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Cory Family Society Members in Harpole

HARPOLE TOURS

By Art Corey

Thirty-eight members of the Cory Family Society of America and the English Cory family Society met in the ancient village of Harpole, June 20-24, 2004. Harpole is a village about three miles east of Northampton. It was the site of two

Roman villas during the first through fourth centuries.

Our interest in a meeting in Harpole came about because both Thomas and Giles Corey were born there. Our Harpole cousins have now discovered the

baptismal records of both Giles and Thomas, circa 1621, and have evidence that they were cousins who immigrated to Massachusetts, circa 1642.

Our hosts for the meetings were Brenda and Roger Miller and Brenda's brother, Colin Cory, and his wife Marilyn, members of the American, as well as the English Cory Society. They worked very hard to keep costs as low as possible. Everyone remarked about how well the meeting and tours were organized, and all of us who attended enjoyed a once in a lifetime experience.

Many Cory families continue to live in Harpole, and folks with several surnames, including Cory, who form the majority of of the population, have intermarried during the long history of the village. It is reasonable to suppose that all the older families in Harpole have a genetic connection with Cory families of the Thomas line in America. It is appropriate for us now to refer to this line as the "Harpole" Cory line.

Researchers in Harpole have traced their line to Nikolas Corye, born in Harpole in 1551. However, we know that Cory families were in Harpole before Nikolas, because there is a house in Harpole, called Fernville, built by an unknown Cory in 1435. The family name was usually spelled "Corye" until about the time Thomas and Giles were born. English families with this surname have since, for the most part, standardized the spelling as "Cory".

Citizens of Harpole have organized a "Heritage Society" for their community. Heritage Society members are responsible for much of the research on the Cory line that has enabled us to unravel our connection to Harpole. Members of this society prepared most of our meals, very good meals at a minimal cost.

During the meeting most American participants lived in the homes of Heritage members. The families with whom our members stayed were wonderful hosts, and this was a major factor in making this meeting the most enjoyable ever.

Our first tour on Monday, June 21st, was a walking tour of the village. Our guide was Jennifer Smith, a member of the Heritage Society, from an old Harpole family.



Cory Descendants in Harpole

We were shown many old homes, built or occupied by Cory families, including Fernville, more than five hundred years old. All the houses continue to be occupied, and have been lovingly restored and maintained. They all have beautiful flower gardens, as do nearly all homes in the village.



Fernville—Built AD 1435

Harpole families do not replace old homes with totally new structures. They restore old homes as needed, and they spend an incredible amount of time and loving care with their flower gardens. The result is a charming and interesting village.



Richard Cory Manor---Built AD 1731

On Tuesday morning, June 22nd, we visited the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Northampton, where Giles Cory was baptized in 1621. This church was built by returning crusaders in 1088.



Church Of the Holy Sepulchre

We experienced a minor communication problem here because the warden, who took Brenda Miller's call before our visit, was a bit hard of hearing. Brenda had told the warden that we wanted to visit the church because it was where Giles Cory had been baptized, and that Giles had been pressed to death during the Salem Witch Trials. On our arrival, a lady greeted us and asked Brenda to clarify one point: "Was it true that Giles

Cory was executed in America for the sale of ditches?"



Sulgrave Manor

We toured the house, Sulgrave Manor, built by Lawrence Washington, great grandfather of George Washington, a short distance from Harpole, on Tuesday afternoon. We also took a short ride in a barge on the Grand Union Canal, including where the canal passes through a tunnel.



Boarding the Canal Barge

Afterwards our bus route passed over and along the route of the tunnel. Our bus driver, who has a pronounced accent, pointed out structures at points over the tunnel that he said were "breathing towers", meaning that the towers allow fresh air to enter the tunnel. Afterward, one American member inquired: "Why do you think the English need to breed turtles?"

On Wednesday, our bus took us past the ancestral home of the Spencer family, including Princes Diana. We arrived at Brington Village where Lawrence Washington is buried, along with many members of the Spencer Family. The Washington and Spencer families, as well as the Churchill family, are related by marriage.

Thursday's program included entertainment at Turners, an old time English music hall. After an evening meal, prepared by women of the Heritage Society in Harpole, Art Corey gave a talk explaining the advantages of DNA analysis for searching one's family tree. Art explained why the Cory Family Society undertook their DNA project and what has been discovered to date. After the talk we reluctantly said our goodbyes.

GENERAL MEETING

By Art Corey

The 2004 meeting was presided over by President Fred Corey and began with those in attendance introducing themselves and describing their background and occupations. After a brief discussion of developments during the 2002 meeting, and reading the treasurer's report for 2003-2004 prepared by James M. Corey, we had a discussion concerning vacancies for society officers. There was no possibility of electing new officers during this meeting since no volunteers were in attendance.

Art Corey, temporary editor, said he is anxious to find a replacement because we need a younger person for this job. Our current president, Fred Corey, said that he is too busy running his engineering firm to give the job of president the attention he would like. He said that he would entertain an offer to be relieved

until his retirement from his engineering firm. At that time he feels he could give more time to the Society.

Art Corey, as well as Jean Hayes, editor of the English newsletter, said that producing newsletters and mailing them to all members is the biggest expense for their societies. Art asked the members how they would respond to receiving newsletters by internet if they were able to do so. The reaction was mixed, although most said receiving the newsletter by e-mail would be satisfactory for them.

Jean Hayes suggested that it might be better if we followed the English example of producing three newsletters annually instead of trying to produce four. No decision was made about newsletter policy during the meeting, but we might consider adopting the English policy next year.

Vice President and Webmaster, Earl Corey, gave a report on progress with our website. Ida Birch did the same for the English Cory website. We were told that while some people were agreeable to having their names on society databases and on our website, others object to having their names on lists available to the public. We all agree, however, that functioning websites have made a substantial contribution by creating interest in our societies.

Jean Hayes gave a report on the general meeting of the English Cory Family Society that had taken place on June 12th at the University of London. The meeting was presided over by Mark Hassell, President of the English Cory Society.

Art Corey attended the meeting as a representative of the American Cory Society. One of the subjects discussed

was progress on the DNA project undertaken jointly with the American Society.

Mark announced that Margaret Goffin is now coordinating the English contribution to the project and will be co-coordinator of the joint project with Art Corey. Margaret stated that the biggest obstacle for the English Society is finding suitable participants willing to part with \$155 for the analysis of their Y-chromosome.

The English Cory Family Society agreed that finding funds to subsidize key participants would greatly facilitate progress in unraveling relationships between Cory family lines in Britain and America. The English Cory Society earmarked four hundred pounds for this purpose.

Art Corey announced to the American Cory Family Society that 30 Cory males have now participated in the project, and that folks continue to participate to discover which Cory line they are from. Art said that DNA analysis is a relatively inexpensive way to begin researching one's Cory ancestry, and greatly reduces the research needed to determine paternal ancestry.

It was agreed that the American Cory Society also would contribute to subsidizing key English DNA donors, to the extent our funds will permit.

Art announced that William H. Corey, an American with a well-documented pedigree back to John Corey of Roxbury, MA, had contacted him and was persuaded to participate in our DNA project. William's Y-chromosome profile proved that William, and consequently John of Roxbury, were from the John of Long Island line.

Members of our society, especially Joan Guilford, have been researching the ancestry of John of Roxbury for a long time. They had found circumstantial evidence that John was from the Long Island Cory line, and they were delighted to have this supposition confirmed.

The last topic discussed was the question of where and when to hold our next meeting. We would like to interest as many English members, as well as Americans, to attend as possible. We first discussed a place. It appeared that the most popular site would be near Salem, MA.

Those who had attended the last meeting in Salem, both English and Americans, would like to go there again. We believe many new members, who have not yet learned the full story of the famous or "infamous" Giles Corey will also find a trip to Salem fascinating.

We next discussed the best time for a meeting in New England. Many would enjoy a meeting there in October when the leaves are colorful, and the temperature would be cool enough to suit our English cousins. However, October would be unsuitable for members with children in school. For a variety of other considerations, it was soon determined that the only practical time was in June, shortly after school lets out all over the USA.

Our next project will be to find someone, preferably with knowledge of Cory/Corey history, who lives in New England, to serve as host and plan the program.

THE CORY FAMILY SOCIETY AND
THE INTERNET
By Earl Cory

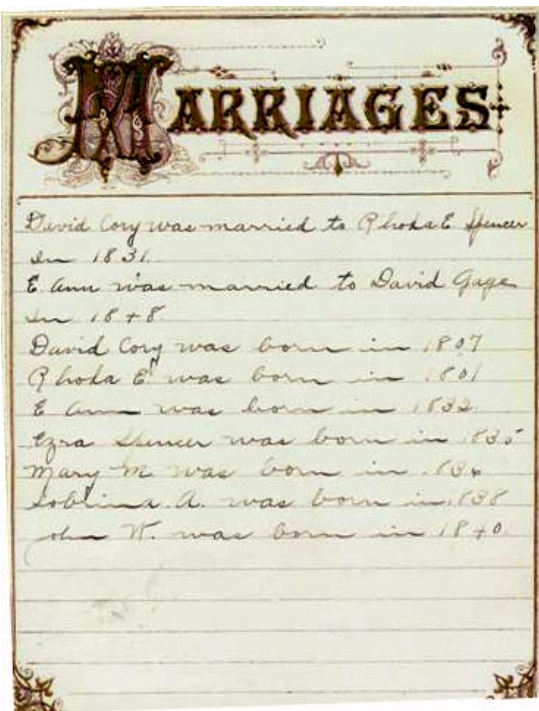
I recently received a letter from Susan Cory. She is trying to locate a member of the David Cory family to return a family bible she has.

Letter from Susan Cory:

Back in Aug of last year a lady from St. Joseph, Mo sent us a letter saying she found a family bible that had the Cory name in it. She wanted the Bible to go back to that family. I have the Bible at my house now. Please let me know the family line, address of someone in the family know that I can make sure it gets to the proper people. I found a "David Corey" in the Other Cory database and it looks like the same person from my Bible. Is there a descended of them that I can send the Family Bible?

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Following is a copy of the page from the bible.



David Cory was married to Rhoda E. Spencer
In 1831
E Ann was married to David Gage
In 1848
David Cory was born in 1807
Rhoda E was born in 1801
E Ann was born in 1832
Ezra Spencer was born in 1835
Mary M was born in 1836
Sobrina A. was born in 1838
John W. was born in 1840

This appears to be the son of Wanton Corey and Deborah Morse, born Sep 1785 in RI. Wanton and Deborah were married 5 Nov 1806. She died 10 Dec 1876 and he died on 31 Mar 1880 in Cuyler, Cortland Co, NY and both are buried there.

I have no further information on the ancestors of Wanton Corey. I have five generations of descendant of Wanton Corey, Jr. He is reported to be a farmer in Algawsee, Branch Co, MI in the 1880 census.

Veteran's Administration

The Veteran's Administration has put 3.2 million cemetery records online. The records are for veterans buried at 120 national cemeteries since the Civil War. <http://www.cem.va.gov>

Roots Magic Version 2

I have talked about genealogy programs in the past. One of those is Roots Magic, the follow-on to Family Origins. Roots Magic has announced version 2. It still has that same easy to use interface, but has added a completely new charting capability. Following is a brief note that a writer submitted to the Roots Magic News Group:

I received RM2 yesterday. It installed in both my laptop and PC without any

difficulties whatsoever. The new features are wonderful and I look forward to using them in various reports. If you think it is difficult to put in a sort date in RM, then using "the most popular software program", where there is no such option, would send you screaming

This time I purchased the book. Almost every request for help sent to this list is covered in the book. May I suggest more of you spend the extra few cents and buy it? I am in charge of a genealogy research facility and I recommend RM without

hesitation to all our clients who are in the market for software. Having used four other programs over the years, I can say RM is the very best there is and far ahead of all of the others.

Thank you for an excellent product, Bruce. From FO to RM2, they just keep getting better.

The Roots Magic website is <http://www.rootsmagic.com>.

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Membership dues are only \$10 per family. Genealogy research is voluntary. Please send your check, payable to CORY FAMILY SOCIETY to the Treasurer:

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