



HFFA NEWS

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Hello, Cousins, Kin, and other Readers,

I haven't received any news from members this time. Let me know if anything exciting is going on in your branch of the family; we will put it in the February Newsletter.

Did you enjoy the two large issues of the HFFA Journal about the Kansas City branch of the family? Jon Frye is busy working on the next issue of the Journal. He plans to combine information about relatives who served in World War I and about the HFFA Reunion in Hannibal, Missouri. He is also working on the following issue, which will be an index of all the articles in Volume 5. Since he isn't sure when he will be able to put the California stories in a Journal issue, he has encouraged me to go ahead and start sharing some of them in the next few newsletters. So you will find five stories of how descendants of Heinrich Frey happened to end up living in California, the state with the most HFFA members (more to come next month).

We have made reservations for four rooms at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites in Shelbyville, Kentucky, for our family. Have you made your reservations yet? We are looking forward to the reunion there on June 19-23, 2019.

Here is a photograph of the newsletter team (Gretchen Fry Harvey, Ginny Fry Santos, and me) at the grave of James Fry in Pike County, Missouri. You can read more about him in the article "Go West" in this issue.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Fry

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Treasurer's Report



Summary
7/19/2017 through
10/24/2018

INCOME	11,709.72
Dues	3,821.67
PayPal Fee	-11.70
Other Dues	3,833.37
Frey Fort Cemetery	155.00
Heinrich Cemetery	640.75
Pay Pal Fee	-1.75
Other Heinrich Cemetery	642.50
Journal Purchase	395.00
Links Book	75.00
Other Inc	8.00
Past treasurer income	5,771.80
Swiss Genealogist	842.50
EXPENSES	-3,392.59
Auto & Transport	-180.00
Reunion Transportation	-180.00
Bills & Utilities	-160.32
Internet	-160.32
Fees & Charges	-89.46
Bank Fee	-89.46
Journal Expenses	-2,496.29
Misc.	-146.63
Office Expenses	-146.63
Paypal fee	-6.17
Postage	-313.72
Newsletter	-181.15
Other Postage	-132.57

OVERALL TOTAL 8,317.13

Ralph Frye, Treasurer



Dear Family,

It is nice to have the opportunity to again write to all of our good members of HFFA for the 4th publication of the year. Thank you to all who contribute with your family updates. It is much appreciated

by our volunteer publishers and by all the family as we continue to add information onto our family trees.

I've booked! Have you? Becca Proffitt, Wilma Mayfield, and I (with some consultation from Jon Frye) are moving along with plans for the 2019 family reunion in Shelbyville, Kentucky. Some of you have let me know that you have already made arrangements, including your (REFUND-ABLE) reservations at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites. That is good news. I hope you can join us for informative and fun days exploring our family heritage.

We are working on logistics such as speaker scheduling, including HFFA member speakers as well as outside speakers, for our business meeting on Thursday (June 20) and bus schedules for Friday and Saturday (June 21 and 22). Along with exploring local cemeteries in Shelby, Spencer, and Nelson counties, we will visit the Rockbridge Methodist Church, McGee Stone Castle, and a horse-breeding farm. How could you visit Kentucky without seeing a horse farm!?! We plan to culminate our reunion on Saturday night with a banquet at Claudia Sanders Dinner House of Colonel Sanders KFC fame!

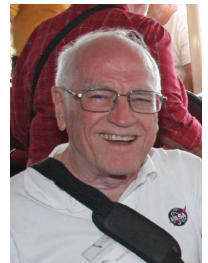
You will find other sites and sounds in the area that are worthy of your consideration if you can come early and/or stay longer. For that reason, here is the tourist office phone number, (502) 633-6388, and website, www.visitshelbyky.com.

The reservation form is included in this newsletter, and we look forward to receiving it, along with your \$25 dues in January.

As we enjoy fall and this special time of year with our holidays ahead, I wish you the best of the season. Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year—Good health and happiness to all! 'Look forward to seeing you in June! BOOK NOW!

Gene Frye
President, HFFA

Heinrich Frey Cemetery Preservation Project Status



By Norm Schulze

With Board approval to commit expenses, I contracted with a genealogist residing in the that area of Pennsylvania to research the earlier deeds that the title company could not perform. The research is complete and received but not reviewed. The HFFA's financial commitments with the genealogist have, as of November 1, 2018, been fulfilled. The results of the research show this cemetery to be located on land that was once owned by Heinrich Frey. I am working on a report that I intend to present at the next reunion. The enormity of the project's work exceeded by far any concept of what would be involved with the as-originally-conceived, simple but strenuous cemetery cleanup work. To that end, and for the entire remaining parts of the project, planning has been fully coordinated with the owner who has been very cooperative.

The work date of December 1, 2018, has been established, about seven months later than I had originally conceived. This was due to the research needed. That work date is contingent upon weather and health of the work crew. The land cannot be walked nor driven upon if too wet, a problem for this wet year here in the East. A back-up date will have to be worked real time, possibly not until spring. Part of the total project planning is to install a marker for the site, which will be similar to the bronze Frey Fort Cemetery plaque. Funding for this part will have to be raised. I am no longer certain what the Frey Fort plaque cost us. There will be other costs associated with the cemetery work itself, including the essential fence. I will need help with establishing the Jacob line, as I have little confidence with the data accuracy as now written or shown by HFFA. Preliminary contacts have been made. Who can help with solid sources? Please call (703) 818-2328 or email nrschulze@gmail.com.

Updating the Swiss Roots Research Project

By Jon Frye



It's been two and a half years since I made the most memorable trip to Switzerland to see the land that our ancestors came from originally and to visit the village of Gundetswil. One of my objectives was to go to the archives and see about getting a genealogist to work on extending our family line even further back before Heinrich's grandfather, Frederich Frey. Following my return, I received an email listing four recommended genealogists, one of whom I personally met at the archives. I contacted him and found how much he wanted to do work, which was more expensive than what I was expecting. I told him that I would need to meet with our Family Association at our upcoming family reunion in Hannibal to raise the money. The process took some time, and he became rather impatient and terminated any further contact. I then contacted the second genealogist by the name of Bernadette, who responded back that she did not speak much English. I emailed her back, assuring her that that was not a problem—we could easily google-translate. I sent her information about our Swiss roots that we were aware of at that point. However, she never responded back even after several other follow-up attempts on my part.

I tried several times to contact the third person on that list, Alfred Dobler, but my emails would not go through. Other things were pressing me at that point that pulled my attention in other directions, but I became determined to resume efforts after the McGee editions of our recent Journals were sent out. I did not contact the fourth genealogist, who, unlike the others, was not local as I felt that his services would naturally be more costly.

I contacted the Swiss Archives again late this summer, and the lady who responded was very apologetic about our failed efforts so far and provided me with another email address for Mr. Dobler, whom I was unable to reach before. However, she strongly recommended trying to

get the first man to do the work. My email to Mr. Dobler did go through this time, but I got no response. After two weeks, I tried again, and this time, he did respond, saying he was no longer doing genealogical research.

This has put me back to “square one” as to how to get a very fickle genealogist (who comes highly recommended and has a team of people working for him) to reconsider taking on our project. Members of our Association have generously raised money for this project, and I just want everyone to be aware that I have not abandoned this opportunity to reach even further back into our family's past. The problem is that very few people can read the old German script. Naturally, these people are kept very busy. Since the “supply” is low and the “demand” is high, as a result, it appears that they can be very selective with their services. I am currently considering another approach that will require a few more months to initiate, so I hope to have some news to report at the upcoming Shelbyville Reunion. Until then, I appreciate your patience.

Thanks, Jon Frye

Reminder—

**Dues are due for 2019
by January 1, 2019**

As we all know, the holiday season is fast approaching, and we all get busy, so why not send in your Heinrich Frey Family Association dues now for 2019? The dues are **\$25 a year**. You can pay for more than one year if you prefer. Please remit your check to Marti Frye, 308 Bellevue Planation Road, Lafayette, Louisiana 70503. **Make checks payable to HFFA.** Please do not make them out to me as the bank will not accept them. This year, you can still pay your dues by PayPal. If you go to the website **hfrey.org**, you will find the section where you are able to pay by PayPal. If you are not sure whether you have paid for 2019, send me an email, and I will check for you. My email address is ralph.frye@lusfiber.net. Have a happy and blessed holiday season!



Marti Frye
Membership Chair

New Members

John M. McGee

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1. Heinrich Frey/Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey/Christina
3. Benjamin Fry/Catherine
4. Isaac Fry/Catherine Fry
5. Eleanor Amelia Fry/James Hyatt McGee
6. Allen Burr Harrison McGee/Susan B. Gill
7. Allen Burr Harrison McGee II/Newell E. Scheffel
8. Allen Burr Harrison McGee III/Patricia Soverel
9. **John M. McGee**/Nancy Hutchinson

John McGee writes, "I am very excited to be a member of HFFA. My great-great-grandmother Eleanor Fry McGee no doubt played a pivotal role in my ancestry moving from Kentucky to Missouri in 1827. Jerry Fry's and Jon Frye's wonderful HFFA Journal articles on the Clay/Clinton Counties, Missouri, Frys and the Jackson County, Missouri, McGees respectively, are detailed works that have become wonderful references for me with amazing stories that, as they say, 'connect the dots.'" I look forward to meeting many of the HFFA membership at the June 2019 reunion in Shelbyville, Kentucky, where it all started for Eleanor Fry and James H. McGee."

Record Keeping

Changes and Corrections:

New Address:

Margaret J. Stephens
17519 Ohern Street
Omaha, Nebraska

Obituaries:

Dominic Michael Sarantha

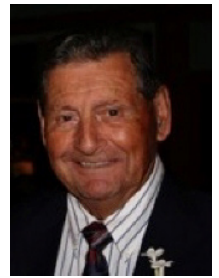
(husband of HFFA Member
Marian L. Sarantha)

Dominic Michael (Joe) Sarantha

was born June 27, 1923, in West Frankfort, Illinois, to Giuseppe (Joseph) and Lucia (Lucy) Saranatha. He was a first generation Italian-American. When he was two, his family moved to Buffalo, Wyoming, where he grew up with his sister, Rita. He graduated from Johnson County High School in 1941. Following graduation, he moved to California to attend college and met his first wife, Dollie. They were married August 1943 in California. He joined the US Army during World War II and served in the European Theater, where he fought at the Battle of the Bulge and the Ardennes region of central Europe. He received a European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal and was invited to attend an English Military Training Academy. Following the War, he returned to California, where his first daughter was born. The family moved back to Buffalo in 1946 as co-owners of Buffalo Creamery. They returned to Lakewood, California, in the late 1940s, where he started his sales career and had two more children, later divorcing. He retired in 1983.

In 1991, he met Marian L. Stewart. They were married in Sheridan, Wyoming, on January 24, 1994. Dominic and Marian made their home in Buffalo, where they lived at the time of his death. His passions were fishing and golfing. He was a devoted husband and father and was very proud of his extended family.

He is survived by his wife, Marian, of Buffalo, Wyoming; one son, Larry, and his wife, Cathy Cao, of Anaheim Hills, California; two daughters, Cheryl Jensen of Fullerton, California, and Christie Sarantha Vliss and her husband, Steve Vliss, of Villa Park, California. His five grandchildren are Chad Turner, Sommer Bartulis, Joshua Jensen, Jenna Vliss, and Jenson Vliss. His six great-grandchildren are Katie, Lauren, and



Andrew Turner; Siena and Emory Jensen; and Dylan Bartulis. His surviving nieces and nephews are Christine and Dr. Bob Hammond, Craig and Robin Lupus, Carol and Jeff Erie, and Bob and Renee O'Dea. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

A Mass for Christian Burial was held for Dominic Michael Sarantha on August 18, 2018, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Buffalo, Wyoming, with Father Pete Johnson as celebrant, on August 18, 2018. He was interred at Willow Grove Cemetery with the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars in charge of military gravesite rites.

Marian and Dominic Sarantha attended the HFFA Reunion in 2013 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Charles Johnston Burgess of Naples, Florida, completed his earthly journey on August 27, 2018. He was born in Emmetsburg, Iowa, on July 27, 1923, to John Lloyd Burgess and Marguerite Frye Burgess. He was a life-long educator, historian, and craftsman, renowned for his shoe-fly pie and rose hip wine. He lovingly dedicated long hours to researching the family ancestry and shared his knowledge with many newly discovered relatives. Eventually, he created a web of family that covered the United States and the British Isles. On one of his trips, he reconnected with the English branch of the Burgess Family, which began a long friendship of mutual visits to each other's homes.

Charles graduated from Rapid City High School in 1942. He continued his education at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, where he became a member of Sigma Chi and Sigma Phi Societies. After graduation, he moved to Gap, Pennsylvania, with his mother and grandmother. He taught history to students at Octarara Junior/Senior High School. Living in Amish Country, he attended many antique fairs and became a knowledgeable dealer. He completely restored an old farmhouse and furnished it with period pieces. He was a gracious host and tour guide to the many family members who visited him there.

After retirement, seeking warmer winters, he



moved to Naples, Florida. There, he continued his ancestry research and served as President of the Heinrich Frey Family Association and then served as Family Historian of HFFA for the rest of his life.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Barry and John. He is survived by his sisters-in-law, Maxine Burgess and Beverly Burgess. Also surviving him are his nieces and nephews: Scott Burgess, Susan Johnson, Jane Spencer, Jim Burgess, Carol Burgess, Todd Burgess, and John Burgess and their spouses, children, and grandchildren.

He was buried in the Fairview Cemetery in White, South Dakota, near other family members.

Gene Frye, HFFA President, sends this message:

We are very sorry to hear of the passing of Charles Burgess. He was a past president of HFFA, and he was instrumental in the growth of our organization.

Charles had a love for genealogy, and he was very helpful when we had questions about ancestry.

He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Norm Schulze said that, since Charles Burgess' passing, he has learned that his brother Barry, who preceded Charles in death by two years, had never been properly recognized by the HFFA. Charles' nephew James Burgess would appreciate it if HFFA members would have the opportunity to learn of the loss and life of another one of our cousins, this one coming from a very special family.



Barry Frye Burgess, brother of Charles Burgess, died May 11, 2016, at the age of 94. He was born on December 5, 1921, in Vienna, South Dakota, to John L. Burgess and Marguerite Frye Burgess. He spent his childhood years between South Dakota and Illinois. In 1942, he joined the Army Air Corps and fought in World War II in the European Campaign as a bombardier on the B24. He flew 49

missions and was awarded the Purple Heart and the Silver Star for his heroic efforts to complete his last mission over Brenner Pass in Italy. During that mission, he was flying a radar bomber and was having trouble getting the bombs to release. As a result, he was over the target too long and was hit by shrapnel that paralyzed him from the waist down. He continued to work with the bombsight after being hit and was eventually able to release the bombs. Luckily, doctors were able to remove the shrapnel and reverse the paralysis. He was discharged and returned home in 1945.

In 1946, he met and married Maxine Ballenger, and they made their home in Rapid City, South Dakota. Barry worked for Wilkins and Brekhus, selling cars, and then he bought the business from Mort and Milo in 1958 and renamed it Burgess and Doyle Motors. He retired from selling cars in 1988.

Barry was an avid lover of cars and meticulously restored numerous antique automobiles to concours condition. He was also gifted working with wood and crafted beautiful desks, tables, cabinets, toys, and other items for his home and the homes of his children. He also tailored his own sports coats and tried his hand at painting pictures.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Maxine and by his children: Scott Burgess of Rapid City; Susan (Dan) Johnson of San Ramon, California; Jane (John) Spencer of Boulder, Colorado; Jim (Monica) Burgess of Rapid City; Carol Burgess of Tucson, Arizona; and Todd (Jill) Burgess of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Brianna and Zach (Susan); Talon, Courtney, and Stephen (Carol); Nicholas and Andrew (Jim); Charlie and Grayson (Todd). He also leaves 6 great-grandchildren: Thalia and Alessia Johnson; Maya and Zoe Lalis; Joran Aros-Cox; and TJ Burgess.

Entombment with military honors was rendered by the Ellsworth Air Force Base Honor Guard and Rushmore Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1273 in the Black Hills National Cemetery.

Go West, Young Man

By Marilyn Fry

In 1865, Horace Greeley, founder and editor of the *New York Tribune*, famously said, “Go West, young man.” Long before that, the descendants of Heinrich Frey did just that. Heinrich’s son Benjamin and his family moved from Germantown in eastern Pennsylvania to Virginia, where he built Frye Fort. Benjamin’s son Abraham moved to “the frontier” of southwestern Pennsylvania. In 1774, Abraham’s son James Fry married Nancy Spears. In 1787 or 1788, James and Nancy Fry and his sister Elizabeth Fry Kellar and her husband, Jacob Kellar, and other friends and relations traveled on the Wilderness Trail through the Cumberland Gap (which had been broadened by Daniel Boone in 1775) and settled in Bourbon County, Kentucky. James and Nancy Fry’s son Benjamin married his first cousin, his aunt Elizabeth Kellar’s daughter, Agnes (“Nancy”) Kellar.

In 1819, James Fry got the urge to move west again. He and several of his grown children, including Benjamin and Nancy Fry and their children, crossed the Mississippi River to settle in Missouri—James in Pike County and Benjamin in Marion County.

Benjamin’s oldest son, Abraham Kellar Fry, became a prosperous businessman in Palmyra, Missouri, where he owned the Fry Tavern. In 1844, he moved his family farther west—to Ladonia, Texas. Descendants Judy Fry, Ginny Fry, and Lloyd Fry have attended several HFFA reunions.

Most of the rest of Benjamin’s other children settled in Missouri and nearby areas. Three HFFA members are descendants of his youngest son, William Kellar Fry: HFFA President Gene Frye of Kansas City, Kansas; HFFA Vice President and Journal Editor Jon Frye of Jamestown, Ohio; and HFFA Director Anne Pasioka of Arlington Heights, Illinois.

Benjamin’s second son, John M. Fry, was 19 years old when the family moved to Missouri in 1819. In 1827, when his second cousin Aaron Fry moved from Kentucky to found Frytown (which later became part of Hannibal, Missouri),

John Fry joined him and lived there until his death in 1884. His Fry Garden in Frytown was famous in the area.

John Fry married twice and had 11 children in all, 3 by his first wife, Obedience Allen, who died, and 8 by his second wife, Mary Jane Leighton. One of the sons of John and Mary Jane Fry was Luther Calvin Fry ("LC"), who served in the Missouri Militia, where he met Hervey H. Asay of Quincy, Illinois. Through their friendship, they came to know each other's families. Hervey Asay married LC's sister Sarah Elizabeth Fry, and LC married Hervey's sister Mary Alice Asay, who went by her middle name. Both young couples lived in Quincy. However, Alice died young, when their son, Hervey Asay Fry, was only three years old. LC returned to Hannibal, where he later remarried and had other children, leaving Hervey Asay Fry in Quincy with his Aunt Sally (Sarah Levina Asay) to raise. He grew to manhood there and married Augusta Maud Christie, daughter of the prominent Dr. Robert James Christie, in 1898,



when Maud moved from her father's home to join Hervey at his Aunt Sally's home. They had three children: Alice Maude Fry, Sarah Virginia Fry, and Robert Luther Fry. They all continued to live there after Sally's death

in 1915.

Augusta Maud Christie Fry's brother Cassius Westwood ("Cash") Christie and all three of her sisters moved all the way west to California. Cash, who had graduated with honors from the University of Missouri and who was working as a banker, and his wife, Matilda A. ("Tea") LaRue Christie, lived in Lewistown, Missouri. Many members of her LaRue family who had lived in Lewistown had moved to California, to the Fresno area. Perhaps they urged her and her husband to come west to the Golden State. Whatever the reason, Cash and Tea did move in 1914 to Hollywood, where he bought several pieces of property.

Cash's other sisters lived in Quincy, Illinois, in their father's home until his death in 1909 and then continued to live in Quincy. Mary Elizabeth ("Lizzie") Christie Cotton and Emma Lee Christie Graves were widows, and Laura Virginia Christie never married. At the urging of Cash and Tea, all three women moved to Hollywood, California, in 1916. Undoubtedly, Cash helped them financially once they arrived. Emma Lee's daughter, Maud Nixon Graves, a graduate of Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Missouri, came with her but never married or had children; she lived to be 98 years old, working as a bookkeeper at the *Hollywood Citizen News* until the age of 77. Lizzie's two sons were both serving as officers in the Army at the time she moved, so they didn't move to California until after World War I.

In 1921, Hervey and Maud Fry

decided to join her siblings in Hollywood, California. Their oldest daughter, Alice Fry, was married to Paul Cobb and lived in St. Louis, Missouri; Sarah Virginia Fry had graduated from high school and had attended two years at Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois; and son Robert Luther Fry was still in high school. In Quincy, Hervey Asay Fry had been an editor and business manager of *The Quincy Journal*. In Hollywood, he went to work for the *Los Angeles Times*. He was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood.

Virginia completed her education in Business with an emphasis in Marketing at the University of Southern California (USC) and went to work for Catalina, famous for its swimwear, where she became Head of Marketing. In 1952, she was instrumental in creating the Miss Universe Contest, where she served as a judge; each year, she would accompany that year's Miss Universe on her tour throughout the United States. She was married to Alton Graves, but they never had any children. They lived in a lovely home in the Hollywood Hills.

Robert Fry graduated from Manual Arts High School in Glendale in 1922. Later that year, his parents bought a duplex in West Hollywood and lived there the rest of their lives (Hervey died in 1933, and Maud died in 1958; they are buried in the mausoleum at Forest Lawn in Glendale). After high school, Robert traveled to Arizona to work in a sawmill and to train as a saw filer. He met his boss' daughter Mabel Ruth Coulson

when she returned for the summer from College of the Pacific (now University of the Pacific) in Stockton, California. They were married on August 16, 1928. He worked as a saw filer in sawmills in Arizona until 1945, when they moved to northern California, where they bought a home in Sutter Creek. Robert worked in the Wetzel-Oviatt Sawmill until his death in 1981. Mabel died in 2006. Both are buried at the Sutter Creek City Cemetery along with their two sons.



Robert Luther Fry and Mabel Coulson Fry had three children, all born in Arizona: Robert Luther Fry, Jr.; Bruce Coulson Fry; and Carolyn Ruth Fry.

Robert ("Bob") Luther Fry, Jr., graduated in 1952 from the University of California, where he met Marilyn Margaret Lockyer from Long Beach, California; she received her A.A. degree at that time (she later earned a B.A. and M.A. in English from California State University of Long Beach). They were married on August 22, 1952. After Bob served in the Army for two years in Germany, they returned to Berkeley, where Bob earned a second B.A. degree in Zoology, a teaching credential, and an M.A. degree in Botany. Then in 1959, they moved to Balboa Island, where they lived for 38

winters (summers were spent in Yosemite National Park, where Bob was a Ranger Naturalist for 43 years) before buying a home in nearby Costa Mesa. Bob taught science in high school, and Marilyn teaches English in community college. They had three children: Gretchen Elizabeth Fry, Stephen Christopher Fry, and Ronald Dean Fry. Gretchen was born in Frankfurt, Germany, when Bob was an officer in the Army; Steve and Ron were both born in San Francisco, California. Steve graduated from UC Berkeley in Physics in 1978; Ron graduated from the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco in 1984.



In 2008, Bob found out through a DNA test at Family Tree DNA that he was a descendant of Heinrich Frey, and he joined the Heinrich Frey Family Association and attended the next year's reunion in Mineola, Texas (2009). When he died on December 6, 2010, his wife, Marilyn Fry, became an associate member of HFFA, and his three children became HFFA members. Two of Gretchen's daughters, Heather Elizabeth Cheney Brown and Molly Adele Cheney Patten, are HFFA members. Gretchen's husband, Cabot Harvey, is an associate member. Gretchen and Cabot have attended four HFFA reunions: Winchester, Virginia (2011); Kansas City, Missouri (2013);

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania (2015), and Hannibal, Missouri (2017). Marilyn has attended the last three HFFA reunions and the 2009 reunion in Mineola, Texas, and now serves as the HFFA Newsletter Editor with the help of daughter, Gretchen, and niece Ginny Fry Santos. Gretchen Fry Harvey is also the HFFA Secretary.

Bruce Coulson Fry graduated from the University of California in English and married Mary Sue Kenney, a graduate of the University of the Pacific, on May 9, 1953. After serving two years in the Army in Germany, Bruce and Sue returned to California and bought a house near the Rose Garden in Berkeley, California. After taking more classes at UC Berkeley in Architecture, Bruce served as Alameda County City Planner until he died in 1983. They had three children: Doran Bruce Fry, Virginia ("Ginny") Sue Fry, and John Christopher Fry. Doran was born in San Francisco; Ginny was born in Wurtzburg, Germany; and John was born in Berkeley. Doran graduated cum laude from CSU East Bay. Ginny Fry graduated from the Fashion Design Institute of Los Angeles and married Stanford University graduate Rodrigo Alvite Santos. All three are HFFA members; Sue Fry is an associate member. Sue and Ginny have attended the HFFA reunions at Kansas City, Missouri (2013); Lancaster County, Pennsylvania (2015); and Hannibal, Missouri (2017).

Carolyn Ruth Coulson received an A.A. degree from the University of California and then married UC graduate Jerome Har-

old Denham on July 28, 1957. They had five children. Carolyn is a HFFA member and attended the reunion at Hannibal, Missouri, in 2017. Her youngest son, Dr. Robert David Denham, and two of her daughters, Constance ("Connie") Mae Denham Johnston and Claire Renee Denham Voegtly, are also HFFA members. A Music Major, Robert received a B.A. from BIOLA (Biblical Institute of Los Angeles), an M.A. from UCLA, and a Ph.D. from the University of Cincinnati; Connie received a B.A. in Music from CSU Hayward. Robert is a Music Professor at BIOLA; and Carolyn, Connie, and Claire teach piano.

This is how one branch of the Fry family migrated all the way west to California and continued living here through four generations and many descendants. Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Asay Fry brought two of their three children to California. Son Robert Luther Fry and his wife, Mabel Coulson Fry, had 3 children, 11 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren, and 14 great-great-grandchildren (with another "on the way"), most of whom live in California to this day. (Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Asay Fry's other daughter, Alice Fry Cobb, living in Missouri, had two children, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.)



**Heinrich Frey's Descendants
at Bob Fry's Memorial**

Charles G. Scott Writes About Coming to California



I descended from Benjamin Frye; his son Samuel Frye and Christina Speers; their daughter Rebecca Frye, and Henry Shepler;

and their daughter Eliza, who married Alexander Scott, my second-great-grandfather. Alexander and Eliza's son Smith Frye Scott married Sarah Frances Rogers, whose grandfather Jeremiah Rogers had migrated from Maryland to Washington County, Pennsylvania, in the early 1800s and purchased property lying in both West Pike Run and Somerset Townships. I joined HFFA in 2014, and the May 2014 issue of the HFFA Newsletter ran an article on the original sheepskin deed to that property that was passed down to me from Sarah Frances Rogers through her Scott descendants.

My Frye family connection with California started with me! I was born and grew up in Washington County, Pennsylvania, about 15 miles from where the Frye and Speers families settled when they moved from Virginia to Pennsylvania. I went to college at Penn State, obtained aeronautical engineering degrees, and moved to Southern California in 1963 to work in the aerospace industry.

I met my wife, Sandra Scott, who also worked at the same company, when she moved into the apartment building where I was living. Coincidentally, her last name was also Scott, which was another reason I got interested in genealogy and wanted to know if there might be family connection sometime in the past. Scott is a fairly common surname, but after as much research as I was able to do, I found no connection. Our Ancestry.com DNA tests also showed no family connections.

Soon after I came to California, my sister also decided to come; and several years later, when my father retired, my parents and younger brother also moved here. My wife and I lived in Southern California for a few years before moving to Northern California and eventually settling where we currently live in Auburn.

Longest California Resident

Marcia Ann Van Swoll 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. Edith was born in California, but Carl wasn't. I am not sure when he

arrived in California, but he was obviously here by 1916. My father was born in 1918, also in Chino, so this makes me a third generation Californian. His brother, Clinton Carl Frey, was born in 1920. Uncle Clinton was in the Bataan Death March and died as a Prisoner of War, something my grandparents never talked about. When they had both passed, I wound up with the letters my grandmother wrote to the State Department and the telegram they had received notifying them of his death. He is buried on Manila Island. My husband and I live in historic Columbia, California, in Tuolumne County—not far from Yosemite National Park.



The Fry Family Joins the Gold Rush to California



Sonja Itson writes about an early trip and then her family's gradual migration to California:

When she was a very young child, my great-grandmother, Harriet Dikeman, came to California in a covered wagon in 1859 with

my great-great-grandparents, Amanda Fry Dikeman and Ed Dikeman, in search of gold. However, that did not pan out so well, so they left by ship to Panama; then they walked across the isthmus and took another ship to the east coast of the U.S. and then returned to Illinois.



My branch of the Fry family gradually migrated westward from their roots in Virginia. My fourth-great-grandfather, Jacob Fry, and his wife, Katherine Fry (his first cousin), were born in Virginia; my third-great-grandfather, Andrew Jackson Fry, and his daughter, Amanda Fry Dikeman, my second-great-grandmother were born in Kentucky. My great-grandmother, Harriet Dikeman, the one who briefly lived in California as a child during the gold rush, was born in Illinois. She married John T. Frazey, and they migrated from Illinois to Kansas, where my grandmother, Sarah Frazey, was born. My mother was born in Colorado. I was born and raised in Colorado.

My mother's brother moved to the Bay Area of Northern California in the late 1920s and lived most of his life there except for a short time in Arizona. Then he lived in San Diego until his death. He lost three wives

to cancer and never had any children. I never talked to him about why he came to California, but my mother said that as a young man he probably wanted to get away from farming and parental control.

I came to Los Angeles, California, in 1962 for college. Then I moved to San Diego County for graduate school and my career. My daughter and first granddaughter were born in California but now live in Texas. My brother also came to go to college in California but then left for graduate school elsewhere. However, two of his children, born in Canada, came to California for their higher education and now live in Santa Barbara. My mother's sister's son also came to California in the 1960s for graduate school in the Bay Area; he still lives there. Education was the primary reason we came, and job offers kept us here. The weather and life style did play a part, too!

Letter from Amanda Fry Dikeman to her sister on the way to California

May 15, 1859



Sister, it has been some time since I wrote you. I will try and write a few lines to let you know we are all well at present and hope these few lines will find you all in good health. I suppose you have heard in the papers that Pikes Peak proved to be a humbug.

I wrote to Fronia stating to her that we were in a company of men that expected to go on. We traveled with them two more days and then they turned back.

It got them. The West. I even seen they hated to turn back so bad. We are now in a very good company of men. We have had very good luck all but one time crossing the Platte River. We got stuck and had to have hire an ox-team to pull us out of the river, which is half a mile across and there is quicksand in it. We got out and it did not damage any of our provisions. We are now on our road to Cal. ten miles from the Ft.

I don't believe I have had as much trouble with Hattie and Allie as I did at home. Traveling up the Platte River is very unpleasant because there is no wood scarcely. The Platte is a muddy stream like the Missouri River. We will come to the mts. where it will be better traveling.

Expect to reach Cal by the 4th of July. The weather is getting pleasant. It has been very backward here this spring. I have worn my shawl everyday. The men we are with have a tent and we occupy one corner of it. They use our stove so we manage the thing very well together. I have not said anything about the Indians. I can only say I am not as afraid of them as I am of the Irish.

Before we crossed the Platte we met 1000 persons a day returning from Pikes Peak for three or four days. A good great many went up the Smoky Hill route starved to death 15 that I heard of. There was no road two-hundred miles and they got lost and came up in this road. We met lots of them that had nothing. That was before we crossed the Platte. Our team has stopped for noon and they are starting and so I will have to quit writing.

When you get this I want you to write all the news and direct your letter to Sacramento Cal. and it will reach there before I do. I don't know whether we will go by Salt Lake or not. Give my love to all. I don't think you can read this as my time is scarce and it is written on my knee. I will write soon

Amanda Dikeman

My letter didn't go to the Ft this evening so I can write some more. Two of the men are going to the Fort in the morning.

We forded one stream at the Ft this evening. The Ft is quite a pretty place. Flour is \$10 per hundred and everything is proportion. We do not have to buy anything as we started with enough. I will merely mention what we had to throw away. Two satchels, I bed tick, 1-7 lb iron, and some old clothing. Ed swapped his wagon for a light one and our load is light. We would have been to Pike's Peak by this time. [One line can't be read].

Hattie has forgotten all but her grandma and Lucy. Tell Lucy she should be here to see the pappooses. Here you can see snow mts. They look funny. Anyone who crosses the plains can see a great ways. Persons that started to the Peak are going to Cal. I can't write a fit letter to send anywhere. Pap you must sell out and cross the plains and see how you like fording streams. It cost two dollars and one half for crossing a bridge.

Write direct Sacramento, California.

Janet Goforth Moved to California in 1957

Janet Goforth writes about their move to California

My father's mother was Hattie May Fry Bailey. She was married to Thomas Henry Bailey, and for all of their married life, they lived in and near Winfield, Kansas. My father, Walter C. Bailey, and my mother, Ethel M. Carrier Bailey, also lived all their lives in Winfield, even in the same house, which was built by Dad's father, Thomas Bailey.

In 1953, I married a young man from Greeley, Colorado. In 1957, after I had finished college, my husband was offered a job teaching English at Livermore High School in Livermore, California. We moved from his parents' home in Greeley to Livermore and, in due time, increased our family from two children to four.

In 1972, I began my professional life working at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and many years later, I married again and found myself in New Mexico, working at Los Alamos National Laboratory.

I retired from the laboratory in 1992, and my husband, John Goforth, (whom many of you have met) retired in 2000. By this time, my four children (three sons and one daughter) and their families were living in or near Livermore, California, while John's son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter were living in Oregon. Therefore, John and I decided to move back to

California to be near our children and eleven grandchildren. Then, guess what happened? Marty Stunkel, the son who lived the closest to us, 20 minutes away, had a job change from working at the Livermore Laboratory to the laboratory in Los Alamos, where John and I had been for so many years! Oh, well, it gives us a good excuse to travel back to visit Los Alamos, which we loved so much. Martin (Marty) and his wife, Laurie, have two adult children, Timothy and Schauna; neither is married.

My oldest son, HFFA Member James Stunkel, a retired Fire Chief in San Jose, California, works for Assist International, doing humanitarian work all over the world. Jim and his wife, Marissa, have been married for 40 years. They have three children: Michelle Marie Stunkel, who is married to Andrew Carmichael; Heather Christine Stunkel, who is married to Daniel Cooney; and David James Stunkel, who is married to Christie Jean Keller Stunkel. Their three grandchildren are Conrad James Carmichael, Birdie Marilyn Carmichael, and Owen David Stunkel.

My third son, Randy Stunkel, is a retired fireman who now lives in Bend, Oregon, with his wife, Lisa. My daughter, Jennifer Farian, is a nurse; she lives in Tracy, California with her two daughters, Jamie and Robin. In 2015, cancer took her husband. The son John gifted me is employed in Richland, Washington, at the Hanford Nuclear Site. That son's name is Philip Max Goforth. He and his wife, Andrea, and daughter, Mailia, live

on a small ranch north of Pasco, Washington.



So here John and I are in Turlock, in Central California . . . I believe this is where we will be for the rest of our lives. We are both active in HFFA and have attended all the reunions since the 2009 one in Texas. I am a HFFA Director.

Hattie Fry Bailey had four sons and one daughter. Her oldest children, Ira Bailey and Ida Bailey Kadau, were twins. Ira married Sally, and Ida married Roy Kadau, but neither of the twins had any children. Her third child, William Bailey, married Ileen, but they had no children. Next came Walter Bailey. Walter and his wife, Ethel, were parents to Shirley, Janet (me), and Jim. Hattie's fifth child was son Lawrence Bailey. Lawrence and his wife, Beulah, had three children: Marlin, Roger, and Judy. For some time, I was the only member of Hattie Fry's descendants who came to California.

My sister, Shirley Coad, lives in Kansas; and my brother, Jim Bailey, lives in Oklahoma. They never lived in California. In the mid-1960s, Roger Bailey, a very dear cousin, moved to California and was on the faculty of CSU Fresno. Unfortunately, he passed away because of a heart condition. His brother,

Marlin Bailey, is a HFFA member and lives in Texas. Shirley is also a HFFA member. She and her husband, Roger, attended the 2009 HFFA reunion with us in Texas.

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