

THE CODY FAMILY
(Descendants of Philip and Martha at Beverly, Mass., 1698)

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Your Board of Directors have pleasure in handing you herewith the condensed minutes of the 16th. Annual Reunion of the Cody Family, held in Salem, Massachusetts, Monday and Tuesday, August 18th. and 19th.

Monday, Aug. 18th.

Registration of members commenced in private conference room, Hotel Hawthorne. Total registration: 27, coming from Ohio, Ontario, New York, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Florida and New Jersey. Our attendance this year was small; we have no great number of families in this community, and many of those planning on coming from a distance disappointed us.

The meeting was called to order by the Retiring President, Fred C. Cody of Cleveland, Ohio, who asked the Regional Vice President, Mrs. Marion Nightingale to lead in prayer. The welcome to Salem and Massachusetts was given by Past President Richard A. Cody. Another Past President, Luther M. Cody of Frostproof, Fla. declared our Board of Directors installed in office. The "In Memoriam" of members of our family whose deaths have been reported since our last reunion was then suitably delivered by Mrs. Richard A. Cody; the names included in this "In Memoriam" list are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch</u>
Mrs. Jennie Hayden Douglass	Nathan	Mrs. John Foote Cody	Thomas
Um. Stephen Winn Barberree	Milla	Mrs. Erma Cody Spriggs	George
Daniel Wallace Barberree	Milla	Mrs. Sarah Thornton Pearson	Sophia
Mr. and Mrs. James Ford	Milla	Mrs. Abraham S. Cody	Alonzo
Arthur Howard Rogers	Stephen	Mrs. Myra Tillson Cody	Charles
Esther Leora Waitman	Stephen	Mrs. Cora Blodget Spoon	Melinda
Mrs. Sarah Cody Rush	Stephen	Robert Dewane Ackerson	Darius
David McCutcheon Hunter	Aaron	Elizabeth Lee Ackerson	Darius
Mrs. Aaron Gager	Achsah	Mrs. Allison E. Walker	Delia
Kenneth Franklyn Richards	Achsah	Mrs. Harriet Cody King	Elson
Mrs. Gladys White Walters	Abigail	Andrew Jackson Beers	Elson
Mrs. Lillian Carter Turner	Nancy		

The Retiring President then introduced the Secretary-Treasurer, Ernest William Cody of London, Ontario, who outlined the work of his department during the past year. He outlined the task of assembling the data for, and the publication of, the 1941 Cody Family Handbook-Directory. General discussion then took place regarding this 224 page book; it was felt that in its publication a long felt need had been filled. It was pointed out that our sole source of revenue for the coming year is from the sale of this book and it was urged that everyone present do their utmost to push its sale among the many branches of our family. From the many complimentary letters received concerning this book, we feel that in quoting a sentence from one letter we are summing up in a few words the general opinion -- "there is more in it every time you look at it". The financing of the book was discussed; the total cost was \$621.00, which has been paid in full, and cash statement shows a balance on hand of \$20.88. The Secretary pointed out that with such a small balance on hand we must sell many more copies of the book this year and next in order to finance our organization. The Secretary also explained that our mailing list now runs 1000 families and asked for better support in notifying of changes in address and prompt replies to correspondence. At this point a rising vote of thanks was given the Secretary and his wife for their part in the publication of the Handbook-Directory.

In the report of Miss Lydia S. Cody, Chairman of the Historical Board, she outlined her work in preparing the historical data of the first 38 pages of the Handbook-Directory; she also emphasized the need for additional research work, and told of the plans she had for this following the reunion, investigating old records in Beverly, Salem, Ipswich, Cambridge, Charlton, Oxford and surrounding territory in Massachusetts. She also stressed the need for the collection of more biographical and historical data before the detailed History and Genealogy of the Cody Family can be completed. General discussion took place concerning this and Harry B. Cody and Miss Grace Cody were appointed a committee to work with Miss Lydia Cody in charting the geographical trek of our family westward from our Massachusetts foundation. Miss Lydia Cody also urged more activity in our work by the younger members of our family. A rising vote of thanks was tendered her for her heavy work during the past year and our appreciation of the splendid chapters prepared by her in the recent book.

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. He stated that the early history and working of the Buffalo Bill Memorial Museum at Cody, Wyoming had been published in detail in Appendix "E" of the recent book, and introduced two new items of business which Mrs. Allen wished to be discussed. The City of North Platte (for many years the home city of Colonel Cody) is undertaking the task of a memorial museum in that city to Colonel Cody. A resolution was passed endorsing this proposal and our desire to help in any way possible. The other new item of business was the proposal to move the old boyhood home of Colonel Cody from its present location at Cody, Wyoming to the Museum grounds in that town. This old house was brought by the Burlington Railway from Le Clair, Iowa to Cody, Wyoming, and the Burlington have promised to give this house to the Cody Family. A resolution was passed approving in principle the moving of this house, and the Secretary was instructed to seek all possible details concerning proposed moving and then refer the matter to the Board of Directors for final decision. The Secretary paid tribute to the untiring work of Mrs. Allen at Cody, and a rising vote of thanks was accorded her.

As a result of a previous meeting of the Nominating Committee, the Secretary introduced to the meeting their recommendation that the Board of Directors installed today remain in office for two years instead of one year; this was carried unanimously. A letter was read from our new President, Lynn Ray Cody of Saratoga, California, which in part we quote --- "To me the humble start of our family is a proud possession; we make no claim to decadent nobility, but honor and revere our common ancestry. We are Americans with a love of country and a loyalty proven in our humble part in the building of our Nations. I am deeply honored by you, in this appointment and your support is earnestly desired, for with it there is hope that together we can and will take our part in the coming struggle 'That Men Be Free'".

The next item of business was the date and place to be selected for the 1942 annual reunion. After some discussion it was unanimously decided to meet in 1942 at or near Zanesville, Ohio, the exact date and place to be later decided after consultation with the Local Committee. It was also felt that we might secure a better attendance by having our reunion on a Saturday and Sunday rather than on week days; this was recommended providing it met with the approval of the Local Committee. It was also recommended that in 1943 we meet in the Pacific North West, in the states of Washington or Oregon, and become acquainted with the many members of our family there. We feel that the selection of Zanesville for our 1942 reunion will be very popular; in 1936 we met at Marietta, Ohio, nearly 200 present; Zanesville is quite near Marietta; we have many of our families there, so plan now to make the Zanesville reunion of 1942 our biggest ever.

Our Retiring President, Fred C. Cody, again displayed the Cody Family Photograph Album; how it has grown!! Keep sending in your pictures; they are safe and well taken care of in this Album; they are properly labelled and arranged by fifth generation branches; this Album is deserving of everyone's support. But you really must see it to appreciate its worth and value.

A standing vote of thanks was tendered the retiring Board of Directors and especially our energetic retiring President, Fred C. Cody of Cleveland, Ohio. Adjournment was moved at 5.00 p.m.

at 6.30 p.m. we gathered in our private dining room at the Hotel Hawthorne. Our retiring Honorary President, Harry B. Cody acted in his usual able manner as Master of Ceremonies (who says he is slipping? Never, his poems are even better). Invocation was delivered by our Chaplain, Rev. Roy E. Cody. A bitter disappointment of the dinner was the inability of our scheduled speaker, Sherwin Cody, to be on hand, due to his recent injuries (we understand he is improving rapidly). His inspiring manuscript was ably read by Fred C. Cody. Its title was "Pioneer Families, the Real American Aristocrats". A few of his thoughts are quoted "A really typical pioneer family, truly representative of what America stands for; like so many other Americans we started with a foreigner, a poor immigrant; here is the making of a line of representative Americans, and after 250 years we may begin to claim to being as nearly pure-blooded Americans as you can find." "Education is the hope of democracy and the most ardent desire of the pioneer." "Pioneering is the key to the best education". "And the distinction of our aristocracy is not the distinction of being born with better blood, but the distinction of education - what we have made of the treasure with which we were entrusted." -- Another disappointment of this gathering was that Dr. Lindus Cody Marsh of Oracle, Arizona, could not be with us to deliver in person his address -- "The Cody Family Genius". His manuscript was splendidly read by Ernest Silver Crouch of Columbus, Ohio, and we

quote a few excerpts from Dr. Marsh's paper --- "In studying certain things about the Cody Family generations our clan should not take too much credit for the creditable things, nor too much discredit for the unfavorable things". "A clan on the whole tends to line up to its genius." "Among other things the Cody Family genius seems to include are a spirit of independence, religious tolerance, social consciousness, and well above the normal intelligence". "We seem to prefer roots in the soil rather than in pavements." "A brief definition of a good family is a family that stands up to life courageously, sensibly and with pride, honor and integrity; such a family leaves every community in which it dwells better than when it took up its dwelling."

Space will not permit us to quote further from these two brilliant addresses, but we shall gladly loan our copy of the addresses to anyone asking for them; you will find them most interesting and instructive. The reply to these manuscripts was given by the Rev. Roy E. Cody. That pioneer of our family organization, Luther M. Cody also spoke briefly. The Secretary read greetings from the following absent ones: Miss Ethel Cody of Sheridan, Ill., Mrs. Mary Jester Allen of Cody, Wyoming, Hiram S. Cody of Winston-Salem, N.C., G.L. Barberree and family of Rochester, Minn., Miss Cora P. Cody of Oneida, N.Y. and the Danielson family of Marietta, Ohio. Votes of thanks were tendered Sherwin Cody and Dr. Marsh for their manuscripts and our deep regrets that they could not be with us. Open forum was then declared and around the table introductions made. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Cody for their efforts and generosity in making the plans and arrangements for the reunion; we certainly appreciate all they did for us. The benediction was pronounced by the Chaplain followed by the National Anthem.

Tuesday, Aug. 19th.

At 12.30 Noon, luncheon was served at the General Glover Inn at Swampscott. Following that enjoyable meal, we boarded a chartered bus for a four hour tour of Salem and Beverly. Points of interest visited in Salem were Hawthorne's birth place, Charter St. Burying Ground, Salem Common, Witch House, The Old Witch Jail and Dungeon, Essex Institute, Gallows Hill, Peabody Museum, The House of Seven Gables (some one said the Cody Family party stole one of the gables). Then to old Beverly, our common ancestral seat. We visited the site of the old First Church (see cover of our recent book), then on to the Beverly Historical Society; there by arrangement of Richard A. Cody, we met a prominent local historian, Mrs. E.B. Cole, who told us much of the early days of Beverly and of our first ancestor Philip. Mrs. Cole accompanied our party on the drive around Beverly and pointed out many places of interest in our family history, especially Dodge Row and Grover St. and finally we came to the very spot where in 1698 our first ancestor bought his land and laid the foundation of our family in America. We wished to have some kind of a formal meeting on that site, but the rain prevented also the luxuriant growth of poison ivy around the remains of the old cellar hole. The thought was expressed by several that some form of marker should be erected on this historic site; further consideration will be given this. After a few minutes at this old site of our first pioneer Cody in America, we returned to Salem, and so concluded the 16th. annual gathering of our family.

NOTE

Within the next few months your Secretary will be writing all the Ohio families for suggestions regarding the 1942 reunion at Zanesville. Start thinking about this now - we want this Zanesville reunion to be the biggest ever. We know from past experience that the Ohio families will turn out en masse in that locality. That part of Ohio is central, we should have many present from Illinois, Pennsylvania, and New York; plan now on this, and keep a record of suggestions that come to you for the success of this reunion.

SPECIAL NOTE

We have on hand about 100 copies of the 1941 Cody Family Handbook-Directory; the price of this book is your annual dues for two years, or two dollars. We must have funds to carry us through 1942 and the sale of this book is our only revenue. If you haven't ordered your copy yet, please do so at once. To those who have received their copy, have you thought of ordering more as Christmas gifts to other members of your family? Your support is requested.

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