

Ohio Circle Beckons 1983 Reunion

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Florida Buffalo Bill Day Kissimmee, Feb. 26-27

Plans for the annual Buffalo Bill Day reunion of the Florida Circle of the International Cody Family Association have been announced by President Philip LeCody Larson. The meeting will be held February 26-27 at Kissimmee, with headquarters in Larson's Lodge at Kissimmee.

Kissimmee is located at the gateway to Walt Disney World and the brand new billion-dollar EPCOT is expected to attract members of the clan from throughout the state as well as those from out-of-state who may be vacationing in Florida.

The program includes an informal get-together on Friday evening at the home of Aldus and Dorothy Cody, 215 South Vernon Avenue, sightseeing on Saturday morning, the annual banquet Saturday night, and a buffet luncheon and business meeting after church on Sunday.

EPCOT consists of two entities, Future World and World Showcase. Both are included in one admission charge but each would require a minimum of one day.

In addition, Circus World and Sea World are full-day attractions in their own right for those who have the time. "And most of us are familiar with the Magic Kingdom which is a mostly fun thing," which can occupy a couple of days by itself, according to Host Aldus.

Rooms at the headquarters hotel are available at a very special rate of \$29 double, but must be reserved in advance. Meals except for the family banquet (\$10.00) and the Sunday buffet (\$3.50) will be "on your own". The hotel reservations should be sent directly to Gladys Williamson, Larson's Lodge, 2009 West US Hwy 192, Kissimmee FL 32741.

Reservations for the banquet and buffet lunch should be sent directly to Aldus Cody, Post Office Box 2028, Kissimmee FL 32741. Or you may call him in Florida using 1-800-432-9192.



THERALD EDWARD CODY

Therald E. Cody, Family President, Dies in Miami

Therald Edward Cody, president of the International Cody Family Association Inc., died September 11, 1982, at the Veterans Medical Center in Miami FL after a long battle against cancer. He was buried at Beverly OH, near his home in Watertown.

He was born at Beverly 18 Nov 1909, a son of William Frederick Cody and Ida Leora Rose who moved to Waterford where he graduated from high school in the class of 1928.

He served in the U. S. Marine Corps for eight years. On August 12, 1939 he married Nerina Luque and for many years they lived in Cuba, later moving after his retirement to Watertown OH.

Therald was elected president of the International Cody Family Association in 1979, succeeding James Harvey Cody of

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Marietta Scene For August 5-7 Biennial Meeting

The Ohio Circle of the International Cody Family Association has extended an invitation to hold the 1983 biennial international convention at Marietta OH on August 5, 6 and 7.

The Holiday Inn at Marietta will be headquarters for the meeting, and John F. Cody heads the committee for local arrangements.

The program provides for registration of visitors from 2 to 5 p.m. on Friday afternoon. A registration fee of \$3.00 is requested.

Saturday will include tours of places of interest in the area, including Fenton Art Glass at Williamstown WV, the Marietta Museum, and the ship, W. P. Snyder. A banquet and business meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn. \$12 per person should be sent to Sandy Schwenn at 28 Poplar, Newark OH 43055 "between June 1 and July 1."

The program on Sunday includes worship at the church of your choice, followed by the annual family picnic with the Ohio Codys at the Ohio fairgrounds at Barlow.

Motel rates at the Holiday Inn (Rt. 7E just off 177 in Marietta (614/374-9660) are \$33 single, \$38 double, \$43 triple, and \$48 quad, subject to 10 percent city and state tax.

Alternate facilities are at Briar Gate Inn (614) 374-8481 \$23.00 and \$27.50; Knights Inn (614) 373-7373 \$23.00 and \$28.50; and Days Inn (304) 375-3730, \$19.88 and \$24.88.

Camping areas are located off Rt. 7 West on 550, south of Barlow 1 mile on 339, and at Mount Wood WV, south of Marietta, 14 miles east on Route 50.

"I am hoping that a lot of our Canadian friends will come as it's only a day drive for them," comments Past President James Harvey Cody of Canton.

Winnie Bowman Williams Welcomes All to Ohio

"We had a nice time at the 1982 reunion of the Ohio Circle," writes Winnie Bowman Williams. "We are looking forward to having the International Convention at Barlow in 1983."

She added she was real proud of her new great grandson, Cody Clinton Williams.

"We are here to honor the memory of William F. Cody, the Great Scout," she said in her closing remarks at the 1982 meeting. "As we part let the light of Thy consciousness shine upon us and lead us in Thy way for life everlasting, for Thy name's sake. Amen."



Members of the Ohio Circle line up for a picture during their 1982 reunion.

Contacts with Noted People Hobby of Late Hiram Cody

As a personal hobby the late Hiram S. Cody of Winston-Salem compiled a list of what he called "Cody Contacts" or instances of contact between a member of our family and a prominent person or event.

"We are wealthy in our friendships," he once wrote to Ernest William Cody, then secretary of the family organization, asking that a historian be appointed from each branch of the family to pursue the documentation of "Cody Contacts with Leaders."

As an example he wrote that Roger Sherman, 1721-1793, great great uncle of Harriet Collins Cody, "was the only man who signed all of the following documents, Articles of Association, Agreement of Secrecy, Report of the Committee of 5, the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the United States Constitution itself."

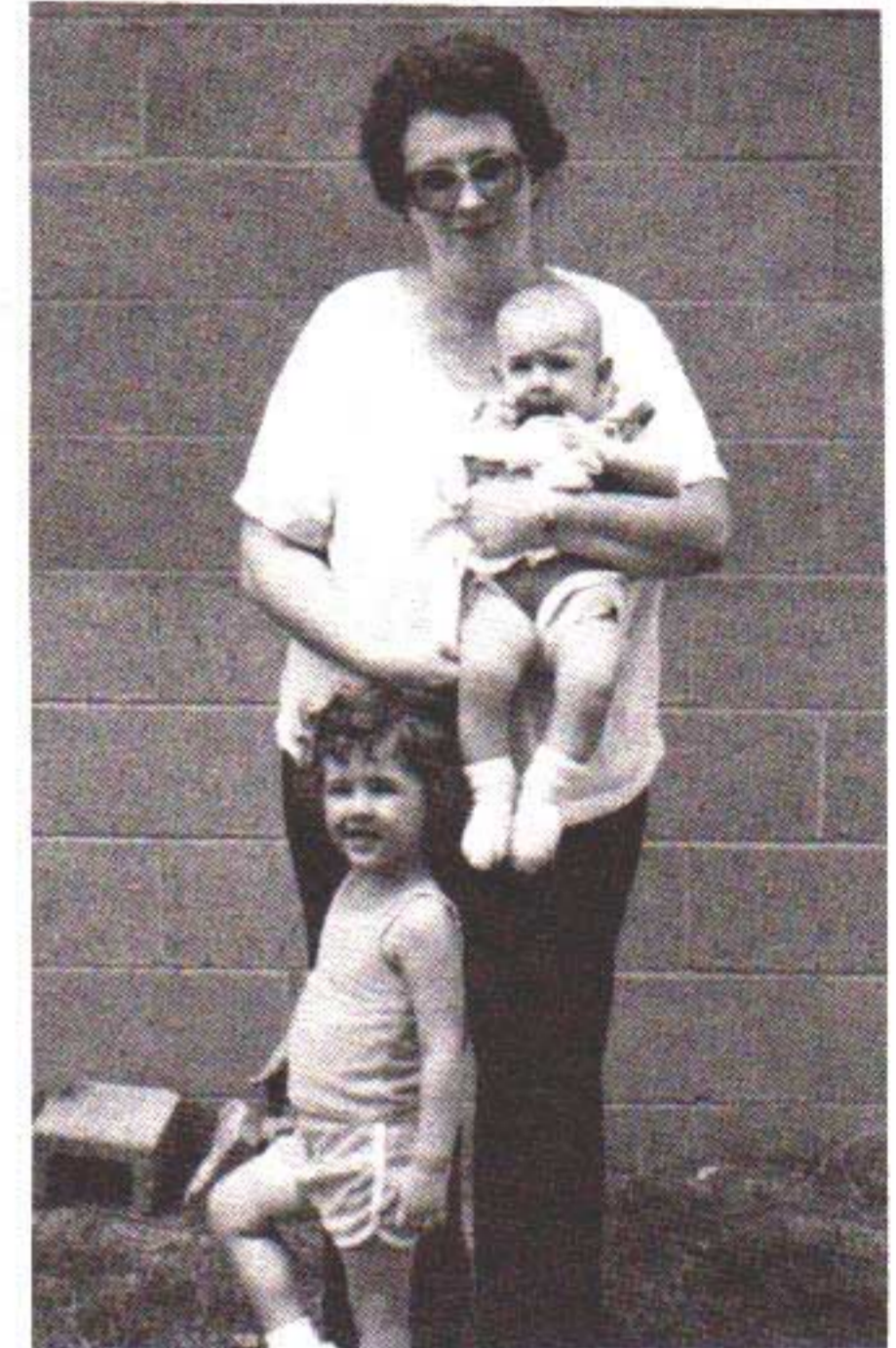
His compilation at that time (1960) had established 121 classifications with 361 entries.

Secretary Needs Help, Thinks Emily Rauch

After writing several hundred letters in an effort to get signatures for scrapbooks presented at Portland to Secretary Aldus Cody and Archivist Chester Wilcox, Emily Cody Rauch of Flint MI and Largo FL thinks the family secretary needs help.

"I see a need for someone to answer letters written by those who are elderly, discouraged and lonely," Emily states. "One man phoned me from Western Canada, said he had already sent in his signature, could find no other Codys nearby and just wanted to 'hear the voice of another Cody.' I tried to answer personally the letters reporting severe illnesses, deaths, loneliness and discouragement, until signatures began coming in at the rate of 30 to 50 envelopes per day, when the deadline was approaching.

"That's why it took me so long to compile these scrapbooks. My heart went out to so many people. Also there are young Codys with growing families who 'wish' as my father did, they could afford to go to a Cody convention, when it is held near them."



Recognized at the 1982 Ohio reunion were Sue Williams and her children, Heather Sue and Cody Clinton.

"Received the copy of the proof you sent me and found a couple of mistakes plus a lot of information missing. I am in the process of gathering the info and will forward as soon as possible."—R. MILLER.

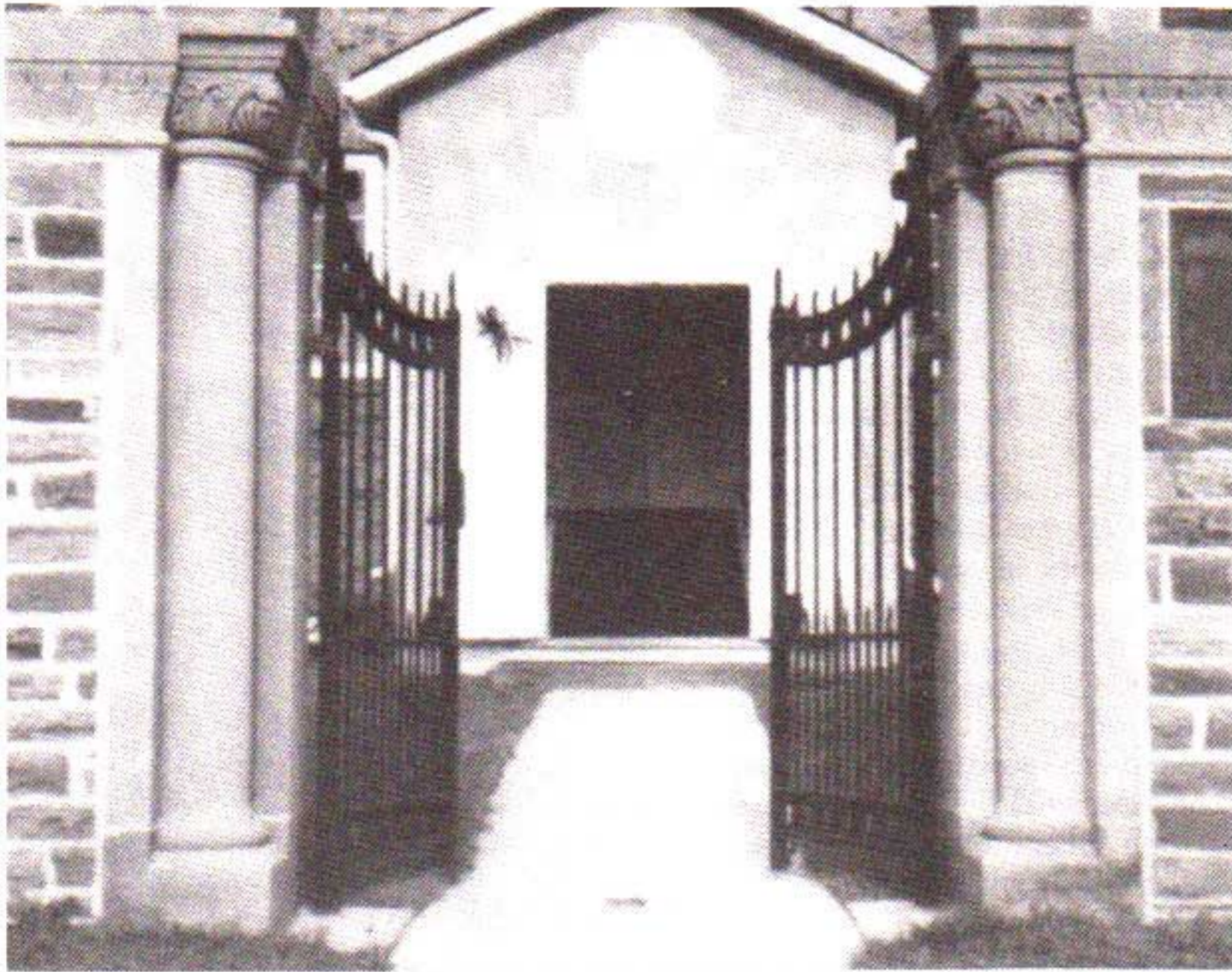


Philip LeCody Larson (left), elected president of the Florida Circle at Pinellas Park last March, is shown with his wife, Sally, and daughter Kathy.

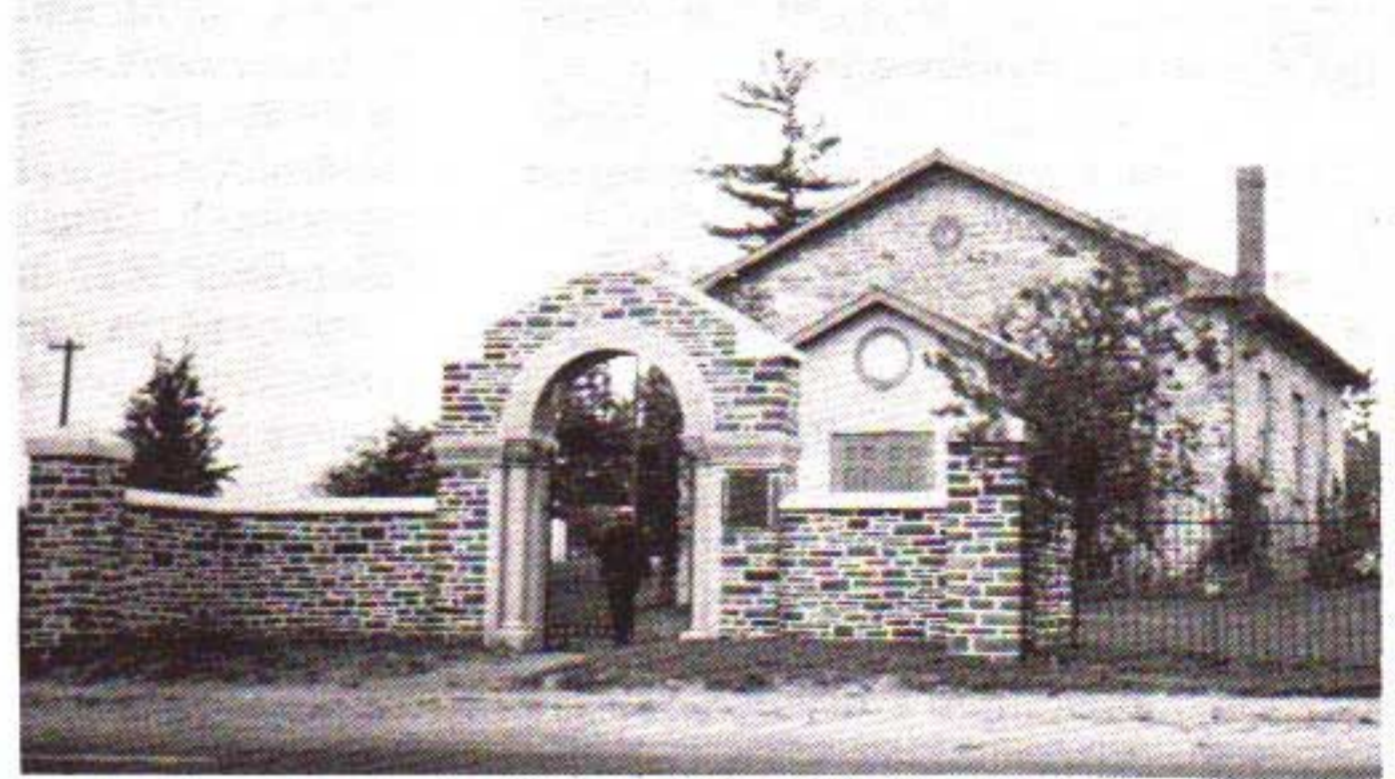
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Historic Dixie Union chapel, built on property originally owned by Philip Cody 1770-1850, has been restored and these pictures were taken at its rededication ceremony October 11, 1981. The entrance gates and memorial stone arch (left) were erected by Sir William Gage in 1933 in memory of his parents. At right is exterior and entrance to stone church built in 1837 to replace two earlier log structures, as restored.



500 people were present as Queen Elizabeth's emissary, John Black Aird and Mrs. Aird, accompanied by his aide, Colonel Hardie, are greeted by trustees of Dixie Union chapel. One of the original pews has been found and eventually will be copied to replace the folding chairs now inside the chapel.

Philip Cody's Old Church Restored at Mississauga

Mississauga, Ontario, is a modern name for old Toronto Township and the community of Dixie and in meeting the needs of Canada's fastest-growing city (400,000 people) ways have been found to restore an old chapel that resides on land once owned by Philip Cody: "Lot II N.D.S., Dundas Street coming from Lundy's Lane," now identified as Cawthra Road and Dundas Street.

Philip Cody helped build a log structure to get the congregation out of his tavern across the road, and Joseph Silverthorn, whose mother was a Custead, was instrumental in building the stone chapel which succeeded it.

Unveiling of a historical plaque erected by the Ontario Heritage Foundation and the provincial Ministry of Culture and Recreation was on October 11, 1981.

The original (1805) wooden chapel, and the stone chapel (1836) which succeeded it, were non-denominational, and the property is considered a rare surviving example of an early church in which several Protestant denominations worshipped. Regular services were held from 1837 onwards including Anglican, Methodist, and Presbyterian congregations at different hours of the day. The various parishes which have evolved from congregations which worshipped at the Dixie Union chapel were represented in the ceremony.

William Allison Pinkney, trustee, has asked for a picture of Philip Cody⁴ (55) which could be framed for hanging in the church.



Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion officially welcomes the visitors and congregation supported (from right) by Emissary William Aird, Trustee William Pinkney, program chairman, and Mrs. John C. Pallett, trustee. A Cody plaque on the rear wall to the right of the old twin panelled pine doors was saved from the original timbered church that Philip Cody helped build to get the growing congregation out of his tavern.



B B 'Greatest Public Figure'—Rahn

Dunedin Man Is Speaker at 1982 Florida Meeting

Orlo J. Rahn of Dunedin drew on his experience with former associates in the Wild West show to describe Col. William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody as "the greatest public figure in history," at the annual banquet of the Florida Circle March 6, 1982.

"He was known the world over, the subject of a thousand novels," Rahn said. "He gave 30 years of service to the amusement industry of America."

A member of Circus Fans of America, Rahn has built a 2000-piece scale replica of the Buffalo Bill show which goes on a 16x18 foot table and takes eight hours to erect.

Rahn said Cody toured 12 countries, went to Europe 5 times. "But his generosity was too much for him" and his later years were sad as Tammens and Bonfils used him and swindled him.

At the Columbian Exposition in Chicago, the Buffalo Bill show set up for two weeks opposite the Exposition, but drew such crowds that it stayed the whole season, taking in more than the exposition midway, Rahn declared.

"Pawnee Bill and Buffalo Bill, both broke, merged into the 'Two Bills Show' with Bonfils and Tammen to the rescue, Rahn continued. "Otto Floto was a sports-writer, Bonfils and Tammen started a dog and pony show, hired a distant relative of Sells to make it 'Sells Floto'. The Two Bills show was attached in Denver for \$60,000 in 1913, Buffalo Bill was hired as part of the deal, but in 1915-16 he left Sells Floto and joined Miller Brothers 101 Ranch," Rahn stated. "Buffalo Bill died at the home



Orlo J. Rahn of Dunedin spoke on the show business career of Buffalo Bill Cody at the 1982 reunion of the Florida Circle at St. Petersburg in March. The family dinner was held at Trader Frank's.

of his sister November 10, 1917 at the age of 72."

Those registered for the 1982 Florida meeting include Virgil and Marion Hendricks of LaGrange Park IL and St. Petersburg, Charles and Emily Rauch of Flint MI and Largo, Charles and Carmen Murray of Gainesville, Helen Wilson of Bellair Bluffs FL, Barbara and Manley Slingersmith of Niagara Falls Ont., Priscilla and Stanley Cody of Attleboro MA, Chester and Muriel Wilcox, hosts, Effie M. Cody of Niagara Falls, and Murray and Carol Wilson of Campbellville Ont.

Charlotte Barbaree of St. Paul MN, Reva McDonald of Woodstock Ont., Lucy Mae Knox of Zephyrhills FL, Phil and Sally Larson of Gainesville, Rosemary and Tom Edwards of Bellair Beach, Carolyn R. Lifshy and Billie Fleek of St. Petersburg, Aldus and Dorothy Cody of Kissimmee and Therald and Nerina Cody of Hialeah Gardens FL.

The 1982 meeting was held in St. Petersburg March 7 at the Pinellas Park home of Muriel Barberree Wilcox with Emily Rauch, president presiding.

A report by Treasurer Carmen Murray reported income and expenses and a balance of \$127.04. A motion by Mrs. Wilcox led to combining the office of secretary-treasurer and a motion was offered by Philip Larson that by-laws be developed for the organization. President Rauch stated that Al Cody, Muriel Wilcox and Rosemary Edwards had been appointed as a committee for that purpose.

Chester Wilcox as chairman of the nominating committee offered a slate which duly elected the following: Philip Larson, president, Nerina Cody, vice president, and Muriel Wilcox, secretary-treasurer.

The need for organization contacts in each area of the state was emphasized and it was felt that invitations for the annual meeting should be sent 30 days ahead of the event.

Effie Cody of Niagara Falls was oldest present, Kathy McHenry the youngest, Charlotte Barberree of St. Paul came the greatest distance, Carmen Murray had the largest family (5) present.

Therald Cody offered the motion for adjournment.

"My parents celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in October; Evon started his 28th year in county government January 1. (1982)"—MARIE AND EVON CODY, Hanford CA.

"The Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody WY confirmed that Julia Cody married James Goodman, my great-great uncle. Can you supply the parents of James Goodman?"—PAMELA MELDRUM, Algonac MI.



Chester Wilcox, publicity chairman of the Florida Circle and archivist for the International association, is shown as he appeared in a newspaper article concerning the 1982 Florida Circle reunion, a few weeks before his death in April. With him is his widow, Muriel Barberree Wilcox, secretary-treasurer of the Florida Circle.

Chester Wilcox, Family Archivist, Dies At 78

Chester M. Wilcox of Pinellas Park FL, whose motion pictures of the Cody Family international conventions formed a unique archival record of the family for more than twenty years, died April 25, 1982, at St. Anthony's Hospital in St. Petersburg. He was 78 and had been ill for some time.

His widow, the former Muriel Barberree (128/1242) was elected secretary-treasurer of the Florida Circle only a few weeks before.

The Wilcoxes moved from Minneapolis in 1956 and operated Wilcox Manufacturing Company for several years before opening the present business, Wilcox Cool Heat Solar in Clearwater. He held several patents in the field of cooling and heating.

He began his career in the mid-20s as an engineer in general construction and joined the quartermaster general's office of the War Department in the late 1930s as a mechanical engineer. In 1941 he was transferred to the War Production Board as chief of the plumbing section; later under Nelson Rockefeller, director of Inter-American Affairs he was assigned to Brazil as chief mechanical engineer for the Amazon project. It was while he supervised the building of a hospital in the Amazon Jungle that many of his heating-cooling innovations were perfected.

B B Was a Master at Image-Making

Changed Public Opinion About American Indian

Television may have ushered in the golden age of imagemaking, but some early American showmen also knew a trick or two. Consider the case of William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody.

With nothing more than an outdoor show and a few thousand posters, this turn-of-the-century impresario changed the way Americans thought about Indians.

By the late 1880s, when Buffalo Bill organized his Wild West and Congress of Rough Riders shows, most Americans had to rely on paintings and drawings for their idea of how Indians looked and lived. Besides fine arts, primary sources of these pictures, says Phyllis Rogers, a visiting lecturer in anthropology at the University of California, Los Angeles, were the dime novels that became popular after 1860.

Buffalo Bill changed all that.

His shows, which toured for 34 years and were unquestionably the most popular form of outdoor entertainment in the world, presented Plains Indians in authentic enactments of Indian life. Indian participants wore authentic costumes, rode Indian horses, and were portrayed on posters in accurate detail. For an extra five cents, showgoers were admitted to the "back yard" where the Indians lived in traditional dwellings according to tribal custom.

Cody spent as much as \$100,000 a year on advertising at a time when 30x40-inch posters cost a penny each. He used the best lithography houses and his graphics were superb. The Indians portrayed on the Wild West posters were from a number of Plains tribes generally described as the Sioux. They were shown in dynamic and usually positive roles—unlike the formal, passive portraits of the fine artists or the threatening, inaccurate portrayals of Algonquins and Apaches on the early dime novels.

"We have no way of knowing how many people saw the millions of posters Buffalo Bill had pasted on the buildings and fences of the towns he played," Rogers writes in a pamphlet published by the UCLA Museum of Cultural History.

The lecturer does

knows that about fifty million persons actually saw the Wild West shows and that their popularity has been credited with, among other feats, establishing the short-lived Pony Express in American folklore, popularizing *The Star Spangled Banner*, later to become the national anthem, and giving some measure of respectability to the cowboy, who by 1881 had followed into such disrepute as to be denounced by President Chester A. Arthur as a "deterrent to civilization."

We are grateful to Dallas Gray for passing along this release from UCLA, and to its writer, Carole Magnuson. The exhibit by Ms. Rogers closed April 12, 1981.

Cody also coined the term "American Indian," Rogers says. "He was a great friend of the Indian and was devoted to preserving the Indian way of life. Unfortunately for him, a group of intellectuals which became known as the Indian Reform movement had other ideas. They wanted to assimilate the Indian into the general culture. The Indian Reformers wrote the textbooks that depict Buffalo Bill as a villain and an enemy of the Indian."

Rogers described Cody as "a man obsessed with the American frontier." He grew up in Nebraska, where one of his first jobs was to supply meat to the railroad crews in this area—hence the nickname Buffalo Bill. At 15 he signed on as a rider

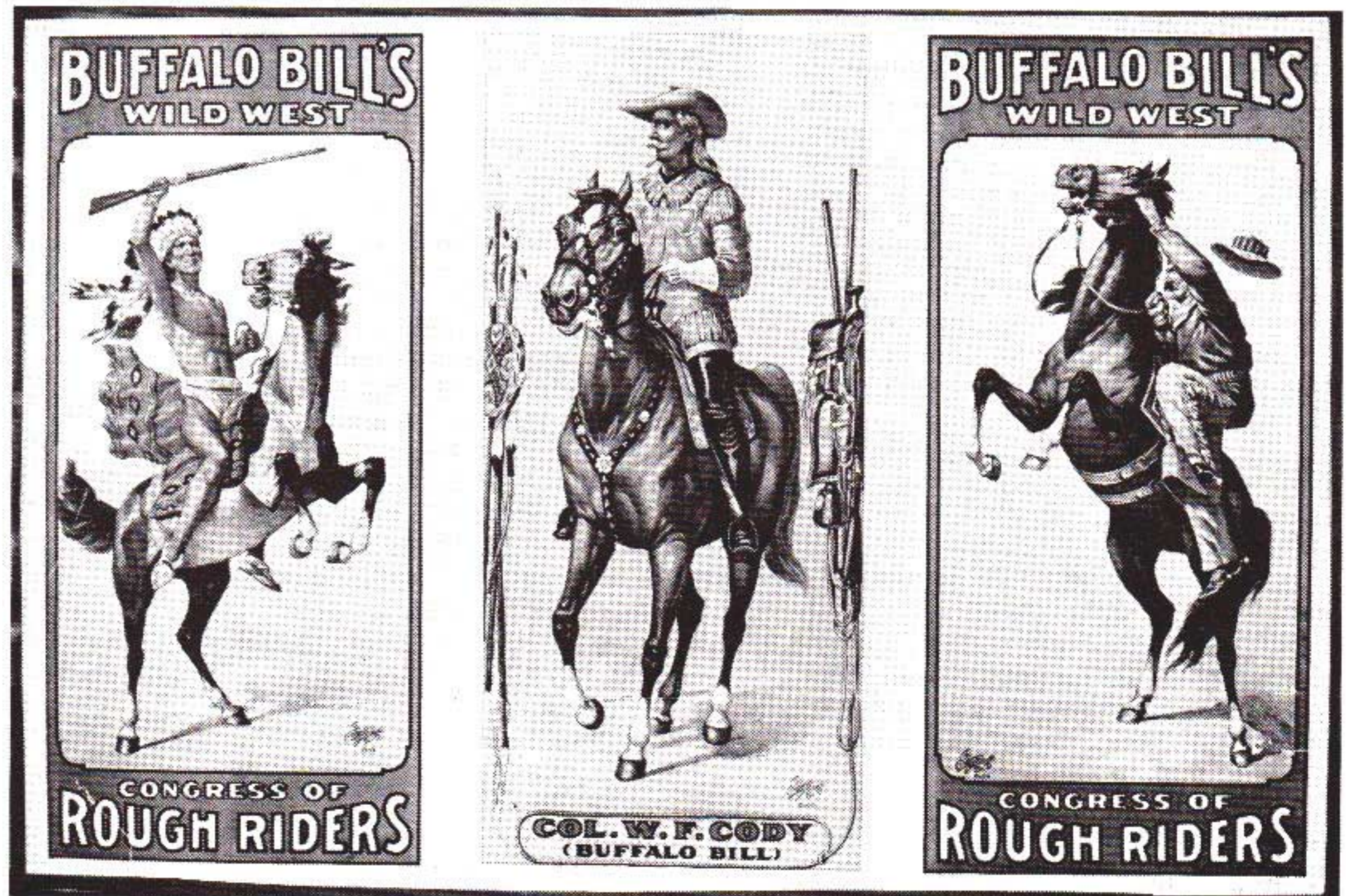
for the Pony Express and at 20 he had become a scout for the U. S. Army, a service for which he earned the Congressional Medal of Honor.

In 1883 he organized his Wild West—Cody never used the term "show" to describe his entertainments. By 1884 a new, ethnographically correct Indian, adapted from the Sioux as presented by Buffalo Bill, had banished the inaccurate Algonquin from the pages of the popular press.

The paintings of fine artists George Catlin, Karl Bodmer, and Charles Bird King, generally credited as the source of the new Indian, in fact had little impact on the American consciousness, Rogers has found. "The works of these artists," she says, "were found in books which few people could afford, or hung in galleries which few people had the leisure time or funds to visit.

"It was Buffalo Bill Cody, the advertising methods of the American circus, and the technology of the day that were responsible for the Siouan image of the American Indian."

Rogers based her conclusions on research undertaken while a post-doctoral fellow at UCLA's American Indian Studies Center. She organized an exhibition, entitled "The Image of the American Indian: Produced and Directed by Buffalo Bill" including color photographs of Wild West posters and other documentation of the evolution of the Indian image.



Buffalo Bill's Wild West depicted an image of American Indians that conformed to the real ways Indians lived in the past and thus changed the way Americans thought about Indians. Shown above are some of the posters from the UCLA exhibit, "The Image of the American Indian: Produced and Directed by Buffalo Bill."

Many Ideas about Family Origin

A Connection for Irish, Southern Codys?

We continue to get information and inquiries from members of Cody families having origins in the South.

William L. Cody of Nevada IA writes as follows: "I am enclosing a family unit listing. I don't believe any of my grandparents were listed in the directories. I recently found my great-grandfather to be Noah Cody (Coday) who was born in North Carolina about 1815. He was married to a Jermima Crowell: together they had William Thomas, Mary A., Sarah, John, and daughters Rebeka, J. A. and N."

"Would appreciate it if you could check the record to see if the family has a Noah Cody listed."

"We enjoy the *Review* and hope to for many years to come. Thank you for all the work you do to keep us all informed."

From Gastonia NC, John D. Cody writes: "Being involved in genealogy and also very proud of my family name I am writing to see if there is some chance we may be of help to each other. I was just made aware of the association by a distant cousin also doing research on the Cody Family."

"I would appreciate any information you could give me about the association and its purpose."

And James William Cody of East Point GA writes: "I've traced my direct line back to 1840 and now I'm lost. Here is my list starting with Martin Cody, age 9 in 1850; can you help me trace it any further?"

From Elk Grove CA comes material from Jean Ardahl tracing to a Curtis Cody 1810-1875 in North Carolina. "I have always been told we were related to Buffalo Bill; I have been able to trace back to Curtis Cody and my source says Godfrey, Pierce, or Thomas—three Codys in North Carolina in 1874—could have been Curtis' father."

"He married a Lady named Mary (1813-1887) and they settled in Decatur county TN. They had one child in North Carolina and brought slaves with them. They have a burial plot in Brasher cemetery and there is a Cody creek in the area. In the cemetery the name is spelled Cody, Coday, and Coady. I have gone over the Cody Family Association books and cannot connect any of this information. I'd appreciate your help."

Nard B. Cloninger of Greenville SC has checked the early census data in an effort to support the contention of Nancy Cody Black that Buffalo Bill Cody was her cousin. "He was born in Iowa 9 or 10 years after her birth," Cloninger states. "Any help or information would be appreciated."



Kay LeCaudey of St. Brelade, Isle of Jersey, and her daughter Nicki, are photographed on a 1981 visit to Florida with Stanley and Priscilla Cody of Attleboro, Dorothy Cody of Kissimmee FL, and Beverly Popp of Glide OR. Mrs. LeCaudey tells us her husband, an official of the telephone system in Jersey, will soon retire and may join her in a visit to Florida this year or next.

"I have a lot of information on Dellingers, Blacks and others related to the Codys in my line," he adds. "Will be glad to help anyway I can."

Karen McKellips of Lawton OK is interested in researching a Cody family line—"not the family of which the famous Buffalo Bill was a member."

"My Cody family seems to have gone from Virginia to North Carolina and to Northern Georgia by about 1840. My direct ancestor, Pierce Cody, was born 10 September 1754 and died 20 October 1845. He is buried at Mountaintown Baptist church near Ellijay, Gilmer county, GA. His wife, born in North Carolina, probably Buncombe county, was named Charity."

"Can you give me information that might help me trace his ancestry?"

Can You Help?

Addresses of the individuals referred to in these articles about unrelated Codys are provided herewith so that these people can communicate concerning their common interests.

Pat Douglas, 31775 Via Belardes, San Juan Capistrano CA 92675.

Miss Kathy Moore, 4014 Cameron Ave., Hammond IN 46327.

William L. Cody, 1722 8th Street, Nevada IA 50201.

James William Cody Jr., 2481 Old Colony Road, East Point GA 30344.

John D. Cody, 1226 White Ln., Gastonia NC 28052.

Karen McKellips, 825 NW 44th St., Lawton OK 73505.

Nard B. Cloninger, 106 Cape Circle, Greenville SC 29609.

Jean Ardahl, 8624 Brodie Ct., Elk Grove CA 95624.

Considerable Interest From Irish Codys

Through the years the family headquarters has been contacted by various people who think that the Irish Cody family is connected in some way to the organization representing descendants of Philip and Martha.

Our official position has been to keep lines of communication open, in hope that perhaps someday we will be able to establish a connection, especially with the several branches of Virginia-Carolina-Georgia Codys.

Typical of the correspondence we receive is this one from Pat Douglas of Santa Ana CA: "I am writing in hopes that you can tell me how we are related to Bill Cody and perhaps yourself. Your address was given to me at the Cody homestead in Iowa."

"My grandmother was Winifred Margaret Cody of Brooklyn NY; she was a daughter of Richard Cody of County Cork and Alice Ryan of Dublin."

A phone call in October from Joan Warnock of Newark told us of her interest in any records we had of the Alice Sullivan, said to be a first cousin of Buffalo Bill Cody.

Kathy Moore of Hammond IN, seeking information on the children of Cyrus and Lucinda Messinger, was placed in contact with Martha Ann Messinger of Bastrop LA in the hope they could share information of mutual interest. Interestingly, Miss Moore elicited correspondence between headquarters and Cardinal John Cody of the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago.

Information from Miss Moore contributed to the development of our chapter on Lucinda Hiscock Messinger 225 which

appeared in the appendix of Volume II of Philip and Martha; incomplete, because siblings of the unknown son and of Samuel Messinger are not known.

Thomas Cody of Ireland Landed in Virginia 1651

"Here is another mystery from the Richmond paper sent me by a friend," writes Hiram S. Cody Jr. of Asheville. "Buffalo Bill's family from Ireland? Not Jersey? Not French?"

The clipping was of a syndicated newspaper feature by John C. Downing entitled "Know YOUR Name?" It referred to the name "COD(E)Y" as evolving from Norman "Odo le Ercedekene" to "MacOdo" and "MacCody."

"Probably the most famous Cody was our 'Buffalo Bill' whose family was from County Tipperary Ireland," Downing concludes, erroneously.

Of some interest is his statement that Thomas Cody arrived in Virginia in 1651 as an indentured servant of George Ludlow of the Rappahannock River area. "Lt. Thomas Cody served in the American Revolutionary Army."

The family records are very clear as to the line of descent from Philip to William F. Cody "Buffalo Bill." In "Piercing of the Veil" Ernest William Cody reported on research that indicated Philip might have come from the Isle of Jersey where records of a "LeCaudey" family are well preserved.

That a Philip LeCaudey married a Marthe LeBrocq and migrated to America to reappear in Beverly MA as "Philip LeGody" and later as Philip Cody, is the supposition advanced in the E.W.C. writings. But proof of that marriage cannot be found in Jersey.

Floridian Seeking James Cody Data

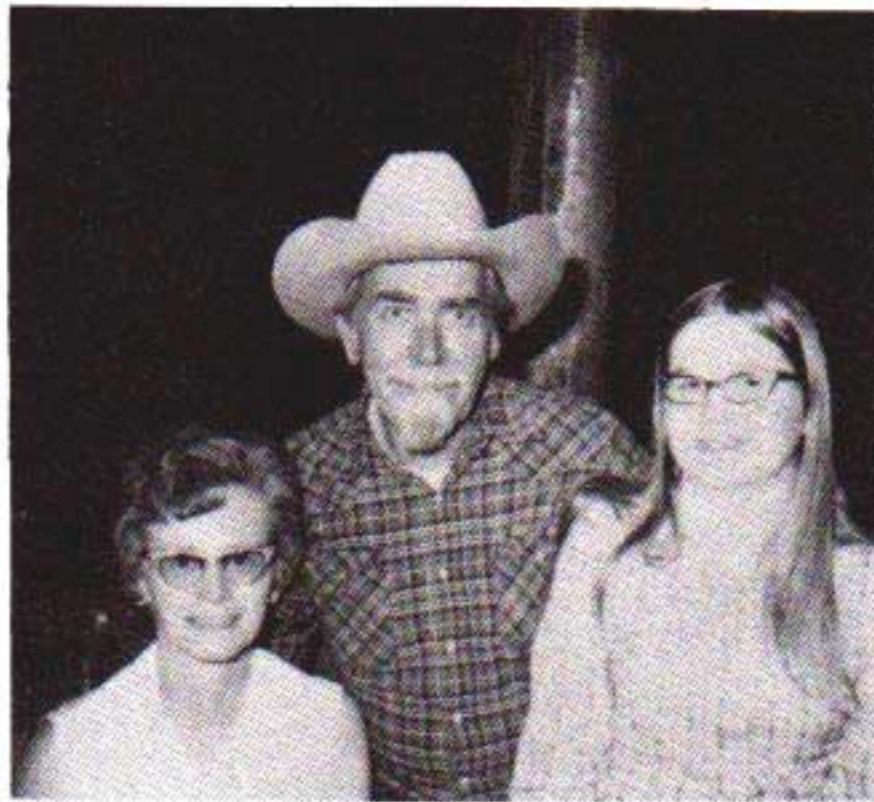
A search for the descendants of James Cody of Kilkenny county Ireland, who settled on the James River near Richmond in the early 1730s is being undertaken by Ella Bea Johnson of Baker FL. She asks also that she hear from any descendants of Ella Patience Barrow Spalding who lived at Savannah GA.

The Lumpkin Family of Georgia, contains a portion of a letter written by Mrs. Spalding which refers to "a package containing the book *History and Antiquities of Kilkenny* and the coat of arms of the Cody-Archdeacon family.

"I'd be most grateful to hear from anyone having a copy of that coat of arms," she says.

The origin of several strains of Codys in the South has been of interest to descendants of Philip and Martha because of the possibility of a connection.

Most of James Cody's children were born in Halifax county NC, Mrs. Johnson writes, "but we do not know the year they



In 1973 June Elam and her daughter Judith and her husband Robert, spent a night at Cody WY at Bill and Barbara Cody's ranch. Pictured above are June and Judy with Bill Cody (Garlow) wearing his Buffalo Bill look

moved from Virginia to North Carolina."

Children of James and Sarah (Womack) Cody include: Mary, who married George Lumpkin of Halifax county VA about 1760; Jacob; Alise; Edmund, who moved to Warren county GA and died in 1832; Jesse; John, who moved from Georgia to Pike county AL; and Richard, Michael and David, all of whom settled in Georgia.

Michael was born in Halifax county NC 23 June 1768, moved to Warren county GA about 1789, married (1) Mary Hodo, who died in 1816, and (2) Rebecca Rogers. Michael died 8 March 1832.

Of the five children from the first marriage, James married Mary McCormick and had 14 children. A son, Green Womack Cody, married Mylie Ellis Siegers; they moved to Barbour, Coffee and Bullock counties, in Alabama, and had 13 children. Among them was Southard Cody who married Louisa Caroline Emerson: they had 6 children including Violetta.

Violetta married William Henry Johnson and moved to Baker FL and had 6 children including Justice Clarence Johnson, husband of Ella Bea.

"Our Cody family was a most prolific group and there are many descendants," Mrs. Johnson writes. "Tradition says that three brothers came from Kilkenny county but we have records only of James. Based on the will of James Archdekin (Cody) of Rossroe, dated July 14, 1720, the other two could have been named Patrick, John or Maurice."

Mrs. Johnson may be addressed at RFD 1 Box 261, Baker FL 32531.

Alexis Kolb Working on Fanning Lines

Ever since publication of the two volumes of *Philip and Martha, Their Sons and Daughters* new information has been given us which enlarges our family. Typical is the work done by Alexis Alexander Kolb of Auburn WA in connection with the descendants of Sarah Fanning Post 103, a chapter in

Volume I which starts on page 9.

The chapter *should* have been started with Sarah Cody Fanning 41(4) since Sarah Fanning Post was not born a Cody.

Our records show that Sarah Cody Fanning had three offspring: Sarah, who married Stephen Post, William, and James. Mrs. Kolb's research shows that Sarah was the oldest and that both brothers were younger than she.

Sarah Fanning Post, however, had ten offspring, Bushnell being the eighth, and Cynthia being the second. This results in a complete change of the unique numbers as shown in this chapter of the book.

Records of five children of Cynthia lead down to the present day family of Mrs. Kolb.

The information provided will be incorporated into a revised Philip and Martha chapter to be included in a future cloth-bound volume.

Philip of Cornwall? 1918 Letter Reread

John Alfred Cody of Conneaut OH 1846-1927, states flatly that Philip Cody came from Cornwall, England, and was probably descended from King Ethelred.

In a letter dated 19 August 1918, J. A. Cody told Rush M. Blodgett of Los Angeles his theory of the origin of the Cody Family in North America.

The youngest daughter of King Ethelred, named Cody, married Dragobot, son of Franored, a Norman duke. Dragobot went on one of the crusades to Palestine, was killed. He left three sons, Ralph, Walter and Fisk. Ralph was granted an estate in England by King Edward, his uncle. Walter inherited his father's estate in Normandy, France, but was murdered and the estate confiscated by King William. Fisk became a bishop of France after William the Conqueror became king. For three centuries the family became obscure and the records obliterated.

Philip was a common name in the Cody family before they came to America. There is an ancient stone mansion in Mowal, Cromwell county, England, at one time occupied by John Francis Buller, who married M. Ann Cody.

"A recent visit to the Newberry Library in Chicago brought me in contact with *The Cody Family in America*. Have you discovered lines which might include a Mary Cody b ca 1825 in Wales or Ireland, migrating to Pennsylvania prior to 1851 and marrying a James Keating? Their first four children were born in the Irish community in Lehigh county PA after which they moved to Johnson county KS where James died in 1898. The family Bible lists a Bartholomy Cody who died 21 July 1853."—DARNELL ABBOTT, Houston TX.

Anyone who can help Ms. Abbott may write her at 11026 Braewick, 77096.

"Please let me know whenever new or old directories or books become available."—BONITA B. NORTON, Davenport IA.

Mile Long Parade For Rodeo 100

North Platte Site Of Special Off-Year Convention

A miles-long parade, an open-air chuckwagon pork breakfast, the Buffalo Bill 100 Rodeo and a gathering of the clan made July 17-20 very special for the Cody Family Association at North Platte.

President Therald Cody, unable to attend due to his losing battle with cancer, described his sentiments in a letter to the local host, Katy Coad Varicak: "I almost waited too long to get this message to you, hoping for a miracle that would permit me to make the trip. But I am still confined to bed under what they call hospital-based home care.

"Even if there were a direct flight from Miami to North Platte I could not have made the trip because of all the pain medicine I need. I might have been picked up for transporting drugs, and on top of that I doubt they would have allowed me to bring my Pottie-Chair on board the plane, even with the oxygen masks they have for passengers and crew.

"I wish to thank everyone for having me as your president. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve you. I only wish I could have done more. As a favor, please give our Secretary-Treasurer all the help you can.

"One way is by paying your dues on time, and those who can, make it a \$25 patron membership.

"The lack of funds has caused delays in getting out the second volume of the genealogy; also my illness is causing Al even more work since I am unable to do any proof reading. Another way you can help is to keep Al informed of any errors and any changes in address.

"Nerina joins me in sending our best regards and hope everyone enjoys the reunion at North Platte."

In his report to the membership, Secretary Aldus reported that pursuant to the action at Portland in 1981 we have incorporated our organization and have a charter from the State of Florida. "The IRS has our number and in the future we will be collecting sales taxes on any sales within the State of Florida.

"We distributed Volume I of Philip and Martha a year ago and Volume II is going to press this week."

Cody described the financial strain of producing the volumes, but added, "unfortunately we have not been able to include an index, and without one it is very difficult to use the book. I have enlisted the aid of a personal computer, however and expect an index as a separate volume to be ready late in 1983.

Annual returns will be required by the IRS, Cody said, adding that the Postal



Members of Buffalo Bill's Wild West, shown at a 1920 reunion in Norfolk NE, include (from left) Curt Alexander of Hastings, Mrs. Boggs of Norfolk, Two Gun Nan, trick rifle and pistol shot, Bony Ernst of Alcora WY, Buffalo Bill's Wyoming guide, Mrs. Ernst, Nan's husband, a fancy roper, and Dorothy Olson of Norfolk. Not shown is Diamond Dick Tanner of Norfolk, personal physician of Harriet Mason Meister of McCook NE.

Service turned a deaf ear to our plea for non-profit postage. "They raised the rates so the benefits are of less significance."

"We have received much new information as a result of the interest in Philip and Martha and it is clear that Volume I will have to be largely redone before the hard-bound volume can be completed. Some of the pages from Volume I were printed at the same time: these will have to be scrapped.

"We have been disappointed that Bill Cody of Victoria has not been able to process the family movies in videotape. They were missed at St. Petersburg, and we have not been able to get in touch with him for North Platte. His work has taken him, we hear, to Calgary, and if anyone can supply us with his address, we will be grateful." Main piece of business at the North Platte meeting, with Past President James Harvey Cody of Canton OH presiding, was formal adoption of the new Charter and By-Laws as printed in *The Review* in February of 1982.

The meeting left to the executive committee selection of a site for the 1983 convention. Possibility of the 1985 convention being held in Kansas or Cody WY was mentioned.

Mrs. Varicak who threw open her home for a get-together during the weekend, told of Therald's visit in 1981 in which he outlined plans for the 1982 convention, and presented his letter which was read to those assembled.

Mary Reichart of Holton KS was not present for the meeting, but sent a letter reporting on activities at Leavenworth KS, near the site of Isaac Cody's home in which William F. Cody lived as a boy. "I feel that Leavenworth sure missed a bet," she said, adding that when she passes Cody Hill west of the city "I feel bad because there is no sign marking the spot of the Cody home."

Her sister, Esther Slawson, however, made the long bus trip from Ottawa KS and participated in all the activities and business meeting.

Louise Woolsey reported her change of address and added, "I will not be able to attend the reunion but will go to Tecumseh to visit my cousin," and to Syracuse for the 50th anniversary of her high school graduation.

Registering for the North Platte meeting were Mavis Cody Urban, Paxton NE, Barbara Cody Frisch and husband, Frederick, of Earlville IL, Mr. and Mrs. Aldus Cody of Kissimmee FL., Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cody and Shawn, of Canton OH, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie P. Mason of St. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce A. Rioux and family of Woodbury MN, Viola Strube of Riverton WY, Mary Thomas of Albin WY, and Mary T. DeBruyn of Sidney NE.

Karen A. Muehling of Ogallala NE, Carmen Donaldson Murray and her husband, C. O., of Gainesville FL, Allan Cody of Brighton MA, Don and Helen Benson of Aurora OR, Clyde and Dorothy Gurney of Greeley CO, Clayton and Irma Gurney of Republican City NE, and Beth and Walter Tuttle of Boonville CA.

"Sorry we couldn't make it to the Cody reunion in Oregon. Evon has another year and five months as county supervisor, then we hope there won't be so many demands on our time. Who is Beatrice Bagley? She sent us a card saying she has the Cody Heritage Book being published in August for \$27.85. Says she has spent thousands of dollars and months of research and that she has located almost every Cody family in these United States." —MARIE CODY, Hanford CA.

¶ *The Bagley book lists names from utility mailing lists without regard to descent from Philip and Martha. Headquarters has a loaner copy for anyone interested in seeing it.*

"What is the book we would get the most out of? My dad is John Edward Ackerson is interested in knowing more about the family." —MRS ERWIN RAYMOND, Ellendale ND.

Ideas on Object Of Association From Emily Rauch

"The object of this association shall be to preserve the records, relics, and family identity of this old Colonial American family, and to promote its unity and friendly relationship."

So says the constitution of the Cody Family Association drawn up in Chicago in October of 1925, and Emily Rauch, past president of the Florida Circle, thinks this four-part object "has been handled very well during the intervening 56 years."

But Emily believes yet another objective should be studied for inclusion by our organization.

She notes that Webster's definition of family includes "family," "clan," "household," and in addition, "the basic unit in society having as its nucleus two or more adults living together and cooperating in the rearing of their own or adopted children."

"Let us think of the connotations of that last definition," she says. "We are what we are, individually today, because of the care, training and precepts we received in nuclear family—father, mother, brothers and sisters. "Could we, as the Cody Family Association adopt the very obvious and well-known aim of encouraging our own many, many nuclear families in rearing their children to obey and respect God and His precepts?"

"We know that we were reared that way. Otherwise, family worship at our host's church would not be a part of the program of our international conventions, and we would not open our meetings and banquets with prayer.

"Could we go on record as openly stating that being supportive of the policy of listening to, obeying, and loving God (as in Colonial days) in each small family within our larger family is an additional aim of our international association?"

Emily's proposal was read at the Portland Convention but no action was taken and the new charter as drawn by Aldus Cody and David Higginbottom did not include the suggested addition.

"I have another idea along the same line," Emily continues. "Some children are adhering to the wrong kind of heroes. Would it be a good idea to have some of our Cody members compose on a child's reading level, separate stories of Buffalo Bill and have them printed in paperback or pamphlet form to sell to parents of young children, to be read aloud or for children to read themselves? Other fine Codys could and should be written up also."

"The curator at Cody's grave in Denver CO suggested I drop you a line in my effort to determine whether I'm distantly related to Buffalo Bill."—WILLIAM J. CODY, Burlington VT.



Isaac and Samuel On Hand for Burgoyne Surrender, Saratoga

Isaac Cody fought in the Battle of Lexington, the first battle of the American Revolution, and with his son witnessed the surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga, according to grave markers erected by the Sons of the American Revolution it is reported by Les Mason of St. Paul.

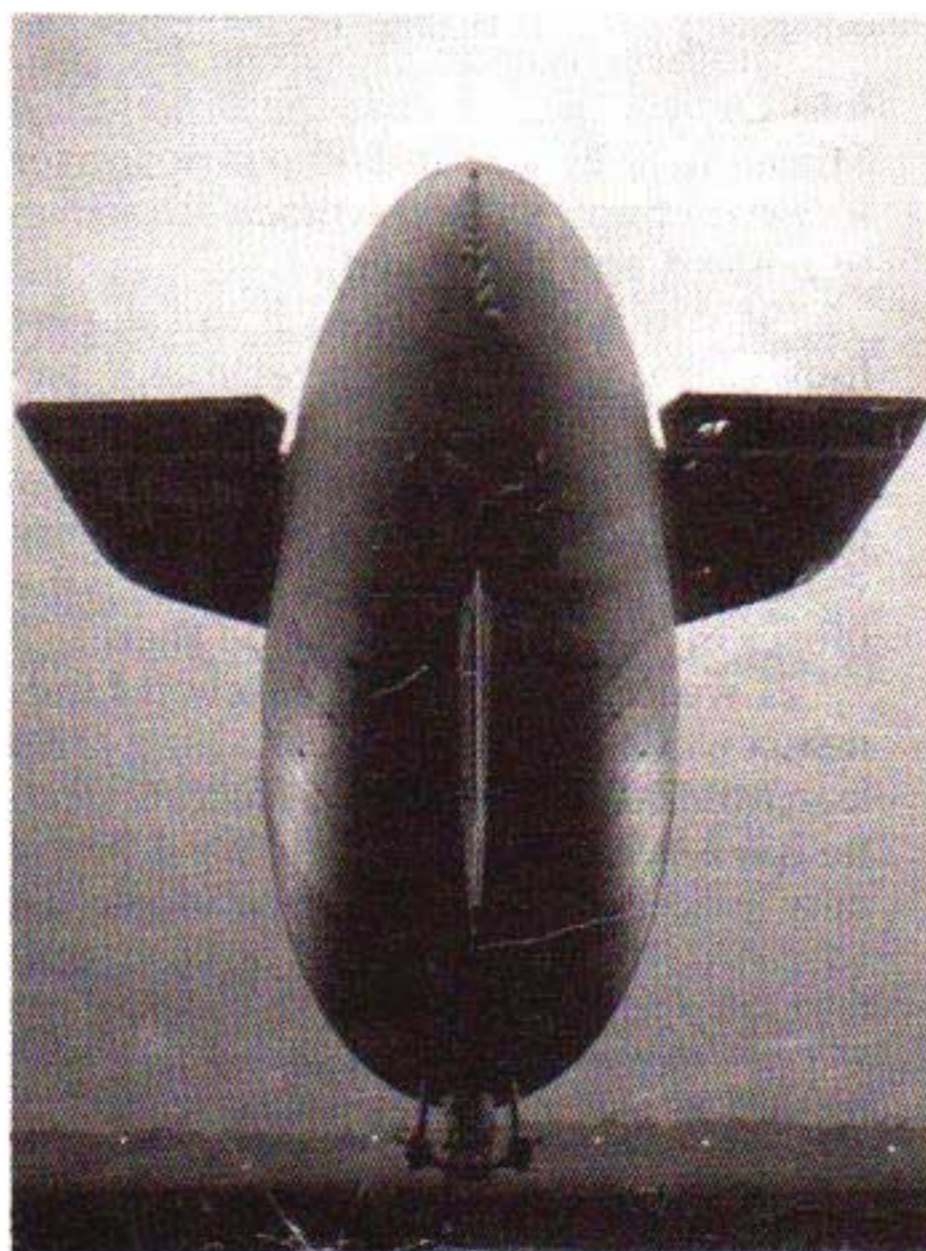
"I recently made a trip to retrace the footsteps of the Cody and Phinney families, visiting the encampment of the 4th Mass. Continentals at Valley Forge where Isaac and Samuel spent the winter of 1777-78 and also toured the battlefield at Saratoga," he told *The Review*.

"I was impressed by the Saratoga Park since it is free of commercialism. They have restored the wooded areas and bought up

the farms in the locality so that the area is practically the same as it was when the battle was fought.

On his return trip he visited Vernon Center NY, where Isaac and Samuel migrated from Union CT. "I visited the cemetery where the third, fourth, and fifth generations of the Cody-Phinney clan are buried: My great-great grandmother Lois Cody Phinney is buried in this plot.

"I was pleased to note that the S.A.R. had provided markers for the graves of Isaac and Samuel, although the plaque for the Samuel grave has been removed. It was of special interest to me as a member of the S.A.R."



Life magazine used this treatment for a story on the fortieth anniversary of the World War II disappearance of Lt. Ernest DeWitt Cody, from a Navy blimp patrolling off the coast of California. "We were amazed to find that the blimp is still in use," says Sister Emily Cody Rauch. "Charlie (her husband) inquired of a blimp pilot near Flint who told him the 'Ranger' had just been retired to the Houston area where it would be used locally."

The bizarre case of the abandoned World War II airship that is now part of the Goodyear fleet

The Ghost Blimp

by Larry Engelmann

The history of blimps has been rather colorful. During the first half of this century, hundreds of airships were used for a variety of purposes, from military reconnaissance to advertising. One of the most famous blimps was the USS Shenandoah, which was the first rigid airship to be built in the United States. It was launched in 1923 and was the largest rigid airship ever built. It was used for a variety of purposes, including reconnaissance, transport, and advertising. It was destroyed in 1931, but its wreckage was recovered in 1967. The wreckage was found in a field in Ontario, Canada, and was identified as the USS Shenandoah. It was the largest rigid airship ever built, and its wreckage was the largest ever recovered. It was a major discovery, and it was a major event in the history of blimps.

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LETTERS TO THE SECRETARY

"Thank you for sending me *Philip and Martha Volume 2*. Please send second book: it was to be a gift to my sister."—AUDREE RADKE, Tacoma WA.

"I would like to know the price of the Cody Book and anything else that pertains to the Cody Family. My wife was a Cody and we are trying to run the family tree."—J. R. DENNINGTON, Bonham TX.

"*Philip and Martha II* is beautiful . . . marvelous! Thanks so much. Has a copy of both volumes been given to the L.D.S. church library? If not I'll give one of mine.

"We Ackersons now have a soft cover edition out of the first five generations . . . brings my line down to Thomas Ackerson b ca 1777 and Susannah Eckerson b 15 Dec bp 30 Dec 1787.

"Genealogy has been a very happy fulfillment for me since retiring. Thanks for your great work."—TRUMAN T. ACKERSON, Upland CA.

"Our copy of *Philip and Martha Volume II* arrived about a week ago. I say 'excellent!!' Our children are thrilled to see their offspring listed. We have not received Volume I."—JOHN V. GEARY, Stockton CA.

"Would like permission to reprint the article, 'Strange Death of Margaret Retold,' appearing in the February 1981 issue."—Tri-State Trader, Knightstown IN.

"Enclosed is order and check for payment in full for the genealogies indicated. The check is that of Mary Lou Rusnik, a dear friend whose generosity and knowledge of my interests make this gift possible. The order should be sent to me.

"I look forward to revisiting Lydia Cody, who was my father's mother's sister, whom I recall meeting briefly during an earlier childhood.

"My thanks to all of you in the association who labor so long and well in our common interest. You bring a great benefit to so many of us."—ANDREW J. MARSH, Oxnard CA.

"The curator at the Lookout Mountain museum gave me your address . . . As I get older I get more interested in genealogy. My grandmother was Sarah Garlow from Kansas. My mother was born in Salina. Apparently grandmother's cousin or brother married Irma Cody and they lived in Fort Hayes for a while."—KIRK BADGLEY, Denver CO.

"I see in the preface of *Philip and Martha II* that an index is being prepared for the hard-cover edition. I realize that the soft-cover edition is less expensive. However, would it be possible to make the index available to soft-cover purchasers at a nominal amount?

"I also realize that the page references would not be exact but perhaps they would be close enough."—G. ALLEN, Cambridge Ont.

¶ *Preparation of the index is stalled pending modification of the Osborne 1 computer which has been purchased to do the job. Index references use the individual unique numbers—not pages—so an index would be usable with either edition of Philip and Martha, or for that matter with any future volumes or directories organized by those numbers. Projected publication date of the index as a soft cover supplement is early 1984, and the hard-cover edition may not be completed until 1985.*

"Enclosed my 1982 membership and payment for your good works."—SARAH I. CODY, Babson Park FL.

¶ *Those \$100 patron memberships are very much appreciated.*

"Since our last correspondence I have been to the Cody homestead in Iowa where I purchased *Last of the Great Scouts* by Helen Cody Wetmore.

"I believe I mentioned the gold watch of Bill Cody's, handed down through the family to me. Finally found out all about it!

"It has the Masonic insignia engraved on it. On page 251 Helen writes: 'The Prince of Wales was Grand Master of the Freemasons of England which order presented a gold watch to Will during his stay in Manchester.'

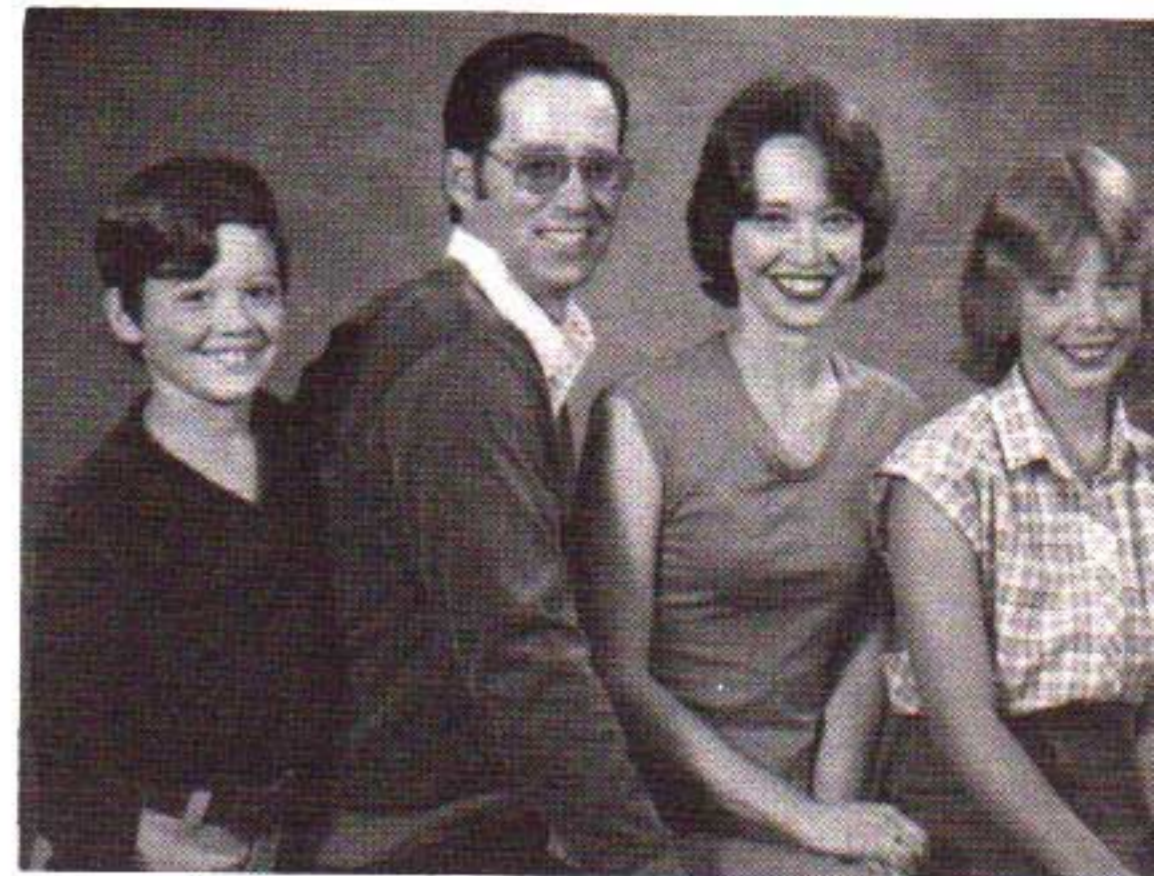
"This Prince of Wales was Queen Victoria's son Edward VII. (When I called the British Tourist board to find out the Prince's name, the lady there seemed to know all about it.)"—PAT DOUGLAS, Santa Monica CA.

"I note in *The Review* that you mention the Ackerson genealogy. I have the same for the Gurney Family. We have gone back into the 160s as well. It was done by a Mrs. Rigler in Hawaii and I did our complete line. If that could be put in *The Review* someone might be interested in contacting me."—IRMA I. GURNEY, Republican City

"We'll be thinking of you in February."—GAIL CODY WILBER, Americus GA.

"Have you pursued the offer of Jay Cody of Orillia Ont for the genealogy of L'Escaude family from the 16th century to the present?"—MRS. H. T. SIX, Dunedin FL.

¶ *Because some of the evidence cited in "Piercing the Veil" has not materialized (viz. the marriage record of Philip and Martha in Jersey), I have personally tended to discount the connection. For that reason I have not followed up with the Jersey genealogy.—A.C.*



Barbara Ann Jensen Cowell and her husband Larry are flanked by Tracy Ione Cowell and Michael Thomas Cowell in this picture sent in February 1982. The Cowells live in Palmyra NY.

"Yes I'm very much interested in receiving the Lydia Cody genealogy. Enclosed is my check. Thank you so much for letting me know it is available again."—RUTH A. MATSON, San Andreas CA.

"Thank you for sending the Cody Review. The chart helps find relatives easier. Last year a cousin borrowed my Buffalo Bill poster book and small history for a project at school. She made her presentation later at our Day reunion in Embro. Many were interested."—COYLA M. HARGREAVES, Exeter Ont.

"My niece is interested in knowing when the Florida meeting is going to be. Please send her a copy of *The Review*."—CARMEN MURRAY, Gainesville FL.

"We are enclosing two checks, one for dues and the other for the new genealogy, paper back. We thought you might like one of our labels that we have used for over 30 years. We also have one for apricots."—MILO AND VERA CODY, Hanford CA.

"The order blank on the back of *The Cody Review* includes a place to check for a subscription to the publication at \$3.00. Just what does this mean? I included it last year but did not receive. I would like two copies of *The Review*, one for an aunt and one for a cousin."—RUTH MORRIS, North Platte NE.

¶ *This is included for some who for any reason do not join the association: their \$3.00 will help defray the cost of publishing the annual bulletin. It assures a place on our mailing list. So far all but one of our mailings has gone to the entire list; the size of the list (4000 names!) will ultimately force us to limit our mailings to those who have contributed."*

"I got a new address in May or June; the city wanted to tear down this apartment building to build a new parking building which will connect with the new hotel and office building that will be built next door. This is the third time and I hope the last."—LOUISE WOOLSEY, Lincoln NE.

Stuart Cody at D.A.V. Headquarters, Los Angeles

Stuart J. Cody, department adjutant, Disabled American Veterans, was formerly stationed at National service headquarters in Washington as director of special service projects in charge of twelve mobile units touring the 48 continuous states. He is now employed at D.A.V. department headquarters in Los Angeles as department adjutant and director of the Claims and Service Commission.



STUART J. CODY

"I remember your mother and your brother, Bob, at Hanford in 1966: we had a great time visiting and joking. Hiram Sedgwick was there and I had them all sign my 1954 book. We had a great time using the book to see how we might be related. I hope there will be another convention in California before too many years slip by. I understand we are all in a computer: could we have a register by address? When traveling along a highway it would be nice to stop and say, 'Hello, Cousin, I am.'—JOHN V. GEARY, Stockton CA."

¶ *Indeed, the family mailing list has been computerized for twenty years, but due to a change in technology our Canadian names were lost and have been encoded in our Osborne 1. Ultimately we will be able to print out in ZIP code order, all or any selected geographical area, upon request. This will probably be done each December and copies could be made available to anyone who wants one, at \$2 per page (44 names) or \$25 for the whole 4000.*

"Enclosed is our check for the new book. Wouldn't it be more appropriate for the name in your files to be Erma Richards Lonergan (Mrs. John L. Lonergan)? Our son is becoming increasingly interested in genealogy."—JOHN L. LONERGAN, Madison WI.

¶ *We are standardizing on the use (for females) of the given name, original surname and married surname on our mailing list and in future directories. At this point we do not believe it desirable to add the husband's name in parentheses. This transition will be made on the mailing list by a process of attrition—probably over a period of several years. At the same time, each mailing label will carry the Cody Family unique number (from Philip and Martha), so that positive identification will be made. The use of this procedure in correspondence will be appreciated as it will save considerable time at this end in making proper identification.*

"Thanks to you and Dorothy for your wonderful work. Hope you can attend our Ohio Cody Day first Sunday in August."—WINNIE BOWMAN WILLIAMS.

"I am writing to you as secretary or treasurer of the International Cody Association, to hear about a branch of the Le Caudeys living on the mainland of England. Also I would be very interested to hear about relatives living in America, Canada, etc.

"My father, Raymond Clarence Le Caudey, was the eldest son: his brothers were Douglas, Archie, George and Billy. As a young man my father left Jersey, met and married Edith Benson. They had two daughters: myself (Edith Vera Raymonde Le Caudey) and my sister who is 6 years younger, called Audrey Marianne. My sister married George Hughes and has four children.

"I married Beresford Edwards in June 1939; we are both well and active although he was 72 last July. We have one daughter, Diana, born in July 1941 and we have two granddaughters, Anne, 20, and Nichola, 17. My son-in-law is Dave Harman.

"Anne is hoping to get a vacation job next summer in America and would like to meet any relatives who might be nearby. She hopes for work in the Minneapolis area, where she has acquaintances from Lancashire University.

"While in Jersey last summer we met Douglas Le Caudey who told me a little about the association. We would appreciate a copy of your newsletter."—RAYMONDE EDWARDS, 44 Chippenham Av, Manor Farm, Greasby Wirra L, Merseyside L49 3QW England.

"My son, Michael Antony LeCaude Durt-nall, practices in London and here in Bournemouth. He is delighted to have been accepted as a member of the American Chiropractic Association and looks forward to meeting any of his American cousins who may be visiting England."—KATHLEEN PEGGY LESCAUDEY DURTALL, Bournemoluth, England.

"After studying the documentation I fear that I or my family do not fit into any of these categories.

"I was born in St. Louis MO where my family had migrated from Ireland at the beginning of this century. My grandfather died in Ireland and my grandmother, father and all aunts and uncles have departed this life.

"This research is eloquent evidence of a great deal of work."—JOHN CARDINAL CODY, Chicago.

¶ *Kathy Ann Christine Moore of Hammond IN sent the material to Archbishop Cody and believes she is descended from Lucinda and Cyrus Messinger.*

"I would like to know if you can help me find out how I am related to Buffalo Bill. My grandpa knew we were related. Now he is dead. My grandma told me that Buffalo Bill's Wild West show Would go through a town near us and Buffalo Bill would stay with my relative. I am very interested to know about my family tree."—GREGORY A. CODY, Kirksville MO.

"My great grandfather was said to be a third cousin to Buffalo Bill. His daughter, my grandmother, Halcie Carey Jones and her brother, Leslie Marrion Cody, are still alive. My great grandmother, Aletha Ann Davis Cody wrote that Daniel B. Cody's grandfather was a native of Randolph county NC; his name was Temple Cody. Haley Cody was his son: he married Frances Nance, a daughter of Thomas and Polly Nance. Haley's son, Daniel B., was born in NC 2 Dec 1861 and died in Shelley ID 2 June 1932.

"Temple Cody and a James Cody, are on census record as having paid taxes in Randolph County NC, in 1815. Grandma says that Haley remarried after Frances' death (possibly her sister). Haley appears in the 1850 census as 'Huld', later moved to Indiana after the Civil War, became deaf and was killed by a train about 1888."—DONNA FULLER, St. Maries ID.

"My mother is Esther Kathryn Holliday; she married Vern Wilson and later Harold Schramm. Three girls, Sandra, Anna and myself, were listed, but Rick Allen Schramm, b 23 Oct 1955 is not. Rick married Theresa A. Schafer 12 June 1981. Kathryn married Peter L. Smith, Dundee NY. I would like to get a few of the Lydia Cody books for Christmas."—KATHRYN W. SMITH, Dundee NY.

"We have received *The Review* and enjoyed reading about the Portland convention. We enjoyed meeting members of the family. On our return we arrived in time to see a granddaughter of one of my cousins play Annie in 'Annie Get Your Gun'. We are sending money for one of the Lydia Cody books and additions and corrections for family members."—ROY BRUCE BARBER-REE, Rimbey, Alta.

"My husband, Henry Pierce, had a stroke on Nov. 9, 1981, causing a fall down stairs resulting in a broken neck and spinal cord injury. His recovery does not yet permit him to carry on his correspondence with the Cody Family Association. He has chosen his grand-niece Cinda Lee Bergh to replace him. She has accepted the responsibility and has received from us the forms for updating the family information."—HENRY AND ETHEL PIERCE, Des Moines IA.

"Apparently like many of your members I have been receiving *The Review* but neglecting to forward annual dues. I have no idea when I made the last payment but hope the enclosed \$30 will bring me current. I also enclose material updating the records under A566 Ross Bryant Cody."—BRYANT P. GOULD, Englishtown NJ.

"While at the Ramada Inn at Kissimmee one Easter I was tempted to telephone you, but other duties pressed. It would have been pleasant to see you, or even just talk with you. So I greet you with this note, as a Cody cousin, with every good wish!"—VILLETTE I. JARY, Byron NY.

Address Label Can Tell a Lot About You, If you Can Read It

Look at your address label. It says a lot about you!

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MAGNOLIA MANOR
AMERICUS GA 31709

If yours looks like the one above it has been produced on a system being discarded. The three-letter code at the right end of the line gives a clue as to when your listing was entered or last corrected and provides an "audit trail" to the source documents.

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If yours looks like this one it has been modified to include your Cody Family Number at the upper right. The three-letter code—or a numeric code—will appear on the second or third line. The numeric code indicates the journal number of the last dues payment you made: it also provides an "audit trail" to a source document.

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Barberie, Orville Frederick
Montebello Manor 17th & Keokuk
Hamilton IL 62341

If yours looks like this it is on our new system and your Cody Family Number is at the left of the top line followed by the three-letter code and the transaction code.

The transaction code is important because it shows how recently you have contributed to the association by payment of dues.

With nearly 5 thousand names on our list we simply cannot continue to mail to

those who do not support the work. (That can mean a subscription at \$3.00, an individual membership at \$5.00, a family membership at \$10.00 or a patron membership at \$25 or more.)

If there is no Cody Family Number on your label, usually there will be three zeros. This indicates that we need your help in determining your number or your connection with the family. If you do not know your number, give us the name of your fifth generation ancestor, your Cody parent, or grandparent.

The new list includes all surnames in the first position, to facilitate sorting alphabetically for our index. Married females have their given name and family name, rather than "Mrs. Husband's Name." This helps all of us to properly identify married Cody females and we hope you do not object to it. "Ms." is used in a few cases when we do not know the original name or the name belongs to a Cody widow. Widows and widowers have a dash in the Cody Family Number in place of the slash. In the past we have mistakenly dropped from the list the names of deceased members: now we can continue to serve the family by mailing to the surviving spouses.

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PETERBOROUGH ONTARIO
CANADA K9H 5M8

The old labels looked like this: the expiration date of the last dues payment appears at the end of the line. Under the new format the four-digit transaction code will have a letter prefix to identify the expire date: "A" for 1981, "B" for 1982, etc.

Luther Cody, as Family Secretary, Built On Work of Those Before Him

"If it hadn't been for Luther, we might not have a Cody Family Association."

Among our immediate family, we like to make that statement, which we know could just as well be said of Arthur B. Cody, the founding president, Hiram S. Cody, who labored in these vineyards, and certainly Ernest William Cody, who produced two or three square-back directories, and many others.

These were the introductory remarks of International Secretary Aldus Cody at the 1982 Florida Circle



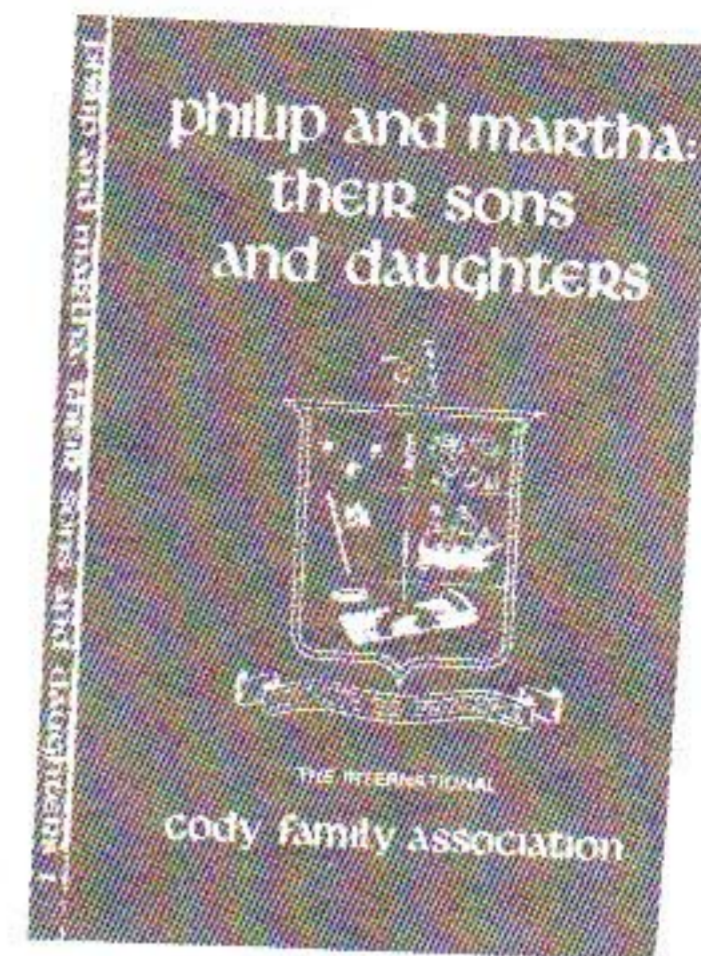
LUTHER CODY

banquet, when he was asked to describe the work of his father, Luther Cody, 1871-1947.

"It was Luther who produced on a tiny card press the first directory: but it was built on the work of James Lincoln Chapman and others who preceded him.

"When this organization held its first meeting in Chicago in the Fall of 1925, Luther had just migrated to Florida, the Florida real estate boom had busted but the rest of the nation was not expecting a Depression, and dad went to Chicago anyway, to become the first secretary of this family group.

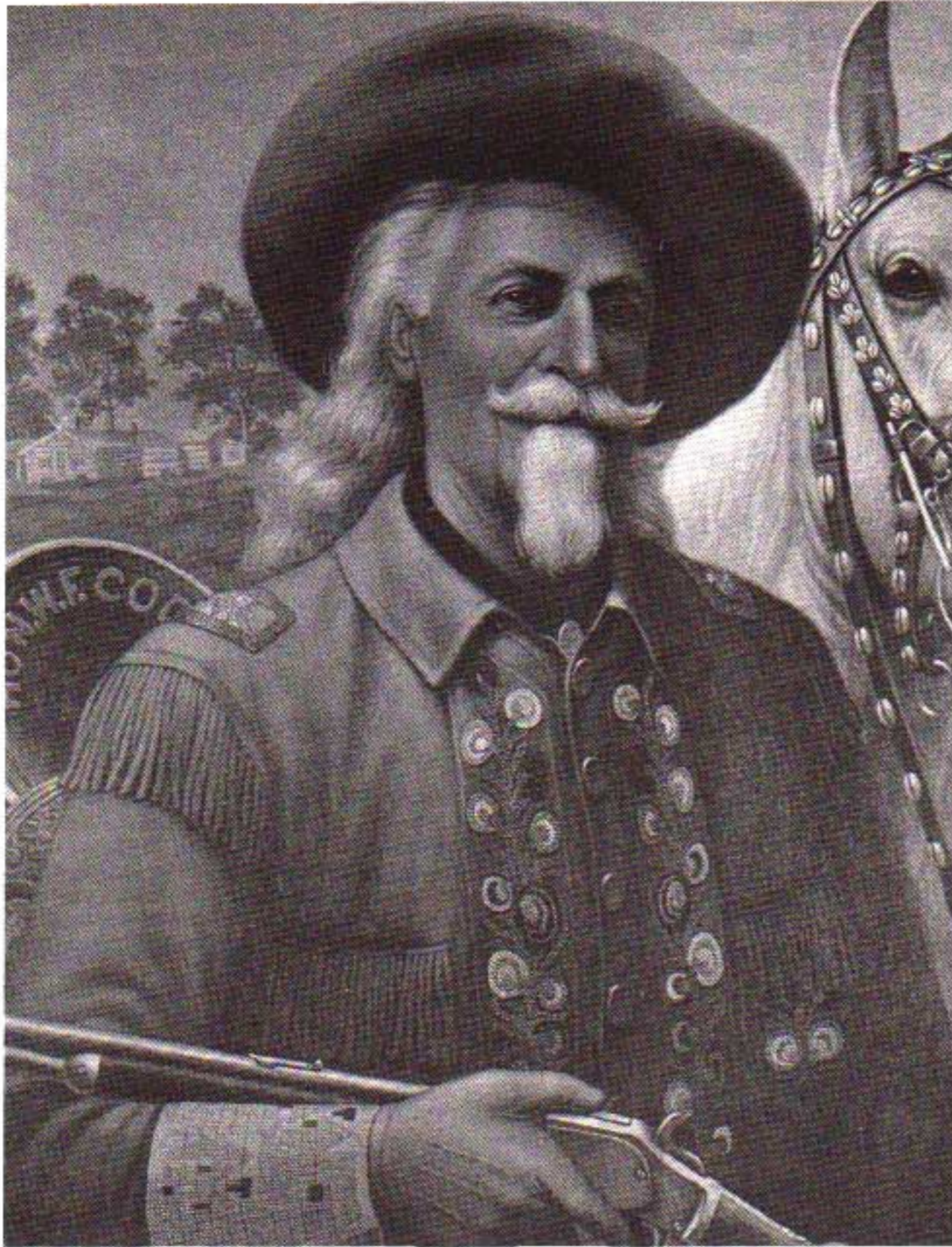
"Luther was born March 2, 1871 at Lincoln NE. His father Aldus was suffering from ill health since his time in the Union army, and subsequently died in 1879 at the age of 36. Eliza, the mother, taught school



Philip and Martha, Their Sons and Daughters, will be a substantial book with upwards of 600 pages, bound to match the original Lydia Cody genealogy, "The Cody Family, Massachusetts 1698." Because it will be updated from the two-volume paperback edition, publication date is targeted for the summer of 1985. Those who order this volume automatically receive the paperbacks for temporary use. Price includes slip-case..... 45.00



Four books about Col. Wm. F. Cody, long since out of print, and either written by members of the family or with the full approval of the family organization, have been reproduced in the distinctive gray binding as companion volumes. They are priced at \$7.50 each, or all four at..... 22.50



Buffalo Bill Cody

The life of Buffalo Bill Cody closely parallels the growth of the young western lands he loved and was such a part of. Born in Iowa in 1846, young Bill watched the wagon trains heading west, seeking land in Kansas and gold in California. Later, Cody also moved west to seek his fortune and, in the process, came to be identified by the whole world with a young and rugged land.

While he was still a youngster, William F. Cody was head of the family which included three sisters and his widowed mother. To support them, he signed on with a wagon train as its messenger. His salary was \$40 a month, and in his spare time along the wagon route, he taught himself to read and write. The train went through Fort Laramie, a wild, western metropolis where the boy glimpsed lifelong heroes such as Jim Bridger and the incomparable Kit Carson. From that time on, Cody knew that he, too, would be a marksman and scout.

The young Bill's next steady job was with the Pony Express; but with the outbreak of the Civil War, he enlisted as a Union soldier. (Like his father before him, he was a strident abolitionist.) While serving as a hospital orderly, Cody met Louisa Frederici whom he married on March 6, 1866. At twenty years of age, the bridegroom sported the long, flowing locks of a scout and the flamboyant and fringed western garb.

After a brief, unsuccessful stint as an innkeeper, which he attempted mainly to please his wife, Cody signed on as a scout for General Custer. In the meantime, he also dabbled in real estate speculation, Indian fighting, and guiding eastern visitors looking for buffalo. One distinguished easterner who came west was James Gordon Bennett of the *New York Herald*. Bennett found Cody charming and carried tales back home of the wonderful scout. Another prestigious hunter for whom Bill served as guide was the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia. Out of gratitude to his guide, the Grand Duke awarded Bill a diamond-encrusted tie

tack. Such recognition boosted Bill's growing reputation as the personification of the Wild West and earned him the nickname Buffalo Bill, which he used for the rest of his life. It is said that, while serving as a scout and a guide, Bill shot over 4,000 buffalo.

Capitalizing on Cody's growing fame, a man named Ned Buntline wrote a series of Buffalo Bill stories. One of them was dramatized and Bill went to the play's opening in New York. The rather melodramatic, overacted play was well received; but when the crowds spotted the actual Buffalo Bill in the audience, they went wild with applause. Thus, his new career, as one of America's most famous showmen, was launched.

Based on this initial success, Buntline conceived the idea of writing a play about Buffalo Bill, starring the real Cody. This play, *Scouts of the Plains*, was a smash hit. After a bout with stage fright, Bill, with his natural grace and innate acting ability, performed well. The show was as successful on tour as in New York City.

Bill's dream, however, was to stage a real extravaganza—a show as big as the west. He wanted to give eastern folks a taste of what life in the wild was like. At first, he advanced toward this goal by working animals and Indians into the shows. But, as his idea crystallized, it developed into a full-blown Wild West Show, with buffalo, Indians, great feats of horsemanship and marksmanship, and stars such as the incomparable Annie Oakley and Sitting Bull, chief of the tribe which vanquished Custer. "Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show" was the first of its kind; and it was such a success that it eventually toured the whole country and Europe.

On June 3, 1917, after a long and successful career with the show, Buffalo Bill died, and America lost one of her most original and colorful showmen. He is buried on Lookout Mountain north of Denver, overlooking the western land he loved.

Ellen Hohenfeldt

Roy Rouncy of Gardner MA sent to Josephine Cody of Kissimmee FL clippings from the magazine *Ideals* including a color reproduction of a painting attributed to Robert Lindneux, and a brief biography over the name of Ellen Hohenfeldt.

in Lincoln; she died in 1880. In the household were the maternal grandmother and the maternal aunt, Miss Mary Patrick.

After the mother's death, with the help of Aldus' small pension the grandmother and aunt took Luther and his three brothers to Canterbury NH to live. They ranged in age from 7 to 12.

From the Center School they scattered to find jobs and further their education. Luther became a close friend of Louis Morrill, before he went to stay for a time in Minneapolis where he graduated from high school and attended the University of Minnesota.

The Minneapolis years ended in 1895 by a trip to Florida with a man who offered work. When the tomato crop failed, Luther obtained a teaching position, cut short by a bout with malaria.

Luther returned East, joining Brother Robert in Boston where they lived together several years. They were members of the Shawmut Congregational church.

Some time after Robert's death from pneumonia in 1903, Luther went to Canterbury. The grandmother had died and the aunt was alone and in need. His free time gave him an opportunity to pursue photography, developing a business in picture postcards, printed by the rare colotype process in Germany.

After Miss Patrick died in 1908, Luther rented the cottage for a time to the Edgett family from the Boston area. He found work in a Concord photo shop, commuting

by bicycle. He researched Canterbury history and was devoted to the Congregational church.

In 1913 Luther married Josephine, a baby sister of Louis Morrill, lived in West Somerville MA where he was employed by the Boston Elevated Railway Company. During their twelve years in Somerville they were blessed by the births of two sons, Aldus in 1915 and Robert in 1920. Luther served on the board of the West Somerville Congregational church.

In 1925 Luther brought his family to Frostproof FL, the town to which he had come 30 years before. There the family became Presbyterian and he served as an elder for many years. On his previous visit he had organized a Christian Endeavor Society in Frostproof: he was dubbed "the missionary" by friends.

"My father was the kindest person I have ever known," Aldus related. "He never spoke a harsh word; rough talk was out of the question. I was growing up in Frostproof during the collapse of the boom and the Great Depression, and I know the adversities he faced. But never a word of complaint. As mother says, 'He was a faithful friend, a devoted husband, and a proud father.' He set high standards for his sons: he never drank anything stronger than milk, never used tobacco."

His death was the result of an automobile accident in 1947. Typically he spoke no ill will of the two truck drivers who raced down Lake Moody hill forcing him into a ditch as he was on his way to

a home-repair job. At 75 he continued to pursue the hard manual labor of an all-round building repairman.

My mother and father were distantly related, dad having descended from Masten Morrill, and mother from David Morrill, members of the family of Ezekiel Morrill who pioneered in Canterbury. He was not a "joiner" and spent his evenings quietly at home. But his example as a hard-working, clean-living kind man who loved his fellow man as much as his church, his utter selflessness, has been a worthy guide.

Therald Cody

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Canton OH. In recent years he had resided in Hialeah Gardens FL convenient to a Veterans Hospital. He presided at the Portland convention in 1981 and the 1992 Buffalo Bill Centennial convention in North Platte last summer.

For the past two years he had been active in preparation of the two-volume *Philip and Martha* genealogy of the Cody family in North America, and was responsible for several of the new genealogical lines incorporated in the work.

Therald Cody was a member of the Lower Muskingum Historical Society. He is survived by his wife, Nerina, a brother, John, and four sisters, Rose Cody Ruble, Evelyn Cody Frye, Eloise Cody Pinkerton and Sarah Cody Best.