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## **CORY FAMILY SOCIETY REUNION MEETING LANSING, MICHIGAN - AUGUST 24-27, 2017 EVENTS & ITINERARY**

*by Earl Cory, VP, Webmaster, Meeting Coordinator*

The meeting will be hosted by noted author, journalist, and longtime Cory Family Society member Jan Corey Arnett. Registration details, including any fees or other costs, will be emailed separately to those who plan to attend.

**HOTEL** Ramada Lansing Hotel and Conference Center  
7501 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing, MI 48917  
Phone: (517) 627-3211 Web: [www.ramada.com/hotel/](http://www.ramada.com/hotel/)

To get the group rate of \$79.00 (plus 12% tax) state that you are with the Cory Family Society. The group rate, for up to 2 occupants in a room with 2 queen beds, applies from Thursday, August 24 to Monday, August 28. Reserve early as the group rate is available only until July 28, 2017.

The rate includes up to 2 Breakfast Coupons for the breakfast buffet each day. The buffet includes: scrambled eggs, breakfast meat, potatoes, make-your-own-waffles, cold cereal, and an assortment of yogurts, whole fruit, and breakfast pastries, as well as juice and coffee. The buffet is offered from 6:00 am to 10:00 am.

**AIRPORT** The Lansing Airport is serviced by commuter flights from Chicago O'Hare; Washington, DC; Minneapolis; and Detroit, using American, United, and Delta airlines. The hotel provides a shuttle from the airport.

### **SCHEDULE**

#### **Thurs. Evening, Aug. 24: Arrival and Check In**

People arrive at various times and receive detailed weekend itinerary with contact information for organizers. With no events scheduled for this evening, let's find each other in the hotel/lobby/restaurant/bar.

#### **Fri., Aug. 25: Michigan State Capital State Archives and R.E. Olds Museum**

Breakfast at the hotel.

9:45 am – Depart hotel lobby and travel to Michigan State Capital

10:00 am – Tour State Capital and State Archives  
 1:00 pm – Lunch at Soup Spoon Café or Zoup! Fresh Soup Co.  
 2:30 pm – R.E. Olds Transportation Museum  
 5:00 pm – Depart Transportation Museum  
 6:30 pm – Travel to local restaurant for dinner

**Sat. Aug. 26: Michigan History Center and Library**

Breakfast at the hotel  
 9:40 am – Meet in the hotel lobby for tour briefing  
 10:00 am – Travel to Michigan History Center.  
 We will meet with a local Genealogist, Jim Jackson, either in the morning or afternoon. Jim has a website, [www.michlist.com](http://www.michlist.com) that provides a Michigan Biographical Index that is a great help to anyone doing Michigan Genealogy.  
 1:00 pm – Lunch at Dave's Place  
 2:00 pm – Return to Michigan History Center  
 4:00 pm – Return to hotel  
 6:30 pm – Travel to local restaurant for dinner

**Sunday, Aug 27, 2017: Brunch at the Hotel and Check Out, followed by Membership Meeting**

10am – Brunch in our Meeting Room  
 12:00 pm – Check out  
 12:00 pm – Membership Meeting  
 2:00 pm – Adjourn and say goodbyes

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA**

1. Introduction of members
2. Thank you to our host – Jan Corey Arnett
3. Reading of Minutes – Carolyn Corey
4. Treasurer's Report – Jim Corey
5. Genealogy Report – Thomas Corey
6. DNA Research Report – Thomas Corey
7. Website and Database Report – Earl Cory
8. Location and date for next Cory Family Reunion
9. Approval for expensing of this meeting.
10. Adjournment

***It's not too late! Sign up now!***

We already have at least 16 members planning to attend. Let Earl know you want to join us. Either fill out and mail this form or email him at [EarlCory@CoryComputerSystems.com](mailto:EarlCory@CoryComputerSystems.com).

**Cory Family Meeting Attendance Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ No. in party: \_\_\_\_ Adults: \_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: Earl Cory, 781 Pine Ave, Pacific Grove, CA 93950**

## Corys Slept Here

### **THE COREY HOUSE, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN**

*by Chris Koehler, Newsletter Coordinator (John of Southhold) with Earl Cory and Mary Ann Underwood*

FROM MAINE TO CALIFORNIA, A NUMBER OF FORMER CORY HOMES ARE NOW MUSEUMS, BED AND BREAKFASTS, BUSINESSES, PRIVATE RESIDENCES – OR ABANDONED. THIS COREY HOUSE IS AT 1219 TRAVER STREET IN ANN ARBOR. ALSO KNOWN AS ONE OF THE SOLOMON AND JACOB ARMSTRONG HOUSES (1219 AND 1223 TRAVER STREET), THE COREY HOUSE IS A REGISTERED MICHIGAN STATE HISTORIC SITE.



Mary Underwood, 2017

According to the Ann Arbor District Library website ([aadl.org/buildings\\_hhaa110](http://aadl.org/buildings_hhaa110)):

Solomon Armstrong was born in 1821 in Ballston Spa, New York. He arrived in Ann Arbor in 1843 to work as a carpenter and millwright together with his father Jacob and his sons John and Frank A. Armstrong. . . The house at 1219, probably built in 1851 when the Armstrongs purchased the two lots, represents the more common style of Greek Revival . . . Armstrong sold 1219 in 1861 to Amos Corey, another carpenter.



Historic Buildings, Ann Arbor, Michigan, Marjorie Reade and Susan Wineberg, 1992, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., rev. 1998



Historic Buildings, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1974, Marjorie Reade and Susan Wineberg

Webmaster Earl Cory's research confirms that this Amos Corey was born in 1826 in Saratoga County, New York, to John D. Corey (b. 1799 Rhode Island) and Parnal Armstrong. Earl has determined that he is of the William of Portsmouth Line.

Contrary to the library's website, evidence suggests that Jacob Armstrong was not Solomon Armstrong's father, but rather his grandfather, and that John and Frank A. are likely family but are not Solomon's sons.

In the interest of space, the Armstrong/Corey connection is summarized as follows. Earl's complete genealogical records will be on the Cory Family Society website.

1<sup>ST</sup> GEN-**Jacob** Armstrong m. Martha Wells in 1794

Ch: †Sylvester (1792), Mary (1796), \*Parnal (1801), George Washington (1807), and Lucinda Emily (b. ?)

\*Parnal m. John D. Corey in est. 1821) → → → → → → → → →

John D. Corey (1799) and \*Parnal Armstrong

George m. Evenile Scribner in 1830. Ch: **Franklin Hyde** (1833), Mary Anne (1834), Martha Josephine (1837), Lois Lucinda (1839), George Scribner (1843), William Eugene (1845)

Ch: Infant (est.1823), Dennis (1824), **Amos** (1826), Allen T. (1829), Infant (est. 1832), Parnal Anne (1834)

2<sup>ND</sup> GEN-†Sylvester m. Sarah Trumbull in 1820

Ch: **Solomon** (1821), Almeda (1823), **John** (1824)

3<sup>RD</sup> GEN-Solomon m. 1. Jane Chivvis in 1844

Ch: **Jacob** (b. 1845). 2. Angeline Scribner in 1847

Ch: Emily (1848), Jane (1852), Almeda (1855), twins Lucinda & Josephine (1857), Amelia (1859), Charles (est.1864)

As the elder Jacob Armstrong did not migrate to Michigan, it is likely that the Jacob Armstrong cited is Solomon's son Jacob Chivvis Armstrong (b. 1845 Ann Arbor) with his first wife, Jane Chivvis, who died within a year of Jacob's birth. The younger Jacob appears in 1850, 1860 (millwright) and 1870 (carpenter). By the 1880 census he appears in Detroit.

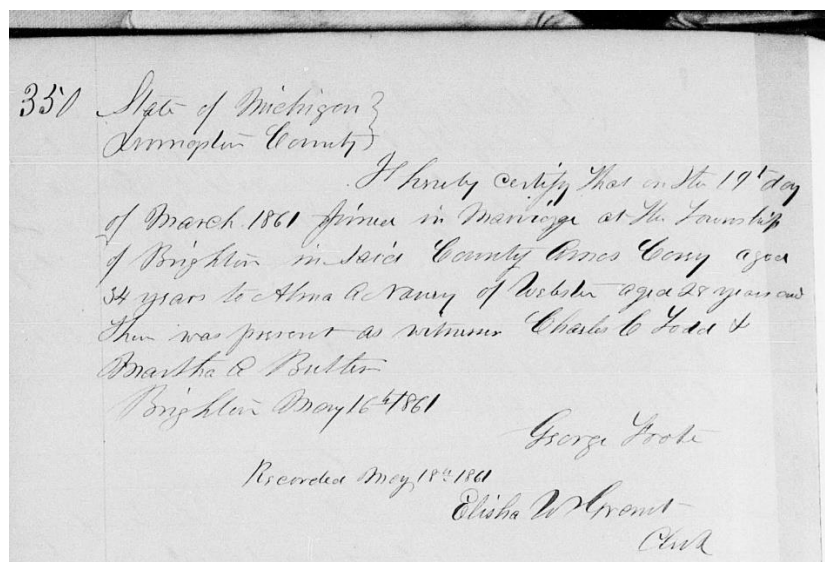
Perhaps John is Solomon's brother and Frank A. is Solomon's cousin Franklin H. Census data for both indicate occupations in building trades.

In the nation's 19<sup>th</sup> Century ethos of Manifest Destiny, Michigan had its own "Michigan Fever" in the 1830s and 1840s. New York's Erie Canal had been completed in 1825, easing movement westward from New York and New England; land west of Detroit, was put up for sale, having been "cleared", by violence, treaty or purchase, of Native Americans who had lived there for centuries. According to Michigan In Brief (michiganinbrief.org), in 1820 Michigan had close to 9,000 people, excluding "Indians." By 1830 the population was 32,000 and in 1840 had reached over 212,000.

The Armstrongs and Coreys caught the "Michigan Fever" bug. In 1830, Amos Corey's father John D. Corey, had been in Saratoga County, but beginning in 1831 he lived in several Michigan counties until his death in 1884. Likewise, Solomon Armstrong's father Sylvester Armstrong, born in Vermont and married in 1820 in Saratoga County, was in Ann Arbor by the time of his 1845 death.

In 1861 Amos Corey married Alma A. probably Todd, although on the marriage certificate her surname is Nanry, likely from an earlier marriage. The year before the marriage, the 1860 Washtenaw County census has Alma A. Nanry next door to Henry and Rebecca Todd and their children, who we know to be Alma's family.

The library website says that in 1861 Amos purchased the house at 1219 Traver Street from Solomon Armstrong.



familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:939V-J69Q-D8?mode=g&i=210&cc=1810350

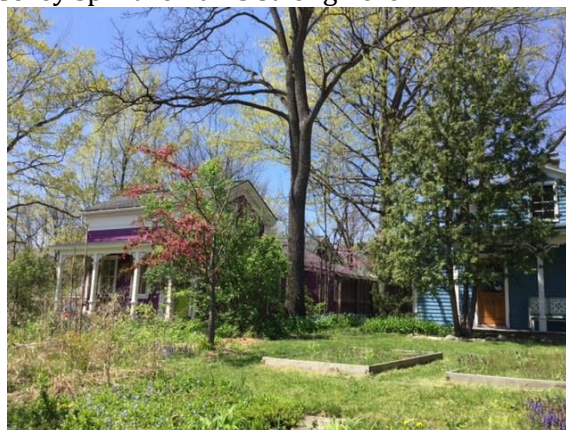
In 1870 Amos and Alma Corey and Solomon Armstrong and his family appear on the same Ann Arbor census page, although no street name is given. In 1880 both the Coreys and the Armstrongs are on Traver Street; the 1900 census shows them on Traver at 1219 and 1223.

Amos Corey, carpenter, along with Alma, appears in city directories at 1219 Traver Street from that time until his death in 1909. Solomon Armstrong, variously either millwright or carpenter, appears on Traver Street in city directories between 1868 and 1897, the year of his death. Records indicate that Alma A. Corey died in 1901 and Angeline Armstrong 1887.

The current owner of 1219 Traver Street is weaver Mary Underwood. Her business, Front Porch Textiles, is located in the studio she built on the property in 2009. She says, "I tried to honor carpentry in its design and construction. The Amos Corey spirit remains strong here."

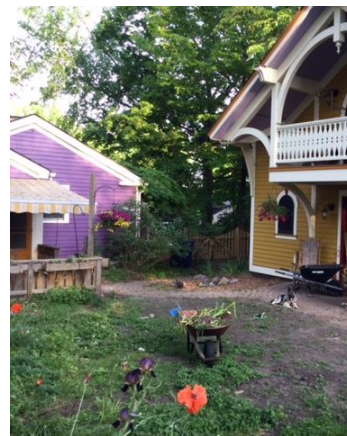


underwoodfrontporch.com



Mary Underwood, 2017

Underwood recently shared some photos of her historic home. About the interior, she says it is "much as it was during the time it was built, including the red pine beams in the basement – still with bark" and the floors of tulip poplar.



Note the interior shot of original Egyptian window molding, which Underwood describes as “a lovely touch brought to a working carpenter’s home.”

Underwood invites us to visit when we are in Lansing for the reunion. For more about her and Front Porch Textiles, see [www.underwoodfrontporch.com](http://www.underwoodfrontporch.com). The studio offers local and regional goods such as handspun yarns, (even Mongolian!) and handwoven textiles, in addition to classes and lectures. Also available are handwoven textiles, ceramics, jewelry, art tiles, wood craft, fine art, and letterpress and book art by regional artists.

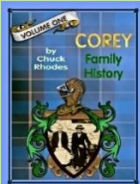
Earl Cory tells of another Corey/Armstrong Michigan connection. The second wife of Amos Corey’s brother Dennis Corey (1824-1903), was third cousin once removed Catherine Corey (1824-1912), daughter of Peleg Corey and Sarah Spaulding. At their deaths, both Dennis and Catherine were in Michigan.

With his research on this family, Earl identified and moved 110 people from the Other Cory database to the William Cory database and was able to add an additional 120 people.



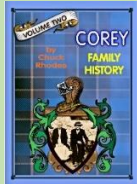
## Attention William Descendants

Betty Rhodes tells us that books and a CD on 14 generations of the William of Portsmouth Line by Chuck Rhodes were released this year. The CD and the 2-volume set of books include family history, obituaries and lineages. Photo on book covers is of Albert Corey of Michigan and his sister, Caroline "Carrie" Corey Roberts of Corry, Pennsylvania.



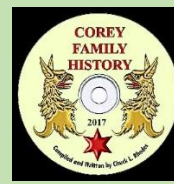
\$15.00

VOL. ONE covers generations 1-9



\$18.00

VOL. TWO covers generations 10-14



\$25.00

The CD has everything in both books.

To purchase see <http://the-red-thread.net/genealogy/Corey-CD.html>.

Chuck L. Rhodes has written or co-authored several books on family history, reminiscence, and other topics, some of which are also found on Amazon.com. Chuck was born and raised in Corry, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Corry High in 1959.



### A Cory Family Story

## THE STRANGE LIFE AND DEATH OF DR. J.C. CORY

by David A. Cory, M.D. (*John of Southold*)

DAVE TELLS OF HIS 3<sup>RD</sup> GREAT UNCLE JOHN CALVIN CORY. SOURCE DETAILS ARE ON DAVE'S ANCESTRY.COM TREE "CORY HUGHES TREE NEW" UNDER MEMBER NAME "DAVECORY."

The life of John Calvin Cory (1815-1871) was in some ways typical of the pioneer period of American history. He was part of a large family which migrated west from Ohio to Indiana to Iowa. However, as he moved on to Missouri and then California, there were some aspects of his life and death which were distinctly unusual.

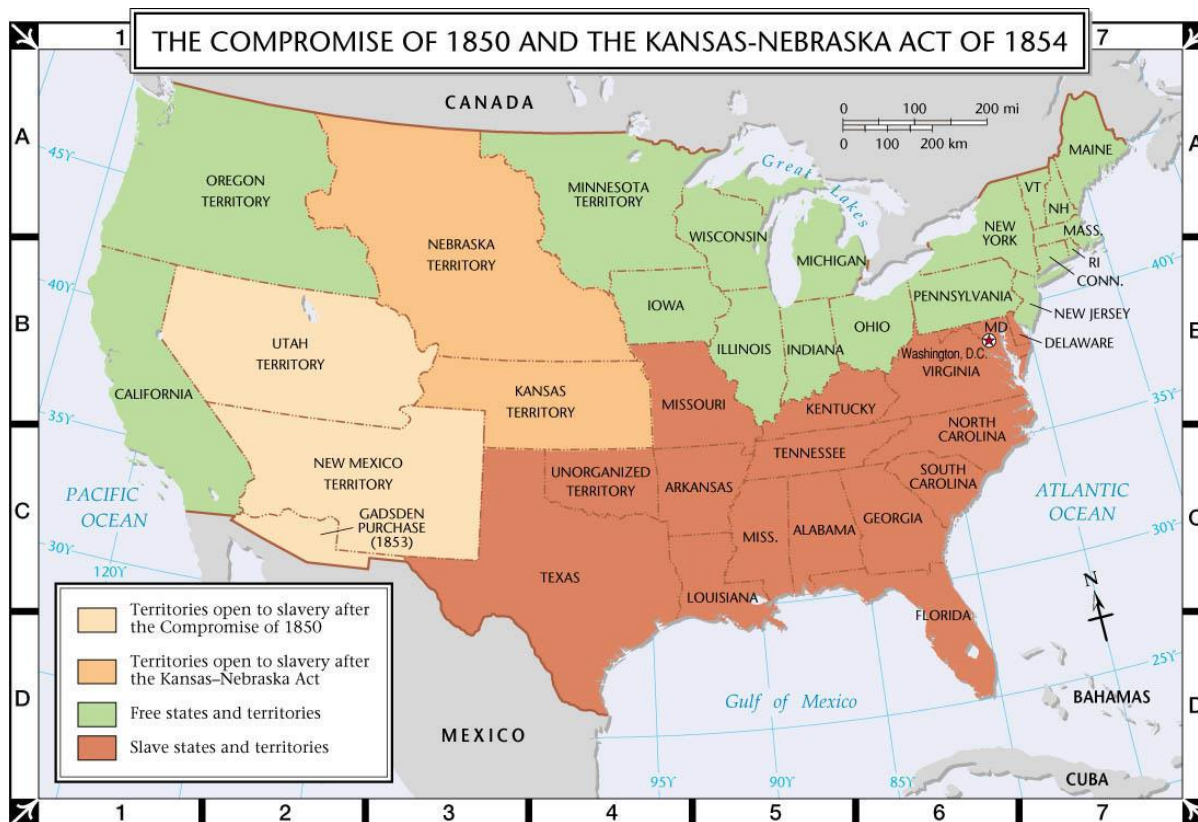
John Calvin Cory was the oldest child of Jeremiah William Cory, Sr. and Dorothy "Dolly" Martin. He was born about 1815 in Pickaway County, Ohio. Nine siblings were to follow before Jeremiah and Dolly moved to northern Indiana. There the family acquired land and farmed.

About 1835, John Calvin Cory married Martha Crosson, a daughter of Samuel Crosson, one of the founders of the town of Syracuse, Kosciusko County, Indiana. In 1836, Martha gave birth to John Walker Cory. She died the same year. Details are not available, but presumably her death was a complication of childbirth.

John Calvin Cory found his second bride in the person of Lavinia Stevens. They were married in 1839 in Lavinia's home county of Vermilion, Illinois. By the time of the 1840 census, the couple was living in Elkhart County, Indiana, with young John Walker Cory.

In the spring of 1846, John Calvin moved west to Iowa Territory. Whether he brought his wife and son with him is not documented. He was the first white settler in what would become Skunk Township of Polk County.

In the fall of 1846, John Calvin's brother Isaac Walker Cory and family migrated to Iowa, and in 1849, a wagon train comprising John Calvin's parents and several siblings with their families also made the trek to Iowa.



[http://wps.pearsoncustom.com/wps/media/objects/5407/5537171/atlas/atl\\_ah3\\_m009.html](http://wps.pearsoncustom.com/wps/media/objects/5407/5537171/atlas/atl_ah3_m009.html)

By 1848, when the U.S. government began selling land to settlers in what had then become the state of Iowa, there is no record that J.C. Cory bought any acreage, implying that he may have moved on.

By the time of the 12 November 1850 federal census, John Calvin, Lavinia, and John Walker Cory were living in Pettis Township, Platte County, Missouri. Also in the John Calvin Cory household in 1850 lived Lavinia's sister, Mary Ann Dunbar, 23, and her daughter, Columbia, age 3. Presumably, Mary Ann was widowed.



adapted from censusfinder.com

In 1852 or 1853, the lives of the family took the first unusual turn. According to findings of fact by a probate judge in the case of John C. Cory's estate,

... sometime after the marriage of John C. Cory and Lavinia Stevens, John C. Cory, about the year 1852 or 1853 abandoned the said Lavinia, his wife, and commenced living and cohabiting with Mary Ann Stevens, a sister of Lavinia and in 1856 John C. Cory removed from the State of Missouri to the State of California, taking Mary Jane (sic) Stevens with him where they continued to reside, and cohabit as man and wife, until the death of said Mary Ann Stevens, about the year 1865.

Mary Ann's daughter Columbia Dunbar also made the trip to California. Apparently, Mary Ann was pregnant when they left Missouri, as the first daughter she bore by John Calvin Cory was born in Nebraska Territory in 1856, and was named Nebraska. The next daughter, Minerva Jane, was born in California about 1863.



While living in Butte County, California, John Calvin Cory was known as Dr. Cory. How or when he acquired this title is uncertain, but a history of Butte County by George C. Mansfield, published in 1918, described Dr. Cory as a “pioneer physician.”

Licensing for physicians was lax at best on the frontier. It seems unlikely that he had any formal training. His brother back in Indiana, Robert V. Cory, advertised himself as a veterinary surgeon as well as an auctioneer, also without any evidence of a formal education.



[https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/File:California\\_Butte\\_Map.png](https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/File:California_Butte_Map.png)

After Mary Ann's death, Lavinia and John Calvin Cory reunited. Again quoting the findings of fact from John Calvin Cory's probate packet:

... upon the death of Mary Ann Stevens in 1865, Lavinia Cory, wife of said John C. Cory came to California in 1866 at the request of her husband, and from thenceforward, until the death of said John C. Cory in Butte Co Cal—lived with him as his wife.

Barring a personal visit, J.C. Cory must have sent a letter or telegram to Lavinia imploring her to take him back. What an interesting and persuasive document that must have been!

The 1870 census indicates that Lavinia's brother Stephen C. Stevens, a school teacher, was living with J.C. and Lavinia in Plumas County, California. Interestingly, J.C., Lavinia, Nebraska, and Minerva Jane were counted a second time in the 1870 census – in Butte County. Presumably, J.C. had property in both counties.

The death of John Calvin Cory was no less out of the ordinary than his life had been.

On 12 February 1871, Dr. Cory was lying on the floor of his house, warming his feet at a fireplace with his head resting on a stool. A rifle held by his brother-in-law Stephen C. Stevens in an adjacent hallway discharged, and the bullet struck Cory in the top of the head, passed through his neck, and lodged in his left shoulder, killing him instantly. Stevens claimed he stumbled on his way to go outside to shoot ducks and that the gun discharged accidentally.

He was indicted for murder, but was found innocent at trial.

In a final bizarre twist, an article in *The Red Bluff Independent* on 21 December 1871 reported that Stephen C. Stevens was

... accompanied by his niece, whom, it is said, he represents as an heiress to great wealth. This disclosure is mortifying to those who believed in his innocence, and leaves him to go altogether to the dogs.

The niece in question was Nebraska, daughter of John Calvin Cory and Mary Ann Stevens.

Stephen C. Stevens and Nebraska were later married on July 26, 1873.

Unfortunately for the couple, in 1875 the probate court of Butte County, California denied Nebraska's claim to be an heir of the estate of her father.

said John C. Cory deceased and that the children of Mary Ann Stevens, to wit Nebraska Stevens, (formerly Cory) and Minerva Jane Cory are and were illegitimate children of John C. Cory deceased, and should not, and are not, entitled to share, as heirs at law in the distribution of said Estate, and their objections to the claim of heirship of Lavinia, John Walker, William T. and James E. Cory, and their petition claiming as heirs of John C. Cory, is dismissed, with costs. Judgment accordingly -  
 Aug 16. 1875 - W. S. Safford  
 Probate Court Judge

familysearch.org, California Probate Estate Files, 1833-1991, Butte, Series 1 case no 414-433 1870-1872

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Case 433, Probate Court, Butte County California transcription by David Cory, Ancestry.com

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## Corys of Note

# THE STORYTELLER'S SONS – PART 2 DANIEL MACGHIE CORY: WITNESS TO GREATNESS

by John Corey (VP, John of Southold) with Chris Koehler

JOHN'S PROFILE OF STOCKBROKER TURNED STORYTELLER DAVID MACGHIE CORY APPEARED IN THE AUGUST 2016 NEWSLETTER. WE CONTINUED IN THE MARCH 2017 ISSUE WITH JOHN'S PROFILE OF DAVID'S SON DAVID MUNROE CORY, PREACHER AND SOCIAL REFORMER. WE CONCLUDE THE SERIES WITH THE PROFILE OF THE ELDER DAVID'S OTHER SON, DANIEL. NOTE THAT ON FURTHER RESEARCH WE HAVE CHANGED THE SPELLING OF HIS MIDDLE NAME FROM THE SPELLING WE USED IN PREVIOUS INSTALLMENTS.

Daniel Cory (1904-1972) left a bit less visible, although no less meaningful, trail than either his father or his brother. He married late and had no family of his own. He must have been a bookish sort and quite bright, if not a social activist like his brother.

Daniel was born in New York on September 27, 1904. His father David MacGhie Cory and mother Louise Treacy Cory having divorced, he and his father and brother lived in the city with his father's mother, Ellen Munroe Cory, until 1925. In *Santayana: The Later Years – A Portrait with Letters*, Daniel says that in 1926, after studying at Columbia University, his interests being poetry and philosophy, he sailed from New York to England. Living in London, he began lecturing on poetry.

During that time, Daniel wrote to George Santayana, then living in Rome, to express his admiration for the aging poet-philosopher. Within a year, Daniel traveled to Rome meet him, becoming his secretary and friend, and finally his literary executor. Daniel referred to the following twenty-five years as "the intellectual romance" of his life.

Daniel collected, edited and otherwise assisted with the publication of much of Santayana's writings, both before and after Santayana's death. Notable among these are the five-part memoir-novel *The Last Puritan*, *The Letters of George Santayana*, and *The Life of Reason: Five Volumes in One*. That latter work contains perhaps the most famous quotation of his work, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

It is in a review of *Santayana: The Later Years – A Portrait with Letters*, though, that I found revelations into Daniel and his relationship with the philosopher. We learn, indirectly from the letters therein, that Daniel was "part-time secretary and companion to appeal to in any emergency."

The reviewer notes Daniel Cory was first engaged in 1927 to help prepare *The Realm of Matter* for publication. In the next year, Santayana made him his literary assistant. From then on, until his mentor's death in 1952, with one long interruption during the Second World War, Cory was:

disciple, lightning rod vis-a-vis the increasingly difficult C. A. Strong [a friend and colleague of Santayana, who also employed Cory as literary aide], diffident literary censor, and, in spite of a difference in age of forty years, confidant and friend.



*Daniel (r.) with Santayana*  
Courtesy Santayana Edition, Inst. for American Thought, Indiana Univ./Purdue

Over the course of those twenty-five years, Santayana helped Daniel financially, whether it be by regular stipend, travel tickets or other funds.

In April 1940, Daniel married Isolde Margaret Degan Batten, better known as Margot Degan. Born in 1900, she was 40 and had been married before; Daniel was 36 and had never married. According to William G. Holzberger's obituary of Margot Cory printed in "Overheard in Seville, the Bulletin of the Santayana Society," Santayana did not learn of the marriage until after the war, but he did approve. He had met Margot in 1937 and she "seem[ed] to have made a favorable impression on the then sixty-three-year-old philosopher who treated her in a friendly way."

The couple were together in Cornwall, England, before marrying in Switzerland, and continued to live in England before and after the war. During World War II, they lived in New York City and because of wartime restrictions lost regular contact with Santayana.

However, Santayana's assistance continued. In a 1941 letter to his Scribner representative he said "during this war, when my private bank account in London is congealed" he was giving Daniel rights to *Persons and Places* as a way to continue support. This was because he "felt partly responsible for having kept him out of steady employment during the best years of his life," limiting his opportunity for an independent career and income.

After the war, Daniel again received a stipend from Santayana and often traveled from England to Rome to provide literary as well as personal assistance. He was with Santayana in Rome during his final illness in 1952. Accompanied by Margot at the small private burial, Daniel read from Santayana's "The Poet's Testament."

Holzberger writes in his introduction to *The Letters of George Santayana, Book Three*:

Santayana bequeathed to Cory his remaining unpublished manuscripts – and the rights to his literary properties generally – and named him his literary executor.

Cory placed Santayana's manuscripts in four university libraries [and] began editing and publishing the essays, poems, and plays not published in Santayana's lifetime.

In the 1960s Daniel and Margaret returned to live full time in Italy, with a home in Rome and a summer apartment in the north of Italy near the border with Austria.

Daniel died in June of 1972 at the summer residence while working with Holzberger on the complete collection of Santayana's voluminous correspondence, published as the 8-book series, *The Letters of George Santayana*.

Daniel is buried in Rome's Campo Cestio, also called the Old Cemetery for Non-Catholic Foreigners, or the protestant cemetery.

Margot took up Daniel's work as Santayana's literary representative, which included the letters project with Holzberger. She lived in Rome for 8 years after Daniel's death before returning to England, where she died in 1995. In his "Overheard in Seville" obituary of her, Holzberger wrote that Margot "to the end of her life was very conscientious in discharging her executorial responsibilities."

Daniel appears to have been a thinker and author in his own right. His body of work includes a number of articles in the *Journal of Philosophy* with his own byline, as well as some as co-author with Santayana or others. According to Wikipedia, "Cory's writings were mostly philosophical essays published in scholarly journals and earned an insignificant amount of money."

However, it is interesting that Daniel's work itself was not so insignificant that it didn't warrant a Guggenheim Fellowship to support his work with Holzberger on the letters project. The competitive award, averaging \$10,000 in 1972, is granted to those "who have demonstrated exceptional capacity for productive scholarship or exceptional creative ability in the arts."

The 300+ person list that year included writers E.L. Doctorow and Jessica Mitford, musicians Keith Jarrett and Sonny Rollins, painter Alex Katz, and sociologist Daniel Bell.



Daniel Cory, 1970. (Courtesy of Margaret Cory)

scanned from McCormick, *George Santayana, A Biography*, Knopf, 1987

## A Cory Question

# WHO WAS "RICHARD CORY"?

by Chris Koehler

The New Member Profile of Richard Estrada Corey in our March 2017 issue reminded us of the 1965 Simon and Garfunkel song, "Richard Cory".



This led us to the 1897 Edwin Arlington Robinson narrative poem "Richard Cory" on which Paul Simon based his lyrics.

### RICHARD CORY

They say that Richard Cory Owns one-half of this whole town

With political connections to spread his wealth around  
Born into society, a banker's only child  
He had everything a man could want  
Power, grace and style

But I work in his factory  
And I curse the life I'm living  
And I curse my poverty  
And I wish that I could be  
Oh, I wish that I could be  
Oh, I wish that I could be  
Richard Cory

The papers print his picture almost everywhere he goes  
Richard Cory at the opera, Richard Cory at a show  
And the rumor of his party and the orgies on his yacht!  
Oh, he surely must be happy with everything he's got

But I work in his factory  
And I curse the life I'm living  
And I curse my poverty  
And I wish that I could be  
Oh, I wish that I could be  
Oh, I wish that I could be  
Richard Cory

He freely gave to charity, he had the common touch  
And they were grateful for his patronage and they thanked him very much

So my mind was filled with wonder when the evening headlines read

"Richard Cory went home last night and put a bullet through his head"

But I work in his factory  
And I curse the life I'm living  
And I curse my poverty  
And I wish that I could be  
Oh, I wish that I could be  
Oh, I wish that I could be  
Richard Cory

photo and song, paulsimon.com  
words & music by Paul Simon

### RICHARD CORY

Whenever Richard Cory went down town,  
The people on the pavement looked at him:  
He was a gentleman from sole to crown,  
Clean favored, and imperially slim.

And he was always quietly arrayed,  
And he was always human when he talked;  
But still he fluttered pulses when he said,  
"Good-morning," and he glittered when he walked.

And he was rich—yes, richer than a king—  
And admirably schooled in every grace.  
In fine, we thought that he was everything  
To make us wish that we were in his place.

So on we worked, and waited for the light,  
And went without the meat, and cursed the bread;  
And Richard Cory, one calm summer night,  
Went home and put a bullet through his head.

photo poetry foundation.org  
poem earobinson.com/pages/sites/site24.html

Google tells us there is no such person, our Richard notwithstanding! "Richard Cory" was the creation of a melancholy and reclusive poet writing during the nation's post-Panic of 1893 economic depression, who in turn inspired an emotional and introverted songwriter writing during the nation's turbulent 1960s.

## In Memoriam

### **Beverly Williams Hendon (1935-2016)**

*adapted from a submission by Jan Corey Arnett*

We recently learned of the passing of Beverly Cory Williams Hendon on Thursday, August 11, 2016 in Tulsa, OK. She was 81 years old.



mms.funeralhomes.com

Beverly was born on January 8, 1935, in Houston, TX, to Harold Arthur Cory and Blanche Lorayne (Knowles) Cory. She grew up in the Houston area, and married Douglas M. Williams in 1955. After living in several locations, they retired and returned to Texas to live in Rockwall.

After Douglas's death, Beverly found love again, marrying Arthur Woodfin Hendon in 2002. In 2015 she moved to Claremore, OK, to be near her son, Kenneth Williams.

Survivors include Art, Kenneth and his wife Nancy, and grandchildren and great grandchildren, both hers and Art's. In addition to Douglas, Beverly was predeceased by her parents and her daughters Kimberly L. Self and Janet W. Williams.

See <http://www.mmsfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Beverly-Hendon/> for the full obituary.

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## **Our Cory Cousins**



The Cory Rose

The UK group Friends of the Cory Society, formed at the dissolution of the the UK Cory Society, have planned a get together for June in Harpole, England, just as this newsletter comes out. We look forward to hearing all about it. Meanwhile, check out their revamped website <http://www.corysociety.org.uk/>



The Cory Bell

We have lost track of the Western Pennsylvania Area Cory Reunion Association. Nothing on their website dates more recently than 2010 and we have not heard back from our email inquiry. Please let us know anything you might know. Their website is <http://wpacory.tripod.com/>.

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## **From the Newsletter Staff**

- Thank you to all the Cory Family Society members – and guests – whose contributions enriched this issue of our newsletter.
- We are already working on the next newsletter, due out in October 2017. Our plans so far include a report on the Lansing reunion, an article on another former Cory home, and more on the Mayflower Cory connection. Also, Earl will tell of another family in the Other Cory database, this one linked by DNA to the William database but lacking connection by genealogy.

- We encourage members to continue sharing ideas and articles. Send whatever you can think of, even if it's just an idea or an outline. We can take it from there – and may throw in a photo or two, but your idea will get published!

Earl sends us suggestions that come in on the website. Otherwise, send things to Chris and/or Luke. If you can send any photos or other material with your idea or write-up, we will figure out how to include them.

- Just a reminder: your 2018 membership will come due before you know it. We'll have the updated membership form in the October 2017 issue, or use the website. And invite all those Cory relatives of yours to join. They don't know what they're missing!

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<b><u>Treasurer's Report – James Corey</u></b>	
1 Jan 2017 - 18 May 2017	
Beginning Cash Balance <i>(1 Jan 2017)</i>	\$8,963
Plus receipts- <i>Dues and Member Donations</i>	+1,008
Minus expenses- <i>Postage</i>	<u>-10</u>
Current Cash Balance <i>(18 May 2017)</i>	\$9,961

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<b>The Cory Family Society</b>	
	<p><b>ABOUT THE SOCIETY</b> Formed over 30 years ago, the Cory Family Society welcomes anyone interested in Cory, Corey, Corry, Corrie, etc. genealogy. Our goal is to celebrate our family ties, honor our ancestors, and leave knowledge for those who come after us. For more information, see our website: <a href="http://www.coryfamsoc.com">www.coryfamsoc.com</a></p>
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