

THE CODY FAMILY

(Descendants of Philip and Martha at Beverly, Mass., 1698)

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ANNUAL REUNION BULLETIN

As previously announced in Bulletin No. 45 of April 30th, the combined 7th. annual reunion of the Daniel Cody division, and the 18th. annual reunion of the international Cody Family will be held on Sunday, July 18th, at Island Park, Beverly, Ohio. The Daniel Cody division have issued the following invitation:

"The Daniel Cody division of our family extend our heartiest invitation to all Cody kin far and near to be and join with us at this reunion at Island Park, Beverly, Ohio on July 18th. This will be a one day affair and we hope all will come early; try and be there at 11.00 a.m. and dinner will be served at 12.30 p.m. Following the dinner business meetings of both reunions will be held and a social afternoon enjoyed. The dinner will be a basket picnic, so each family will please bring sufficient for their needs, and also their table service. Make every effort to come and meet your kith and kin, and we will have a happy time together".

THE DANIEL CODY COMMITTEE

Dr. Allison K. Walker, President (Delila Cody Walker Branch)
Mrs. Mary Dearth, Secretary-Treasurer (Amanda Cody Fairbanks Branch)
Mrs. Minnie Cody White, Member (Angel Cody Branch)

AND, SPEAKING OF REUNIONS, a few days ago I received a letter from a veteran member of our family, Harry Bissell Cody of Cleveland, Ohio, concerning this subject; there is so much of interest in this letter that I feel sure everyone would like to read it; coming near reunion time it has a special significance; this letter is quoted below in its entirety:

Cleveland, Ohio, June 15th, 1943

Dear Ernest:

It is close to reunion time again and this brings very forcibly to my mind the happy memories of 13 Cody Family reunions I have been able to attend in the past 13 years, and I hope that on July 18th, I may be able, along with others of our Cleveland families, to be on hand at Beverly and join again in the Ohio gathering. You will recall that our 1936 reunion at Marietta was the largest ever, an attendance of 164. What a happy two-day event we had, meeting the many families - Codys, Gages, Walkers, Millers, Fairbanks, Heckers, Briggs, Crouches, Danielsons, and so many other related groups. It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve the Cody Family as President, and as Honorary President, and many of the happiest contacts of my life have been formed in this organization. The reunions I have attended have not only been a delightful recreation, but have given me these contacts with our kinfolk, and the urge to attend as many more as possible. As you know I am but a youngster of 77 and these reunions have done much to keep me youthful and an added active interest in life.

I look back with special pleasure to these conventions - the one at Erie, Pa. in 1929, where our beloved cousin Charles Paxton Cody so ably presided, - Oneida, N.Y. in 1935 where we received such a fine welcome from our venerable Francis A. Cody, his wife Mary, and their immediate relatives. At Oneida there was much of historic interest to our family; upper New York State has been an ancestral seat at some time for almost every branch of our Cody Family. At Scranton, Pa. in 1937 we met so many descendants of that patriarch of our family Mervin Cody 1815-1916. At the two Ontario reunions of 1928 and 1939 we met scores and scores of our Canadian cousins in the historic centres of Toronto and Newmarket and sampled their open hospitality. At Harding, Illinois in 1940 we met for the first time the numerous cousins of newly located branches; what a delightful time we had there. Twice we gathered at Salem and Beverly, Mass. 1930 and 1941, and with Richard A. Cody and his family as our hosts we enjoyed to the full the Massachusetts background of our family. Twice we met in Cleveland, Ohio, 1926 and 1934, and I speak for every member of our branch in saying how much we enjoyed those gatherings. It was impossible for me to attend the reunions at Cody, Wyoming or Hanford, California in 1933 and 1938, but I received glowing reports of what took place and the generous hospitality extended. So many have done so much to make these gatherings a success - Hiram S. Cody, Luther M. Cody, Harvey P. Cody, Mary Jester Allen, Julia Cody Goodman, Frederick C. Cody, the others already mentioned, and countless more. Let us, if possible, keep these reunions going every year, if even only a small group. During this time of war we must retrench, but we can keep alive that spirit of kinship which for over 18 years has been predominant in our family circle. So with every good wish for the Beverly, Ohio reunion of July 18th.

HARRY BISSELL CODY

YOU ARE ONE OF US

BE ONE WITH US

ISLAND PARK, BEVERLY, OHIO, SUNDAY, JULY 18, 11.00 A.M.

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