



# HFFA NEWS

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## Hello Cousins, Kin, and Other Readers

Congratulations to **Marilyn Fry**, **Gretchen Fry Harvey**, and **Ginny Santos** who will be taking over the HFFA Newsletter beginning with the November issue. This will be my last issue.

It has been ten years since I did my first issue. My tenure with the Newsletter began in August, 2007 after the Des Moines Reunion. My opening paragraph in **Vol. 12, Issue 3** was as follows: **This HFFA Newsletter has been prepared by a new editor, Mike Speers. the former editor, Wil Frye, has had so many jobs lately (Newsletter Editor, Membership Chairman, Web Site Coordinator, Links Book Updater, Board of Director member, etc.) that he asked to be relieved of the Newsletter. At the Des Moines reunion, he asked me to take on this job, and in a moment of confusion, I must have said yes.**

The newsletter began in 1996 about four years following the formation of HFFA. The job of editor began with **Wil Frye**. He was succeeded by **Lynn Vitasek**. A few years later, **Wil Frye** took the job again. Then, in 2007, I was asked to take over. I encourage all of you to go to our web page [www.hfrey.org](http://www.hfrey.org) and look at the newsletters from 1996 to the present. Each editor has done it a different way but the knowledge of who we are and the history of our extended family has been increased by each person who has done the job.

Now it will be **Marilyn**, **Gretchen**, and **Ginny** who have the job of carrying on this tradition. They have attended our reunions, taken on various leadership roles in HFFA, and have the skills to do a superior job. I'm looking forward to the new HFFA Newsletter under their care and leadership in the years to come.

On another note, **Ralph Frye** has been elected as our new HFFA Treasurer. We know that he will do a fine job watching over our finances. He has already established a new HFFA account in a bank in the Lafayette, LA area so all bills, dues, donations, and anything financial should be sent to him.

We also have two new members added to our Board of Directors at the General Meeting in Hannibal. Congratulations to **Rebecca Proffitt** of Mitchell, IN for being elected to this position. It has only been a short time, Feb. 2016, since she was introduced in the pages of this newsletter as a new member.

Our Web Master, **Richard Wesley Frey** of Fresno, CA has also been elected to our Board of Directors. He has done an outstanding job with our web site and has a keen understanding of how to make organizations thrive and progress in our new technological world.

**Becca** and **Richard** are joining **Janet Goforth**, **Thelma McKenzie**, and **Anne Pasieka** on our Board of Directors. They, along with our officers, **Gene Frye**, **Jon Frye**, **Gretchen Fry Harvey**, and **Ralph Frye** give us outstanding leadership in the "off-season" between reunions. Congratulations to HFFA for having such capable leadership.

It appears that I am saying goodbye to HFFA. Not really. I'm only shedding myself of the two positions that I've held, one since 2007 and the other since 2009. If you add them together that is 18 years of service to HFFA. Many of you who have retired from your life's work, know that retirement never really happens. You get busier and more involved as the years after your retirement commence. Since I failed at my first retirement, it's time to try again.

My special thanks to **Marti Frye** for all she has done for me and HFFA.. We work very well together. She has been a special reward as we have tried to keep HFFA functioning between reunions. We are extremely fortunate to have her working so diligently on the behalf of HFFA.

When I look through the over 40 issues of the newsletter that have been published under my name, I think we have grown together as an organization and the knowledge of our family has grown. Thank you to all who have contributed stories for me to publish. I still have some in my cache that I will be passing on to the new editors as well as **Richard Frey** for the web page and **Jon Frye** for the Journal.

Thank you for all the support and kind words that have been sent my way since the announcement of the end of my work. It has been great serving the association in my two jobs because through them, I have made many friends. The best part of finding all these new friends is that I am related to each one. Even if I'm only a 5th or 6th cousin (or more distant than that) it is rewarding to know that we all exist and enjoy learning about family history together.

Sincerely, Your Friend and Cousin,

**Mike Speers**  
Chardon, OH

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

This will be the financial report from the Hannibal Reunion and it's affect on the HFFA Treasury.

### **REUNION FINANCES:**

#### **Reunion Income:**

Registrations:	\$ 3 6 3 0 . 0 0
Cave & Riverboat	\$ 2 2 8 6 . 0 0
Donations	\$ 5 2 6 . 0 0

**Total Income for Reunion Programs:**  
**\$ 6 4 4 2.00**

#### **Reunion Expenses:**

Refunds	\$ 1 0 6 8 . 0 0
Cave & Riverboat	\$ 1 6 2 1 . 1 1
Lunches & Dinner	\$ 2 2 6 1 . 3 8
Facility Rentals & Expenses	\$ 1 0 0 0 . 2 0
Other Expenses	\$ 2 7 3 . 8 3
Gratuities approved by Board of Directors	\$ 2 0 0 . 0 0

**Total expenses for the Reunion Programs**  
**\$ 6 4 2 4 . 5 2**

**Net Result to the Treasury**  
**\$ 1 7.48**

### **HFFA TREASURY:**

#### **Treasury Income:**

Sale of Journals	\$ 7 1 0 . 0 0
Sale of CD's	\$ 1 0 5 . 0 0
Sale of Shirts	\$ 1 0 0 . 0 0
Memberships	\$ 5 0 . 0 0
Reunion Proceeds	\$ 1 7 . 4 8

**Total New Income from reunion activities:**  
**\$ 9 8 2 . 4 8**

#### **Treasury Expenses:**

Bus Rental	\$ 1 7 5 0 . 0 0
Printing of selected back issues of Journal	\$ 2 0 7 . 9 0

**Total New Expenses from reunion activities:**  
**\$ 1 9 5 7 . 9 0**

**Net Overall Change to the HFFA Treasury**  
**(\$ -992.90)**

The amount forwarded to the new Treasurer, **Ralph Frye** is **\$ 5 7 7 1 . 8 0**

#### **Comment from the Treasurer:**

The expense out of the treasury for the bus rental was always expected and planned for . Through the sale of journals, CD's, shirts, and memberships we were able to reduce that cost by quite a bit.

Thank you to Thelma McKenzie who suggested I go over my figures again in order to make a better financial report from the one I submitted to the Board.

This report respectfully submitted by

**Mike Speers**  
**HFFA Treasurer**  
Chardon, OH

Dear Family,

Another HFFA reunion has come and gone. Albeit, this was not just another reunion. This was a special time together exalting our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of HFFA. Additionally, we held it in the Hannibal/Palmyra, Missouri region where it all started 25 years ago in 1992. I wasn't your President then, but I had the privilege of being there. My oldest brother, **Bert Frye**, was the Founder and organizer of our organization along with some help from his son, our Vice President and Editor of the Journal, **Jon Frye**, and **Rich** and **Genevieve Frye**, local residents who are now deceased.

For our good members who were unable to be with us, I would like to review some of what we accomplished at our reunion.

We were blessed with good, sunny weather during our daylight hours. However, the night time hours, when a lot of people were in bed, was stormy with heavy rain and thunder and lightning. On June 14, Wednesday night, we opened with our Officer's and Board of Directors Business meeting at 7PM. We had minutes of the last reunion and reports and discussions of pertinent subjects. On Thursday, June 15, we had our general all-day Business meeting in the ballroom of Hannibal's finest lodging, the Quality Inn.

We had the President's Welcome followed by "The Birth of HFFA" presented by **Ann Pasioka, Marti Frye, Jon Frye** and myself. Later, we enjoyed a presentation by **Jon Frye**, "**Quest for our European Roots**". Then, we had a presentation "**Frey Family German and Swiss Origins Through the New World Colonies**" by **Norm Schulze**.

In the afternoon, we had family group pictures followed by discussion about the Frey Fort cemetery burials in Winchester, VA and "**The Story, accompanied by cemetery description, gravestones and historical notes**", a documentary film by **Norm Schulze**. **Richard Frey** gave a nice presentation, "**All About DNA**" and "**Are you Using Find-A-Grave?**".

Later in the afternoon, we had another presentation by **Norm Schulze**, "**Heinrich Frey Cemetery Presentation Project**". This was followed by our business meeting,

which included the minutes, treasurer's report, election of officers and old and new business. This included proposals for possible additional Frey Fort cemetery enhancements by **Norm Schulze**, which was put into abeyance at this point. Another proposal was arranging a Germany/Switzerland Tour/HFFA meeting in the old country. **Jon Frye** introduced a request for funds to support the Swiss research of our ancestors and approval was reached for a limited amount.

At 7PM that evening, some of our group went in to Hannibal to enjoy "Music Under the Stars" near Mark Twain's homestead. Later that evening, several people enjoyed the hospitality room by exchanging lineages and visiting with old acquaintances and making new acquaintances.

On Friday, June 16, we started the day by boarding our coach for the day, equipped with a good loudspeaker and clean restroom, as we drove to Louisiana, which is in Pike County, Missouri, to visit the grave of **James Frye Sr.**, circa 1750, born in Frederick County, VA, and died in Buffalo Township, Pike County, Missouri, in 1821. He was buried in Jordan-Buffalo Cemetery. We had **David Hunter**, one of the caretakers of the cemetery, as our speaker. We had a nice catered lunch at Huck Hall in Mark Twain State Park in Stoutsville, Missouri followed by a presentation of the era (1830-1860) of our Frye ancestors.

Dinner was on the Hannibal riverboat on the Mississippi River with a live band. We enjoyed hearing the calliope as we disembarked. Later in the evening, several people again visited the hospitality room to share their lineages.

On Saturday, June 17, we boarded our coach for a ride to the Mt. Zion Christian Church where we sang and were given refreshments. We took a nice group photo outside the church. In Palmyra, we took the Heritage Speaker's Trolley tour which included the Gardner House museum, the old Palmyra jail and court house. We had lunch at Hall's Hall. **Eddie Dray** led a tour of the historic Mark Twain cave. We walked across the parking lot from our hotel to the restaurant "Fiddlesticks" for a nice banquet dinner, followed by a raffle organized by **Janet** and **John Goforth**. If they could,

each family was asked to bring an item native from their state and the items were raffled off. The hospitality room was again open after the banquet.

The conclusion of our meeting was on Sunday morning, a church service, led by **Jon Frye**. He showed a video of **Esther Frye's** chalk drawing (his Mother), entitled "**Snatched from the Fire**". We adjourned and wished everyone a safe journey onward.

**Ann Pasioka** organized this reunion and we thank her for the hours spent in research and planning. **Mike Speers** writes this, his last newsletter, as our Editor and we thank him for doing a stellar job in its publication. We want to also thank him again for his diligence in guiding our family funds in the position of Treasurer. We welcome **Marilyn Fry** as the new editor of the newsletter, and she will be assisted by **Gretchen Fry Harvey** and **Ginny Fry Santos**. We also welcome **Ralph Frye** as the new Treasurer. We welcome **Rebecca Mayfield** and **Richard W. Frey** as new Board Members and thank both for offering their time. Thank you to all who volunteer their time and expertise to our family's heritage.

A decision has not yet been made for our 2019 reunion. A couple of places have been discussed but nothing is definite yet.

**Gene Frye,**  
**President, HFFA**  
**Kansas City, Kansas**

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7. William Carroll Anderson / Ann Elizabeth Kile
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8. James William Fry / Catherine Schultz
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**Editor's Note:** We met Susan at the Hannibal Reunion.

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**Editor's Note:** We met Kim at the Hannibal Reunion.



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Cabot is entering as an Associate Member. He is the husband of our secretary **Gretchen Fry Harvey**. He has attended six or our HFFA reunions. He was the photographer for most of the group pictures taken at our reunions. He and Gretchen have contributed a lot to HFFA. It's great that he has become a member.

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## **In Memoriam:**

### **Nancy Nichols Frye 1933 - 2017**

**Nancy Nichols Frye** passed on 3 Apr 2017 after a multi-year battle with cancer. She was born in Greenville, TX on 3 Mar 1933 to Newman R. Nichols and Eta Bess Cain Nichols.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, **Donald W. Frye** and three sons **Donald W.** and wife **Melissa**, **David Nichols** and wife **Stevenie**, **Douglas Alan** and partner **Travis Foster**. She is also survived by six grandchildren: **Bethany Kimes (Ed)**, **Austin (Lauren)**, **Trey (Bethany)**, **Hannah**, **Joshua**, **Abigail**, and two great grandchildren **Ethan** and **Chase Kimes**.

Nancy graduated from Navasota High School in 1950, and graduated from University of Texas with a degree in retailing. She had planned to be a career woman and yearned to travel, but met her husband to be and following his career as a geophysicist they lived in eight states, England, and Singapore in the first 20 years of their marriage. With children grown she took an office job with the Randalls grocery chain. With Randalls growing rapidly, her responsibilities grew even faster and she was Employee Benefits Manager for several years before retirement.

She was an accomplished musician, playing organ for church services in high school to jam sessions with friends later. She was also a great story-teller, entertaining grandchildren with almost true stories of early married life.

**Editor's Note:** We met her husband of 61 years, **Don W. Frye**, at the Hannibal Reunion in June.

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey / Christina
3. Abraham Fry, Sr. / Agnes Ann Young
4. Abraham Frye, Jr. / Hester Johnston
5. Benjamin Frye / Sarah Schaffer
6. Abraham Frye / Margaret Belford
7. William Everett Frye / Barbara Bloutz
8. Everett William Frye / Ella Mae Whitaker
9. Donald William Frye / **Nancy Ann Nichols**

## **HFFA BUSINESS MEETING, JUNE 15, 2017 HANNIBAL, MISSOURI**

At 3:50, Gene Frye opened the meeting. Gretchen Fry Harvey read the minutes of June 11, 2015, at the HFFA reunion in Morgantown, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Norm Shultz moved to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Mike Speers, and a vote was taken; the minutes were approved unanimously.

Mike Speers gave the Treasurer's report. As of June 10, 2017, HFFA had a balance of \$9,983.89. He said that this amount would change as checks for the reunion come in or out. As of the financial audit of 2015, HFFA had a balance of \$15,485.48. Expenses since that audit total \$10,369.71. Expenses include HFFA Journal printing, postage, office expenses, website expenses, refunds, tour buses, Charles Burgess records, and the Frey Fort Cemetery Project. Donations to the Frey Fort Cemetery Plaque didn't quite cover all the costs, so HFFA provided the remaining cost of \$415.00.

**Ralph Frye moved to accept the Treasurer's report (second, Helen Craig), accepted unanimously.**

Marti Frye thanked Mike Speers for his many years of service as HFFA Treasurer and as HFFA Newsletter Editor. Mike Speers said that he appreciates all that Membership Chair Marti Frye does. Gene Frye said that Mike Speers is a man without equal. He appreciates all his hard work through the years.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Computer Expense:**

**Richard Frye moved that HFFA provide about \$50.00 a year to pay for a carbonite back-up for Marti Frye's computer (second, Thelma McKenzie), approved unanimously.**

**Genealogist to Research Swiss and German Ancestors Earlier Than Heinrich Frey's Grandparents and Siblings:** Jon

Frye said that, when he went to Switzerland, he found a genealogist there, an older gentleman who can read old German. The man came highly recommended by the State Archives. Jon agreed. He contacted the man to find out his prices for such research. It would cost at least \$300.00 to \$500.00 or more, depending on how much we want him to do. We could ask for donations from members or take the money out of HFFA funds. The Swiss records are very good for centuries; this could be the chance of a lifetime. He proposed that we set up a donation fund.

**Jon Frye moved to set up a donation fund to hire this Swiss genealogist to do research on the Frey family in Switzerland and Germany with HFFA back-up funds not to exceed \$200.00 (second, Gretchen Fry), approved unanimously.**

Richard Frey announced a unanimous approval by the HFFA Board of Director's at last night's meeting to set up a PayPal account linked to the HFFA Website for easier payment of Association dues. The Treasurer will additionally set up separate accounts for various donation projects that will also be linked for easier payment through PayPal. Gretchen Fry Harvey said that she would donate the first \$100.00 to the Swiss research project.

**HFFA Journal:** Jon Frye said that he has tried to get three issues of the HFFA Journal out this year, but he can't keep up this pace. These past few years, he has been able to produce only two issues a year. After that, only one issue. He has an interest in World War I and would like to do a whole issue on family members who served in World War I. Ronald Ellis has sent him articles. He would appreciate others sending similar articles about their family members who served. He would welcome articles of any size; photographs would be particularly welcome.

**Election of HFFA Officers:** President Gene Frye said that almost all of the current officers have agreed to continue serving for the next two years: Gene Frye as President; Jon Frye as Vice President; Gretchen Fry Harvey as Secretary; and Ralph Frye, Janet Goforth, Thelma McKenzie, and Ann Pasioka as Directors at Large. Gene Frye

declared the floor is open for recommendations for any office, including these. Thelma McKenzie said that the HFFA By-Laws provide for five Directors at Large. She recommends that we add a fifth Director.

**Thelma McKenzie moved to elect Richard Frey as a Director at Large (second, Rebecca Proffitt), approved unanimously.**

**Helen Craig moved that we accept this slate of HFFA Officers, including Richard Frey as fifth Director at Large (second, Ralph Frye), accepted unanimously.**

Gene Frye said that we still need a Treasurer. This needs to be a responsible person. Mike Speers has agreed to continue to store the old copies of the HFFA Journal and to sell them to members, but he will no longer be Treasurer. Nominations are open for the two-year term of HFFA Treasurer.

**Carolyn Fry moved to request that Ralph Frye resign as Director at Large and accept the position of HFFA Treasurer (second, Richard Frey), approved unanimously.**

Ralph Frye at first said no; in his family Marti Frye handles the money; also she collects the dues and new memberships. She would be better for the position. Gene Frye reminded members that Marti Frye cannot be elected to a HFFA office because she is not a direct descendant of Heinrich Frey; she is married to a descendant. Her position as Membership Chairman is an appointed position. Ralph Frye then agreed to give up his position as Director at Large and accept the position of Treasurer.

Ralph Frye nominated Ronald Ellis for Director at Large, but Ronald Ellis declined.

**Gerald Fry nominated Rebecca Proffitt to be HFFA Director at Large (second, Richard Frey), approved unanimously.**

#### **Newsletter Editor:**

Gene Frye said that Mike Speers has agreed to produce the August HFFA Newsletter and asked Gretchen Fry Harvey to send Mike Speers the minutes of this meeting for the Newsletter. We have not

had any volunteers to serve as Newsletter Editor. Richard Frey said we should try to get someone in the next two days while we are all together; he reminded everyone that it is an appointed position so it does not have to be a direct descendant. *[On Saturday, June 15, Marilyn Fry agreed to serve as HFFA Newsletter Editor with the assistance of her daughter, Gretchen Fry Harvey, and niece Ginny Fry Santos.]*

**Schedule for Friday, June 14, 2017:** Anne Pasioka asked everyone to meet in front of the hotel promptly at 8:45 to get on the bus. She asked everyone to keep their name tags on; when people leave the reunion, they should return the name tags.

**HFFA Website:** Richard Frey said that the HFFA Website could be even greater if we could put in family stories; he does this with another website that he manages. He urged members to look at the website and to send him emails with suggestions and/or photographs. He will post photographs of this reunion. Go to ***www.hfrey.org***.

**Heinrich Frey Cemetery Preservation Project:** Norm Schultz gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Heinrich Frey Cemetery Presentation Project. Authority for the project was given at the 2015 Board Meeting at the reunion in Morgantown. Allen Schantz, the current owner of the land at 2285 Kerr Road, Harleysville, Pennsylvania, will let us visit the grave sites. He showed us the reconciled deed with an easement allowing visits to the cemetery. Norm Schultz said that he volunteered to clean up this cemetery, but he ran into a problem. We need documentation that this land did actually belong to Heinrich Frey. HFFA Historian Charles Burgess is content that this is the correct location. However, a deed search is mandatory. Norm Schultz said that he discussed this issue with the HFFA Board. Title Insurance Representative Gretchen Fry Harvey wasn't able to do a title search on the land going back that far in history, to the early 1700s. Norm Schultz said that he has looked into the law. This cemetery could disappear; it isn't on any map of the area. Legal rights are not the same in Pennsylvania as they are in Virginia. If we could put a permanent sign up, it is more likely that it could survive time. It would help if we could have the State of Pennsylvania designate it a historical burial



site. However, the process is complex. It would be difficult but not impossible. About 100 years ago, there were signs here. Other researchers claim that Heinrich Frey is buried in the Bertolet Mennonite Cemetery in Frederick, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, where there is a monument to him; we saw it in 2015. It is listed there in Find-A Grave, too. However, as we saw, this memorial has some factual errors. Jon Fry said that the information on it came from the Wallenberg account.

Unfortunately, we don't have proof that this land, now belonging to Allen Schantz, ever belonged to Heinrich Frey. He owned 500 acres in Pennsylvania, but we don't know if it included this land. Norm Schultz said that he has 110 pages of notes and documentation. However, he needs help in order to go further, and we need to hire a genealogist to find a record that Heinrich Frey died on this land. Gene Frye agreed that, if this is where he is buried, HFFA needs to do something as an organization.

Gretchen Fry Harvey suggested hiring a researcher to do research to find out if Heinrich Frey owned this land, but the first step is to determine the cost of this work. Ann Pasieka said that Gerald Fry did some research by going into the court house. Gretchen Fry Harvey said that there might not be any records, but there probably is a record. Rebecca Proffitt suggested that we set up a donation fund. Mike Speers said that it is risky to rely on donations. We set up a donation fund for the Frey Fort Cemetery Plaque Project, but we came up a bit short, and HFFA had to pay to finish it. We could set up a similar fund and designate \$500.00 from the treasury.

**Gretchen Fry Harvey moved to approve \$300 of HFFA funds to research the land where the easement is designated (second, Linda King), approved unanimously.**

**Frey Fort Cemetery Enhancement Proposal, 2017:** Norm Schultz gave a presentation on further work to be done at the Frey Fort Cemetery. He said that he had sent his proposal to President Gene Frye in April 2016. Maintenance is needed for the cemetery. The site needs a periodic clean-up, and we need to fix the sunken areas. We need to restore the old tombstones. We

need to establish who is buried there behind the 46 sites; 19 tombstones are missing.

Norm Schultz recommended that we do these things:

1. Candidate Burials Project (detailed research project)
2. Location Determination of All Gravesites Project (map out the cemetery by Ground Penetrating Radar)
3. Survey of Burial Sites Project (fill in depressions, relocate markers, build a fence around cemetery)
4. Site Cleanup (need volunteers/work crew to cut down small trees, clear roots, and vegetation)
5. Tombstone and stone markers protection (repair stones and place stone markers for those missing)
6. Site Integration Project Manager (one HFFA member in charge)

Thelma McKenzie said that the kind of fence that the current Frey Fort owners want is too expensive. Richard Frey also disagreed to many of these recommendations.

**Richard Frey moved that HFFA be responsible for cleaning up the Frey Fort Cemetery once a year and cutting down the young trees, asking for volunteers to cut down the saplings (second, Judy Fry), approved unanimously.**

Jon Frye recommended that we put the other Frey Fort recommendations on hold at this time—to be strongly considered at a later time. Thelma McKenzie said that we have just approved two big projects; those are enough for our small organization.

Norm Schultz made a proposal to form a task force to produce a HFFA archives system to secure and preserve family data, historical documents, and records. We need to locate a suitable permanent storage place and to list and catalogue the material electronically so that we can all access it for future research. HFFA Historian Charles Burgess has very valuable genealogical data. Former HFFA Director Hank Williams has some documentation. Susan Salmon volunteered to head up a task force.

Gene Frye declared the business meeting closed at 5:45 p.m.

**Gretchen Fry-Harvey**  
Secretary, HFFA  
Costa Mesa, CA

## **Summary of Hannibal Reunion Events**

by Marilyn Fry

The Heinrich Frey Family Association (HFFA) Reunion was held in Hannibal, Missouri, June 15-18, 2017, organized by Anne Pasieka, a descendant of William Keller Fry, son of Benjamin Fry, whose father was James Fry, who migrated to Missouri from Kentucky in 1819. James Fry settled in Pike County, but Benjamin and his family settled in Marion County in Palmyra, seven miles north of Hannibal. Eight years later, after helping his father, Benjamin, on the farm in Palmyra, son John Fry joined his second cousin Aaron Fry in Frytown, which today is part of Hannibal (the Steamboat Bend Mall), where he lived until his death in 1884 in the famous Fry's Garden (he and his wife, Mary Jane Leighton Fry are buried in Riverside Cemetery in Hannibal).

Thursday, June 15, we spent the day in the meeting room at the Quality Inn in Hannibal, Missouri. HFFA President Gene Fry welcomed everyone, and he, Marti Frye, John Frye, and Anne Pasieka gave a short presentation on "The Birth of HFFA and Who Knows Who." This was followed by a slide presentation by Jon Frye about his recent trip to Switzerland: "Quest for our European Roots." Norm Schultz gave a slide presentation on "Frey Family: German and Swiss Origins to the New World Colonies." Lunch was provided by HFFA—good Panera box lunches. After lunch, Norm Schultz showed a video of "Frey Fort Cemetery Burials Plaque Installation Project." On April 13, 2016, Norm Schultz; Dr.

Richard Bell and his wife, Sue, and son Dan; and Phil Wingert went to Frey Fort in Fredericksburg, Virginia, where they cemented in four corner cement markers with F on them and installed the bronze plaque listing the names of all the people we know about who are buried there, including Benjamin, son of Heinrich, and Benjamin's wife, Christina. After that presentation, Richard Frey gave a slide presentation on DNA and on Find-A-Grave. The business meeting, where officers were elected, was held from 3:50 until 5:45 p.m.

That night and every night we were there, we could observe a spectacular thunder, lightening, wind, and rain storm. Fortunately, it always cleared up by the following morning. It was clear the next day, Friday, June 16, when we boarded the bus at 8:45 for a trip to Louisiana, Missouri, in Pike County, where James Fry settled after coming from Kentucky. We went to the Jordan-Buffalo Cemetery, where James Fry, Sr., and his son James are buried. David Hunter, whose family donated the land for the cemetery, was there to talk about the cemetery and the people buried there. He is descended on both his mother's and his father's side from James Fry, Jr. In the last two years, he has replaced some of the old limestone markers with nice big granite ones. Both of the James Fry markers are now large, standing, reddish-granite standing headstones.

After we left Buffalo, we went to Huck Hall at Mark Twain State Park in Florida, Monroe County, Missouri, and had a hot buffet lunch prepared by some friends of Ann Pasieka. Then the bus took us to the Mark Twain Birthplace Museum, where we saw a film and heard a presentation by Marianne Bodine, one of the State Park Interpreters. The actual small wooden house where Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens) was born is incorporated

into the museum. When he was three, his family moved to Hannibal, where he grew up. We returned to the hotel in the afternoon, in time for people to visit downtown Hannibal if they wanted to see the Mark Twain Boyhood House, Museum, and other related buildings. Then at 6:00 p.m., we all took the bus to the Mark Twain Riverboat for a two-hour dinner cruise on the Mississippi River.

On Saturday, June 17, we took the bus again and visited the Mt. Zion Christian Church on the outskirts of Hannibal, where the Frys had worshiped in the past. The Reverend Steve Bouman told us about the church and led a short service with singing of hymns, including "Lily of the Valley" with lyrics by Charles Wesley Fry (1837-1882) and music by William S. Hays (1837-1907). Then we had a hot buffet lunch in downtown Palmyra at Hall's Hall. After that, half of the group took the Heritage Seekers Trolley Tour of Palmyra while the rest of the group visited the Gardner House Museum, where David Hastings led a tour of the museum. Then the two groups changed places. As we left town, Anne pointed out the Greenwood Cemetery, where many Frys are buried. At 6:30, we all went to Fiddlesticks for a banquet followed by games and the raffle of items brought by members, conducted by Janet and John Goforth.

On Sunday morning, June 18, Jon Frye gave a service in the Hospitality Room of the Quality Inn with a film of his mother's religious chalk drawings.

**Marilyn Fry**  
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## Another Fry Family Mystery

**Billy Joe Fry**, 1932 - 1988, is buried in Memory Gardens Cemetery, Concord, Contra Costa, CA. He is the son of **Alfonzo "Fonnie" Fry** and **Bertha May**

**Walker**. **Billy Joe** has two siblings, **James Fonnie Fry** and **Doris Nell Fry Raglin**.

**James**, 1920 - 2009, was a successful businessman in Abilene, TX as well as a happy and successful husband, father, and grandfather.

**Doris**, 1922 - 1986, married **John Hubert Raglin**, who was a highly decorated serviceman in WWII, earning 11 battle badges, bars, and medals. It appears they had no children.

Here is the mystery. The brother of **James Fry** and **Doris Fry** was **Billy Joe Fry**. He was buried in Memory Gardens Cemetery, Contra Costa County, CA. His grave marker says the following:

**Billy Joe Raglin**  
**Brother**  
**1932 - 1988**

One can only imagine the circumstances that led to his surname being listed as **Raglin** instead of **Fry**. As we all know, families can get messy.

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey / Christina
3. Abraham Fry, Sr. / Agnes Ann Young
4. James Fry / Nancy Speers
5. Benjamin Fry / Nancy Agnes Kellar
6. Abraham Kellar Fry / Sarah McFall
7. William Wallace Fry / Louisa Violetta Higginbotham
8. Alfonzo "Fonnie" Fry / Bertha May Walker
9. **James Fonnie Fry** / Martha Lee Thomas
9. **Doris Nell Fry** / John Hubert Raglin
9. **Billy Joe Fry** (or is it Raglin?)

The information in this story came from Find a Grave.

From the Editor:

And, with that last story and mystery, my tenure as Newsletter Editor comes to an end. Thank you for bearing with me all these years. Now we get to look at a new approach to the Newsletter with **Marilyn Fry** as the editor. I'm sure it will be great!

Signing off now and Good Bye.

Sincerely,

**Mike**

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