The Cory Society’s 2006 Event at Deal, Kent, Saturday & Sunday 13th & 14th May, organised by Dr. William Cory and Cynthia Tucker.

Jean Hayes

Deal is a quiet seaside town founded on a bank of shingle. It has long been famous for its fish. People still travel from all over England to fish from the beach. Local fishermen and their boats still adorn the seafront and fresh fish can still be bought from them – on weekdays!

I had travelled down the previous evening to The Royal Hotel right on the seafront. Admiral Lord Nelson and Lady Emma Hamilton had stayed at The Royal Hotel at the turn of the 19th Century. So I was to enjoy my time there at the turn of the 21st Century.
After breakfast on Saturday morning I set out to explore the town. The weather was perfect, the sea air warm and fresh. Two small alleyways led from the hotel to the High Street where many of the quaint buildings are still preserved. An old church has been converted into a community centre housing the Tourist Information, so I headed for that. Imagine my surprise at seeing a billboard outside ‘Family History inside, Saturdays 10.30-12.’ You can guess where I spent some time. Alan Foster and Margaret Wills from Kent Family History Society had computers and information. I was fairly sure ‘Our Bill’ had their Cory transcripts anyway but vowed to get a Cory enquirer from their website on my return. I also met June Wild, Chairperson of the Maritime Museum, who was looking forward to our visit the morrow. She told me of a Bill Cory who lived next to the ‘Prince Albert’ and also the cheapest place to photocopy my Cory Society Publicity leaflets.

The shape of Deal Castle is intriguing. From the air it looks like a flower, with 6 rounded petals, containing another 6 inner petals and having central ‘stamens’ in the form of a lantern glass lookout. The ‘petals’ are in fact huge stone bastions from which could be fired cannons and rifles. The moats were the dry variety and the entrance was by a bridge with the usual portcullis and murder holes. Deal’s neighbouring castles, Sandown and Walmer, only had 4 bastions each but were intended to operate similarly. None of the castles were needed by Henry VIII, but all played strategic roles in later years. Sandown has now been washed away by the sea. Walmer has been converted into a fortified residence, so Deal offered us a chance to see the operational model. Good views were seen from the top. The treacherous Goodwin Sands are only four miles out to sea at this point.

Our next visit was inland, about two miles, to Mongeham [pronounced Mun-jam] Village Hall for 7.30 p.m. We were greeted there by Cynthia Tucker, Bill’s cousin and ‘Organiser on the Spot’. Cynthia came complete with delicious iced ‘Christmas recipe’ cake, sporting a most professional looking Cory Coat of Arms. We should have realised Cynthia would have contacted everyone. The car park filled up and people parked on the village green. What a lot of talking went on. Our Bill had not seen many of the cousins since he left the area for Manchester at the age of 18 [some years ago]. Uncle Les, being the youngest brother and sole survivor of Bill’s father’s family, was the Star of the evening. He had brought along 3 more generations including some young children. I counted 41 people there at one stage of the evening.

A photograph was taken of the assembled Kent and Harpole Corys. Bill began his talk at about eight o’clock. Never at a loss for words, Bill adapted his talk due to the technology not matching that prepared. Handouts, similar to a previous AGM talk, were distributed to family groups. Colin, Marilyn, Fred and Win Cory from Harpole were present and the DNA testing which proved that the Kent branch originally came from Harpole, Northamptonshire, was explained. The family seemed pleased to hear that their ancestry could now be traced back to the sixteenth or even fifteenth centuries.
Bill’s cousin, Margaret Holmes, voiced our thanks to Bill and Cynthia for all the arrangements, which made this memorable weekend possible. I do hope the family will preserve the memories, label the photographs on the back and write up a full account of this remarkable line of Corys. I hope some of them will become members of our society, their subscriptions helping to preserve our heritage.

Two newspaper cuttings about the death and the funeral of Thomas William CORY were shown. His coffin was paraded on a gun carriage pulled by sailors. These wonderful accounts will form a Cory Society Newsletter article.

On Sunday morning we visited Deal Maritime Museum. We were greeted by Judith Dore [pronounced Doray], the Secretary and June Wild, the Chairperson. We found the portrait of great grandfather Thomas William CORY and some model luggers [sailing boats] among the seafaring memorabilia. They have a unique collection of life jackets too. Much memorabilia is still stored and in need of cataloguing including Uncle Les’s donation of a shipbuilder’s accounts book kept by grandfather William Henry Worthington CORY. Judith, a most knowledgeable Archivist, promised to look out for the accounts book and any other Cory artefacts.

We had hoped to see the last two boats built by grandfather – ‘The Princess Elizabeth’ and ‘Carefree’ – but they are no longer on the front at Deal. Bill had previously seen ‘Carefree’ there, though holed. The locals told us she had been broken up now and parts used on the ‘Golden Spray’. The ‘Princess Elizabeth’ went to Great Yarmouth six years ago and had a cabin built onto her. So any Norfolk Corys might like to look out for it there!

The afternoon visit was a guided tour of Walmer Castle and Gardens. Was the original migrant from the Midlands, great great grandfather Richard CORY, a gardener here we wondered? The castle contains the splendid official residence of the Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. [A rhyme tells you to pronounce it ‘sink’ for if you say ‘sank’ we shall be ‘sunk’]. The present Lord Warden is Lord Michael Boyce GCB, OBE, DL. Previously it was the Queen Mother – for twenty years. Wellington was Lord Warden from 1829 until his death in 1852. Pitt the former Prime Minister was in post there and of course Queen Victoria stayed there. All the Wardens’ portraits can be seen in some of the splendid historical rooms and Wellington’s rather uncomfortable bed is preserved too. The gardens were a most welcome peaceful interlude.

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**Celebration of a Centenary**

_Ida Birch_

There is a Cory Commemorative Exhibition at Dyffryn Gardens near Cardiff this year for it is 100 years since the grounds of the house built by John Cory (Cory Brothers Ltd) in 1893 were landscaped.

It was John Cory's youngest son Reginald Cory who commissioned Thomas Mawson to draw up the plans for the gardens but one feels that Reginald would have made a considerable contribution as he was a plant enthusiast, going on plant finding expeditions and supporting Cambridge University Botanic Garden and the RHS. His interest in plants extended to the scientific as well as the aesthetic, with trials of Dahlias at Dyffryn. His interest in plant breeding was rewarded when a rose bred at Cambridge was named Coryana in his honour.

Reginald Cory died in 1934 at the age of 62. After the death two years later of his sister Florence - who had only a life interest - the Dyffryn estate passed to Cambridge University Botanic Garden. Put up for sale, it was purchased by Sir Cennydd Traherne who leased it to Glamorgan Council on a 999 year arrangement. Much needed restoration began in 1997 thanks to Heritage Lottery funding of £6.15 million in total and is still in progress.

Many events are taking place at Dyffryn this year ending on 17 December with the final Christmas activities after which the gardens will close until spring 2007 for further restoration work to take place.

Details can be found on http://www.dyffryngardens.org.uk

Thanks to John and Liz Cory of Pentyrch, Cardiff, who wrote in to say that they were interested to see a booklet from John Cory & Sons in an exhibit on shipping in the Bristol Channel at the new Wales Waterfront Museum in Swansea. They too had spotted the Dyffryn exhibition.

_Editor_
One of my searches on the internet for the name of Cory found two hits under the section ‘Literature and Language’ for Corey, John; A CURE FOR JEALOUSIE. A COMEDY. As it was acted at the New Theatre in Little Lincolns-Inn-Fields, by His MAJESTYs Servants (London, 1701) and The metamorphosis: or, the old lover out-witted. A farce. As it is now acted at the New Theatre in Lincolns-Inn-Fields. Written originally by the Famous Molière.(London, 1704).

Lincoln’s Inn Fields was the site, in 1683, of the public beheading of Lord William Russell, son of the First Duke of Bedford, following his implication in the Rye House Plot for the assassination of King Charles II. The executioner was Jack Ketch who made such a poor job of it that four axe blows were required before the head was separated from the body and, after the first stroke, Russell looked up and said to him “You dog, did I give you 10 guineas to use me so inhumanely?” Sounds like theatre, but executions then were a form of public entertainment.

There was a theatre in the Fields from 1661 to 1848. Originally the Duke’s Theatre, it is generally believed to have been replaced by the New Theatre in 1705. However, we can see from the front page of the first comedy, which was printed in 1701 that it advertised the comedy as acted out at the New Theatre at Little-Lincolns-Inn-Fields. Further pages of this, see John Cory seeking the patronage of Edmund Fullwood, Esq in the hope that the comedy would be better received by future audiences.

The second reference concerns a farce written originally by Molière who was a French actor, dramatist and one of the masters of comic satire. In his comedies the ideal hero of classical tragedy gave way to the flawed human individual with all his or her foibles and vices. There is little room for sympathy in the amusement evoked by his characters, and this made Molière vulnerable to many attacks from which Louis XIV protected him. If John Corey’s first comedy was
in a similar vein, he could well have alienated an audience more used to slapstick than satire. So this time he seeks patronage from Clayton Milburn of Bristol City who later became MP for Monmouth in the second Parliament (1708-1710) and the fourth Parliament (1713-14).

It is interesting to note that the printer John Corey chose, Bernard Lintott, became famous in his own right. Barnaby Bernard Lintott ("Lintott" before 1724, usually referred to as "Bernard") started business as a publisher in London about 1698. He was apprenticed to a bookseller in 1690 and was not officially freed of his contract until 1700, but he began selling books independently at the sign of the Cross Keys in St. Martin's Lane before that, and six plays appeared with his imprint in 1698. In 1700, he married Catherine Langley, a widow, and moved his shop to Fleet Street at the Post House. In 1705, he moved his shop again, to its most permanent location, at the Cross Keys on Fleet Street, next to Nandy's Coffee House and right by Temple Bar. From 1705-1712, he published all the plays put on at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, and was one of the leading publishers of literary authors.

It puzzles me that Corey’s requests for patronage were printed rather than hand-written but at least they have survived for 300 years. I wonder what became of John Corey. Did he remain in London and continue with his interest in the theatre? Was he the playwright or producer? And more importantly to us, where did he come from? You will notice the usual confusion over spelling, Corey and Cory. Perhaps he was John Corey who had a house at Welton, Northamptonshire in 1676 or one of the John Corys of the Bramerton line born in Norfolk at that period. But there are many others in our records for that period so your guess is as good as mine!

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To CLAYTON MILBOURN, Esq:

Refrets of this Nature are generally made in Expectation of future Favours; but this applies to You out of Gratitude for what is past; and as I am satisfied I fall short of those Qualifications necessary to make a Poet, and deficient in the Choice of Expectations, so I cannot but be affrighted the Choice of a Patron will make Atonement for any Imperfection of that Nature: Not but an able Pen would have been more suitable to a Gentleman of Your Excellent Character, tho’ I dare stand in Competition with the belt for a true Sense of those Infinite Obligations You have laid upon me, and the Friendly Offices You have signalized Yourself in obliging all, who have had the good Fortune to be Honoured with

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Your Acquaintance: Yet I shou’d do a Violence to my self, and stand inexcus’d to the Rest of the World, if I did not venture Your Displeasure, by making those Acts of Goodness, known, which You are so Indolentious to Conceal; nor shou’d I Pretend to prefix Your Name to this Trifle, did it not give me an opportunity of Publishing my Gratitude. Give me leave, Sir, to Congratulate You on Your late happy Recovery, as pleasing to all that are Blest with Your Acquaintance, as Your Loss would have been unpeckable. To say any thing for the Play, wou’d be to arrogate somewhat of Praise to my self, which I wou’d not unwillingly be thought guilty of: I shall therefore conclude, begging leave to subscribe my self,

Your Most Devoted and Oblig’d Humble Servant.

JOHN CORY.
Mary Ismay Cory (née Jacobs) was born on 18th February 1916 in Cardiff, the younger of two sisters. On 30th December 1939 she married Geoffrey Francis Cory, the elder child of Frank Oswald Cory and Cicely Litherland Cory (née Jones), and grandson of Sir (James) Herbert Cory. Their only child John Philip Francis Cory was born on 27th March 1941.

Geoffrey and Mary were able to spend the early part of the Second World War together whilst he trained for army service in Wales and Northern Ireland, before being posted to North Africa with the Eighth Army. She had a very strong sense of family values, supporting Geoffrey in all that he did, particularly after he took up Scouting, becoming County Commissioner for Cardiff, a position he held for some 20 years and for which he was awarded the OBE.

Geoffrey and Mary celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary (60 years) in 1999 when they were joined by family and friends for a surprise party thrown by John and his wife Liz. Geoffrey remarked that it was just like “This is your life” as the guests arrived!

Geoffrey died on 7th September 2001 and Mary determined to live on alone in their home, but gradually the effects of two strokes resulted in her moving to a residential home in 2003. This home was Cartref, where Geoffrey’s sister, the late Muriel Frances Jones (who died recently and whose death was reported in the last edition of the Cory Society Newsletter) was already a resident. There she was well looked after but gradually Mary’s health weakened, and she finally passed away peacefully on 7th July 2006.

Mary is survived by her son John, grandsons Simon and Rupert, and great grandson William, born on 8th May 2006.

NEW CONTACT AT THE AGM: Norfolk Co-ordinator.

During our meeting at the Family Record’s Centre we met Patricia Joan Howell of 54 Claude Road, Plaistow, E13 0QB whose great grandmother Ellen Cory married Samuel Blackburn (June Q 1869 Whitechapel 1c 697). Jean Hayes wrote to Pat Howell after seeing 3 entries over the years in the book of visitors surname interests at the FRC. Patricia said that Ellen (born 1850) was the daughter of James Cory and Ellen Frances Collett (married in Dec Q 1840 Whitechapel 2 489) and they also had sons Robert James born 1841 and Charles 1855, both St Geo. East and James Arthur born in Norwich in 1845. In the 1881 census Ellen Blackburn, 31, needlewoman, and her children Margaret, 5, and Charles, 10, were living with Ellen Cory, 56, at 41 Lahore Road, Croydon, Surrey. Both women were widows.

Patricia believes that James Cory was born in 1816 in Lingwood, she thought in the county of Suffolk but there is a village called Lingwood in Norfolk where Corys have been found. The Lingwood parish records show the baptisms for children of James and Ellen Cory but her maiden name is not recorded. He was a carpenter. In a Gazetteer of 1845 at Lingwood in Norfolk, James Cory was a joiner. In Lingwood parish records, their children were Robert born 28 Oct 1841 and baptised with James on 16 August 1843 (did he die?) and Elizabeth on 11 May 1845. If this is the right family, we can go even further back - to Moses. Yes, Moses Cory who married Mary Kerrison at Burlington St Andrew in 1790. I will send my findings on to Patricia and suggest that she sends off for some certificates before she goes back further.
From the Hon. Sec.

Dear Members,

Thanks.
Firstly I must say a great ‘thank you’ to all who contacted me with sympathy over the death of my husband David. It was great also to see the group of you who could come to the Thanksgiving Service. David enjoyed many events and put up with my spending many hours on Society work. He is greatly missed.

Thanks for helping the Committee.
Thanks to many of you who did send your subscription on time to Rosemary Gitsham this year. As all of us on the Committee get older we do struggle to do our committee jobs. Life seems to become more busy, grandchildren, health worries within our families and people thinking the ‘retired’ can do all manner of things are some of our pressures. I personally admit to being much slower these days. We are very fortunate to have such a loyal and conscientious committee. The jobs are shared and help is always freely given. We would welcome anyone willing to join us. Please contact me if you would be willing to attend just three meetings a year.

The 2006 AGM [Annual General Meeting].
Everyone agreed that the 2006 AGM at The Family Records Centre in Islington, London was a very enjoyable day. The only bad point was that we had to meet in a smaller room in the staff quarters as the large meeting room was being used as the café due to renovations. However, the air conditioning was excellent on such a hot day. Our guide, Gerry Toop, skipped the beginners’ tour and gave us a most comprehensive view of current research developments and the building there, lasting about 2 hours instead of 40 minutes! After a buffet lunch the AGM business meeting was much shorter due to written reports being circulated ahead the actual meeting is quite short and could be fitted in after a shared lunch or dinner. We have already received one ‘out of London’ suggestion and that is for Cambridge including the Botanical Gardens & Fitzwilliam Museum W. Putford Line], and Landbeach [Norfolk Line]. As yet we don’t have a volunteer to organise this. It is best to organise events with a friend, as two heads are better than one I have found. The date for AGM needs to be no earlier than June as the accounts have to be prepared. It is best to start planning about a year ahead and let the participants be in charge of booking accommodation but find out if they could use a group price at any selected hotel or lodge. I am afraid I cannot undertake 2007’s AGM Event. I will of course organise the whole of the AGM meeting and paperwork. Planning should start NOW and I ask you all to give this some thought.

Please contact our Chairman, Mark Hassall with
1) Any suggestion for locations for future AGM/Events
2) Any offers to help organise such AGM/ Events

Mark’s address and email are on page 8.

Many thanks for reading this. Please continue your membership. Please encourage any new members and encourage your next generation to join.

Yours sincerely,
Jean Hayes
NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED:

David Alan Cory, Burgham Lane, Guildford, Surrey GU4 7LY and his sister

Mrs Gillian Vera Whitehead, Taverham, Norwich, Norfolk. Their line descends from Swaffham in Norfolk via Frederick Edward Corey (1842-1928) the son of Sendall Utting Corey. Norfolk Corys Tree A13b

Marjorea K Roblin, Markham, Ontario, Canada, descends from Samuel Hart Cory born England 1820-1830 and Lucy Anne Margham who married in Canada in 1852.

Elizabeth Gethin of Cwmbelan, Llanidloes, Powys is a great-granddaughter of Sir (James) Herbert Cory of Cardiff. Tree E.

BIRTHS:

Christopher Duncan Onai Cory, at 0115 on Sunday 24th April 2006 at Wexham Park Hospital to Russell Cory and Florence Kachingwe, with his Shona grandfather, Christopher Cory and Duncan Kachingwe, with his Shona name of Onai roughly translating to a biblical "behold".

Christopher is descended from Francis Cory c1724 Bradworthy and down through Hugh Cory 1752 Bradworthy, William Cory 1799 Woolser, William Cory 1828 Woolser, Henry Cory c1855 Shebbear, Sydney Cory 1879 Plymouth, Sydney Cory MBE 1905 Lugwardine, Christopher Cory 1938 Maidenhead and Russell Cory 1964 Taplow. This line is DNA linked to the Putford Corys.

William Thomas James Cory, born on 8th May 2006. William is the son of Simon and Susan Cory, grandson of John and Liz Cory (Poundstock Branch), and great x 3 grandson of Sir (James) Herbert Cory.

Matthew Ethan Goffin, to Michael and Stacey on 5th June 2006, at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital. After putting us all in a panic by starting to come 3 weeks early, he then changed his mind and wouldn’t budge! Finally delivered by caesarean, he weighed in at 7lbs 8oz.

Matthew is the first grandson for Margaret and Kingsley Goffin, the great x 2 grandson of Charles Burrell-Cory and great x 5 grandson of Thomas Cory (c1791-1834) of Wickmere, Norfolk. Two more descendants of this line are the great granddaughters of Sylvia and Douglas Fry who are pleased to record the arrival of -

Ruby Frankie Keady born on 31st July 2006 weighing 7lbs 9oz. Ruby's parents, Stacey and Pat lost little Franky at birth last year, so they are so pleased that this birth went well.

William David Hayes, born 21st July, weighing 8lb 7oz to Simon and Nicola, a grandson for Jean Hayes.

DEATHS:

Mary Ismay Cory (née Jacobs), died peacefully aged 90 on 7th July 2006. A service of thanksgiving was held at the Wenallt Chapel, Thornhill Crematorium, Cardiff to celebrate her long and happy life.

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