



FLORIDA CIRCLE MEETUP!



Annie Oakley appears in this detail from the "Greatest Show on Earth" Mural at the Ringling Circus Museum

Winter got you down? Come to sunny Florida!

As the Chair of the Cody Family Reunion Committee and on behalf of the International Cody Family Association (ICFA), I am pleased to announce that we will be hosting a revival of our Florida Circle in Sarasota and Frostproof on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 28 to March 1, 2020.

Late February is a prime time of the year to visit Florida. The weather is beautiful and the flowers are starting to blossom. Our Florida Circle Reunion will be short but sweet, so we invite you to come early and stay late to enjoy the many wonders and attractions that Florida has to offer. This could be the perfect time and place to enjoy an exciting family vacation.

Whether you're a first-timer or coming back for more, there are hundreds of things to see and do, including Disney World, Universal Studios, Holy Land Experience, SeaWorld, Legoland, Busch Gardens and so much more.

If you live in Florida, we strongly encourage you to join us to explore your roots by visiting with other Floridian Cody Descendants and Family Friends. You "Snowbirds" are also welcome to join us and participate in all of the exciting events we have planned. [Click to register on-line.](#)

We have secured an excellent group rate for all of our attendees at the [Hyatt Place Lakewood Ranch](#) for \$159/room.

[Book your room online now](#) or call 941-748-3100.

Register for the 2020 Florida Circle Reunion now or fill out the following form, calculate your cost, make the check or money order to ICFA and mail to:

ICFA 2020 Florida Meetup
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2020 Florida Meetup!

By *William "Kevin" Cody, 145/44332 ICFA VP, Social Media Director, BBLG Chair & Reunion Committee Chair*



We'll be meeting up Friday, February 28th at the Hyatt Place Lakewood Ranch in Sarasota for a reception and dinner. [Register on-line](#) for our group rate using our website's [Registration page](#).

Saturday's circus-themed events start with the Big Cat Habitat, continue with the Ringling Circus Museum and the Tibbals Learning Center's Howard Bros. Circus Diorama. This handmade, world-class circus model is rich in poetic detail.

For the evening's entertainment, we'll see a grand performance of Circus Sarasota from box seats under the Big Top!

Sunday, after another complimentary hotel breakfast, we'll drive to Frostproof for [a tour of the Museum](#) there conducted by Director, Bea Reifeis and drive up to Babson Park for lunch and a visit at [Cody Villa](#) with Margaret and Jim Monahan.

After lunch, we plan to hold a meeting of the Florida Circle, poll the attendees for membership and maybe even set a date for another meeting. It's probably too early to elect officers or discuss bylaws. Therefore, we remand the Florida Circle to the care of our able Florida Directors, [Peter and Kathy Plautz 206/72221](#).

Its been a dog's age since the Florida Circle met in 2004, a lot of water's gone over the dam, there's a new day a-coming, do it while you can. Please attend, we'd love to revive the family spirit!



Here, we'll see Codys as [Polk County Citrus Pioneers](#).



First we'll [visit the animals](#) at the Big Cat Habitat. Then on to the Ringling Circus Museum, for Howard Tibbals' amazing [Circus Diorama!](#)



One of [the Ringling's](#) many authentic exhibits.



Under the Big Top at [Circus Sarasota](#).



["Arthur's Mansion"](#) at Cody Villa.



2020 FLORIDA CIRCLE MEETUP REGISTRATION FORM

Choose Option # 1 or #2 and register by February 14. Late registration, add 10%.

Register online with PayPal at www.cody-family.org.

Or, make your check or money order payable to the ICFA and mail it with this form to:

Dwight Cody, ICFA Treasurer, PO Box 1835, Cotuit, MA 02635, Tel. (617) 908-6258

Attendee Info:

Name / Cody ID	Email	Phone	Address

Get a group discount rate of \$159 per night using this discount code, G-CODY, at our Headquarters Hotel, the Hyatt Place Lakewood Ranch! Call them at (941) 748-3100 and reserve your lodgings now because February is their busy season.

Option #1: Events Only Package Price!	<u>Price</u>	<u># Attendees</u>	<u>Total \$</u>	Package Price includes all the *'d items below.
Adults / Seniors	\$170	_____	_____	
Children Ages 6-12 (5 and under, Free)	\$115	_____	_____	
ICFA Voluntary 2020 Annual Dues, per Household	\$ 30	_____	_____	
Lodging not included!	Grand Totals	_____	_____	

Option #2: Price by Activity, Pick & Choose	<u># Adults</u>	<u># Children</u>	<u>Adult / Child</u>	<u>Total \$</u>
Friday, February 28				
* 5 - 8 pm Reception, Hyatt Place Lakewood Ranch Includes the Buffet Dinner from 6 - 7 pm	_____	_____	\$25 / \$15	_____
8 - 10 pm Social Hour or Amenities for tired travelers	_____	_____	Free	_____
Saturday, February 29				
6:30 – 9:30 am Hyatt Place Complimentary Breakfast				
* 10:45 – 12 pm Big Cat Habitat Animal Sanctuary Tour Free Admission for Active Military or Vets	_____	_____	\$25 / \$15	_____
12 – 12:45 pm Lunch at Big Cat Safari Snack Bar Please print your order for Burgers, Chicken or Sausage Sandwichs, Soft Drinks or Lemonade on the back of this form.	_____	_____	\$10 / \$10	_____
* 1 – 1:30 pm Big Cat Animal Show	_____	_____	Pre-paid	_____
* 2 – 5 pm Ringling Circus Museum Free Admission for Active Military or Vets	_____	_____	\$25 / \$5	_____
* 6:30 – 9 pm Circus Sarasota Box Seats	_____	_____	\$55 / \$55	_____
Sunday, March 1				
6:30 – 9:30 am Hyatt Place Complimentary Breakfast				
9 – 10:30 am Carpool to Frostproof	_____	_____	Will you need a ride to Frostproof? (circle one)	Y N
* 10:30 - 11:30 Frostproof Museum Tour	_____	_____	\$10 / \$5	_____
* 12 – 1 pm Cody Villa BBQ Lunch	_____	_____	\$20 / \$10	_____
1 – 4 pm Cody Villa Tour & Florida Circle Meeting	_____	_____	_____	_____

A 2019 Reunion Retrospective



On the right, Direct Descendents Bill, Kevin, Kellie & Emilie

As the shadows lengthen and we approach the holiday table, let's remember the warmth of summer and our 2019 Reunion in Cody, WY, [click here for the website's Reunion Retrospective page](#).

It began with Sunday night's Executive Board meeting, volunteers unpacking and decorating the VFW with Wild West posters, preparing gift bags, stringing nametags and scheduling the parade. Monday, [the Whitewater Rafters](#) were delayed by a cloudburst while [Allan appeared on KODI](#). By noon, we gathered [at the VFW](#) to register, pick up our tickets, mingle with the Wild West Re-enactors and take a tour of Cody's Heritage Museum. After a hearty buffet supper, we carpoled to [the Rodeo](#).

Tuesday, we drove up to [the Bill Cody Ranch](#) after a family service at [the Poker Church](#) and a tour of [the Buffalo Bill Dam](#). Before lunch, Tyler Cody played the piano for us. Then, we took a relaxing trail ride. As the cocktail hour approached, we drove back to Cody for [the Wild Bunch Shootout](#). We applauded the performance from the porch of the Irma Hotel and filed into the [Governor's Room](#) for a delicious family dinner.

Early Wednesday, we mustered at [the Cody Firearms Experience](#) for target practice with Larry and Alecia, and Jan and William. Next, we inspected the antique buildings at [Old Trail Town](#) and tried a few throws of the lariat on their sawhorse steer. After lunch, [the Trolley Tour](#) guide showed us around Cody's historic sites and dropped us off at the BBCW for Karen Roles' discussion of [BB's Laycock genealogy](#) in the McCracken Research Library. We hustled over to [the Cody Cattle Company](#) for a family dinner with live music!

July 4th dawned bright and sunny and we assembled for the parade. Volunteers divided us up into walkers and riders, and we lined up and climbed onto [the ICFA Float](#) decorated by our Local Committee. Nothing is so much fun as riding in Cody's parade! We loved it, the crowd loved it, and it was a great day!

After grazing through the Wild West Exposition at City Park, we joined [Jeremy Johnston's tour of the Buffalo Bill Museum](#) and then met for dinner in the [West Kuyper Pavilion](#) where we tried on BB's hat. President Allan convened our General Business Meeting, made a summary report, introduced the Officers and turned to the Advisory Board, who conducted the 2019 election. We congratulate the newly elected President Allan, Vice President Kevin, Treasurer Dwight and Secretary Gisele. When the rain ended, Cody's fireworks display climaxed our Reunion.



Janet greeted us, Terry smiled & we enjoyed the rodeo!



We gathered at the Poker Church for a family portrait



Then we carpoled up to the Buffalo Bill Dam for a tour



Lunch at the Bill Cody Ranch

A 2019 Reunion Retrospective



Saddle up!



Click for a video of our trail ride!



Codys at the Wild Bunch street theater performance



Here, the Clantons engage the Earps in a sharp volley



Cousin Larry shoots pretty good too!



Old Trail Town is a unique collection of antique buildings



Ron & Suzanna enjoyed the live music at the Cattle Co.



Click for a slideshow of the parade!

Buffalo Bill Legacy Gallery & Social Media Update

By William "Kevin" Cody, 145/44332 ICFA VP, Social Media Director, BBLG Chair & Reunion Committee Chair



From the homepage of the Buffalo Bill Legacy Gallery, showing a fraction of the collection

The Buffalo Bill Legacy Gallery (BBLG) website continues to grow and improve. There are now over 1,700 Buffalo Bill-related artifacts within 21 different historical categories published for your viewing pleasure. We have also added many new exciting features as we aim to pioneer the BBLG site into the ultimate William F. Cody online resource!

Please consider joining our leaderboard list of donors to help us maintain and grow our vision of honoring the legacy of Buffalo Bill with [your tax-deductible, charitable donation](#). Here's some of the many things that you will find by visiting us...

- * [Browse our event calendar](#) to plan and attend your choice of a variety of Buffalo Bill-themed shows, re-enactments, celebrations, ceremonies and gatherings.
- * [Check out our map](#) with over 35 unique historical Buffalo Bill-related attractions and landmarks.
- * Search through all 60 of our [established BB affiliate websites](#).
- * [Find noteworthy information](#) regarding current news about BB.
- * [Locate online publications](#) including Buffalo Bill articles, biographies, reviews, facts and so much more.
- * [Watch all of our Buffalo Bill videos](#).
- * [Shop online for Buffalo Bill collectibles, souvenirs and books](#).



The Buffalo Bill Cody Facebook page now has 2,412 likes



The ICFA on Facebook now has 854 likes



The ICFA on LinkedIn now has 7,932 connections



On the left, is the ICFA Twitter page with 978 followers

Flash! Kanye West Comes to Cody, WY

by William Hagel 148/2741, *Special Correspondent*

Kanye West's successful [Sunday Service gospel-style show at the BBCW's Robbie Powwow Garden](#) on September 22 was warmly welcomed by an audience of 3800. Kanye described the inspiration behind his Sunday Service shows on David Letterman's ["My Next Guest Needs No Introduction"](#) and here Letterman tells all about it on The View.

The Hip-Hop artist and entrepreneur debuted his weekly "Sunday Service" shows featuring "The Samples" choir last January and has appeared in Atlanta, Chicago, Detroit, the [Coachella Music & Arts Festival](#) and twice at LA's Forum. Next up is Houston's Lakewood Church on November 17th.

In an exclusive [September 2 Vogue Arabia interview](#), when Kanye and Kim talked about their future, she sees herself living on a Wyoming Ranch and becoming a lawyer.

That's not all, on September 6, [TMZ broke the story "Kanye West Buys Massive, \\$14 Mil Wyoming Ranch"](#), about his purchase of the Monster Lake Ranch in Cody WY. It was also reported in [Forbes magazine](#) the same day.

Business Insider has an aerial photoplay of the Monster Ranch in their September 12th report ["Kanye West just bought a \\$14 million Wyoming ranch"](#).

On October 23, the Cody Enterprise published Rhonda Schulte's report, ["Kanye Buys Lot in Town"](#) about his purchase of the Mountain Equipment building on Big Horn Avenue. Then, he announced that the headquarters of the Adidas Yeezy brand is relocating to Cody.

[NBC News](#) reported that Kanye talked up his plans to make shoes in the USA at Fast Company's Innovation Festival November 4-8 in New York.

The Cody Enterprise's November 14 story ["West Looks to Build Amphitheater"](#) tells of its upcoming review by the zoning board.

Positive local reaction to the news was reported in the Daily Beast as ["The Wests Go Western"](#). In ["Waiting for Kanye..."](#), the New Yorker interviewed a couple whose Monster Ranch wedding was unaffected by the ranch's sale to the Wests.

"Remember the Children" Update



Once again, our intrepid Treasurer, Dwight Cody 148/3423 returns to Mt. Hope Cemetery in Rochester NY to tend the graves of Buffalo Bill's children, Kit, Orra and Arta Cody.

Our "Remember the Children" Fund provided the means to restore and protect their headstones from damage.

There is talk of restoring the railing that surrounded the plot, but with no definite plan as yet.

Milestones

Please use the fill-in forms under **CONTACTS** on the website's home page to report family news.

Births:

148/274133 Benjamin Daniel Baffer b Hartford CT 8/7/2019 Sarah & Brian Baffer

Marriages:

266/21341111 Andrew Lee Robinett & Araya Dawn Wallin, Casper WY 9/21/2019

Deaths:

176/2314 Helen Roberta Linton b Lake Crystal MN 8/28/1925 d Lodi CA 4/1/2019

235/3344 Audrey Lee Snyder b West Hollywood CA 7/18/1928 d Walnut Creek CA

5/2/2019 bur Sacramento Valley National Cemetery Dixon CA

266/4332 James Edward Cody b Coalinga CA 6/29/1932 d 6/12/2019 bur Rose Hills Memorial Park Whittier CA

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Even during his lifetime Buffalo Bill was used in fiction: the first dime novel about him, Ned Buntline's *"Buffalo Bill, the King of the Border Men"* was published in 1869 and was followed by hundreds more.

Fictionalized accounts of Buffalo Bill's adventures, including comics, continued long after his death; as he is a public domain character many different publishers have got in on the act. He was a prominent character in *Comet*, a British comic, as shown on the cover to the right in the 1957 Christmas edition.



Would you Rather?

Would you rather lose your voice for the holidays or only be able to speak in Christmas carols?

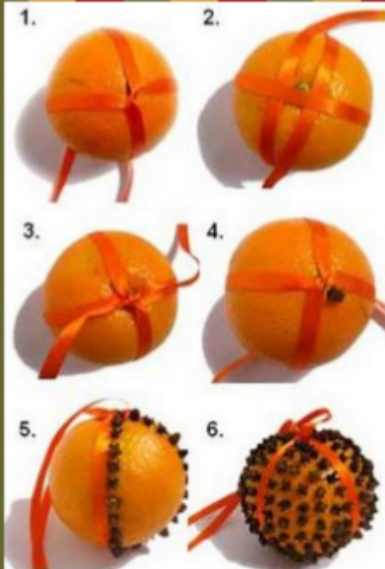
Would you rather be one of Santa's reindeer or be one of Santa's elves?

Would you rather eat a gingerbread house or live in a gingerbread house?

Would you rather be a melting snowman or a munched-on gingerbread person?



We Wish You a Merry Christmas And a Happy New Year!



Pomander balls are a Colonial American Christmas tradition.

So what is a pomander ball? It is simply a piece of fruit, traditionally an orange, that has been pierced by cloves and dried so that it lets off a wonderful aroma. Pomander balls can be used in drawers and closets like a sachet, or used as decorations at Christmas time by hanging them from a mantel or tree, or even just set in an attractive bowl on a table.



Holiday Laughs

What did one snowman say to the other?

Can you smell carrot?

Where do snowmen keep their money?

In a snowbank

Which of Santa's Reindeer has bad manners?

RUDE-olph

What do Monkey's sing at Christmas?

Jungle Bells, Jungle Bells



How Joseph Met Sally

By Ann Knowles, History Detective ann.w.knowles@gmail.com

Our Joseph 49, Revolutionary War Veteran and United Empire Loyalist is a complex figure in our family history. As a great-grandson of Philip & Martha he was, by virtue of his wife Sarah Payne, the patriarch of the 128, 130, 131, 132 and 133 Fifth-Generation branches of our family tree. Joseph's bio appears online and in print, but his wife 'Sala' has remained a mystery. Who was she and where did she come from? How did they meet?

Family Genealogist Lydia S. Cody reported that Joseph 49 married "Sarah Payne of New York State, she b. March 12 (year unknown); d. March 12, 1842 at Newmarket and is buried with her husband." Importantly, she adds; "[His son Aaron made an unsuccessful attempt to obtain a pension for that service...](#)"

Son Aaron's petition inspired my recent research at Fold3.com's on-line database of the National Archive's military service records that revealed some new facts, expanding our knowledge.

The Fold3.com database shows that son Aaron 131's application for Joseph 49's military pension is quite specific about his term of service and marriage to Sarah Payne. It has this witness to testimony by Joseph 49's cousin, Samuel 78, naming the place;

"[That immediately after the close of the war](#) his cousin, the said Joseph Cody, was reported to have been married to a Miss Payne, at the town of Partridgefield, (Massachusetts) aforesaid. That the deponent was present and heard the said Joseph Cody and Miss Payne published. That he knew the said Joseph Cody and Miss Payne aforesaid, to live together as Husband and wife, after their reported marriage."

Happily, the records show that Aaron 131's application for Joseph 49's military [pension was accepted](#) March 12, 1855.

Samuel 78's son, [Pitt Cody 183's corroborating deposition](#) states that according to his father, cousin Joseph was 'bound out' before the war in Partridgefield and that, "becoming dissatisfied, [he] ran away and went down to the Town of Dudley, Massachusetts and there enlisted into the service, and served during the whole War, after which he returned to Partridgefield, and there married."

Other testimony, by a variety of relatives and neighbors of Joseph and Sarah, confirms the marriage place and Aaron 131's own deposition gives the year as either 1783 or 1784.

Mustered out of the Continental Army, the veteran Joseph 49 returned to his parents in 1783. Father [Philip 18 sold his Charlton farm in 1784](#) and followed a wave of migration to the hills of Berkshire County where land was good and cheap. There in Partridgefield, Joseph courted and married Sarah Payne.

Partridgefield, settled in 1767 as Township No. 2 and incorporated in 1771, was named for the Revolutionary Patriot who purchased the land. In 1806 its name was changed to Peru and part was set off as [Hinsdale](#). The Payn family continued to live in the Hinsdale section for many years, while the Cody surname disappeared from the area as they moved west.

The 1790 census enumerates the only Paynes in Partridgefield as Stephen Payn (Payne was spelt variously as Payn, Payne, Pain or Paine but "Payn" was commonly used) and Rebecca Bushnell, who had moved with their children from Connecticut, perhaps in the early 1770s.

Stephen Payn's family is a known and documented Mayflower Society family through Stephen Payn's mother, Mary Brewster. Although both Stephen and his wife Rebecca (Betsey) Bushnell came from and married in Lebanon, Connecticut, they moved to Coventry, Connecticut shortly after marriage and had five of their children there before they moved north to Massachusetts, where at least two other children were born.

We know they settled in Partridgefield, now Peru, in Berkshire County Massachusetts, because [a land record in Lebanon](#) concerning the dispersal of Rebecca Bushnell's father Nathan's estate included references to "Stephen Payn of Partridgefield, Massachusetts". This record confirms that the Stephen who moved to Partridgefield is the same as the one born in Lebanon and was married to Rebecca Bushnell.

A published family record of the five children that he and Rebecca Bushnell had in Coventry shows the first and last members of his family grouping on the record as follows:

"Sarah, born May 20, 1758 & Tilla, born November 1, 1767"

Since Joseph Cody wrote in his bible that his wife Sally was born in 1767, we suspected that the printed records of the Payn family names might be wrong and ordered a copy of the [original handwritten Coventry Payne family record](#).

Indeed, the record received from the Assistant Coventry Registrar tells a different story from the published Payn/Bushnell records. Based on the handwriting, the name of their fifth child could be interpreted as "Sella" or "Salla", but not Tilla, and no evidence of a "Tilla Payne" been found in subsequent Payne family records. By inspection, we declare it to read "Salla".

Supporting this hypothesis, [a land record sale](#) of a Partridgefield property owned by Joseph 49 and conveyed to a new owner, just before Joseph and Sarah left for New York in 1786, is signed by "Joseph and Sala Cody". While Sala eventually became known in the records as "Sarah" or "Sally", this first record of them after their marriage shows that she was known at this time as "Sala", the same name that is shown on the original Payn family records of Coventry, Connecticut. And that's how "Joseph met Sally"!

Another conclusion of this research, in any case, is that the NARA Revolutionary War records available on Fold3 are an invaluable source of information on our Cody Revolutionary war ancestors, such as Samuel 78 and John 48, and a renewed study of them may be well-warranted.

Joseph 49's Family Bible

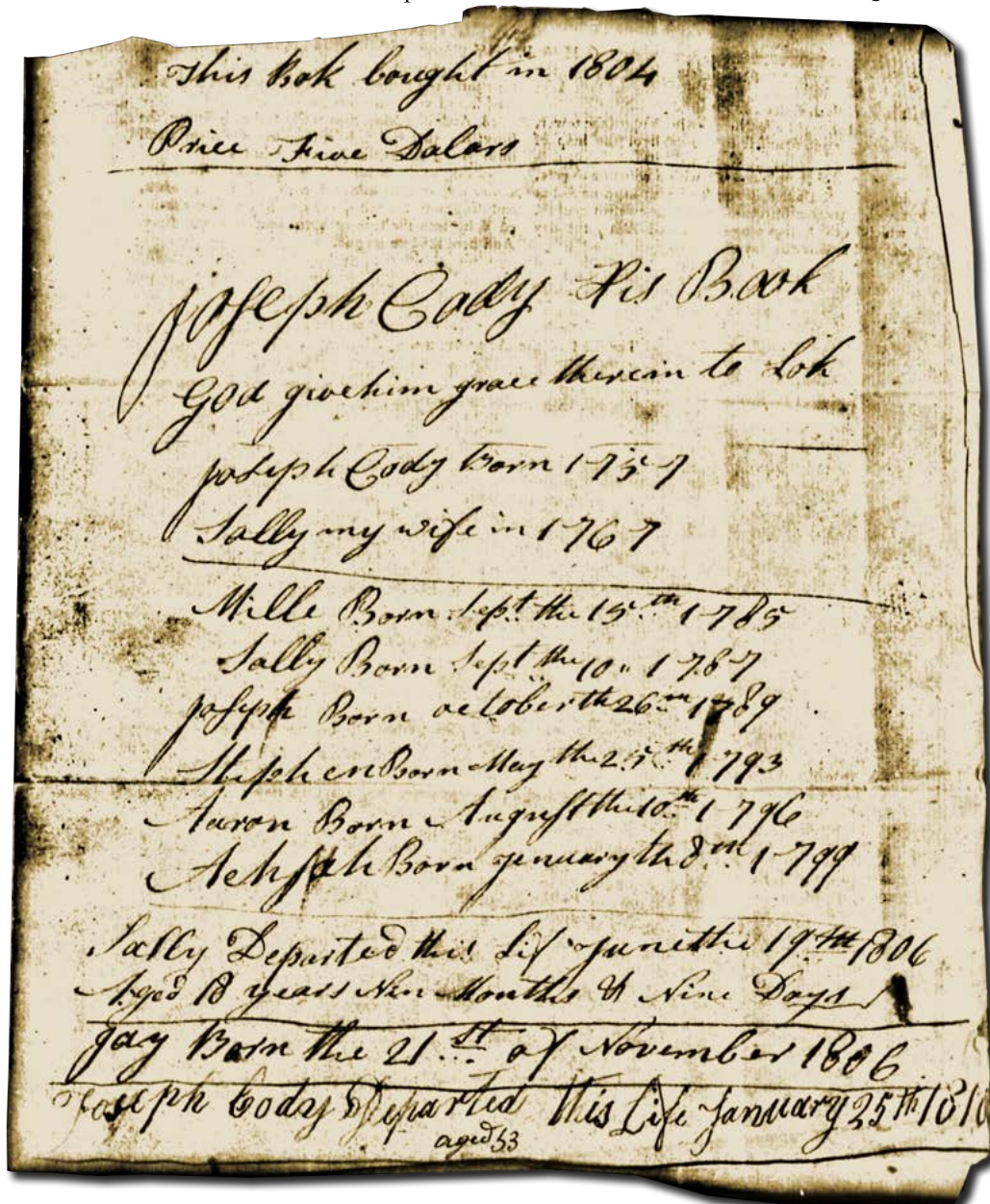
An exciting find brought to us by Fold3.com, from deep within the National Archives, is the front page of Joseph 49's family bible, which was sent to the US Secretary of the Interior as evidence to support Joseph's family's pension claim. All the known and published birthdays in the family are confirmed and some new dates, both birth and death, have been discovered.

Through this single bible page we learn that daughter Sally 134 lived until she was 18; that is, she did not die in infancy as reported by Lydia, and we now know her birth and death dates.

We also discover January 25th as the exact date in 1810 that Joseph 49 died. We learn that Milia (Pamila) Cody Barberree 128's birth date was September 15, 1785. Likely, she was born before Joseph and Sarah moved from Partridgefield to New York State because it was before Joseph sold his Partridgefield property. We further learn that the birth date of son Joseph 129 was October 26, 1789 and that of son John Jay 133 was November 21, 1806 so now all those records can be updated.

It reads:

This Bok bought in 1804.
 Price Five Dollars
 joseph Cody His Book
 God give him grace therein to lok [look]
 Joseph Cody born 1757
 Sally my wife in 1767
 Mille [Pamelia] Born Sept the 15th 1785
 Sally Born Sept the 10th 1787
 Joseph Born October the 26th 1789
 Stephen Born May the 25th 1793
 Aaron Born August the 10th 1796
 Achsah Born January the 8th 1799
 Sally departed this lif [life] June 19th 1806
 Aged 18 years Nine Months & Nine Days
 Jay Born the 21st of November 1806
 [in a different hand]
 Joseph Cody Departed this Life January 25th 1810
 Aged 53



A Brief Tour of Riverside Cemetery

By William "Kevin" Cody, 145/44332 ICFA VP, Social Media Director, BBLG Chair & Reunion Committee Chair



Cody Wyoming's Local Cemetery on Yellowstone Avenue

After spending precious family time and making new memories with Cody Reunion attendees from all over the world, I paid my respects to the dearly departed at Fred and Irma Garlow's family plot in Riverside Cemetery in Cody, WY. As seen in the photos, I laid some fresh flowers by all of the grave markers that I recognized, especially for my father and uncle; Kit and Barry.

That recent visit make me think, "Who else am I missing?" How many other Cody family members were laid to rest in the Riverside Cemetery? Way back, Fred and Irma Garlow, Buffalo Bill's daughter, purchased 12 lots and 5 are still available.

Upon further research, not only did I find more than a half-dozen other family members that didn't come to mind at the time, but I also noticed several Burial Index data errors, some incomplete information and missing photos.

I contacted Cheryl L. Welch, Office Manager of Riverside Cemetery, and addressed my concerns with her. She was very receptive and helpful in fixing and adding all of the missing details and photos that I could provide.

Others at Riverside are Buffalo Bill's sister Helen, her daughter Mary Jester Allen and Mary's daughter Helen. Also, BB's cousin F.J. Hiscock, and nephew Finley Goodman with his wife, Edith.

Near Riverside, there's another Cody grave at Old Trail Town, a really different kind of museum. Instead of being "in" a building, it's "made" of antique buildings dismantled and re-assembled on-site, furnished with interesting exhibits and beautiful statuary.



Behind the security gate, towards the back of the Old Trail Town lot rests my grandfather, **William "Bill" Garlow Cody**, founder of the Bill Cody Ranch, where our 2019 Cody Reunion attendees had lunch and took a relaxing trail ride.



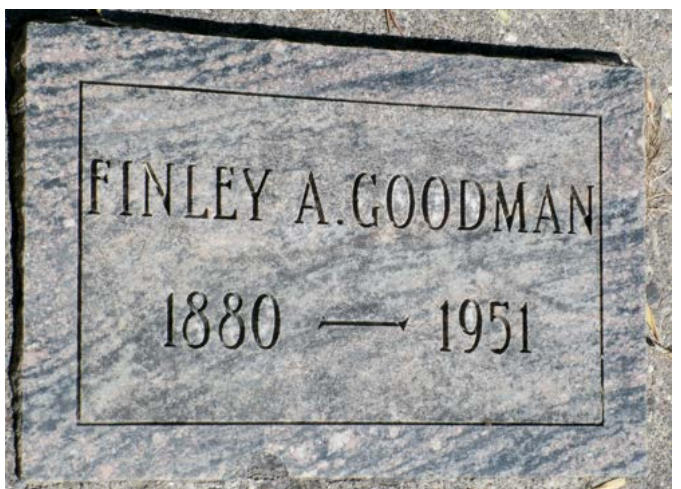
BB's daughter **Irma** & her family with **Kit** & **Barry**



BB's **sister** & **author** of "The Last of the Great Scouts"



Founder of Cody's Buffalo Bill Museum, BB's niece **Mary's** grave is next to her daughter **Helen's**



BB's nephew, **Finley** & wife, **Edith**