

How to Use this Book

THIS IS the first directory for the Cody Family produced in eight years, largely due to loss of our custom software through disuse and technical changes wrought by the transition from MS Dos to Windows 95 operating systems.

Through it all, however, members of the family continued to send in the additions to their family, the founding of new family units through marriage, and changes of mailing address. The postal services generally have little tolerance for outdated addresses and in turn have provided computer list correction services. These services which are now used for every mailing of *The Review*, primarily bring the mailing labels up to date and do not necessarily provide corrections for the data base. The ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED service of the U.S. Postal Service has proven to be prohibitively expensive. *More than ever, it is important that members keep us abreast of their correct mailing address changes.*

A special Thank You should be expressed to Vince Barnes of Phoenix in Kissimmee, who converted the original dBase II data files into Microsoft Access to preserve them. And appreciation must also be given to Shirley Grimwood, a niece of Margaret Mabon, for her skill in developing the software program which has produced this directory and the new loose-leaf genealogy.

As adoption of children becomes more common, our data should record more clearly the adoptive status of those who do not descend from a biological line. This feature may have been corrupted in working over the data base, and we urge members to verify the code number as it may appear in parentheses in the listings herewith.

"0" should indicate a natural biological descendant, not adopted.

"1" should indicate a non-descendant adopted by a descendant.

"2" should indicate a descendant adopted by a stepmother or stepfather in the case of remarriage of a divorced descendant.

"3" should indicate a descendant adopted by an unrelated third party.

"4" should indicate a descendant adopted by a descendant, i.e., in the case of an orphaned descendant adopted by a grandparent, etc.

Included in the new Grimwood software is the ability to produce genealogical proofs at 50 cents per page (minimum \$5). This can be a complete chapter or a small portion of a chapter designated by beginning *fiflgen* and ending *fiflgen* numbers.

This may be the last family document to be issued by the undersigned. I initiated the computerization of the records when I became

secretary, and have personally done all the input. The charge given me was to include records of both male and female lines. This has been done, starting with the Fifth Generation.

Certainly none of this would have been possible without the work of James Lincoln Chapman and Luther M. Cody, who pioneered the genealogy, Lydia S. Cody who commissioned *The Cody Family*, and Ernest William Cody who maintained the records, produced three bound directories, and issued the tract *The Piercing of the Veil* in his term of office.

Lydia's traditional numbering system accounts for the chapter names (first three characters in your genealogical *fif/gen* number). The characters following the slash represent columns for successive generations beginning with the sixth, the numerals representing sibling rank. It's an open-ended system that can continue forward indefinitely.

Terry Cody, editor of *The Review*, asked for an index that leads one from the Cody identification number to the name. This should be useful in identifying other siblings, cousins, etc. related to an individual for whom you have the number. For instance this index allows one to look up female descendants that are married, if you know their parents' name. "From my *fif/gen* 270/3452 you can use the index to find that my daughter is now Jennifer Cody Price and find her address," Terry points out. "I believe this may be one of the most useful features of the index."

The directory which you have in your hand, has been produced in larger and more legible type than previously. *It generally lists females born with the Cody name under their most-recent married name.* A provision has been made for a "mailname" so that Cody females (or males) can specify how they want their mail to be addressed. Some of Shirley's magic has made these two features possible. More fancy software links children to the parents in a directory listing.

When our information shows only a year for birth, marriage, or death, our software requires us to enter "1 Jan." Perhaps this will encourage family members to search out the full date and submit it.

Listings in the directory include only those for whom we have viable mailing addresses. It is expressly understood that this directory is not to be used for commercial mailings.

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