

HFFA NEWS

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Hello, Cousins, Kin, and other Readers,

I hope that everyone who was able to attend the Shelbyville, Kentucky, reunion had a wonderful time. It certainly looked like fun! Those of us who could not attend really enjoyed seeing all the photographs that various members posted on Facebook. In a way, it made us feel as if we were there with the rest of you.



As I mentioned in the last newsletter, I needed to stay home as my son Ron was going through chemotherapy for his cancer. Unfortunately, he died on June 18, just a couple days before the reunion started, actually 8 hours before his sister, Gretchen, left on a plane for Kentucky. Here is the last photograph taken of him and me—out for a nice dinner at Morton's Steakhouse, which he enjoyed. Here is

a photograph of the other HFFA Newsletter team members, Gretchen Fry Harvey, and Ginny Fry Santos, taken during the recent reunion.

This issue is so full with news and photographs from the reunion that we have decided to wait to post the Business Meeting minutes in the November issue.

Sincerely,

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Treasurer's Report



Summary
07/19/2017–
08/11/2019

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| INCOME | 20,520.60 |
| Uncategorized | 50.00 |
| Dues | 7,361.43 |
| Frey Fort Cemetery | 155.00 |
| Heinrich Cemetery | 565.75 |
| Heinrich Cemetery Expenses | -475.00 |
| Pay Pal Fee | -1.75 |
| Other Heinrich Cemetery | 1,042.50 |
| Journal Purchase | 488.00 |
| Links Book | 170.00 |
| Other Inc | 8.00 |
| Past treasurer income | 5,771.80 |
| Reunion Fee 2019 | 4,879.00 |
| Swiss Genealogist | 1,071.62 |
| EXPENSES | -10,158.04 |
| Auto & Transport | -235.55 |
| Gas & Fuel | -55.55 |
| Reunion Transportation | -180.00 |
| Bills & Utilities | -251.17 |
| Internet | -251.17 |
| Dues & Subscriptions - | -71.99 |
| Fees & Charges | -89.46 |
| Bank Fee | -89.46 |
| Journal Expenses | -2,496.29 |
| Misc. | -648.97 |
| Office Expenses | -648.97 |
| Paypal fee | -6.17 |
| Postage | -463.85 |
| Newsletter | -272.60 |
| Other Postage | -191.25 |
| Reunion Expenses | -5,894.59 |
| OVERALL TOTAL | 10,362.56 |

Ralph Fry, Treasurer



Dear Family,

A good time and an informative time was had by all at the 2019 HFFA reunion in Shelbyville, Kentucky, with much of it due to the efforts of Rebecca Proffitt, Wilma Mayfield, and Jon Frye.

We really do have a great group of cousins who are seeking additional information about their heritage. They are a joy to work with in so many aspects. We had a good time with the “regulars” who attend almost every reunion and the new members attending the reunion for the first time. Welcome, one and all, whenever you can attend!

We expanded somewhat on our ancestral sites since our cousins had a strong presence in the Kentucky area. Some of the highlights were a visit to Rockbridge church in Shelby County, where Benjamin Fry provided land in the early 1800s. While we were there, Wilma Mayfield presented a lamp to the church that was used there during her childhood, and she told us she was also married there. We visited Grove Hill cemetery where several Fry and Spears cousins are buried and had a demonstration of restorative work being done on deteriorating tombstones. We went to Fort Boonesborough to visit a recon-

structed fort that housed families for protection against hostile Indians. In Blue Licks Battlefield State Park, we visited the Daniel Boone cabin and then the Ewalt and Jacob Speers mansions in Paris, Kentucky.

At Runnymede horse farm we saw the horses Kentucky is known for with a nice dissertation from Ted Kuster, a local horse farm owner. At Coopers Run Baptist Church we saw where the Frys, Spears, and Ewalts attended church in the later 1700s to early 1800s, and at Cane Ridge Church, we visited the site of the 1800 Great Revival Awakening. Kay Thomas and Marilyn Roberts were contributors to the above, and we appreciate their assistance. If I have left out anyone, I sincerely apologize, and please know we appreciate the group effort to make the reunions a reality.

Looking ahead, a site has been selected for the 2021 Reunion: Xenia, Ohio, with Jon Frye as the host. More information will be forthcoming.

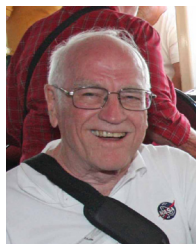
Until next time, stay healthy, enjoy each day, and

I remain respectfully yours,

Gene Frye
President, HFFA

Jacob Frey Family Research, Switzerland Status

by Norm Schulze



During the 2017 Hannibal, Missouri, reunion, Jon Frye had proposed that we expand our understanding of the Frey family further by going back in history to understand Heinrich's father, Jacob, and his family to the greatest extent. Not having met with much success by early December 2018, unfortunately, and after much effort, he inquired in December as to whether I would be able to possibly help.

In February 2019, after I had given it consideration and had accomplished preliminary investigative work all independently on my own, I

agreed and would take over the project. Both of us had the concern that the Heinrich Frey Cemetery Project compounded by an addition project may be overwhelming. It was agreed that the cemetery project would receive priority.

In accepting, though, there was and is the caveat that I have always mentioned and cautioned. By the very nature of this research, we could pay someone and come up emptyhanded.

Bear in mind that we are going back to the time frame not all that far from the beginning of this country, and this is believed to be a poor family, hence having poor record accountability.

The project has been fairly well funded privately by HFFA members acting on their own behalf. That funding is psychologically important as it provides incentive to volunteer to work to fulfill a project that members feel is important enough that they will commit their own personal funds

to. I am unaware of members' knowledge about Switzerland, but Switzerland is expensive to deal with, the difference being between 2 to 3 times costlier there than here.

I have worked the Jacob Frey family totally independently of the HFFA. Early family history in my ancestors' native homeland is of utmost personal interest typically, more so than what they did here. For that reason, I had taken my three sons to Germany and Switzerland in September 2017 in a family tour whereby they would see places and visit homes where our family had once lived and would meet family members, stay with them, and visit friends, plus take in the culture and history. The trip ranged from the far north, Bremerhaven, all the way south into Switzerland. Both of my parents are German, Dad's side being from the north, Mom's from the south. This very spiritual trip included Altenheim and both locations in Switzerland where we believe the family originated. Beautiful! During the Switzerland part of the trip, I conducted research on records for Jacob in Gundetswil but came up negative.

During the recent reunion, I discussed and showed in a formal presentation the background of the project and my endeavors, the status being in a very fluid situation as of the time of the reunion, when I announced that the contractor had just received funding from me. A comprehensive statement of work had first been prepared for review by potential contractors, which I wrote in German. I showed project goals, contained therein, in this 58-chart, 20-minute presentation.

The person selected was actually the owner of a company whose sole job is basically genealogy. He is extremely well qualified. His company has an office in Berlin and one in Switzerland fairly close to Gundetswil and Zurich. He is German.

Since the Shelbyville reunion, I have recently heard back from the contractor. Although the Frey name is frequently seen there, he could not locate a good candidate family. He will not be able to work on this job for a while, but he has not given up. I have responded to his letter with thoughts and ideas. I have, of course, made him aware of my work.

New Members

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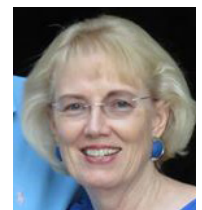


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2. Benjamin Frey/Regina Christina Merkle
3. Abraham Frye/Agnes Ann Young
4. James Fry/Ann "Nancy" Spears
5. Rebecca Fry/Robert Gilmore Anderson
6. Nancy J. Anderson/John Anderson Penn
7. Joseph Rollins Penn/Nancy Shoup
8. Delilah R. Penn/Nathaniel Morris
9. Louisa Morris/Carl Peter Nelson
10. Jack Ralph Nelson/Ruth Evelyn May
11. Don A Nelson/Sylvia A. Swob
12. **Catelyn Neilson**

Cate said that her parents and grandparents were named Nelson, but she decided to return to the original Danish spelling for her name of Neilson. She says, "I live in Paris, Kentucky, where I came following the roots of a family who once lived in a Bed and Breakfast I owned in Fulton, Missouri. It turns out that one of those people was Elizabeth Jameson Reid, who once lived in Sunnyside Farm, a house originally owned by my ancestor Solomon Spears! Solomon was the son of Jacob Spears and nephew of Nancy Spears Fry. Since being here, I've continued to pursue my research on the families. I've also written historical articles for the local paper and a novella about my great-grandparents who lived in Cumberland, Kentucky, Miss Cornett's Courtship. It has old love letters that her future husband wrote. I live with my two delightful cats, Boo Radley and Jack Sparrow."

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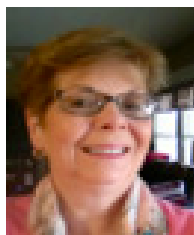
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3. Abraham Frye/Agnes Ann Young

4. James Fry/Ann "Nancy" Spears
5. Jacob Fry/Ellenor Speaks
6. William Fry/Amanda Millsizum
7. Franklin Fry/Harriett Jefferies
8. Lewellen Fry/DeWitt Clinton Hatfield
9. Ora Hatfield/Catherine Warren
10. Edsel Hatfield/Jessie Whitelaw
11. **Elaine Hatfield**/David Powell

Elaine is a descendant of the Pennsylvania Hatfields, not the "feuding" Hatfields! President of Central Florida Genealogical Society, she has been researching her family history for over 30 years and was very happy to become a member of HFFA when she first joined in May 2018. However, at that time, she didn't have all the information about her ancestor William Fry (ca 1817-before 1852, Pike County, Missouri), son of Jacob Fry and Ellenor Speaks, who married Amanda "Mandi" Milliszum (ca 1826-1858), Audrain County, Colorado (m. 2nd to William Middleton). Their son, Franklin "Frank" Fry, was an orphan by age 12 in Pike County, Missouri. Little was known about William and Amanda since they both died so young. Fortunately, she has found the information she needed and has confirmed her pedigree as a descendant of Heinrich Frey.

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3. Jacob Frederick Linebaugh/Susan Nein
4. Catherine Linebaugh/Jacob Coffman
5. John Jacob Coffman/Nancy Ellis
6. Malenea Amanda Coffman/Henry Russell
7. John Fry Russell/Maggie Armstrong Buchanan
8. Marcus Moore Russell/Gladys Mildred Kurtz
9. **Linda Sue Russell**/Rick Shannon

Mike Speers is delighted that HFFA again has another HFFA member who is a descendant from Heinrich Frey's youngest daughter, Amelia Elizabeth Frey. "In HFFA, most of us descend from Heinrich's son Benjamin. For a couple of years,

we had two of Amelia's descendants on our roster, a brother and sister. Cheryl Ellen Linebaugh Van Cleave joined HFFA in 2010. She paid for her brother, Daniel Linebaugh to also join. If I remember correctly, Cheryl had many health problems and did not stay on our roster more than two years. When she no longer joined, neither did Daniel. My efforts to reach either one of them has failed. Many times, when I turn to my computer to try to expand my records of possible HFFA cousins, I work on the Linebaugh family line, thinking that sooner or later I'll find some who are interested in family history. Now, I have about 280 Linebaugh names in my records plus many more who descend from the Linebaugh women and now have different last names. If I took the time to count them all, there must be 500 or more."

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2. Benjamin Frey/Christina
3. Abraham Frye/Agnes Ann Young
4. Elizabeth Fry/Jacob Keller/Henry Ewalt
5. John Ewalt/Elizabeth Ravenscraft/Polly Haley
6. John R. Ewalt/Mary Ann David
7. Mary Elizabeth "Betsy" Ewalt/Charles Henry Kuster
8. Theodore Roosevelt Kuster/Mildred Allen Cleaver
9. **Kay Kuster**/Ed Thomas

HFFA members who attended the recent reunion in Kentucky were delighted to be able to tour Kay's house, Ewalt Crossing. Thank you for opening your lovely home to our group, Kay!

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Obituaries

Ronald Dean Fry

Although **Ronald Dean Fry** was born in San Francisco on October 17, 1958, he grew up in Orange County, moving with his family to Balboa Island in September 1959, where he lived every winter until he graduated from Corona del Mar High School in 1977. He and his family spent the summers in Yosemite National Park, where his father, Newport Harbor High School Science Teacher Bob Fry, was a Ranger-Naturalist. After his high school years, he learned to cook from Amelia while working at Amelia's Restaurant on Balboa Island.

Ron continued the family tradition of working in Yosemite—in the High Sierra Camps for 7 summers, for 2 years as a camp helper and then for 5 years as cook-manager. He graduated from California Culinary Academy in San Francisco in 1984.

He cooked at the historic Old Poodle Dog, first French restaurant in San Francisco (1884), until it closed in 1986 and then at Oliveto Restaurant in Oakland and then at Bette's Oceanview Diner in Berkeley. He moved back to Orange County in 1996 and worked in the catering department of the Tulsa Rib Company of Orange for 19 years. He lived in Costa Mesa until he died of cancer on June 18, 2019, at the age of 60.

Ron had many hobbies and interests. He loved to hike and fish and made several trips to Yosemite every year. He loved working with wood and made rare-wood fine-finished boxes that he gave to his family and friends. He was interested in astronomy and in photography; he took amazing photographs from Idaho of the last solar eclipse. He was an avid reader and particularly liked books of history and books about rock climbing and mountain climbing. He loved jazz and played the trumpet in the Corona del Mar High School band and jazz band; he won the school's Louie Armstrong Music Award in 1977.

He loved his "hometown" of Balboa Island. For the last several years, he would drive to Balboa Island almost every day to walk around on the Island, stopping for a cup of coffee at Dad's Donut Shop or Starbucks.

He will be much missed by his mother, Marilyn Fry, and his sister, Gretchen Fry Harvey, both of Costa Mesa and his brother, Steve Fry, of Hermosa Beach and by nieces Heather Brown, Samantha Beason, and Molly Patten and by their husbands and children: Nate and Owen Brown

of San Francisco, Andy Beason and Riley and Trent Beason of Aliso Viejo, and Eric Patten and Maggie and Harrison Patten of Westminster. He will also be missed by brother-in-law Cabot Harvey and sister-in-law Betty Starr and by niece Melissa Starr and nephews Ted Fry and Jeffrey Fry and by his many friends.

He also leaves behind his Aunt Sue Fry of Berkeley, his Aunt Carolyn Fry Denham of Walnut Creek, his Aunt Joanne Lockyer Belasco of Garden Grove, his Uncle Jim Lockyer of Wildomar, his Uncle Ken Lockyer of Carson, his Uncle Steve and Aunt

Linda Lockyer of Arroyo Grande, and his many cousins. All the family members remember his wonderful Thanksgiving dinners, first in Berkeley and then in Costa Mesa.

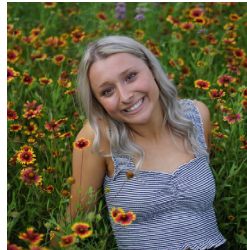
In Heaven, he has joined his father; his Uncle Bruce Fry; both sets of grandparents; and his two cats, Yoda and Max.



News from Members:

Marti Frye says that she will send out notifications about the Links Book after she updates it with documented information about the Heinrich Frey Cemetery in Pennsylvania.

Ronnie and Margaret Ellis are proud of their granddaughter, **Anna Louise Ellis**. Her team, Cheer Athletes Midnight, won first place in the Senior Small Coed Division at the Cheer-leading World's Competition at Disney World in Orlando, Florida. She graduated on May 31, 2019, from James Bowie High School in Austin, Texas, and will be attending the University of Texas at San Antonio in the fall.



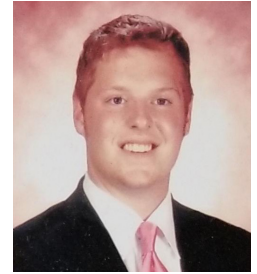
Mary Sue Hubbard and her husband, Ron, wanted to share news of their grandson, Eagle Scout **Tanner Hubbard** (July 21, 2019). "Tanner Hubbard, our grandson, is at the Boy Scouts' World Scouting Jamboree this coming week. He was selected to be the Senior Patrol Leader of a USA 4-state Troop consisting of Scouts from Kentucky,

Tennessee, Indiana, and Louisiana. Tanner, age 18, an Eagle Scout and member of Boy Scouts' Order of the Arrow, is a senior at McCracken County High School in Paducah, Kentucky. As Ronnie and I reflect on Tanner's scouting journey, it seems incredible how much he has accomplished since becoming a Tiger Cub in elementary school. With the full support of his father and mother, Justin and Deshea Hubbard, Tanner has successfully passed through all the levels and ranks in scouting, including completing more than 120 merit badges, experiencing camping and hiking adventures such as canoeing in the Louisiana bayous, and attending a National Jamboree. Now he is participating in a World Jamboree. We are so grateful to the Boy Scouts of America (BSA), its adult leaders, sponsoring

organizations, thousands of other children and youth. Check out the World Jamboree at this link: <https://www.2019wsj.org/>."

Harold and Carol Frye's

youngest son, **Jeremy S. Frye**, succumbed to brain cancer in 2008 at the age of 23. Jeremy's all too brief life was filled with accomplishments and enjoyment. In addition to his music interests and skills with saxophone, piano, and voice, Jeremy played hockey for most of his life. His Shawnee Mission South jersey is on display at Applebee's at their College and Metcalf location. Jeremy played lacrosse with as much energy as he put into hockey. In addition, Jeremy actively participated in youth activities, mission trips, and choir at his church, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, where friendships were formed throughout his life. He was an Eagle Scout who loved camping, hiking, and the outdoors.



Harold Frye writes, "Losing a child may be the worst event that can happen to a parent. When our youngest son succumbed to brain cancer in 2008 at the age of 23, we quickly searched for ways to memorialize him so that we wouldn't forget the joy he brought to our lives and those of everyone around him. He had survived his first encounter with this horrible disease when he was a college freshman and went on to complete his degree in music education. But his luck ran out just as he was preparing to begin his first job as a high school band director. As the family gathered around him as he crossed over into God's waiting arms, someone wondered aloud, 'What do you think Jeremy will do in Heaven?' Quickly the response came, 'He's probably already teaching the cherubs how to sing and dance.' So began Music 4 Jeremy's Cherubs Foundation, a charity designed to collect, rehab, and donate musical instruments to children and youth who would not have otherwise been able to enjoy the wonder of music in their lives."

Jeremy Frye, the inspiration for Music 4 Jeremy's Cherubs Foundation (M4JC), completed his Associate's Degree at Johnson County Community College. There, in the Music Department, he met Jamie, who became the love of his life. They

were to marry in 2008, but plans for the wedding were replaced by a ring ceremony in his hospital room shortly before he passed away. During the time between his first and second tumors, he amazed his family, friends, and doctors with his positive attitude and humor. Jeremy couldn't let anyone go for long without a smile. In 2005, he went to Baker University to study music, and he graduated with a degree in Music Education in May 2008.

Jeremy inspired his family to do what he wanted most, to give back to the children and youth what he had throughout his life—the gift of music. The M4JC Foundation celebrates his life and dedication. To honor his selection as the Shawnee Mission South 2003 Jazz Musician of the Year, future awardees receive a M4JC scholarship. Scholarships are also given annually to music students at JCCC and Baker University. Nothing would make him happier. A major project of the M4JC

Foundation is the collection, refurbishment, and distribution of used musical instruments to needy elementary children in the Kansas City area. Since its inception in 2009, M4JC has donated more than 2200 instruments to students in the Greater Kansas City region and around the world in South Africa; Guatemala; Haiti; the Dominican Republic; New Orleans, Louisiana; Joplin, Missouri; and Denver, Colorado. Of that number, nearly 500 guitars and keyboards have been distributed to traumatically injured soldiers and those suffering with PTSD and brain injury. Additionally, 32 scholarships have been awarded to future music educators. Jeremy S. Frye's dream of spreading the joy of music became a reality through his family and friends. The monetary value of all this ranges in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. The real value is expressed in M4JC's guiding statement: "Putting music in the hands of children and a lifetime of love in their hearts."

The Forgotten Fryes

by Catelyn Neilson

In the late 18th century, three families migrated from western Pennsylvania to Bourbon County, Kentucky—Jacob Spears, Henry Ewalt and James Frye. Descendants of those families can still be found in the county today. Although two of these names are remembered for their settlement and connections to distilling—Spears and Ewalt—the third, while still known in the area, is often forgotten.

An article written by an Ewalt descendent, Josephine H. Ewalt, discusses their joint arrival and settlement:

There to the north side of the Old Buffalo Trail, the Spears, Fry(e)s and Ewalts were to settle on adjacent tracts almost

within shouting distance of each other. To the south side had been Cooper's Fort, built a dozen years before by John Cooper who was the first in the area to clear land and raise a corn crop, from which he sold seed to migrating settlers until Indians killed him. In between Cooper's Fort and the newcomer's tracts, ran Cooper's Run Creek.

In 1788, Henry Ewalt bought 200 acres of land North of Cooper's Run for the amazing sum of 110 pounds sterling (about \$1.50 an acre). On that land, he built first a small temporary house, while he and his neighbors cleared the land of the thick virgin forest so that they could plant crops. They finally built the 'big house,' the two-story frame front part of today's structure with stone chimneys at each end.

Perhaps during this same time, Jacob Spears began construction on his house, "Stone Cas-

tle." It is featured in the book, Historic Architecture of Bourbon County, Kentucky, which states, "The house was built for Jacob Spears shortly after his arrival in Bourbon County in 1787 or 1788."

As for James Fry(e), he was to purchase his 200 acres from the Jacob Spears tract on July 20, 1790. Unfortunately, his home no longer survives as do the other two. Undoubtedly their first structure was also a crude cabin, but as was the case with the others, this was replaced by a more permanent home. However, unlike the others, we have no surviving clues as to when it may have been built... Since James didn't seem to prosper on the scale of his neighbors, we may surmise that his was probably the last of the three to be built. Nor did it share the elegance of the others. Even the fact that the Fry(e) homestead was called "Musk Rat Valley"

fails to compare with the more sophisticated "Stone Castle" of the Spears estate.

Jacob Spears and James Frye both had distilleries on their property, and the distillery barn that still stands today is actually adjacent to where the Frye home once stood. Whether it was actually on land purchased by the James Frye and built for both of their operations is uncertain. (See 1877 map of Bourbon, County.)

In 1809, James Frye turned his property over to his son Abraham and left Kentucky for Missouri. Some of his family accompanied him, but although it is not clear why, his wife Nancy Spears Frye (sister to Jacob Spears), was to remain with the family home until her death. She is buried in the SpearsFrye cemetery behind Stone Castle; although the stones are no longer visible, their existence was recorded in *God's Acres: Private Graveyards in Bourbon County, Kentucky, Roseberry and Barde* (2009). Her son Abraham continued operation of his distillery until his sudden death in 1842. Although his eldest son, Isaac Newton Frye, continued to live and work on the homestead, the Frye family apparently did not continue to be connected with the Spears and Ewalts. In Perin's biography note of I.N. Frye, he was still living on the farm—which consisted of 240 acres—in 1882. (This 240 acres may have consisted of the original farm, as it was divided among the descendants in the years after Abraham's death.) Whether or how much Isaac continued to be involved with the distillery after his father's death is un-

clear. It is believed he did some farming and raised livestock. The 1891 county map shows his home still in existence next to the warehouse, and his James (or John) operating a blacksmith shop across from the Ewalt home. What is known is that at the end of his life in 1909, there was very little of the land left from the original homestead.

So why are the Fryes so often the forgotten family? Is it because their home no longer stands as do the other two? Because the patriarch James left his family and went west? Because his son Abraham died so young and left inexperienced heirs? Why was Jacob remembered for his distilling while the Fryes, who most likely operated the business with him, forgotten? Was there a falling out between the families that hasn't been recorded?

Perhaps the answers to these questions lie with some of their descendants. Time may soon tell. The Heinrich Frey Family Association will hold its annual meeting in Kentucky on June 19-23. They will be visiting various locations related to the family and listening to presenters share information. Someone among this group or perhaps an ancestor still living in the area will be able to shed some light on the story of the Frye family.

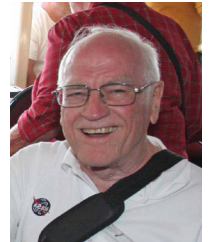
One thing is for certain, much is lost as time passes, but sometimes, with the technology of sharing on the Internet, more becomes known.

** "The Forgotten Fryes" is a newspaper article published in the Paris, Kentucky, *Citizen* on June 19, 2019

Heinrich Frey Cemetery Preservation Project

by Norm Schulze

A complete report on the entire Heinrich Frey Cemetery Preservation Project captivated HFFA reunion attendees in an hour-long report, as detailed in a formal, 175-chart slide presentation. The presentation included text and a few selected photos to document this historic event.



Then, on Thursday night, as a bonus, my 28-minute slideshow, shown in the hospitality room, gave a great, detailed pictorial presentation on the actual clean-up physical work performed. From those images, one could easily see the magnitude of the physical labor involved and the truly miraculous results achieved.



That clean-up, physical labor aspect actually encompassed a 4-day work interval. However, the project's work actually commenced on the last day of the Morgantown reunion, 14 June 2015. The actual work required,

as it turned out, increased my workload by orders of magnitude from what was promised to HFFA on 11 June 2015. At that time of volunteering, I believed this to be a simple 3-day job. The agreed-to effort was assumed to simply consist of assembling a small work crew to clean up the Heinrich Frey Cemetery, that is, to cut down weeds and remove deadwood to clear the cemetery. With the experienced help of Ed Frye from nearby Haymarket, Virginia, and my son, Erich Schulze from Annapolis, Maryland, we accomplished much more work, producing results far greater than the expectations of the owner of the land, who seemed very pleased and surprised at our accomplishments over such a short interval. The work came with consequences, however. I badly injured my right knee, pain from which still persists now, over three months later.



In reality, the project entailed at commencement the conduct of a difficult, time-consuming deed trail search to confirm that this cemetery was, indeed, on property that had once belonged to Heinrich. During this process, I learned that there is a right-of-way easement to the cemetery, the result of Daniel Frye's repurchasing the cemetery property in 1878. No record was found that the cemetery property was ever resold. That

was a profound finding, among the 16 Findings presented. The unearthing of a previously unknown (that is, to current Frey family members) 1793 tombstone was equally profound.

That the cemetery is in peril of being destroyed and removed was a major aspect of this treatise, there being no effort that should be of greater importance to the HFFA. The previous landowner told the current owner that he could remove the cemetery. The gravity of the precarious situation is illustrated by the fact that the previous owner had prevented the 2000 Morgantown, Pennsylvania, HFFA reunion attendees from visiting the site.

I presented a series of 11 recommended tasks to the HFFA, the objective being to protect and to preserve the old family cemetery. Included were clarification of the deed and ownership and also possibly having this designated a historic cemetery. It qualifies now in terms of being over 100 years old with no one being buried in it in the past 50 years. Other jobs include the installation of a plaque as we did for the Frey Fort Cemetery and the repair of the fence. All of these recommendations interconnect to act for the benefit of the cemetery's preservation and protection. These were in the best interests of the Frey family. Unfortunately, no actions were taken on the very important recommendations.

I have proposed, and it was accepted, the inclusion of my research report for the Links book, showing the deed trail, thereby obviating the need for anyone else having to suffer the mis-

ery that was involved with my completing the deed trail before commencement of the physical work clean-up. The Links book is the sole document that the HFFA retains and maintains with updates. A summary of the entire project is being planned for the HFFA Journal. Finally, I have commenced a detailed report on the complete details of the entire project.

The funding sources in order of expenses committed were the following: Norm Schulze, HFFA donations, Ed Frey, and Erich Schulze.

2019 HFFA Reunion

by Becca Proffitt

Mom and I would like to thank everyone for making the 2019 Reunion such a success. I am really appreciative of the families who opened their homes to us. It was a treat to step back in time by going through and seeing all the history in these beautiful homes. Our Frey, Frye, Fry Family is so rich. Visiting with all of you was a real thrill for us. We would also like to extend our love and prayers to all those who could not be with us this year. I know that there were illnesses, death, and other reasons, but you were all thought about and missed.

Looking forward to finding out what treasurers will be uncovered for our next visit.

Love to all,

Rebecca Proffitt and Wilma Mayfield.

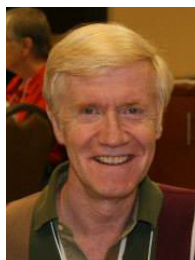




HFFA Reunion in Shelbyville, Kentucky

by Jon Fry

Friday, June 22



The first stop on

our Friday excursion was nearby Grove Hill Cemetery, where we were met by Bonnie Burks-Gray, who gave us a fascinating presentation of cleaning, repair, and general care of grave stone markers. We were able to see some of their work in progress.



We left Shelbyville and traveled south into the country to visit Rock-bridge Church, built in 1812 on land donated by Benjamin Fry (ca. 1730/31-1812/13). Wilma Mayfield presented the church with a beautifully



restored kerosene lamp that once illuminated the sanctuary before rural electrification was available. This was followed by a box lunch in the church basement.

Upon leaving the church, we immediately encountered land that once belonged to Benjamin Fry and soon passed the Fry Cemetery as well as the Smith Cemetery, where Benjamin's son Henry (1777-1847) is buried along with his daughter Malinda Fry McGee (1814-1846), first wife of Allen Burr Harrison McGee, one of the early founders of Kansas City.

We continued southward, and after an hour's drive, we arrived at Boonesborough, where Daniel Boone first established a settlement in 1775. This state park provided us with an opportunity to see a recreation of the fort as it looked in the late 1700s.



From there, we turned northeast to the site of Bryan's Station, established by Boone's wife's family in 1779. The British and Indian siege of this settlement in 1782 culminated in the Battle of Blue Licks a few days later. Around the corner we saw land that once belonged to Old Ben's youngest son, William Fry (ca. 1735-1796). Finally, we made our way back to Shelbyville to get a bite to eat and share genealogy and conversation with others as we gathered in the lobby.

Saturday, June 23

We boarded our bus and headed for Paris, Kentucky, where we stopped to see the historic inn Duncan Tavern, built in 1788. Housed in the basement is the John Fox Library, which has accumulated a great collection of local genealogy and historical records, including the actual church records of the Cooper's Run Baptist Church, where the



Fry(e)s, Spears, and Ewalts once attended. Their names are all included on the church records.



We continued our journey on to Blue Licks State Park, where in 1782 John Frye and other Kentucky militiamen were ambushed by British and Indians. We visited



the museum, ate a wonderful buffet lunch (serenaded with dulcimer music played by Marilyn Frye Roberts and a friend), and saw the monument memorializing those militiamen slain there, including John Frye and Boone's son Israel.



From Blue Licks, we journeyed on to Ewalt's Crossroads, where we were given tours of the old Jacob Spears mansion and the historic



Ewalt home (owned by our own Kay and Ed Thomas), and we observed the location where James Fry once lived—all three “a stone's throw” apart.



From there, Ted Kuster took us around the corner on a tour of Runnymede Horse Farm, where we saw this part of Kentucky's most famous assets—horses. But more importantly to our family, it is also the site where Cooper's Run Baptist

Church is located, which was attended by all three of the above-mentioned pioneer families.

Next, it was on to Cane Ridge Church, where the Great Cane Ridge Revival of 1801 took place just east of Paris. Settlers from all over Kentucky came to this spiritual and social event, presumably including the Fry(e)s, Ewalts, and Spears.



Finally, we returned back to Shelbyville and our HFFA dinner at Claudia Sanders Restaurant.



Sunday, June 24

We finished off our 2019 Shelbyville Reunion with a Bible study, “The Cleansing of Naaman” from II Kings, Chapter 5, which was once one of the chalk art presentations of Esther Frye.

Rockbridge Church Visit

On Friday, the group visited the Rockbridge Church in Shelbyville, Kentucky, where Wilma Mayfield donated a lantern that had illuminated the old church in the days before electricity.

This is the church when she and her husband were married. A newspaper article at the time reported the event.

Sharp-Mayfield Vows Said in Lovely Ceremony in Rockbridge Church

The historic old Rockbridge Church was the scene of a lovely ceremony on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when in the soft glow of cathedral candles, before an altar of white gladioli and smilax, Miss Wilma Long Sharp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.T. Sharp, and Rev. James Paul Mayfield, son of Mrs. Thomas Mayfield of New Albany, were united in marriage by the Rev. R.F. Hardy, pastor.

Musical Selections before the ceremony were from Mendelssohn and the "Moonlight Sonata," by Beethoven, "Prelude in C, and "Bridal Chorus" by Lohengrin. Mrs. Charles Adams, cousin of the bride, was pianist. Miss Julia Stapleton sang "At Dawning" and "Because.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a two-piece street-length dress with hat to match and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The attendants were Mr. Lawrence Mayfield, brother of the bridegroom, and Mrs. Mayfield, his wife. Mr. E.T. Sharp, Jr., brother

of the bride, and her cousin, Mr. James Stout, acted as ushers.

At the time when the ceremony was begun, the clouds vanished, and the sun shone through the changing lights of the stained glass windows—an emblem of the life path-way of the happy couple to be illuminated by sunshine and love.

A reception was held at the suburban home of the bride's parents. After a brief bridal trip, Rev. and Mrs. Mayfield will be at home at an apartment in Wilmore, where he is a student at Ashbury College.

Prayers and good wishes follow these fine young people, as they go forward in their consecrated work of service. They have the assurance of the promised blessing of those who are willing to leave all to follow Christ. Marriage vows were exchanged at this altar in the long ago. Few now survive, but they live again in memory's golden glow. A charm ever lingers about the past. Memory leaves us the legacy of her photographers in brilliant colors of her canvas. (Submitted by Mrs. Sallie Demareo Petty, member of the church and author of a number of newspaper articles)



Wilma Mayfield writes of their life.

"My husband, Reverend James Mayfield, was a United Methodist Minister. He went to the Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana. When he got home from the Service, he went to college at Ashbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky, when he felt the call to the ministry. That is when I met him. We only knew each other about six months when we got married. We had four children, three girls and one boy. Our son passed away when he was 21 years and 14 days old. He went into a diabetic coma on his way to work one morning; he lived five days but never regained consciousness. Our oldest daughter was a librarian for 31 years. Rebecca, our middle daughter, went into the Navy and served there for ten years. She and I lost our spouses eleven months apart, so we now live together. Our youngest daughter is a truck driver."

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