



HFFA NEWS

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Message from the President

A Proven Line of Descent

How do we know if our family history is accurate? How can you support the "facts"? Is there documentary proof? Can you determine whether something is fact or fiction? Is it family tradition or a good story that has been handed down? Is the statement, you have to accept some things on faith, a cop out?

A story handed down by word of mouth from generation to generation tends to grow in the retelling. I like the experiment where you line up a group of people. Whisper a story to the first person and have that person do the same to the next one in line and so on down the whole line. What comes out at the end is far different than what was told at the beginning.

Do you realize that some times what was attributed to one side of the family actually belongs to the other side of the family? If you can't prove a family tradition, perhaps you are looking on the wrong side of the family.

One project I would like to see all of our members and descendants working on is a record of proof for all of our lines of descent.

As someone told me recently, when you get started working on genealogy, it never stops.

Charles J. Burgess

2007 Reunion will be held in latter part of June, 2007, in Des Moines, Iowa. The host is Iris Starkey. Save the date.

Hi Wilbur,

I have a couple of people looking for a place to have the reunion. Wanted to have it in Earlham, Iowa but there are no motels there and the few motels within driving distance are small and don't want to accommodate us. So have decided it is best to have it in Des Moines.

We have set the dates of June 22, 23 & 24, 2007 to be held in Des Moines, Iowa.

Iris

Omission

Neither our past newsletter or most recent journal mentioned one of our appointed offices which is that of Archivist. This position has been filled since it inception in 2000 by Tommy E. Wiggins, our able Treasurer.

Charles Burgess

Editorial

Special Request: I am sending along with this Newsletter a copy of our current membership roster. Please check your information it contains for accuracy. Please be sure that the

e-mail address is correct. We will be using it to verify your membership to allow access to the member's only area of our web site. If you find that corrections are needed, send an e-mail or for those without internet access, a letter with the correct information to my address appearing on page 7 of the newsletter.

I recently sent out an e-mail to each of the addresses we have and found many were returned. In addition, some were returned as my e-mail address was not on your acceptance list. To receive e-mail from us you need to put wfrye@fryedev.com on your acceptance list.

Purpose of Newsletter

The Newsletter serves as a vehicle to keep our membership informed about intermediate progress on family research findings (final documents should be submitted to the Jon Frye, Editor of the Journal), vital events taking place (births, marriage, and deaths), and items of general interest.

These news items need to come from you, our members. Send them to me at the address on the last page. I will get your submissions into the next issue.

Change in publication dates

Through this year, the Newsletter has been published at the end of January, April, July, and October. Beginning in 2006, we will slip the publication month by one. Newsletter will be published at the end of February, May, August, and November. This will allow the Newsletter to reach you closer to Reunion and Holiday times.

Marriage

(Editor's Note: Those of you who attended the Lexington Reunion might recall that I was accompanied by my three oldest (at the time) teenage grandsons – future HFFA members. Dan, the oldest, is now married).



Newly Weds at Lake Como, Italy

Dan Roche and Laura Orlander exchanged wedding vows on August 27, 2005. The ceremony and reception took place in the garden of the home of Dan's mother Jo-ell Frye in Pleasanton, California at 3:00 in the afternoon. Dan and Laura spent their honeymoon in Europe. They both plan to finish their final year at San Francisco State University.

Dan's line is Heinrich Frey/Anna Levering, Benjamin Frey/Christena -?-, Abraham Frye Sr./Agnes Young, Abraham Frye Jr./Hester Johnston, Thomas Frye/Anne West, Reazen Frye/Caroline Eckles, Thomas Franklin Frye/Sarah Gregg, Charles Frye/Belle Smith, Jack Frye/Irene Kresha, Wilbur Frye/Arlene Decker, Jo-ell Frye/Richard Roche.

In Progress Research Wil Frve

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 " Mae sten r254 Park View ter
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 " Myrtis C Mrs clk h2525 College av B
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 " Josephine r1523 E 31st
 " Pearl wid Chas slsmn h3809 Kansas
 " Rycklund Caroline wid Axel h1226 E 24th
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 " Lillian E bkpr r1326 E 24th
 " Fryman David H Anna barber h10315 Walnut
 " Harry h1461 104th av

Scanned from Polk's 1930 Oakland California
City Directory

This is the earliest documentation I have of my parent's living in Oakland. Apparently the person doing the survey took Jack as a nickname for John. I'm sure this entry is for my parents as his middle initial is H, it list my mother as Irene L, and his occupation as lineman. In addition, I found my grandfather; Charles H Frye listed in the 1929 Oakland City Directory at this same address. The 1930 census list my grandfather as being in the Veterans Home in Napa Valley.

I knew very little of the early days of my father who I always knew as Jack Hudson Frye. I was told he was born 1899 in Indian Territory (now Oklahoma) to Charles and Belle (Smith) Frye.

When he was approximately six months old his parents separated. His maternal grandparents (John and Eliza (Miller) Smith) came down from central Kansas to bring their daughter and her two small sons (Harry and Jack) back to Ellsworth County, Kansas.

His mother died of Tuberculoses in 1905 at the age of 25. He was then raised by his grandparents where after graduating from the

eight grade he was pretty much on his own wandering through Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and Wyoming. In the early 1920s he met and married my mother in Denver. They moved to Colorado Springs where Dad had a job as a lineman with the Colorado Power Company.

The first two children (a daughter Josephine, who died at age two and a son Sherrill) were born in Colorado Springs. In 1924/25, Harry lived with them. The two brothers, even though they did not remember their father, decided to see if they could locate him. That took them on a journey to Idaho where they located Charles' sister Carrie (Frye) Hillis then on to California where they found Charles living in Oakland. My Dad died in 1963 and my Uncle Harry in 1979. I didn't have enough sense to ask them about their early years.

Over the next few issues of the Newsletter I will share with you my research findings, display copies of the documents I located and notes of conversations I had with my Dad's cousins. This is an ongoing effort as I still have unknowns in his past. I hope this material as it unfolds will be useful in your own research efforts. The point is do not overlook any sources just because they are hard to locate or seem of no value. Also learn to ask lots of questions of relatives. Many times I found they assumed I already knew what they knew – not true.

Journal Submission Reminder

A reminder that Jon is preparing articles for the next Journal on the Fry(e)s movement into and through Kansas. I used to think I was the only member who had ancestor in Kansas. The Coffeyville Reunion was an eye opener to me. See Queries on page 6 in the last Journal for Jon's request on this item as well as others.

Links Book Update

Please put a reminder in the newsletter that I am looking for any corrections or additions for Links Book. Include my address:

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Anyone can e-mail me any corrections that they have. I hope to get the proof to Charles around Christmas time. Thanks for your help.

Marti Frye

Hollywood Connection

By
René Sáenz-Tanner

(Editor's Note) I had heard rumors that there were Frye descendants related to Marion Morrison, aka John Wayne. Thanks to new member Rene we now know the story.

Hi Will - Below is an email I sent on to Ed Dray---Mike Speers suggested that I send it on to you as well. Rene

Heinrich Frey 1663-1734 + 1692 Anna Catherine Levering 1673-1754

Benjamin Frey 1696-1753 + Christena ____ 1700-1769

Abraham Frye 1722-1807 (Benjamin-Heinrich) + 1747 Agnes Ann Young 1730-1809

Nancy Virginia Frye 1774-1845 + Noah Speers 1769-1832

Louisa Speers 1808-1869 + William L. Reeves

Henry S. Reeves- 1846-1909 + Elizabeth C. Kidney

Dot Reeves- 1884-1910 + Dwight E. Curtiss

Esther E. Curtiss 1908-1972+William J. Fitzpatrick 1904-1963

Cherise L. "SHERRY" Fitzpatrick-1925-2000 + Louis H. Sáenz 1927

René Sáenz-Tanner

Hi Ed! Above is my line I had previously sent you....thought I would give you a little history of how *my* family got to CA:

Louisa Speers & William Reeves (*my GGG-Grandparents*) moved to OH from PA and had their youngest child (*my GG-Grandfather Henry S. Reeves*) in Cincinnati, OH. Henry's wife (*my GG-Grandmother- Elizabeth C. Kidney-Reeves*) was also born in Cincinnati, OH (*her parents George & Catherine (Minchin) Kidney born in Ireland.*) Henry & Elizabeth's children were born in Cincinnati, OH as well....Henry and Elizabeth moved to Lima, OH abt 1900.

Their daughter Dora Dot Reeves (*my G-Grandmother*) married my G-Grandfather (*Dwight E. Curtiss*), son of Dr. Charles Curtiss & Luella Lipsett-Curtiss of Lima, OH. Dot Reeves-Curtiss & Dwight E. Curtiss had 2 daughters, the youngest my Grandmother *Esther E. Curtiss*, born in 1908 in Lima, OH. Dot Reeves (*Esther's Mother*) passed away at age 28, when Esther was only 2 yrs old. She was raised most the time by her *maternal Grandmother* (Elizabeth C. Kidney-Reeves) in Lima, OH.

Esther met and married William James Fitzpatrick (*son of Edward Fitzpatrick & Ellen "Nelle" Danaher-Fitzpatrick of Lima, OH, their parents were from Ireland.*) They had one daughter, my Mother (*Cherise "Sherry" Fitzpatrick*) in Lima, OH born 1925. Esther Curtiss-Fitzpatrick & William James Fitzpatrick (*my Maternal Grandparents*) divorced when my Mom was only a few months old. Esther remarried William Tinsman (*my Mother's stepfather from Findlay, OH*), but with the difficult times and the Depression, they were traveling quite a bit looking for work, leaving my Mom to be raised most the time by Elizabeth Kidney-Reeves (*her maternal G-Grandmother*) in Lima, OH.

When my Mom was about 8 years old (ca 1933), her mother (*Esther Curtiss-Fitzpatrick-Tinsman*) and her stepfather (Wlm Tinsman) took my Mom and her 1/2 sister to CA, as her stepfather got a job in Los Angeles, CA. He worked for the studios in Los Angeles as an Electrician (Lighting) on Movies and TV until his retirement. They stayed in CA from then on, only going to visit OH a very few times.

My Grandmother (Esther) was a beautiful artists, as was her sister, but her profession was Antique Dealer. My Mom went to school in Los Angeles, CA – she met my Father (Louis H. Sáenz) in Los Angeles a couple of years after graduating High School and attending an art school there. My Mom was a most talented artist, and that was her profession.

My Dad (Louis H. Sáenz) is the son of Dr. Jose S. Sáenz (*my paternal Grandfather-his parents were from Spain*), my Dad's older sister (*my Aunt*) is Josephine Sáenz-Wayne, dob 1908 – dod 2003. She was John Wayne's (*the movie actor-aka Marion Morrison* – dob 1907-Iowa – dod 1979-Newport Beach, CA)


first wife. They were married in 1933 this union produced 4 children (*my 1st cousins.*) Michael Wayne dob 1934 – dod 2003, Antonia "Toni" Wayne dob 1936 dod 2000, Patrick Wayne (*also in movies*) dob 1939 and Melinda Wayne dob 1940. John Wayne & Josephine Sáenz-Wayne were divorced in 1944. Although even though they were divorced, John Wayne was always around and always the father figure. John Wayne remarried *and* divorced twice after my Aunt Josephine to Esmeralda Bauer – they did not have children. His 3rd wife was Pilar Palette they had 3 children.

Well, Ed this is it in a "nutshell" as they say....I usually don't go on about these things, however Mike Speers thought you may find it interesting with the "Hollywood Connection" and how a "Frye Cousin" got to be in CA. I have many interesting documents & newspaper articles, photos, etc. relating all the above if you are interested....hope to hear from you soon.

René Sáenz-Tanner

One Hundred Years Ago

What ads did our ancestors see in 1905?

THE SUN VISIBLE TYPEWRITER		
No Ribbons Required A Truly Visible Writer Most Perfect Work of all No. 2 \$40 TELEPHONE MAIN 3359 AND WE WILL SEND REPRESENTATIVE		WE SELL, RENT, REPAIR INSPECTION EXCHANGE ALL MAKES No. 3 \$75 SUPPLIES FOR ALL MACHINES THE POSTAL \$25
PACIFIC TYPEWRITER CO., 638 Market Street		

I copied this from the 1905 San Francisco City Directory. This communication device was then on the leading edge of technology. By the way, what ever happened to the Apple IIe?

Useful Research Sources

SLAVES IN ILLINOIS

The Slavery Era Insurance Policies Register from the State of Illinois Division of Insurance lists insurance policies on the lives of slaves. This site, at: <http://www.ins.state.il.us/consumer/slaveryreporting.nsf>, can be easily searched by the name of the slave or the slave holder and provides state and slave occupation information as well.

MISSOURI VITAL RECORDS DATABASES

Use this site to access vital records from Missouri:
www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/birthdeath/.

GERMAN POLICE RECORDS

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City holds 323 microfilm rolls of the "Reisepass Protokolle," the passport application records of the Hamburg police department, dating from 1851 to 1929. Each volume has its own index. If your ancestor left Germany through Hamburg during this time period, you will want to look at these records, which give physical descriptions and former place of residence. Using the keyword search on the FHL library site, enter the term "Reisepass Protokolle" to view the film numbers.

NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY IMAGES ONLINE

The NYPL has opened an online archive of 275,000 images available to the public. The site is especially strong in the African American migration experience; in addition, Civil War photos, early American maps and New York City streetscapes and buildings are available, along with many other images. Images in the collection are either in the public domain or are owned by the library. The Web site is at: www.nypl.org/digital/.

ILLINOIS PUBLIC DOMAIN LAND TRACT SALES

This database contains information on nearly 550,000 land sales from the 54,740 square miles of the public domain sold within Illinois. Each purchase entry includes the purchaser's name, purchase date, number of acres, price per acre, numeric code indicating the county in which the land is located, legal description (township, section, and range), volume and page numbers of original entry, and variously, the sale type, and the purchaser's sex and residence. This site can be accessed at: http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/data_lan.html or simply enter "Illinois Public Land" into your search engine to have the complete title come up.

NEW DAR ONLINE INDEX

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) has enhanced its online index to the Genealogical Records Committee Reports, the name for its collection of genealogical information from family Bibles, tombstones, church records and the like. You can search this eighteen million name index for your ancestors. Go to http://grc.dar.org/dar/darnet/grc/grc.cfm?Action=New_Search. Results will show the book title and a link to its catalog record with the volume number and location in DAR's library. You'll also see the contents of the subject and note fields which can help determine if the book is relevant to your research. Click "Ordering Page Copies" for details on requesting photocopies of the pages of interest.

Perpetual Calendar

On the last page of this Newsletter is a set of tables for finding the day of the week for a given date.

Determine the key number or letter for the year. Using Step 2 table locate the key and the month in which you are interested to determine the Calendar Plate Number in Step 3. The day of the month within the designated plate will give you the day of the week.

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