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Hello to our HFFA Cousins and Other Readers,

It's been a fun time since our last issue came out in November. I've had many email correspondences with a growing number of HFFA members. At times it gets confusing keeping everyone straight, especially when their last name is Fry, Frye, or Frey. Now it will get more confusing as we meet a new Frey in this issue who says his name as if it is spelled Fray. I am wondering if there are any more of you who say your name that way. Please let us know.

I'm not aware of anything like that among the Spear, Spears, Speer, Speers clan. Wouldn't it have been nice if our ancestors were a little bit more literate and learned to spell (and say) their names more consistently? Oh well, that's part of the fun of genealogy, I suppose.

Sometime in January, I sent out a note to all those whose email addresses are in my HFFA files. I was asking for help with articles for the newsletter. I'd like to thank **Charles Burgess, Marlin Bailey, Shirley Coad, Helen Craig, Norm Schulze, Gordon Fry, Gene Frye, Wil Frye, and Dennis Frey** (he's the "Fray" that I mentioned earlier) for their contributions. I'll be asking for more contributions before the next

issue comes out in May. Hopefully we'll learn some more about who is in our membership.

A second reason for my email in January was to test the accuracy of my email addresses. These computers sure demand perfection when it comes to typing our addresses. Quite a few bounce back to me and I try to figure out what is wrong. There are still a couple of you that have email addresses that I cannot get right.

Electronic delivery of the newsletter is a great money saving and time saving idea. Please tell us when you change email addresses.

Everyone who was on our membership list last November is receiving this newsletter. If you have not paid your dues for 2009, this will be the last newsletter you will receive. Send **\$25** per year to **Wil Frye, 21966 Dolores St., Apt. 128, Castro Valley, CA 94546.**

I'm anxious to meet you in person at the reunion in **Mineola, TX** in June. Let's hope we have a big turnout.

Mike Speers

Chardon, OH

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Instead of thinking about how cold it is, think how nice and comfortable it will be in **Mineola, Texas** the end of June. If you haven't made your reservation for the reunion, here is the phone number:

Best Western Inn (903) 569 - 5331.

You get a better rate as a member of the Frye reunion.

Because of a recent correspondence with **Tom Speers**, I have been contacted by a **Froman** descendant with a question about the ancestry of **Regina Froman**, the wife of **Henry Speers**.

Does anyone know her exact birth date? I have circa 1725 and originally had listed her as a sister of **Paul Froman, Jr.** But someone said she was Senior's sister.

It never occurred to me before, but if she was a sister to Junior, then she was descended from **Yost Hite**. How **Hank Adams** would have loved that! He so wanted to belong to the Hites, but the closest he could come was a sister-in-law if **Benjamin Frey's**, **Christina** was a **Markley**. How does this concern the Frey family? An awful lot of our members are **Speers** descendants.

Charles J. Burgess
Naples, FL

NOMINATION of OFFICERS

One of the things that will occur at the HFFA Reunion in **Mineola, TX** this summer is the election of officers for the next two years. Anyone wishing to run for an office in HFFA (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Director) should contact **Gordon Fry** by email:

g fry1@cox.net

or USMail:

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Arkansas City, KS 67005.**

There will also be nominations from the floor. Please make sure you have the permission beforehand of the person you are nominating.

GORDON FRY
Arkansas City, KS

AROUND THE WORLD

I am on an around-the-world cruise. It left from New York on Jan. 10 and will return to New York on April 20.

There are about 50 ports of call around the world, including places like Samoa, Tonga, New Zealand, New Guinea, Panama Canal, Suez Canal, Dubai and so on.

It is a luxury cruise ship, just a little over one year old, The Queen Victoria, a Cunard Ship.

Tonight (2/13/09) we are off the coast of New Zealand with a rough sea, but hope to be safe!

GENE FRYE

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ISAAC MARDIS ARMIJO

b. 5 Jan 2009

Son of **Molly (Harms)** and **Harold Armijo**. Great - Grandson of HFFA member **Shirley** and **Roger Coad**.

DEATH NOTICE:

EVAN REED FRYE

12/31/1931 - 12/31/2008

Reed was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado to **Harry Sherrill Frye** and **Helen McKain Frye**. As an infant, he moved with his parents to Vallejo, California. At the age of 11, he and his parents moved to Homedale, Idaho. After graduating from Homedale High School, he began a career in the insurance industry. In 1954 he married **Betty Ragsdale-Milender**.

He switched careers to carpentry becoming a contractor building houses in and around Homedale. When the market for houses fell off, he opened an unfinished furniture store in Caldwell, Idaho. He personally built the furniture sold in his store. His arthritis finally reached the point where he no longer could safely use his power tools. He then took up managing apartment complexes. Three years ago he retired from managing a seven-story complex in

downtown Boise. Last year he moved to an assistant care facility in Nyssa, Oregon where he lived at the time of his death. He is survived by three children, (**Debbie Gist, Robert Frye, Becky Butler**), and four grandchildren.

HFFA REUNION - 2009

The 2009 reunion is being held **June 26th and 27th in Mineola, Texas**. Mineola is located in east Texas at the intersection of **US highways 69 and 80** about eighty miles east of Dallas, Texas and one hundred miles east of **DFW International Airport**.

The headquarters for the reunion will be the **Mineola Inn**, a **Best Western** motel that opened in mid 2007 with 50 rooms and suites.

The meetings will be held at the **Harold Simmons Community Center** in downtown **Golden, Texas** about 9 miles from the Mineola Inn.

TRANSPORTATION Information:

For those of you that might like to take a train to the Reunion, **AMTRAK** makes two stops daily (one West bound and one East bound) in downtown Mineola about one mile from the Mineola Inn.

See the HFFA website for more details and direct links for added information.

www.hfrey.org

For those with RV's who choose to camp, there are three campgrounds to choose from;

- Golden RV Park 903-768-2855,**
- Key's Creek RV Park 903-569-8226,**
- Somewhere RV Park 903-569-5772.**

Please contact **Mike Speers** and perhaps we can plan on camping in the same park.

A COLONIAL DAME FROM HFFA

Back in 1963 we moved from the upper midwest to a small town in rural Texas. We immediately subscribed to the local weekly newspaper and began reading it to see what was going on in town.

It seems like each week's paper would contain an item like this:

Miss S-F--- J--- and Mrs. M-M--- attended the UDC meeting in Houston on Thursday last.

On another week, it would read:

Miss S--- F--- J--- and Mrs. M--- M--- were hostesses for the DRT meeting in their home on Wednesday last.

I began inquiring among my few friends and acquaintances as to just who were Miss S--- F--- J--- and Mrs. M--- M---. (And what were "UDC" and "DRT?")

I was pretty young (27) and totally ignorant of genealogical organizations, except for DAR, that everybody knows about! My kind friends explained all to me. Thus began my awareness of things genealogical.

One of my father's sisters wanted to be DAR so much, she spent hours and dollars trying to trace our ancestry back to the relevant events. She used her mother's line, since Grandmother was a WILSON "whose ancestor, James Wilson, signed the Declaration of Independence."

Not so. James Wilson had no descendants named "Wilson." My aunt totally ignored the Frye side, since Grandmother thought the Fryes were just

poor whites and had no background of note.

Let's now skip ahead several decades when some of my family began doing serious genealogy. Enter HFFA into my life. I attended the **Gallatin, Tennessee reunion** and became a member.

In the meantime, a close friend talked about an organization to which she belonged: ***Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century***. She said that you had to be able to trace your line back to an ancestor who entered the United States before 1701.

A small light bulb in my brain: Didn't **Heinrich Frey** come in the 1690s? I could be eligible for membership in *Colonial Dames*. My friend took me to a meeting of *Colonial Dames* in Houston and they put me on the prospective member list.

After a few years I managed (with much help) to find the necessary links and last year I became a full-fledged member of ***The Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century***.

We still live in that same small town and I still subscribe to and read the local weekly newspaper. However I do NOT read:

Mrs. Helen Craig and Mrs. G--- D--- C--- attended the meeting of the Colonial Dames in Houston Saturday last.

**HELEN CRAIG
EAGLE LAKE, TX**

*Following is from new member **Marlin Bailey** of Richardson, TX. His credentials are very impressive.*

LIFE IS TECHNOLOGY

I am **Marlin Alonzo Bailey**; my father was **Lawrence Herbert Bailey**, son of **Thomas and Hattie May Fry Bailey**. My first cousins are **Shirley Coad, Janet Goforth** and **James Bailey**. They introduced me to HFFA.

I had a rather easy life growing up surrounded by family, relatives and lots of cousins. All believed in a Christian faith of one denomination or another and contributed to a loving respectful environment. Life was easy and a joy.

Our family moved several times - even before WWII came in 1941, Winfield, KS, Hutchinson, KS, Wichita and back to Winfield. Even so, I graduated High School in 1951, got married in 1952 and moved to Indiana for college.

Fort Wayne in the winter can be very cold - bone chilling cold. Cold like I had never experienced before. After seven years of college in Indiana, with three daughters, two houses and several cars along the way, I graduated. An offer came from an old friend and we moved to Florida and **Martin-Marietta** in Orlando.

Hurricane Donna arrived on Sept. 5, (wife Sharon's birthday), as a climax to our first year in Florida. What a mess that was! Over six years in Orlando and PERSHING Missile

project shuts down due to Congressional funding cut backs!

Then came **General Electric** and Apollo Support in Daytona Beach. Four engineers car-pooled together for four and a half years from the Maitland-Winter Park area of Florida to Daytona Beach - 90 miles away. We were never more than 10 minutes late in all that time!!

When the Apollo 5 support finished, it was off to New Jersey and the **RCA Corporation** for the AEGIS Missile System project. When my part of the project was done, it was back to Florida (**Martin-Marietta**) to work on an automated (SPRINT) missile check-out system for the anti-missile system project.

Now, we were off to St. Charles, Missouri for work on the 3-Vue Vision Landing System at **McDonald-Douglas Aircraft Corporation**. That was where I was sent to Mexico, New Zealand, and Top Gun school in San Diego, California. Missouri is not for me! I needed to find a new area/project. Parents are getting older, ... maybe an area near to Kansas or Oklahoma like Dallas?

How about **Texas Instruments**? Oh yes! There was a new FAA program called "DABS" Discrete Address Beacon System. After reading the specifications by Lincoln Laboratories, I found out they were written by a friend of mine from Ft. Wayne, IN. How things in life go around in circles. After four years at TI and delivery to FAA, it was over to **E-SYSTEMS, Inc.** in Garland for 12

fascinating years, all for the CIA (Spooks on KLH-11 and -12 satellites) surveillance systems, Synthetic Aperture Radar, Infra red, and Optical data systems.

Then back to **Texas Instruments**, Software Quality for DOD (Department Of Defense) Programs. After three years there were more layoffs.

Now came **ELECTROSPACE, Inc.** After three more years of projects including the DOD "Red Phone" world-wide communication Telenet, then **Raytheon** purchased the company and layoffs followed.

Two years of consulting for two companies, and a call came from **KODAK HEALTH SYSTEMS**, Dallas. I worked for two years on a digital chest trauma unit for hospitals that can take body pictures and print or transmit via internet to any facility in the world. Our final test sent a chest picture via Internet to Oxford College in England.

Now, 2009 and here we are, still in Dallas! Our three daughters managed to finish High School and college, get married and have their own families in Texas and Oregon.

Two of the three grandchildren are married and have (our) great grandchildren (4 total -2 boys, 2 girls). I still work - **Elliotts Hardware** in Plano, TX. I manage the Electrical Department. Life is interesting.

MARLIN A. BAILEY
Richardson, TX

In his story, Marlin mentioned his cousins, **Shirley Coad, Janet Goforth**, and **James Bailey**. They are all members of **HFFA**.

We learned that the daughter of James Bailey, **Leslie E. Bailey** is T. Sgt USAF and is assigned to **Air Force 2**. She is having quite a fascinating life flying dignitaries all over the world. She had been a flight attendant for **United Airlines** for quite a few years, got bored, and joined the **Air Force Reserve**. The opportunity to apply for Air Force 1 and Air Force 2 came up. She was selected and assigned to **A.F.2**. This information came from her aunt, **Shirley Coad**.

-Mike

We received an update on the activities of **HFFA** member, **Norman R. Schultz**. He wrote about organizing a reunion for **Marshall High School** in **Fauquier County, VA**. I'll begin his story as he tells us of some other reunions he was involved in.

REUNIONS

. . . I had yet one more reunion. My cousin in this, a very old, Frederick County, Virginia family asked if I would be willing to assist her with arranging a **Bucher Family Reunion** held near the old home place where they settled in the 1740's. **Rachael Bucher** married **Rich Frye**, my great-grandparents.

Having been to the villages in **Germany** whence they originated, I could add to the early experiences. The event turned out well, even with a minimal effort. We visited **St. Johns Lutheran Church**, the old Bucher home place, and the **Hite** house in Bartonsville. Another cousin, **John Hoffman**, showed us the restoration work he had done for an old family home in Middletown, down the Shenandoah Valley Pike, now US 11 and ISS 81. Fantastic! He has attempted to finish it as it was then.

If anyone has any Bucher family connections and would like to stay on top of what is going on, please contact me at nschulze@cox.net and request a receipt confirmation so that your message does not inadvertently get trashed by software and become lost. Alternatively you can call, **703-818-2328**.

We attended on 9 August the annual **Gravel Springs Lutheran Church** picnic, that being held since 1873 and it being a church in the parish of the old Frederick Co. St. John's Lutheran Church where the **Frye family** mainly attended. I would imagine that some Frye family attended it as well as St. James, still slightly to the south.

Then we attended, 16 August, the **Warden-Frey** family reunion in **Yellow Spring, WV**. The reunion concluded with a tour of the **Henry Frye** house in **Wardensville, WV**, a marvelous experience, made possible by **Irvin Heishman**, a cousin, and owner. (And, HFFA

member. - ed.) It is so wonderful that some Frye property remains in the family, and he has done a fantastic job with preservation.

Sunday, December 14, we attended the **Weihnachtsfier (Christmas Celebration)** held by one of the German Societies to which I belong. The event is held in the Heurich House in Downtown DC, a well-preserved Victorian era house with yet its original furnishings, a rarely found piece of history, anywhere. He was a great brew master over a century ago. There is always an interesting program, plus we sing carols both in German and English.

NORMAN R. SCHULZE
Clifton, VA

At the HFFA 2000 reunion in **Morgantown, PA**, Norm presented an interesting slideshow with photos taken in the German hometown of **Heinrich Frey** and the church he attended. Perhaps he can show it again at some other **HFFA** reunion.

-Mike

DID YOU KNOW?

The membership of HFFA currently resides in 31 states.

California boasts 18 members, Pennsylvania 17, Texas 15, Ohio and Virginia each has 12.

MY FAMILY SEARCH

My maternal grandmother lived with us from the death of my grandfather when I was 6 until I was 21. She was one of 12 children, but most had passed on before I was born. I was lucky enough to get to know 2 of her brothers and 2 sisters.

We spent many hours in a local cemetery and she would tell me stories. Often we would go home and she would show me pictures of those whose graves we had seen that day. Today I have every one of those pictures and have fully restored them. As I type this I sit beneath one, which was originally a 2" X 3" group photo of her family, and many of the spouses (including my grandfather Blackman). Today the picture is 24X36". I have identified 15 of the 26 people in the picture.

My family search was certainly started there, but it lay dormant for many years. Then, a few years ago, I was visiting my parents and my mother had shown me a copy of my great grandmother's obituary. Later I offered to take my folks for a ride and when my mother asked where we would go, I suggested the grave of my great grandmother. Our memories

were not so good, and we didn't find it.

Trouble is, I can be a bit determined at times, and later that night I mentioned our trip to my brother. Although he did not know where she was buried, he thought he knew of the cemetery we were looking for, so he provided directions.

The next morning as the sun came up I was standing in an old, very remote cemetery. It was too dark to see the graves and I had no flashlight, so I just waited for the sun to come up. When it did, I found I was standing in front of the grave of a **Theodore Blackman**. Certainly he was a relative, but I did not know who he was.

As I walked I did not find the grave I was looking for, but in a corner, nearly overturned, I saw a very old stone. When I bent down (and under) to read it the name shocked me. It was **Nahum Blackman**. I knew my mother had a living cousin who shared this name, and once again I did not know who it was.

I drove home that day to St. Louis obsessed with who they were. That night I joined **Ancestry.com** and began looking and within less than an

hour I learned I had found my 2nd great grandfather, and also my 3rd. From that day on I was hooked.

I have gone to the first American ancestor on all sides now, and that's how I found **Heinrich Frey** and HFFA.

Just about a year ago I found a cousin who had her grandmother's pictures. Among them were pictures of my father as a child! No one, including my father, knew any childhood pictures existed of him!

She also had two of my great grandfather **Samuel Frey**, including one in his civil war uniform. I was hooked all over again!

Although all my family is still in the **Quad Cities of Iowa** area, I live near **St. Louis in Belleville, IL** with my wife and children. My son is 29 and a very special young man. He has some physical and mental challenges so he will be with us forever. My daughter is 22 and will soon be a teacher. She is a delight.

I run a trucking company in St. Louis, and my wife is a banker like my brother in Iowa. Over the years I have had some fun writing

for various publications, and even a little radio. My only real claim to fame is I was also in several commercials several years ago.

As a boy my father told me our name was pronounced **Fray** rather than **Fry**. He explained that his father had told him it meant Free, and that some still pronounced it that way. He said many also said Fry, but that his father had said they kept it the original way.

When I got into the family research I was shocked to find we were among the last to spell it the old way, but we had been pronouncing it differently.

Presently my family tree is up to about 4500 names. I have no doubt that some information is incorrect, but most has been borne out well. I learned that on the Blackman side I can be traced back to **Richard Warren**, one of the original Pilgrims.

DENNIS L. FREY (say Fray)
Belleville, IL

Has anyone else heard about or used the Fray pronunciation? Please let us know. - ed.

Heinrich Frye Family Association

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