

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

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OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

1. Election of Officers

February 26th. of each year is Election Day in the Cody Family. On that day (birthday of our kinsman Colonel William Frederick Cody, "Buffalo Bill") our officers are elected. Our new Board of Directors was nominated at Newmarket, Ontario, in August, and will be installed in office at the Illinois reunion of 1940, see Bulletin 28 for their names. Please show your interest in this family organization by casting your ballot and returning same to the Secretary-Treasurer as soon as possible.

2. Annual Dues

The annual dues of the Cody Family are one dollar, and are now payable for 1940, and we ask for a favorable and prompt response. In previous bulletins and verbally at our annual reunions we have stressed the urgent necessity of the prompt payment of dues, and I am bringing this to your attention once more. It is no pleasure for me to stress the need for annual dues; no one likes to plead for money for any cause, but I am going to say very frankly that unless there is a decided improvement in the payment of the annual dues that we cannot long continue to function as a family organization. Our officers are giving their time and energy gratis to this work; surely our members can support them by paying their dues once a year. Our officers have made many personal sacrifices financially to keep our work going; they cannot be expected to do this indefinitely. You will find attached a letter from our President; this is self-explanatory. We are now assembling the material for the publication of a new and revised Cody Family Directory, and look for its publication in 1941. This Directory will be double the size of the 1936 edition which many of you have. Many new features will be incorporated in this new Directory-Handbook, and will provide the connecting link with the many new branches of our family located in the last few years. If this Directory is to be made possible, we must have a better return in dues. Only through the success of the Directory can we expect to achieve our ultimate aim of publishing the detailed History and Genealogy of the Cody Family.

3. 1940 Annual Reunion

The fifteenth annual reunion of the Cody Family will be held during the summer of 1940 in the vicinity of Ottawa, Illinois. Our local committee in charge of arrangements there will be members of the fifth generation branch of Lyman Cody; this branch but recently located and now very interested and strong supporters of our family organization. Full details of this 1940 Illinois reunion will be later announced. Plan now on attending this gathering of our clan.

Please address all remittances, ballots and correspondence to the Secretary-Treasurer.