



HFFA NEWS

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In Memory

We have recently lost our two former Presidents of the Association. L. Vernon Frye (1924 – 2005) who chaired the Association's formation at Charleroi where he was elected President and was the host of the reunion held in Winchester, and James Frey (1935 – 2005) who was elected our second President at the Winchester reunion and hosted the reunion held in Morgantown.

Their obituaries follow later in this newsletter.

Message from the President

After an extremely successful reunion, I feel new life has been injected into our association. For the success of that reunion, I want to thank the chairman and our new Vice President, Gordon Fry. He handled all of the arrangements in great detail. He was our host on several occasions.

Several changes have taken place in our organization. We have adopted a revived set of Bylaws. We now have a new Editor of the Newsletter. I wish to thank Don Wilson and Martha, his wife, for the excellent newsletters they were able to produce. At Don's request to be relieved of his position, I re-appointed Wilbur C. Frye to the position he originated, Editor of the Newsletter. Wilbur is also our Membership Chairman, replacing James E. Frey whose recent death has been an enormous loss. I have appointed Chris Frye as our new Webmaster. He replaces Tommy Wiggins who remains as our Treasurer.

Plans are being made for our 2007 reunion to be held in Iowa under the guidance of Iris Starkey. Anyone with an idea as to a location and chairman for the 2009 reunion, please let the officers or directors know. Helen Staiger and Tommy Wiggins were re-elected as officers, Recording Secretary and Treasurer respectively. I thank them for their continuing support. I wish to welcome the newly elected Directors of the Association: Daniel L. Frye, Jon M. Frye, Phillip L. Frye, Wilbur C. Frye, and Harry S. Morrison.

Marti Frye has taken on the task of updating the Links Book. If you have corrections or additions to it, contact her at 308 Bellevue Plantation Road, Lafayette, LA, 70503-6056 (rmfrye@bellsouth.net).

We have several new members. I would like all of you to join in welcoming them to our association.

Charles J. Burgess, President

2005 Coffeyville Reunion

The 2005 Frey/Fry/Frye reunion is now history, it was held in Coffeyville, KS. We had members and guest from the following states, IA, MO, PA, ID, TX, LA, FL, TN, OK, UT, IL, AR, OH, CA and KS. We had 57 cousins attend all or part of the reunion.

Along with the business meeting we toured the Old Condon Bank where the Daltons tried to rob 2 banks at once and death alley where they met their end. Then we went to the

Dalton Museum to look at more history and then to the Brown Mansion.

The new by-laws that were printed in the last newsletter were passed after some discussion and amendments.

We had an election and the following are the results, President Charles Burgess, Vice President Gordon Fry, Recording Secretary Helen Staiger and Treasurer Tommy Wiggins. New Directors are Daniel Frye, Wil Frye, Harry Morrison, Phillip Frye and Jon Frye.

We discussed the auxiliary web site for HFFA. The creators (Chris and Wil Frye) donated their time and effort. Check it out at www.hfrey.org, it has pictures of the reunion.

A discussion was held about the Frey/Fry/Frye reunion being held in Iowa in 2007, Iris Starkey was the presenter. President Burgess requested suggestions for a time and chairman for the 2009 reunion.

Speakers on Saturday after the business meeting were:

Gordon Fry, Coffeyville, Ks. Linage, Heinrich, Benjamin, Benjamin II, Benjamin III, Abraham V., Henry, George, Aaron, Edgar.

Eddie Dray, Wichita, Ks. Linage, Heinrich, John, Enoch, Jonathan, Enoch, Jacob H., Verne, Oneta Mae.

Albert Hyer, Kansas City Mo., Linage, Heinrich, Benjamin, Henry, John, Henry Ferguson, Silas Whitfield, Westfall, Edith.

Wilbur Frye Pacifica, Ca. Linage, Heinrich, Benjamin, Abraham Sr, Abraham Jr., Thomas, Razen, Thomas Franklin, Charles Hudson, Charles (Jack) Hudson Jr.

Each of the speakers covered the arrival of their ancestors in Kansas and where they lived within the State along with family stories passed down.

2005 reunion attendees

Those attending the 2005 Frey/Fry/Frye reunion in Coffeyville, KS, are as follows:

Nancy Boevers, OK,
 Larry & Glenda Brown, KS,
 Charles Burgess, FL,
 Paul Cales, AR,
 June Canter, TN,
 Kenneth & Helen Craig, TX,
 Katelyn & Johanna Dotson, KS,
 Ed & Marilyn Dray, KS,
 Jesse & Angle Fisher, KS,
 Fannie Frey, PA,
 Frank Fry, KS,
 Gordon & Vicki Fry, KS,
 James, Debbie, Micah and Nathan Fry, KS.
 Janeanne Fry, KS,
 Joe & Marilou Fry, KS,
 John & Becky Fry, OK,
 Mary Fry, KS,
 Chris Frye, ID,
 Dan, Shirley & Laura Frye, TN,
 Doris Frye Piper, TN,
 Ester Frye, OH,
 Gene Frye, KS,
 Jon Frye, OH
 Laurie Frye, KS,
 Paul & Mary Frye, OH,
 Phillip & Patricia Frye, IA,
 Ralph & Marti Frye, LA,
 Wil Frye, CA,
 Howard & Bernice Hallman, UT,
 Karen Hicks, OK,
 Al & Janet Hyer, MO,
 Roy & Carolyn Gregory, TN,
 Martha Kuwitzka, OK,
 Holly Morgan, IA,
 Neal North, OK,

Anne Pasieka, IL,
 Clara Perkins, OK,
 Catherine Shiever, KS,
 Mike & Rose Speers, OH,
 Iris Starkey, CA,
 Sue Steffy, PA,

Account and a bank charge of \$4 for each of the items.

Tommy D. Wiggins, Treasurer

Gordon Fry, Coffeyville Host

NEW WEB MASTER

Treasurer's Report May 15, 2002 thru June 1, 2005

Bal. on Hand (May 15, 2002) 2,393.43

Income:

2002 Reunion

Journal Sales

Membership Dues

Total (05/15/2002 - 06/01/2005) 13,863.00

Expenses

2002 Reunion 3,220.66

Bank Fees 80.00

*Bad Checks, fees 68.00

Christmas cards 178.44

Journal 8,100.71

Newsletters 819.57

Postage 48.44

Printer Repair 187.81

Total Exp 05/15/02 - 06/01/05 12,703.63

Bal. on Hand (June 1, 2005) 3,552.80

Additional Income:

Funds remaining from 2000 Reunion
 and additional dues collected. 1,514.50

Balance on Hand (June 07, 2005) 5,067.30

*Bad Checks & Fees-- This expense was the result of two checks, one for \$20 and one for \$40 that were returned as NSF or Closed



Chris Frye taking pictures at the Coffeyville reunion for placement on the web site. Picture of Chris courtesy of Mike Speers.

Christopher D. Frye of Boise, Idaho has been appointed Web Master by President Charles Burgess. Chris is an independent systems consultant. In his "spare" time he designed, developed, and maintains the web site for the California Genealogy Society of which he is a member. He sat up an auxiliary prototype web site for the Association located at www.hfrey.org. Pictures taken at the Coffeyville reunion are available for viewing.

Plans are to add a member's only area to the web site containing past issues of the Journal, newsletters, and Association publications.

Chris has put many pictures taken during the reunion on the HFFA auxiliary web site.

To see them do the following:

Key into your browser www.hfrey.org

In the left column -

Click on the blue arrow for Reunion 2005, then

Click on the blue arrow for Photos, then
Click on the activity of interest.

Pictures will appear on your screen.
Use far right column to page through them.

If you are using Microsoft Internet Explorer Browser and see a picture you would like to print, position the cursor on the picture and click using the right button on your mouse. Then select Print Picture.

If desired, you can select other activities and follow the above instructions for printing a picture.

You can also select the Bylaws in the left column and print out a copy of the current Bylaws approved at the reunion.

If anyone has problems doing the above, e-mail Chris (web@frey.org) describing the problem and he will get back to you.

EDITORIAL

I am pleased to be returning as your Newsletter editor. Arlene and I recently made the move to an individual retirement community in Castro Valley, California. This move frees me of maintaining a house and yard giving me more time to conduct family

research and participate again in HFFA functions.

The original intent of the Newsletter was to sublimate the Journal with informal articles, communications, events, and items of general interest to the membership whereas the Journal would be the formal scholarly reports of research findings.

For the Newsletter to accomplish its objectives, we need your participation. Please send in to me any items you would like to share with other members. These could be anything from births, deaths, moves, family gatherings (along with pictures) to sharing your interesting findings of the Fry(e)/Frey family lines.

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BYLAWS

A copy of the revised bylaws approved at the Coffeyville reunion is attached.

NEXT REUNION

The next reunion will be hosted by Iris Starkey in or near Des Moines, IA in the second half of June, 2007. More information to follow in future Newsletters. Mark your calendar and save the date.

MEMBERSHIP

Charles Burgess has also asked me to become membership chairman replacing the late Jim Frey.

Dues are \$20.00 per year and may be paid in multiples of more than one year. Please make checks made out to HFFA and mail to Wil Frey at address shown above.

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OBITUARY OF L. VERNON FRYE

L. Vernon Frye, 81, of Williamsport, died Monday, July 18, 2005, in ManorCare North. Born March 11, 1924, in Charleroi, he was the son of Luther H. and Naomi Roberts Frye. He is survived by his wife, Alice, with whom he celebrated 60 years of marriage on Aug. 21, 2004; a son, Vernon Wesley Frye of Springfield, Tenn., granddaughter, Shannon Wray and husband Paul, and great-grandchildren, Sydney Taylor and Austin Wray, and grandson, William Vernon Frye and wife Stacie, and great-granddaughters, Elyse and Makenna, all of Nashville, Tenn.; a daughter, Nancy Frye and husband Lonnie Lawson of Linden, and a grandson whom he helped raise, Christopher Herron of Fort Collins, Colo.

Mr. Frye received a degree in civil engineering from the University of Pittsburgh in 1953 and did graduate work at the University of Tennessee and Vanderbilt University. After graduating from the University of Pittsburgh, Vernon was assistant director of the Charleroi Water Authority. He then became a consulting engineer for Chester Engineers of Pittsburgh and represented them in Nashville, eventually becoming Chief Engineer for the Nashville Metro System. In 1968, he became the Executive Director for the Williamsport Water and Sanitary Authorities Association and served on the Board of Trustees for many years. Vernon entered the Navy V-12 Program in 1948, attending Purdue and DePauw universities and Midshipman School at Notre Dame, graduating as an Ensign and

served aboard the USS English as assistant gunnery officer. During the Korean War he was recalled, serving as gunnery officer aboard the USS John R. Pierce. Lt. Commander Frye retired from the U.S. Navy in 1984. The men on board both ships respected and admired "their Mr. Frye" and that admiration continued as he attended all reunions. He was a member of the Palantines to America, Tiadaghton Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution, his direct ancestors being the famous William Tell and Heinrich Frye, who came to the county in 1685. Vernon was the president of the Heinrich Frey Association of the United States and wrote a book, "Heinrich Frey of Altheim, Alsace". He was very proud of his lineage with one ancestor serving as an Ensign under Col. Washington in the French and Indian War, one ancestor killed at Yorktown, and Samuel Frye, who fought in 48 battles in the War Between the States. Vernon was a member of Charleroi Lodge No. 615, F&AM, receiving his 50-year pin in 2005. He was a member of the Scottish Rite and Al Menah Shrine in Nashville, Tenn. Other organizations Vernon belonged to were the Library of Congress, Navy League, Reserved Officers Association, plankowners of the Navy Memorial Foundation in Washington, D.C., Military Officers Association of America, Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers, Retired Officers Association, and a member of the Faxon-Kenmar United Methodist Church, where he held many offices, and the Williamsport Water and Sanitary Breakfast Club. Mr. Frye was an honorable man, greatly respected by members of two ships, members of the community and by the men and women of the Williamsport Water and Sanitary Authority. A loving husband, father and grandfather, he will be sadly missed. There will be no visitation. A private military ceremony and interment will be held at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery with the Rev. Ronald Doan officiating. In lieu of

flowers, contributions may be made to: Alzheimer's Arcandia Activity Fund. ManorCare North, 300 Leader Drive, Williamsport, Pa. 17701; or, Endowment Fund at Faxon-Kenmar United Methodist Church, 1301 Clayton Ave., Williamsport, Pa. 17701. The KAUFMAN FUNERAL HOME INC., 2102 Northway Road, Williamsport, Pa. (570-323-1544) is in charge of arrangements.



Both Fannie and Jim Frey turned 70 in 2005 and their daughter, Sue, planned the "Froggy" surprise for them, arranging for 70 frog cut outs to be placed on their lawn to celebrate their "leap".

OBITUARY OF JAMES FREY

We are saddened to report the death of one of our active members, Jim Frey, from PA. Jim and his wife, Fannie, have attended six Heinrich Frey Reunions and organized the PA reunion in 2000. Jim maintained the address list and collected the dues for the Heinrich Frey Association.

Jim had survived six years after his first round of colon cancer in 1998 and counted every day a gift. Christmas of 2004 Jim showed symptoms of gastric distress. During exploratory surgery in January, 2005, a tumor was removed and his digestive "plumbing" was re-routed. He was hospitalized until February and after recovering from surgery, he started chemotherapy treatments in mid April. One of his personal goals was to complete his treatments in time to attend the Frey reunion in Kansas. The afternoon of Monday, May 16, he was short of breath and asked Fannie to take him to the hospital. Late that evening, after Fannie had gone home, a blood clot caused his death. We later learned that thickened blood is a side effect of cancer treatment and is a common cause of death in cancer patients.

This is his "official" obituary with all the genealogical details. He would've liked that. James Elwood Frey, 70, of Honey Brook, PA, died unexpectedly at Lancaster General Hospital on Monday, May 16, 2005. Born February 22, 1935, Jim was the son of Franklin Cyril and Mabel (Nein) Frey of Lewistown, PA. He was the husband of Fannie Bertha (Sharp) Frey for over 47 years. They were married on June 15, 1957 and blessed with two loving children, daughter Susan Elaine (Frey) Steffy, wife of Jason Scott Steffy of Lititz, PA and son Kristopher Lynn Frey, husband of Annette Christine (Milich) Frey of Ronks PA. Also

surviving are two grandchildren, Shelby Jo Steffy and Sean Michael Steffy.

Jim was the oldest of four children and survived by brother Franklin C. Frey Jr, married to Rita, of Chester, PA; sisters Rebecca Ann (Frey) Brode of Aston, PA and Ruth E. (Frey) Roote of West Chester PA and many nieces and nephews.

A graduate of West Chester University with a B.S. in Education and Millersville University with a Master's Degree in Education, Jim's lifetime career was working with and educating children. Jim taught 33 years before retiring in 1994. Twenty seven of those years were at Honey Brook Elementary School. He also taught the crafts program for the children's summer camp at Tel Hai Retreat for almost 30 years.

His daughter Sue can be blamed for starting Jim on his genealogical journey. He picked up her unfinished family fan chart and completed it. Kris remembers doing gravestone rubbings in his childhood. Jim's love of books and genealogy led him to co-author the "Peter Sharp Family History", which traced Fannie's family line. After retirement he worked part time at Masthof Press and Bookstore where he compiled, edited and published the Agricultural Censuses (1850-1880) of townships in Lancaster and Berks Counties, PA.

Jim served for many years as a trustee for the Frazer Mennonite Church, where he was an active member since 1959. He also served as a board member for the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society and on the LMHS Genealogy Committee. He served as treasurer of the Twin Valley Education Association, led 4-H Seeing Eye Puppy Club and Apache Wanderer's Camping Club. He will be missed by all that knew him.

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2007 Reunion will be held in latter part of June, 2007, in Des Moines, IA