

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 11th. Annual Reunion of the Cody Family, held at Hotel Lafayette, Marietta, Ohio, Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 3rd. and 4th. 1936.

Monday, Aug. 3rd.

Registration of members commenced at 9.30 a.m. Total number present at Reunion - 164, coming from many local points in Ohio, from California, Ontario, Pennsylvania, New York, Michigan, Florida, West Virginia and Massachusetts. Meeting was called to order by the Regional Vice President for Eastern United States, Fred C. Cody of Harrisburg, Pa., who requested C. Paxton Cody of Erie, Pa. to open the session with prayer. The new officers were then installed and President Harvey P. Cody of Hanford, Calif. took the chair. A welcome to the City of Marietta was given by the Regional Vice President for Ohio, Myron E. Danielson of Marietta, followed by a welcome to the State of Ohio by Regional Vice President Chester W. Crouch of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Crouch also sketched the early history of the old Northwest Territory and the first settlement of the Cody Family in Washington County, Ohio. The "In Memoriam" of members of our family who have passed away since our last reunion was delivered by the Secretary, Ernest William Cody of London, Ontario, and our heads were bowed in loving memory of the following:

Died at Wooster, Ohio, Sept. 6th. 1935 Frank M. Cody Ansel Branch  
Died at Long Beach, Calif. Sept. 6th. 1935 Geo. Cody Goodman, Isaac branch  
Died at Springfield, Ill. Oct. 7th. 1935 Isaac Miller, Samuel branch  
Died at Watavia, N.Y. Dec. 15th. 1935, Johnson H. Alexander, Nathan branch  
Died at Hanford, Calif. Dec. 20th. 1935, George Warner Cody, Milo branch  
Died at Lake Worth, Fla. Dec. 26th. 1936, Albert W. Ward, Elizabeth branch  
Died at Red Deer, Alta. Mar. 20th. 1936, A. Herbert Cody, Stephen branch.

A brief review of the minutes of the 1935 Reunion at Oneida, N.Y. was given by the Secretary, and minutes declared approved and filed.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Memorial Board, Mrs. Mary Jester Allen of Cody, Wyoming, the annual report of the Memorial Board was given by the President and the Secretary. The President on his way east had stopped at the Museum at Cody, Wyoming, and gave a first hand report of Museum activities, supplemented by Mrs. Allen's written report delivered by the Secretary. Mrs. Allen outlined the various plans and developments of the National Buffalo Bill Memorial Association, the expansion of the Association, of which the Buffalo Bill Museum was the original unit, tree planting program, Buffalo Bill essay contests, commemorative half dollar, commemorative postage stamp, the art colony and frontier settlement, and in general, the progress of the Museum and its neighboring activities. Vice President for Ohio, Chester W. Crouch, volunteered to head a committee of interested members to assist Mrs. Allen in any way possible to bring about the fulfillment of the above plans, and to secure all the publicity available through contact with Representatives of the Congress and State senators. Mrs. Allen also stressed the need for more family relics to be forwarded to the Museum, furniture, pictures, etc. Such relics will be safely cared for there and fully protected. The history of Museum finances was also discussed thoroughly and it was the general consensus of opinion that it would be very inadvisable

to launch any appeal to our family for Museum funds, having in mind that we have each year a small income from dues and that were an appeal made for Museum funds, only a small amount would be received, and the income from dues would be materially reduced, thus defeating both purposes. The following motion was made "Moved by Harry B. Cody, seconded by Francis L. Cody that no general appeal be made to our families for funds for Museum purposes, but that any voluntary contributions made would be gratefully received by the Chairman of the Memorial Board". A telegram of greetings from Mrs. Allen was read and received with applause. Another message of greetings was received from Cecil B. deMille of Paramount Films assuring us that the picture "The Plainsman" in which Colonel Cody is one of the central characters, will be an everlasting tribute to him. General discussion of Museum business took up over an hour of the morning session, and the following resolutions were passed "Moved by C. Paxton Cody, seconded by Fred C. Cody that a rising vote of thanks and appreciation be extended Mrs. Mary Jester Allen for her arduous work and sacrifice in connection with Museum affairs and assuring her of our support in every possible way." "Moved by Fred C. Cody, seconded by William F. Cody that Mrs. Allen be given full authority by this meeting to act for the organized Cody Family as she deems best in any arrangements with Paramount Films regarding the picture, "The Plainsman". Resolutions covering publicity for the memorial half dollar, postage stamp, and relics were also passed and a suitable letter conveying our appreciation to Horace M. Albright of New York City, Chairman of the Frontier Committee, has also been written. We are glad to be able to report that the Museum is running 25% better than last year.

The next item of business was the report of the Secretary-Treasurer, Ernest William Cody. The greater part of a year had been consumed in the preparing and publishing of the 1936 Cody Family Directory by the Secretary and the Past Secretary, Luther M. Cody. The publication of this Directory was made possible through the kindly co-operation of Hotels Statler, Inc., who printed this book at cost price in their Press at Buffalo, N.Y. We feel that the publication of this Directory has filled a long wanted need, embracing as it does the many hundreds of families of our organization. This Directory is not a genealogy but we do consider it a first class groundwork on which a complete and detailed genealogy can eventually be built. The Secretary also covered the various routine work of the year, the current handling of correspondence, issuing of bulletins, etc. and our financial statement, showing a balance on hand of \$57.49.

Miss Lydia S. Cody, Chairman of the Historical Board next gave her annual report. She showed what had been done in compiling the detailed genealogy of the Cody Family, and stressed the fact that the time had come when we must put the assembled data in the hands of a professional genealogist for classification and eventual publication in book form. Miss Cody told of consulting a professional genealogist who had agreed to take this work in hand and go as far as possible on an outlay of fifty dollars. Miss Cody explained that this would be in the nature of a test case to see what could be accomplished on a fifty dollar expenditure, and that no more than that amount would be spent if the result did not warrant it, and if the additional cost would be prohibitive, other ways and means would be tried. This amount of money is on hand, mainly through the generosity of Mr. Eugene Cody Stacy of Tiffin, Ohio, and through voluntary donations made at the Reunion. Miss Cody was authorized to go on with her plans and place her data in the hands of the professional genealogist.

- 12.50 Noon. Adjournment for lunch -

2.00 p.m. Monday

On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, our present Board of Directors were nominated to serve another term; they will be voted on in February of 1937 and their second term will take effect from Aug., 1937 for another year.

The next item of business was the date and place of next year's Reunion, and a lengthy discussion ensued; an agreeable compromise was finally reached that the 1937 Reunion be held on Monday and Tuesday, August 1st. and 2nd. in Scranton, Pennsylvania, the 1938 Reunion to be held in the State of California, and the 1939 gathering in the Province of Ontario.

Adjournment.

Leaving the Hotel Lafayette, thirty cars conveyed our members for a delightful drive of the City of Marietta, and its many spots of historical interest, returning via the Ohio River and Dam No. 18.

7.00 p.m., Monday

112 members of our family sat down for dinner in private dining room at Hotel Lafayette; this banquet was ably presided over by Harry B. Cody of Cleveland, Ohio, Master of Ceremonies; each member present introduced themselves and their branch of our family. Munro Danielson favored us with accordion solos during the evening, and photos were taken of the gathering.

Tuesday, 9.00 a.m.

General discussion took place in connection with the marking of the graves of 4th. generation Daniel Cody, born 1777, died 1846, and his wife Hannah Manley. A committee was appointed consisting of the following from the Washington County branches to locate these graves: Mrs. Minnie Cody White of the Ansel branch, Joseph M. Miller of the Delila branch, Chester W. Crouch of the Anson branch and Mrs. Flora Briggs of the Amanda branch. Advice has just been received that these graves have been located, and are being suitably marked.

A presentation of the "Cody Family Philosophy" was given by C. Paxton Cody, and the resolution was passed that this treatise be subjected to further study and consideration before being adopted. Its author was assured by the Board of Directors that every possible support would be given him in the publication of this treatise.

At 11.30 p.m. the entire gathering motored to Beverly, (18 miles) for luncheon at Island Park. At Beverly, we were greeted by the Mayor, Mr. Everett Humphrey and the Rev. Frank Donaldson, who welcomed us, the descendants of Philip Le Cody of Beverly, Mass. to the beautiful town of Beverly, Ohio. Luncheon was served in the Island Pavilion, and we were regaled by an original recitation of an ode to Buffalo Bill by Otis Warren Cody, age 80, of Waterford, O. which was much enjoyed. We were also privileged to have with us Myron Cody of Nashport, Ohio, holder of the Distinguished Service Medal for conspicuous bravery in action during the Spanish-American War. During the luncheon a rising vote of thanks was extended to Vice Presidents Myron E. Danielson and Chester W. Crouch and the local families in and near Marietta for the kindly hospitality and splendid arrangements made for our Reunion. Another picture was taken at Beverly, and we then departed on our various ways, thus bringing to a conclusion the largest family reunion of the Cody Family.

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General Notes

Since our Marietta Reunion, we are deeply saddened by the sudden death of Dr. R.S. Gage of the Ansel Cody branch on Saturday, Aug. 8th. Dr. Gage was with us at Marietta with his entire family; many of us had met him at our Cleveland Reunion in 1934 and enjoyed meeting him again this year. To his family the Board of Directors extend sincere sympathy. We have also received advice of the death in Cleveland, Ohio on Aug. 25th. of Ralph Cody, age 36, also of the Ansel branch; to his family we extend sympathy.

Members of our family who can assist Mrs. Mary Jester Allen, Chairman of the Cody Family Memorial Board, Cody, Wyoming, in the matter of securing family relics for the Museum, the creating of publicity for the Museum and the memory of Colonel Cody, and who can use their influence in any way toward the commemorative coin and postage stamp, are requested to communicate with her. Mrs. Allen is a niece of Colonel Cody, and will welcome any help given her.

Members having in their possession old family letters containing data of historical and genealogical importance; or other similar information, are requested to communicate with Miss Lydia S. Cody, Babson Park, Fla. The assembling of our historical and genealogical data is most important at the present time and every effort should be made to assist Miss Cody in this work.

Your Secretary-Treasurer has a limited supply of the 1936 Cody Family Directory on hand. Annual dues of one dollar now received for this Directory will be credited as 1937 dues. A copy of the Directory would make an ideal Christmas gift to members of your family who have not received a copy.

START TO PLAN NOW ON ATTENDING THE TWELFTH ANNUAL REUNION OF THE  
CODY FAMILY TO BE HELD AT SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA, MONDAY AND TUESDAY, AUGUST  
1st. and 2nd. 1937.

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