

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

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This bulletin is a condensed report of the 22nd. Annual Convention of the Cody Family held at Red Deer, Alberta, Canada, Saturday and Sunday, July 8th. and 9th. This was the third reunion held in Canada, and it was most successful. We were blessed with fine weather, a fine attendance, a Local Committee who spared no effort in our behalf, and a most enthusiastic interest on the part of all participating. It has been my good fortune to attend 21 of the 22 reunions held, and I can without hesitation say that the Red Deer gathering of 1950 was one of the very best in our family's history.

Saturday, July 8, 1.30 p.m.

Registration commenced at the Elks Hall in charge of Miss Lillie Dallaire of Red Deer; total registration 115 persons, coming from Alberta, Kansas, Ohio, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Montana, California and Nebraska. These 115 persons are descendants of the following fifth generation branches of our family - Stephen, Isaac 1811, Milla, Sophia (Thornton), John 1821, Harrison, Darius, Thomas, Anson, Alonzo, Charles and David.

Our President, Dr. Ernest Edwin Cody of Ann Arbor, Mich. was unavoidably absent and the Vice President, Chester Cody Crouch of Columbus, Ohio, called the meeting to order with the singing of "O Canada", followed by opening prayer by Mrs. Edith Cody Dallaire of Red Deer. A warm welcome to the Red Deer district was extended by Herbert John Cody of Sylvan Lake. His Worship, Mayor Bettenson Mayor of the City of Red Deer then offered a few remarks of welcome to the city. Our Chairman of Local Arrangements, Mrs. Olga Cody Comer of Penhold was then introduced.

The Vice President then introduced the Secretary-Treasurer, Ernest William Cody of London, Ontario, who presented the following business program:

1. Minutes of Salem, Oregon reunion of Sept. 17-18-1949 declared adopted; moved by Peter Gordon McGachie, seconded by Herbert John Cody.
2. Secretary's report - he outlined the work handled during the past year, and especially the additional volume of correspondence in connection with the preparation of the Cody Family Genealogy and the 1951 Cody Family Directory. He asked for more prompt co-operation in the return of material for these two books.
3. Treasurer's report - figures showed a balance of \$37.16 on hand, with all accounts paid; this amount will be entirely used by the end of the year in current expenses; he urged a greater and more prompt payment of annual dues of one dollar.
4. The Secretary-Treasurer then presented the report of Miss Lydia Cody of Cleveland, Ohio, Chairman of the Historical Board. This showed that our genealogy is nearing completion. The present handicap is the slow response of our families in submitting their biographical material. Many hundreds of letters have been written during the past few months requesting this biographical data and the slow and incomplete response is discouraging. This material is being collected by the Secretary-Treasurer and will be edited and put in shape for publication by Miss Lydia Cody, Chairman Historical Board. It will help us greatly in the completion of the task if all families will hurry in the material asked for.
5. The Secretary-Treasurer then presented a progress report on the 1951 Directory, which showed that fair progress was being made in the assembly of information for this book. It is a big task. General discussion followed concerning the book and the need of a new edition.

SPECIAL INSERT NOTE - we are still waiting on replies to over 300 letters, many of them since April 1st. regarding directory and biographical material; this is most discouraging. Several members have suggested to us that we publish a "dishonor list" of those members who have not forwarded their material - do you want your name on this list? We have a record of all the letters written and when and to whom sent, so please hurry this in to us, so we won't have to publish a "dishonor list".

6. The following report from Mrs. Mary Jester Allen of Cody, Wyoming, Chairman of the Memorial Board and Curator of the Buffalo Bill Museum at Cody, was received with keen interest:

"Dear Cousins and Members of the Cody Family -

"The Buffalo Bill Memorial Association, Inc. joins with me in sending greetings to the Cody Family assembled at Red Deer for our 22nd. Annual Reunion. We know that you will have a successful meeting, and a delightful visit.

"As Director of the Buffalo Bill Museum at Cody, I am happy to send the following report on the museum's development of the past year:

1. The City of Cody has now returned all deeds to the Buffalo Bill Memorial Association, Inc. together with a suitable financial settlement. Thus, the Museum, the Buffalo Bill Statue, the athletic field, the veterans housing units, and all of our original land holdings are completely and permanently restored. With the successful termination of our case, we have sensed a gratifying feeling of community good-will and support. Ernest J. Goppert, President of the Buffalo Bill Memorial Association, and one of the most able attorneys in the State of Wyoming, did a magnificent piece of work on our behalf. I should like to register before your assembled members an expression of our gratitude to him.
2. We now have the Buffalo Bill boyhood home on the museum grounds, standing a few yards from the west door of the museum building and fitting nicely into the present group of six buildings. Mr. Harry W. Thurston of Cody was the Board member who directed the removal of the old house from the Burlington station (two miles from the museum) to our grounds, and who supervised the first steps in the long-range restoration of the building. Those first steps included the foundation essential repairs to the roof, the floors, etc., a preservative coat of paint, and the fencing in of the immediate yard about the old house. Visitors are not allowed in the house this year as it is still unsafe for the volume of traffic it would have to meet. We plan a careful, slow and accurate period restoration, and we need and welcome suggestions and help from Cody Family members so that this project - dear to all our hearts - will meet with your approval. Do write to us about any outstanding restorations in your sections of the country; in order that we may contact experienced people in this field.
3. The 1949 season brought fine attendance during the four months that the Museum was open to visitors. Part of the income from the admissions was spent on moving the boyhood home to the grounds; part was invested in an expensive but needed completion of public rest room facilities; some money was also spent on repairs on the museum building, now 23 years old. However, we ended the year with a modest cash reserve and we are in a financially sound if not exactly affluent state.
4. The 1950 season got under way on May 28th. Attendance thus far has been good, although the threat of war with the resulting slowing down of travel is being currently felt in Yellowstone National Park and elsewhere in this region.
5. Our Fourth of July celebration this year went off beautifully, highlighted by Colonel Walter F. Siegmund's presentation to the museum of the famous 1873 model Winchester rifle owned and used by Colonel William F. Cody. Colonel Siegmund, an official of the Winchester Arms Co. and a world famous individual collector of firearms, has given us such dignified publicity, that our 23 year record for attendance on a single day was broken on July 4th., and since then crowds of people have been coming in daily to view this latest important addition.
6. The Princeton University Summer School of Geology students, under the direction of our old friend, Dr. Taylor Thom, are again with us. They are setting up a fine permanent geological exhibit and members of the University faculty will give a series of lectures at the museum this summer.

Again our greetings from Cody. Either my daughter or I will surely be present at the next meeting and we all hope to have your 1952 reunion at Cody, Wyoming, to help us celebrate the 25th. anniversary of the founding of this museum. In the meantime, we are delighted to welcome you individually as you visit Cody. "

MARY JESTER ALLEN

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7. General discussion then took place regarding election of officers; it was moved by Mrs. Marion Cody Thwaites, seconded by Warren M. Dix that the present Board of Directors be re-elected for a further term of one year. Further discussion then took place concerning the revival of the office of Assistant Secretary, unfilled for some years, but the work of which has been carried on by Mrs. Ella Jean Cody, wife of the Secretary-Treasurer. It was unanimously decided that this office be revived and that Mrs. Ella Jean Cody be appointed to the position, and added to the Board of Directors. The re-elected Board of Directors are as follows:

Board of Directors

<u>Office</u>	<u>Filled by</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Honorary President	Harry Arthur Cody	Ripon, Wisconsin
President	Dr. Ernest Edwin Cody	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Vice President	Chester Cody Crouch	Columbus, Ohio
Secretary-Treasurer	Ernest William Cody	London, Ontario
Assistant Secretary	Mrs. Ella Jean Cody	London, Ontario
Chaplain	Rev. Richard R. Eylander	Ritzville, Washington
Chairman Advisory Board	Harvey Purdy Cody	Hanford, California
Chairman Memorial Board	Mrs. Mary Jester Allen	Cody, Wyoming
Chairman Historical Board	Miss Lydia S. Cody	Cleveland, Ohio

REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS

North Eastern U.S.A.	Mrs. Carolyn Cody Robbins	Dalton, Penna.
South Eastern U.S.A.	Mrs. Sarah Mines	Miami, Florida
Central U.S.A.	Frederic Fay Cody	Somonauk, Illinois
State of Ohio	Mrs. Mildred Cody Liebrand	Fleming, Ohio
	and Ralph Dean Dearth	Maricetta, Ohio
Mid Western U.S.A.	George McKinley Cody	Oberlin, Kansas
North Western U.S.A.	Mrs. Helen Doelittle	Salem, Oregon
South Western U.S.A.	Milo Jasper Cody	Armona, California
Eastern Canada	John Keith Cody	Beachville, Ontario
Western Canada	Mrs. Mary Cody Allard	Calgary, Alberta

8. A suggestion was then introduced that the name of our organization be changed from "The Cody Family" to "The Cody Family Association". It was felt that in view of the expansion of our family the word "Association" seemed more all-inclusive and more in line with our purpose; it also presents a clearer picture of just what the organization is. A show of hands expressed unanimous approval of the change in name. A motion was made by Peter Gordon McGachie, seconded by Mrs. Ruth Ackerson that this change in name be referred to the Board of Directors for approval. An amendment was made by Mrs. Marion Cody Thwaites, seconded by Herbert John Cody that the change in name be approved by a vote of the entire organization. The amendment was lost. NOTE - since the Red Deer meeting the Board of Directors have approved the change in name to "THE CODY FAMILY ASSOCIATION".

9. The place of the 1951 convention was next discussed; representations were made that at no time had a reunion been held in the State of Florida, where we have many families. It was moved by Dr. Morley G. Cody, seconded by Peter Gordon McGachie that the 1951 reunion be held in Florida at a time and place to be agreed upon between the Board of Directors and the Florida cousins. NOTE - we now invite suggestions from the Florida cousins regarding the time and place of this reunion. The time is none too far away to commence making plans. So please let us have the suggestions of the Florida cousins immediately.

10. General discussion then took place, introduced by the Vice President, of the value of regional family reunions and of greater interest in the affairs of our organization, and especially so by the young people. The Vice President sketched the history of the Ohio regional reunions and made the timely suggestion that the Western provinces arrange for yearly regional reunions.

11. A standing vote of thanks was tendered the Secretary-Treasurer, and his wife, also the Board of Directors for their work during the past year, and the meeting adjourned with the closing prayer by Rev. George J. Hindley of Palo, Sask. at 5.00 pm.

Saturday, 6.30 p.m.

Dinner was served in the Elks Hall; dinner party was called to order by the Master of Ceremonies, Chester Cody Crouch, the invocation by George J. Hindley. During the dinner souvenir handkerchiefs were distributed to the ladies and souvenir key chain knives to the gentlemen through the generous courtesy of Mrs. Alexander Herbert Cody of Red Deer. Following the dinner we enjoyed piano solos by Miss Juliana Dallaire, dances by Miss Carol Cody, songs by Misses Betty, Joyce and Dixie Cody, interspersed by brief addresses from Dr. Morley G. Cody of Calgary, a former Vice President of our family, by Herbert Arthur Allard of Calgary, representing his mother, Mrs. Mary Cody Allard, our Vice President for Western Canada, who, due to illness could not be with us. By request Ernest William Cody told the story of the Cody Family since its organization in 1925. The Cody Family song contributed last year by Mrs. Helen Deuel Doelittle of Salem, Oregon, was heard again with pleasant memories of that event. A new Cody Family song entitled "These Camps We Make", contributed by Wilber L. Crook of Seattle, Washington, was also received with enthusiasm; this song will be published in a future bulletin. Following the above program we followed our time-honored custom of each one present introducing themselves and stating the branch of the family from which descended.

The closing hymn "Bless This House" by Misses Lillie and Marion Dallaire, followed by the National Anthem, brought to an end a most happy evening.

11.00 a.m. Sunday, July 9th.

Divine service was held in the Elks Hall, conducted by the Rev. George J. Hindley. His inspiring discourse was thoroughly enjoyed. He pointed out the pattern that has been set for us by those pioneer ancestors and the heritage we have received from them. Our thought is that his worthwhile address will not soon be forgotten by his listeners. Warren M. Dix of Lewistown, Montana read the list of some eighty members of our family whose deaths have been reported since our last reunion. NOTE - since then we have learned of other deaths, and so that our list will be complete, their names will be listed in our next bulletin rather than in this one.

1.30 p.m. Sunday, July 9th.

We enjoyed the 16 mile drive to delightful Sylvan Lake, where luncheon was served in the Veterans' Hall. Alexander R.O. McDonald of Calgary ably officiated as Chairman of the luncheon; opening invocation was given by George J. Hindley. Herbert John Cody of Sylvan Lake extended us warm greetings and a splendid luncheon was served by the ladies of the Episcopal Church.

Competition was then held for the souvenir prizes donated by the Board of Directors, as follows:

(No person to receive more than one prize and Board of Directors debarred)

Oldest gentleman present	Joseph Leonard Cody Mayerthorpe, Alberta	65 years
Oldest lady present	Mrs. Alexander Herbert Cody Red Deer, Alberta	72 years
Longest married couple	Mr. & Mrs. Warren M. Dix Lewistown, Montana	43 years
Latest married couple	Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Allard Calgary, Alberta	1 year
Oldest person bearing the surname "CODY"	Allen Hoskin Cody Red Deer, Alberta	43 years
Person attending from the greatest distance	Mrs. Esther Slawson Kansas City, Kansas	2000 miles
Person attending the greatest number of reunions	Mrs. Marion Cody Thwaites Hamilton, Ontario	3
Youngest boy present	John Kent Roberts Calgary, Alberta	14 months
Youngest girl present	Lynn Merle Hamren New Norway, Alberta	14 months
Youngest child bearing the surname "CODY"	Patricia Cody Sylvan Lake, Alberta	2 yrs. 8 mo.
Person with birthday nearest to July 9th.	Lyn Cody Sylvan Lake, Alberta	5 yrs. old on July 9th.
Largest family present (father, mother and children)	Mr. & Mrs. F.T. Dallaire Red Deer, Alberta	7 in family

Greetings were received and read from the following absent members of our family - Mrs. Mary Jester Allen, Cody, Wyoming, Wilber L. Crook, Seattle, Wash. Mrs. Edith Cody Bowerman, Toronto, Ont., Mrs. Blanche C. McClanahan, Toulon, Ill. Sterling Cody, Toronto, our president, Dr. Ernest Edwin Cody, Ann Arbor, Mich. and Mrs. Leta Cody Higgs of Vancouver, B.C.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the Local Committee, headed by Mrs. Olga Cody Comer of Penhold, Alberta, and so ably assisted by Mrs. Alexander Herbert Cody, Mr. and Mrs. F.T. Dallaire and their family, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert John Cody and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hoskin Cody and their families.

In their splendid local arrangements, in their contributions of time and energy, careful planning, in their generosity and thoughtfulness, and in their contributions of music, song and dancing, this fine Committee deserve our warmest gratitude. We do thank them all sincerely.

The floral decorations in the Elks Hall were through the courtesy of Mr. Good of the Central Alberta Florists, Red Deer.

The other streamer decorations in the Elks Hall were through the courtesy of Mr. B.W. Bennett, Local Manager of the T. Eaton Co. of Red Deer.

We deeply appreciate the courtesy and interest of these gentlemen,

Copies of the group photograph taken at the Elks Hall following the Saturday dinner may be secured through Mrs. F.T. Dallaire, R.R. No. 1, Red Deer, Alberta, at an approximate price of 75 cents per copy.

Following the luncheon friendly visiting was enjoyed for an hour or so and farewells said, and we went our various ways with the full satisfaction of having enjoyed a very delightful family party. Dr. Allison K. Walker of Little Hocking, Ohio, in one of his former reunion poems, perhaps expresses our feelings more suitably in the following verse:

"At this day's end we'll say goodbye
And handclasps draw us nearer,
And may the Cody Family be
To each a little dearer"

NOTE - this bulletin is being mailed to 1122 families; this is not all our membership, so please circulate it among those who do not receive it in your group. If you know of others who would like to be carried on the mailing list of bulletins, please let us know and we will add their names.

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