

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

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This bulletin is a condensed report of the 21st. Annual Reunion of the Cody Family, held at Salem, Oregon, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17 and 18. We ask you to study the report and circulate it among your group. Without hesitation we say this reunion was one of the very best ever held. Delightful weather favored our gathering, a splendid attendance, perfect arrangements and the pleasure of meeting our Pacific Coast cousins for the first time added to the success of the occasion.

Saturday, Sept. 17, 1.30 p.m.

Registration commenced at the Chamber of Commerce Hall; this registration was in charge of Robert Clarence Cody of Salt Lake City, Utah. Total registration was 136 persons, coming from Ohio, Ontario, Washington, Oregon, Utah, California, Idaho, Montana, Illinois and Nebraska. These 136 persons are descendants of the following fifth generation branches of our family:- Delila, John 1821, Sophia 1801, David, Martha 1809, Milo, Lyman, Darius, Samuel, Anson, Melinda, Amanda, Thomas, Elijah 1807, Isaac 1811 and Stephen. We haven't the space to publish the names of those attending, but such a list will be gladly provided anyone desiring it.

Our President, Harry Arthur Cody of Ripon, Wisconsin was unavoidably absent. A Past President, Harvey Purdy Cody of Hanford, Calif. called the meeting to order and acted as Chairman for the afternoon. Wilbur L. Crook of Seattle offered the opening prayer. Our hostess and Chairman of Local Arrangements, Mrs. Helen Deuel Doolittle welcomed us to Salem and the State of Oregon.

Chairman Harvey P. Cody then introduced the Secretary-Treasurer, Ernest William Cody of London, Ontario, who presented the business matters of the meeting under the following headings:

1. Greetings from President Harry Arthur Cody and his regrets not being present.
2. Greetings from the Canadian cousins.
3. Minutes of Oberlin, Kansas reunion of Aug. 21-22-1948 declared adopted; moved by Miss Gladys Cody Caulfield, seconded by Oscar Gates Pope.
4. Secretary's Report - he outlined the work handled during the past year; new branches of the family located; the current handling of correspondence, the publication of bulletins, maintenance of our vital records, etc.
5. Treasurer's Report - figures showed a small balance on hand; it was pointed out that of our 1100 families annual dues of one dollar are seldom received from more than 30%. He urged a greater and more prompt payment of dues.
6. The Secretary-Treasurer presented the report of Miss Lydia S. Cody of Cleveland, Ohio, Chairman of our Historical Board. This showed that our family genealogy is nearing completion, although considerable biographical material is yet required. Plans are under way for the collection of the missing material during the coming winter. He reported on meetings held in Cleveland by the Genealogical Committee and that our genealogical material had been reviewed and quite favorably criticised by an expert genealogist. This valuable service was made possible through the generous financial support of Miss Lydia Cody. General discussion took place regarding the financing of the publication of this genealogy in book form. It was felt that when some fair estimate of the cost was known a canvass be made of our family asking for pledges from subscribers. When the cost is known the price per volume can then be established on the basis of 500 potential subscribers to this book of approximately 300 pages. It was felt that no such canvass for subscribers be made until a fairly close estimate of costs were secured.
7. General discussion then took place regarding a new and revised Cody Family Directory and the urgent need for a revised edition. It was pointed out that no Directory has been published since 1941 and several branches of the family have since been located and of course are not included in the present Directory. Due to hundreds of marriages and births since 1941 the present Directory is most inadequate. It was felt that the financing of the new Directory could be taken care of by its sale to due payers as in former editions, and if necessary the assessing of double dues.

8. Combining Items 6 and 7 - a motion was made by Arthur Marion Coffey, seconded by Robert Clarence Cody, and carried, that the two books - The Cody Family Genealogy and the Cody Family Directory be published as quickly as possible, with the hope that the Directory at least could be completed in 1950.
9. The Secretary then presented the recommendation of the Nominating Committee for a Board of Directors to take office January 1, 1950 and to hold office for one year. A motion was made by Mrs. Blanche McClenehan, seconded by Oscar Gates Pope, and carried, that the following Board of Directors be declared elected:

Office	Nominee	Residence
Honorary President	Harry Arthur Cody	Ripon, Wisconsin
President	Dr. Ernest Edwin Cody	Ann Arbor, Michigan
Vice President	Chester Cody Crouch	Columbus, Ohio
Secretary-Treasurer	Ernest William Cody	London, Ontario
Chaplain	Rev. Richard R. Eylander	Ritzville, Washington
Chairman Advisory Board	Harvey Purdy Cody	Hanford, California
Chairman Memorial Board	Mrs. Mary Jester Allen	Cody, Wyoming
Chairman Historical Board	Miss Lydia S. Cody	Cleveland, Ohio
<u>REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS</u>		
North Eastern U.S.A.	Mrs. Carolyn Cody Robbins	Dalton, Penna.
South Eastern U.S.A.	Mrs. Sarah Mines	Miami, Florida
Central U.S.A.	Frederic Fay Cody	Earlville, Illinois
State of Ohio	Mrs. Mildred Cody Leibrand	Waterford, Ohio
	and Ralph Dean Dearth	Marietta, Ohio
Mid Western U.S.A.	George McKinley Cody	Oberlin, Kansas
North Western U.S.A.	Mrs. Helen Doolittle	Salem, Oregon
South Western U.S.A.	Milo Jasper Cody	Armona, California
Eastern Canada	John Keith Cody	Beachville, Ontario
Western Canada	Mrs. Mary Cody Allard	Calgary, Alberta

10. Discussion then took place regarding the date and place of next year's reunion. It was moved by Chester Cody Crouch, seconded by Clarence J. Crook and carried that the 1950 reunion be held in Canada at a time and place to be decided by vote of the Canadian cousins. We were greatly disappointed that some of the Canadian cousins from Western Canada were not with us at Salem, not so far away from British Columbia or Alberta. This vote of the Canadian families will be taken shortly and in the meantime we invite their suggestions.
11. The Secretary then introduced the matter of the Luther Morrill Cody Memorial Award of \$25.00 to the boy or girl of our family who obtained the highest standard of proficiency in First Year High School during the school year Sept. 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949. He reported the very small number who had entered in this competition. After general discussion it was decided that this Award would not be offered again for the time being due to the lack of interest in it. The proficiency records for the past school year are now being judged and the winner will be forwarded the Award shortly.
12. Dr. Allison K. Walker and Chester Cody Crouch both spoke of the importance of regional reunions being held; they cited the Ohio Regional Reunion of August last held at Beverly, Ohio with an attendance of nearly one hundred. Under the enthusiastic direction of Mrs. Barbara Jean Drake of Forest Grove, Oregon, plans were at once launched for an Oregon Regional Reunion next year. We welcome this venture and wish the Oregon families every success. We cannot all attend the yearly international reunion, but by the holding of regional reunions interest and unity can be furthered.
13. Adjournment by Chairman Harvey P. Cody - 4.00 p.m.

Our members then proceeded to the new State Capitol Building where a tour of the Capitol and grounds was conducted by our hosts Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle. This proved most interesting and instructive and we are grateful to our hosts for providing us with the privilege of this tour of the Capitol. Furthermore, we liked Salem and hope to come there again.

Saturday, 6.30 p.m.

Dinner was served in the Chamber of Commerce Hall and a very delicious dinner. Mrs. Doolittle provided the table decorations - yellow candles and Oregon grape leaves. The dinner party was called to order by the Master of Ceremonies, Chester Cody Crouch; the invocation was given by Clarence J. Crook. During the dinner program Master Karl Landstrom of Tacoma, Wash, favored us with three fine vocal numbers, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Donald J. Landstrom. Karl received a fine ovation.

For the occasion of our Salem gathering, Mrs. Doolittle composed a four verse song, with chorus, entitled "The Cody Family". This was sung with great gusto following the dinner, to the swinging tune of "Solomon Levi". Perhaps some of us were sadly out of tune at first, but gathering momentum we made a most creditable showing, thanks to the guidance of Mrs. Doolittle, Mrs. Crouch and Miss Jean Crook. This song has real merit and we are going to publish it in its entirety in a future bulletin. In the meantime brush yourself up on the tune of "Solomon Levi".

A standing vote of thanks was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Frank Doolittle for their fine efforts in the local arrangements. A bouquet of roses was presented to Mrs. Doolittle as a small gesture of our appreciation.

The Secretary-Treasurer then reviewed the history of the Buffalo Bill Memorial Museum at Cody, Wyoming and the interest of our family in this outstanding memorial to Colonel William Frederick Cody, and the pioneer days of the Old West. En route to Salem, the Secretary, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cody Crouch, spent two days at Cody, Wyoming, visiting with the Goodman and Thurston cousins there, and spending considerable time with Mrs. Mary Jester Allen, Director of the Museum. He was able to report in detail of the progress of the Museum, and sketched its founding in 1927 and its steady forward march to the strong and enviable position it holds today. The Museum has had its set-backs, but due to the loyal support of its Board, the local cousins at Cody, and the energy of its Director, it seems now pointed to a solid future. The Director, Mrs. Allen, promises to provide the Secretary with the material for a special Museum Bulletin early in the New Year; we shall look forward with interest to this bulletin, and in the meantime we suggest you visit the Museum when possible and have your eyes opened to its magnitude and importance.

The next hour was spent in round-the-table introduction of each one present, identifying themselves by their branch; this resulted in many humorous tangles of relationship, but out of it all a new phrase was coined. One very popular member of our family could not for the moment identify his fifth generation Cody ancestor; he besought another cousin to tell him who his "generators" were; the moral of this is that we should all get up to date on our Cody "generators".

The dinner program closed with the singing of the hymn "Abide With Me" and the National Anthem, led by Mrs. Crouch, and the closing prayer by Wilbur L. Crook.

Sunday, Sept. 18, 11.00 a.m.

Over 100 members of our family gathered at the Chamber of Commerce Hall for a Memorial Service. The service opened with the singing of the Doxology led by the Misses Mary and Helen Benson and Mrs. Crouch. Opening prayer was given by Wilbur L. Crook. Mrs. Blanche McClenehan of Toulon, Illinois delivered the memorial address in memory of those members of our family whose deaths have been reported in the last year. Mrs. McClenehan's tribute was most inspiring and we thank her for it. During her address she quoted a poem of her own composition, and which later will be published in our bulletins. So many fine thoughts were expressed by her that we only wish that space would permit publishing her service in its entirety. Following is the list of deaths reported:

Name	5th. Gen. Branch	Name	5th. Gen. Branch
Mrs. Le Roy Shaw	Milla	Arthur Bridgman Clark	Minerva
Charles Hiram Graves	Nathan	Dr. R.H. McCutcheon	Aaron
Elmer Nelson Murphy	Anna	Mrs. Wilbur L. Crook	Sophial801
Mrs. Addie Phelps	Sophia 1806	Mrs. Helen Cody Baker	Hiram
Samuel C. Ackerson	Darius	Mrs. Martha Cutlip	Delila
Nestor S. Cutlip	Delila	Mrs. Albert Trussler	Sophial806
Dr. James McPherson	Franklin	Mrs. Myra Cody Penfield	Nathan
Joan Beverly Galbraith	Milla	John Wesley Barberree	Milla
Ephraim Clarkson Hunter	Aaron	Loren H. Halverstadt	Milo
George Nelson Hunter	Aaron	Mrs. Cora Appleton	Nathan
James S. Buchanan	Aaron	Dr. Wall M. Billings	Alice
Mrs. Martha Blanshard	Milla	Charles Spurgeon Wolfe	Katherine
Mrs. Charles Spurgeon Wolfe	Katherine	Mrs. Anna Cody	Nelson
Mrs. Deora Wolfe Brokaw	Katherine	Mrs. Aaron E. Child	Aaron
Robert Glenn Stickle	Samuel	Mrs. William A. McClure	Aaron
Mrs. Henry T. Sell	Alice	Samuel W. Lee	Anson
Garret E. Ackerson	Darius	Mrs. Etta Self	Darius
Mrs. Caroline Cody Ferguson	Mervin		

Note - the death of Mrs. Caroline Cody Ferguson, March 22, 1949, removes the oldest living member of our family - she would have been 100 years old in June 1949.

Everyone joined in the closing hymn of "God be with you until we meet again", and Wilbur L. Crook concluded the service with prayer.

Sunday, Sept. 18, 1.30 p.m.

Following the memorial service we motored to "Paradise Island" for lunch, cafeteria arrangement. Master of Ceremonies Chester Cody Crouch called on Miss Gladys Cody Caulfield for the opening prayer; a most delightful lunch was served us. Following the lunch we enjoyed a brief talk from William Cody Boal, grandson of Colonel William F. Cody. We hope that Mr. and Mrs. Boal and their daughter Mrs. Hayden will join with us again at future reunions.

Competition was then invited for the following souvenir prizes donated by the Board of Directors and awarded as follows:

Oldest gentleman present	John A. Walker Little Hocking, Ohio	80 years
Oldest lady present	Mrs. Agnes Cody Herrington Portland, Oregon	79 years
Longest married couple	Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Purdy Cody Hanford, Calif.	50 years
Latest married couple	Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Borland Longview, Wash.	1 year
Oldest person bearing the surname "CODY"	Harvey Purdy Cody Hanford, Calif.	71 years
Person attending from the greatest distance	Dr. Allison K. Walker Little Hocking, Ohio	
Person attending greatest number of annual reunions (Board of Directors debarred)	Mrs. Chester Cody Crouch Columbus, Ohio	10
Youngest boy present	Robert Cody Doolittle Salem, Oregon	20 months
Youngest girl present	Patricia Lee Harrison Albany, Oregon	28 months
Youngest child bearing the surname "CODY"	Donald Sheldon Cody Sheridan, Oregon	6 years
Largest family present (father, mother and children)	Mr. and Mrs. D.H. Tolman Vale, Oregon	8 in family

As in many a former year, Dr. Allison K. Walker of Little Hocking, Ohio, prepared a poem for the reunion and distributed copies of it following the luncheon; we thank Dr. Walker for his worthwhile contribution and his poem will be published in a following bulletin.

After a social hour of happy visiting our families went their various ways and so came the ending of the 21st. Annual Reunion of the Cody Family - truly a grand reunion, and as quoted from a previous poem of Dr. Walker:

"So with handclasps Adieu we'll say
And be starting on our homeward way
Rejoicing and loyal to the Cody band
May we say God bless you and our land"

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