

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

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A VERY GENERAL BULLETIN CONCERNING MANY SUBJECTS

This bulletin is going to be something like the story of the tail behind the horse; we are away behind, and yet we hope that you will be behind us in the messages we have to tell you. Our Cody Family work has gone behind terribly; will you bear with us, and help us to overcome the many obstacles that have beset our path in the months that have passed?

Due to the pressure of our every day life, the many tasks that have confronted us, and the general lack of support, we have of necessity had to delay our reports to the family at large. We are sorry about this; we hope to do better in the future, and we hope too that you have missed us.

First of all, we wish to tell you something of the delightful and very successful reunion of our family held at Cody, Wyoming on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 2, 3 and 4 last year.

Friday, July 2, 1954 - registration commenced at the Parish Hall, Christ Episcopal Church; registration in charge of Joe Hufford and Helen Cody Allan; total registration for the three days was 109 persons, coming from various points in Wyoming, Ontario, California, Idaho, Saskatchewan, Kansas, Nebraska, Oregon, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Utah, Ohio, Virginia, New Jersey, Alberta, Nevada, Montana, North Carolina, Michigan, New Mexico, New York and Iowa. These 109 members of our family are descendants of the following fifth generation branches: Elijah, Isaac, Charles, David, John, Samuel, Milla, Nathan, Melinda, Lyman, Anson, Ansel, Stephen, Thomas, Achsah, Milo, Darius, Hiram, Rhodolphus, Katherine, Amanda and James.

At 7.00 p.m. Friday we were guests of the Buffalo Bill Memorial Association at a most delightful buffet supper at the Park County Country Club. Some sixty of our family attended this most pleasant event; we are indeed grateful to Mr. Ernest Goppert, our good friend of many years standing for his part in this happy arrangement.

Following the dinner, many of our people made an evening tour of the Buffalo Bill Museum; many for the first time had the joy of meeting Cousin Mary Jester Allen, and her daughter, Helen Cody Allan. This was really an intimate tour of the Museum, in fact, a family affair with members of the family as our guides; perhaps one of the very happiest events of this fine convention.

Saturday, July 3, 1954 - at 9.00 a.m. our business meeting commenced at the Christ Church Parish Hall. We were welcomed by our President, Chester Cody Crouch of Columbus, Ohio. The opening prayer was given by the Rev. George J. Hindley of Palo, Sask. followed by the introduction of the Local Committee - Mrs. Mary Jester Allen, Miss Helen Cody Allan and Mrs. Finley Goodman. The President then introduced the Secretary-Treasurer, Ernest William Cody of London, Ontario and the business meeting then followed:

On motions the minutes of the London, Ontario convention of 1953 were adopted, also the reports of the Secretary-Treasurer and the Assistant Secretary.

The report of the Chairman of the Historical Board, Miss Lydia S. Cody of Cleveland, was presented by the Secretary and most favorably received. Please see later in this bulletin for the latest developments in that department.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented his plea for relief from his duties after some 25 years of service; he promised to remain in office until a suitable successor was located. May we have applications now from anyone who would volunteer to take over this duty?

General discussion took place regarding the convention for 1955 and it was decided that this event be held in the State of Illinois. It was suggested that Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schmidt of Earlville, Illinois be asked to look into the matter.

On the motion of Mrs. Blanche McClenahan, seconded by Theron Staples Cody, the following Board of Directors were nominated to hold office from January 1st. 1955 for a period of one year - carried :



THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Honorary President	Chester Cody Crouch	Columbus, Ohio
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South Western U.S.	Theron Staples Cody	Compton, Calif.
Eastern Canada	Miss Dorothy Grant	Toronto, Ontario
Western Canada	Mrs. Edith Cody Dallaire	Red Deer, Alberta
Province of Ontario	William Benjamin Clipperton	London, Ontario

Following the adjournment of the meeting at 11.15 a.m. several members of the family were guests of the Stampede Committee and rode in the stage coach in the Stampede Parade from the Museum east on Sheridan Ave. to the Stampede Grounds. During the Stampede performance our visiting cousins were introduced over the P.A. system. We did enjoy this interesting and colorful afternoon.

6.00 p.m. - Our evening dinner party was held at the Cody Auditorium, about 90 cousins in attendance, with Hiram S. Cody as Master of Ceremonies. A most delightful party, and the highlight of the dinner was the report of our Secretary-Treasurer, Ernest William Cody of his conclusive findings of the origin of our family in the Island of Jersey, and the subsequent migration of our Philip from Jersey to America. A detailed and printed report of this Jersey matter will constitute our next bulletin, within a month or so. A motion was made by Chester Cody Crouch, seconded by Joe Hufford that the Secretary's report of the Jersey matter be accepted and that its findings be approved, unanimously carried.

A standing vote of thanks was tendered to Mrs. Mary Jester Allen and her daughter, Miss Helen Cody Allan, and the Local Committee, for their intense effort in planning the convention and for the many courtesies extended to us.

Following the dinner party many of our members proceeded to "Wolfville" and other side lights of the Stampede and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It has been stated that even the President and the Secretary-Treasurer were dancing the light fantastic at "Wolfville" long past the orthodox closing time - more power to them, they don't have much fun.

Sunday, July 4, 11.00 a.m. - Many of us attended the morning service at Christ Episcopal Church. The Rev. C.A. Hopper gave us a most inspiring message.

Following the church service we motored up the Cody Road, some 30 miles to the Wapiti Picnic Grounds, where our luncheon was held, and we had the pleasure of meeting Fred Garlow, grandson of Colonel William Frederick Cody. A delightful afternoon, and a fitting closing to a very happy and successful family gathering.

AFTERTHOUGHTS OF THE CONVENTION AT CODY, WYOMING

There were a number of our cousins who booked reservations for rooms, meals, etc. at Cody, who did not show up and did not wire or write making cancellations. The result was that we had to pay for these delinquents, quite a number in fact, and a considerable deficit had to be made up. This is most unfortunate, to say the least, and we hope it will not again occur. Those who failed to live up to their obligations might care to write to the Secretary?

A VERY SPECIAL MESSAGE TO EVERYONE

At our London, Ontario convention of 1953, the Chairman of our Historical Board, Miss Lydia S. Cody, announced her plan for the publication of our family genealogy.

Over the past few months you have received from her a progress



report of her efforts. Our Cody Family genealogy is nearing completion due to her efforts and the support that has been accorded her.

Our latest advice from Miss Lydia Cody is that the genealogy will be ready for distribution within the next two months. The pre-publication price of this book is eight dollars, after publication the cost will be ten dollars. Many factors have entered into this. Miss Cody is entirely financing the cost of the book personally; she has done the tremendous job of assembling the material, the editing of it, and the final preparation of the manuscript. It is her entire responsibility and we should support her to the best of our efforts in subscribing to this volume of the story of our family history in America. You will enjoy owning this book with its historical and biographical notations concerning your Cody ancestry and near kin; several pictures have been contributed. Subscribe now and make sure of your copy.

Please address all correspondence concerning this book to Miss Lydia Cody, 1808 Radnor Road, Cleveland Heights, 18, Ohio.

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ANNUAL DUES BULLETIN

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1. Election of Officers - Feb. 26th. of each year is Election Day in our family. On that day (birthday of our kinsman, Colonel William F. Cody, Buffalo Bill) our Board of Directors, nominated at Cody, Wyoming, are declared elected for one year. We ask your support of this Board.

2. Annual Dues - the annual dues of the Cody Family Association are now payable for 1955. There are three types of annual dues:

- a. Individual membership of one dollar.
- b. Family membership, covering husband and wife and minor children two dollars.
- c. Sponsor membership of five dollars - this membership is the opportunity for those who would care to contribute more than regular dues.

I am not going to dwell very much on the question of annual dues, because I hope that before long someone else has that particular headache to look after. For nearly thirty years I have served you as best I could, devoting all my spare time, and much of my working time to this organization. If ever I am prevailed upon to carry on the job we must do better in the way of annual dues. From my own pocket I have spent an average of two or three hundred dollars a year all these years to keep this association functioning. This should not be - should it? We cannot long continue if this very unhealthy condition persists. There are three classes of due payers:

- 1. The always reliable ones, who never fail; we know them so well and appreciate so much their consistent support; they are the very backbone of our family.
- 2. The occasional ones - the now and then ones, good well intentioned folks, but neglectful; we would like to move them up in the front row?
- 3. The ones who never pay their dues, and there are several hundred of them; they have been on the mailing list for years; we know them, and this year there seems to be but one alternative - that is - just cut them off the mailing list unless they show some interest.

That is all we will say about dues. Let your conscience be your guide.

3. 1955 Reunion - We feel very confident this affair will be held in the State of Illinois. How many remember that delightful reunion we had at Harding and Starved Rock, Illinois in 1940? How many remember Cousin Ethel Cody (now Mrs. Paul Schmidt)? We have all met so many of those fine Illinois Cody families in that locality. Well, perhaps, we may meet again there in the summer of 1955. We will keep you posted about it in due course.

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