

The Cody Family Directory

To Luther Morrill Cody may be attributed the idea of the Cody Family Directory. It was as he sought to increase the Association membership that the idea came to him; for, he began then to make a list of the Codys who were proven to be of our genealogical family. Soon after he started this, a Cody chart compiled by the late James L. Chapman was sent him by the Chicago Cody family (5th Gen. Hiram Cody branch), a member of which Phila Mina Cody (1850-1890) had been helpful to Mr. Chapman in collecting material for this. With the help of this chart Luther's list was soon considerably augmented, and it then seemed to him that this should be in the hands of all interested to further the work of a complete genealogy of the family. He accordingly proceeded to

prepare the list for publication as a genealogical directory, which with the financial backing of Hiram Sedgwick Cody, of Chicago, and Sherwin Cody, of New York, was printed in 1925 and soon thereafter distributed to the Association membership. This was a slender little booklet of twelve pages listing a portion of the descendants of sixteen fifth generation branches. During the more than fifteen years since this first publication two other editions have been published. The 1927 edition was more than double the 1925 booklet, listing descendants of twenty-nine fifth generation branches, and running thirty-two pages. In 1936 another edition came into being, prepared through the joint efforts of Luther Morrill Cody and Ernest William Cody, listing descendants of thirty-seven fifth generation branches and expanding to forty-eight pages. In our 1941 edition has been listed the descendants of fifty-four fifth generation branches and the responsibility for the collection and preparation of this material has been that of our Secretary-Treasurer, Ernest William Cody; in this work he has been fortunate in having the valuable help of his able wife, Ella Jean Keck Cody.

Too much importance cannot be attached to the value of these directories; they have provided the connecting links among our families, and to the originator of the idea sufficient credit cannot be extended.

—L.S.C.