



HFFA NEWS

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Message from the President

Now is the time to make your hotel reservations and send Iris the fee for our reunion in June. This is our chance to meet and get to know each other. I am looking forward to meeting people with whom I have corresponded or have not met before.

Wil Frye, our membership chairman, has done an excellent job in getting new members. But we shouldn't depend on just one person to increase our membership. We should all be active in finding new members. Our organization will be stronger and last longer if we can get the younger members of our family involved. Most people will tell you they didn't become interested in their family history until they were old enough that most of the older generations were no longer available for information. They also lament that they didn't pay attention when they were young to the stories handed down in the family.

Speaking of stories handed down, there is one handed down among the descendants of Benjamin's and Christina's son, Henry, that says that Henry's wife, Fanny Littler, was an Indian. There is a way to prove or disprove this story. More and more people are using their DNA to trace their descent. Men can trace the Y chromosome of their DNA back through their direct male line. Both men and women can trace the mitochondrial chromosome of their mother back through their mother's female line which goes back through the mother's mother etc.

If you can locate a descendant of Fanny Littler who descends down through the female from Fanny, that person's mitochondrial DNA will show an Indian descent, if there is one.

People with the Frey, Fry, Frye name can use DNA to prove their descent from Heinrich. There should be a database of Fry DNA that could prove to be a source of descendants of Heinrich of whom we are unaware. But first we need to get a record of Fry DNA on the male line of descent.

Find out what you can about the study of DNA and we will discuss it at the reunion. Hope to see you all in Des Moines in June.

Sincerely,
Charles J. Burgess

Editors Comment

I thank each of you who have renewed for 2007. The rate of renewal is exceeding last year. With new members coming in, we might increase our total membership this year.

I have tried to make the Newsletters more interesting by including some real life experiences in doing family research. Along these lines please send me what you are doing in the way of research on the Frey/Fry(e) line. As our extended family expands by marriage and births, let me know. (Arlene and I are expecting our first direct line great grandson -- they did a micro sound a couple of weeks ago

- at the end of June, probably while I am at the reunion).

I also was hoping I could include newspaper articles from a hundred years ago in each issue to give us a feeling of what our ancestors experienced then. I included some pictures in the February 2006 issue of the SF earthquake. In a follow-up of that event I ran across news clips from January 1907. Here are three of them that I found of interest:

JAN. 16: San Francisco's new Street Repair Association's campaign for improved thoroughfares will begin collecting money from local merchants at once. The head of a prominent draying firm has reported that an average of 326 horses are being killed each month in the city through teaming on bad streets.

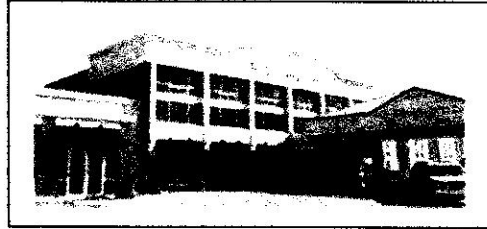
(And we think our potholes are bad)

JAN. 17: The U.S. government files suit against the state of California in the state Supreme Court and the Federal Circuit Court to compel the San Francisco Board of Education to accord Japanese schoolchildren the same rights that are given to children of American or European ancestry and allow them to attend the city's public schools. *(I sit at breakfast next to a Chinese lady born in the Fruitvale district of Oakland in 1910. She said her older sister was not allowed to attend the local public school in 1910. She had to take the street car to Oakland's Chinatown to attend a private school there. By the time my seat mate began school she was allowed to attend the local public school, possibly as a result of this law suit by the Federals.)*

JAN. 19: San Francisco Fire Chief Patrick Shaughnessy files a report with the Fire Commission detailing the work that has been completed on restoring 11 of the city's ruined fire stations at a cost of \$68,000. Shaughnessy designed the houses, and the work of clearing the fire lots was done by the firefighters at no extra expense to the city. Three more restorations are under way. *(A dollar went a long way in those days).*

2007 REUNION

June 22, 23 & 24, 2007



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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 (do not use their web site to make your reservation). 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.

Reservations for the 2007 Reunion are to be made by sending a check made out to **Iris Starkey, Chairman** in the amount of **\$50.00 per attendee**, members and non-members alike. This fee includes costs for Friday evening, lunch and dinner on Saturday.

Send your check to:

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NOTE: All reservations must be received by June 14th as Iris will be leaving for Iowa by then.



(View of Atrium & Pool)

Reunion Program

Check-in time is 3:00 PM. We will have a spot designated in the Atrium for early arrivals to gather and introduce yourself to each other.

Friday, 6:00 PM is "Meet & Greet" time.

You are on your own for Friday night dinner and Saturday morning breakfast.

The formal program will begin Saturday morning at 9:00 AM with a speaker on the "Fry's moving west".

Then lunch followed by the Business Meeting, Group Pictures, and lots of time to converse with those closest to your direct line.

Dinner at 6:00 PM followed by more visiting.

Sunday, 9:00 AM we will car pool to Bear Creek & Ealham Cemeteries.

Please bring your family information and pictures to share.

You can call the Des Moines Convention & Visitors Bureau at 515 286-4960 for information; they usually have Iowa maps (or look it up on the Web site).

For those who want to do some site seeing, the Iowa State Capitol is open for tours - 515 281-5591.



Iowa State Capital Building
Des Moines, Iowa

Courtesy: Iowa Tourism Office

If you would like to do research, the Iowa State Historical Building is on the west side of the Capital. The Iowa Genealogical Society (515 276-0287) is directly across the street from the Historical Building and they have "lots" of research materials.

For those who want to come early, the Airport Holiday Inn has a very large domed atrium where you can meet and visit

MEMBER'S INPUT**Mike Speers**

Editor's Note: Mike has been a regular contributor to our Newsletter over the past few issues. In December, he sent in a check for his membership renewal along with an extra \$20.00 for a membership for his half-sister. He included the story of how he was able to locate and meet her last September after losing track of her at the age of 6. His wonderful story follows.

The story of our reunion might be interesting. Sue and I have a common father, John Lawrence Speers. He passed away in 1950 when Sue was 18 and I was 6. At the funeral, I remember my mother pointing to someone and telling me she was my half-sister.

I had no idea what she was talking about. The young woman in question seemed to be all there, so I didn't know what half was missing. I knew for certain that she wasn't my sister, because I knew who my sister was and she was standing right next to me. The idea of a half-sister perplexed me for a long time.

When I got into genealogy in 1997, finding this half-sister became a priority. I didn't do any real research, but looked through Rootsweb and other sources hoping to get a mention of her. Once in awhile I would make a call to a promising lead and always found it NOT to be my half-sister.

This past September, 2006 HFFA member Rene Tanner of Mission Viejo, CA, wrote to me (she and I have become great email friends) and asked for a difficult puzzle to solve. I gave her the minimal knowledge I had of my half-sister, Susan Speers. Rene

called upon a friend of hers in Ann Arbor, MI and the two of them set to work to find Susan.

For two days they were emailing all kinds of information about my (our) dad's first wife. They had me calling people to see if they had found Susan. I talked to one very sweet lady who apologized for not being the Susan I was hoping to find. I was calling any

Speers' family members who might have an idea. The best news I could come up with was the name of Susan's new step-father. That corroborated a name that Rene and her friend had also found.

They sent me the phone number of Susan's half-brother's widow in Linesville, PA. When I made the call, I had to do a lot of explaining. She was very wary of my story, but she knew who Susan was and said she would call her and let Susan decide whether she wanted to contact me or not. I knew she would!

About 1:00 p.m. that day, I received the call! Susan had been found! She was living in Roswell, NM with her husband William Molyneux. They have two sons, Mark and David who live in Colorado. What a great discovery! It had only taken 56 years since the young lady was pointed out to me at our father's funeral for me to actually talk with her.

On 26 Oct 2006, my wife Rose and I traveled to Roswell to meet her. It was a great reunion. Since I had never really known our father, John L. Speers, it was wonderful to hear about him from someone who felt the love and affection that he had for her.

One of the sons of Sue and Bill was able to come down from Colorado to be part of the reunion. David and Lynn Molyneux spent the weekend with us as we celebrated this new found relationship.

I submit Susan Catherine Speers Molyneux as a new member in HFFA. She is interested in genealogy, having found many generations of the Molyneux family for her sons and husband. Now, through HFFA, she will learn ...The Rest of the Story...

Jim Myerly, M.D.

Editor's note: I know we have a few members who are medical doctors, other members who are members of other professions, businesses and trades and then we have nonmember descendants of Heinrich, all or most all of which we know very little. It's nice to get an occasional e-mail giving us a peak into accomplishments of one or more of our cousins.

Dear Mr Frye,

From your message, I just have seen for the first time, I assume you are indicating the Dues of \$20 are now due from me. I have not kept track in the last few years. At one time I had paid ahead a year but that now seems like some time ago.

I turned 76 last Sept. Surprisingly our Mothers maiden name was Frye. My brother performed open Heart surgery with a Heart - Lung machine he built himself and has been rather well known years ago. He was the 3rd one in the World to perform it. He was always very good with his hands. He bought a lathe and built it "from scratch"; copying one a Surg. Resident at U of Minn had developed. At that time no one in the World had as good a record anywhere near his. He only lost 1 case in the first 14 operations.

Unfortunately he has little or no interest in Family Hx. I only tell you the above because in all my reading of the Frye publications, I've never read about anyone else who on the surface at least seemed to have accomplished so much. As an aside probably my largest "hobby" interest has been history, biography and autobiography. My "heroes" historically, have been in the order of importance, George Washington (who 99% of the people really know very little about), Winston Churchill, Robert E Lee and my brother Bill. However he is all wrapped up in his own personal interest of making things and further has no political integrity. Also he is now 88 years old.

Well the above is more than you probably wanted to know but it gives you some idea about Mildred Frye's 2 sons. I tentatively hoped to get to Des Moines in June, for one day. Perhaps with our son Jim who is a Radiologist up in general NW Iowa area? Perhaps my wife Marilyn and I will fly to Sioux Falls. Jim could pick us up in his 210 Cessna. Then perhaps fly me to Des Moines for a full day and attend the events with me on that day.

Of course our 1st Cousin Charles Burgess has always wanted me to come to and I've never been to one previously.

Yours truly and Best Regards, Jim Myerly

Editor: I sent a copy of Jim's e-mail on to Charles, his reply follows:

Dear Wil:

I have a copy of the Lilly Review, published by Eli Lilly & Co. of Indianapolis for Jan Feb 1961 that has a seven page article with

pictures titled "Life in His Hands" which tells about my cousin's Bill's work as a heart surgeon. He graduated from the University of Iowa Medical School in 1943, served internship at Harper Hospital in Detroit, and then served in the Air Force for two years, leaving in 1946 to begin a surgical residency at Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines. He engaged in general surgical practice from 1950 until 1956 when he decided to specialize in heart surgery. For intensive training in open heart surgery, he went to the University of Minnesota, which at the time was the only place that open-heart surgery was being performed. On February 22, 1956, he successfully operated on a six-year-old boy to correct a ventricular septal defect -- a hole between the right and left ventricle.

The article goes on to tell of several unique experiences he had. One I remember at the time was in his first year of practice as a surgeon; he was removing the appendix of a 20-year-old girl when her heart stopped. He opened the girl's chest and massaged her heart, bringing her back to life.

He had never seen it done before, but he had read about it in medical journals.

Sincerely, Charles

Update "Links Book"

Marti Frye has now completed the updates to the HFFA "Our Links to the Past" book. Thank you Marti for your monumental effort. There are many sections to it, the primary one being "The First Six Generations", consisting of approximately 140 pages covering all of the descendent of Heinrich that we are aware of for the first six generations. It has been checked and rechecked for accuracy for those individuals appearing in the book.

It will be a valuable research tool for those starting out to find their linkage to Heinrich. I'm in my 70s and a member of the tenth generation so one starting now would need to be able to get back four or five generations on their own.

To assist in this effort we have another section which is linkage for each of our members both current, deceased and former showing their direct line back to Heinrich. This section has some 50 pages in it. Each page has as part of its header the first two or three generations followed by the direct linkage for each generation of each member with siblings and close cousins appearing on the same page. There is an index for this section for each member identifying the page number they appear on, (Females names will appear in the index using their married names).

This section should be helpful for new researchers if they can identify cousins who were or at one time were members.

There are other sections in the book of written narratives of Heinrich such as the late Don Kearney's article on Germantown Origins and Charles Burgess's article on Heinrich Frey.

I plan to have our new members (since Marti's data) added to the linkage section, add the latest copy of our member's roster and the other material which appeared in the first edition assembled and copied prior to the June Reunion. In the next issue of the Newsletter to come out at the end of May, I will include an order form showing the book's Table of Content, the cost of the finished book and how to order a copy to (of course) take to the reunion with you.

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members since the November issue of the Newsletter:

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Re-joining member
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MEMBER'S ROSTER

I update the member's files so I can produce a current roster at the end of each month. For those of you who have access to the Internet, I then place this updated roster in our Web Site (www.hfrey.org) once a month. Because of copy and mailing cost, for those who had requested a printed copy of the Newsletter, I include a roster with the November issue.

SEARCHING DUSTY FILES OF COLORADO – PART 3 of 3

by
Wil Frye

On Thursday morning, June 8, 2006, I arrived at the Colorado Springs Library shortly before it opened. It is a fairly new facility having two floors. When I asked at the information desk where the city directories were located, I was directed to the north end, take the western stairs connecting to the old library building, they would be on the second floor.

I found myself in a Carnegie funded beautiful old building. I knew that after my Grandmother Frye died in 1905 of TB in Kansas, my Dad and his brother (Harry) were raised by my grandmother's parents, John and Eliza Smith. They had two daughters (the second one being my Grandmother) followed by five sons, the youngest of which was about the same age as my Uncle Harry. The Frye boys and the Smith boys were more like brothers than uncles/nephews. In their movement from Kansas to Colorado to Idaho to California they moved as a family unit. I, therefore, was interested in located both Frye and Smith in the city directories.

I began my search in 1920 – did not find any Frye or Smith of interest in either 1920 or 1921. In 1922 I found four Smiths, my Great Grandmother and three of her sons living at separate address but no Frye. This was a surprise to me since if Josephine was born in Colorado Springs in 1922 I was expecting to find my parents living there as well.

In 1923 I found one more Smith son living in Colorado but still no Frye of interest. In 1924 directory I at last found my parents with my uncle Harry living with them. In 1925 I found my parents (no Harry) listed as John H Frye (rather than Jack) along with all the

Smiths. In 1926 I again found my parents but only one of the Smith boys.

In 1927 I found no Frye of interest and again just the one Smith son.. In 1928 I found no Frye or Smith of interest. This jives with my understanding that most of these folks were in Idaho by this time.

I then asked the librarian where they kept their newspaper files. She directed me back to the newer building on the lower floor. The microfilms for newspapers were in order by year. I pulled the one covering the period of time when Josephine was born, set down at a reader and began to search for any birth announcements. I found the paper listed births in Colorado Springs once early each month for births of the prior month. All the boys' parents' names were list then all the girls parents names were list. No birth day of the month is given. I did not find Josephine listed in the August, 1922, birth list.

When I was returning the film to its file drawer, I mentioned to the librarian there was no birth certificate on file for Josephine and I could not find her birth listed in the paper. I asked if she could suggest where else I might look. She said that no birth certificate usually indicated a child was delivered at home and the parents did not know to register the birth at city hall. She said this was somewhat common with the parent's first child. She said for the same reason no listing would appear in the newspaper as the newspaper would get their information from the birth registration.

I said to her I will see if I have better luck with my brother who was born in June 1924. She asked if I was aware of the card file index for vital statistics they have. It turns out the index covers from the late 1890s through 1939. The index listed the events newspaper date and page number where the listing

appeared. I easily found my brother's birth announcement, Josephine's death announcement and a couple of Smith children born about the same time as my brother.

After lunch I drove to the addresses listed in the city directories where the Frye and Smith residences were listed. All but two were now within the commercial area of downtown Colorado Springs and were either parking lots or stores.

I left the next morning (Friday) for Denver. I was able to spend the afternoon with the former California Genealogical Society librarian who retired and move to a small community just south of Denver. I reviewed my findings with her and received some suggestion for follow up.

The next morning I checked in to the train station and was told it would be two hours late coming in from Chicago. It truly is a beautiful view climbing up the east side of the Rockies and back down through the canyons leading to the Colorado River.

We lost another four hours or so crossing western Colorado, Utah and Nevada. I arrived back in the Bay Area late on Sunday evening but was home by 10:00 PM. All in all an enjoyable trip.

On reflection I think my parents lived in Denver or somewhere else when Josephine was born in spit of what appeared on her death certificate. This is based on no Colorado Springs city directory entries for 1922 or 1923. However, without any evidence to the contrary I will accept what the death certificate states.

The next issue of the Newsletter will be out at the end of May withy any late breaking news on the Reunion.

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