



HFFA NEWS

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Hello, Cousins, Kin and other Readers,

Many, many thanks to **Mike Speers** for his ten years as a superb editor of the **HFFA** Newsletter! As you can see, it is going to take three of us to replace him. I am the official editor; I will be gathering information and articles from **HFFA** members, so please send me anything that you would like to see in the Newsletter. My niece, **Ginny Fry Santos**, will be organizing it all and figuring out the structure and putting it all on a PDF file. She will send it to my daughter, **Gretchen Fry Harvey**, to take care of printing, and Gretchen and I will mail to those who prefer home delivery. I will send out the **HFFA** Newsletter to everyone else by email.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Fry
Costa Mesa, CA



Ginny, Carolyn, Marilyn, and Gretchen

HFFA Dues

It is getting to be that time of year again when I start begging for dues payments. Dues and email and address changes should be sent to me at **ralph.frye@lusfiber.net**. Membership for HFFA is on a calendar-year basis. The dues are \$25 per year, but multiple years can be paid.

Something new this year is that you can pay through **PayPal** from our website, **www.hfrey.org**.

There is a fee for this service, so your total amount sent should reflect that fee if using PayPal.

Contact **Richard Frey** at **RandTFrey@att.net** for more information.

Also, **HFFA** has two special projects in the works for which we are collecting donations. One is the Swiss genealogist research, and the other is the Heinrich Frey cemetery project. They are described in this newsletter. You can combine your dues and donation in one check. If you add a donation, please state how much the donation is and for which project.

The Links Book costs \$15 per CD. Please contact me.

Marti Frye, Membership Chairman

Dear Family,

Well, here we are again, with Thanksgiving and Christmas looming straight ahead. When I was growing up, my family always said the older you get, the faster the years go by. Now I realize how smart they were!



I would like to bring you up to date on our 2019 HFFA reunion. We have many cousins in the Kentucky area, so it has been proposed that we hold our reunion at Shelbyville, Kentucky, which is about halfway between Louisville and Lexington, about 45 minutes from Louisville, which provides good air service.

Our new board member, Rebecca (Becca) Profitt, along with her mother, Wilma Mayfield, have volunteered to coordinate the event. The following information is very tentative, so consider it as such.

Becca and her mother (they live in southern Indiana, close to Kentucky) have planned a trip to the area next week and will check out local accommodations for our banquet facilities.

There are many cemeteries in the area relative to our lineage, and Mr. Barlow is still owner of the Frye Cemetery. The Speers and Fromans are still prominent names in the area.

A bit of trivia—Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) was started nearby by Colonel Sanders!

We thank Becca and Wilma for offering their time to host the family locally. If you also know the area and /or have a personal connection with your lineage and would like to be involved in the planning, please let me know.

I would like to wish all our wonderful members a happy and thankful Thanksgiving and merry Christmas! See you next time, and enjoy a happy and safe holiday season.

Gene Frye

HFFA President
Kansas City, Kansas



Becca (Board Member) and Wilma

Treasurer's Report:

Summary - Year to Date
1/1/2017 through 10/9/2017

INCOME

Dues	500.00
HeinrichCemetery	250.00
Pay Pal Fee	-1.75

TOTAL Heinrich Cemetery
248.25

Links Book	30.00
Other Inc.	5,771.80
Swiss Genealogist	425.00
TOTAL INCOME	6,975.05

EXPENSES

Fees & Charges	
Bank Fee	89.44
TOTAL Fees & Charges	89.44

Misc.	
Office Expenses	99.81
TOTAL Misc.	99.81

Postage	34.35
Newsletter	26.60
TOTAL Postage	60.95
TOTAL EXPENSES	250.20

OVERALL TOTAL **6,724.85**



Board of Directors

Top row: Thelma, Gretchen, Richard, and Jon
Bottom row: Janet, Anne, Gene, Ralph, and Mike

Two HFFA Projects

Heinrich Frey Cemetery Preservation Project

At the HFFA 2017 Reunion, 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 gravesites. 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 Pasioka 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. Gretchen Fry Harvey made a motion to set up a donation fund to research the land where the easement is designated and to approve of \$300 of HFFA funds for this project; the motion passed unanimously.

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



At the HFFA 2017 Reunion, 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. 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; he made a motion to that effect, which was passed unanimously by the members; it included back-up funds from the HFFA budget not to exceed \$200.

New Member

Janet Marie Steele

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1. Heinrich Frey/Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey/Christina
3. Samuel Fry/Christina Speers
4. Samuel Frye, Jr./Elizabeth Van Voorhis
5. Samuel Frye III/Julia Ann Redd
6. Harvey McCrory Frye/Mary Ellen Furlong
7. Samuel Fred Frye/Margaret Mae McClintock
8. Richard John Frye/Thelma E. Jones
9. Billy Wayne Frye/Martha F. Auldrige
10. **Janet Marie Frye/Thomas John Steele**

Janet writes, "I found this organization online. I had figured out my pedigree last year and was confused about two Fries, which I straightened out. My dad is 89 and lives in West Virginia. His grandfather left the farm in Washington County, Pennsylvania, to seek his fortune in the coalfields. He was disowned, but we don't know the story. . . . maybe it was because he left the farm. Dad has always been curious, and I have been trying to find the story. His grandfather was Samuel Fred Fry, and his great-grandfather was Harvey McCrory Frye. Dad's sister now lives in Virginia, and she is Connie Frye Scott Dixon. I want to attend the next reunion. I am an only child, married to an only child with an only child and an only granddaughter. I have never been to a family reunion as the joke has been that our family is so small that we could have a reunion in a large closet. Now we know that there are folks to meet and family to enjoy!"

Record Keeping

Changes and Corrections:

Christine Leigh Fecher of
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New Home Address and
Phone Number:
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Carolyn Fry Denham of
Walnut Creek, California

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Pay Dues and Make Donations Through PayPal

At our 2017 Reunion, the Directors voted to add a **PayPal** dues and donation link to our website. With this link, which is on the home page of our website **www.hfrey.org**, you can pay up to three years of dues and/or make a donation to any of our current **HFFA projects** such as the **Heinrich Frey Cemetery Preservation Project** or the **Swiss Genealogy Project**.

You do not need to have a PayPal account to use this feature. With PayPal, you can use either your credit or debit card; or if you have a PayPal account, you can make the payment from your PayPal account

Since your dues are \$25 per year, the amount that PayPal charges your credit card or PayPal account is slightly more than \$25 so that the HFFA will receive a net of \$25. If you make a donation, the amount that HFFA receives will be slightly less than what you are charged due to PayPal fees.

To use the feature, go to our website, **www.hfrey.org**, and click on the **PayPal icon**. You will then be sent to a page that gives you the option of paying 1, 2, or 3 years of dues as well as a donation to a HFFA project. Click on your desired option, and you will be directed to the appropriate PayPal page, where you can complete your transaction.

Should you desire to pay dues and also make a donation, you will have to handle these as separate transactions.

Since so many people are now using credit and debit cards, this feature should be very helpful. You will also avoid the cost and hassle of mailing a check. However, for those of you who prefer, you may certainly send a check to **Marti Frye, 308, Bellevue Plantation Road, Lafayette, Louisiana 70503 -6056**.

Richard Wesley Frey, Web Master and Director at Large

Family Members in Disaster Areas

TEXAS—HURRICANE HARVEY

Marti Frye checked on HFFA members in Texas. Here is the news from Texas:

Debbie McLaughlin, Montgomery, Texas

We are safe at home with power, water, and Internet. No damage—and all trees still standing.

Don Frye, Houston, Texas

Don is safe at home with power and water and no flooding issues with his home. He has his wine if water runs out.

Helen Craig and Karen and Rod Stanley, Houston, Texas

They are fine. We talked to them on Sunday, and they have power. No flooding in their home.

Linda and Frank Butcher, Baytown, Texas

We live about 20 miles east of Houston. We have water in our garage but no serious damage. We have had a total of 40 inches of rain so far with 20 inches in a 13-hour period.

Julie Olson, Harlingen, Texas

The hurricane went further north of us, and we had only a little rain Thursday night—no flooding.

Fran Ramey, Richmond, Texas

I am fine and dry and so very grateful to be in my home and have power.

Ronnie and Margaret Ellis, Austin, Texas

Although we got 16 inches of rain in three days, we were not threatened in any way by high water. However, our beach house suffered damage as Port Aransas was almost a direct hit. The city is not as bad as Rockport, which is 30 miles up the coast, but many buildings were destroyed or severely damaged. We were lucky. Whoever

built our house did a great job. We lost quite a few shingles off the roof, so there is rain damage to ceilings and carpet upstairs. The railing on our deck was blown off, and we lost a couple shutters on the back. We got three feet of water downstairs. That is just an unfinished garage and an apartment-type room. The furniture was mostly cheap pressed board so not really a big loss there.

We've cleared all the wallboard (paneling) an insulation downstairs. The roof has been tarped. We're now waiting on insurance. Because of the location, we had both flood and wind-storm insurance, but there must be thousands of claims in Texas and now Florida on top of that.

Marti Frye said that the Frey/Fry/Frye family has been very lucky. All the prayers are working!

FLORIDA—HURRICANE IRMA

Bev Raber, Brooksville, Florida

She sat out the storm in her home and has only yard debris to clean up—no damage or water in her house. She thanks everyone for their prayers.

Victor Johnson, Panama City, Florida

Victor and Sally were safe, but they were concerned about their 7 children and 12 grandchildren who were in Irma's path.

Dan Frye, Ft. Myers, Florida

Dan stayed in his home although he was asked to evacuate. His son Bill stayed with him. A large oak tree fell in his backyard, and several other trees were blown down. Part of the large oak tree fell on the corner of his house, where the garage is, causing minor damage to Dan's truck and shed. Dan got power and water back on Monday, September 18.

Thelma McKenzie, Ocala, Florida

Thelma called Marti Frye and reported that she and Jerry went to Panama City for a couple of nights when Hurricane Irma was approaching.

She is back home now. Everything at home is OK although they did not have electricity right away so they used their gas generator. The city of Ocala asked residents not to use water or sewer for several days. Thelma and Jerry did the best they could during that time.

Bernard Schiefer, North Point, Florida

He wrote Marti Frye that they were safe and OK.

Susan Lochie, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

She and her family were safe.

Charles Burgess, Naples, Florida

He evacuated, with his caregiver, to a shelter at Palmetto Ridge High School in Naples. His caregiver, Shelley, packed as much of the genealogy papers as possible to take with them. His home in Naples has roof damage, but no water got into the house.

Charles is now living in Colorado with a niece. He will not be moving back to Florida as he needs constant care. The family is in the process of finding a suitable place for him.

CALIFORNIA FIRES

Many members reported thick smoke and even ashes but no fires close to their homes: **Courtney Morehen (Novato), Sue Fry (Berkeley), Carolyn Fry (Walnut Creek), Ginny Fry Santos (San Francisco).**

However, many of them knew friends, family, or co-workers who lost their homes in the terrible fires in Northern California. **Richard Frey's** daughter-in-law comes from Santa Rosa, the city with the most devastation. Her mother's house was in danger at the time Richard wrote, and the school where her mother teaches burned to the ground. Her grandmother had to be evacuated from the nursing home where she lived. Her grandfather's mobile home park totally burned, and he was on the missing list as of October 11.

Other News from Members

Bernie Schiefer writes—

I am in the final stage of being accepted as a member of the **Sons of the American Revolution**, thanks in part to much genealogy research provided by members of **HFFA**. I consider it an honor and privilege and want any members of the HFFA to know that they also may qualify for membership in either the Sons or Daughters of the American Revolution. Our ancestor Jacob Fry, son of Heinrich, was a Private in the Revolutionary War.

Also, while visiting Pennsylvania last July, Darlene and I enjoyed touring the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia that opened in June. One of the most amazing experiences was seeing George Washington's original tent, used during his command, set up on a stage. I would encourage any HFFA member, if able, to tour this remarkable museum. Perhaps Philadelphia would be an ideal destination for next year's HFFA reunion.

Marcia Ann Van Swoll

Marcia became a new member this summer; her pedigree is listed in the August HFFA Newsletter. She writes, "How did my family come to live in California? I'm afraid I'll never know. I do know that my grandfather, Carl Clinton Frey, married my grandmother, Edith Maude Snyder, in 1916 in Chino, California. My father was born in 1918, also in Chino, so this makes me a third generation Californian. I live in Columbia, California, in Tuolumne County. I am looking forward to getting to know my newfound cousins and learning more about my heritage."

Norm Schultz writes—

I just returned from a 3-4-week visit in Germany and Switzerland that included a short visit to France. The purpose was to show my three sons where their families come from, thereby instilling a sense of family pride by understanding their **German heritage** on both sides of their family, including both sides of my family. Of interest to the **HFFA**, I, of course, included the Frey family areas where I made some exciting discoveries that I am willing to share at the next family reunion. I have been extraordinarily busy since returning a little over a week ago. I believe that, from what I have learned, the need for further paid research there should be deferred until I have had a chance to present my reports.

The trip began in Frankfurt, turned north to Niedersachsen, then back to Thuringen, Kraichgau, Altenheim, France, and for sons, ended in Switzerland. I remained another week, which provided me the opportunity to return to Niedersachsen. This trip was an extremely ambitious undertaking with a thoroughly comprehensive, compacted program designed to maximize the return over our 2-week stay together, all designed to present 500 years of history in two weeks. All but two trip destinations were experienced per plan, but unexpected rewards carried the trip merits well beyond. During that time, we visited many family churches, attended service at one very old family church, visited cemeteries, visited family pertinent museums, met family, met new cousins, renewed old friendships, conducted research, did sight-seeing, went to a professional Fussball (soccer) match, attended an old music concert in a cathedral, visited vineyards, partook of great food like Kaffee & Kuchen, and enjoyed delicious beer over the duration.

Dennis Frey



Dennis and his wife, Melody, visited Washington, D.C. His Ohio Congressman got him into the White House. Dennis was chosen to lay a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier! Quite an honor!



Trips to Hannibal

By Marilyn Fry

The summer of 2008, my husband, Bob Fry, and I planned a road trip to the Midwest to last more than three weeks. We wanted to visit Yellowstone and Santa Fe again after many years. We also wanted to visit the Mt. Rushmore National Memorial in South Dakota and the Gateway Arch, The Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, in St. Louis for the first time. We particularly wanted to meet a cousin in Quincy, Illinois, who was related to Bob on Bob's father's mother's side of the family. Bob's grandmother was Augusta Maud Christie, daughter of Dr. Robert James Christie of Quincy. She had married Hervey Asay Fry, Bob's grandfather. The cousin, Mike Flanagan, is descended from a sister of Dr. Robert James Christie, Virginia Christie, who had married Nathaniel Hall in Lewistown, Missouri. We had been corresponding with Mike for several years as he had a great deal of information about the Christie family, and we exchanged information and photographs. We also wanted to see nearby Hannibal, Missouri, where Bob's earliest-known Fry ancestor, John Fry, had lived in Frytown. We had information about him and his wife, Mary Jane Leighton Fry, from Bob's Aunt Alice Fry Cobb, a member of DAR, Bob's father's oldest sister. From that information, we knew where Frytown had been, and we knew that the land was now a shopping center in Hannibal.

When we arrived in Hannibal, we stopped at the Information Office on the outskirts of town and picked up some maps that clearly showed the Steamboat Bend Shopping Center where McMasters (now Highway 61) and West Ely Road meet. We were excited and went there to see the place where Bob's

great-great-grandfather had lived. Then we went to our hotel, the Quality Inn, where we spent the next two nights. The next day, we looked in the library in downtown Hannibal and found a book that mentioned John Fry's Garden in Frytown: *The Story of Hannibal: a Bicentennial History* (1976) by J. Hurley Hagood and Roberta (Roland) Hagood. It was exciting to make that contact with a distant relative!

A few weeks after we arrived home from this enjoyable trip to see the sights of the country and to learn more about Bob's ancestors, we received the results of the Family Tree DNA tests that we had sent in. Bob had his Y-chromosome tested for 12 alleles and found that he was related to 117 other men, about 5 or 6 of whom had similar names: Fry, Frey, and Frye. Bob was surprised at that. His family had always said that those with the name Fry were descended from the English Frys. People whose names were spelled Frey or Frye were either German or Jewish. Years before, his father had found information on the English Fry family coat of arms—with three horses and a Crusader's visor and sword. On a trip to the little town of Solvang, California, in the spring before our trip to Hannibal, we had visited a shop that sold beautiful embroidered family coats of arms. Our granddaughter Molly was getting married that October, so we ordered a wedding gift for them: a special framed one with her English Cheney coat of arms and her fiancé's English Patten coat of arms and their wedding date. After we had ordered it, Bob said, "We have been married almost 56 years; we should get one for ourselves!" So we ordered one with the English Fry coat of arms and my English Lockyer coat of arms and our wedding date, August 22, 1952. It arrived after we

had returned home from our nice vacation trip to the Midwest, and we hung it above our bed. I gave Molly her wedding gift at her bridal shower on July 5, 2008.

Later that summer, we received an email from a man named Richard Bell. He said that he thought that he and Bob were related because his cousin's DNA was a match to Bob's on Family Tree DNA. He listed the men he was descended from. We wrote him back and said that we had never heard of any of those people—that the earliest Fry relative we knew about was John Fry of Frytown in Hannibal (1800-1884). He wrote back and said, "I know of John Fry. His father was Benjamin, whose father was James, whose father was Abraham, whose father was Benjamin; whose father was Heinrich Frey, who came to America in 1685." Then he told us about the Heinrich Frey Family Association (HFFA). Wow! We were excited to jump in knowledge from 1800 back to 1663, when Heinrich was born. Also, we were excited to learn about this organization that knew so much about his family's early history. But we were surprised to learn that the Fry family Bob was descended from was German! Oh, dear! What about those nice framed English family coats of arms that were hanging in our bedroom?

With the information that Dr. Richard Bell gave him, Bob joined HFFA and ordered a copy of the Links Book and the two back issues of the HFFA Journal that told about John Fry and Aeron Fry in Frytown. In September, another new HFFA member contacted Bob—Richard Frey. His was one of the names that matched Bob's DNA on the Family Tree DNA list. He and his wife, Therese, were going to be vacationing with another family for a couple weeks on Balboa Island in Newport Beach.

While they were here, we visited them one day, and Therese took a photograph of Bob and Richard, which we used in our Christmas letter that year. Everyone said, "They look like cousins." Later that fall, another new member of HFFA, Janet Goforth, phoned and asked if she and her husband, John, could stop on their way home from San Diego to Turlock to meet us. They did, and it was nice to meet another cousin and to visit for a short time.



For the summer of 2009, we had planned another trip to the Pacific Northwest, an area we had enjoyed visiting several times in the past. But now that Bob was a member of HFFA, he was eager to attend the HFFA reunion that was planned for June 26 and 27, 2009, in Mineola, Texas. That would mean another trip to the Midwest. But that was fine. We could visit my brother's widow and daughter's family in Tucson, Arizona, and my sister and her two daughters and their sons in Fort Worth, Texas, along the way. At the reunion, we saw Janet and John Goforth again and met many other cousins at the Meet and Greet on Friday evening. The reunion was held all day on Saturday in nearby Golden, Texas. On Sunday, on our way out of town, we drove behind Gene Frye and Jon Frye to meet Lloyd Fry, a descendant of Abraham Keller Fry, brother of John Fry, who had moved from Palmyra, Missouri, to Ladonia, Texas, where he bought land and built a house. Lloyd Fry showed us the small, almost

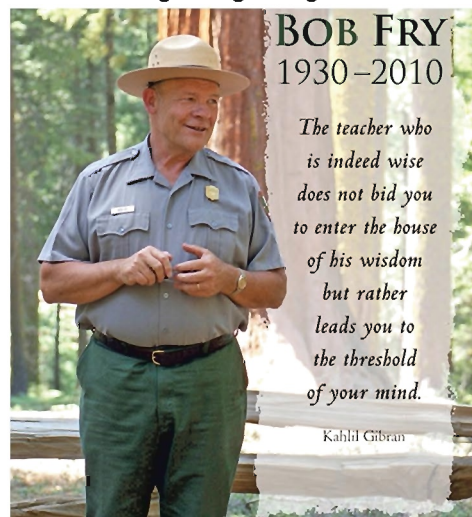
deserted town of Ladonia and the home that Abraham built, which is designated a Texas Historical Site. It is still owned by Fry descendants.

After the reunion, we went to Hannibal, Missouri, again to explore Fry roots some more. This time, we looked in the library to find local gravesites. We were excited to find the graves of John Fry and his wife, Mary Jane Leighton Fry, in Riverside Cemetery in Hannibal. We also found the graves of Mary Jane's parents, Joseph and Jean Walker Leighton, and one of her brothers, John Leighton, and his wife in Greenwood Cemetery in nearby Palmyra; John Leighton was the first Presbyterian minister in Hannibal. In Hannibal, we met Joe Fry and his wife, Lorraine, and took them out to dinner at Fiddlesticks. Joe is a descendant of William Keller Fry, another brother of John Fry.

We visited Mike Flanagan and his wife again in Quincy, Illinois. It turns out that, in addition to being a fifth cousin once removed to Bob on the Christie side through his father, he is also a fourth cousin once removed on the Fry side. Mike's mother is descended from Rebecca Fry, a sister to John Fry. Mike took Bob to Woodward Cemetery in Quincy to show him the gravesites of various Christie relatives, including those of Dr. Robert James Christie and his wife, Sarah Elizabeth Nixon Christie. Mike and Leann Flanagan hosted a dinner at their house where we met Robert James Christie V of Chicago and his two sisters, Gretchen and Melissa, who still live in Quincy.

My husband, Robert Luther Fry, Jr., died December 6, 2010. We held two memorial services for him, one in Costa Mesa, California, on December 29, 2010, and one in Jackson, California, on August 5, 2011. Cousins Janet and John Goforth and Richard and Therese

Frey and their two granddaughters, Corrin and Leslie, attended this second memorial. After the memorial and lunch, we buried most of Bob's ashes (in a copper urn with an etched photograph of him in his National Park Service Ranger's uniform) in the Sutter Creek City Cemetery, next to his parents and his brother, Bruce, in the Fry Family Plot. In October, our sons, Steve and Ron Fry (both HFFA members), took some of his ashes and buried them in all the places we had lived in Yosemite National Park during the 43 years that Bob had been a Ranger Naturalist there (several years later, a Ranger friend took some of his ashes to Obelisk Lake, Bob's favorite spot in a remote area of Yosemite). Then, after the HFFA reunion in Kansas City, Missouri, in June 2013, our daughter, Gretchen Fry Harvey; her husband, Cabot Harvey; Bob's brother's widow, Sue Fry; and their daughter, Ginny Fry Santos; and I drove across Missouri to again visit Hannibal, Missouri, where we stayed at the Quality Inn again. One day, we visited Riverside Cemetery in Hannibal and buried some of Bob's ashes next to John Fry's headstone. The next day, with cousin Mike Flanagan, we buried some ashes next to the headstone of Dr. Robert James Christie in Woodside Cemetery. John Fry and Robert James Christie were both Bob's great-great-grandfathers.



Being a Scouting Family

By Mary Sue Willoughby Hubbard

Heinrich/Benjamin/Samuel/
Abraham/Col. Abraham/Walter
Scott/Marion

Most of us can admit to making at least one random, seemingly inconsequential decision that had far-reaching consequences to us or someone we love. My family made such a seemingly minor decision in about 1970, when our oldest son, Ron Jr., was 12. Thankfully, the consequences have been very positive.

When Ron Jr. was a 6th grader, a random conversation with another parent prompted us to enroll Ron in a BSA troop so he could have additional learning opportunities. I'd like to say that his initial experience as a Scout was everything we hoped it would be, but there were some bumps in the road to Boy Scout happiness. Ron's first camping trip with the troop was to Mammoth Cave. That night, we received a phone call from a Park Ranger saying that Ron had been left in the bathroom when his troop left, but he was safe. My husband, Ron Sr., immediately drove to Mammoth Cave and picked Ron up. When they returned home, Ron Sr. phoned the Scoutmaster to let him know that Ron Jr. was safe. The response was "We wondered what happened to him." Not a good start in Scouting! That experience did not turn us off to Scouting but did impress on us the need for well-trained, experienced, and conscientious adult leaders.

During the following months, Ron Jr. thrived as a new Scout, and his dad volunteered as an adult leader. If there was a badge or skill award available, Ron Jr. wanted it!

When I sewed those patches on his first BSA shirt, little did I know the dozens and dozens of patches and badges my needle would stitch in the coming 40+ years. As Ron Jr. advanced through the ranks, filling troop leadership positions, attending all troop activities, and volunteering his summers as a counselor at Scout camp, we knew his sights were set on becoming an Eagle Scout.

During this time, Ron Sr.'s position with the U.S. Postal Service became more demanding, requiring him to travel, which greatly limited his involvement with the troop. Then—horror of horrors!—on the brink of Ron Jr.'s starting his Eagle Scout project, we were transferred to a small town without a Scout troop. After some investigation, I discovered that there had previously been a local Scout troop chartered by the community's Lions Club. Determined for Ron Jr. to reach his goal of Eagle Scout, I went through all the steps and paperwork necessary to reactivate that troop.

As I completed the reactivation process, it was quickly apparent that the biggest remaining obstacle was the lack of a Scoutmaster. Despite his busy schedule, I finally convinced my husband to accept that position. He made only one request—he was adamant that he would "never wear those little green shorts." During the weeks and months ahead, the troop flourished; Ron Sr. wore blue jeans with his regulation BSA shirt; and Ron Jr. completed his Eagle Scout Project. We were so proud of his accomplishment!

Fast forwarding through two more work-related moves necessitating changing Scout troops, our second son, Justin, age 16, was ready for his Eagle Scout project. Justin, Ron Sr., and Ron Jr. were all members of the Order of the

Arrow, a BSA honor fraternity. Ron Sr. was an experienced Scoutmaster (and was wearing the long green regulation BSA pants); I'd sewed on dozens of badges and patches; and Ron Jr. was away in college.

Sadly, we discovered that the last move had sidetracked Justin's desire to become an Eagle Scout; no amount of coxing could rekindle his interest in troop activities. However, he and our daughters, Laura and Becky, became active in the local BSA Medical Explorer post. Laura remained active in the post throughout high school, which may have contributed to her decision to choose a career in healthcare. She is now a Registered Ultrasonographer, working in a VA hospital.

Ron Sr. remained an active adult Scouting leader after our children married. He felt strongly that boys need Scouting and that the BSA needs trained and effective adult leaders. He spent many weekends as a camp cook, as a merit badge counselor, and in various committee activities. Ron Jr. likewise remained active as an adult leader. Both earned their Wood Badge, the adult equivalent of Eagle Scout, volunteered for BSA District and Council positions, and advanced in the ranks of the Order of the Arrow. They may not have realized it; but, looking back, I think that they were waiting for the second generation of Hubbard Boy Scouts.

Beginning in about 2003, our oldest grandson, Austin Steele, began his Scouting journey as a Tiger Cub. We quickly realized one of the big focuses was the annual Pinewood Derby races—an event new to us. There were popcorn sales, Cub Scout day camps, and a host of other events for the young Scout. When Austin earned his Arrow of Light, crossing over

from Weeblos to Boy Scouts, we were so proud! Another high point of his Scouting journey was when he and Uncle Ron Jr. attended the 2010 BSA National Jamboree celebrating its 100th Anniversary. Many of us made the trip from Kentucky to Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia to visit Austin and Ron Jr. on Family Day. The day was brutally hot, making Ron Sr. glad that he had finally started wearing those green BSA uniform shorts. LOL

During this time, our two younger grandsons, Tanner and Jacob, started their Scouting journey. There were more Pinewood Derbies, popcorn sales, etc. Our youngest son, Justin, Tanner's father, followed the example of his father and older brother by becoming an adult leader in Tanner's troop. It was so good to

once again see him wearing a BSA uniform!

A stand-out memory is when Ron Sr. assisted 6-year-old grandson Jacob don his Cub Scout uniform and walk with him around his neighborhood to sell popcorn for the first time. Afterwards, Ron Sr. reported the following: "Jacob rang the first doorbell. The lady who lived there answered the door, and Jacob gave his memorized speech about the popcorn. When she declined to make a purchase, Jacob clearly exclaimed, 'Bummer!'"

The years have passed during which our grandchildren have grown into responsible young men and women. Grandson Austin, a college freshman, completed his Eagle Scout project and is an

Eagle Scout. Grandson Tanner, an 8th grader, has completed his project and will soon be an Eagle Scout. After that, his next goal is to earn all the available merit badges. Granddaughter Mary Katherine is a college freshman and has belonged to the BSA Venturing Crew for many years. Ron Sr., Ron Jr., and Justin continue as BSA volunteers and adult leaders. Ron Sr. and Ron Jr. have been awarded the Silver Beaver, a high honor for adult volunteers/leaders. Me? I continue to sew on badges and patches, iron uniforms, serve as a merit badge counselor (Genealogy is my favorite!), volunteer as a camp nurse when needed, and buy lots of BSA popcorn.



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