

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

Published by Ernest William Cody
Secretary-Treasurer, 187 Forest Hill Ave.
Kensall Park P.O. London, Ontario

Bulletin No. 90
February 20, 1956

This is our first bulletin since No. 89 of June 23, 1955, which told you of the final plans for the reunion at Harding, Illinois last summer. Quite a lapse of time, and we are sorry for the long delay; many things have caused it. Our Cody Family work has gone much behind, due to the pressure of our every day life, the general lack of interest that has been displayed, and the lack of funds to carry on.

We have arrived at a point now that we believe we can do better; we would like if possible to publish a bulletin every month or so, and if proper support is accorded us we can do that.

Firstly, we want to tell you something of the very fine convention held at Harding, Illinois, Aug. 13 and 14 last.:

Saturday, August 13

Registration commenced at 1.00 p.m. at the Harding Community Hall in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard A. Cody, total registration for the two days was 107 persons, coming from various points in Illinois, Iowa, North Carolina, Florida, Ontario, Michigan, California, Nevada, Minnesota and Ohio. These 107 persons are descendants of the following fifth generation branches: Rhodolphus, Martha, Lyman, Hiram, Philip, Melinda, Elijah, Nathan, John Jay, Thomas, John, Achsah, Milla, Amanda, Mervin, Anson and Katherine.

Our business meeting commenced at 2.00 p.m. with the Vice President, Hiram S. Cody presiding. The opening prayer was given by Mrs. Ethel Cody Schmidt, followed by the introduction of the Local Committee, Chairmen Mr. and Mrs. Frederic F. Cody, Mr. and Mrs. Maynard A. Cody, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde J. Cody, Mr. and Mrs. T. Earl Mosey, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Fay Cody, Mr. and Mrs. Bayard Cody, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Cody and Mr. Neil Cody. The Chairman of the Local Committee and Regional Vice President Frederic F. Cody welcomed us to Harding and Illinois.

The Vice President then introduced the Secretary-Treasurer, Ernest William Cody, who took over the routine matters of the business meeting:

The minutes of the 1954 convention at Cody, Wyoming were adopted on motion of Aldus M. Cody and Neil Cody.

The Secretary/Treasurer's report showed that for the year July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955 annual dues received amounted to \$335.00, plus \$99.00 from the sale of directories, expenses amounting to \$406.00, leaving a balance on hand of \$26.81; this report approved on motion of Clyde J. Cody and Frederic F. Cody.

The report of the Chairman of the Historical Board, Miss Lydia S. Cody was presented jointly by the Secretary-Treasurer and Aldus M. Cody. The publication of the Cody Family Genealogy has come to pass through the personal efforts of Miss Lydia Cody and her sister, Miss Grace B. Cody. The cost of this book has been personally taken care of by the above, and we urge the support of our family in the purchase of this most valuable work at the price of ten dollars per copy. We are sure you will not be disappointed in your investment in this 257 page book, which is the story of our family in America. All inquiries and remittances concerning this book should be made to Miss Lydia S. Cody, 1808 Radnor Road, Cleveland Heights, 18, Ohio. A standing vote of thanks to Miss Lydia Cody was moved by Joe Hufford and Chester Cody Crouch.

The report of the Chairman of the Memorial Board, Mrs. Mary Jester Allen, was presented by Joe Hufford and Hiram S. Cody. The uppermost thought in our minds was our congratulations to Cousins Mary and Helen Allen of the grant to the Museum of \$250,000 by the Whitney Trust of New York for further development of the projects at Cody, Wyoming. Our Cody Family Association has a tremendous interest in the Buffalo Bill Museum at Cody, and we are invited to furnish the old boyhood home of Colonel Cody, now on the Museum grounds, with suitable relics and furnishings. Anything you have suitable for the furnishing of this historic house will be gratefully received by Mrs. Allen; pack well and ship to Mrs. Mary Jester Allen, Buffalo Bill Museum, Cody, Wyoming.

On motion of Joe Hufford and Neil Cody, the present Board of Directors were nominated to hold office for another year.

General discussion took place concerning our reunion for 1956. The suggestion was made that this event be held in either Ohio or New York State, and on motion of Chester Cody Crouch and Neil Cody the Secretary was requested to explore the possibilities of either state for this convention, and invite offers for a Local Committee to handle the arrangements.

General discussion then took place on the matter of interesting our young people in our Association, and the thought was advanced that at some time we might be able to set up some sort of a scholarship fund for general competition. It was moved by Fred C. Cody and Aldus M. Cody that this matter be laid over for further study and recommendation at the next convention.

Adjournment at 4.30 p.m.

Saturday, 6.30 p.m.

Dinner was served by the ladies of the Harding Community Benefit Club in the Community Hall. Past President Fred C. Cody was Master of Ceremonies, and the invocation was given by Past President Chester Cody Crouch. Toasts were proposed to the United States and Canadian cousins, and a delightful dinner served. Following the dinner we enjoyed the singing of the Cody Quartet, the Misses Phyllis, Ruth Ann, Nancy and Janice Cody, also the solos of Mrs. Muriel Wilcox, accompanied by Miss Phyllis Cody, and finally the most interesting movies by Chester Wilcox of scenes and people of previous reunions at Jackson, Mich., London, Ont. and Cody, Wyoming.

Sunday, 11.00 a.m. Aug. 14

Some seventy members of the family gathered for morning divine service at Harding Methodist Church, the ancestral church of many generations of our family group in this community. We enjoyed the inspiring message of the Rev. Ralph E. Beets.

At 1.30 p.m. buffet luncheon was served at the Harding Community Hall, with the Rev. Ralph Beets giving the invocation. Following the luncheon, the Master of Ceremonies, Fred C. Cody handled the competition for the numerous souvenir prizes. A most happy afternoon was enjoyed with farewells taking place about 4.30 p.m.

Space will not permit us to tell you every detail of this highly successful convention at Harding. But it was just one of the very best ever, thanks to the splendid work and planning of the Local Committee. They overlooked nothing, and we cannot thank them adequately for their effort, their courtesy, their hospitality, and the countless things they did to make our reunion the success it was and our visit to Harding unforgettable.

ANNUAL DUES BULLETIN

Bulletin No. 91
February 28, 1956

1. Election of Officers

February 26th. of each year is Election Day in our family. On that day (birthday of our kinsman, Colonel William Frederick Cody, Buffalo Bill) our Board of Directors, nominated at Harding, Illinois, 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 1956. There are three types of annual dues:

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

The matter of annual dues is and always has been a perplexing headache and constant worry to those who over the years have worked so hard to keep this family organization alive. It is most discouraging to think that from a membership of a thousand families we receive barely three to four hundred dollars in annual dues. There is an end to all things and if there cannot be a vast improvement in our dues then I fear there is but one alternative - to give up.

This year could we not have a period of renewed interest, the urge to join more fully in this family circle, to make it stronger, to add refreshing encouragement to those carrying the burdens? Then let us all say "I am a member of this family, I am proud of my heritage, and I am at once paying my annual dues." This is all we will say now about dues; let your good works in this matter be our encouragement to carry on.

3. 1956 Reunion

At our Harding, Illinois convention, New York State and Ohio were both suggested. We have numerous families in both states. No reunion has been held in New York State since 1935 at Oneida; our last Ohio gathering was at Zanesville in 1947. We now invite suggestions from New York and Ohio cousins for our 1956 convention. May we have volunteers now to form a Local Committee of Arrangements?

WILLIAM FREDERICK CODY
1033 Gayley Ave.
Los Angeles, 24, Calif.
PRESIDENT

HIRAM SEDGWICK CODY
1821 Meadpwbrook Drive
Winston-Salem, N.C.
VICE PRESIDENT

ERNEST WILLIAM CODY
187 Forest Hill Ave.
London, Ontario
SECRETARY-TREASURER