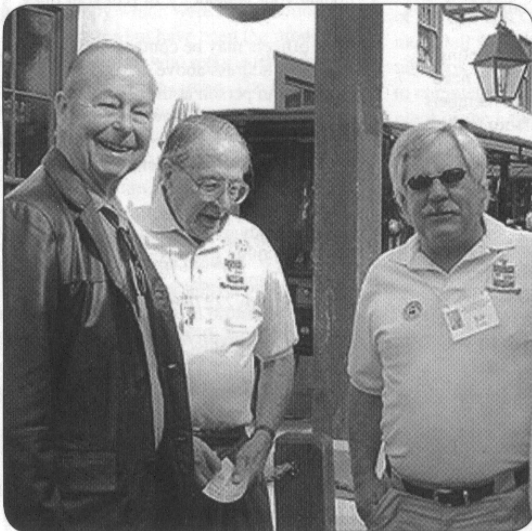


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Jim Cody, Hi Cody and Kit Cody (left) chat while awaiting a trolley. Lee Norwood (above) chats with Al and Bertha Cody at the opening reception. Hi and Al were both recognized during the Reunion banquet for their many years of devoted service to the ICFA.

Family Gathers in San Diego for 2004 Reunion

Family members from across the country came to San Diego in October for the 2004 International Cody Family Association Reunion.

The event was well-attended and successful because of the many California family members who spent a great deal of time over the past several years making arrangements.

With headquarters at the Courtyard by Marriott in the Old Town area the Reunion included many exciting sightseeing activities as well as just visiting with old friends and conducting the business of the association.

The Reunion was kicked off on Thursday, October 7 with a reception followed by a no-host dinner at a local Mexican restaurant.

The next day family members boarded special trolleys to get a good view of San Diego's many attractions stopping at the Seaport area and going on to Coronado. That evening there was a family dinner at which Juti Winchester, curator of the Buffalo Bill Museum, was the speaker.

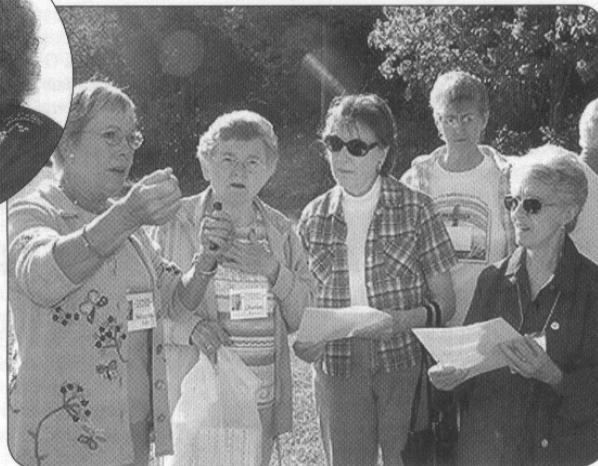
Saturday was another busy day with many family members going on a safari at the Wild Animal Park north of the city. The evening activity was a dinner cruise aboard the Spirit of San Diego.

A picnic on the grounds of Heritage Park, near Old Town, was the featured event on



Juti Winchester

Suzanna Cody works with California family members to set up the Reunion picnic.



Sunday. It included an informal church service in which several family members took part. Picnickers were serenaded by a mariachi band.

A family business meeting was held following the picnic. Details of that session are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

Much credit for the success of the San Diego event goes to vice president Suzanna Cody and the hardworking group of area family members she got together to organize the event.

Association treasurer Ron Hills reports that, thanks to donations, the San Diego Reunion broke even financially.

KIT'S CORNER



My compliments and thanks to the many family members in California who spent many hours making sure that the 2004 Reunion in San Diego in October was such a success. At the risk of missing someone, I would like to thank Suzanna Cody, Ron Hills, Hal and Dianne Brewer, Thomas Cody Geary, Beatrice Geary Brown, Jim Cody, Lee Norwood and Janet Owens who served on the planning committee as well as all those who helped with the activities. We all spent many fun-filled hours meeting new family

members and catching up on the lives of those we hadn't seen for some time. All this and the beautiful San Diego attractions.

Those planning the 2006 Reunion in Cody, WY, will have a high mark to shoot for but we'll do our best to continue the tradition of outstanding events. As you will read in the minutes of the Executive Committee, that reunion will be scheduled around July 4th rather than in the fall as was the one in California because this is a time packed with fun activities. Information on this event will be posted as soon as we have them on the Cody Family website and in the *Review*.

As you also will notice from the meeting minutes, the association is very much in need of the financial support of its present members and the broadening of the membership in this great association. I hope you will help in this project.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Web Site

I hope you have had an opportunity to see our new web site. If not check it out at www.cody-family.org. I hope that you enjoy our initial efforts; there is much more to come. Right now I am interested to know what you would like to see on our family site. I encourage you to go to www.cody-family.org, explore what is there and consider what you would like to see on your family web site. Then let us know. We want to make this a site that you visit repeatedly for news and information about family activities.

By the way, continue to send your email addresses and changes to codyte@cinti.net and be sure to include them when you send in your genealogy updates. We use your email list to send out occasional notices to family members. We do not sell or share your email address.

Dues

The annual dues for the International Cody Family have held steady at \$25 for many years. During that time, the costs of publishing and mailing the *Review*, our primary expense, have risen substantially. We have made as many cost cutting steps as possible while working to maintain the quality of our newsletter. Now, we need to raise the cost of dues to \$30. This is a small increase and we do it with the conviction that you will faithfully continue to send us your dues and that this small annual increase will suffice for many more years. In return for your support we will be instituting several changes that you will see. Beginning with the next *Review*, you will see a date on your address label indicating the last year in which you paid your dues. This should be helpful to see whether your dues are up to date or not. The second change is that you will receive a membership card indicating

that you are a member in good standing for the year. The practice of sending membership cards is one that was practiced many years ago. We have had numerous requests to reinstate the practice and I am pleased to let you know that we will start again immediately.

You may also be interested to know:

Through the years the Cody Family has maintained several regional groups that we call Circles. At present there are three Circles that still exist with varying levels of activity: the Ohio Circle, the Florida Circle and the Upper Canada Circle. The most active Circle is the OH Circle that meets annually in Central OH and welcomes attendees from OH and the neighboring states. See the article in this issue to learn more. The FL circle meets during the winter months around Buffalo Bill's birthday in February. They welcome Floridians and the snowbirds that head south for the winter. Contact President Kit Cody for information about the next meeting of the FL Circle. The Upper Canada Circle meets on alternate years between the International reunion. They have not met in several years. When they do, it's in Ontario. If you are interested in participating in one of these circles or starting one in your part of the country, send an email or letter and I will put you in touch with the existing Circle nearest you or help you start your own.

Our editor, Richard Grosenbaugh, publishes a very interesting *Review*. One of the most difficult challenges that he has is gathering news about our family members. We know you are doing interesting, important and exciting things – but you rarely tells us about them. I guess Cody's are modest people that do not like to blow their own horn. Unlike their most famous ancestor. We really do want to hear from you about your exploits or those of your family. So send the news to Richard Grosenbaugh and he will be glad to receive it and your Cody cousins will be pleased to read it in the *Review*.

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First Poster Piece Shown; Reg Lenna Gets Funds

Great headway is being made in the restoration of a historic Buffalo Bill billboard discovered on the wall of a building in Jamestown, PA.

A federal Save America's Treasures grant has been awarded to the Reg Lenna Civic Center to restore an 1878 Buffalo Bill Cody billboard. Announcement of the grant last fall coincided with the unveiling of the first conserved segment of the billboard to be shown to the public. Cody Family Association Vice President Suzanna Cody was present for that unveiling.

Upon hearing about the required matching funds needed, Lamar Outdoor Advertising pledged \$8,000 to help ensure that the entire billboard, measuring 24 feet by 10 feet, will be restored. The project to restore the entire billboard will take about two years. The finished billboard will be displayed in the lobby of the Civic Center.



Suzanna Cody visits with Reg Lenna conservator Laura Schell during the unveiling ceremony for the first piece of the restored theater poster with the likeness of John Nelson.



The poster advertised the Cody Combination production of "May Cody or Lost and Won". The first part of the poster restored shows John Young Nelson (also known by his Indian name of Cha-Sha-Sha-O-Pogeo) one of the stars of the production.

The Reg Lenna Civic Center is seeking additional grants and donations to help complete this work. Tax deductible donations can be sent to The Reg Lenna Civic Center, 106 E. Third St., Jamestown NY 14701. Please indicate "Buffalo Bill Cody Billboard Fund" on the check.

FAMILY NEWS



Ross Cody (256/347) was featured in the Veterans Day issue of the Ashland (OH) *Times-Gazette* because, after 60 years, he had just received eight medals

he was awarded during his service with the 101st Airborne Division in World War II. Those medals included a Purple Heart and a Bronze Star awarded for his participation in D-Day and the Battle of the Bulge. During the war Ross also served in Italy and southern France. Why did it take so long to get the medals? Ross said that because he was more worried about just getting out of the Army, he didn't do much about getting all his medals then; he did receive a Purple Heart and a combat infantry medal at the time. He said he didn't really push the matter "because it really didn't mean that much to me." But his family encouraged him to keep trying and a veterans service office in Ashland helped him finally get his due. Part of the problem was that many army service records were destroyed in a fire in St. Louis in 1970. The *Times-Gazette* article quotes Ross as saying about his service: "I just tried to stay alive when I was in the service. I didn't consider that any of us guys were heroes or anything like that. You just wanted to stay alive."



Mona Thornton, wife of Douglas Choate Thornton (248/A72) and mother of former ICFA president Harold Thornton (248/A721) died in June at the age of 91. She is also survived by a daughter, Lynne Joanne Thornton (238/A722). Mona had attended the 1998 Reunion in Beverly and was on the organizing committee for the 1993 Reunion in Calgary. She had taught school for a number of years in Calgary.

Buffalo Bill's Body Back to Cody?

Consultants brought in to help the city of Cody, WY promote its resources suggested, according to the *Cody Enterprise*, that the city start a public campaign to force Denver to give back the body of Buffalo Bill. Such a campaign, they said, would stir up controversy and generate free national press. Support could come, the consultants said, from signature cards portraying "Denver as a thief that has stolen your founder", according to Berkeley Young. The *Enterprise* quotes him as saying: "All they have is his grave. You've got his life." There was no indication in the story if the city council would consider that idea.

"Buffalo Bill was one of those men, steel-thewed and iron nerved, whose daring progress opened the great West to settlement and civilization. His name, like that of Kit Carson, will always be associated with old adventure and pioneer days of hazard and hardship when the great plains and the Rocky Mountains were won for our race. It is eminently fit to commemorate his gallant, picturesque and most useful career by such a monument as you proposed. He embodied those traits of courage, strength and self-reliant hardihood which are vital to the well-being of our nation." - Theodore Roosevelt, commenting on a proposed monument on the Denver grave site.

"His heart never left the great west. Whenever the day's work was done, he could always be found sitting alone watching the sinking sun, and at every opportunity he took the trail back to his old home. The sun setting over the mountain will pay its daily tribute to the resting place of the last of the great builders of the West, all of which you loved and part which you were." - Annie Oakley

Executive Committee Considers ICFA Business

Several items of association business were discussed during the meeting of the ICFA Executive Council during a meeting at the 2004 Reunion in San Diego, October 9. They included:

- All the present officers agreed to serve for another two years.
- A suggestion was made about moving the next reunion in Cody, WY, from 2006 to 2007 to coincide with the opening of the new museum dedicated to Buffalo Bill at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center. The change was not approved. The Council did approve a motion that the 2006 Reunion in Cody be held during the Fourth of July period because of the many activities during that time of year. The 2008 Reunion will be held in Ohio; North Platte, NE, or Toronto ON, Canada were mentioned as possible venues for the 2010 Reunion.
- Terry Cody announced the association's web site is up and running at www.cody-family.org. He said that he and Richard Grosenbaugh, *Review* editor, would manage the site. Terry also announced that the *Review* would be continued in its present six-page format due to rising printing and mailing costs. To help cover those costs, the council voted to increase member dues to \$30 a year.
- Efforts will be made to increase the number of families who pay their dues annually. A system will be set up on the web site that

allows payment of dues. Dues for Canadian family members will be published in the *Review* according to the exchange rates at the time of publication. Dues payments may now be made in U.S. or Canadian dollars. Starting in 2005 ICFA membership cards will be sent to those who pay dues.

- A suggestion was made that the *Review* only be sent to dues-paying members. Terry Cody said, however, that the primary method for keeping family records updated is through the *Review* and that limiting distribution would mean losing contact with some family members.

- It was reported that work is continuing on updating and printing of the Cody genealogy. Hard copies were originally sold for \$100 + \$8 shipping and handling but the price may have to be increased depending on print costs. The family sells the genealogy as a service and does not profit from its sale.

- Suzanna Cody has been working on charitable non-profit status for the ICFA. One option is to explore a formal, mutually beneficial realignment with the Buffalo Bill Historical Center. The officers agreed to meet in Cody WY in late August to meet with the BBHC to conclude any agreement. In the meantime, president Kit Cody and vice president Suzanna will take the lead in discussion with BBHC to prepare the way for the August meeting.

CODYS IN THE NEWS

Work is going on in Cleveland, Ohio, to save a historic cemetery in the downtown area which contains, in addition to others, the grave site of Philip Cody, father of Isaac Cody and grandfather of William F. Cody. Philip moved his family from Ontario, Canada, to Cleveland in 1832. In his years there he became owner of many acres of land in the center of the city. It was this property that became the topic of a lawsuit filed by Buffalo Bill in 1882. Because of some duplicity on behalf of Philip's son Joseph, Buffalo Bill claimed 55 acres in the center of Cleveland which he felt should have gone to his father Isaac. The court case on the matter dragged on for years; the Great Scout never benefitted from the claim and lost money trying to settle it. Philip spent 20 of his 80 years in that City. The *Cleveland Plain Dealer* reports that the hidden cemetery lies to the east of East 118th Street, near an expanding Case Western Reserve University. The paper says that responsibility for the graveyard bounced back and forth for almost 100 years between two suburbs: East Cleveland and Cleveland Heights. The place was overgrown with weeds and littered with trash until a new foundation was formed to attempt to save it.

The foundation has arranged many free services and is trying to raise grants and donations to restore the cemetery.

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CIRCLE NEWS

2005 OH Circle Reunion

Date: Sunday, June 26, 2005

Time: 10:00am to 3:30pm

Where: Spring Hollow Lodge, Sharon Woods Metro Park (Same as last year)

All Cody cousins and friends of the family are welcome.

Schedule

10:00 a.m. Coffee & Doughnuts

12:00 Potluck Dinner (Bring a dish to share and table service for your family. Beverages will be provided).

After dinner, the annual auction will take place. Please bring your white elephants, crafts, baked or canned goods and produce for the auction. All proceeds go into the Ohio Circle treasury to pay for future reunions.

After the auction, family photos will be taken and then there will be a brief business meeting to discuss future local reunions and the international reunion along with other important things.



President Shawn says, "If you know someone who has not made it in previous years please invite them to come."

If you have question, comments or suggestions, please contact:

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2004 Ohio Circle Cody Reunion

The 2004 Ohio Circle Reunion was held in Spring Hollow Lodge, Westerville, Ohio, on June 20, 2004 with Gerald Cody, President, presiding. The family gathered for a time of fellowship, a potluck dinner, a white elephant auction and a business meeting. Approxi-

mately 30 cousins attended, representing four generations of Cody cousins. The eldest to attend were Grayce Cody and Vera Cody, sisters-in-law and both 89 years old. There were also several young children present. The attendees were: Kyle & Betty Moran; Kathryn, Doug & Rick Turnbull; Ross & Glorine Cody; Lisa Meeker; Cameron Cody Vance; Richard Gilbreath; Vera Cody; Frank Cody; Gerald Cody; Grayce Cody; Shawn Trent; Bill & Sandy Cody & grandsons; Tom, Ellen, Stephen, Jonathan & Sarah Clark; Vivian Sidle; Jim & Sylvia Nearing; Anita Kremm; Terry Cody; Toni & John Trent; David Trent

Shawn Trent (270/37314) was elected President and Frank Cody (270/3431) was elected Vice President. Gerald Cody, current president, was not able to continue to serve because he has moved to Arizona. Gerald was commended by the group for his longtime service to the Ohio Circle and to the ICFA. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer will continue to be held by Kathryn Turnbull and Vivian Sidle, respectively.

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NEWS BRIEFS

It seems that even today many people want to capitalize on the good name and reputation of Buffalo Bill Cody.

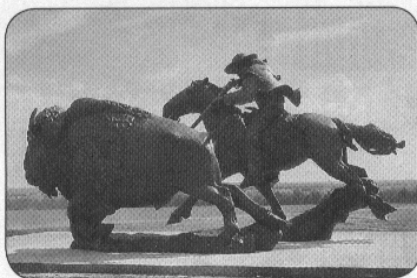
A story from *Cleveland.com* tells about a pair of old cowhide gloves and a damaged horse bridle that were supposedly once the property of Cody which were to be auctioned off. They were said to have been the property of George Tomlinson who reportedly appears with Buffalo Bill on the circuit. The Buffalo Bill Historical Center said there was a man named George Tomlinson who worked with the Wild West. Juti Winchester, curator of the Buffalo Bill Museum, said she felt the quality of the gloves in question were not that which Cody would have bought and that some of the materials seems to be too modern.

In recent publications several people around the country claim, in promoting their business, to be related to William F. Cody. Apparently these claims cannot be substantiated.

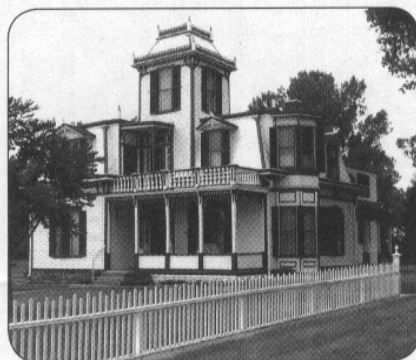
The *Denver Post* carried a story about 83-year-old Helen Eagen who rode a horse six miles up Lookout Mountain to the grave of Buffalo Bill just as she has done every year on the anniversary of his burial. (Although Cody died in December of 1917, his body was not buried until June of the following year.) The article says that Eagen, one of 14 riders who traveled to the grave site, shuffled slowly in her cowboy boots back to her horse, one hand on a borrowed cane and an arm linked through a friends.



Pahaska Tepee near Cody, Wyoming, has just celebrated its 100th anniversary according to an article in the *Cody Enterprise*. The Pahaska Tepee Resort is an outpost Buffalo Bill built as the third leg of a three-part tourist destination in the area. The other legs were the town of Cody and Wapiti Valley and Yellowstone Park. When it opened a stay at the Pahaska cost \$4 a day, \$15-20 per week. Cody was not present for the opening of the lodge in 1904 because of his Wild West touring. Pahaska was the name given to Cody by Indians. It means "Long Hair". He and other frontier scouts wore beaded buckskins and long hair in deference to native plains people who preferred not to cut their hair.



In May of 2004, a 9,000 pound sculpture of Buffalo Bill Cody was placed atop a man-made hill west of Oakley, Kansas. The sculpture took six years of planning and \$500,000 to complete. Oakley calls itself the "Birthplace of the Legend of Buffalo Bill Cody" because it was near here that Cody killed a record number of buffalo while hunting for the railroad and therefore earned the title "Buffalo Bill". Promoters of the area hope the statue will increase tourist trade. Oakley is just off Interstate 70 between Hays and Colby.



The *Nebraska StatePaper.com* reports that vandals did more than \$1,500 in damage to the Scouts Rest Ranch house in North Platte formerly occupied by Buffalo Bill Cody. The report says that clubs were used to smash antique Wheelock china and antique glass. Glass littered the floor in the downstairs area of the house. An ornate chandelier was also damaged. The vandals also stole several items from displays. They also struck at the nearby Wild West Arena where a carnival was setting up for Nebraskaland Days celebration. Scouts Rest is now a state park.

The Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody is hoping to boost attendance by offering a new family rate and making other changes to lure more people from the Yellowstone National Park area. For \$40 one or two parents plus their children younger than 17 can visit the center under its new family package. Along with fee adjustments, the center is trying group services and projects with Yellowstone National Park's major concessionaire, and also is looking to improve on getting more information out about it in West Yellowstone, Montana, and Jackson. Attendance at the center in Cody dropped almost 7 percent in 2004.

CIRCLE NEWS

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Doug Turnbull has set up a yahoo group site called KYOHCodys where OH Circle Codys (and others) can post news, photos, etc that may be of interest to our group. The Cody family web site is now up and available for inspection: www.cody-family.org.

It was suggested that a family tree be posted at our next reunion and pushpins made available for the people who attend to designate their location on said tree. The idea was accepted favorably. Kathryn Turnbull is working on a family tree for the 2005 OH Circle reunion.

After the business meeting, the International reunion committee for 2008 met. Anyone who was interested in the planning of this reunion was invited to attend. The members of this committee consisted of Toni and Shawn Trent, Terry Cody, Kathryn Turnbull, Frank Cody, and Bill Cody. After considering the requirements for an international reunion and the pros and cons of Ohio sites that met the requirements, Cincinnati was chosen to be the host city.

CODYS IN THE NEWS

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An article in *The Ledger* in Frostproof, Florida, tells the story of the First Presbyterian Church there which is celebrating its 100th anniversary. It mentions Rev. Lindus Cody, "a cousin of Buffalo Bill Cody" as being one of the first members in the church which originally was called the Church Among the Lakes. Lindus was the son of Philip Cody (born 1816) and the grandson of Philip Cody (born 1770). He apparently is also buried in the Cleveland cemetery currently in the news because "Five Generations" reports that both Philip Cody and his wife are buried on the plat of their grandson Lindus in Lake View Cemetery.

USE THIS FORM TO SEND US YOUR FAMILY UPDATE INFORMATION

Cody Identification Number (if known) _____ / _____ Birthplace _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____
 Cody Descendant Name _____
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 Mail Address _____ E-mail address _____
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CHILDREN IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER (Do not include stillborn, but include those not surviving infancy) Adoption status: 0, not adopted; 1, adopted & not a descendant; 2, descendant adopted by successor spouse; 3, descendant adopted by 3rd party; 4, descendant adopted by descendant relative.

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 Spouse Name _____ Birthplace & Date _____ Marriage Place _____
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To List additional children or grandchildren, use additional sheets

LIST DETAILS OF FAMILY DEATHS (Include name, Cody ID, Date & Place of Birth, Date of Death, Location of final resting place)

You may provide **Biographical Data** for the above: up to 200 words on a separate sheet. Include civic, educational and occupational achievements.

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