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# 1991 REUNION EDITION

The 1991 National Cory Family Society is having their annual reunion this year in Beaver Falls Pennsylvania.

This years reunion will be held in and around the the area that Elnathan Cory, (Ebenezer, Elnathan, John III, John III, John I1), moved to in 1797. His oldest son John is said to have been a Gun Smith there. Elnathan was born and raised in Essex County New Jersey, where he married Sarah Walker, and they had four children. 1783 the family migrated Westmoreland County Pa, they lived there fourteen years and where four children were born. In 1797 (according to his Rev War pension claim)they moved to Beaver County, and three more of the the little Cory kids came along. It is said that Elnathan raised a total of fifteen children. When the British captured Staten Island, Elnathan volunteered his services to the government, he served seven years in the Revolutionary War at various times. He also was one of the recipients, being the eldest son of the family, to recieve the Greate Book.

# GREATE BOOK

The Greate Book is a Bible like book, printed in England in 1603. John I's mother gave it to him as she wished him Godspeed when he left his home in England to come to America. He willed the book to his Eldest son John II. This has been the tradition down down to this day. The book is kept in a cabinet made in 1907 by our past family historian James Enos Cory. In making of the cabinet four kinds of wood was used, (Cherry. Oak, Rose, Yew) the first three grew on farms or town lots owned by and on which had lived one or more of the Cory's who for a time

possessed the Greate Book (as it was called in some of the early American Cory wills) some of the Oak grew on the farm on which John Cory died in 1685 near Southold LI, the Cherry on the town lot where John Cory live in 1640, the Rose on the farm owned by William Cory and the Yew was selected by request by a Scott from a pile of fancy wood remnants in a sales room in Aberdeen Scotland. (This information is from a letter in James Enos Cory's own hand writing and signed by him.)

# CORY BELL

The story on the bell known as the Cory Bell. Elnathan and one other soldier was traveling toward their homes from the battle field. As they traveled they heard in the distance the sound of a bell. Since it was on their way they followed the sound and came upon an ox chewing his cud. They then went to the nearest cabin to inquire if he owned the ox and the bell and would he sell the bell to them, the sound of the bell was a good omen. They purchased the bell for four dollars which was determined by the miles walked from the battle field, each paying two dollars apiece. The man who sold them the bell suggested that the bell should belong to the man who won it by drawing straws then the other man should pay his part when it is convenient. Elnathan won the Bell but whether he ever got his two dollars is not known or is name of the other man. (good Query) This Bell, one of the treasures is passed down though the Cory Family as is the Greate book.

More on the Greate Booke and the Cory Bell will be part of the presentation given at the Reunion in Beaver Falls. This looks like a great reunion, see you there.

# QUERIES

The query section in the Quarterly is for the benefit of all. They are placed by our cousins who are interested in the preservation of the Cory surname and their personal family. Please help those who request information, also please send the information to the Editor to up date his data base. The Editor will try to answer the query from his data base if at all possible. Please send a SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope).

CONKLING	Joseph
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Joseph married Mary CORY daughter of Joseph and Mary Meeker. Eileen Ross Chandler PO 535 Valliant OK 74764.

CORY Isaac

1202

Isaac was born ca 1779 NY? d 27 Oct 1851 Clarkson NY. Married Abigail Taft. daughter of Silas and Elizabeth. Children: Minor m. Genette Pratt, lived in MI and Julia b. 17 Sep 1817 d 21 Mar 1882 m. Edward Spicer Hawkins..Dana Spencer 1580 Oil Well RD Blacksburg VA 24060

CORY William Henry

1203

William was born, Cornwall Co England 5 March 1837 m. Louisa Stanbaugh Jan 1866. They both died at Coon Rapids IA. One son Frank Lewis b 25 Nov 1885, Green Co IA.. Harry Albert Cory Rt 1-A Box 91 Panora IA 50216.

WILLIAMS Debora

1204

Deborah Talford Williams was born 10 Sep 1780 in NJ, died 15 September 1871 at Wheeling W VA, married Benijah COREY.. Milton Stout 2204 Running Deer Ln, New Port Richey F1 34653. See artical on back page

COREY Gideon

1205

Shirley (Corey) Thorn who is a member of {United Empire Loyalist} would like to correspond with any descended from Gideon Corey and Abigail Clark, needs information on Abigail family. Shirley Thorne 889 Grand me St Fredricton NB Canada E3B 227.

CORY Catherine

1206

Catherine was born ca 1819 in Kentucky, died Aug 1849 in Ripley Co IN she married Henry Waterson 24 May 1834.in Ripley Co. need ancestral line could possibly be Moses..Dorothy Bullard Box 227 Morrisonville, IL 62546

CORY Desire

There is a Meeker book available and the proceeds go to GSNJ. Written by Leroy Meeker. Hopefully this book will tell who her parents are. The book I am told is \$8.00 and available through Mrs Dorothy Stratford 132 W Franklin St Bound Brooke, NJ 08805

The Following Queries are for the benefit of the editor and the CORY Book. The following are submittals from our members not connected to John, William or Thomas, these are new lines we are pursuing. Please if you are descended from or have Knowledge of any of these ancestors please send information to Editor.

John L Corey, b ca 1788.. George W Corey, b 7 Sep 1814 d 21 Sep 1907.. Andrew Corey b ca 1820 Ireland, d ca 1890 Allegany Co NY, m Catherine Murphy.. Thomas Grover Corey, b 4 Mar 1825 Essex co VT, m Elmina Whities 26 Jan 1835 in Logan Co OH... Alvin Corey, b ca 1820 VT, m Arabell Sanborne. {Actor Wendell Corey Line}.. Jacob Corey, b ca 1787 Ashtab OH, m Martha Durham raised family in Michigan.. Harvey H Corey, b ca 1820 VT m Betsey Lake. William Corey, b ca 1790 RI m Lucinda.. George COREY, b ca 1775 Tiverton RI, m Sarah Bailey.. Charles W Corey, b ca 1827 m Elizabeth Sutton.. John Corey, b ca 1808 father is Andrew? m Mary Carlton, have son Isaac.. George Corey, b ca 1819 m Hannah Mead.. Ruebon Cory, b 9 Apr 1730 d 7 Mar 1774 m Olive Ball.. Stephen Cory, b ca 1795 m Lydia Bateman.. Henry G Cory, b 3 May 1804 Cornwall Eng m Mary Row, b 2 Dec 1808 Cornwall.. Isaac Cory, b ca 1780? m Abigail Taft, daughter Julia.. Calvin Cory, b ca 1785 m Anna Spalding.. William A Cory, b ca 1815 m Martha Holt b 24 June 1816 Cooperstown NY.. Emanuel Cory, b ca 1804 m Susanna Rose, Son John Francisco b 1844.. Samuel Cory, b ca 1790 m Amanda Parsley daughter Lydia Ann.. Roswell F Cory, b ca 1825 d ca 1892 m Eliza Ann Stanton.. Desire Cory, d ca 1793 third wife of Timothy Meeker.. Catherine Cory, b ca 1819 m Henry Waterson.

## THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Since writing my last letter in the Newsletter, we have received many more members into the society. I would like to welcome all of you into the National Cory Family Society. To all of you who are past members, your ideas, support, pedigree charts and all the rest have kept this society going strong.

Last year's reunion of course a huge success, with our special guest and cousin, Vernon Cory, from Yorkshire England. during the reunion last year, the executive board of the society decided to award one person each year the "Cory Family Service Award" for showing dedication, service and benefit to the Cory Family. Well we couldn't decide on just one person so the award was shared by Helen Mercier and Edna Cory Snell. Both women have spent the better parts of their lives improving the quality of two Cory Historical areas as well as furthering our genealogical knowledge. We were proud to award this to our very worthy cousins.

1991 is beginning to look like the year of the books. Two of our cousins, Al Cory and Vernon Cory, will be publishing this year. Vernon's book will touch on the origins of the Cory Family in England and the migration patterns. If any one would be interested in Vernon's book, just send a note of interest to: Jack Cory, 9744 S. Mason, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. Al's book will be filled with information gathered from pedigree and family group charts that he has collected over the years. Al's book will cover all Cory lines. I strongly encourage all of you to enhance your collection with these two books.

The big event for our society in 1991 will be the reunion in Beaver Falls, PA. Marge Chilson and her committee have been working non stop these past months preparing for the reunion weekend in August. I won't give away all the surprises, but we will be able to view the famous "Grate Book that Elnathan brought with him to Beaver County after the Revolutionary War. all reunion information is included in this news letter, so we hope you will make your reservations soon. It seems after every reunion that the old friendships are renewed and new ones are made!

Just a note. Don't forget the Cory's head for Salem Mass. in 1992 to help remember the 300th anniversary of Salem Witch Trials and the death of Giles Cory.

In Closing let me thank all of you who have written me asking information. I hope in every case I have helped you or have directed you to some one who could. I hope to see every one at the reunion in Beaver Falls.

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Mark Hester Mark Hester

## A NEW BOOK COMING OUT

Rev Jack Cory our vice president and hosts for the 1990 reunion has ask for space to run an inquiry as to the interest of purchasing a book "THE AMERICAN CORYS" by Vernon and Michael Cory. Mr. Vernon and Michael Cory, of England, have been doing research for about 15 years on the Cory family in England and the migration to America, even before it was United States. They now are ready to publish their book, of about 100  $8\frac{1}{2}$  X 11 pages complete with maps and diagrams and narrative of the Cory Centers of population in England, dating back to the Chori village, named in the Doomsday book of 1086 (now out of print). They say they have many corrections to the Harry Harman book, and some new information on the Great Cory village in Cornwall. They also trace the Corys to America, and show migration patterns of Corys as they moved from East Westward. They have data mainly on the Families of John, William, Thomas and Giles Cory, but also some data on Corys who arrived later to America, too.

What is needed is to guarantee sales of 100 copies, and so we are contacting all the Corys we can to see if they might be interested in reserving a copy of this most interesting Cory book. The cost has yet to finally be set, but seems that it will be about \$25.00, plus postage. If YOU are interested in reserving a copy of this fine book, please sign and send in the form provided. Ypou need not send money at this time. Do it now, please, as we need to know right away after you receive this Cory News letter. Rev Jack says Thanks so very much.

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Don't for get to order your Video tape from Mark, on the lectures given by Vernon Cory from England during the 1990 reunion in Chicago. Very informative and gives you some incite of early England and the Cory Clan's. Marks address is Mark Hester, 3704 Harbel Dr Bremerton WA 98310. The cost of the tapes are \$20.00.

# BACK ISSUES

I can now offer back issues of the paper. The cost will be \$3.00 per issue.

# NEW BOOK WILLIAM LINE

Frances D Corey has a book on the William Line. The book contains, title page, a table ofcontents. dedication. introduction, Coat of Arms and description, Royal ancestors, 312 family data sheets with 80 pages of biographies and extended information, family data sheet index , Corey index of 345 names, related family index of 626 names, and spouse index of 318 names. The book presents a one line lineage from William Corey the first immigrant, to Palmer Corey VI-4 of the sixth generation. This genealogy contains four lines of Coreys from Palmer of the sixth Generation to the present fourteenth generation, with side lines where information was rather complete. for information on this book contact Francis D. Corey 9845 West 34th Drive Wheat Ridge, CO 80033. The cost of the book is \$29.00 including packaging and postage.

# MORE ON BOOK

The Book "The Cory's of America, Ancestors and Descendants" now being compiled by your editor, is in the editorial stages.(Have you ever seen that rabbit on TV the one with the drum? That's what I feel like, it just keeps coming) didn't know thirty years of research needed so much editing. I am still receiving material and finding more to use, I plan on finishing the editing by April first then I will insert more to the data base, but on the first of May this manuscript has got to go to the printer. I am at this time putting out bids and have received some back, not cheap. Any one would like to bid here is the Specs: 7 X 10 book size, 1000 camera ready pages, must be printed on 50 lb acid free paper, Smith sewn and case bound in group C Roxite cloth, spine stamped in gold, reinforced binding. There will be no Photographs, first printing 500 copies. Hopefully I will have the book ready for you at the reunion in Beaver falls. Price on the book will not be known until after I get delivery.

I am only going to get 500 copies printed for the first edition due to the high dollar cash outlay. If you want to have one or more reserved I must know prior to May 1, 1991. That is when I will order. I can and will increase the order. Second Edition Lord willing and I able in two years.

# National Cory Family Society Reunion Reservation Forms

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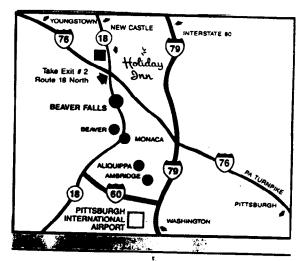
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## **PROFILES**

Benijah Corey was born in Burlington, Vermont, October 24th 1778. His wife, Deborah Talford Williams was born September 10, 1780. they were married February 20, 1779. To them were born six sons and six daughters. Benijah and Deborah began their married life by purchasing a 300 acre farm on Manhattan Island, which to-day is the center of New York City. On this farm all their children were born. Against the advice of neighbors and his wife Benijah sold the farm because the boys of the village would steal his apples. Нe then migrated Pennsylvania, purchasing two farms in the pine forest of Jefferson County Here he began life anew clearing off and converting the tall pine trees into log rafts, which he floated down the Allegheny river and sold in the Pittsburgh market. Benijah being a millwright by trade, taught his two eldest sons the same trade and with them they built mills and bridges across rivers and creeks in the pine lumber region of the Keystone State. But due aversion to the increase of the

Al B. Cory Editor NATIONAL CORY FAMILY SOCIETY 110565 Orange Cart Way Jacksonville, Florida 32223 population led him to sell Jefferson county farms (one of which day is the county seat) immigrate to Fort Wayne Indiana, where he purchased a section Indiana prairie land. But he was not long there until his rural taste led him to sell again and move to Peru, Indiana and buy another Western Plantation. To day all of the a fore mentioned cities, coverd with fine buildings, what at one time Benijah Corey's rich corn fields

Some of us can lay claim to being descendants of the people who came over on the MAYFLOWER. Ever wonder what happened to her.

A Bill of sale found dated 1624. verifiæd the sale of the MAYFLOWER sal wage to Buckinghamshire for a William farmer, Russell. At the current rate of exchange \$384.00 for the Hull of the ship. It was moved to his farm, erected up side down on a foundation and has served her ensuing occupants barn, as well as the Pilgrims home and thin