

THE CODY FAMILY
(Descendants of Philip Le Cody at Beverly, Mass., 1698)

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Your Board of Directors have pleasure in handing you herewith the condensed minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Reunion of the Cody Family, held at Newmarket, Ontario, Monday and Tuesday, August 28th. and 29th.

Monday, August 28th.

Registration of members commenced at 2.00 p.m. at the Church of the Society of Friends; registration was capably carried out by the Misses Isobel and Jo-Ann Cody. Total registration of the family - 102, coming from various Ontario points, Florida, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Iowa, Minnesota, and Saskatchewan. The meeting was called to order by the Regional Vice President for Eastern Canada, Roy Cody of Toronto, who called upon Mrs. Edith Cody Bowerman of Toronto for the opening prayer. The Regional Vice President then introduced the President, Luther Morrill Cody of Frostproof, Florida. The address of welcome to Newmarket and the Province of Ontario was next given by Dr. William Macpherson Cody of Hamilton, Ont. Following this able address, the President introduced the Secretary-Treasurer, Ernest William Cody of London, Ont. who then directed the handling of routine business. The Board of Directors, nominated at last year's reunion at Hanford, California and elected Feb. 26th. 1939 were then declared installed in office for one year. The "In Memoriam" of members of our family whose deaths have been reported since our last reunion was then read, as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch</u>
Alexander Adam	Harrison	Mrs. Lewis P. Cody	Philip
Josse Bowman	Amanda	Frederick Alonzo Cody	Alonzo
Herbert Harrison Brandow	Harrison	Ernest William Cody	Milo
George Brownson	Alonzo	Everett Cody	Ansel
John Hall Chase	John 1821	Barbara Jean Gage	Ansel
Arthur Jerome Cody	Harrison	Mrs. Dora Cody Jacks	Rhodolphus
Mrs. Hubert Daniels Cody	Nathan	Dr. William A. Goodman	Isaac 1811
Mrs. Arthur B. Cody	Hiram	Miss Esther Rogers	Stephen
Mrs. Henry Pitt Cody	Pitt	Mr. & Mrs. David Findley	Elizabeth
George D. Brandeberry	Amanda		

The next item of business was the annual report of the Secretary-Treasurer. He outlined the work that had been done throughout the year in his department, the handling of the regular routine business, bulletins, correspondence, etc. He also gave a summary of the recently located fifth generation branches of our family added to the records, namely Aaron Cody, Milla Cody (Barberree), Thomas Jefferson Cody, James Chamberlain Cody, George Carryl Cody, Martha Cody (Moore) and Lydia Cody (Moore), and expressed gratification that members of some of these branches had turned out in splendid numbers for this reunion. He next sketched the financial position of the organization, balance sheet for the year ending June 30th. showing cash on hand of \$56.84 (about half of which has been used since that date). He stressed the urgent necessity for members to pay their annual dues of one dollar promptly if we are to continue to function. The cash book was on hand for inspection and showed that for the year 1939 our income from annual dues had amounted to \$155.00 compared with the six hundred families carried on our mailing list - surely not very encouraging statistics. The Secretary-Treasurer voiced the hope that when the annual appeal is made for the one dollar annual dues in January next that the return will be more encouraging.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Memorial Board, Mrs. Mary Jester Allen of Cody, Wyoming, her report was given by the Secretary-Treasurer. The Buffalo Bill Memorial Museum at Cody, Wyoming, has enjoyed a very good year, important additions have been made to the Cody Pioneer Centre, coach shed, large bunk house and barn, all connected to the main Museum by an attractive log stockade. The Burlington Railway has presented to the Museum a choice collection of paintings of the early days of the West. The Princeton University Geology Group is planning on taking over the barn for a choice geology display. Mrs. Allen reports that she is well pleased with the Museum activities at Cody. She invites family relics for the Cody Family Room.

The report of the Chairman of the Historical Board, Miss Lydia S. Cody of Babson Park, Florida was next given. She outlined the research work that she is doing, the collection of historical data, and asked for careful and prompt response to the various inquiries that are sent out to our members. She gave a brief sketch of our first ancestor in America, Philip of Beverly, Mass. 1698. She stressed the need for more biographical data on the record forms now being circulated throughout the various branches of our family.

At this point standing votes of thanks were given by the meeting to the Chairmen of the Historical and Memorial Boards and the Secretary-Treasurer for their devotion to duty during the past year.

As a result of a previous meeting of the Nominating Committee, the Secretary-Treasurer introduced to the meeting the recommendation of that Committee that the following Board of Directors be nominated, for election by ballot on Feb. 26th, 1940, and to be installed in office at the Illinois Reunion of 1940 for one year. Nominations carried:

Honorary President	Harry Bissell Cody	Cleveland, Ohio
President	Frederick Carey Cody	Cleveland, Ohio
Vice President	Dr. Morley Garnet Cody	Calgary, Alberta
Secretary-Treasurer	Ernest William Cody	London, Ontario
Chaplain	Rev. Jared Vining Cody	San Pedro, Calif.
Chairman Advisory Board	Richard Aldus Cody	Boston, Mass.
Chairman Memorial Board	Mrs. Mary Jester Allen	Cody, Wyoming
Chairman Historical Board	Miss Lydia S. Cody	Babson Park, Fla.
Press Representative	Maxwell Bruce Cody	Regina, Sask.
<u>Regional Vice Presidents:</u>		
Eastern United States	Mrs. Blanche Cody Townsend	Ridgway, Penna.
Southeastern United States	John Carrington Cody	Lake Charles, La.
Central United States	Dr. Ernest E. Cody	Ann Arbor, Mich.
State of Ohio	Mrs. Caro M. Morris	Canton, Ohio
	and Jay Gage	Cutler, Ohio
Midwestern United States	Mrs. Hazel Cody Kiehna	Billings, Montana
Western United States	Mrs. Helen Deuel Doolittle	Salem, Oregon
Southwestern United States	Lynn Ray Cody	San Jose, Calif.
Eastern Canada	Herbert William Cody	Woodstock, Ontario
Western Canada	Mrs. Mary Cody Allard	Calgary, Alberta

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The next item of business was the date and place to be selected for the 1940 annual reunion. Discussion took place regarding Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa, and it was decided that due to the greater number of our people resident in Illinois we meet in that State in 1940 at a date and place to be determined by the Board of Directors in conjunction with the local committee. The meeting was then thrown open for the discussion of new business.

The President, Luther M. Cody, addressed the meeting on the subject of annual dues, and stressed the fact that better results must be obtained. Mr. Roy Cody Marsh of Detroit joined in this discussion, suggesting that junior members of our family should also take more interest in this matter.

Roy Cody Marsh also advanced a splendid suggestion for assuring a larger attendance at our reunions. He suggested that any one planning on attending a reunion should acquaint the Secretary of the number they could take in their car, and that this be published in advance in our bulletins, and those from that locality having no means of transportation could take advantage of the available room; he further suggested that this would be an easy way of sharing the expense for those so making the trip.

At 4.45 p.m. the meeting adjourned and all present fared forth to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Allen J. Cody. To our thinking, the most enjoyable part of the Newmarket Reunion was the two hour social period enjoyed through the generous hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Cody and their committee on the spacious lawn of their home. Tea was poured by two charming ladies of our family, Mrs. Harry B. Cody of Cleveland and Mrs. Chester W. Crouch of Columbus; these two ladies are well known to many of us and were assisted by willing helpers. Delicious cookies, cakes and fancy breads accompanied the tea which "touched the spot" after a long, hot, and perhaps tiresome business meeting. Trays of cigarettes and a tub of soft drinks on ice also met the eyes of the sweltering delegates; later we learned that these welcome treats were the gift of the ever generous and thoughtful Sterling Cody, then travelling in Western Canada and who unable to be with us, in this way expressed his welcome to Newmarket. One incident that will long be in our memory is the way little Jo-Ann Cody of Kitchener, Ont. enjoyed herself so much by opening the pop bottles and distributing them to the crowd. Our worthy President, Luther M. Cody had his moment of the hour by the suggesting and crowning with flowers of the Secretary-Treasurer and his wife, Ernest William and Ella Jean Cody as King and Queen of the party (thanks, Luther, from us both). At the close of this happy afternoon a group photo was taken, copies of which may be secured from Budd Photo Co. Newmarket, fifty cents per copy. For this hour of family friendship and all that went with it we are indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Allen J. Cody, their children Robert and Isobel, Mrs. Edith Cody Bowerman, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cody, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Cody and their children Jo-Ann and John James, and Sterling Cody.

At 8.00 p.m. members assembled in the dining room of the King George Hotel. Invocation was given by Allen J. Cody. Following a most enjoyable dinner the Master of Ceremonies, Harry B. Cody, introduced his Worship, the Mayor of

Newmarket, Dr. S.J. Boyd. Dr. Boyd expressed the gratification of the Town of Newmarket in having our family gathering there, and briefly sketched his various contacts in the past with members of the Cody Family. The Master of Ceremonies then introduced the after dinner speaker, the Reverend Canon Henry John Cody, President of the University of Toronto. Canon Cody's address was most inspiring and was received with rapt attention. He traced the three migrations of our family from the United States to Canada in 1797, 1800 and 1820. He stressed the need today of the pioneer spirit and a reverence for the three cardinal points of pioneer life - home, church and school. With guests present from various parts of the United States and Canada, Canon Cody declared the gathering was symbolic of a new order in the world when nations would live at peace and in friendship as we do. The thanks of our organization to Canon Cody were delivered by the Secretary. Our President, Luther M. Cody, concluded the dinner addresses, sketching the organization of our family 15 years ago, its subsequent growth and unity and its ideals of fellowship and friendliness. The Master of Ceremonies then read telegrams of regret from Sterling Cody of Saskatoon and Maxwell B. Cody of Regina, Saskatchewan. The evening closed with the benediction by Canon Cody, and singing of National Anthem.

Tuesday, Aug. 29th.

Members gathered at the Church of the Society of Friends, and at 10.00 a.m. the motorcade left Newmarket, stopping first at Sharon Temple, now a Museum of pioneer life in the County of York. We then enjoyed the 60 mile drive around Lake Simcoe to Big Chief Lodge on Lake Couchiching, the picturesque summer hotel of Wilbert A.M. Cody. A sumptuous luncheon was served and a friendly social hour enjoyed. Several of our family had stayed the night at Big Chief Lodge and they join with us in voicing the feelings of appreciation we feel to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Cody and their children Jay and Betty, of the delightful time given us at Big Chief. SO ENDED THE 14TH. ANNUAL REUNION OF THE CODY FAMILY, being the second one held in Canada.

NOTES

No local committee would have functioned more perfectly than did the one handling the Newmarket Reunion. We thank all members of that Committee.

On the Saturday and Sunday prior to the reunion, our President, Luther M. Cody of Frostproof, Fla. was the guest in London of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest William Cody. We enjoyed his visit so much; during the two days we visited all London cousins, also the Oxford County cousins.

Our Ontario reunion has given impetus to a movement among our Canadian families of holding the occasional regional reunion for those who are unable to attend the annual international event. Think this over, and advance to the Secretary suggestions that occur to you. We can vouch for the success of these regional reunions; on July 16th. we attended the regional reunion of the Cody Family in Ohio at Layman, attendance of 65, and the event was enjoyed to the full. On Sunday evening in Toronto Union Station prior to going to Newmarket, we were assured that Ohio was represented when we glimpsed Mr. and Mrs. Chester Crouch of Columbus; this was further assured Monday morning at Newmarket by seeing the genial countenance of that hardy perennial from Marietta, Ohio, Myron Danielson, his wife and daughter. Surely among our numerous Ontario Codys we can arrange a first class regional reunion in Ontario.

LUTHER MORRILL CODY
President

ERNEST WILLIAM CODY
Secretary-Treasurer