

THE CODY FAMILY
(Descendants of Philip Le Cody at Beverly, Mass., 1698)

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Your Board of Directors have pleasure in handing you herewith the condensed minutes of the 15th, Annual Reunion of the Cody Family, held, with headquarters at Ottawa, Illinois, Monday and Tuesday, August 26th, and 27th, 1940.

Monday, August 26th.

Registration of members commenced at 2.00 p.m. at Harding Community House, Village of Harding; registration was capably carried out by Miss June Mosey and Master Robert Cody of the Lyman Cody Branch. Total registration 142, coming from various Illinois points, Ontario, Ohio, Wisconsin, Kansas, Saskatchewan, Massachusetts, Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, California, Iowa and Michigan. Attendance by fifth generation branches was as follows: John 1821 - 3, Lyman - 22, Nathan - 2, Rhodolphus - 20, Melinda - 16, Thomas Jefferson - 36, Philip - 3, George Carryl 6, Mervin - 5, Pitt - 2, Aaron - 3, Anson - 2, Charles Grandison - 2, Elijah 1807 - 13, Visitors 5, Guests - 2.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Fred C. Cody of Cleveland, Ohio of Mervin Cody branch, who called on Mrs. Eda Brayton of Rhodolphus Cody branch for the opening prayer. "Prayer Perfect" was sung by the Mosey trio, Jane, Marianne and June Mosey of Lyman Cody branch. The President voiced his gratification of the fine attendance and his wish that the ensuing year prove a successful one for our organization. The welcome to LaSalle County and Illinois was warmly extended by the Chairman of Local Arrangements, Miss Ethel G. Cody of Lyman Cody branch. The Honorary President, Harry B. Cody of Cleveland, Ohio, of Philip Cody branch, then declared the officers installed for a period of one year. The "In Memoriam" of members of our family whose deaths have been reported since our last reunion was then reverently delivered by Mrs. Blanche McClenahan of the Melinda Cody branch; the names included in this "In Memoriam" list are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Branch</u>
Mrs. Lena Sampson	Nathan	Ross Montgomery Cody	Mervin
Mr. & Mrs. Frank H. Alexander	Nathan	Wallace Adam	Harrison
Mrs. Carrie Hayden Keith	Nathan	John Bowie	Harrison
Edward S. Rogers	Stephen	Mrs. David Bowman	Amanda
Mrs. Joseph E. Cody	Stephen	Myron Eugene Danielson	Amanda
Freeman D. Barberree	Milla	Miss Elta Ludwig	Amanda
Joseph Brown	Milla	Perley Leslie Biehl	Amanda
Mrs. T. W. Shepherd	Milla	Howard Dewey Keney	Amanda
Mr. and Mrs. George M. Anderson	Nancy	Edward Frederick Wendelken	Amanda
Philip Wiggins	Nancy	William F. Grant	Melinda
John Odell	Lydia 1814	Mrs. Luther P. Hubbs	Melinda
Mrs. Lulu Bossemeyer	Lyman	James Morrison	Anna
Rev. Howard Leach	Thomas	Mrs. Augusta Ann Rogers Pope	Darius
Mrs. Glenn Le Fever	Rhodolphus	Abraham Staples Cody	Alonzo
Charlotte Jennie Le Fever	Rhodolphus	Robert Henry Scott	Milla
Dorothy Irene Carroll	Ansel		

The President then introduced the Secretary-Treasurer, Ernest William Cody of London, Ontario, of John Cody 1821 branch, who outlined the work of his department throughout the year, as well as the work of the Chairman of the Historical Board, Miss Lydia S. Cody of Babson Park, Fla. of the Philip Cody branch, and who could not be present. He gave a summary of the recent expansion of our family in the newly located branches, and described the plans for the forthcoming 1941 Cody Family Directory. It is proposed that the valuable manuscript of Miss Lydia Cody covering our first known ancestor in America, Philip Le Cody of Beverly, Mass. 1698, be published in the front of the new Directory, and it is felt this will add much to the value of the book. The Directory itself will be at least double in size that of the 1936 issue. He sketched the various improvements to be made in the new issue, which it is hoped will be ready for publication in January of 1941. He next outlined the financial position of the organization; balance sheet for the year ending July 31st. showing cash on hand of \$66.91 (part of which has since been used.) Cash book showed that for the year 1940 our income from annual dues of one dollar had amounted to \$194.00 compared with nine hundred families carried on our mailing list - surely not very encouraging statistics. The Secretary-Treasurer voiced the hope that when the annual appeal is made for dues in January next the return will be more satisfactory.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Memorial Board, Mrs. Mary Jester Allen of Cody, Wyoming of Isaac Cody 1811 branch, her report was given by the Secretary-Treasurer. He sketched the early history of the Buffalo Bill Memorial Museum at Cody, and its progress throughout the years. Mrs. Allen reports that she is well pleased with Museum activities at Cody, and invites members of the family to be sure and make themselves known to her if in that locality. She also invites family relics for the Cody Family Room of the Museum.

As a result of a previous meeting of the Nominating Committee, the Secretary-Treasurer introduced to the meeting the recommendation of that Committee that the following Board of Directors be nominated, for election by ballot on Feb., 26th, 1941, and to be installed in office at the Massachusetts reunion of 1941 for one year. Nominations carried unanimously:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Branch</u>
Honorary President	Harvey Purdy Cody	Hanford, California	Mile
President	Lynn Ray Cody	San Jose, California	Alonzo
Vice President	Ernest Le Roy Cody	Toronto, Ontario	Stephen
Secretary-Treasurer	Ernest William Cody	London, Ontario	John 1821
Chaplain	Rev. Roy Eldon Cody	Minneapolis, Minnesota	Charles
Chairman Advisory Board	Hiram Sedgwick Cody	Winston-Salem, N. C.	Hiram
Chairman Memorial Board	Mrs. Mary Jester Allen	Cody, Wyoming	Isaac 1811
Chairman Historical Board	Miss Lydia S. Cody	Babson Park, Florida	Philip
Press Representative	Aldus Morrill Cody	Frostproof, Florida	Philip
<u>Regional Vice Presidents</u>			
N.E. U.S.A.	Mrs. Marion Nightingale	Plymouth, Mass.	Nathan
S.E. U.S.A.	Mrs. Beth Cody Gassman	Vere Beach, Florida	Mervin
Central U.S.A.	Clyde Jay Cody	Sheridan, Illinois	Lyman
State of Ohio	Mrs. Mary Dearth	Marietta, Ohio	Amanda
	and Mrs. Bessie Cody Sheets	Waterford, Ohio	Ansel
Mid Western U.S.A.	Miss Mavis Cody	Oberlin, Kansas	Elson
N.W. U.S.A.	Mrs. Ida Stevens	Portland, Oregon	Melinda
S.W. U.S.A.	Mrs. Anna Cotton	Sanger, California	Darius
Eastern Canada	Frankly Wells Cody	Ottawa, Ontario	Franklin
Western Canada	Alexander McDonald	Calgary, Alberta	Charles

The next item of business was the date and place to be selected for the 1941 annual reunion. It was unanimously decided to meet in Beverly, Massachusetts at a date to be later set by the Board of Directors. Beverly, Mass. is our common ancestral site, and it was felt that our next reunion in that city would be most suitable.

In the matter of new business, the President displayed the Cody Family Album (see Bulletin 31 of May 10th, 1940). This is a magnificent album and already contains over two hundred photos; more are coming every day. The display of this Album created deep interest and it is felt will stimulate many of our people to send in their old and new photos for inclusion in this safely preserved collection.

A standing vote of thanks was tendered the retiring Board of Directors for their untiring efforts during the past year.

After adjournment by the President at 4.30 p.m. a social hour was enjoyed in getting acquainted.

Family dinner was served in the Community House at 6.00 p.m. by the ladies of the Harding Community Benefit Club, the Honorary President, Harry B. Cody as Master of Ceremonies. Invocation was delivered by Irvin Lincoln Kay of the Thomas Jefferson Cody branch. Greetings from the people of Harding were conveyed to the gathering by our guests, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Lawry. The after-dinner address was delivered by the Rev. Roy Eldon Cody of the Charles Grandison branch. We regret that space will not permit publication in full of his fine thoughts; he emphasized the importance of family life with its influence on the calibre of a nation's people. The reply to the Rev. Roy Cody was given by Maxwell B. Cody of the John Cody 1821 branch. An appropriate tribute to "The Oldsters" was delivered by Ralph Cody Davis of the Rhodolphus Cody branch, honoring the following:

- Oldest member present, Mrs. John Foote Cody of Verona, Illinois, age 88
- Oldest living member, Mrs. Harriet Cody King of Sumner, Mich. age 96
- Oldest recorded member, Mervin Cody, age 101, born 1815, died 1916

Open forum was then declared, and around the table introductions made, greetings were read from absent ones, including our retiring President, Luther M. Cody of Frostproof, Florida, Mrs. Anna Cody of Hollywood, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Finlay Goodman of Cody, Wyoming, Mrs. Edith Cody Bowerman of Toronto, Ontario, Mr. and Mrs. Roy P. Marsh of Detroit, Mich., our Chaplain, Rev. Jared Vining Cody of San Pedro, Calif., David Hambly and Mrs. Hattie Booth of Aldergrove, B. C., Miss Cora P. Cody of Oneida, N. Y. and G. L. Barberree and family of Rochester, Minnesota. The benediction was then pronounced by the Rev. Roy Cody and the dinner adjourned.

Tuesday, August 27th.

At 12 noon luncheon was served at Starved Rock Lodge, Starved Rock State Park, with the President as Chairman of the luncheon. Invocation was given by Mrs. William Finch of Thomas Jefferson Cody branch. A contest questionnaire was circulated among those present and most appropriate prizes were awarded the winners of the following questions:

1. How far did you travel to reach here? 2500 miles by Miss Gladys Cody Caulfield of Los Angeles, Calif. of Elijah Cody 1807 branch.
2. How many reunions have you attended? 14 by Ernest William Cody of London, Ontario of John Cody 1821 branch.
3. Have you been married within the last year? Rev. Roy E. Cody of Minneapolis, Minn. of Charles Grandison Cody branch.
4. Have you a wedding anniversary in 1940?
2nd. anniversary by Ernest William Cody of London, Ontario.
5th. anniversary by Elsmere W. McKinney of South Euclid, Ohio of Nathan Cody branch.
19th. anniversary by Robert J. Glenn of Verona, Illinois of Thomas Jefferson Cody branch.
30th. anniversary by Mrs. Evelyn Cody Francis of Lansing, Mich. of Thomas Jefferson Cody branch.
40th. anniversary by Mrs. Effie Small, of Verona, Illinois, of Thomas Jefferson Cody branch.
51st. anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Leach of Morris, Illinois, of Thomas Jefferson Cody branch.
5. Have you a birthday Aug. 26th. or 27th? Mrs. Effie Small, Aug. 27th, of Verona, Ill. of Thomas Jefferson Cody branch.
6. How many members of your immediate family are present? Mrs. William Finch of Verona, Illinois, of Thomas Jefferson Cody branch, eight present.
7. Oldest member present - Mrs. John Foote Cody of Verona, Illinois, of Thomas Jefferson Cody branch, age 88 years.
8. Youngest member present - Earl Frederick Swain, age 2, of Carthage, Illinois of Melinda Cody (Deuel) branch.

These most acceptable prizes were provided through the generosity of the Cody families of Sheridan, Illinois. We are very grateful to them for their thoughtfulness in preparing this delightful surprise.

After several impromptu speeches and happy visiting, the singing of "Blessed be the tie that binds", the final benediction was pronounced, and so was adjourned the 15th. annual reunion of the Cody Family.

NOTES

The Illinois reunion of 1940 was the second largest in our history, being surpassed in attendance only by the 1936 gathering at Marietta, Ohio. Too much credit cannot be given the Local Committee of Arrangements under the able guidance of Miss Ethel Cody of Sheridan, Illinois. We thank all members of that Committee. Next year we meet in historic Beverly, Massachusetts; plan your summer vacation to be on hand.

SPECIAL NOTE

There are still many record forms and Directory lists which have not been returned by our members. Please send them in as soon as possible; also keep us informed of all births, marriages and deaths in your family, together with changes of address. All this information is required to make the 1941 Directory complete. If the information is not received from you it cannot be included.

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