

THE CODY FAMILY  
(Descendants of Philip and Martha at Beverly, Mass. 1698)

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ANNUAL ELECTION AND DUES BULLETIN

The members of the Board of Directors of the Cody Family join in wishing you and yours a Very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

1. BULLETINS - have you missed your bulletins during 1944? We hope you have; it has not been through lack of desire on our part that our bulletins have not been published. We have been conserving, and through these difficult days of war that should be a paramount thought. The foundations of our family organization are well and securely laid, and if our activities are rightly curbed during these troublous times, we should be in a position to enter the days of peace with renewed enthusiasm. Through our correspondence and personal contacts we have endeavored in every way possible to keep in close communication with the many branches of our family. We have paid many visits here and there, and with regret we state that many of these visits have been paid on the occasion of a funeral. Yet, there have been many happy occasions in which we have joined, and one of the most delightful was only a few weeks ago in our City of London when we had the pleasure of attending the celebration party of the 25th. wedding anniversary of our cousins William Benjamin and Annie Clipperton (see page 135 of Directory). Another delightful occasion was visiting with the Cleveland Cody families in November. Still another was part of our vacation spent with the Brook families in Otter Lake, Ontario (Nancy Cody Merigold branch). So you will see that notwithstanding the absence of our bulletins we have not been idle in our Cody Family contacts.
2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS - February 26th. of each year is Election Day in the Cody Family. On that day (birthday of our kinsman Colonel William Frederick Cody "Buffalo Bill") our officers are declared elected. At our last reunion held at Beverly, Ohio on July 18th. 1943 it was approved that the present Board of Directors remain in office for the duration of the war without an election. We feel that you will wish to join in tendering this Board sincere thanks for carrying on without respite since February 26, 1941.
3. ANNUAL DUES - the annual dues of the Cody Family are one dollar, and are now payable for the year 1945, and we ask for a favorable and prompt response from every family. Annual dues are the only income we have to finance our family organization; no other call is made for financial support. Our expenses have been cut to a minimum but we must have a certain amount of money to take care of our postage, printing and stationery. We have over a thousand families on our mailing lists, and if even half paid their one dollar annual dues we would be free from financial worry each year. Our income from dues for 1944 was poor; we shall be even more frank, it was very poor and it has caused us grave concern. It would give us real encouragement if this financial worry could be removed for this year by a prompt and generous payment of annual dues. Please do your utmost to carry on in the contribution of your dues. There are many demands on our purses, but surely we can find that extra dollar to keep our own family organization in good working order. Our officers are giving their time and energy gratis; we must support them in the matter of annual dues. Please give this your earnest and prompt attention; kindly make all remittances to the Secretary-Treasurer.
4. ROLL OF HONOR - List No. 5 of our family roll of honor is attached; please go over this carefully, and make sure that the name of every man and woman of your family in the armed forces is listed. Further lists will be published from time to time. We feel sure that many members of our family are serving in the armed forces whose names have not been sent to us; every so often we meet some one, who in casual conversation, tells us of this one and that one in the armed forces and yet their names have not been given to us for publication. Extra copies of Lists 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the Roll of Honor are available to anyone desiring copies.
5. VITAL RECORDS - are you keeping us currently posted of the births, marriages and deaths in your branch of our family, also changes in addresses? That is so important. The maintaining of such records is a simple matter when prompt reporting is made, but when records get behind, then the burden is heavy in bringing them up to date. This is especially important in view of our post-war plans.

6. "IN MEMORIAM LIST" - when our annual reunions were being held it was our practice to publish in the report of each reunion the names of those members of our family who had passed away between reunions. With our reunions discontinued for the duration of the war we are quoting below the names of those members of our family whose deaths have been reported to us since the last reunion report was published in Bulletin No. 49 of Sept. 25th 1943:

Name	Branch	Name	Branch
Mrs. Queenie Yoakum Graves	Darius	Cale Garrison Lewis	Lyman
Mrs. Willie Eleanor Conkel	Ansel	Malcolm Adrian Carr	Sophia 1806
Miss Anna Maria Cody	Rhodolphus	Mrs. Maude Cody Burnham	Samuel
James Carey Cody	Samuel	Thomas F. Clemenhagen	Nancy
Mrs. Alice Tackels	Sophia 1806	Mrs. Ida Stevens	Melinda
Joseph C. Skethway	Sophia 1806	Austin James Penfield	Nathan
Mrs. Maud Carr Crawford	Sophia 1806	Earl Wilson Cody	Alonzo
Mrs. Frances Carr Black	Sophia 1806	Mrs. J. Ralph Magee	Lyman
Willard Burdette Graves	Nathan	Leland M. Washburn	Nathan
Roy Edgar Cody	Nathan	William Morten Carpenter	Nathan
Mrs. Francis A. Cody	Samuel	Walter Scott Cody	Lyman
Harrison Emery Cody	Harrison	Mrs. Wilbert B. Chapman	Sarah Reed
Emma Cody Bowie (Mrs.)	Harrison	Paul Sutherland	Harrison
George Innes Green	Harrison	James Alexander Scott	Milla
Mrs. James Alexander Scott	Milla	Mrs. Ida Church Good	Julia
Mrs. Ora Farrelly Archibald	Nancy	Tom Walker Gage	Ansel
Thomas M. Crum	Darius	J. Bert Parlier	Darius
Alvin H. Small	Thomas	Mrs. Marion Anderson Tonkin	Nancy
Amos Merigold Brook	Nancy	Melvin Joseph Benner	Darius
Mr. & Mrs. David Hambly	Aaron	Mrs. La Von Vira Hettler	Elson
Mrs. Alvin N. Cody	John Jay	John Kerr Pybus	James
Mrs. Hiram S. Cody	Hiram	Arthur Eugene Stratton	Nathan
Mrs. Ella Cody Parker	Rhodolphus	Mrs. Harriet L. Waterhouse	Philip
James Eli Clipperton	Sophia 1806	Benjamin E. Thornton	Sophia 1806
James Robert Henderson	Sophia 1806	Mrs. Alice Cody Norwood	Darius
Mrs. Bolivar Rogers	Darius	Seth George Blair	George

7. POST-WAR PLANS - since 1925 when our family organization came into being four Cody Family Directories have been published, 1926, 1927, 1936 and 1941. We all know what valuable books these have been, and they will be continued in new editions as time and circumstances warrant. But we have an even more ambitious plan, and that is the publication of the detailed genealogy of the Cody Family as soon as possible after the war. Plans are now under way concerning this and you will be kept fully advised of its progress of compilation; you will also be asked to check the material of your family for publication in this book, and we know that your help will be gladly given.

8. REUNIONS - no reunions of our family are being held for the duration of the war, but please remember when our usual two-day international reunions are resumed after the war, the first one will be held in the City of Zanesville, Ohio. We feel that everyone will be looking forward to this event and we know from years of experience how warm will be the welcome given us by those genial and hospitable cousins of the State of Ohio.

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