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READ ALL ABOUT OUR 2026 REUNION!

**OUR
2028 REUNION
IS JULY 4TH IN
CODY, WY!**



Here we are at the 1st Parish church, the Puritan institution that welcomed our Philip and Martha to Beverly after they left Salem in 1698. The same Rev. John Hale that served on the Witchcraft Trials as an expert witness and prosecuted their employer, Philip English, welcomed them to the congregation as a condition for purchasing their Beverly Homestead. They worshipped here along with the Balchs, Conants, Dodges and other pioneers until 1714, when they all joined the 2nd Parish, located closer to their homes in North Beverly.

Front row; Nancy Spoon, Past Secretary Linda Cody, Marilyn Cody, Past President Gerald Cody, Cody Kids Corner Editor Kellie Edwards, Ina Cody, VP & Treasurer Dwight Cody and Scott Cody.

Middle row; Laurie Taymor-Berry, Beth Cody, Chris Polatin, Jim McGuire and Everett Ratliff.

Back row; Louise Ratliff, Rocky Spoon, Susan Cody, President Kevin Cody, Tyler Cody, Secretary Allan Cody and Ryan Goodman.

Our 2026 Reunion's Chebacco Day!

We began our day by visiting the Rev. John Wise House where Allan told about this courageous and capable man who married our Joseph 3 to Mary Martin and how he came to preach in Chebacco. Half of all our members are descendants of Joseph 3. Down the road a piece, we stopped at the Old Burying Ground to visit his grave. Then, we walked to the 1st Congregational Church where Rev. Dan Challapalli graciously hosted us. Allan remarked about how Joseph 3's in-laws and some neighbors established the Chebacco Parish in Ipswich, now Essex.

After lunch at Woodman's, we visited Cogswell's Grant, built by these early pioneers and home of Joseph and Mary's fellow parishioners. Then to the Town Landing, where Joseph met his Mary while harvesting his father's salt marsh hay.



Dwight & Stuart with the Rev. Wise House's Current Owner.



Allan reads the inscription on Rev. John Wise's grave.



We gathered to visit Rev. Wise's 1st Congregational Church!



We heard Pastor Dan Challapalli's history of the 1st Congr.



Lunching at Woodman's, 'Home of the Fried Clam!'



A Family Portrait at Cogswell's Grant.



Allan tells of Joseph & Mary's Meeting at the Town Landing.

Our 2026 Reunion's Beverly Day!

First, we visited the site of our Philip and Martha's Beverly Homestead where Allan talked about the deed which led us to this 6-acre plot abutting Longham Hill, and what their lives were like; farming, pressing cider from their orchard, keeping sheep and knitting the wool. Next, we toured Dodge's Row Burying Ground nearby, where some of Philip and Martha's neighbors lie at rest, and found a few whom they knew! Then, 'Deacon' Jack Terrill led our tour of the 2nd Congregational Church, which our Philip and Martha joined in 1714.

After lunch, we visited Balch House, the 17th-Century home of those early pioneers, who were Philip and Martha's fellow parishioners. Next, we saw Hale Farm, home of Rev. John Hale, who first welcomed our Philip and Martha to Beverly.



The site of our Beverly Homestead, now suburban housing.



This bedrock outcropping abuts our Beverly Homestead.



Searching the graves at Dodge's Row Burying Ground.



Original 1714 construction under the 2nd Congr.'s paneling.



A Family Portrait at the 2nd Congregational Church.



Historic Beverly maintains the Balch House.



The Hale Farm is beautifully preserved by Historic Beverly.

Our 2026 Reunion's Beverly Day! *continued...*

At the Cabot House, we saw the 'Hale Book' where Philip and Martha's church membership and the births of their children were first recorded. Then, it was a short drive to witness the drama of the Salem Witch Museum. Rev. Ives welcomed us to St. Peter's Church where we learned more about Philip English, who brought our Philip and Martha to Salem from Jersey.

Next, we visited the site of Philip English's 'Great House' where Philip and Martha first lived. Next, we visited the sites of the Blue Anchor Tavern and Philip English's Wharf where Philip and Martha first landed, it's our own 'Ellis Island!'

Finally, we gathered at the Hawthorne Hotel where the Cody Family Association held their 1941 Reunion!



Cabot House, home of Historic Beverly.



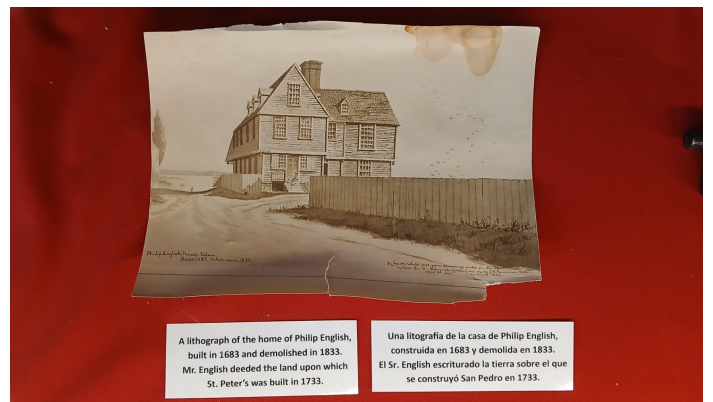
The Hale Book is kept 'under glass' at the Cabot House.



We witnessed the drama at Salem's Witch Museum.



Rev. Ives tells us about the history of St. Peter's Church.



Philip English's 'Great House' where Philip & Martha lived.



The site of Mary English's Blue Anchor Tavern.



We gathered at the Hawthorne Hotel to toast 1941!

2026 General Business Meeting & Election



ICFA Secretary Allan, President Kevin and Vice President & Treasurer Dwight have been re-elected for the 2026-2028 term!

At 11am, on Thursday June 17, 2026, as part of our Reunion's 'Family Day' activities, the ICFA held its [General Business Meeting](#), including the election of Officers, in accordance with its corporate By-Laws. Once elected, the Officers will form the ICFA's Executive Board and take their places as Directors, along with any Appointed Directors they choose. Any volunteers?

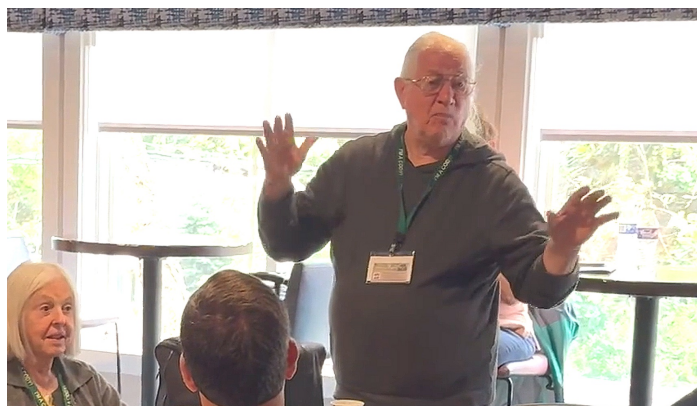
Our current President, Kevin Cody 145/44332, convened the meeting with a rap of the gavel in the Rockport Inn & Suites Breakfast Room. Also present at the podium were our Vice-President and Treasurer, Dwight Cody 148/3423, as well as our Secretary, Allan Cody 148/3422.

Kevin thanked all 26 attendees, allowed that the economics and vagaries of school vacation schedules accounted for the lower turnout and called on the attendees for feedback, questions and concerns. He went on to present the accomplishments of his first administration's 2024-2026 term as the continuation of the ICFA's active status as a Wyoming non-profit corporation, our continued recognition by the IRS as a 501(c)3 organization, maintenance of its websites, the continuing update of our Genealogical and Mailing List databases and publication of our *Review* newsletters.

He went on to discuss our plans to publish a 2026 Genealogy as a hardcover 2-volume set, and announced our next Reunion in Cody, WY during the 4th of July celebrations in 2028. 'Cody Country' is a popular location because of its Buffalo Bill Center of the West, Yellowstone National Park, the town's status as a tourist mecca and its founding by our own, William Frederick 'Buffalo Bill' Cody. The attending members greeted this announcement with hearty appreciation!

Dwight thanked everyone for coming, recognized Allan for his Reunion work, whereupon the attendees applauded and Allan expressed his gratification. The meeting then turned to a call for volunteers and outlined a plan for on-boarding them.

Once our membership was informed about these sundry activities, the meeting turned to Past President Gerald Cody, who moderated the election of Officers for the 2026-2028 term.



Past President Gerald Cody conducts the election.

Gerald first called for floor nominations before asking the attendees to vote, by show of hands, for the slate of nominees for re-election, with Kevin as President, Dwight as Vice-President and Treasurer and Allan as Secretary. All these candidates are proven and experienced Officers who have met all the qualifications for re-election, as required by our corporation's By-Laws and the attendees elected them by unanimous vote!

Dwight presented his summarized Treasurer's Report, stating that we have the funds to proceed with publishing a new Genealogy and hosting the next Reunion and that our financial resources have been prudently managed. Dwight has also maintained our corporate identity and its tax-deductible status.

It is expected that all the Appointed Directors, *Review* Editor, Genealogist, Webmaster, our Ambassadors and Regional Directors will all be re-appointed by our Executive Board.

Since there are no retiring Officers this time around, our Advisory Board will remain as Gerald Cody, Terry Cody, Janet Owens, Suzanna Cody, Ron Hills and Harold Thornton.

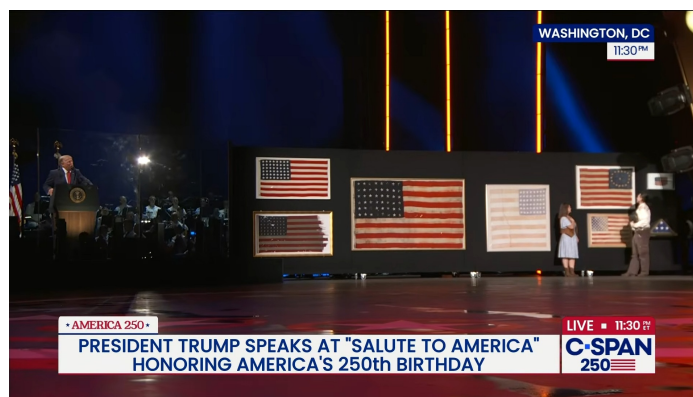
Afterwards, Kellie Edwards, Volunteer Editor of our *Review's Cody Kids Corner*, expressed her desire to shift the focus of her feature article from young children to 'tweens and young adults. [Won't you too, volunteer to help us run the ICFA?](#)

BUFFALO BILL & DIRECT DESCENDANTS ARE HONORED AT WHITE HOUSE!



By William "Kevin" Cody

Donald J. Trump, the 45th and 47th President of the United States of America invited the President of the International Cody Family Association (ICFA) and the great-great-grandson of Buffalo Bill, William "Kevin" Cody, and his sister and ICFA *Cody Kids Corner* author, Kellie Cody Edwards to our nation's Capitol in Washington, D.C. for the Freedom 250 "Salute to America" event to celebrate this historic Independence Day.



On July 4th, 2026, at 7 pm, the event was packed to capacity with roughly 425,000 people eagerly awaiting the start of the show, which had already been delayed by 2 hours due to record-breaking heat of 102 degrees. Unfortunately, another setback was rolling in as [severe thunderstorms and lightning forced the entire crowd to evacuate](#). Attendees took temporary shelter in nearby federal buildings, museums, restaurants, and bars. The storm created a quandary of chaos and confusion with event crew, performers, and special guests including Kevin, Kellie, and their mother, Linda, scattered throughout the city, not knowing what to do, where to go, or if the show would be cancelled entirely.

[President Trump](#) was determined to move forward no matter how long it took to resume. He had the production team scrambling on their toes to reconnect with everyone so we could regroup and patiently wait at various locations depending on our roles. All the [veterans](#) and [descendants](#) who were to be honored on stage huddled in the lobby and bar of the [Willard Hotel](#).

BUFFALO BILL & DIRECT DESCENDANTS...cont'd

After a long wait, the storm had finally passed and the gates luckily reopened. The event resumed at 11 pm, however, the 6-hour postponement forced the programming to cut most of the scheduled musical guests including [Sammy Hagar](#), [Lynyrd Skynyrd](#), [Gretchen Wilson](#), and [Vanilla Ice](#), with [President Trump](#) not taking the stage until 11:30 pm. Despite all the setbacks, the event staff and security did an amazing job in reconvening and putting on a spectacular and momentous show. The program concluded shortly after 12:30 am with a [world record-setting display of 860,000 fireworks](#) to commemorate our [country's semiquincentennial anniversary](#).



Throughout the event, [President Trump](#) graciously recognized and honored many of our [country's pivotal veterans](#) and [figures in American history](#) along with their [descendants](#) including [Buffalo Bill's](#) kin. The President introduced Kevin and Kellie to the stage with these words: "American grit, boldness and daring forged heroes like [Davy Crockett](#), [Wyatt Earp](#), [Annie Oakley](#), [Teddy Roosevelt](#), and the legend of the [Wild West](#), [Buffalo Bill Cody](#). These were great, powerful people whose incredible grandchildren happened to be with us tonight. And they stand alongside one of the first [American flags](#) ever to fly over our expanding nation. It was carried west just as [Lewis and Clark](#) began their journey in 1803. Thank you very much. Thank you. Thank you very much. Great to have you. Great to have you to honor this audacious and indomitable soul of [America](#)".

The direct [descendants](#) of [Buffalo Bill](#) were very honored to share the stage with [President Trump](#) and to have their beloved, great-great-grandfather recognized for his historical achievements and contributions to [America](#). This was an opportunity of a lifetime and a surreal experience that they will treasure and remember forever.

Although they enjoyed their short time in the spotlight on stage, and the VIP treatment they received, their most memorable moment was the time they got to spend with the [President](#) and [his family](#) backstage. The [siblings](#) reported that the inconvenient setbacks from the weather didn't detour the [President's](#) disposition and that he was in good spirits and humor, even cracking jokes with everyone both on and off stage. They also noted that he was genuinely kind, respectful, and compassionate towards all his guests and that he and his wife, [Melania](#), went out of their way to make everyone feel welcome and comfortable.



The live broadcast event was distributed nationwide to hundreds of local affiliate stations, major cable news channels including [FOX](#), [CBS](#), [NBC](#), [ABC](#), [CNN](#), [C-SPAN](#), [MS NOW](#), [RSBN](#), and [NewsNation](#), along with streaming networks through several massive multiplatform broadcasting partnerships. The program was also broadcast internationally through a combination of global news syndicate networks, international cable platforms, and free digital livestreams including translated simulcasts spanning across [Europe](#), [Asia](#), and [Latin America](#). Early estimations indicate that the event had between 15 to 20 million viewers worldwide!

Kevin and Kellie were also interviewed and had their story published by the [Cody Enterprise - click to read article](#). In addition, honorable mentions of [Buffalo Bill](#) and/or his [descendants](#) from the program were later reported by the [New York Times](#), [New York Post](#), [Fox News & Associated Press](#), [Newsweek](#), [WUSA9](#), [NDTV World](#), [AOL](#), [Cerd](#), and [MEAWW](#).

This is not the first time [President Trump](#) has spoken about [Buffalo Bill](#), and he's not the first [President](#) to publicly talk about him either. This is a clear testament that the spirit and legacy of [William F. Cody](#) continue to thrive and stand the test of time.

[Click here to watch the full event](#), or [click here to only watch the direct descendants of Buffalo Bill take the stage!](#)



CODY KIDS CORNER

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BY KELLIE CODY EDWARDS - 145/44331

CODY, WY AMBASSADOR

HAPPY 250TH BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!

This year our nation celebrated a very special milestone—250 years since the Declaration of Independence was adopted! On July 4, 1776, representatives from the thirteen American colonies declared that they would become a free and independent nation.

The Declaration states that all people are created equal and are given certain unalienable rights; including life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. These ideas helped shape the United States and continue to inspire people around the world.

To celebrate America's 250th birthday, communities across the country held parades, concerts, fireworks, historical reenactments, festivals, community service projects, and special ceremonies. Families gathered together, waved American flags, and remembered the people whose courage and sacrifice helped build our nation.



DID YOU KNOW?

Fifty-six men signed the Declaration of Independence.

They knew they were risking their homes, their fortunes, and even their lives by declaring independence.

The flag tells a story.

The 50 stars represent the 50 states, and the 13 stripes honor the original thirteen colonies.

The bald eagle became our national symbol in 1782.

The Liberty Bell is one of America's most famous symbols of freedom.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A PATRIOT?

Patriotism is more than celebrating on the Fourth of July. A patriot is someone who loves their country and works to make it a better place. Being a patriot means:

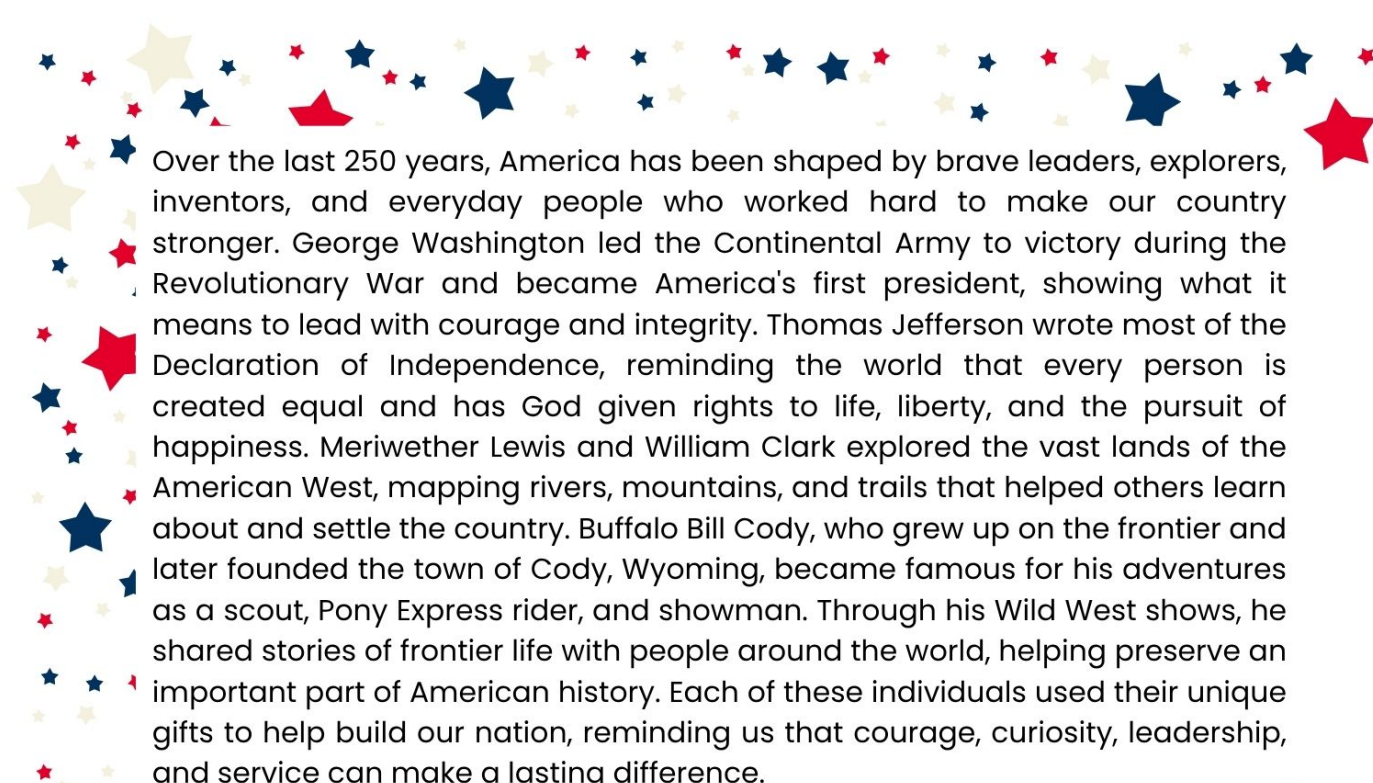
- **Being honest and responsible.**
- **Helping others and serving your community.**
- **Respecting people, even when you disagree.**
- **Learning about our nation's history.**
- **Caring for the freedoms we enjoy.**
- **Working to make our country stronger for future generations.**



Many of America's founders believed that our rights come from our Creator, reminding us that every person has value and deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. Whether through faith, service, or kindness, we can all help make our communities better places to live. Even kids can be great patriots by showing kindness, helping a neighbor, thanking a veteran, volunteering in their community, or simply doing their best every day.

As we celebrate 250 years of our nation's history, let's be thankful for the freedoms we enjoy and remember that each of us can make a positive difference in our families, schools, and communities.





Over the last 250 years, America has been shaped by brave leaders, explorers, inventors, and everyday people who worked hard to make our country stronger. George Washington led the Continental Army to victory during the Revolutionary War and became America's first president, showing what it means to lead with courage and integrity. Thomas Jefferson wrote most of the Declaration of Independence, reminding the world that every person is created equal and has God given rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark explored the vast lands of the American West, mapping rivers, mountains, and trails that helped others learn about and settle the country. Buffalo Bill Cody, who grew up on the frontier and later founded the town of Cody, Wyoming, became famous for his adventures as a scout, Pony Express rider, and showman. Through his Wild West shows, he shared stories of frontier life with people around the world, helping preserve an important part of American history. Each of these individuals used their unique gifts to help build our nation, reminding us that courage, curiosity, leadership, and service can make a lasting difference.

ATTENTION CODY FAMILY & FRIENDS YOUNG PEOPLE!

Every day, ordinary people make our families, our community, and our country a better place. While history remembers great leaders and famous pioneers, it is the kindness, talents, and dedication of everyday people that continue to shape the future.

St. Mother Teresa once said, "Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." Those small acts of love, service, creativity, and perseverance can have an extraordinary impact—and we believe the young people of the International Cody Family Association are doing just that!

We want to get to know the amazing young people of the International Cody Family & Friends community, ages 5–29. Tell us what you love to do and what you're passionate about! Whether it's sports, music, art, drama, writing, poetry, volunteering, a business idea, caring for animals, a unique talent, or a cause that is important to you, we'd love to share your story.

Parents are invited to nominate their children, grandparents may submit a story about a grandchild, or young people are welcome to introduce themselves. Please include a photo of the individual, and feel free to send additional pictures of them participating in their activity, examples of artwork, or samples of writing or poetry.

We'll feature these submissions in upcoming volumes of The Cody Kids Corner, celebrating the gifts, talents, and inspiring stories of the next generation. We know our readers will enjoy getting to know the incredible young people who are making a difference; one small act of love at a time!

Please email your submissions to Kellie at shcc_mrsedwards@yahoo.com

Mark Sheldon Moore 148/2713 Obituary

Mark Sheldon Moore, 79, died July 16, 2026 at Royal Care in Avon Park, FL. Born in Lake Wales, he spent his childhood at Cody Villa on Crooked Lake, and attended Babson Park Elementary school until his parents moved to Aiken, SC where he finished his education. He was a proud Vietnam Vet, serving in the U.S. Navy in both Vietnam and the Mediterranean. As a travel agent in Columbia, SC, he coordinated travel plans for many sports teams, family members and other groups. Upon retiring, he returned to Cody Villa and spent 12 happy years in the house built by his great-grandparents, Lindus and Amelia Cody. He was a member of Frostproof's Emmanuel Baptist Church and participated in children's summer camps and church bus supervision and Bible studies, he was a well-loved member of the congregation. He also attended Christian Sportsman's club meetings and was known as an avid fan of the South Carolina Gamecocks and the Georgia Bulldogs. In addition, Mark generously contributed to Jamaican relief efforts following the 2025 hurricane and is remembered as a gentle, kind and giving man.

Mark is survived by his cousin George Skene and his wife Barbara Barry, Mark's sister-in-law Hope Moore, his nephews Rick Moore, son Ryan, and Dwight Moore, wife Maricel, their daughter Mirabelle and son Brandon, his niece Dianna Fricke, husband Brian and sons Coen and Bryce. Mark is also survived by his sister-in-law Laura Moore and nieces; Amelia Suzanne Moore (Danny), Marie Loudette Moore-Funk (Howard); nephew; Cameron Cody Moore, plus six great-nieces, nephews and their spouses.

Preceding him in death are his parents Elizabeth Cody Moore and Arnold Moore, and his brothers Philip Moore and Edgar (Ted) Cody Moore. A memorial service was held at Frostproof's Emmanuel Baptist Church, interment will be at the Pikes Peak National Cemetery in Colorado Springs, CO. Our thanks to cuzzin George Skene for this obituary!



Mark Sheldon Moore,
Viet Nam Vet &
Son of Elizabeth & Arnold Moore,
Grandson of Arthur P. Cody &
Great-grandson of Lindus & Amelia

Thanks for Your Support!

Here's a tribute to those who contributed so far this year!

Won't you please consider paying **Dues** or making a **Donation**?

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Milestones

Births: Our congratulations to the proud parents!

270/3452121 Edison James Lynch b Cincinnati OH 5/8/2026

Deaths: Our condolences on the loss...

184/1A15 June Marie Leach b Mazon IL 1/16/1931 d Morris IL 7/17/2026 m1

11/18/1950 Robert Elbert Elam b Morris IL 6/2/1930

148/2713 Mark Sheldon Moore b Babson Park FL 4/8/1947 d Avon Park FL 7/16/2026 bur Pikes Peak National Cemetery Colorado Springs CO

Marriages: Best wishes for a bright future!

270/345212 Zoe Brinn Price b Cincinnati OH 12/15/1998 m1 Cincinnati OH 8/23/2025

Andrew James Lynch b Parkersburgh WV 6/6/1997

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A Happy Life, Walter ‘Hap’ Goodman Passes at 104

Shortly after midnight, September 26, 1921, Walter Frank Jr. was born as Capt. and Mrs. Walter Goodman’s first child in San Francisco, where his father was a regular army officer. Thus began a remarkable and abundant life that ended October 10, 2025.

As an infant, Walter was a very cheerful baby, so he was nicknamed ‘Happy’. In 1923, his family [moved to Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii](#), where he led an idyllic youth. It was a barefoot existence, in perfect weather. Swimming; surfing; diving; shooting marbles; skating; kite flying; climbing palms for coconuts; spear fishing; and Boy Scouting were lots of fun. A born entrepreneur and a collector, Walter sold fruit from the trees in his yard for a nickel or a dime, which paid for his Hawaiian stamp collection. Walter attended Lincoln Grade School for 6 years and then Roosevelt High School. He recalled that after he graduated from the sixth grade, he had to wear shoes to school!

Alas, all good things come to an end. He recounted his family’s move to the mainland in 1935, as a “shocking” change. Forced to abandon his surfboard, they made the 5-day voyage to San Francisco. He vividly recalled the departure, standing on the deck of the ship, covered with flower leis, listening to the Royal Hawaiian Band playing *Aloha ‘Oe*. The Goodmans lived in the Bay Area from 1935-1938. He honed his wilderness skills in the Sierra Nevadas, learning to tie knots and read maps from his father who was an ex-forest ranger in Yellowstone National Park. He recalled camping and horseback trips with his family; diving in lakes with a helmet and air storage tank of his own invention; and climbing Half Dome in Yosemite.

In 1938, after Walter Jr. started his senior year of high school, his father was transferred to Texas. They settled in University Park, where he was a senior in Highland Park High School’s class of 1939. A&M College was Walter’s next choice and in 1943, he graduated as a (ROTC) 2d Lt. of Artillery and was off to WWII. Three years later, after service in North Africa and Italy, Walter returned to civilian life in Dallas. Soon he started his own business with his father and brother and managed Goodman Paper Products for 38 years until he sold his interest and retired in 1988. Walter retained his army commission, remained in the army reserve and, after 30 years of active and reserve duty, he was awarded the Legion of Merit and retired as a Colonel.

In 1953, he and the lovely Loraine Farris married and they had two remarkable children, Sally Glenn Goodman in 1957 and Walt Goodman III in 1960.

A major part of Walter’s life were sports: backpacking, canoeing, horseback riding, scuba diving, jogging, target shooting, he was a letterman on the A & M swimming team. In 1965, he was the Texas State Marksman Champion!



Walter F. ‘Hap’ Goodman 1921-2025

Travel was a major part of Walter’s life, so when retirement offered the opportunity, he and Loraine went worldwide! They backpacked the Tarahumara wilderness of northern Mexico, canoed the lower canyons of the Rio Grande, climbed Mt. Whitney and took their children across the Grand Canyon, rim to rim. Walter summited Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. Hiking the NaPali coast of Kauai, HA and exploring Scott’s and Shackleton’s huts at McMurdo Sound in Antarctica were rewarding. Traversing China, crossing into Hunza at the Hindu Kush pass, sailing the Indian Ocean and “birding” on the Niger River in Mali were some adventures. He was a collector from youth of many things: coins of the U.S. and Mexico; scrimshaw; ethnic knives and spears of remote peoples; American Indian beadwork and artifacts; Japanese artwork; marbles; stamps and much more. He was proud of his and Loraine’s Fine Art collection along with their library, which included many rare ‘first editions’.

Walter was also very gregarious; he held membership in the Dervish, Calyx and Terpsichorean clubs, was a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, trade organizations, and many museums, including the Buffalo Bill Museum in Cody, WY where he served on the Advisory Board for decades. (His great uncle was ‘Buffalo Bill’). He was a past president of the Dallas Audubon Society, a long-time member of the Explorers Club of New York and a member of numerous environmental organizations. Walter was deeply interested in religion and an active member of the Highland Park United Methodist Church since 1939. Church was important to him, and as time and resources permitted, he gave generously.

Walter was blessed with good health and took good care of himself. His few physical frailties were met with excellent and prompt professional care and then he was off again. Life dealt Walter a good hand and he was a born optimist, his glass was always half full and tomorrow could not come soon enough!

Godspeed Walter; hopefully we’ll meet again, to embrace, rejoice and explore a bit more. Walter is survived by his beloved wife of 72 years, Loraine Farris Goodman; daughter, Sally Glenn Goodman; nephew, Larrison Cody Goodman, Jr.; and nieces, Paula Goodman Davis and Melissa Goodman Rosner.

Walter was preceded in death by his son, Walter Frank III; father, Walter; mother, Clarice; brother, Larrison; and nephew, Alex. Walter F. ‘Hap’ Goodman was a [grandnephew of William F. ‘Buffalo Bill’ Cody](#). Donations may be earmarked to the Julia Cody Goodman Fund, at the [Buffalo Bill Center of the West](#). *Paraphrased from the [Dallas Morning News](#), 10/19/2025.*

For more, see our [December 2021 Review](#), or click for [HPUM's video tribute to Hap!](#)

Educating Our Youth About Buffalo Bill's Legacy

By Kevin Cody, ICFA President, Founder of the Buffalo Bill Legacy Gallery and a great-great grandson of William F. Cody.

As a direct descendant of Buffalo Bill, your ICFA President, William “Kevin” Cody, was asked by a high school freshman, to express his thoughts on her 5 interview questions concerning Buffalo Bill’s impact on cowboys and the wild west in American culture. Click on the photo to view his video presentation.

Q1: You grew up in Cody, Wyoming, the town founded by your great-great-grandfather. Do you and your family see him as a legendary historical figure or more as an inspirational father or grandfather?

A1: The answer is both. Buffalo Bill was arguably the most famous man on Earth at the height of his career and my family, and I are greatly honored and humbled to be his descendants. Not just for his larger-than-life character and legacy, but for the dedicated family man that we knew him to be.

My great-great grandfather was a man of principle and a man of purpose, and I am very proud of who he was and for all that he accomplished.

Q2: Buffalo Bill experienced many familial hardships during his childhood. Do you believe those experiences contributed to his work ethic and character?

A2: Yes, absolutely. Because of these hardships, Buffalo Bill was forced into adulthood at the early age of 11. This was the result of the tragic death of both his older brother and father which made him the man of the household and the sole financial supporter for his struggling family. As the only provider, he had no choice but to work difficult and dangerous frontier jobs. From early on he was always a very hard worker, and I believe it was the combination of the praise that he received from others, and his self-acknowledged accomplishments, that quickly developed his passion, ambition, and determination that contributed to his great success.

Q3: Your great-great-grandfather got his name from his ‘slaughtering of buffalo’ during his work, yet he later regretted his actions and spoke out against them. Are there any family stories about his change of heart later in his life?

A3: I think it’s important to remember that Buffalo Bill was human and he did things early on in his life that he came to regret just like everyone eventually does.

In his defense, he was only 22 during this time and he wasn’t killing buffalo for sport. He was actually contracted to hunt buffalo to feed the laborers that were building the Kansas Pacific Railroad. Despite the fact that he was just doing his job, he still didn’t feel right about drastically thinning the buffalo herd in such a short period of time.

For this reason, Buffalo Bill later became an active conservationist and made efforts to support wildlife protection by establishing hunting seasons for big game to prevent extinction.



[Click on the photo to view Kevin's video presentation.](#)

Q4: Are there any stories about your great-great grandfather that are less known by media that influence your view of him?

A4: Yes, definitely. Most people don’t realize that Buffalo Bill was a genuine humanitarian. He was a compassionate, kind man, with a big heart. He was very sympathetic and respectful, and he treated everyone fairly. In fact, he treated everyone like they were family.

He made lifelong friendships and embraced different races, cultures, and creeds, giving him a better understanding of our global identity which allowed him to focus on what mattered most.

He spent the better part of his life trying to right his wrongs and even became an advocate for the prejudice and inequalities of Native Americans and the women’s right to vote as well as the right to earn equal pay.

Q5: What do you think his greatest impact on our country was?

A5: Buffalo Bill was many things, but he was most well-known as an entertainer and showman. For this reason, I think his greatest impact on our country was creating the global folklore of the American West with his world-wide traveling show.

He entertained tens of millions of people with tales of cowboys, Indians, stagecoach robberies, and life on the frontier in the expanding territories of the wild west. These narratives also heavily inspired early Hollywood Westerns and later generations of storytelling.

Editor's Note: Our thanks go out to Charlotte, a 9th grader at Canon-McMillan High School.

New Buffalo Bill Legacy Gallery Artifact Donations!

We have received 2 more [donations](#) of Buffalo Bill related artifacts to our [Buffalo Bill Legacy Gallery](#)!

Thank you **Edna Bell** of Rochester, NY for your contribution of Buffalo Bill postcards and First Day of Issue Cover (FDC) Cachet Envelope. You have earned the title of **‘Scout’** on our Leader Board with a 3 Star-Gold token.



Thank you **Brian Tadler** of Oyster Bay, NY for your contribution of various Buffalo Bill and Rough Rider's artifacts. You have earned the title of **‘Prospector’** on our Leader Board with a 1 Star-Silver token. Brian is the Vice Chair, Social Media Manager, and Gable Lecture Coordinator of the Theodore Roosevelt Association with The Friends of Sagamore Hill. Special thanks to Allan Cody for facilitating this artifact donation.



Above, Edna's 3-Star 'Scout' Token for Her Post Card Collection.

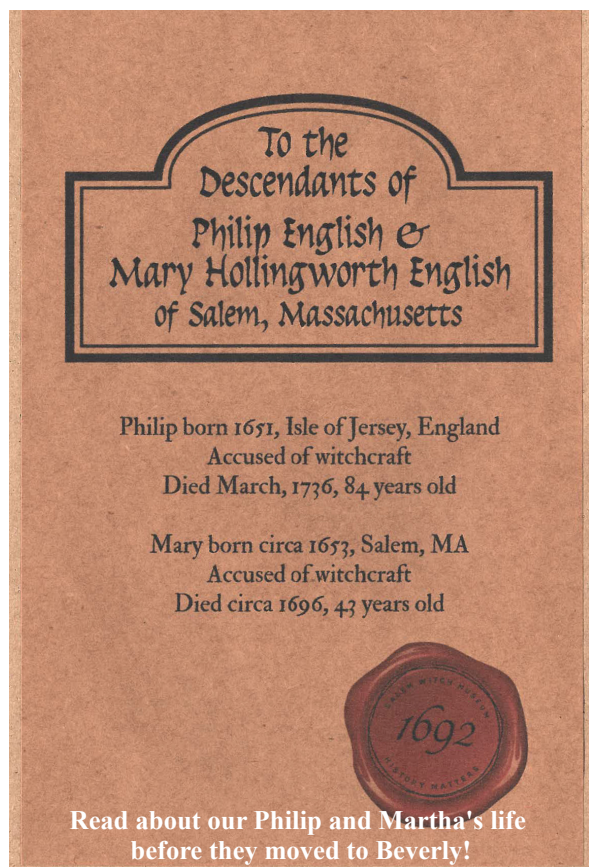
Left, Brian's 1-Star 'Prospector' Token for His Buffalo Bill Artifacts, shown below.

Please consider making a monetary (tax-deductible) and/or artifact charitable donation to help us continue to improve and expand our grand, ongoing vision of honoring the legacy of Buffalo Bill. All contributors will be forever recognized on our 25-Star BBLG Donor Leader Board, with the opportunity to advance your tiered donor level at any time with future donations.

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Book Reviews

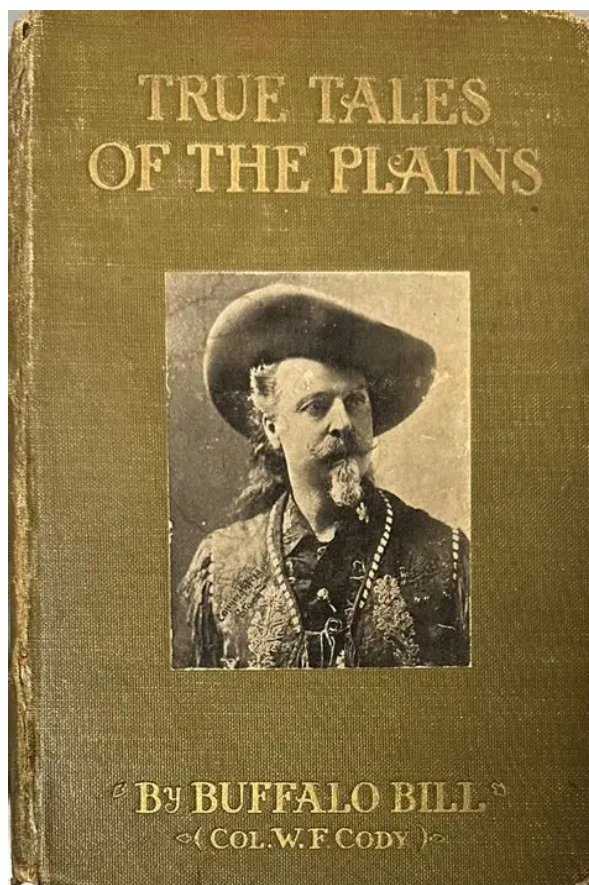


Published by the [Salem Witch Museum](#), this packet contains a letter to the descendants, a questionnaire, a bibliography, a list of genealogy resources and 2 pamphlets about the couple who ran an international trading company, became Salem's richest merchants and were indicted in the Witchcraft Hysteria of 1692. Extensively footnoted, these scholarly pamphlets tell us much about the people who, we believe, brought our Philip and Martha to Salem from the Isle of Jersey.

The pamphlets tell about [Philip English's birth on the Isle of Jersey](#), his family roots and his Anglican faith. Also, [Mary's family background](#), her marriage to Philip, and the life they led as Salem's 'power couple'. It quotes historian Marilyn K. Roach's book *Six Women of Salem*, George Chever's essays, *A Sketch of Philip English*, Ralph Delahaye Paine's *The Ships and Sailors of Old Salem*, Sidney Perley's *The History of Salem*, Bryan F. Le Beau's *Philip English and the Witchcraft Hysteria*, Caroline Howard King's *When I Lived in Salem*, *The Diary of William Bently*, Harriet Silvester Tapley's *St. Peter's Church in Salem...*, and Emerson W. Baker's *A Storm of Witchcraft*.

Our thanks to Jill and Rachel at the [Museum](#) for giving us copies of this interesting history and its footnotes which present an intriguing profile of Puritan Salem as our Philip and Martha witnessed it!

We'd also like to learn something about Philip English's [business partner's opinions](#), or [Jersey's reaction](#) of one of their own being accused of witchcraft. Moreover, we'd like to know the fate of Mr. English's indentured servants and their contracts. We suspect that the they were disbursed, like most of the loot, amongst the people of Salem.



Autographed and inscribed with,
"Get there first and don't miss"

This 1908 memoir of the American frontier, *True Tales of the Plains* recounts the real-life adventures of 'Buffalo Bill' as a young man making his way across the plains in the 1850s and '60s. From early boyhood on the hunting and trapping trails, the book is a testament of his adventures of danger, courage, and hard-won skill, told in a vivid, first-hand voice.

These pages pull the reader into a vast world of wagon trains, rowdy camps, and close calls with Indians, both on the march and at the fort. It covers the beginnings of a remarkable frontier life — from hunting and beaver trapping, to combating ever-present threats, and enduring the grueling conditions that tested the resolve of every traveler. The narrative moves through dramatic episodes, including rescues, desperate chases, and the rough comradery of soldiers, scouts and pioneers.

Colonel W. F. Cody 145/4, otherwise known as 'Buffalo Bill,' is undoubtedly all that his name implies. He may never be an author of literary renown, but his stories bear the genuine stamp of being told by an eyewitness, who got there first and did not miss.

He may stretch the string just a little, but it never breaks, and this book is a classic history of the times and places it presumes to represent. As it is, one cannot dispute the claim that it is the record of actual experience. The man who writes the book was there, and if the years have gilded his acts with a 'halo of romance,' it is after all his halo, and it is impossible to deny the gallant old gentleman the use of it.

William F. 'Buffalo Bill' Cody (2/26/1846 – 1/10/1917) was a Civil War soldier, bison hunter and showman. Born in in Le Claire, Iowa Territory, his family moved to 'Bleeding' Kansas. In the 1880s, he became world-famous for his 'Wild West' expositions portraying a vanishing frontier.

The ‘Hale Book’

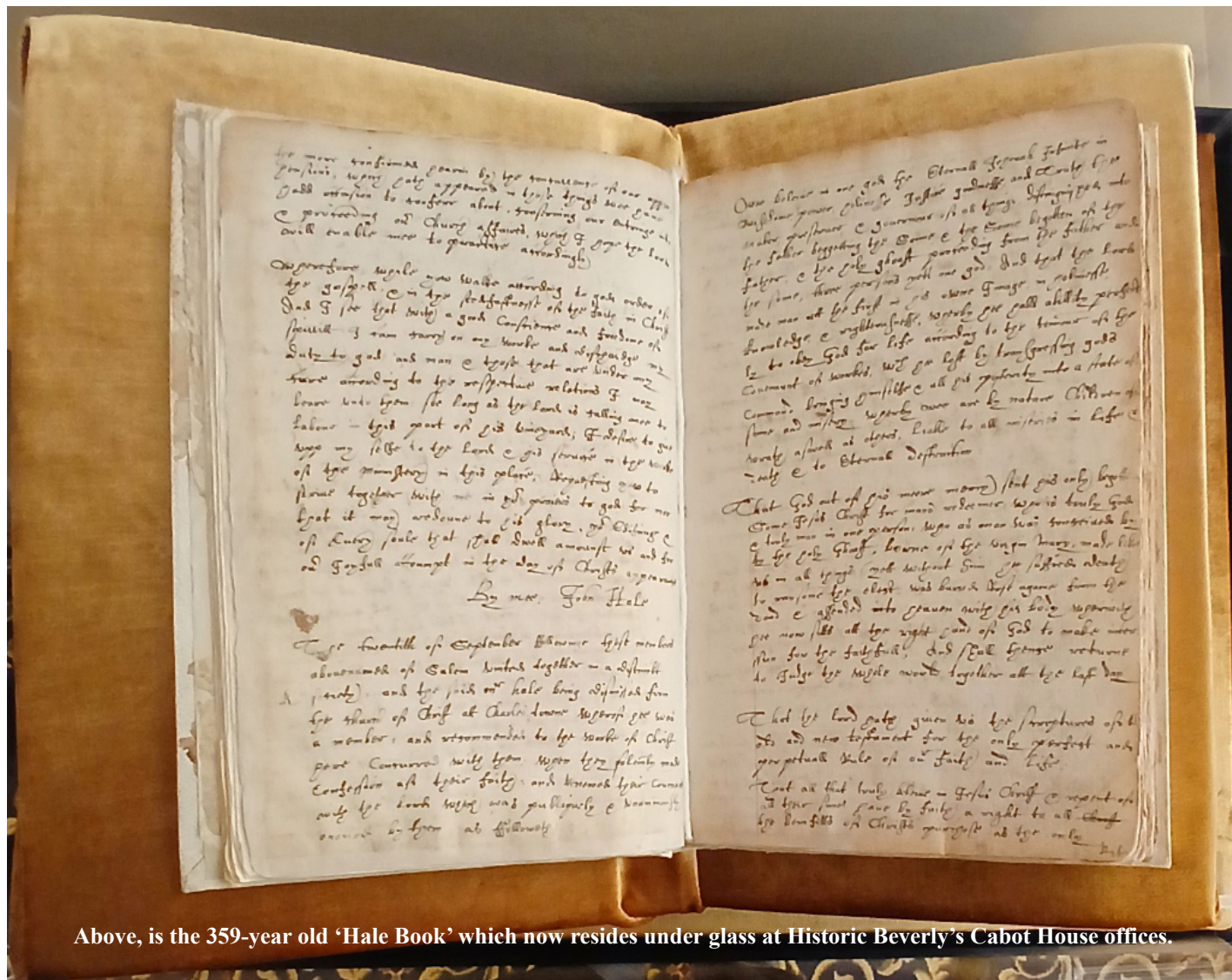
As part of our visit to Historic Beverly’s offices at the Cabot House, we had the unique privilege of seeing one of our family’s primary source documents entitled, *A Church Book for the Church att Bass River Syde*, nicknamed the ‘Hale Book’. This is the original record that identifies our Philip and Martha as parishioners of Beverly’s 1st Parish, which qualified them to be landowners in this town, once known as ‘Bass River Side.’

Thanks to Charles Wainwright, Chair of the Historical Committee of Beverly’s 1st Parish Church, United Universalist, we can present the entry, on [page 34](#), where our Philip Codie and wife are received to communion on March 9, 1700!

Also, Charles kindly provided us with a copy of [page 176](#), showing Philip and Martha’s son Thomas’ baptism, which explicitly names Philip’s wife as “Martha”, as well as a copy of [page 32](#), with the record of their son Abraham’s burial in 1714.

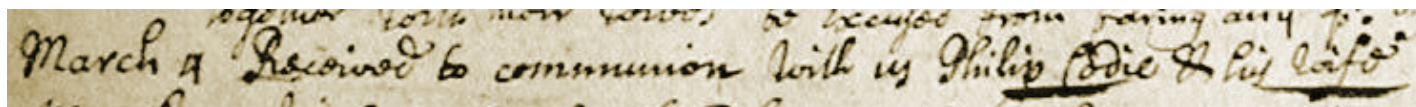
Charles suggested that Philip and Martha may have been living in Beverly as early as 1695, citing their son John’s birth record in the *Vital Records of Beverly*. Also, that the Hale Book doesn’t record John’s birth, but only his baptism. Further research may reveal more about this important event, are there any volunteers?

[Click for Charles’ excellent essay about the Hale Book!](#)

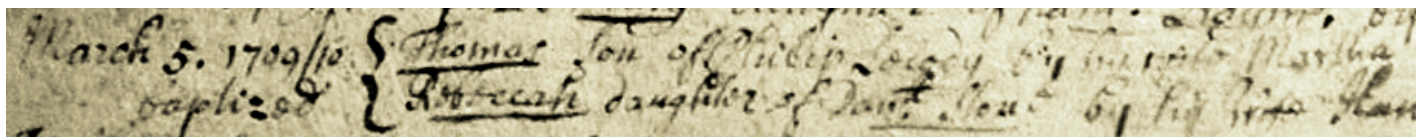


Above, is the 359-year old ‘Hale Book’ which now resides under glass at Historic Beverly’s Cabot House offices.

Below, is the entry on page 34, for our Philip and Martha Codie’s reception into the congregation on March 9, 1700.



A baptismal record for March 5, 1709/10, on page 176, has “Thomas Son of Philip Lecody by his wife Martha”



The Cody Family Association's 1941 Reunion



The Cody Family Association's 16th annual Family Reunion began with Registration, followed by the General Business Meeting which opened with a prayer by Marion Nightingale,

who was introduced by Retiring President Fred C. Cody. Past President, Richard A. Cody, welcomed the attendees to Salem and Secretary-Treasurer Ernest William Cody reported his

Family Portrait at Salem's Hawthorne Hotel Ballroom



progress on the 1941 Handbook-Directory, assisted by the Chairman of the Historical Board, Lydia S. Cody. Retiring Honorary President Harry B. Cody and Roy E. Cody MC'd the

Family Dinner. Fred C. Cody read Sherwin Cody's essay, *Pioneer Families, the Real American Aristocrats*, and Ernest S. Crouch read Dr. Lindus Cody Marsh's *The Cody Family Genius*.