

THE CODY FAMILY ASSOCIATION
(Descendants of Philip and Martha at Beverly, Mass., 1698)
Ex Guillaume LeCaudey of
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We deeply regret the long delay in giving you a report of the very successful reunion held at Niagara Falls, N.Y. on June 7th. and 8th. Due to illness, and also the press of every-day work, our Cody Family activities have gone behind. However, we can say with assurance that the worst is over and we promise to do better for the future. Our gathering at Niagara Falls was just one of the best ever; we were blessed with perfect weather, perfect arrangements, a good attendance, and an incomparable scenic setting. Briefly, let us tell you about it:

Saturday, June 7th.

Registration commenced at 12.30 p.m. at the Red Coach Inn, under the direction of our Local Committee, Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Kulp. Total registration for the two days numbered 100 persons coming from various points in North Carolina, Ontario, Illinois, Florida, New York, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Saskatchewan, and being descendants of the following fifth generation branches: Hiram, John, Lyman, Milla, James, Katherine, Stephen, Anson, Elijah, Lydia, Sophia, Melinda, Aaron, Amanda, Nancy, Alonzo and David.

General business meeting commenced at 1.30 p.m. with the President, Hiram S. Cody presiding. The opening prayer was delivered by Mrs. Irene Cody Mosey, followed by the introduction of the Local Committee, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kulp. Mr. Kulp then extended a warm welcome to the international Niagara Falls area.

The President then introduced the Secretary-Treasurer, Ernest William Cody, who took over the routine business matters:

The minutes of the Marietta, Ohio convention of 1957 were ratified on motion of Mrs. Ann Cody and Mrs. Blanche McClenahan.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$43.15; annual dues being received for the year \$312.00; report ratified by J. Cameron Cody and Howard S. Cody.

The Secretary-Treasurer asked for approval of a complete revision of our mailing list; he pointed out that of our mailing list some 300 families were regular due payers, another 300 were "hit and miss" due payers and another 300 were practically inactive in their support. Motion was made by J. Cameron Cody and Howard S. Cody that suitable notice be given to all families to boost annual dues, and failing a better response that mailing list be revised at the discretion of the Secretary-Treasurer, dropping from the list the disinterested ones. It was further suggested that the Regional Vice Presidents make close canvasses of their areas to stimulate interest.

The Secretary presented the report of Miss Lydia Cody, Chairman of the Historical Board; support was urged of her very fine genealogy "The Cody Family in America".

The President conveyed the report of Mrs. Mary Jester Allen, Chairman of the Memorial Board, outlining the splendid progress of the Buffalo Bill Museum at Cody, Wyoming, and its allied activities. While dealing with this subject, Mrs. Blanche McClenahan urged that all family relics available be forwarded to the Museum for preservation.

On Motion of Mrs. Muriel Wilcox and James Briggs the present Board of Directors was nominated to hold office for another year.

On motion of Douglas Thwaites and Max Stanbery it was recommended that the 1959 reunion be held in either Kansas or Nebraska. Suggestions are now invited from families in those states to set the date and place and set up a Local Committee to handle arrangements.

On motion of Max Stanbery and Mrs. Marguerite Pinegar, letters of appreciation for services rendered were authorized to be sent to Mrs. Mary Jester Allen, Miss Lydia S. Cody and Mrs. Ella Jean Cody.

A report on Cody Family records, and especially emphasizing family contacts for biographical purposes was presented by President Hiram S. Cody and was most interestedly received. This is a large and important subject and will form the material for a special bulletin later on.

Adjournment at 3.30 p.m. and a three hour motor tour was made of both the United States and Canadian sides of the Niagara Falls area. This was a most happy and enjoyable event, and under the immediate direction of Mr. and Mrs. Kulp.

Saturday - 7.00 p.m.

Family dinner was served at the Red Coach Inn, with Robert Kulp, Master of Ceremonies. The invocation was delivered by the Rev. Charles Berryhill. Following the dinner we enjoyed two splendid sets of moving pictures - one series of actual pictures of Colonel William Frederick Cody (Buffalo Bill), in person, taken during 1915 and 1916, and presented with a running narrative by President Hiram S. Cody. The other series of pictures were taken at various Cody Family reunions at Jackson, Mich., London, Ontario, Cody, Wyoming, Harding, Illinois, and Marietta, Ohio, taken and presented to us by Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wilcox. Further moving pictures for the future were taken of the Niagara Falls reunion, and for this too we are most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox.

Sunday - June 8th. 11: a.m.

Some sixty members of the family gathered for divine service at First Presbyterian Church, and enjoyed the inspiring message of Rev. Chas. Berryhill. Here, once again, our family hymn "How Firm A Foundation" was used.

Back to the Red Coach Inn for luncheon, and discussion of any unfinished business, and a couple of hours of friendly visiting. Here we had the privilege of listening to the beautiful singing of Mrs. Muriel Wilcox.

Standing votes of thanks were tendered Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kulp for their magnificent handling of the arrangements for the reunion and for the time and effort given by them. Certainly, this convention was an outstanding event in our 33 years of family organization.

REMEMBER - This is your family - Take a part in it.

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