

THE CODY FAMILY

(Descendants of Philip LeGody at Beverly, Mass., 1698)

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Your Board of Directors have pleasure in handing you herewith the condensed minutes of the 12th. Annual Reunion of the Cody Family, held at Hotel Jermyrn, Scranton, Pa., Monday and Tuesday, August 2nd. and 3rd. 1937. The delay in publishing these minutes is regretted, but due to pressure of work on hand, it has been unavoidable, and your kind indulgence is asked.

Monday, August 2nd.

Registration of members commenced at 9.30 a.m. by Mervin H. Cody of London, Ontario. Total number present at Reunion - 58, coming from California, Ontario, Massachusetts, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania and Florida. The meeting was called to order and opening address given by the President, Harvey P. Cody of Hanford, California, who requested the Vice President, Miss Cora P. Cody of Oneida, N.Y. to formally open the Reunion with prayer. Past President Harry B. Cody of Cleveland, Ohio, then installed the officers, after which Charles F. Brooks of Scranton, Pa. extended the welcome to the city. The "In Memoriam" of members of our family who have passed away since our last reunion was delivered by the Secretary-Treasurer, Ernest William Cody of London, Ontario, and our heads were bowed in loving memory of the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch</u>
Charles Paxton Cody	Charles	Arthur P. Cody	Philip
Emerson Franklin Cody	Franklin	James Hamilton McDonald	Charles
Katherine Rhodes Cody (Darden)	Charles	Andrew Bryden Cody	Harrison
Luther Percy Hubbs	Melinda	William Austin Treffry	Elijah
Dr. Ranson Selwyn Gage	Ansel	Dr. William J. Spring	Nathan
Eugene Cody Stacy	Alice	Margaret Louise Munn	Abigail
Mary Amanda Foster	Amanda	Thos. Jefferson Foster	Amanda

In the absence of the Chairman of the Memorial Board, Mrs. Mary Jester Allen of Cody, Wyoming, the annual report of the Memorial Board was given by the Secretary, showing that the summer season at the Buffalo Bill Memorial Museum at Cody, has been a very fair one. Some few years ago, the Burlington Railway moved the old boyhood home of Colonel William F. Cody from LeClair, Iowa, to Cody, Wyo. and we are pleased to announce that the Burlington have recently given this old house to the Cody Family, and it is the intention to move the building from its present location to the grounds of the Museum; this will certainly prove an added attraction to the already interesting institution. A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Allen for her strenuous labors of the year.

Miss Lydia S. Cody, Chairman of the Historical Board, next gave her annual report. Reference was first made to the lack of interest in the preparation of our book for publication which had ensued during the years of the financial depression, and of how this interest had been renewed at the Marietta meeting by the announcement of a gift for this purpose of twenty five dollars from our cousin Eugene Cody Stacy (recently deceased), to which sum was there added by a plate collection thirteen dollars, which was later augmented by twelve dollars, thus giving us fifty dollars with which to make a beginning on the preliminary manuscript preparation of the book. The Chairman then reported how this money had been used to pay for the services of a professional genealogist, and that there had resulted a typed manuscript of the data on the first five generations of the family, which data had been collected in the past at a great expenditure of time and often

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of money by members of the Board. To have this material now in genealogical form is a splendid accomplishment, and the Board feels the fifty dollars has been well used. Though we have now these first five generations in genealogical notation, much biographical material is still lacking and must be supplied by descendants from the various lines, and members were urged to help in furnishing this when requested to do so. Reference was then made to the new genealogical forms now being sent out by our Secretary for the purpose of collecting the genealogical data of the five remaining generations of the family, which material in the past, has been too briefly sent in or not at all. Members were urged to do their best to promptly fill out, and as promptly return these forms to the Secretary. Then following a brief outline of the introductory chapter of our book, which has been written by the Chairman of this Board (and which is still to be criticised and passed upon by the Board members) a plea was made for financial help toward paying for professional work in the way of verifying and assembling the material now being collected, for only by such help can we hope for an early publication of our book.

Secretary's Note:- following this report, our cousin Francis A. Cody of Vernon, NY, laid five dollars on the table "to start a fund to further an early publication of our book". Later, our cousin Gail Cody Wilber, daughter of our well beloved Charles Paxton Cody, signified her intention to give towards this fund. It was not thought best to canvas the attending membership, but to give all our members a chance to contribute as this need was made known to them by this Bulletin. Accordingly, we are inviting all who are able and interested to help toward an early publication of our book by a contribution toward this fund, that they send word concerning their interest and willingness to the Chairman of the Historical Board, or to the Secretary. By this we may know what can be depended upon. Address of the Chairman is Miss Lydia S. Cody, 1270 East 83rd. St., Cleveland, Ohio. ADJOURN FOR LUNCH.

2.00 p.m. Monday

The next item of business was the annual report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Ernest William Cody of London, Ontario. He outlined the work that had been done, the current handling of correspondence, the publication of the various bulletins, and in particular the circulation throughout the branches of the new genealogical forms. He pointed out that the fifth generation branches John 1791 to Hiram Reed 1817 inclusive (see page 3 Cody Family Directory Chart) were now being covered by these new record forms, and are about 90% complete. Within a few weeks the remaining fifth generation branches Nathan 1791 to Julia 1802 inclusive will be covered by record forms. He reiterated the plea of Miss Lydia Cody for promptness in the completion and return of these forms to him. He stressed the fact that nothing causes him more extra work than neglect and delay in the return of these record forms.

Recommendation of the Nominating Committee - at the time of the organization of the Cody Family in 1925, the office of Honorary President was filled by our beloved cousin, Julia Cody Goodman, sister of Colonel William F. Cody, until the time of her death. Since that time the office of Honorary President has been filled by her namesake and grandchild, Julia Cody Goodman ll. It was felt by the Nominating Committee that this honorary office should be awarded from year to year to those senior members of our family, who have been, by their unfailing support, their wise counsel and sound judgement, the pillars of the Cody Family. It was therefore recommended that Francis A. Cody of Vernon, N.Y. be nominated Honorary President of the Cody Family. The following Board of Directors was then nominated, to be elected in office by ballot on February 26th. 1938 (birthday of Colonel William F. Cody) and to be installed in office at the California Reunion of 1938 for a term of one year, subject to re-election for another year, if desired:

Honorary President	Francis A. Cody	Vernon, N.Y.
President	Luther Morrill Cody	Frostproof, Fla.
Vice President	Frederick Carey Cody	Cleveland, Ohio
Secretary-Treasurer	Ernest William Cody	London, Ontario
Assistant Secretary	James Franklin Cody	London, Ontario
Chaplain	Rev. Canon Henry John Cody	Toronto, Ontario
Chairman Memorial Board	Mrs. Mary Jester Allen	Cody, Wyoming
Chairman Historical Board	Miss Lydia S. Cody	Cleveland, Ohio

Regional Vice Presidents:

Eastern United States	Richard A. Cody	Newton Highlands, Mass.
Southern United States	Mrs. Carmen Donaldson	Titusville, Fla.
MidWestern United States	Henry A. Cody	Ripon, Wis.
State of Ohio	Mrs. Minnie Cody White	Waterford, Ohio
	and Dr. Allison K. Walker	Buchtel, Ohio
Eastern Canada	E. LeRoy Cody	Toronto, Ontario
Western Canada	Dr. Morley G. Cody	Calgary, Alberta

The 1938 Reunion of the Cody Family is to be held in the State of California, at a time and place to be decided by the Board of Directors. In this bulletin a question is now asked of our members who are planning on going to California - what month would be most suitable for you - July, August, September or October? To the California families another question is asked - which of these four months would be most suitable to you to have this Reunion? It is desired to have an expression of opinion from all interested members as quickly as possible, and you are invited to write your views to the Secretary at once - the majority vote will decide. Our President, Harvey P. Cody, in conjunction with representative California families, will decide on the place of reunion.

The 1939 Reunion will be held in the Province of Ontario, at a time and place later to be announced.

ADJOURNMENT 3.00 P.M.

Motors then conveyed a number of our members to the giant coal breakers of the Delaware & Hudson Coal Company, thence to the anthracite mines, where we received the experience of a descent a quarter mile below the surface. Those who did not go to the mines were accorded a delightful drive along the Susquehanna River.

7.00 p.m. Monday

50 members of our family joined at dinner in private dining room of the Hotel Jermyn; over this banquet ably presided Harry B. Cody of Cleveland, Ohio, Master of Ceremonies. Each member present introduced themselves and their branch of our family.

9.30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3rd.

General discussion took place in connection with the genealogy of the family, and of plans for marking the site of our first known ancestor at Beverly, Mass. Fred C. Cody of Cleveland outlined a plan for a personal family note paper for our members, advancing the idea that this might prove attractive to our people, and bring our treasury a little revenue.

Note - this matter is now being studied and details will later be announced.

Rising votes of thanks were tendered to the Chairman of the Historical Board and to the Secretary-Treasurer for their efforts during the year, also to the Scranton cousins for the delightful arrangements made for this Reunion.

At 11.00 a.m. the entire gathering motored to the Abington Country Club where a delightful luncheon was served. Photos of the group were taken by Richard A. Cody, and a happy afternoon was spent in friendly family visiting. Members then departed on their various ways, bringing to a conclusion the 12th. Annual Reunion of the Cody Family.

Note - your Secretary-Treasurer has a limited supply of the 1936 Cody Family Directory - one dollar per copy. A copy of this Directory would make an ideal Christmas gift to members of your family who have not received a copy.

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