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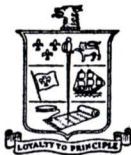
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Dear Cousins, Far and Near:

As your newly installed President, I take this opportunity of congratulating every member of our clan on the splendid heritage left us by the painstaking work of our officers in the past and I wish to extend the thanks of our Board of Directors to our many members who have pledged us their support for the future.

The Cody Family is one of the oldest families on the Continent. It is recognized by the American Institute of Genealogy as one of the "first four hundred" families in America. Its early history is full of memorable events that played a lasting part in the story of North America, events radiant with romance, and picturesque in folk lore. The thread of our story winds its way from the rockbound New England coast, where our first known ancestor, Philip Le Cody, is found at Beverly, Mass., in 1695. It passes on to the colorful days of the Seven Years War, when the New England Militia fared forth against the French and Indians, down to the grim days of the Revolution, when our ancestors again answered the call to arms. The story takes it way through the hardships and privations of the early pioneers, those dauntless men and women who planted firm the foundations of our land, the men who struck forth into the wilds of the American West, who braved the dangers of the wildernesses of Upper Canada. East and West, North and South, these ancestors of ours pierced their way. Coming down into the present day, we find the descendants of these hardy pioneers carrying on, in countless walks of life. Generations have passed but the same blood is there, and we are all one kin.

It may be well to consider here what has been done by us, as an organization, up to the present time, and some of the things proposed for the future. Article III of our Constitution says "The object of this organization shall be to preserve the records, relics and family identity of this old Colonial American family, and to promote its unity and friendly relationship".

"Records" — we have through the untiring efforts of our Secretary-Treasurer, Ernest William Cody, and our past Secretary, Luther M. Cody, published our new 1936 Directory. A work like this Directory is one of which few families can boast; we are proud of it and we may well be. The compiling of these records has been a tremendous task, but they are permanent, they are for our clan forever. This Directory alone is worth all the effort and money ever spent by us since we have been an organization, to say nothing of the many other accomplishments, i.e. co-ordination of our six hundred families, publication of our bulletins, holding of our annual reunions, and the establishment of our Museum.

At the present time the Chairman of our Historical Board, Miss Lydia S. Cody, is giving her time and energy, with very little money at her disposal, toward making a start on our detailed genealogy. We hope she meets with success in getting this started as a small reward for her years of able work in the past, and as a benefit to us all.

"Relics" — this subject is closely connected with our Museum at Cody, Wyoming. Although the Museum has had no financial help from us as an organization, we have reports of great advancement in the affairs of the Museum under the Management of Mrs. Mary Jester Allen, who is Director of the Museum and chairman of the Cody Family Memorial Board. Mrs. Allen has appealed to us for family relics for the Museum and we should give this matter our attention as it means much to all of us, and we probably have many relics that would be better off in the Museum than in our homes.

"Our family identity" — the preserving of our records and our relics are the most important of our activities to preserve our identity as a family.

"Unity and Friendly Relationship" — for this purpose we hold our reunions every year. This year in August at Marietta, Ohio, we held our largest reunion; all who were there will testify that this did promote great unity and friendly relationship, and shows the rapid growth of our organization.

We, therefore, find that the purpose of our organization as stated above has been carried out and under the most trying conditions by our officers.

We have been most fortunate in the selection of our officers in the past; they have devoted their time, energy and money most generously. The matter of our annual dues is of vital importance and should give each one of us deep concern. We have taken great pride in the achievements of our officers, but many of us have not accorded our leaders the proper co-operation in the matter of dues. As your President, I ask you when the call is sounded for 1937 dues — "DO YOUR DUTY."

It may be well to keep in mind, the matter of our coming reunions. Already some of us in California are planning to be at our reunion in Scranton, Pa., next year. California has the second largest number of our people of any of our states and provinces, and as we have never held a Reunion on the Pacific coast, we urge you to start your plans now for the 1938 Reunion which is to be held in California. It is understood that a great World's Fair is to be held in San Francisco in 1938, and as nearly all of you, at some time, have planned a trip to California, please plan to come in 1938. The trip alone will be wonderful and new to most of you. You will see many old friends and meet many new ones. You will receive a royal welcome and feel at home among your own people.

California is only too glad to welcome you, and your kinfolk will be waiting to greet you on that happy day.

Very sincerely yours,

HARVEY PURDY CODY,

President