

**Cory Family Society**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**September 20, 2015**  
**New London, CT**

Members present: Fred and Bernie Corey, Earl and Chris Cory, John and Sue Corey, Clayton Corey, David Corey, Christine Koehler, Carolyn Corey, Marjorie Corey Fenili and guests from the UK Cory Society, Colin and Marilyn Cory.

President Fred Corey opened the meeting at 12:05 PM. He began with words of appreciation for Samantha Corey for her excellent organization of our meeting itinerary. Thanks also to her family, parents John and Sue Corey, for their hospitality.

The previous minutes from 2009 plus several subsequent 2015 conference calls were not available to be read. The 2009 meeting minutes and 2015 conference call minutes can be found on the CFS website.

Fred asked for input on the future of our Cory Family Society and there was active discussion about whether we want to be exclusively a website society. Marilyn reported that everyone using the same database with RootsMagic has worked well for their UK website. Earl responded that he has previously recommended the use of RootsMagic for his site; it has a drop box and ways of importing media. The general consensus by those in attendance was that we want to continue to have meetings and newsletters in the future in addition to the website.

We now have a newsletter editor, Luke Davidson who is willing to continue in that position. New member Christine Koehler volunteered to act as a newsletter coordinator to assist Luke. Christine spoke of getting new and younger people involved in our society. There was a discussion of obtaining contemporary information to pass on for future generations. John Corey suggested that in future meetings each person relate a Corey story to the group.

The board had agreed in the 2015 conference calls to waive all dues until January 2016. It was agreed to keep the cost at \$12/year.

Motion passed to approve Carolyn Corey as the official secretary of the society.

The treasurer's report from James Corey treasurer, was passed out to all present and a motion carried for approval as read.

The genealogy report from Thomas Corey, society genealogist, was read by Carolyn Corey followed by the English genealogy report from Margaret Goffin which was read by Marilyn Cory. Thomas Corey's reported on analyzing data for ancestor geographic origins, both broadly over time and narrowly regarding individual lines. Margaret, UK society genealogist, stated that she believes that their goal has been reached to prove that there was more than one progenitor. Thomas has been expanding the American Cory/Corey study using SNP tests to discover ancestor origins. Active discussion about the focus of DNA studies with input from Earl. Fred summarized by stating that there are 2 lines of interest regarding Y-DNA, one broad and the other narrow.

Earl Cory reported on the website status. He will continue to keep the existing lines on the database but he prefers not to have to continue to maintain ALL Corey/Cory lines on his database. Earl would maintain the website, Harpole (Thomas), and "Other Corys" databases and 2 other people would maintain their respective databases and answer questions about that line. Periodically, he would get updated copies of the databases from the other two to put on the website. John Corey agreed to maintain the line of John of Southold.

Discussion about the location and date for the next Cory Family Reunion Meeting and about the length of time between meetings resulted in a consensus of about every 2 years. However, it was agreed that in order

to have time for planning, etc. 18 months to 2 years ahead would be necessary for a successful event. Future locations might include England. Earl agreed to be the temporary meeting coordinator for our next meeting possibly in Michigan. He will be in touch with local people there to plan this event for 2017.

Our next conference call for board members (and interested parties) was agreed upon as Sat. AM March 12, 2016.

### *Election of officers.*

Fred discussed the possibility of retiring from his position of president but will continue in that position until a new one is found.

John Corey is the new vice-president

James Corey continues in office of treasurer.

Luke Davidson continues as newsletter editor

Carolyn Corey is officially the secretary/assistant to DNA project coordinator

Thomas Corey continues as genealogist/DNA project coordinator

Earl Cory continues as webmaster and new position as temporary meeting coordinator

Christine Koehler is in new position of newsletter coordinator

Fred asked for approval for \$1630 expenses for the meeting. Motion passed.

### *New Business:*

John Corey presented copies of several documents of interest: David Cory (grandson of John of Southold) family bible title and records page (the Great Book); a History of the Minisink Patent, Orange County, NY, (where some John of Southold descendants moved); and a list of all Cory/Corey genealogy records in the NY State Library in Albany.

Meeting ended at approximately 2:00pm.