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"Let us dearlie than, holde
To mynde, ther worthynes
That which our Parents olde,
Hath left us, to possess."
Chaucer

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COAT-OF-ARMS

ARMS OF CORY—Sable, on a chevron, between three griffins' heads, erased *or*, as many estoiles, *gules*.

CREST—Out of a ducal coronet, a griffin's head between two wings *or*, each wing charged with three estoiles, in pale, *gules*.

MOTTO—"Forti Tene Manu" (hold with a firm hand).

These arms, granted to Sir John Cory, of "Bramerton Hall," Norwich, England, in 1612, by James I and confirmed to his son, Sir Thomas Cory, of "Bramerton Hall," by Charles I in 1637.



PREFATORY NOTE

So few American Records of this family had survived, to furnish a basis for a History, and those so disconnected and incomplete, that to a novice adventuring it, the task presented almost insurmountable difficulties; yet these men have a very sure claim to our remembrance, based upon the very foundations of our country, as Founders of Colonies, and the whole dignity of the past is felt by every thoughtful person, to be preserved in such family records.

This short history can contain only a few of the records of this large family. To Mr. James E. Cory, of Shelby, Ohio, who has spent many years in careful research, is reserved the task of compiling a complete history of this family.

Mr. William M. Robinson, of Grand Rapids, Mich., Judge Charles E. Cory, of Fort Scott, Kan., and Mr. H. T. Cory, of San Francisco, Cal., are also authorities on the history of the family, and to each and all of these gentlemen I wish here to make glad and grateful acknowledgment for their valuable suggestions, gifts of interesting pictures, for their encouraging words, and personal interest in this work, and would also thank the Librarians for their unvarying courtesy, wherever consulted.

H. C. D.

New York, Dec., 1913.



THE "GRATE BOOKE"

This is the Bible, given to John Cory, 1st, by his mother, as he was about to sail for America, and may well be called the most valued possession in the keeping of his descendants. It has been handed down, from father to son, for nine generations, and is now in the possession of William Smith Cory,⁹ of Beaver County, Pa. (Elnathan,⁸ John,⁷ Elnathan,⁶ Ebenezer,⁵ Elnathan,⁴ John,³ John,² John¹). It is mentioned in the wills of the first three Johns and also in the will of the latter's son Elnathan, who willed it to his son Ebenezer. It was printed in England in 1603, in the old type and quaint spelling of that period, contains 500 leaves of old English parchment; the pages 8 inches by 12 inches. It is in 5 editions, 4 in folio and 1 in quarto.

Mr. James E. Cory, of Shelby, Ohio, has spent much money and time in tracing it to its present resting place, and to this kindly gentleman we are all greatly indebted, for its interesting history.

He has described each chapter as being headed with a hand-illuminated initial capital, many of them containing numerous angels, of the finest and most beautiful workmanship.

The Corys are said to be of Pict, or Scandinavian origin, deriving their name from "Cori," a Roman Fort at Anandale in the Shire of Dumfries, Scotland. We also find "Karre" in the Roll of Battle Abbey, 1066. The name Corrie or Cori is Gaelic, and signifies a bowl-shaped hollow on a hillside, in which game usually lies.

Towards the 17th century, America was open to all the oppressed and discontented, as well as to all the adventurously inclined, in the Old World. From Holland they came here, in large numbers, to escape the Spanish yoke,—English Puritans, persecuted by the Stuarts, and Huguenot Refugees from France.

Overwhelmed by the blinding storms, that rocked the faith in which they were reared, and conscious of a new fibre in

their moral being, which made them eager for freedom, for room to expand, each at his own need and in his own way, straining wistful eyes to a land of Promise, they came.

One would go to any length of sympathy with their difficulties, and misfortunes, for here they found many hard problems to face and met them with such great courage. Life was to them ordered upon strictly religious and disciplined lines, where the summons was altogether to use, and not at all to enjoyment. If the narrow principles that informed their attitude towards life, provoke in the sinful a smile, nevertheless, we realize how much the fabric of our lives is built upon these principles. They were certainly what our lax generation call "bigots," but bigotry in their time was a shining virtue and their great claim to the regard of their countrymen.

Such examples are a reinforcement, that weary humanity cannot spare, and we scan the dusty treasures of "Olde Bokes" to find their story. Sometimes exhausting, it is true, flavorless facts, from their brown, crumpled pages, but finding also much that is stimulating to enthusiasm, and numberless little revelations of personality, that are delightful. Books whose happy mission it is, often while pretending to no high consequence, to recreate for us "the grace of a day that is dead."

Among these books, may be found many interesting records of our Cory Ancestors, and by way of "gathering up the fragments that remain," I thankfully start on pilgrimage with John, 1st, determined not to part company with him, nor let the roads divide, until he has told me all his story, and all that life held so many years ago.

While subjecting them all to an untiring curiosity, we may hold friendly converse with them, content if we may catch a glimpse now and then of their friendly faces, and thankful too if we have caught sight of a few valuable truths on the way, and comfort and courage perhaps, "to ease our pilgrim shoon."

It is said all the Corys in this country, sprang from one of the four men of the name, who came to America, 1640-50.

Giles Cory, "the martyr," settled in Salem, Mass.; left no descendants.

Thomas Cory, settled in Chelmsford, Mass.