORY farm on which his grandfather lived in**

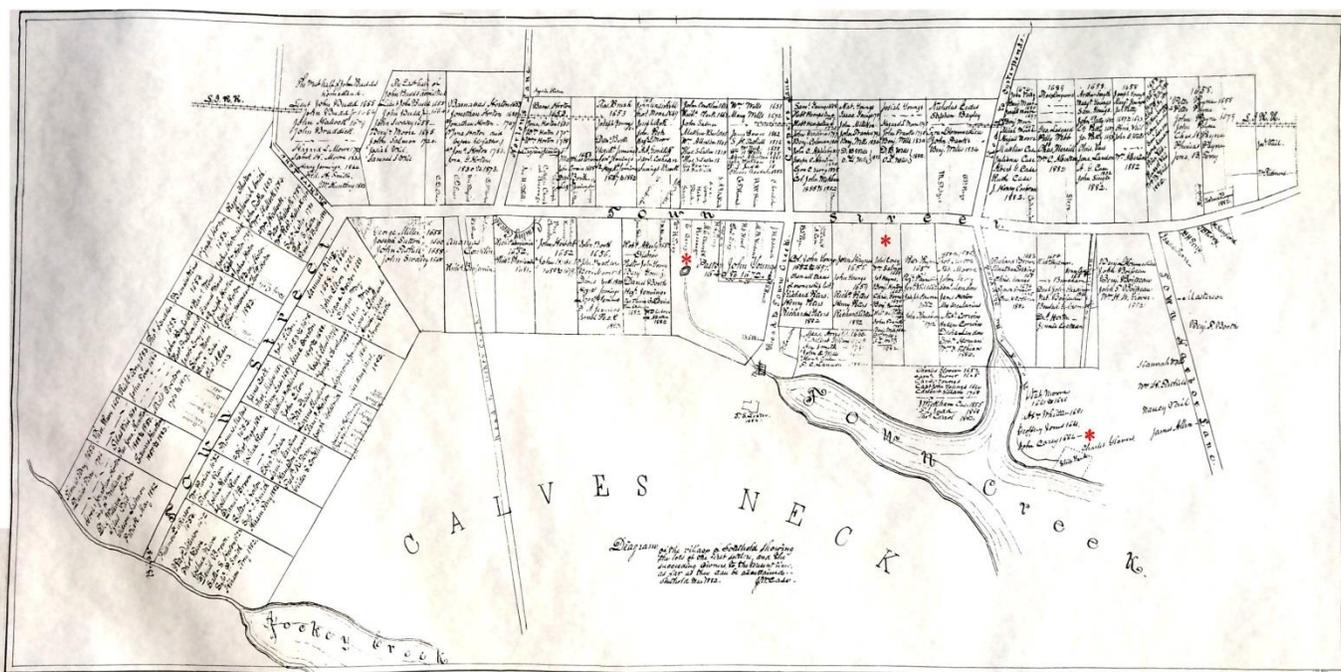
Nov 1790 in Middletown, Orange Co, NY. He died on 11 Apr 1870 in Middletown, Orange Co, NY.

**Alexander Cory** was born on 24 Dec 1823 in Goshen, Orange Co, NY. He died on 11 Jan 1891 in Middletown, Orange Co, NY.

**Horace Wesley Corey** was born

**John Corey** was born 17 Dec 1955 in Washington, DC and moved to Schenectady, NY in 1973 (for Union College), remaining nearby in Melrose (Schaghticoke town) on a rescued farm by the Hudson river, since 1980.

In 2011, while dining at the Red



\* Land owned by: John Corey & Mr Salmer 1659 ; John Corey 1664; E Corey or Corry (no date)

**1645 and where he had died in 1685.** David died on 30 Oct 1758 in Southold, Suffolk Co, Long Island, NY.

**Benjamin Cory** was born on 14 Aug 1736 in Southold, Suffolk Co, Long Island, NY. He died on 27 Jan 1799 in Orange Co, NY.

**Alexander Cory** was born on 14 Feb 1763 in Suffolk Co, Long Island, NY. He died on 7 Oct 1822 in Goshen, Orange Co, NY.

**Benjamin Cory** was born on 6

on 16 Aug 1859 in Port Jervis, Orange Co, NY. He died 25 Apr 1934 in Brooklyn, Kings Co, NY.

**Alexander Corey** was born on 3 Sep 1904 in Middletown, Orange Co., NY, and was raised in Brooklyn. He graduated Harvard University in 1928, and through ROTC led a CC corps at Bolton Landing, NY; then moved to northern Virginia (suburban Washington, DC) in support of World War II as part of the Transportation Corps. Alexander died in Aug 1993 in Falls Church, VA.

Lion Inn (Stockbridge, MA), John discovered his perfect gewurztraminer. To his surprise it was Corey Creek, made from the grapes of the oldest such vines in America, grown on or near the **old Cory Farm in Southold, Long Island, NY by the oystering ponds long known as Corey Creek**, from which this wine takes its name -- so closing a circle of nearly 400 years.

*By John Corey, from his John I genealogy*

**FROM THE WEBMASTER**

### **Genealogy Software Update**

In a blog posting on December 8, 2015, Ancestry.com announced the retirement of its Family Tree Maker® (FTM) genealogy software.

*...(W)e've taken a hard look at the declining desktop software market and the impact this has on being able to continue to provide product enhancements and support that our users need. With that, we've made the decision to stop selling Family Tree Maker as of December 31, 2015.*

However, here's a blog posting from RootsMagic, also dated December 8, 2015:

*Family Tree Maker support and online features will continue through the coming year. During this "sunset period", many Family Tree Maker users will want to transfer their data into another desktop application that is actively being developed and updated such as RootsMagic.*

*We understand that change isn't easy, so we've worked hard at putting together some new tools and supports to make the transition to RootsMagic as painless as possible for Family Tree Maker users...*

*Over the past few years, thousands of Family Tree Maker users have made the switch to RootsMagic. They've enjoyed its amazing new features such as color coding, Problem Alerts, Shareable CD's, running straight off of a flash drive, FamilySearch integration, DataClean, multi-provider WebHints, Mac and Windows versions with a single license, and more!*

The RootsMagic posting continues with:

*To make the transition as painless as possible, we've set-up a special website at [www.FTMUpgrade.com](http://www.FTMUpgrade.com) that includes training videos, testimonials, and more. And for a limited time, we are offering Family Tree Maker users the full-version of RootsMagic for the amazing low price of only \$20. We will also include the printed book, "Getting the Most out of RootsMagic" absolutely free (a \$14.95 value). You must visit [www.FTMUpgrade.com](http://www.FTMUpgrade.com) to receive the discount...*

*Of course, we also offer a free version of RootsMagic named [RootsMagic Essentials](#) that offers basic capabilities for those who are just beginning their genealogy journey.*

#### **Other Software**

It might be noted that two other popular genealogy software products have also been terminated – PAF and The Master Genealogist (TMG) – in the last couple of years. RootsMagic has a publication describing how to migrate from PAF to RootsMagic. They also provide forums on TMG migration (<http://rootsmagic.com/tmg>) and support importing Legacy Family Tree Databases and Family Origins into RootsMagic.

The Cory Society, our English cousins, have adopted RootsMagic as their official software.

*By Earl Cory*

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**IS YOUR SURNAME CORY, COREY, CORRY, CORRIE, ETC.?**

**ARE YOU RELATED TO A CORY, COREY, CORRY, CORRIE, ETC?**

**WELCOME TO THE CORY FAMILY SOCIETY!**

We have to admit, we kind of lost track of things over the last little while. But, we're back at it – and stronger than ever.

#### **The Society**

The Cory Family Society was formed over 30 years ago to celebrate our family ties, honor our ancestors, and leave knowledge for our descendants. Reunion meetings and information sharing serve this goal, and make our Cory Family Society website

([www.coryfamsoc.com](http://www.coryfamsoc.com)) and newsletter vital parts of our organization.

#### **The Newsletter**

We publish our newsletter three times a year, with material produced by our board members and newsletter staff – and you, our members! We can tell of meetings held, meetings coming up, and research found, as well as provide DNA updates and tips on conducting genealogical research. You can share interesting Cory related stories, research found, or submit items to the query and

answer section so we can help each other find “lost” relatives.

### Membership

It’s time for all of us to pay our annual membership dues. All memberships (except honorary and lifetime or multi-year) are starting fresh this year, and we’ve been able to keep the dues at \$12 per family. Please see the enclosed 2016 Annual Membership Form.

Your newsletter is a benefit of your Cory Family Society membership. Additional benefits include the opportunity to participate in Cory Family Reunions and have direct access to the Society database and the genealogist. Your membership dues also contribute to the DNA project. Please note that you are welcome to contribute specifically to the DNA project. See the enclosed membership form.

Membership should be paid by June 1, 2016, to avoid being dropped from the mailing list. We do want to keep you as a member, so if you will have difficulty paying the dues, please contact Fred Corey [president@coryfamsoc.com](mailto:president@coryfamsoc.com). The updated membership list will be sent out in the next newsletter, to be published in July 2016. The sooner you send in your dues the more accurate our membership list will be.

**As with any organization, the Cory Family Society thrives on the interest and**

**participation of its members – if at all possible. Don’t be shy! Step up and let us know on the enclosed membership form how you might be able to help.**

Want to help with future meetings? Your contact person is Earl Cory [webmaster@coryfamsoc.com](mailto:webmaster@coryfamsoc.com).

Any new ideas for the Society? Your contact person is John Corey [vicepresident@coryfamsoc.com](mailto:vicepresident@coryfamsoc.com).

Want to be part of the DNA project? Your contact person is Thomas E. Corey [genealogist@coryfamsoc.com](mailto:genealogist@coryfamsoc.com).

Want to submit something for the newsletter? Don’t worry about format or proofreading. If it’s Cory, we’ll make it fit! Your contact person is Chris Koehler [coordinator@coryfamsoc.com](mailto:coordinator@coryfamsoc.com).

Be sure to visit The Cory Family Society website to view past newsletters, which are posted a year or so after publication. You’ll find it’s a fascinating walk through the activities of the Society and the development of the newsletter.

**To renew or begin your Cory Family Society Membership, see the membership form online or on the newsletter’s last page.**

**REMEMBER – NO DUES, NO NEWS!!**

### **KEY POINTS FROM MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, taken by Carolyn Corey, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015**

- Appreciation was offered to Samantha Corey for organizing the reunion weekend, as well as to her parents, John and Sue Corey, for their assistance.
- The 2009 meeting minutes and 2015 conference call minutes can be found on the CFS website.
- Rather than becoming a web-only society, Cory Family Society will continue meetings and newsletters in addition to the website and conference calls as needed. We will work on revitalizing the organization to attract new members and encourage more members to participate.
- All membership dues are waived until January 2016. Dues are kept at \$12 per year.
- Jim Corey, treasurer, reported a cash balance of \$8,223 as of 17 September, 2015. Expenses for the meeting of \$1630 were approved.
- Officers were elected. See Board Member Profiles in this issue of the newsletter.
- Thomas Corey, DNA project coordinator, sent his report on analyzing data for ancestor geographic origins, both broadly over time and narrowly regarding individual lines. Margaret Coffin, United Kingdom Cory Society genealogist, sent her report stating that she believes they have proved that there was more than one progenitor, resulting in the

various Cory, Corey, etc. lines.

- Earl Cory, webmaster, reported that he will continue to maintain the website and the Thomas/Harpole and Other Cory databases, but wished to pass along maintenance of the two other primary databases (John Southold and William) to others. John Corey volunteered to maintain the line of John of Southold. Earl will continue to receive all submissions and direct them to the appropriate line manager. A volunteer to maintain the William line is still needed.
- Earl also recommended Roots Magic for database management. See his article in this issue of the newsletter.
- Due to scheduling, cost, and distance concerns, membership reunion meetings will be every two or three years, rather than annually as in the past. This will allow sufficient lead time to plan a successful event. Either June or September seemed to be ideal times to get together.
- Earl Cory will look into planning the next membership reunion meeting for 2017 in Michigan, where he has some local contacts.
- The next conference call for board members and interested members was planned for Saturday, March 12, 2016, at 10:00 am. Information about setting up and joining this call is to be determined.
- John Corey presented copies of several documents of interest: David Cory (grandson of John of Southold) family bible title

and records page; a History of the Minisink Patent, Orange County, NY, (where some John of Southold descendants moved); and a list of all Cory/Corey genealogy records in the NY State Library in Albany.

### LAST MINUTE NEWS

Webmaster Earl Cory has updated the Cory Family Society website ([coryfamsoc.com](http://coryfamsoc.com)), including database updates in a new easy to use format and a start on the Irish Corrys.

In addition, there are online versions of the Membership Form, Change of Address, and Contact Us on the website.

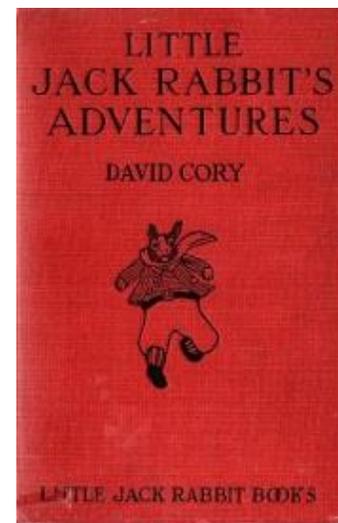
Earl has posted the full text of the 2015 Membership Meeting Minutes.

### Correction for last newsletter:

The last newsletter should have been Volume 26, No. 1 rather than Volume 25, No. 1.

### In the next issue:

The intriguing story of David Magie Cory (1872-1966), author of the "Little Jack Rabbit" series as well as volumes of poetry.



*Project Gutenberg eBook*

### Mystic Seaport, Connecticut



*Photo Courtesy of Marilyn Corey*

## MEET THE BOARD

### **Fred Corey, President.**

(William of Portsmouth, longtime member, President since 2000). A civil engineer now living in Arizona, Fred has worked in several areas of the western US in the aircraft industry, the Federal government, irrigation scheduling, and most recently airport design. Fred has indicated that he would like to retire from his position of Cory Family Society President as soon as a new one is found, and urges other society members to consider volunteering.

**president@coryfamsoc.com**

### **John Corey, Vice President.**

(John 1 of Southold, member since before 2006). Nearing retirement, John looks forward to engaging more actively in the Society. Born an inventor, trained as an engineer, and "suffering from a life of serial entrepreneurship," John and his wife Sue live (as Makers of Fine Times since 1976) on the east bank of the Hudson River in Melrose, NY. Having been told of the Bramerton link since childhood, recent DNA indications notwithstanding, John says he is pleased to have "an entertaining set of rabble-rousing malcontents in his ancestry and to share their celebration with the good folks of our family Society." John notes that his grandfather, Horace Wesley Corey, was born before the Civil War and that there are not many left who can say the same.

**vicepresident@coryfamsoc.com**

### **James Corey, Treasurer.**

(Perhaps John of Southold, longtime member, Society treasurer since March 2004). Jim hails from a Corey line from the Hudson Valley, NY. He says DNA evidence from the Cory Study suggests that he may be part of the John of Southold line. He also says, "As a retired government worker, I am certainly old enough to have done many census searches using Soundex indices

and hand cranked projectors!" He hopes that younger members step forward and volunteer for leadership positions in the Society.

**treasurer@coryfamsoc.com**

### **Carolyn Corey, Secretary/Assistant to the DNA Project Coordinator.**

(William of Portsmouth, longtime member, CFS newsletter Genealogy Forum columnist 2000-2005, and also Secretary 2003-2004). Carolyn and her husband Preston Miller own Four Winds Indian Trading Post, which is on the Flathead Indian Reservation in St. Ignatius MT. They have written four Indian artifact price guides. In addition, she wrote a book on trade cloth – and has given talks on the subject at Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyoming, and at a fur trade colloquium at Oxford University, England, in 2002. She is also the secretary for a local historical society and an organizing officer of the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

**secretary@coryfamsoc.com**

### **Thomas Corey, DNA Project Coordinator.**

(William of Portsmouth, member over 20 years). Thomas administers the Cory Family Society DNA project, as well as doing genealogy lookups. A Vietnam Era veteran, he served in an F4 Phantom fighter jet squadron and is about to retire after 38 years in an electronics position in a manufacturing facility. Thomas is a member of Sons of the American Revolution and the Mayflower Society. Following his retirement, Thomas will be helping in the local genealogy library and working part time as an IT person with his son-in-law's business.

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### **Earl Cory, Vice President/Webmaster/Meeting Coordinator.**

(Thomas of Chelmsford, Harpole Line, member over 20 years).

Earl is responsible for maintaining the CoryFamSoc.com website, maintaining the various Cor(e)y genealogy databases, and has taken on the responsibility of coordinating future society meetings. He is a retired Physicist and computer system administrator/manager. He was born in Watertown, NY, and migrated to Los Angeles in 1949. For the past 25 years, he and his wife Chris have lived in the San Francisco Bay area and just recently moved to the Monterey California area.

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### **Luke C. Davidson, Newsletter Editor.**

(John of Southold, member since 2014). Luke researches and writes newsletter articles, edits submissions for space and continuity, and prepares the newsletter for circulation. Currently a second year graduate student in the School of Information Science at the University of Kentucky, he lives in Lexington with his wife, Lola. He works at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives in Frankfort, Kentucky, and occasionally writes for the *Kentucky Explorer*, a history and genealogy magazine. As a descendant of Mayflower passenger George Soule, he is a member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants.

**editor@coryfamsoc.com**

### **Christine Koehler, Newsletter Coordinator.**

(John of Southold, member since 2013). In this newly created position, Chris helps gather material for the newsletter. A retired educational administrator and teacher in Cortland, NY, Chris first became interested in genealogy through the extensive research done by her parents. She is fascinated by the way genealogy brings history to life. Her Corey connection follows Coreys from New York to Canada to Michigan to Colorado and back to New York.

**coordinator@coryfamsoc.com**



## CORY FAMILY SOCIETY 2016 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FORM

### Your contact information:

Name:	
Address:	Home Phone:
	Cell Phone:
<b>IMPORTANT: EMAIL needed for newsletter &amp; notices about upcoming meetings!</b>	Email:
<i>Be sure to let us know if the above information changes.</i>	

To help Society members keep in touch with each other, may we publish your name and contact information on our member roster?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	
	<input type="checkbox"/> YES, my email only	
	<input type="checkbox"/> NO, only for Society record-keeping	
What is your Cory line?	<input type="checkbox"/> John of Southold	<input type="checkbox"/> William of Portsmouth
	<input type="checkbox"/> Thomas of Chelmsford/Harpole	<input type="checkbox"/> Other/Not sure

### Welcome Cousin! Please send your form along with a check payable to the *Cory Family Society*:

JIM COREY 115 NEENAH CT HARPERS FERRY, WV 25425			
I am enclosing:	<input type="checkbox"/> \$12 annual membership	plus	<input type="checkbox"/> \$_____ optional donation

Please add any questions, suggestions, or comments on the back of this form.

### **WE'RE GOING GREEN!**

**And keeping up with the times! In order to save money, paper and volunteers' time, all newsletters and event/meeting notices will be sent by **EMAIL!****