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AT LAST! A LECLAIRE REUNION!



This Family Portrait at the Cody Homestead was taken by Mark Ridolfi of the North Scott Press.

The pandemic delayed our LeClaire Reunion by a year, but 39 members turned out for 4 days of family fun in this Mississippi River town from June 16-20. This is our first ICFA visit here!

The weather was sunny and warm, just like the attendees, and we all had a good time visiting the [Buffalo Bill Museum](#), the [Hauberg Indian Museum](#), the [John Deere Pavilion](#), the [Celebration Belle](#) riverboat cruise and touring the surrounding countryside with stops at [Buffalo Bill's Birthplace](#), the site of his [Boyhood Home](#), [Walnut Grove Pioneer Village](#), [Samuel Cody's](#) grave and the [Alexander Brownlie Sod House](#). The high point was our private tour of the [Cody Homestead](#).

Our Reunion was enlivened by actor John Giovanni's Buffalo Bill impersonation and author Matthew Kerns' presentation of the life of [Texas Jack](#), Buffalo Bill's close friend and partner.

Along the way, we dined at the [Dawley House](#), [Johnny's Italian Steakhouse](#), the [Riverview Roadhouse](#) and wound up with a real BBQ dinner at the Comfort Inn catered by [What BBQ Co.](#)

Side trips to LeClaire's Friendship Memorial, [Freedom Rock](#) and [Antique Archaeology](#) filled out our days and gave our feet some exercise between meals. All the while, the attendees were busy with their cameras and contributed the many memorable photos you'll see inside this issue.

Our Reunion was covered by the media, Mark Ridolfi of the [North Scott Press](#) and Bradley Mosier of [WQAD-TV](#) who were alerted to the opportunity by our Reunion Chair, VP Kevin Cody. We extend special thanks to Directors Bob Schiffke and Connie Curlott of the Buffalo Bill Museum for their generous hospitality and keen interest in the success of this Reunion!

Snapshots from Our 2022 Reunion!



This highway sign welcomed us to LeClaire, Iowa!



Our Reunion Committee decorated the Comfort Inn!



John Giovanni as Buffalo Bill greets us at the Museum.



The Codys congratulate Bob Schiffke after his presentation.



Libations at the Mississippi Distilling Co.



Family Dinner at the Crane & Pelican Café.



The Cody kids play in the Comfort Inn's pool.



A big "Howdy" at the Friendship Memorial!

More Snapshots from Our 2022 Reunion!



The Codys at Scott County's Freedom Rock.



Picking over the bones at Antique Archaeology.



Touring the Hauberg Indian Museum.



Monster Machines at the John Deere Pavilion.



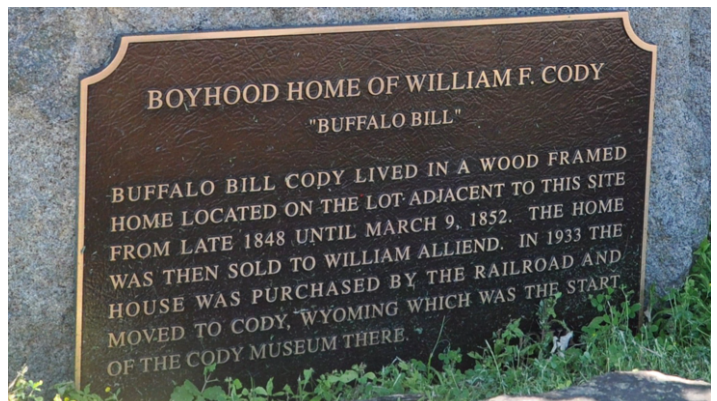
Rollin' on the River!



Author Matthew Kerns talks about Texas Jack.



The Codys at the site of Buffalo Bill's Boyhood Home.

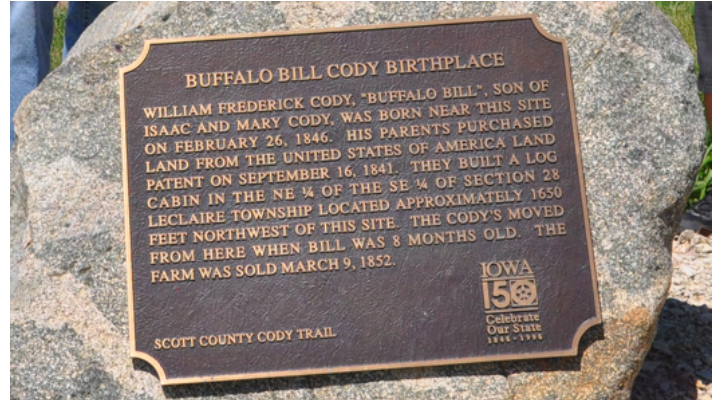


Isaac Cody's family home is memorialized by this plaque.

More 2022 Reunion Pictures!



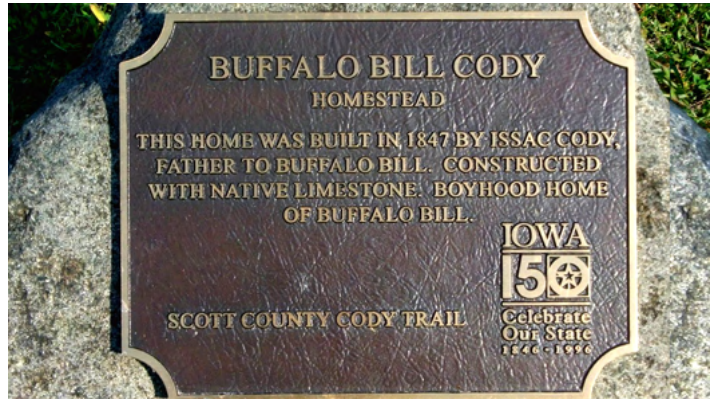
The Codys at Buffalo Bill's Birthplace.



This plaque commemorates Buffalo Bill's Birthplace.



Bob Schiffke leads the Codys to the Homestead.



This plaque celebrates the Homestead!



Cody time travelers at Walnut Grove Pioneer Village.



Our pilgrimage to Sam Cody's Grave in Long Grove.



Family Dinner & ICFA General Business Meeting.



Sunday Picnic at Bob Schiffke's house.



CODY KID'S CORNER

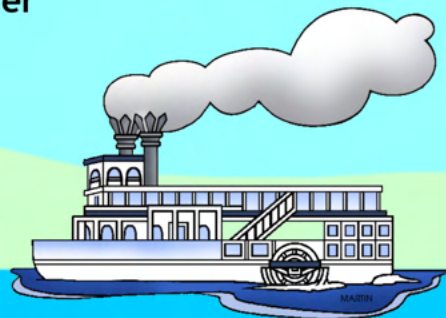
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By Kellie Cody Edwards - 145/44331
Cody, WY Ambassador

The Cody Family Reunites in LeClaire, Iowa this Summer

William F. Cody was born February 26, 1846, in a log cabin on a farm about two miles west of LeClaire, Iowa. In 1849, his family moved to this house (pictured bottom left), that sat across from the Mississippi River. The history of LeClaire began in the mid 1830s, when the first settlers came to the area. From the 1850s through the 1870s, LeClaire was a bustling center of industry and, above all, as a major participant in the history of Mississippi River trade and transportation.

The Codys stayed in LeClaire until 1853, when Willie was around 7 years old.



In his memoir, *Life of Buffalo Bill*, Cody recalls, "My father did not make a successful farmer, he abandoned the log cabin of my nativity and moved the family to a little village on the Mississippi, named LeClaire."

William, called "Willie" as a boy, had fond memories of growing up along the banks of the Mississippi. He recounted: "At LeClaire, I was sent to a school where, by diligence and fairly good conduct I managed to familiarize myself with the alphabet, but further progress was arrested by a suddenly developed love for skiff-riding on the Mississippi, which occupied so much of my time thereafter that really I found no convenient opportunity for further attendance at school." Later in memoir, he added "I foraged among neighboring orchards and melon patches, rode horses when I was able to catch them grazing on the commons, trapped innocent birds, and sometimes tied up the exposed clothes of my comrades while they were in swimming. I would not like to admit any greater crimes, no worse than the ordinary every-day boy who goes barefoot, wears a brimless hat, one suspender and a mischievous smile."



Cody Kids Reunion Attendees

Tyler Cody, 12 yrs
Son of Kevin Cody & Natalia Petrar
Buford, Georgia

Corbin Cody, 8 yrs &
Calen Cody, 5 yrs
Sons of Paul & Winnie Cody
Davao City, Philippines

Kylie Edwards, 12 yrs
Daughter of Bryan & Kellie Cody Edwards
Cody, Wyoming



ANSWER PAGE

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ICFA General Business Meeting & Election Results!

As the finale of our 2022 Reunion, our ICFA General Business Meeting was held Saturday, June 19 at LeClaire's Comfort Inn, [click here for the minutes](#).

The meeting was convened by President Allan Cody, saying that he and the other Officers are pleased with the turnout and happy to stand for re-election. He then recognized the attending Regional Directors, the Ambassadors, Bob Schiffke and Connie Curlott of LeClaire's Buffalo Bill Museum, author Michael Kerns and BB interpreter John Giovanni as well as the hotel staff and thanked them all for their assistance in making this Reunion such a success.



Your Newly Elected Officers, Dwight, Allan, Bret and Kevin!

Vice President Kevin Cody delivered a report of his activities, like producing our [2020 Florida Meetup](#), the [Buffalo Bill Birthday Cake Contest](#), the [Buffalo Bill Minecraft Challenge](#) as well as the ICFA's social media websites such as our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) pages, the [Buffalo Bill Legacy Gallery](#) and the [Buffalo Bill Facebook](#) page. As Chair of our Reunion Committee, Kevin led the way in organizing this Reunion.

Then Allan introduced our Treasurer, Dwight Cody who summarized our financial condition as "good," meaning that the ICFA has enough funds to meet expenses and produce another Reunion, as well as another Genealogy and a Directory, time permitting. As Treasurer, he's renewed our website's hosting contract and filed the required annual forms with [Wyoming's Secretary of State](#) and the [IRS](#). He announced that the ICFA now has its own corporate bank account, a PayPal.com account for dues and donations and liability insurance for its Officers, characteristic features of any 501(c)(3) non-profit charity.

Next, Allan introduced Peter Plautz, our Florida Regional Director, who managed the election. Peter began by asking for nominations from the floor for the vacant office of Secretary, which was answered by Bret Hubbs. Following a second from the membership and a show of hands, Bret joined Allan, Kevin and Dwight. Peter then called for a show of hands which elected them all into office for the 2022-2024 term!

A round of congratulations, with handshakes and good wishes followed and after the attendees settled down, Allan returned to the podium to thank them for their confidence and took this question from the floor; "Where will we meet next time?" This question led to nominations for the location of our 2024 Reunion which included [Cody WY](#), [Pawnee OK](#), [Boston MA](#) and [Scout's Rest Ranch](#) in North Platte NE. Successive shows of hands confirmed Cody WY and Boston MA as the leading candidates. The Executive Board will announce the next reunion's location after surveying the entire membership for their opinion. Look for the survey in your next Review and vote for your favorite!

After the discussion of our next Reunion, we pitched Sunday's Family Picnic and Allan moved to adjourn, a second was heard, the motion was passed and the attendees applauded enthusiastically. Thank you for your appreciation!

Milestones

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

Births:

181/2241141 Kace J Kinnamon b Denver CO 6/28/2022

Marriages:

181/224114 Brecken W Kinnamon m1 Wilber NE 9/25/2021 Ariel Heckman

266/2132342 Shelby Lynn Robinson m1 Safety Harbor FL 2/26/2022 James Burney

Deaths:

132/B27 [Marilyn Elaine \(Brooks\) Shimmin](#) d Rancho Palos Verdes CA 2/19/2021 bur Green Hills Memorial Park Rancho Palos Verdes CA

142/16142 [Robert Dale Miller](#) d Grosse Pointe Woods MI 2/5/2022 bur Bad Axe MI

264/431C2 Ruth Ann Deuel m1 [Thomas L. Dirk](#) d Temple TX 6/6/2022 div

264/C411 Mary Lenora Swain d Carthage IL 2/18/2020 bur Moss Ridge Cem. Carthage IL

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Meet Our New ICFA Chaplain, Mark June

At the Executive Board's first meeting of their 2022-2024 term, on July 6th, your newly elected Officers appointed Mark June 133/15131 to the Executive Board as Chaplain and he has accepted the position! For a confidential consultation, send an email to markanddonnajune@gmail.com .

We first met Mark and his wife Donna at our [2019 Reunion](#) in Cody, WY where we enjoyed their company and heard about Mark's career as a wildlife manager and trapper and his excitement over his upcoming semester at the [Dallas Theological Seminary](#). Mark then earned his [Master of Arts in Chaplaincy and Ministry Care](#) with high honors and won the G. William Bryan DTS Faculty Award in Christian Service.

During the pandemic, he worked over the summer of 2021 in Clinical Pastoral Education at the [Baptist Health System](#) in San Antonio and became certified in Intercultural Competencies for Ministry by the [Mexican American Catholic College](#) there.

Prior to that, Mark attended [Rutgers University's Health Sciences](#) program and took a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology at the [University of Michigan](#). After graduation, he went to work for Lederle Laboratories, part of the giant conglomerate [American Cyanamid](#), which re-named itself as [Wyeth LLC](#). Wyeth was acquired in 2009 by Pfizer, the multinational pharmaceutical and biotechnology corporation.



Mark and Donna at his graduation from DTS.

In 1984, he founded [Mark June's Lures](#) which markets lures and baits to control animals when they become pests. Their products are sold nationwide by independent dealers, and on [Amazon](#) and [Ebay](#). Mark believes "The mark of a true leader is a collaborative spirit to teach, mentor, and develop others."

Bison Bridge



Living Lands & Waters' Founder, Chad Pregracke, envisions the Quad Cities' I-80 Mississippi Bridge as a National Park.

For 4 years, [Chad Pregracke](#) has been lobbying for his visionary idea of the world's longest wildlife crossing to be administered and maintained as a [National Park](#).

The [Bison Bridge Foundation](#) has announced a [partnership](#) with the University of Illinois and Iowa State University.

Currently, [Illinois' DOT](#), the National Parks Service and the Federal Highway Administration are considering the issue.

In Chad's vision, the bison and the community are safely separated from one another by a barrier. One side of the bridge is for human traffic and the other is for wildlife crossings.

Philip 148's Moccasin



Made of hide, with a simple floral design, typical of **Woodland Indians**, it measures 10" from heel to toe, 4" wide and 6" high with the flaps down, about size 9.

It will be displayed in a glass case at the **Buffalo Bill Museum in LeClaire, IA** as part of their Philip 148 exhibit.

Sally Chandler was cleaning out her closet one day when she found an Indian moccasin and recognized it as a 175-year old relic of her great-great-grandfather, our Philip 148. OMG!

Philip 148 born in 1816, was the 11th child of our **Philip 55**, who left Massachusetts for New York, where he married Lydia Martin and immigrated to Canada. Philip 55 took his family to East Cleveland, OH when **Philip 148** was about 17.

There, in 1837 Philip 148 married **Harriet M. Sherwin** and they took their toddler son Darwin to **Davenport** on the Mississippi. They were joined by Philip's brother **Isaac 145**, who came looking for opportunities. Harriet bore her 2nd child, Lindus in 1840, but in 1842 the pregnant wife prevailed upon her husband and they returned to East Cleveland.

After Aldus, their 3rd child was born, Philip 148 and Harriet pioneered in **Sheboygan Falls WI**, where Philip caught pneumonia and died in 1846. Harriet's brother Frank brought her and the boys back to Cleveland where she died in 1854.

The orphaned boys grew up and had families of their own. Darwin went to Grand Rapids, Aldus died in Nebraska and Lindus later moved to Florida. Lindus' 10th child, Gertrude married William Wheaton, their 2nd child was Gertrude, Sally's mother and Philip's moccasin came with the lineage.

Now Sally is happy because she found a good home for it. Isn't it time to find a good home for your heirlooms?

Steve Friesen, the Galloping Gourmet



Buffalo Bill dining with his friends.

On February 24, in celebration of Buffalo Bill's Birthday, **foodie Steve Friesen** did a Zoom presentation about Buffalo Bill and the magnificent meals served up for his guests.

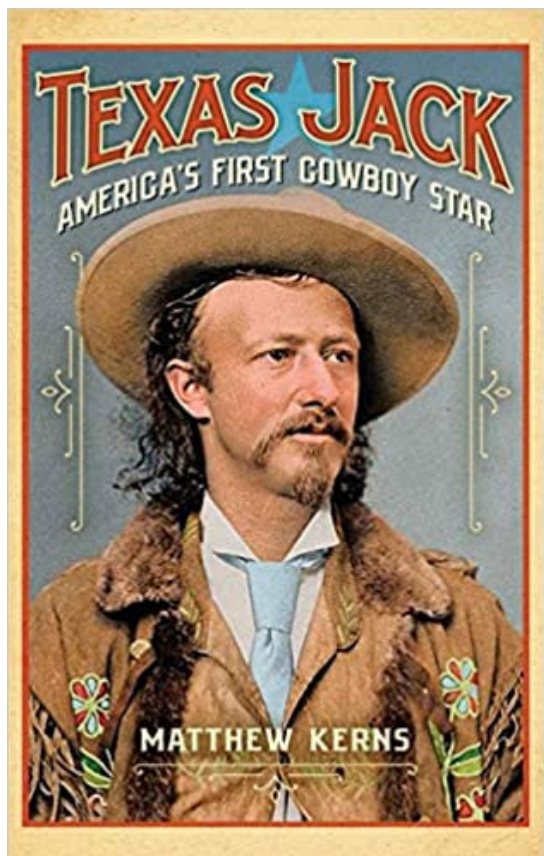
Food is always a favorite, east or west, especially when gathered around with good friends and acquaintances. Bill's royal hunting companions introduced him to the refinements of dining while he provided prime cuts to whet their appetites. Fresh air and a vigorous lifestyle, made for some good eatin' when the game was plentiful!



Author Steve Friesen of Golden's Buffalo Bill Museum.

In June 1894, **Buffalo Bill** described it this way; "The most delicious viands were served every evening by waiters in evening dress, and prepared by French cooks brought from New York. The linen, china, glass, and porcelain had been provided with equal care, and a big woodfire lent cheerfulness to the dining-tent. This was floored and carpeted with much care, and for years afterward travellers and settlers recognized the sites upon which these camps had been constructed by the quantities of empty bottles..." Look for Steve's upcoming new book, *The Galloping Gourmet: Dining with Buffalo Bill*.

“Texas Jack, America’s First Cowboy Star”



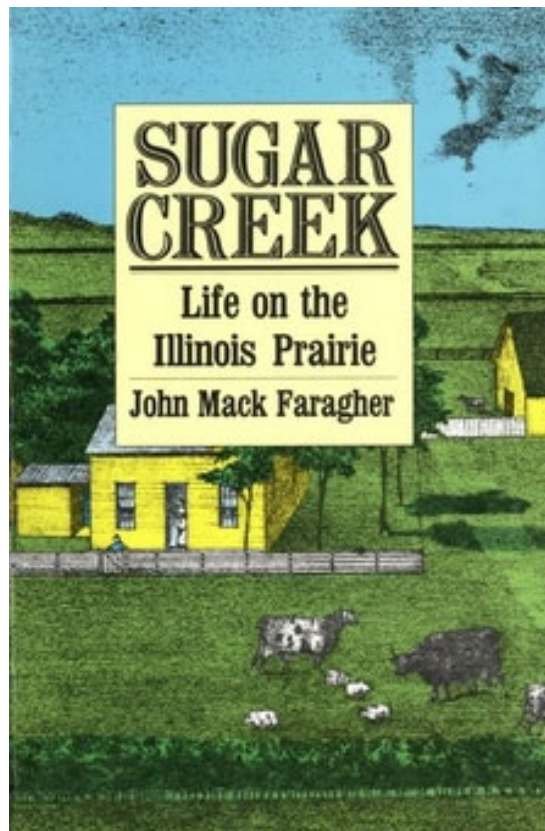
A Confederate scout and spy from Virginia, [John B. “Texas Jack” Omohundro](#) left for Texas within weeks of [Lee’s surrender](#) at Appomattox. In Texas, he became first a cowboy and then a trail boss—jobs that would inform the rest of his life. Jack drove cattle over the [Chisholm](#) and [Goodnight-Loving](#) trails to New Mexico, California, Kansas, and Nebraska. In 1868 he met James B. “[Wild Bill](#)” Hickok in Kansas and then William F. “[Buffalo Bill](#)” Cody in Nebraska at the end of the first major cattle drive to North Platte. Texas Jack and Buffalo Bill became friends, and both men would become national celebrities and heroes of [Ned Buntline’s](#) dime novels. This biography offers a portrait of a fascinating character in the story of the Old West—and in the story of celebrity in American culture.

Matthew Kerns is a historian, web developer, and digital archivist who lives with his wife and children in Chattanooga, Tennessee. His most recent public project is the [Walter Becker Media Project](#), as reported in *Rolling Stone*. He manages a [blog](#), a [YouTube](#) channel, the popular Western podcast [Dime Library](#), and the [Texas Jack Facebook page](#). He has had multiple articles about Texas Jack published in *The Texas Jack Scout*, the triennial publication of the [Texas Jack Association](#).

Matthew was the guest lecturer at LeClaire’s Buffalo Bill Museum when the ICFA visited there during our recent Reunion and we greatly enjoyed an hour with him. The brief bio above doesn’t mention Matthew’s keen sense of humor, personal charm and the genuine enthusiasm he has for his subject.

Matthew Kerns’ new book, “Texas Jack” is sold at [amazon.com](#), [target.com](#), [goodreads.com](#) and [barnesandnoble.com](#).

“Sugar Creek, Life on the Illinois Prairie”



Review by [Judith L. Everson](#), Professor of English at U of IL-Sangamon

[Maple sugar](#) helped draw pioneer [Robert Pulliam](#) to Sangamon County and lent [Sugar Creek](#) its name when it was first mapped in 1815, when it flowed clean and clear, bordered by giant sycamores, cottonwood, hickories and oak.

Sugar Creek is a common placename in the Midwest, and John Mack Faragher, who teaches at Mt. Holyoke College, has written a refreshingly uncommon history of successive settlements along one such stream in southern [Sangamon County](#) (near Springfield IL).

His book is just as remarkable for what it is not as for what it is. For one thing, Sugar Creek is a history of white settlement that neither stereotypes nor sentimentalizes the Indian culture thus displaced. The [Kickapoo tribe](#) had settled in the area during the 18th century, but by 1814 were outnumbered two-to-one by whites throughout Illinois. Noted for their skill as hunters and horsemen, their permissiveness as parents and their ferocity as warriors, they resisted pioneer encroachment until 1815, when they signed a [treaty](#) and began withdrawing westward. Despite such dispossession, Faragher reports that the Kickapoo nation today has the highest proportion of full-bloods of any tribe in the country and retains its culture to an unusual degree.

Equally noteworthy, Sugar Creek portrays mid-19th century pioneer life in and around Sangamon County without focusing on the region’s most famous settler of the period, Abraham Lincoln. Instead, the book tries to articulate the experience of Lincoln’s less illustrious, more representative neighbors — [Click here for more...](#)