

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

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A few miscellaneous items for your attention:

1. A motion was carried at our Oberlin, Kansas reunion in August that the 1949 reunion of our family would be held in the State of Oregon, and that the time and place would be settled by a vote of the families living in Northern California, Oregon and Washington. We now invite from those families their ideas and suggestions for the 1949 reunion in Oregon. Where would be the best place to hold the gathering? What would be the best time of year? What local families in Oregon would volunteer to handle the local arrangements? The time and place should be decided quickly so that our people can plan their vacations accordingly. Please let us have a flood of ideas and suggestions regarding this Oregon reunion of 1949.
2. We would like to be advised of all local or regional reunions contemplated for 1949. If possible we would like to attend some of these, and we certainly would like a full report of them. A suggestion to our Cody families in Ontario - why not a regional Ontario reunion some time next summer? Think it over, talk it over, write us about it.
3. What can we do to make our Cody Family organization more attractive to our young people? A suggestion was made at Oberlin that special bulletins be issued for our young people. Now then, what would our young people like to see published in such bulletins? We invite suggestions from our younger members.
4. Do you know of members of your group who do not receive our bulletins and who would like to? We shall be very happy to add the name of anyone to the mailing list.
5. Very shortly we are going to bombard you for information required for the Cody Family Genealogy and the new Cody Family Directory. When you receive our requests for information, please handle them promptly. There are going to be hundreds and hundreds of letters to write and prompt replies save much labor.
6. Printing is one of our main items of expense - who have we in our family in the printing business who would do some of our printing jobs at cost? Such a gesture would help out our finances, which are never robust.
7. Our host at the Oberlin reunion, George McKinley Cody, is now laid up with a cracked knee cap; his leg is in a cast. We wish him a quick and permanent recovery. Could it be that broken legs and casts are contagious in this family?
8. Recently we received a letter from Mrs. Gertrude Cody Wheaton of Cleveland Heights, Ohio (see page 92 of Directory). Mrs. Wheaton is a graduate of Oberlin College (1909), the mother of three children, and for many years has been engaged in voluntary social service and welfare work in Cleveland; many of us know her well. She brings up a subject which should be of vital interest to every branch of our family in America. We publish Mrs. Wheaton's letter below and urge your prompt support of her request for the desired information:

"There is so little written in our press about how families made our America. I would like to learn from members of our family in every branch what contributions ancestors, or living members, have made in organizing churches, homes for the aged, orphanages, libraries, hospitals, nursing homes, freshair camps, rehabilitation centres, children's courts, old age or youth groups, in fact, any democratic institution for uplift and welfare. We see a tendency in our government to take over and place under bureaus all possible procedures for the people's benefits; that is not the American way. We grew in charitable institutions as we grew in the political field. Our family is a typical example of the way our America grew. It seems to me now is a proper and suitable time to write up such an example, but I must have more facts and illustrations of what we as a family have done.

"In recent years I have had occasion to hear foreign students, here in America for study, and lecturers, criticising America because we didn't do this or didn't do that to improve the world, or prevent wars or because "our system" failed. The pity of it is that so many people swallow all they are told. The point these foreign observers seem to miss is that during the past 200 years we have been creating America out of forests and untamed rivers, discovering the terrain, and building cities, charities, and at the same time taking care of the influx of immigration from Europe, or fighting to keep back disease. The contribution made by our family in this 200 years must have been enormous. I want a record of that contribution from our family and urge all those interested to write me. Address to Mrs. Gertrude Cody Wheaton, 3040 Somerton Rd. Cleveland Heights, Ohio."

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