



## Cory Family Society Newsletter

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### CORRECTION

By Helen Marge Chilson

Most of the article, Cory Society Origins, in the Oct, 04 newsletter was correct. The statement that "Most early members who attended the Western Pennsylvania Area Cory Reunion Association ----" should read: "Most members are descendants of Elnathan (1759-1838) and Sarah Walker Cory's three children that remained in this area. They were John Cory 1788-1845, Elnathan 1788-1848, and their sister, Matilda Cory McCowin 1805-1867. She married Josiah McGowin. The Western Pennsylvania Area Reunion Association was organized at the suggestion of James Enos Cory in 1909. James was not a descendant of Elnathan 1759-1838, but he was of the John<sup>1</sup> line." Jeremiah Cory, Elnathan and Sarah Walker Cory's son went to Indiana, and later settled in Iowa. Jeremiah's descendants also held their first reunion in 1909. Some of Jeremiah's descendents remained in Indiana. Dr. David Cory's family are among those who remained in Indiana, and are current members of the Cory Family Society.

## DNA PROJECT UPDATE

By Art Corey

The Cory Family Society DNA project is currently co-coordinated by Art Corey in America, and Margaret Goffin in England. To date, 20 American and 11 English Cory participants have provided DNA samples for Y-chromosome analysis. One additional English participant has provided a sample, but the analysis of his sample is pending at this time. All participants bear the Cory/Corey surname, or some version of this surname, because the Y-chromosome is handed down from father to son only.

Recently 8 of the early participants have had their samples selected for an updated analysis. Data were obtained at 37 sites on the Y-chromosome rather than at the 24 sites originally examined. We obtained the additional data for selected individuals whose original data matched exactly at the first 24 sites examined, because we wanted to obtain what are called “modal types” or “ancestral types” for Cory lines that we have identified in America and in Britain. Now that we have determined the ancestral types we can quickly identify the line of future participants.

From the results to date, we have learned that 17 of the 20 American participants are descendants of three Cory family lines. Five American participants belong to a line that descends from John Cory who immigrated to Long Island, circa 1643. We have not found any English participant to date whose Y-chromosome matches this line. Consequently, we have not established where in Britain or elsewhere the John line originated. However, this line is very numerous in the United States, and Canada as well. Mark Hester, our founder and first President is from the John<sup>1</sup> line. To date we refer to the line simply as the John<sup>1</sup> or Long

Island line. Those of you who are descendants of a John Cory who lived in Roxbury, MA, in the 18<sup>h</sup> century will be interested to know that we have now determined that you are also from the Long Island line.

Eight American participants are descended from William Cory who immigrated to Portsmouth R.I., circa 1636, from Bristol. We have not yet found an English participant from this line. Perhaps the line has died out in England. We refer to this line as the William<sup>1</sup> line, or the Bristol line. The Bristol line is numerous in America and its members are today scattered throughout the country. Fred Corey, our current President, and the late Charlotte Muller, long time Cory Society Genealogist and Historian are from the William<sup>1</sup> line.

Five Americans are descended from a line whose Y-chromosome data match four English Cory participants who trace their ancestry to Nicholas Cory (circa 1531) from the village of Harpole. Harpole is an ancient village in the English midlands that was the site of a Roman settlement during the Roman occupation of Britain. Two American participants from this line, Earl Cory and Thomas Wendell Corey, trace their ancestry to Thomas Cory of Chelmsford, MA, who emigrated from Harpole, circa 1642. Earl is our Society Webmaster, and Thomas is a nephew of Wendell Corey, a famous actor and an early researcher of Cory family history.

The rest of us in America from the Harpole line cannot be sure we are descended from Thomas<sup>1</sup>. We only know that we are from the same line as other Harpole participants. Giles Corey of Salem Village, a cousin of Thomas<sup>1</sup>, also emigrated from Harpole, circa 1642, but he had no male descendants. However, it is quite possible that one or more other

Cory/Corey progenitors from that village immigrated to America.

Halsey Cory, a participant and member of the Cory Family Society, apparently is not related to any of the three main American lines. However, he is related to the late Jack Cory, one of our Society founders. He is also related to Jean Hayes, a member of the English Cory Society who has documented her ancestry from Samuel Cory of Pyworthy, England, circa 1680. Another American, our Society Treasurer (James M. Corey), has participated in our project, but his Y-chromosome profile matches that of no other current participant here or in England.

Three of the English participants are from a line that has traced their ancestry from William Cory, circa 1869, who lived in Poundstock, a village in Northern Cornwall. Another three English participants are from the Harpole line, and four others apparently are not related to any other participant, English or American, tested so far.

While our DNA project has already uncovered interesting facts about Cory family history, there is obviously more history to uncover. We will continue our DNA project as a service to the individuals involved, and also to discover the origin of the John line in North America, in particular. Those who are not yet sure of your own line are urged to participate in our project as an inexpensive and efficient way to begin your personal family search.

## THE CORY FAMILY SOCIETY AND THE INTERNET

By Earl S. Cory, Vice President,  
Webmaster

### Harpole Roots

I have been in contact with Derek Allen, an English member of the Cory Society. He has put together a family tree showing the "Harpole" Corys. Included on this are Giles Cory, of Salem Witch Trials fame, and a Thomas Cory that may be Thomas of Chelmsford, MA. From DNA analysis, we know that Thomas of Chelmsford, MA is related to current Cory residences of Harpole.

On the following three pages you will find Derek's family trees. The oldest family identified is that of Nicholas Cory, buried 1551. Nicholas was married twice, his first wife's name has not been found. His second was Emma Dunkley. The records that have been put together are of the descendants of Nicholas and his first wife.

Tree #1 shows the five children of Nicholas and the descendants of two of them, Thomas Cory and Elizabeth Dunkley, and Nicholas Cory and Elizabeth Lyne. This chart shows Giles Cory, the father of Giles of Salem, MA.

Tree #2 shows the descendants of their other three children. In the Sixth generation, Thomas, the child of Thomas Cory and Alice Harris, is the Thomas that may be Thomas of Chelmsford.

Tree #3 shows more detail of the family of Thomas Cory, c 1603, and his three wives, Alice Harris, Ursula, and Elizabeth.

Trees 1, 2, and 3 are shown on separate pages at the end of this article.

### Website Update

In October, I published an update to the website. This includes new information in

each of the branches. There are several other new features. One is a listing of Famous/Prominent Corys.

Corys who have achieved prominence in the United States have been the following:

**William Ellis Cory (1866-1934)**

He was born near Pittsburgh and began work in the steel mills at the age of 16. A brilliant metallurgist, he became President of the Carnegie Steel Company from 1901 to 1903 and then became President of the United States Steel Company from 1903 to 1911

**Harvey Cory (1883-1966?) (John 1 Database)**

Born in Selma Alabama, he moved to Chicago. There he invented and manufactured the "Cory Glass Coffee Brewer". The Company's subsequent coffee percolators led the market for half a century.

**Wendell Reid Corey (1914-1968) (Harpole/Northampton Corys - DNA)**

He was born in Dracut, Massachusetts and after success on the Broadway stage he went to Hollywood and appeared in some 30 films. He was featured in several Hitchcock productions.

**Charles Barney Cory (1857-1921) (Bristol Corys - William Database)**

As an American ornithologist, he was a Honorary Curator of the Boston Society of Natural History and from 1895 was non resident Curator of Ontology at the field Museum of Natural History in Chicago, he was head of his department at his death in 1921. He established one of the first bird sanctuaries in the United States at Hyannis, Massachusetts.

**Jeff Corey (1914-2002)**

An actor who found a new career as a drama teacher for students including James Dean and Jack

Nicholson after being blacklisted during the communist scare of the 1950s

You will note that the genealogies of three of these gentlemen are unknown to me. For example, from DNA analysis of Thomas Wendell Corey, I know that Wendell Reid Corey, the actor, is related to the Harpole Corys, but I only have information back to David Corey, born about 1800 and married Hannah. Their child, Alvin or Allen Corey, was born Sep. 1822 in VT.

I suspect that this is the same person as David Cory (David, Joshua, Jacob Jr., Jacob, Thomas), born 4-Jan 1793 in Gilsum, Cheshire Co, NH. David married Sally Chapman on 21 Oct 1814 in Grafton Co, VT. If someone can fill in the missing pieces, it would be appreciated. I could then move this family from the Other Cory database to Harpole database where it belongs.

Similar comments go for William Ellis Cory and Jeff Corey.

**Email**

I have been in contact with Pam Cory. Pam represents a branch of the Corys that immigrated to Australia. I have volunteered to help her get her Australian information together and publish some type of work to help people "down under". She has promised to post the information to me.

I received email from Major James M. DiRisio, CA, USAR. Jim writes:

I am a researcher who is writing a regimental history of the 58th Pennsylvania Volunteers. I noticed your website had a page for Asa Cory, who was a captain in the 58th PA. I have additional information about the 58th PA,

and about CPT Cory's Company H, if you are interested.

If you have additional information about Asa, I would be interested in learning more.

Have a good day. Jim Dirisio

(james.dirisio@us.army.mil)  
Alternate e-mail address:  
<jdirisio@sbu.edu>

I am sure that Jim would like to hear from anyone that can help.

Keep those cards and letters coming. I appreciate all the additions and corrections people send me. Please include which branch of the family you are sending information for. The numbers on the website are automatically generated by my Genealogy software as links to help the viewers to navigate. They are not a reference number and are duplicated in each database. In other words, the numbers mean nothing to me.

#### Software

Speaking of Genealogy software, Family Tree Maker has come out with a new version, version 12, but they call it "2005". The list of new features can be found at

<http://www.familytreemaker.com/new.aspx>. They have improved the user interface (it really needed it), but still has not caught up with RootsMagic. The price is \$29.99 new or \$29.99 for the upgrade (no deals here.)

Roots Magic Version 2 came out last year, \$29.95 new or \$19.95 upgrade from Version 1. They also have released three free upgrades to version 2, the current version is 2.03. An overview can be seen at

<http://www.rootsmagic.com/overview.htm>

. Demos can be downloaded from: <http://www.rootsmagic.com/demo.htm>.

Upgrades can be downloaded from: <http://www.rootsmagic.com/updates.htm>.

One of the neat new features is the ability to create very large, customizable charts. Many users prepare these for family gatherings.

There are many others out there, but be careful, most do not adhere to the GEDCOM standard and therefore it is very cumbersome to transfer from one program to another.

#### AGM (Annual General Meeting)

Several English members of the Cory Society will be attending our family reunion in June. It seems that their knowledge of American history is as good as our knowledge of English history. Since our "Annual General Meeting" is going to be in one of the heartlands of American history, in the next edition I will publish an overview of American history for this area and tell about some of the Corys that were involved.

#### Harpole Village Website

The locale of our meeting in June 2004 has a website: < [Harpolevillage.com](http://Harpolevillage.com) > . Those who did not attend, as well as our members who did, may find the website interesting. When the home page of the website appears on your monitor screen, click on "Virtual Tour of Harpole" and follow directions. You will see a variety of scenes as you are led from stop to stop on a virtual walking tour of the village.

**CORY FAMILY SOCIETY  
GENERAL MEETING— June 2005**

**By Kathleen Reed, Hostess**

So far we have about 16 interested attendees from the U. S. and England. How exciting!

Thursday, June 23rd, Catherine Trefrey has agreed to speak with our group in Salem, Massachusetts. One of the early Cory ancestors was GILES CORY who died during the Salem Witch Hysteria in 1692. Catherine Trefrey, a local actress, is a descendant of Giles Cory and is very knowledgeable about the history of Salem and her ancestor. Catherine works at the Salem Dungeon Museum and Theater. Our visit with her should prove to be very interesting. A memorial was dedicated to the victims of the infamous 1692 Salem Village witchcraft outbreak in Danvers (formerly Salem Village) in 1992. The Cory Family Society was there in August of 1992 and made a donation to the Tercentenary Committee in memory of Giles and Martha Cory. We will re-visit the memorial.

Friday, June 24th, we will visit Concord and Lexington, a tour guide will help us to learn and appreciate Concord's colonial, revolutionary, natural and literary history. Louisa May Alcott lived in Orchard House, Concord, Mass. You may ask who is Ms. Alcott ... "she is the author of "Little Women", one of the most popular and enduring novels of a family every written", according to K. C. Summers of the Washington Post on October 31, 2004.

Saturday, June 25th, we will visit the Chelmsford Historical Society which is located at the Barret-Byam Homestead dating back to 1663 located in Chelmsford, Massachusetts (donation appreciated). This homestead will give us

a look at how families lived in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. Then we'll be going to Charlestown, just north of Boston, to visit the U.S.S. Constitution, Pier 1, Charlestown Navy Yard (admission free), and the Bunker Hill Monument, (admission free) a revolutionary war exhibit.

Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, we'll enjoy a lovely brunch at the hotel and have our Business Meeting directly afterward. For those who wish to stay a little longer in Chelmsford we'll take in a visit to the Old Chelmsford Garrison House. "British soldiers were garrisoned at 19 locations in Chelmsford, partly to protect the colonists from the Indians, and partly to insure that the colonists remained loyal to the king." Visit their website at: [www.garrisonhouse.org](http://www.garrisonhouse.org).

We're still looking at several restaurants in the area that average about \$20-\$35 per person for dinner each night; Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening, please keep this cost in mind. The Concord Tour Guide will be approximately two hours: Adults \$19, Seniors \$15, Youth \$12, and children \$7. The motor coach cost to be determined by how many people attending the reunion. Please contact me as soon as possible so I can finalize these figures. Thank you.

Those interested in the tour may contact Kathleen Reed at: [shamrock713@msn.com](mailto:shamrock713@msn.com)

### QUERY

I recently found references to a Julia Cory, or Julianne Cory, born 18 Feb. 1759 in Southold, Long Island, NY. Her parents are given as Jasper Cory (David, Issac, John) and Sarah Griffin of Southold. I would like to discover whether or not Julia could be Julane

Cory who married Luther Winslow, 15 April, 1780 in Freetown, Bristol, MA, and died 1791/1792 in Freetown.

but I have not had any success. I would welcome any information concerning the children of Jasper Cory.

I have searched the internet and the Family History Library, hoping to find references to the children of Jasper Cory,

Alice Gedge [[adgedge@burgoyne.com](mailto:adgedge@burgoyne.com)]

**CORY FAMILY SOCIETY TOUR 2005  
REUNION REGISTRATION (Preliminary)**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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	<u>Number Attending</u>	<u>Total \$\$\$</u>
Wednesday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 7:00 p.m., Cory Welcome Gathering _____	_____	
Thursday Tour, June 23 <sup>rd</sup> Salem Village Witchcraft Memorial, Speaker: Catherine Trefrey Coach, Tour, Dinner	_____	<u>TBD</u>
Friday, June 24 <sup>th</sup> <sup>d</sup> Concord and Lexington , Tour Guide Coach, Tour, Dinner	_____	<u>TBD</u>
Saturday, June 25 <sup>th</sup> Chelmsford Historical Society and Charlestown: USS Constitution and Bunker Hill Coach, Tour, Dinner	_____	<u>TBD</u>
Sunday, June 26 <sup>th</sup> Brunch: Omelet and Waffle Stations Society Business Meeting	_____	<u>TBD</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$</b>
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Send Remittance to: Kathleen M. Reed, 75 Apple Farm Crossing, P. O. Box 157, Winthrop, ME 04364.  
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Hotel Reservations can be made by contacting:

HOLIDAY INN Tewksbury/Andover, Four Highwood Drive, Tewksbury, MA 01876  
Tel: 978-640-9000 Fax: 978-640-0623 Website: www.tewksburyhotel.com

Name of Event: CORY FAMILY REUNION Cost: \$69.00 per night  
Room Choices: 2 Dbl or 1 King Bed Reservation Cut-off Date: June 8, 2005  
(After this date no reservations will be accepted at this special rate, reservations will be considered on a space and rate available basis).

**Directions: From Boston's Logan Airport:** When leaving the terminal area take the Sumner Tunnel to Route 93 North. Follow Route 93 to Route 495 South. Take Exit 39/Route 133 (bear right at the end of the ramp). The Holiday Inn entrance is immediately on your right in the Highwood Office and Research Park, approx. 20 minutes.

**From the South or West:** Follow Route 495 North. Take Exit 39/Route 133 (bear left at the end of the ramp). The Holiday Inn entrance is 1/8 mile on your right in the Highwood Office and Research Park.

**From the North:** Travel South on Route 495. Take Exit 39/Route 133 (bear right at the end of the ramp). The Holiday Inn entrance is 1/8 mile on your right in the Highwood Office and Research Park.







## MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please complete the membership form to renew your membership. It will be easier for James to keep track if you do this for him. He will also be able to check the correct spelling of your name, your address, telephone number and e-mail address too. Please PRINT all of this for him. Thank you.

Membership dues are only \$10 per family. Genealogy research is voluntary. Please send your check, payable to CORY FAMILY SOCIETY to the Treasurer:

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Note: there have been some questions as to how the genealogy research funds will be utilized. These funds will be used specifically for researching our Cory line by genealogists and for our new project of DNA testing.

### 2005 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

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Telephone No.: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you want your address published? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Enclosed: 2004 Dues: \$10 Genealogy Research (optional) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment for 3 Years: \$30 for (2004-2006)



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