

THE CODY FAMILY  
(Descendants of Philip Le Cody at Beverly, Mass. 1698)

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PRELIMINARY BULLETIN OF THE 1940 ILLINOIS REUNION (15th. ANNUAL REUNION)

To give as much advance advice as possible of this Reunion, we are publishing this preliminary Bulletin, announcing general plans. The dates have been definitely set for Monday and Tuesday, August 26th. and 27th. General headquarters will be Hotel Creedon, Ottawa, Illinois. Members of our family from a distance are recommended to this hotel for accommodations. While no sessions of the reunion will be held at this hotel, it will be used as a general information bureau and headquarters.

Monday, August 26th.- registration of members, opening session and general meeting will commence 2.00 p.m. at the Harding Community House, Village of Harding, twelve miles north of Ottawa. This will conclude about 4.00 p.m. and a social hour will be enjoyed. At 6.00 p.m. our family dinner will be held in Harding Community House, 75 cents per person. This dinner will be provided by one of the ladies community organizations of Harding. The Master of Ceremonies will be our Honorary President, Harry B. Cody of Cleveland Ohio. An attractive program is being arranged for this dinner, including after dinner speakers.

Tuesday, August 27th.- members will assemble at 12 noon at Starved Rock lodge, Starved Rock State Park, 12 miles west of Ottawa, for luncheon, 75 cents per person, after which unfinished business will be discussed and general family get together. Starved Rock State Park is a natural beauty spot of 1148 acres, overlooking the broad Illinois River, and it is felt no better choice could be made.

General Notes

Our reunion in Illinois this year is of particular interest because we are meeting in a community populated by members of many of the newly located branches of our family. During recent years we have located, among others, the fifth generation branches of Rhodolphus Cody, Thomas Jefferson Cody, Lyman Cody, Lydia Cody (Moore), Martha Cody (Moore) and George Carryl Cody; many members of these branches are residents of Illinois, as are, of course, many members of previously located fifth generation lines. We wish to meet all these and know them better.

Members of the Lyman Cody branch have volunteered to form a Local Committee of Arrangements for the reunion, and to them we are very grateful. Members of the Rhodolphus branch have volunteered to join this Committee. Our mailing list is immediately being enlarged to include these Illinois families, and we hope that members of the other branches will join this Committee to make our 1940 reunion most successful. A list is being compiled of our families in Illinois; copy of this list will soon be mailed each family and we wish as much local contact as possible to be established between now and the reunion dates. Miss Ethel Cody (Lyman Cody branch), RR No. 2, Sheridan, Illinois has graciously consented to serve as Chairman of the Local Committee. Miss Anna Cody (Rhodolphus Cody branch) of Morris, Illinois, is also working on this Committee. We invite members of the other Illinois branches to join these two ladies in suggestions, etc. for the success of the reunion.

Over the week end of April 20th, your Secretary-Treasurer and his wife were guests of Miss Ethel Cody and her brother, Mr. Bayard F. Cody, and discussed preliminary plans for the reunion. We met many new cousins, and regret that due to the shortness of our stay we could not get around among the other branches. We came away with the full knowledge and assurance that our 1940 reunion will be most pleasant.

Complete details and arrangements for the reunion will be announced in final reunion Bulletin of August 1st.

Following the suggestion made at last year's reunion at Newmarket, Ontario, by Roy P. Marsh (Philip Cody branch), we invite from members planning on attending the Illinois Reunion, and coming from a distance, an estimate of the number of persons they could accommodate in their cars. This list of car owners planning on making the trip will be published in the final reunion bulletin of August 1st. together with the amount of space so available. Members desiring to attend the reunion and having no transportation facilities can then consult this list of car owners and space, and mutual arrangements can be made among those concerned for sharing of the transportation costs, etc. We feel that there might be cases of practically an empty car coming to the reunion, which could nicely be shared with some one else who would be more than glad to share the expense for the opportunity of coming. We commend this plan to your earnest cooperation in swelling our attendance.

Bulletin No. 31 is attached, issued by our President-Elect, Frederick Carey Cody of Cleveland, Ohio, outlining the Cody Family Photograph Album. This plan is also commended to you for your best support.

MOST IMPORTANT - MANY RECORD FORMS, ALSO DIRECTORY LISTS, HAVE NOT YET BEEN RETURNED TO THE SECRETARY-TREASURER. THIS IS BADLY SLOWING UP THE WORK OF OUR GENEALOGY AND 1941 CODY FAMILY DIRECTORY. HAVE YOU RETURNED YOURS.

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