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# HFFA NEWS

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Wilbur C. Frye - Editor Happy Holidays to All

## Some Thoughts from the President

Charles J. Burgess

This is an opportunity for me to welcome our new members. Family organization such as ours needs to get new members on a regular basis because we lose members for a variety of reasons. So I urge our members to be on the lookout for Heinrich Frey descendants to invite to be new members (see bottom of last page).

If you look at the work being accomplished by our association, you will notice that very few members are actually involved in what is being published. We welcome those who will write material for our Journal and/or our Newsletter. Since our family traces its descent in America for over 300 years, there is a wide range from which to draw upon the history of our family. At present, we have barely scratched the surface. Often neglected is our most recent history. Since we don't all live in Germantown, Roxborough or Towamencin Township, how did we get to where we are today? Did anyone make a record of where our immediate ancestors were 100 years ago and what they were doing? Write it up and send it in to the editors of our Newsletter and/or Journal publications. Our 2005 Coffeeville, Kansas Reunion had speakers who traced their Frey/Fry(e) ancestors to and in some cases through Kansas (see Fall 2005 Journal). We will all appreciate what you do as we sincerely appreciate what has been written in the past dozen years of our organization.

May you be blessed in this coming year.

### **Christmas Greetings**

Jon Frye, Acting Chaplain & Journal Editor

Dear HFFA family,

It is hard to believe, but again the Christmas season is upon us. Our immediate family has been very blessed this year and I hope yours has been as well. My mother, Esther Frye, went through some trying periods of health, but has recovered and is back to her normal activities. Our oldest son Ethan is still in China for a third year, teaching in Beijing. Among other things, he is teaching a class on the history of the Olympics. All of China has been caught up in the Olympics frenzy it seems as trinkets and the like are, and have been for a year or so, sold everywhere there.

Ethan was home for the summer - in time to take care of some business and then get married on August 12. He has married a wonderful wife, Holly Forsberg who also was an American teacher in Beijing. The wedding took place in Vestal, New York, and the setting couldn't have been nicer. As of this time, they plan to make this their last year abroad, and Ethan hopes to return to pursue a career in law enforcement. I guess this means that if we are to make it over to see them, we'll have to do so soon.

As chaplain of HFFA, my Dad, Bert Frye, began the tradition of sending out Christmas greetings to the members of our Association, usually designing the card himself. When he passed away, our son Ethan agreed to take

over the position, but when he began his teaching tour in China, it became difficult to keep up with, so I tried to fill in with some of the activities such as maintaining the Christmas greetings. That, plus work and working on the Journal has made it difficult to keep up with, so this year we are trying something new, i. e. sending the greetings out in conjunction with the Newsletter. Perhaps we can get back to the personal cards sometime in the future, but for this year at least, we'll try it this way.

So after all is said and done, it is our fervent desire that each of you, as descendants of Heinrich Frey, will enjoy the blessings of family, as well as the peace that the Christchild was sent to bring us. In a world as racked by violence and hatred as our's is, it seems there are a lot of folks that still need to come to terms with the one who alone can bring peace into our lives. Wise men still seek him!

Best wishes and a Merry Christmas to all of you,

# 2007 REUNION Iris Starkey

June 22, 23 & 24, 2007

# Holiday Inn Airport & Conference Center

A block of rooms have been reserved for \$79.00 plus tax per day. Be sure to ask for the "Fry Reunion Rate". To get this special rate, you must make reservations by calling (800) 248-4013. Any rooms in the block not reserved by June 1, 2007 will be released.

There is FREE 24 hour airport shuttle service for those who fly in.



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#### SAVE THESE DATES June 22-24, 2007

We plan on a no-host Friday evening get acquainted reception. The all day Saturday and Sunday morning programs are now being planned. The reunion program and fees will be announced in the February Newsletter. Saturday lunch and dinner will be included in the reunion fees. Extra lunch and dinner tickets will be available to purchase for family members and guest.

Editor's Note: None of my Frye line came through Iowa. However, my Grandmother Belle (Smith) Frye's father was born in West Point Township, Lee County, Iowa. Having each of our reunions at different locations through-out the country gives us an opportunity to spend a few days either before or after the reunion seeking what information we can locate on our other lines.

#### **MEMBER'S INPUT**

#### Iris Starkey

Dear Wil,

I had total knee replacement and have had trouble with the drugs so it is slow healing. I wanted to get back to Iowa to make on-site reunion plans but it looks like I will be doing it with my Iowa cousins' long distance.

Iris, (2007 Iowa Reunion Chair)

#### **Carolyn Gregory**

Wil,

Thanks so much for all your hard work. We appreciate it.

Would it be possible in the HFFA Roster to add the spouse's name? I think that perhaps there are many of the spouses who do Fry research. I know that a spouse in Gallatin has done all the research for her husband. As for Roy and me, I take care of all computer tasks. Just a thought.....you may not have room on your roster or time.

Again, thanks!

Carolyn (Spouse of Roy Gregory), 10/07/06

Editor's Note: The name of the member's spouse (if I have it in my files) now appears on the roster directly below the member's name. For those members having a spouse yet not seeing a name, send the name to me and I will add it to your membership record.

#### **Ruth & Ruthie Rogers**

Mr. Frey: We have changed our e-mail address (see roster for new address) from the old one. At inforamo. We enjoy the newsletters and journals. Pages 2 and 3 of the

August 2006 letter, they were blank. I received a notice stating: "There was an error on processing a page. A font contains a bad CMAP/Encoding." Any suggestions on recapturing the two pages?

Thank you: Ruth & Ruthie Rogers 09/11/06

Editor's note: I sent another complete copy of the newsletter pdf file. They were able to read it. If anyone has a problem in reading any file, let me know. I can send it again or mail you a printed copy.

#### Mike Speers Four e-mails

Hi Wil.

I just received a copy of the newsletter in the mail. A couple weeks ago, I was able to receive and print the same thing from email. Please take me off the "printed and mail" list so that we can save a few pennies.

Thanks.

Mike Speers

Hi Wil.

The newsletters you send out are always so well done. Thank you.

I just looked at the website as you suggested. I can see the value of having the member's only area. The old HFFA website is still up as well.

Does anyone monitor it? Can you merge the old website with your newer one?

Mike 09/15/06

Editor's Note: Moving the pages from Tommy Wiggins' "old" web site just got put

on the back burner. I included linkage on our "new" site so member's can still get to it. As time permits, I will copy the pages over and remove the old site.

Hi Wil.

I was just entering new data from the newsletter and got confused.

New member listed as Robert B. Hood Sr.

His lineage stops at Ronald Bruce Hood. Is that an error on his first name or is Robert the son of Ronald?

Mike 09/15/06

Editor's Note: My error, it should have read "Ronald B. Hood, Sr."

Hi Wil,

I just heard a funny song on the radio. It's an oldies station, real old oldies. This one was done by Phil Harris, only the real veterans of life will know who he is. The song is called "I'm My Own Grandpa." It could also be called "A Genealogists Nightmare."

It goes like this:

Now many, many years ago, when I was 23 I was married to a widow who was pretty as could be

This widow had a grown-up daughter who had hair of red

My father fell in love with her, and soon the two were wed

This made my dad my son-in-law and changed my very life

My daughter was my mother, cause she was my father's wife

To complicate the matter, even though it brought me joy

I soon became the father of a bouncing baby boy

My little baby then became a brother-in-law to dad

And so became my uncle, though it made me very sad

For if he was my uncle, that also made him brother

Of the widow's grown-up daughter, who, of course, was my stepmother

I'm my own grandpa I'm my own grandpa

It sounds funny, I know, but it really is so Oh, I'm my own grandpa

My father's wife then had a son who kept him on the run

And he became my grandchild, for he was my daughter's son

My wife is now my mother's mother, and it makes me blue

Because, although she is my wife, she's my grandmother, too

I'm my own grandpa I'm my own grandpa

It sounds funny, I know, but it really is so Oh, I'm my own grandpa

Now if my wife is my grandmother, then I'm her grandchild

And every time I think of it, it nearly drives me wild

For now I have become the strangest case you ever saw

As husband of my grandmother, I am my own grandpa

I'm my own grandpa I'm my own grandpa

It sounds funny, I know, but it really is so Oh, I'm my own grandpa

Submitted by Mike Speers, 09/20/06

#### **Sandie Eisenbath**

Dear Charles, Wil and Tommy,

Thank you both so very much for your response to my e-mail. I am now caught up on the HFFA News.

Wil, I placed my 2007 membership dues in the mail this morning. You should receive it Friday or possibly Saturday or Monday, depending upon how busy the postal service is with holiday mail starting to arrive.

I did receive the March journal. It arrived just a day or so before we moved. I was not happy to hear that the newsletters, sent via first class mail, were not forwarded to me. The post office had our new address and all first class mail was to be forwarded for at least six months. Since we didn't move until March 18th, both the May and August newsletters should have been forwarded to me. We've had problems with the postal system before though, so it really shouldn't have surprised me a great deal.

We had lived in our former home for nearly 30 years and, within that time frame, we had no fewer than four or five changes of address. I'm sure people must have thought we were gypsies, yet we hadn't moved an inch.

We plan, God willing, to be in our current home for the rest of our lives. Our son-in-law has a construction business. He built this home for us and it was constructed to allow for any physical problems as we age. Should either of us not do well mentally, we'll deal with that problem if, or when, it arises.

Wil, please feel free to send the newsletters to me via e-mail. I will be able to view and print them to place in the family file. That will also save the association money on postage.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you.

Sincerely,

Sandie Eisenbath 11/21/06

Editor's Note: Sandie e-mailed Charles Burgess saying that after she and her husband moved, they had not received any more newsletters (missed May and August). Charles sent her e-mail on to me. I e-mailed her the missing copies. I always send out the printed newsletters by first class postage so they will be forwarded – apparently the post office did not forwarded them to their new address, hence her reference to postal service.

If you move or change your e-mail address, do let me know. I prepare the labels for the Journal as well so you only need to send a change of address out once.

Happy retirement in your new home Sandie & George.

#### REMINDER

2007 Dues are due January 1, 2007. The roster shows membership paid through year. A nice Holiday Gift is a HFFA membership for a niece, nephew and/or grandchild. See last page for how to on membership.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

We welcome the following new members during this past quarter.

Jack Frye Scott P.O. Box 501 Charles Town, WV 25414-0501

Richard A. Sparenberg P.O. Box 226 Clifton, IL 60927-0226

Karen (Frye) Stanley (Gift from Aunt; Helen F Craig) 5218 Sanford Road Houston, TX 77035-2925

Andrea Sue Halterman Zeinalpour 7805 Riverbrook Drive Dallas, TX 75230-4460

Jack and Adrea were signed up as HFFA members by Ken Frye while they attended the Warden-Frye Reunion in Yellow Springs, WV this past August. Thank you Ken.

#### **MEMBER'S ROSTER**

For those members who receive their newsletters by US mail, I have enclosed a copy of the roster listing active members as of the end of November, 2007. For those who receive their newsletters via e-mail you can sign onto our web site (www.hfrey.org), log on as a member and select the member's only area, and then click on roster. The latest copy will appear on the screen (we will be updating the web site roster monthly). You may directly print out a hard copy of the roster.

A reminder: For those who have an e-mail address and it is not listed on the roster, let me know and I will add it. If you are currently receiving your newsletter by US mail and would prefer receiving it by e-mail, send me a

note. For you who are receiving the newsletter by e-mail but prefer a hard copy be sent by US mail, also drop me a note.

E-mail copies go out as soon as I have it ready to have hard copies made at the copy center – wow, e-mailers get it a week or two ahead of US mail copies and by saving it to a file, you have past copies available on your computer!

#### **INQUIRIES**

#### Wil Frye

I have been told my grandparents, Charles and Belle (Smith) Frye, had a difficult marriage. One day in mid-1900, Charles up and disappeared without notice leaving Belle and their two small sons in Indian Territory.

Belle's parents, John and Eliza (Miller) Smith came down from central Kansas to bring her and the boys back to live with them. I have been told that Belle was not allowed by the government to take her sons with her without the written permission of their father. Since he had disappeared, I was told she was delayed several weeks until she was granted custody of the boys.

I e-mailed to Max Best as he is my source of data about Oklahoma as to whom/where I might write to see if there were any records available. He responded that he really didn't know. He did say he left Oklahoma when he was 14. He did know that when his father died in 1948 when he was six, his mother had to go to court to get custody of her own children. He said Oklahoma must have been on an old non-feminine dominated law.

Finally, after all that, my question; has any of our members done research on this law or have information as to how to find records for mother's having to go to court to get custody of their own children in Oklahoma? If I can get a copy of her custody paper, it will pinpoint when they left for Kansas. My address is on the last page.

Thanks, Wil Frye.

#### **OBITUARY**

Editor's Note: The following obituary is for Bob Grundy, late husband of member Marjorie Frye Grundy, Plainfield, IN.

#### **ROBERT GRUNDY**



PEORIA - Robert H. "Bo" Grundy, 94, of Plainfield, Ind., formerly of Peoria, passed away Friday, Sept. 9, 2006, at St. Vincent Hospice in Indianapolis, Ind.

He was born May 31, 1912, in Peoria, Ill. He started flying in 1927 at Varney School of Flight at Mount Hawley Airport in Peoria, Ill. He traveled to Central America and flew with TACA Airlines in the mid-1930s. He dusted cotton with the Delta Cotton Corporation in the late 1930s. While working for Delta, a Huff Daylan he was flying caught fire and crashed. Now restored, the plane was presented to the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum and presently hangs in Delta's headquarters in Atlanta, Ga.

During WWII, he was the Assistant Chief Civilian

pilot of the 311th Aircraft Detachment, located at Curtis Steinburg Airport in East St. Louis, Ill., providing basic flight training for Army Air Corps cadets. Mr. Grundy was a Civil Aeronautics Administration Aeronautical Inspector from 1943 to 1945. His experience allowed him to transfer to the CAA's Indianapolis Technical Development Center for the Civil Aeronautics Administration and became a test pilot from 1945 to 1960. He was instrumental in the successful completion of the "One Year Mandate" for the development of the VOR airways navigation system that is still in use worldwide today.

During his time as test pilot, he had the opportunity to fly on a regular basis a 247 Boeing that Roscoe Turner and Clyde Pangbourne flew in the first London to Melbourne Race of 1934. The plane is presently hanging in the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

After retiring from flying in 1960, he became a farmer and actively farmed through 1972 when he retired. He remained actively involved with the family farm until 2001.

He was a member of and former governor of the Quiet Birdman Aviation Fraternity, OX-5 Club, Early Bird Association, Top of the World Club of 1951 and the Indiana Nut Growers Association.

In 1990, he was selected to the OX-5 Aviation Pioneers Hall of Fame.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Marjorie Grundy; sons, James (Diane) Grundy of Hickory Corners, Mich., Joel (Margit) Grundy of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Denny (Patricia) Grundy of Trabuco Canyon, Calif.; a daughter, Kathleen (Don) Knuth of Plainfield, Ind.; and nine grandchildren.

Visitation will be at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home in Plainfield from 2 to 5 p.m. Tuesday,

Sept. 12. Burial will be at Springdale Cemetery in Peoria, Ill.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to the EAA Young Eagles Program EAA, Attn. Development, P.O. Box 3086, Oshkosh, WI 54903.

Published in the Peoria Journal Star on 9/11/2006.

#### SEARCHING DUSTY FILES OF COLORADO – PART 2 by Wil Frye

My research in Denver took all of Monday and the morning of Tuesday, June 5 and 6. The afternoon of Tuesday I spend with a third cousin and her husband who I am related to through the Smith line of my Grandmother Frye. Her detailed records reminded me of the records Charles (our President) has for the Frye line. They go on forever and ever.

I left Denver early Wednesday morning for Colorado Springs. I arrived too early to check into the motel so I visited the Evergreen Cemetery where I had been told my oldest sister Josephine was buried. The cemetery office did locate her there. I was directed to Block 107, Lot 62. and given a map of block location which I found easily. However, there were no markers for lots. Approximately half of the block was without grave stones or markers.

Back I went to the office and asked how to find Lot 62. They check their detailed records and said that Block 107 was in the oldest section of the cemetery and it had no lot markers. They contacted a grounds keeper by walkie talkie asking him to meet me at Block 107 to show me the location of Lot 62.

He was waiting for me by the time I had returned to Block 107 and pointed out where Lot 62 was located in approximately the south center of the Block 107. He said each lot consists of six burial plots and are listed by directional location. On the west central portion of the lot was one tombstone having the name of Frank Harold Smith, who I knew to be a younger brother of my grandmother Frye. Back to the office I went asking if they could tell me who was buried in each of the



Josephine Belle Frye

six burial plots by specific location within the Lot. Only two were buried, Frank in Lot 62 West Central space and Josephine Belle Frye in space South West. The remainder was empty. I then asked if they could tell me who owned Lot 62. They found those records in the ownership computer data file and said the western three spaces (NW, CW, & SW) were owned by Xel Smith. I knew Harold's widow's name was Ethel so I assumed that her name was scrambled when transcribed for the computer. I would guess the unused plot was planned for her. She was a Keller and is buried with her parents in North-East Ellsworth County, Kansas, close to where my Grandmother Frye is buried with her parents (also Ethel's parents-in-law). She must have

graciously offered the third plot to my parents for Josephine.

I felt Josephine needed a stone marker. I ordered one from Spence Memorials and requested them to place the stone on her plot, take a picture and mail it to me. I received the picture by the end of July.



I next went to a Colorado State office building to request birth and death certificates for Josephine and a birth certificate for my late brother Sherrill Hudson Frye. Colorado has all their vital statistics on computer files located in Denver apparently remotely accessible from state offices located in county seats. Their policy is to supply birth certificates on request but require death certificates be mailed out.

After taking my written order, the clerk went to a computer terminal to pull up the birth certificates. After 15 or so minutes she went to a private office. After another 30 minutes she came back with a copy of Josephine's death certificate and a certificate of vital record for Sherrill's birth. She said she had been on the phone to Denver. Denver office had search the entire state of Colorado and could not find a birth certificate for Josephine. She brought me the death certificate for Josephine showing she was born in Colorado Springs showing her birth place as being Colorado Springs. My father, J. H. Frye, was shown as informer. New mystery.

My brother's vital record certificate was given to me in lieu of a birth certificate. It

had on it only the basic information. She said Denver would not authorize a copy of the birth certificate even though I was a next of kin. She said something about I did not have proof of his death with me and they were concern about someone assuming his identity. I said I would be willing to accept a birth certificate with it being stamped in red "For Family History Use Only"; she was not willing to give me one that way. So, I do not have the other information normally contained on the birth certificate itself. I will write directly to the State office in Denver.

The day was pretty much over. I checked into the motel and spent the evening reviewing my notes. The next day (Thursday), off to the Colorado Springs Library to search city directories and newspapers.

(To be continued)

# UPDATE HFFA Web Site www.hfrey.org

I have updated the home page which contains the instructions for using the site. I would recommend printing out a copy as to have it handy while you're exploring the different sections.

Chris and I have now added copies of the first five Journal issues of Volume 1 to the web site (which are no longer available in the printed version). Our plan is to add the remaining issues of Volume 1 during 2007 which are available in printed form from Tommy Wiggins. The journals are being scanned in gray tone which allows both the printing and the pictures to be fairly clear. However, I would recommend you to order from Tommy the printed copies for clear crisp

printed pages. All four issues of the 2006 newsletters are also included.

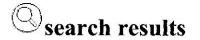
We now are updating the rosters at the end of each month and placing a copy on our web site as well. Those members who do not have access to the internet will continue to receive a printed copy with the November issue of the Newsletter.

All documents may be printed out once you have signed on as a member. Just click the pointer anywhere on the page and use your local printer.

We believe the key word search function is very powerful. Click on the menu search key word, key in a word, name, or phrase, click the search button. If what you keyed in is found on one or more documents, a list will appear in the right column showing the document name and the page within the document where your entry appears. If you click on a page, the page will quickly appear in the right column. If you click on the document name, you can then download the whole document itself (it could take several minutes to download depending on the speed of your internet connection). Then you can print out the full document where the entry appears.

If you key in a common word or phrase or a name which might appear frequently (such as Heinrich Frey), you might end up with a large number of page locations displayed. Chris has limited the number of location pages displayed to 250. On occasions, you might have to search for more unique entrees to have fewer lines displayed.

For example if you desired to know if the word "Astrophysics" appears in any of the documents, key is astrophysics and click the search button. You will get the following displayed:

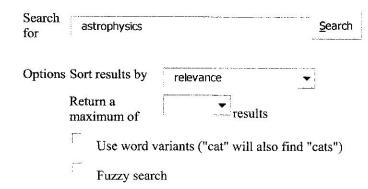


for "astrophysics"

#### 2 documents found

#### WebSearch

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- Members Area\Publications\Journals\Fall 1992\Fall 1992



If you click on the first one found, Page 3 of the Fall 1992 Journal will appear. It shows the word appearing in the first line of the next to last paragraph. The late Bert Frye had a Master's Degree in Astrophysics from Miami University (of Ohio).

If you click on the second entry, the PDF icon for the full Fall 1992 Journal will appear. Click on the icon, a copy of the file will be downloaded. (It could take several minutes to download). You can now print out the full Journal on you local printer.

Try putting in different names or phrases and see what you can find. As I am writing this, I put in "featured fry". I received 23 hits. Abraham Fry gave me 24 hits. Both of these will grow in hits as we add more journals. This technique will help in finding locations of items of interest.

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