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Family Communications Going Electronic!!

Financial considerations and increasing computer access has thrust the ICFA into a new era of electronic interactions. The REVIEW will be mailed one more time this Spring (2013) before becoming entirely computerized. The REVIEW will continue to be published electronically twice a year with information, notifications and updates. It will also be available on our web site: <http://www.cody-family.org>. We look forward to publishing your contributions about family and friends' comings and goings. You will also receive monthly and bi-monthly information via email.

MOST IMPORTANT - PLEASE SEND THE EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR EACH AND EVERY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS as we wish to improve and expand our data base to help you navigate all the possibilities for

GREAT DELIGHT through our reunions, gatherings, and services provided by Cody Family Association and Buffalo Bill Historical Center.

Remember, if you do not have access to computer interactions, let us know by calling 408.718.9117 or 408.221.8625 so you may be included in communications via another means or write to ICFA, 18588 Woodbank Way, Saratoga, CA 95070.

The Cody Family needs YOU to bring our Family and our friends back into the Fun of being together for sharing, celebrating, and co-creating. YOUR BOARD NEEDS YOU TO CONTINUE THE CODY FAMILY LEGACY THROUGH YOUR PARTICIPATION, CARING AND INVOLVEMENT. BEGIN BY SENDING YOUR EMAIL ADDRESSES AND COMMENTS.

Get Involved with Your Family Events!

Help choose a location for our 2014 Reunion. Two areas have been identified as possibilities: The Larry Benson Family near Portland, OR, has offered to hold a reunion in their region and another offer has been proposed for Jamestown, NY, near Buffalo, NY, and Erie, PA. The 2016 Reunion will definitely be held in Ohio. Since many of our members live in CA, OR and WA with another large group residing in OH and NY, these areas have been recognized. Please email your choice to ron.hills@comcast.net or editor@cody-family.org.

Let us know if you, your family and FRIENDS would be interested in joining us during July or early August 2014 for a spectacular gathering; please reply at the above emails.

We would be interested in knowing about how many folks would like to join you and if YOU would like to host a reunion in your area at some time. Even if you are unable to attend this reunion, please reply with your ideas and suggestions.

For those of you who do not have computers or email addresses, please reply by telephone: 408.718.9117 or 408.221.8625, so that we may send you a hard copy of the REVIEW as well as having an opportunity to know you via phone. We are really excited about getting to know you, work with you and serve you.

Cody Hosts 2012 Reunion

The Cody Family held their biennial reunion June 26 through July 1, 2012, in Cody, Wyoming. About 30 family members and friends came from across the continent: Ohio, Massachusetts, California, Oregon, Missouri, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Alberta, Canada. Registration was held on Thursday with a reception in the Cody Room next to Cody Auditorium. Wyoming is home to Kit and Linda Cody as well as the Garlows, Bill, Ivy and Lindsay.

Ron Hills and Suzanna Cody passed out name tags, souvenir maps and activity schedules. Kit and Linda set up the buffet with the help of Deborah Strode and Martha Goodman.

Other activities during the weekend were the Friday morning trolley tour, white water rafting, and shopping. After lunch the group toured the newly re-dedicated Buffalo Bill Museum and visited with curator, John Rumm. They were all fascinated with Peter Simpson's impression of Buffalo Bill which when projected onto a mist of vapor creates a life size image glowing with ghostly luminescence. Director Bill Eldridge says it is the most photographed exhibit. The new museum layout tells the life story of William F. Cody with artifacts, dioramas, models and videos. At dinner that night, the group was honored with the presence of Wyoming

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FAMILY NEWS

Little Kylie Renee joined her family on July 27, 2012. Her parents are Adria and Michael Bivens (264/C61133). Her big sister is Savannah, age 3. They all live in Tucson, Arizona.

Leaving us last year was Anna Moughan Davis (264/C6132). Anna was born in Springfield, IL on April 2, 1943, and left us on July 4, 2011. She spent most of her adult life in California and the last several years in Bullhead City, Arizona. She is survived by three sisters.

Passing away on July 5, 2011, was William Frederick Cody of Cleveland, OH. He had lived in Cleveland all his life and died of pancreatic cancer (the kind that killed Steve Jobs of Apple Computers.)

However, born on May 13, 2009, was little William Frederick Cody III of Cleveland, OH. His father is William Frederick Cody, Jr. of Cleveland.

Evelyn Arnold Harding, 264/C614, passed away in Hamilton, IL on May 12, 2012. Born on July 12, 1921, Mrs. Harding had lived in Hamilton almost all her life. She had retired from the Postal Service many years ago. She is predeceased by husband, Wes, and daughter, Bonnie, and all five of her brothers and sisters. She is survived by many nieces and nephews.

2012 Ohio Circle Reunion

October 6th was a beautiful fall afternoon in central Ohio. Some twenty Cody cousins gathered that day in the very nice facilities at Whetstone Community Center in Columbus for the annual Ohio Circle reunion. Guests arrived early to renew old acquaintances and work up an appetite for the potluck luncheon. Afterwards, a silent auction was held, followed by a business meeting and selection of officers. This

year's officers are Frank Cody, President; Terry Cody, Vice-president; Toni Trent, Secretary/treasurer.

At the business meeting, it was proposed that the Ohio Circle offer to host the International Reunion in 2016 instead of the previously proposed 2014. The consensus was that it was most important to strengthen the membership of the circle before volunteering to hold the Reunion.



Where Do Codys Live?

A new feature we have added to our web site is a map which shows how many Cody family members live in each state or province. Go to www.cody-family.org. Put cursor over MEMBERSHIP menu choice for a small version of a map to appear. A little popup menu will also appear, but click on the MEMBERSHIP choice itself to get to the MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION page. This information will be very handy when planning future reunions. Still in a working stage is the setting up of a "members only" portion of the web site, which would be tied to your email address and Cody ID. This could be used in several ways, such as allowing members to review/update/printout their family's genealogy data.

Starting a State or Regional Circle

Many of us in other parts of the country may be wondering how we can put together a circle in our area like Ohio has. The Ohio Circle seems to be very active and always getting together. Forming a new circle doesn't have to be a large and time-consuming project. There is no need to search directories or genealogies to find two or three dozen more "cousins" to get together. You can start with your own extended family, especially if you all live within a few hours of each other.

The first step would be to make a list of your close by family members. Someone

needs to be "in charge" to begin with, just for the sake of organization and communication. The members on your list can be contacted to get a general idea of a meeting time. After that, it can be decided when and where to meet. Someone can be in charge of a business meeting (make it short) and someone else can organize the food, whether it be a potluck or catered affair. It does not need to be fancy.

The rest of the meeting time can be filled with organized (or unorganized) games, picture taking, or general visiting. If you want to have a silent auction

or white elephant sale to raise funds for a future meeting, there are several ways to do it. Email me (editor@cody-family.org) and I'll be glad to send you ideas.

Your group can elect officers if you want, or just have a general chairman who can handle everything until you are better organized. Once you have had one meeting, members will think of others to invite. Remember, circles can contain non-relatives who are just interested in the Cody Family.

After all this is taken care of, the rest is easy. Have fun.

Fort Lancaster Lupton Reborn In Colorado



By Janice Cody Brown

FORT LUPTON, COLORADO: Back in the 1800s there was a series of forts, mostly for fur traders, not military, erected in the Weld County, Colorado, area along the Platte River. Over the years, little remained of these forts except in history pages. There are very few photographs or drawings.

A gentleman in the area of Ft. Lupton had a passionate dream of rebuilding the Lancaster-Lupton fort just north of the town and south of Ft. Vasquez and Ft. St. Vrain.

He began this quest by organizing the South Platte Valley Historical Society which currently numbers about 350 members. The land was acquired for a Fort Park surrounding the area of the original old fort site. An 1870s house and one room school were also added to the park along with an existing old storage barn.

In later years a temporary visitors' center was added, an architect was hired to assist in future plans and buildings. A wooded area along the Platte River was used for the frequent Mountain Man Rendezvous and encampments. A black powder shooting range was established, and a foot bridge was erected across an existing irrigation canal that ran between the encampment area and Fort Park. Trees, Flowers, shrubs and vegetable gardens were added by the volunteers and heritage plants were introduced along the canal.

In the meantime, fund raising programs were held, numerous grants were written, and donations appeared to realize the actual fort structure's erection. In 2004 the actual building of the fort began. Foundations were poured. Keep in mind that all the builders had was a rough picture and a painting. No dimensions were ever found. The walls began to go up and this place of history began to take on a life of its own. Volunteers came

forward to assist with whatever special talent they had to give.

Even in its first rough, unfinished form, many events have taken place at the Fort.

Included are weddings, anniversaries, reunions, three years of Heritage Festivals complete with reenactments, food and entertainment, and numerous dinners for every kind of organization imaginable. Passersby come to watch this incredible structure taking shape.

In early 2010, all four walls, a beautiful tower, seven working fireplaces, interior rooms, a blacksmith shop and forge, trading rooms, a bastion with living quarters upstairs, small sleeping rooms, a large rendezvous room where events are held, an old time kitchen outfitted for the time period, an ante room which was used in the 1800s to allow native Americans to come in for trading purposes but closed off from the rest of the fort have all been erected. A modern working kitchen is also there to use for the numerous functions held at the fort.

Electricity has been put in even though it would not have been in the original fort.

New ideas are continually being considered for inclusion, logs continue to be donated and cut and are hauled down from the mountains by volunteers. The logs are peeled and stained and cut for an authentic look. Small logs are used for the latillas in ceilings of all the rooms.

To Jan's knowledge this fort is the only new-reconstruction or replica of an existing fort in the United States that is all done by volunteers, donations and grants. No tax payer monies, state or city funding is involved. This alone makes this project somewhat of a miracle.

The next time you make a trip to Colorado, you are cordially invited to come see this incredible project. I guarantee you will be amazed at what a growing group of dedicated people can accomplish while working together for the same goals and realization of a vision.

On a personal note: my husband, Ron, has been one of the building volunteers and I have been the historian for the South Platte Valley Historical Society for the last twelve years. This project has been a priority in our lives and will be a legacy that should be enjoyed by the public for years to come.



The fort as seen from the air during construction.

Wish Lists and Dream Teams

The new ICFA is a reflection of the old 1927 notion of being in service to a cause or concern greater than the Family. In that light, following are some topics to consider.

For example: Some family members are trying to prove and disprove a claim made by the Dixie Union Chapel in Missis-sauga, Ontario, Canada, that Buffalo Bill was baptized there. To date, we are unable to verify the claim, but are working with BBHC and the Canadian government to do so. We are considering mapping and taking a river trip from Kansas to Toronto to prove the possibility of greater movement between the two areas that previously considered.

Family members and friends have assisted in the conserva-tion and preservation of an early huge Buffalo Bill poster that revealed itself after bricks from a large building in Jamestown, New York began to disintegrate.

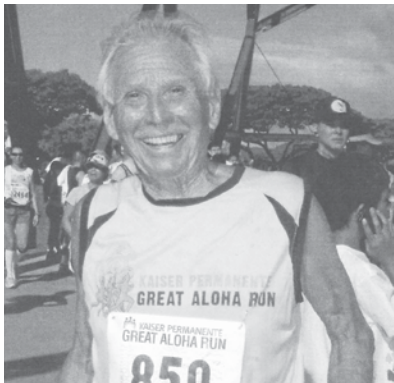
Movement is afoot to organize a family gathering to the Isle of Jersey to research family records and help in the restoration of the church where Martha and Philip were married become coming to the 'new world'. We would like to develop a flow map of the family migrations from the Isle of Jersey to Massachusetts and beyond. FYI: Isle of Jersey is 45 square mile island in the English Channel near the Normandy Peninsula.

The ICFA wishes to network with Buffalo Bill associated groups, such as Annie Oakley organizations, Pawnee Bill Mu-seum, Texas Jack Family organization, Plains Indian organiza-tions, along with family, friends, organizations and individuals who have historical connections or an interest in our activities and who share in the goals, values and objectives of the ICFA.

We all know Buffalo Bill is the best known figure in the Cody Family; however, we also wish to recognize and honor the many other Cody Family members who have significantly contributed not only to enriching America but the world.

If you have projects or ideas for family and community service in which the family may become engaged, please let us know how we can help—as long as they follow foundation guidelines as mentioned below in our statement of purpose.

The Foundation is organized and shall be operated primar-ily to enrich and empower the human spirit through the heart and values of Colonial America—its families, its achieve-ments, its entrepreneurship, its genealogy, its arts, and its living history. The “foundation” will do any and all other acts and things and exercise any and all other rights and powers which may be reasonably necessary, incidental, desirable or expedient in the accomplishments of such purposes.



You're Never Too Old!

Hawaii is beautiful any time of the year, but in early February of this year a great group of people came to Aloha Stadium in Honolulu for the Great Aloha Run, 8.15 miles, slightly less than a half marathon. Participants were grouped by male or female and basically according to age. Participating in race #859 was Walter “Hap” Goodman, Jr. of Dallas, TX. Hap just happens to be in the Cody Family (145/381) And Hap just happened to come in 1st in his category—90 to 99 years old! His time was 1:58:34. Anyone care to challenge Hap?

When Will the Cody Family Directory and Genealogy Books Be Published?

Many of you have expressed frustra-tion and expectation for the Directory and Genealogy books to be published for distribution.

The Executive Board is working hard to collect the most recent data. We are currently awaiting final versions from Terry Cody, former ICFA CEO, who is dili-gently trying to complete the process. Our devoted Genealogist, Barbara Metalsky, who has been working 24/7 for several years, presented her updated data bases to Terry over a year ago. However, due to hand written updates that can be difficult to read, the process is slow. Although Terry promised to turn over the data bases long ago, the Executive Board has not

received completed transactions to date, delaying the Board's ability to receive bids for publication.

This is one of the many reasons the new ICFA Executive Board has voted to communicate with you electronically rather than through the written word. We are hoping to put a program in place on our web site where, with a personal code, you can update your family genealogy with information about births, deaths, ac-complishments and many other pieces of information.

We look forward to accelerating that program and thank you for your trust and patience. Please contact us if you have fresh ideas to facilitate this process.

Message from the Executive Board

Great new things are happening within the ICFA. The major difference is that ICFA has become an "Executive Board Guided" foundation, seeking legal status, possibly compliant with an inclusive 501 (c)(3) foundation of family and friends. Here are some of the most significant revisions.

Four new officers, plus a webmaster, genealogist and editor flesh out the Executive Board which is actively seeking family and friends who would like to become part of the Executive Board. Some of you have already been contacted to seriously consider working in the following capacities. But anyone may want to work in the following areas: Legal consultant, development director, accounting consultant, outreach director, 4 or 5 regional directors, reunion chair, governance consultant, policies and procedural authors, and other consultant/directors in your area of interest. Please don't hesitate to contact the Board members for further information and possibilities for service in areas not mentioned.

The new bylaws have been edited and ratified by the Board and family members who attended the 2012 Reunion at Cody, WY. To read the bylaw go to www.cody-family.org.

Most of the fiscal databases have been turned over to the Board along with domain ownership and other internal issues resultant to the transition.

A budget is in progress along with a Policy and Procedures Manual.

The Board is meeting monthly via telecom, working on ways for you to connect with them at any level electronically. Written communications eventually will become obsolete.

PayPal, Visa, Master Charge, etc. is active on the web site for your convenience in paying dues, reunion fees, making donations and eventually purchasing ICFA memorabilia.

The long awaited liaison between ICFA and the Buffalo Bill Historical Center is developing according to plan. The BBHC will be updating our membership data bases, adding to our genealogical data bases, forwarding to us Cody Family inquiries and news that is received by them, encouraging use of the ICFA website, working with the family in areas of BBHC outreach programs, supporting family in donating memorabilia to the BBHC, thus receiving recognition and a tax deduction. Most of all, this will give ICFA visibility and credibility within a world class structure.

Of course, the most important news item is that the ICFA will issue only one more hard copy of *The Review* late next spring. Electronic versions will then be available. The Family will not be locked into doing just two issues a year, but can send out newsworthy items whenever they occur. We really need an email address from everyone who has one. We have had addresses but some have turned out to be obsolete, so don't be afraid to send them in again to make sure you are on the list. **IF YOU DO NOT USE THE COMPUTER AND WISH TO GET A PRINTED COPY OF THE REVIEW, WE CAN STILL MAIL YOU ONE.** WRITE TO 18588 WOODBANK WAY, SARATOGA, CA 95070 OR TELEPHONE TO 408-718-9117 OR 408-221-8525. BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR ID NUMBER. It is listed above your name on the address label.

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Tribute to Terry Cody, Retiring CEO Of ICFA

The ICFA Executive Board wishes to extend the highest accolades to Terry Cody, who assumed, almost independently, the management of ICFA for many years. He became the first CEO of ICFA in 2001 following the presidency of his brother, Gerald Cody, who held office from 1985 to 2000, with a one term hiatus when Harold Thornton became president from 1997-1998. We owe a great debt of gratitude to these three family members whose legacy continues to infuse the family with enthusiasm and appreciation.

Terry Cody's tireless and faithful leadership was marked by many successes throughout the years. He is remembered for his appointments of a Board of

Directors, a Genealogist, Web Master, and Review Editor, all of whom now comprise the Executive Board. He took responsibility for editing and preparing for publication the semi-annual newsletter, developing the mailing lists and genealogical databases, appointing reunion director, taking charge of fiscal matters, responding to inquiries and many other administrative efforts. His remarkable constancy in overseeing the management of ICFA is a tribute to the admirable man he is in his representation of the ICFA.

His strengths will be sorely missed, but we rest assured that his vigor will encourage the Executive Board in their endeavors. We thank and pay deep respect to this outstanding man of service.

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2012 Reunion

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Senator Alan Simpson and his lovely wife, Ann.

Saturday most of the group took the Heart Mountain Bus Tour to the Japanese-American Internment Camp where they learned how the internees survived during the tragic period in World War II. There was little for these people to do except farm and wait for the war to be over. When the war was over, each prisoner was given \$25 and a bus ticket. Survivors have reunions, too, with the last one being in Las Vegas.

For supper, everyone went to Cassie's Cowboy Bar. Cassie's had a storied past as a Ladies of the Night house. She eventually closed just after WWII. She was glad to close as times had changed and she was getting tired. The house was bought by the Nelsons in 1952 and is known as Wyoming's premier

steakhouse. The Cody Nite Rodeo was enjoyed by all with the world's top bull riders competing for a \$50,000 purse.

Sunday morning services were held at the Poker Church with the Rev. Warren Murphy using the 1926 Episcopal Liturgy. A plaque outside the church explains the origin of the nickname, "Poker Church." Sunday afternoon a picnic was held in Mentock Park and concluded with a business meeting presided over by outgoing president, Kit Cody. The complete minutes of the meeting are listed on the website under the heading Reunion 2012. New officers were approved by the attending membership. Elected were Suzanna Cody, President; Kit Cody, Vice-president; Dwight Cody, Secretary; Ron Hills, Treasurer.

Talk of the next reunion in 2014 was brought up and discussed. There is an article detailing this elsewhere in the REVIEW.

New Movie About Buffalo Bill

A group from Edinburgh, Scotland, have been working on a new film, entitled Buffalo Bill in Scotland. The head of the group, Alan Knight, said that people in Scotland love anything about Buffalo Bill. The group has been trying to raise funds to complete the project. Technical problems hampered them somewhat. If you'd like to watch a trailer of the movie, you can go to <http://www.indiegogo.com/Bufalo-Bill-in-Scotland> or go to <http://www.buffalobillfilm.com>. There is also a link on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BufaloBillInScotland>.

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