

# The Cody



# Family

(Descendants of Philip Le Cody of Beverly, Mass. 1695)

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Your Board of Directors have pleasure in handing you herewith the condensed minutes of the Tenth Annual Reunion of the Cody Family, held at Hotel Oneida, Oneida, N.Y., Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 12th and 13th, 1935.

Monday, August 12th

Registration of members commenced at 9:30 a.m. Total number present at Reunion, 55, coming from Newton Highlands, Mass.; Erie, Pa.; Grove City Pa.; Toronto, Ont.; Columbus, Ohio; London, Ont.; Oneida, N.Y.; Vernon, N.Y.; Harrisburg, Pa.; Pelham, N.Y.; Scranton, Pa.; Dalton, Pa.; New Dorp, N.Y.; Canton, Ohio; Beverly, Ohio; Courtland, N.Y.; Cazenovia, N.Y. Riverhead, Long Island, N.Y., and Marcellus, N.Y.

Meeting was called to order by the President, Richard A. Cody, who requested Miss Cora P. Cody to open the session with prayer; a welcoming word to the City of Oneida was given by Dr. Henry G. Cody. The "In Memoriam" of members of our family who have passed on since our last reunion was rendered by Fred C. Cody, and our heads were bowed in loving memory of the following:

DATE	NAME	BRANCH
Died July 19th, 1934	Robert Daniel Cody	Alonzo
Died Sept. 1st, 1934	John Luther Cody	Elson
Died Sept. 22nd, 1934	Mrs. Estelle B. Cody	John
Died Nov. 25th, 1934	Elmer Horne Cody	Harrison
Died Mar. 22nd, 1935	Wing Asa Rogers	Stephen
Died Apr. 14th, 1935	Mrs. Elsmere McKinney	Nathan
Died Apr. 25th, 1935	Benjamin Cody	Harrison
Died June 1st, 1935	Mrs. Florence Gamble	Anson

The Board of Directors elected Feb. 26th, 1935, was then installed in office by Past President C. Paxton Cody.

Following the installation of officers, a standing tribute was paid to those two pillars of the Cody Family, Mr. and Mrs. Francis A. Cody, and simultaneously corsages were presented to Mrs. Cody and Miss Cora P. Cody by Miss Isabelle Cody.

Minutes of Cleveland Reunion last year adopted and filed.

The report of the Buffalo Bill Memorial Museum at Cody, Wyoming submitted by Mrs. Mary Jester Allen, was received with great interest; her report showed that the Museum had been deeded over to the Buffalo Bill Memorial Association, and upon the governing Board of which there will always be two members of the Cody Family; for the present Mrs. Allen and Hiram S. Cody, then two more appointed by the family, so that always we will have suitable

representation. The deeds have been drawn to protect the rights of the Cody Family and to hold the Museum always as a memorial to Colonel William Frederick Cody. The plan is to build up the present Museum as strongly as possible, erecting two more buildings, one for an art exhibition room and one for a geological display, clean up the indebtedness of building bonds by an active and widespread campaign, and secure an endowment. Mrs. Allen also reported that the magnificent statue of Colonel Cody at Cody, Wyo., done by Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney, has been given outright by Mrs. Whitney to the Association. Mrs. Allen also stressed her desire to go ahead with a Cody Family Building in conjunction with the Museum and voiced her wish for relics from the family. She requested that a Committee be appointed to work with her in this. After general discussion the following motions were passed:

"Moved by Harry B. Cody, seconded by Chester W. Crouch that the Cody Family are fully in accord with, and approve of, the plans of Mrs. Allen in the furtherance of Museum activities at Cody, and that the Executive Board of the Cody Family be hereby appointed a Committee to work with Mrs. Allen in support of this project and also in the collection of family relics for the Cody Family Building."

"Moved by Dr. Henry G. Cody, seconded by Mrs. Gail Cody Wilber, that a heartfelt vote of thanks be tendered Mrs. Allen for her untiring work during the past year, for the difficulties that she has overcome, and all that she has accomplished in connection with the Museum at Cody, Wyo."

"Moved by C. Paxton Cody, seconded by Fred C. Cody, that the Cody Family tender a sincere vote of thanks to Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney for her marvellous statue of Colonel William Frederick Cody, which she has so generously given to the Buffalo Bill Memorial Association, and also for the land and premises adjacent thereto."

Miss Lydia S. Cody, Chairman of the Historical Board, gave her report and showed how the genealogy of the great main branches of the family had been assembled, how loose ends of smaller branches had been drawn in and how the whole was being steadily consolidated into shape preparatory for eventual publication in book form. She urged the heads of the branches to complete their records and in general get our material ready for publication; she stressed the vast amount of work to be done and how necessary it was for each clue to be followed out. At the rate the work was progressing, she felt that in two years time we would have a published genealogy, and in the meantime we must make a supreme effort this year to publish the new Directory. At the conclusion of Miss Lydia Cody's report, the chair demanded a very unconstitutional privilege, that of making a motion and, the following motion was passed— "Moved by the President, seconded by the Secretary-Treasurer, that a vote of thanks be tendered Miss Lydia Cody for her work as Chairman of the Historical Board during the past year." Moved by Miss Lydia Cody, seconded by Dr. Henry Cody that a vote of thanks also be extended to Luther M. Cody for his arduous work on the family history during the past year."

The annual report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Ernest William Cody, was next given. He outlined the heavy volume of work carried on, the publication of bulletins, the general handling of correspondence, the collection of dues, the assembling of data for the new directory, plans for publication of this directory, and he also stressed the fact that our mailing lists must be reduced in volume to avoid duplication and to eliminate chronic disinterested members. Our cash balance was shown to be \$54.21 on hand as at July 31st. The Secre-



tary-Treasurer also asked for the appointment of an Assistant Secretary, which appointment was later made in the person of Miss Frances-Ann Cody of Oneida N.Y., to take office at once. The following motions were passed: "Moved by Myron E. Danielson, seconded by Chester W. Crouch that the financial statement be accepted and filed." "Moved by C. Paxton Cody, seconded by Mrs. Carolyn Cody Robbins, that a vote of thanks be tendered the Secretary-Treasurer." "Moved by Fred C. Cody, seconded by Mrs. Vining May, that the Secretary-Treasurer be empowered to use his own good judgment and discretion in reducing the volume of our mailing lists, and also that an Assistant Secretary be appointed."

#### ADJOURNMENT FOR LUNCH

1:30 p.m. Monday

General discussion took place regarding the time and place of next year's meeting. Verbal and telegraphic invitations were extended from Marietta, Ohio, substantiated by the large number of our families resident in that locality, and the following motion was passed, "Moved by Myron E. Danielson, seconded by Dr. Henry Cody that the 1936 Reunion of the Cody Family be held at Hotel Lafayette, Marietta, Ohio, on Monday and Tuesday, August 3rd, and 4th, 1936.

The Nomination Committee then introduced the slate of officers to be nominated at this meeting, to be elected by ballot on Feb. 26th, 1936, and installed in office at Marietta, Ohio, Aug. 3rd, 1936—"Moved by Harry B. Cody, seconded by C. Paxton Cody that the following be the nomination slate:

Honorary President—Miss Julia Cody Goodman II, Cody, Wyoming

President—Harvey Purdy Cody, Hanford, California

Vice-President—Miss Cora P. Cody, Oneida, N.Y.

Secretary-Treasurer—Ernest William Cody, London, Ontario

Assistant Secretary—Miss Frances-Ann Cody, Oneida, N.Y.

Chaplain—Rev. Canon Henry John Cody, Toronto, Ontario

Chairman Memorial Board—Mrs. Mary Jester Allen, Cody, Wyoming

Chairman Historical Board—Miss Lydia S. Cody, Babson Park, Florida

#### Regional Vice-Presidents:

Eastern U.S.—Frederick C. Cody, Harrisburg, Pa.

Southern U.S.—Mrs. Carmen Donaldson, Titusville, Fla.

Mid Western U.S.—Henry A. Cody, Ripon, Wis.

Western U.S.—Clarence T. Cody, Coalinga, California

State of Ohio—Myron E. Danielson, Marietta, Ohio

Eastern Canada—E. Roy Cody, Toronto, Ontario

Western Canada—Dr. Morley G. Cody, Calgary, Alberta

#### ADJOURNMENT

Following the meeting, the entire party drove to Vernon Centre Cemetery, where a brief decoration service was held at the graves of two of our Revolutionary ancestors—Isaac Cody, 1739, and Samuel Cody, 1760. Silken flags were placed on the graves and an interesting reading was given by Mrs. Mary Cody Bartholomew. After a most delightful drive through the surrounding community, the party returned to Hotel Oneida for the family banquet.

Banquet 7:00 p.m.—Harry B. Cody of Cleveland acted as Master of Ceremonies, and in his own pleasing way guided the after dinner discourses to a happy conclusion. Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. August 13th

General discussion and meeting thrown open for new business. The following resolution was introduced by C. Paxton Cody: "Resolved by the Cody Family, assembled in convention, that we acknowledge a God-given steward-

ship as our natural attitude toward the promulgation of peace throughout the world; we contend that we have a world responsibility, as a leader nation, richly endowed with a superabundance of Nature's resources, and a Government dedicated to liberty, equality of opportunity, and the pursuit of happiness. Therefore, it becomes our duty to insure its perpetuity; therefore be it resolved that we believe that our national government can best promote world peace by constantly building up such a protection against invasion as will more and more discourage attack and at the same time discourage any thought of aggression on the part of our own people. Also be it resolved that so far as is possible the Government should refrain from, and prevent its citizens from any participation in foreign wars." "Moved by Harry B. Cody, seconded by Chester W. Crouch, and carried, that the above motion be placed in our minutes."

Party then left for Oneida Castle Park where a general get together took place before lunch was served by the ladies of the Westminster Club; following the lunch motions were passed as follows: "Moved by Fred C. Cody, seconded by Miss Lydia S. Cody, that a standing vote of thanks be extended Miss Cora P. Cody and Dr. and Mrs. Henry G. Cody and their family, who so delightfully arranged this Reunion, and who have in so many ways extended courtesies to us." "Moved by Mrs. Vining May, seconded by Mrs. Carolyn Cody Brooks that a vote of thanks be tendered the ladies of the Westminster Club who served us such a splendid luncheon."

Prizes were then awarded Messrs. Francis A. Cody and C. Paxton Cody the two oldest members present, also to Myron E. Danielson, who had come from the greatest distance, Marietta, Ohio—700 miles, and to Katherine Cody, daughter of Stanley Cody, the youngest and smallest member present.

#### A Few Side Lights of the Reunion:

We were happy in having with us Mrs. William Cody Bradford, of Riverhead, Long Island, N.Y., formerly of Casper, Wyo. Mrs. Bradford is the widow of the late William Cody Bradford, nephew of Colonel William Frederick Cody, and is a past President of the Cody Family. We hope that Mrs. Bradford will be with us again at Marietta next year and that she will accept this as a special invitation to come.

A letter of appreciation is being written to the Oneida Community Silver for their courtesies to us in the interesting tour of their plant.

Prizes were also awarded to Miss Cora P. Cody and Ernest William Cody; these parties refuse to divulge publicly what the prizes were, but will go so far as to loan the prizes to reliable members of the family, and even assist in their operation.

A handsome bouquet of native New York State flowers trimmed with rare noxious weeds was touchingly presented to Myron E. Danielson by Fred C. Cody as a mark of personal esteem. What Mr. Danielson will produce from the banks of the Muskingum River at Marietta next year as a token of his regard for Fred remains to be seen.

START TO PLAN NOW ON BEING ON HAND AT MARIETTA, OHIO,  
AUGUST 3rd, and 4th, 1936

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