

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

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This bulletin is a condensed report of the 24th. annual convention of the Cody Family Association, held at Jackson, Michigan, July 19th. and 20th. 1952. We regret the delay of two months in publishing this report, due to the pressure of other work and being on our vacation.

Saturday, July 19th. - 1.30 p.m. - registration of members at Calvary Methodist Church in charge of Mrs. Marguerite Stanbery and Miss Beverly Siegfried. Total registration of both days of convention 137 persons, coming from various points in Michigan, Ontario, Minnesota, Iowa, Florida, Ohio, Illinois and Massachusetts. These 137 persons are descendants of the following fifth generation branches - Milla, John 1821, Nathan, Mervin, Katherine, Stephen, Anson, Elijah 1813, Melinda, Sophia 1806, Lyman, Harrison, Julia, Amanda, John Jay, Elson, Philip, Anna, Ansel, Aaron, and Lydia Odell, truly a representative cross-section of our family.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Chester Cody Crouch, followed by the opening prayer by a past president, Alvin Nelson Cody. The President then introduced the members of the Local Committee, Chairman Mrs. Marguerite Stanbery, Mrs. Alvin N. Cody, Mrs. Emily Cody Rauch, Mrs. Nellie Stanbery, Mrs. Harrison Murphy and Mr. George N. Shafer. A hearty welcome to Jackson was extended by the Local Chairman, Mrs. Marguerite Stanbery. Mrs. Blanche C. McClenahan then conducted a most inspiring memorial service in memory of 32 members of our family whose deaths have been reported since our last reunion.

The President then introduced the Secretary-Treasurer and the Assistant Secretary, Ernest William Cody and his wife Ella Jean Cody of London, Ontario, and general business was then handled.

On motions the minutes of the Lake Wales, Florida convention of 1951 were adopted, also the reports of the Secretary-Treasurer and Assistant Secretary.

The report of Miss Lydia Cody, Chairman of the Historical Board, was given by the Secretary; this report showed that definite progress is being made in our genealogy, and we expect a detailed statement of plans and policy will be ready for publication within a few months.

General discussion took place regarding the betterment of our financial position. The importance of payment of annual dues was stressed, also the sale of the 1952 Directory. The Secretary told of the work involved in the preparation of this new Directory and asked for support in its future sales. Comments on the Directory were most favorable.

A motion was carried that the present Board of Directors remain in office for another year.

General discussion took place regarding the 1953 convention and it was decided this would be held in Southern Ontario at a time and place to be later decided by the Southern Ontario cousins and the Board of Directors.

An outstanding event of the afternoon meeting was the introduction of Mrs. Edith Cody Bowerman of Toronto, Ontario, who, in her 90th. year, came alone to the convention. We salute "Aunt Edith"; she puts many of us to shame by her interest and support of our family organization.

6.30 p.m.

A splendid dinner was served by the Crusaders Class of Calvary Church and members of the Youth Fellowship of the church. The dinner party was called to order by the President and the invocation was the singing of our Cody Family hymn "How Firm A Foundation" under the leadership of our Song Master, George N. Shafer. The President then turned the dinner program over to the Mistress of Ceremonies, Mrs. Emily Cody Rauch, our Regional Vice President for this area, who welcomed us to Michigan. At this time a presentation of flowers was made to our Local Chairman of Arrangements, Mrs. Marguerite Stanbery. The program continued with songs led by George N. Shafer, a piano solo by Margie Ann Baker, baton twirling by Janet Siegfried accompanied by Jeanne Stanbery and a short address by a veteran past president, Richard Aldus Cody. We then thoroughly enjoyed a one act play "John's Troubles" by members of the Teen Players of Calvary Church under

the direction of Mrs. Marguerite Stanbery. We also enjoyed moving pictures of Colonel William Frederick Cody (Buffalo Bill) in person, taken in 1913 and 1914, and graciously loaned for the occasion by Mr. Hiram S. Cody of Winston-Salem, N.C. With last minute announcements, the singing of Auld Lang Syne, and the benediction by the Rev. Thomas Pollard, minister of the church, our evening's program came to an end.

A motorcade of cars, under the direction of Mr. Max Stanbery, left the church to view the illumination of Jackson Cascades.

11.00 a.m. Sunday, July 20th. - about eighty members of our family assembled for the regular church service at Calvary Methodist Church and enjoyed the excellent message of the Rev. Thomas Pollard.

1.30 p.m. - Picnic luncheon was served at Cascades Park. The serving of this fine luncheon was in the hands of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rauch and their three sons, Edward, Victor and Ernest; they did a fine job for us.

Competition followed for the souvenir prizes, donated by the Board of Directors, Frederick C. Cody in charge of the awards; no person to receive more than one prize and the Board of Directors and their wives debarred:

Oldest gentleman present	Elbridge N. Siegfried Brooklyn, Michigan	81 years
Oldest lady present	Mrs. Edith Cody Bowerman Toronto, Ontario	89 years
Longest married couple	Mr. & Mrs. Alvah B. Campbell Mason, Michigan	58 years married
Latest married couple	Mr. & Mrs. W.P. Relken Port Huron, Michigan	13 months married
Oldest person bearing the surname "CODY"	Clyde Jay Cody Earlville, Illinois	71 years
Person attending from the greatest distance	Mrs. Albert Amos Barberree St. Paul, Minnesota	800 miles
Person attending the greatest number of reunions	Mrs. Blanche C. McClenehan Toulon, Illinois	Five reunions
Youngest boy present	Ernest Cody Rauch Flint, Michigan	8 years
Youngest girl present	Deborah Kay Brandeberry Toledo, Ohio	9 months
Youngest child bearing the surname "CODY"	Donald Edward Cody Ann Arbor, Michigan	7½ years
Person with birthday nearest July 20th.	Frances Elliott Toronto, Ontario	July 20
Largest family present (father, mother and children)	Mr. & Mrs. W.P. Baker Jackson, Michigan	Six

The imminent threat of rain and spasmodic showers curtailed our Sunday afternoon activities and our breakup and farewells were hurried.

GENERAL NOTES

We cannot adequately express our thanks and appreciation of the work of the Local Committee handling the Jackson convention. They were outstanding in their efforts in our behalf. The following resolution was passed and has been written into our permanent records:

"To Chairman, Mrs. Marguerite Stanbery, Mrs. Alvin N. Cody, Mrs. Emily Cody Rauch, Mrs. Nellie Stanbery, Mrs. Harrison Murphy, Mr. George N. Shafer --

"This is a resolution of sincere and heartfelt thanks to the above Committee in charge of this meeting. We all can see that the plans have been wisely calculated and perfectly carried out. All this requires hard work and sacrifice of time on the part of those faithful workers who have been so devoted to the Cody Family. We deeply appreciate your kind services and request that this resolution be made a permanent part of our Cody Family records".

Submitted by: Frederick Carey Cody  
Richard Aldus Cody

Past Presidents

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The outstanding success of our Jackson convention will have to be the reward of this Committee; we could not repay them for the work they did. As your Secretary-Treasurer, I would like to add a personal word of thanks to this Committee. Prior to the convention I made two trips to Jackson to go over the plans with the Committee. Never did I receive a finer response in interest and enthusiasm, and in personal hospitality. This Committee covered every possible eventuality in their careful planning of arrangements. Through them we would also like to thank the minister and the Board of Management of Calvary Methodist Church for the use of their fine facilities.

During the Sunday activities many pictures (both moving and still) were taken at Cascades Park by our kin-folk, Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Wilcox of Minneapolis. We are very grateful to them for their efforts and we hope later that some of these pictures can be made available to our members.

The table souvenir decorations, and the pennants, posters, signs and stickers around the church and for the cars were the work of the Rauch family. This Local Committee overlooked nothing.

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THE 1952 CODY FAMILY DIRECTORY

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You have now had a few months to study your new Directory. We have received many favorable comments on it and few criticisms. How do you like it? Do you like it well enough to try and place a few more copies in your group? We have an ample stock on hand, and remember, we must sell at least 100 more books before we are out of the red in our printing costs. To those who have not yet subscribed, we invite your orders as quickly as possible. The price is three dollars per copy. Christmas is approaching and this book would make an ideal gift to some one in your group. So do support the sale of this book in every way you can. We must get it paid for in its entirety and at the same time try to build up a little reserve in our funds.

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