

FFA NEWS A Publication of the Heinrich Frey Family Association

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Albert Tompkins

I have been working on my Grandmother Frye's family (she was a Smith, her mother was a Miller) who came to Kansas from PA, WV, IL, MO and IW in the 1860's. She was born

1879 in Kansas and died of TB at the age of 25. Some of the two dozen plus letters sent to me by JoAnn Ford cover the early times that two brothers of Frye decent experienced in those frontair days of Kansas were very interesting to me. They reflect the very hard life they had to indure. These letters were written to their Frye relatives who remained in Illinois. In future issues I will include more of the letters as space permits. In the last issue of the Newsletter, I requested photos showing four or more generations in the same pictures. I have received none, I can't believe I am the only one who has such a picture. However, Margaret H Frye sent me individual

pictures covering five generations. Lets also publish multiple generations sharing a direct line so we can all see what these folks we hear about looked like. All pictures are welcome. Excellent article by Jon Frye in the last issue of the Journal on the Frye's and friends in Kentucky. Possibly he can do a similiar article on the Frye's of Tennesse. I have been told the Tenneessee Fryes are descendants of two brothers who went

to California to search for gold and returned by way of Panama and worked their way back to PA through TN. They liked what they saw in TN and returned to TN with their families. Be a nice story paticularily if it can appear in the Journal prior to the TN reunion. Keep up the good work Jon. Inquires The following inquiry is from:

Blanche L Tompkins 360 W 20th Street San Bernardino, CA 92405-3904

Blance has two direct lines back to Heinrich & Anna

1) Heinrich & Anna ---> Benjamin & Christena ---> Benjamin, Jr & Catherine ---> Isaac & Catherine ---> Eleanor

Date:

and Penna.

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From: FMWILMER To: WilFrye

Fry & James Hyatt McGee ---> Katherine McGee & James

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Newsletter and just a "helio" from me Subj:

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Can anyone help? June 1813 in Shelbyville, Shelby County, KY. I believe he came to Shelby County in 1800 from Federic County,

Johnson ---> John Francis Johnson & Annie Easley ---> Alberta Johnson & Edwin E. Lane --> Blanche Lane & Albert Tompkins "Captain Benjamin Frye was in Nelson County, KY as early as 1780. I believe he came by the Ohio River from Redstone, PA. I believe he is the son of Abraham. Can anyone prove this? I would like to see his will and probate of his property.

2) Heinrich & Anna ---> Benjamin & Christena ---> Jacob

& James Hyatt McGee ---> Katherine McGee & James

Fry & Mollie ---> Catherine Fry & Issac Fry ---> Eleanor Fry

"I believe my ancestor is the Benjamin Frye who left a will in

Virginia. Frederic County deeds indicate he sold his property to son Issac in April 1797. "Seek data on Catherine Fry, b. 5 Aug 1773, Frederick Co. VA d. Mar 1857 Bainbridge, Clinton Co., MO. She was married to Issac Fry (her first cousin) 19 Apr 1791 in Frederick Co., VA. Need proof for above dates in either Bible Records, County History Book, or Cemetery Records for a

DAR Supplemental line on Jacob Fry, father of Catherine. Thank You ---- Blance" E-Mail Address (Additions and Revisions) Jim Frey mmastof@ptdprolog.net (rev) Jean Frye Hilbrink JeanHi@aol.com (new)

Reunion Reminder The National Reunion will be held in Tenneessee during the summer of 1998. I talked by phone with Jean Smith recently

and she said the committee should have the date and location selected by the next issue of the newsletter.

Treasurer Profile The following page is an e-mail from Jane giving us another profile of our Association Officers.

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see a couple of cousins I had not seen for over 27 yrs. Also visited with a cousin in northern Virginia. Since back from the trip, I am trying very hard to get to the pileup of work I had both before, during, and since—as usual, most HFFA dues came in while I was gone (and now daily trickle in). I will over this weekend get everything processed up to date and get the mailing labels off to you. I want to take care that all new address changes are made and that "winter addresses" for some people are used.

traffic light and a truck drove into the rear of my bus. No one was hurt-except the other guy's truck was totaled. Unbelievable the paperwork and reviews, etc. that are occurring as a result of having been in an accident with a school district bus! Also, my mother is scheduled next month for another operation and with all the new regulations, etc., I'm quite busy with all of her pre-surgery procedures. Now I know you've asked for a profile or story about myself for the Newsletter. I started something in early Dec. and it went downhill after that as far as getting time to do so. I have though worked up something-hope it's what you want. I do not have a photo of me available. Even Fred helped me look for a picture of me-none exists except on my staff badge at work. I evidently take all the pictures in the family! Sorry I can't supply one. The following is my little story: I was born Lucy Jane Frye in my parents' home in Pineville, Bucks County, Penna. on October 1, 1943. My parents, Joseph

A. and Lucy H. (nee Read) owned and operated a poultry farm raising chickens and turkeys. I have an older brother Joseph

This week started not so well—the first 30 seconds after I was out on the road with my school bus, I was stopped at a red

I suppose you felt like giving up on me. I have not been ignoring you—I just have had no time to do any of "my" things. I did receive your e-mail dated 12/24/96. Fred and I were gone from Dec. 21 through to Jan. 1-went to Texas to spend Christmas with our son and his family. We had a wonderful trip-on the way stayed overnight in S.C. with old college friend of mine I'd not seen for 5 yrs. On return trip we visited with Fred's brother and family in Arkansas whom we had not seen for 9 yrs. THEN we spent a day in southern Virginia where my father (Frye) was born and spent the very early years of his life. I got to

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In my early years I belonged to 4-H clubs participating in projects including raising capons, gardening, sewing, cooking, photgraphy, electric, and misc. home and life improvement areas. During the teen years I worked in program logging and commercial writing for the local radio station. Teaching Sunday School and Bible School was another gratifying undertaking over a period of three years. I was graduated from Shippensburg State College (PA) in February 1965 with a B.S. In Business Education. The principal in the high school at which I student-taught was Ray C. Fry (someday I hope to pursue the possible connection). During the latter part of college, I was entered in a contest by my brother: I won and served as Pennsylvania Poultry Queen 1964-65.

Teaching various business classes including typing, shorthand, accounting, business law, and sales, I spent Feb. 1965 through May 1977 in numerous positions in high schools in Penna, and Delaware and in community colleges in New Jersey

I met my husband Fred Wilmer doing homebound instruction for the State of Delaware. No, he was not my student but rather a visiting friend of one of my students. After almost two and a half months of dating, we were married September 2, 1966. Until 1975 we lived in Delaware where our two children were born. Besides teaching during those years, I worked as financial secretary for a large church for five years, sold Avon and Tupperware, and served as president of our civic association, sitters' club, and Delaware State Alumni of Shippenburg State College. I was active as a volunteer for historic New Castle Days, Tri-HI-Y leader, and high school girls volleyball coach. I began course work toward a master's degree at the Univ. of Delaware but

did not complete all degree work. I developed the office occupations program for my school district and was honored to have my program adopted by other districts in the state. After moving in 1975 to my native Bucks Co. area, I branched out to other areas of study, work, and activities. I have worked as a realtor associate, church secretary, broadcasting executive secretary, historic conservancy comptroller, self-employed accounting and office services provider, doll dresser, and am currently a school bus driver. Other activities have included or

now include officer on community baseball league, fire company ladies auxillary member and officer, high school class Sakirday January 11, 1987 America Online: WilFrye

historian and reunion organizer, grange, and Moose. My hobbies are varied-crocheting, knitting, other needlework, flower gardening, crossword puzzles, reading, genealogy and family research, bowling, and now attempting golf. Whew, I'm tired from reviewing some of my past and present. You might say I'm a "Jane of all trades and perhaps master of none." Fred shares with me, however, our greatest pride and accomplishments-our two children. Our son Rick, a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy, is a Captain in the U.S. Air Force, was a KC-10 pilot, and is presently a pilot Instructor. He and his wife Laura (nee Henderson) have a 3-yr.-old daughter Samantha. Our daughter Rebecca is a graduate

Thanks Jane - - - Now we need a few other Officers sending in their profiles - - - How about our Historian??? Letters to the Editor

> 780 Bellevue Avenue Gap, PA 17527-9609 10 December 1996

of Temple University and is currently pursuing a doctorate in American History at the Univ. of Maryland.

Heinrich Frey Family Newsletter

Pacifica, CA 94044-3634 Dear Wilbur: Your second newsletter was excellent. I have a couple of things for the next one. First, John Wayne isn't a Frye. seperate sheet. Second, in reference to Vernon's trip to Germany, it appears from the article that he is saying Altenheim

to retrieve my folders of German research.

than the 1995 model they had last year.

across and down the river from Strasbourg isn't the right Altenheim for our Heinrich. Actually, he says that it must be the right area but needs but needs more work. I have some comments of my own that should help. I have written this to Vernon. He had sent me a copy of his Rhine trip at the same time he sent it to you. I waited to write to him until I had gone out to Iowa

I have wanted to get this in the mail to you. I leave Thursday afternoon for Texas where I will probably stay until the snow stops flying here on the east coast. We were going to go to

Give my best to your family and have a great holiday season.

Tucson for Christmas but that has changed. My nephew is now talking of going to Florida for Christmas. If it gets too complicated, I will just stay in their house near Georgetown, Texas while they are gone. They have a new 1996 American EAgle motorhome which is as large as a tour bus. It is even larger

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1948 in Tocoma, WA. (The picture without a number is 4).

1) Letter and Comments from Charles Burgess

Mr. Wilbur C. Frye 1238 Lerida Way

Charles 3

John Wayne

Okay, all of you name droppers. You can pull in your horns and get down off of your high horse. John Wayne isn't a Frye

Harry Morrison, our member in Abingdon, Virginia, has turned up a biography of John Wayne that puts the kibosh on the story told to Harry by a groundskeeper at Mingo Cemetery in Washington County, Pa. According to this groundskeeper, Isaac Newton Morrison, buried at Mingo, was the grandfather of John Wayne whose real name was Marion Michael Morrison. Since Isaac Newton Morrison was married to a Prye descendant, Marion Michael Morrison would be a Frye descendant. Nice story. One problem was that we had record for only two children for Isaac Newton Morrison: a daughter Jessie (Mrs. W. T. Whitledge) and a son, Newton Clayton Morrison. This son was not the father of John Wayne. That meant there had to be anther son who would be the father of John Wayne and had moved to Iowa.

Isaac Newton Morrison, who married Mary Hester Frye, lived in Bartow, Florida and that is where his family was born and raised. The records for Bartow would have to be checked to see if he had a son, Clyde L. Morrison, who was John Wayne's father.

The book Harry found, <u>John Wayne</u> - <u>American</u>, by Randy Roberts and James S. Olson, 1995, Free Press, Simon & Shuster, says that John Wayne's grandfather was Marion Mitchell Morrison. The family came from North Carolina.

So, get the book and decide if the authors are correct.

Germany has at least a dozen places called Altheim, also spelled Altenheim. It means 'old village'. There are two of these in what was known as Alsace. One, northwest of Strasbourg, France is a Catholic village that does not date earlier than 1750. The other is across the Rhine River, south and east of STrasbourg, in what is now Baden, Germany. One correspondent in Germany told me that area was never a part of Alsace, but the person I talked to at the Archives in Strasbourg assured me it was a part of Alsace in the time period with which we are concerned and that their records went back into the 1500's.

Charles J. Burgess

Don Kearney received his information about the birth of Heinrich Frey from the Society of Genealogists of Alsace. My source of information was more direct. I wrote to the minister of the Evangelical Church in Altenheim. My reply from the Reverend Gerhard Allmendinger ofKirchstrasse 27. Neuried Altenheim 7607, which is in EAden, included a copy of the pages from the Sippenbuch von Altenheim. This is the same material Don had gotten. I had a lengthy correspondence with the Rev. Allmendinger until he moved from Altenheim to teach in a college in Germany. In one of his letters, he assured me that the marriage of Jacob Frey and Anna Hirtzeller on the 26th of January 1657 was in their church records, but the records were in the church archives in Karlsruhe. Also in the archives were the early church books dating back to 1634. He was the one who had sent them to the archives. to get copies of the the "Kirchliches Landesarchiv der Evangelische in Baden" inKarlsruh including return postage, but I never received an answer from them. 2) Letter from Margaret Hinton Frye

The pictures on the following page along side of Margaret's letter are: (1) Isaac Newton Fry b. 25 May 1823 - d. 16 Nov 1909, Bourbon County, KY, m. Enfield Talbot b. 9 Sep 1833 - d. 21 Nov 1864, Bourbon County, KY; (2) James Newton Frye b. 13 Jun 1857 - d. 3 Dec 1942, Bourbon County KY, m. 4 Mar1878 to Winifred Doolin 1858 - 1937; (3) William Fry(e) b. 18 Dec 1890 Bourbon County, KY, d. 12 Oct 1952 in Paris, KY, m. 12 Dec 1911 to Bertha Cray Buchanan, b. 31 Jul 1895 in Bourbon County, KY, d. 26 May 1987 in Paris, KY; (4) Marvin Emmett Frye b. 29 Dec 1912 in Paris, KY, d. 6 Nov 1981 in Lexington, buried in Paris, m. 19 Jan 1946 to Margaret Louise Hinton b. 30 Dec 1918 in Bourbon County; (5) Marily Gail Frye b. 14 Apr 1948 in Paris, KY, m. 29 Jun 1974 in Paris to Joseph William Roberts, b. 1 Mar

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The Jacob Spears House built ca 1800

You are doing a great job with the HFFA nawelatter.

really enjoyed Vernor Gregis account of their search for The

THE JACOB SPEARS HOUSE built about 1800 by John and Thos. (later governor) Metcalfe. Mr. Spears, 1754-1825, made the first labeled "Bourbon" sold down south from 1808 to 1822, was the first advertised buyer of blue-grass seed 1818, dealt in mules, and formed a syndicate to buy a fine Virginia stallion. The balcony trim and columns were added to this house by his son, Noah.

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left of the house. This property and sow 200 acres and month for \$50,000. The Dry tome was acres The the good work.

The grand Hinter Frye Volume 2, Issue 1 Heinrich Frey Family Newsletter Winter 1997 No. 20 Shepler letter PETER SMITH SHEPLER / #8 child of Samuel and Margery SHEPLER Febuarey the 8th 1868

Editors Note: Kansas City, Kansas is in Wyandotte County, Unable to locate Wyandotte City, is it now part of Kansas City? 6

if you Cum rite Some and let me now when you wil be here and how

Typed by JoAnn Ford, 813 Maple St., Farmington MN 25 Jun 1992

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you wil Cum

other Setlements or thare is A portion of country betwen Setle ments of Seventy miles that Nowbody lives which we have to pass over in going to witchita and thar is no work that any one can get to do so as to help them any i suppose that thar will bee some way for us All to live through but how i dont know the indians is Still Round us and thare is five hundred OSage Warrers Preparering to come for us we number here About Seventy or Eighty fighting men and company of Regulars i think we can lick them if i hapen to be so lucky as to kill one i will Send you A Scalp I run into A lot of them About A month ago i thought my best way was to get out as easy as i could and so did the Second day after i told the Malatia and they went out and kiled five but i was not with them last Sunday another man and my Selph run in to A party of Shians fifteen in number but got A way and am at home All right we are All well and hope these few lines may find you all well this from your brother till Death

Please write to us some times Direct to Medicine Lodge

Typed by JoAnn Ford, 813 Maple St., Farmington MN 22 Jun 1992

S. J. Shepler

Barbor Co., Kansas

this from your brother till Death

leaves us Nothing for support we are seventy miles from the other Setlements or thare is A portion of country between Setle

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Wyandott City, Kanses Brother it is with plesure that i rite to you this you wil se i am in Wyandott this morning i reserve Dier Brother youre leter yesterday and wore glad to here from you ol here on Sum Bisnes my home is in Kanses City so you Can stil here on Sum Bisnes my home is in Kanses City so you can still Direct your leters thair my teames is a holing (hauling) Rocke for the Mo River Brige Lef i have 4 Bay Horses in one team that i Can get one thousend Dolars for eney time thay ar as nise a 4 Horse team as i ever Se we hold 86 feat of rocke at one load which is 13760 pound it is the bigest load that has bin hold (hauled) thair yet and thair has bean 500 teams on the Jobe thair was 50 teams a holing yesterday war holing 3 miles and maik 2 load a day and maik 2 load a day now to bisnes as to maiking money here i now (know) you Can maike it here tho i shant advise you to Cum yose (use) your one (own) Jugement a bout it if i had the turn that you hav got i wodent aske a beter plase (place) than this and thinges will open a bout the 15 of March if you Cum and shoud fetch a team fetch bige horses and dont Sel your Farme til you Se whair you wont to Setel a gain i wod rather have a Farme in Ill(inci)s team fetch bige horses and dont Sel your Farme til you Se whair you wont to Setel a gain i wod rather have a Farme in Ill(inoi)s than eney plais i have Sean yet as to geting a burth on the Cares (cars) i think it wil be a hard Site for thair is So meney Rail Roder men here that thay haint nie ol (all) of them in im ploy i thinke that we can get a Contract to graid on Sum road or tye timber and maike it pay bige i no that i Can get a Contract if you Cum and we wil trye it one sumer tho i Dont want to ad vise you to Cum with out you se it proper for fer (fear) that you Shod not have good lucke and be sadesfid thair is a going to be a 100 miles of the North Mo Rods be bilt and the Canron and Levenworth Road 56 miles and the Kanses Citey and Fort Cot Road 125 miles and the Torne and galvesten Road i dont no how much of that thair wil be bilt and i thinke thair wil be a Brige Bilt at Levenworth Road 56 miles and the Kanses Citey and Fort Cot Road 125 miles and the Torne and galvesten Road i dont no how much of that thair wil be bilt and i thinke thair wil be a Brige Bilt at Levensworth and the M P is a going a hed a gain in the Spring it is out a mong the Indiens tho i dont Cair a Bout going out thair a feler mite get his Scelp lifted or lose ol (all) of the Stock with the darnd Indiens tho that is the plais (place) i thinke this is a god (good) Frute Countrey here and a mid len god (good) farming Countrey it is verey broken and tolarbel rich Soil for timber it is pretey Cairse (scarce) in Kanses pretey god (good) in Mo Cole (coal) is Scairse Corn is 45 to 50 (¢) pur Bushel hay 8 Dolars pur tun (ton) So no more at present Remains yours truley if you Cum you wil find me at Samuel Harkenans Stabel on Delawair Streat Kanses Citey Mo or eney pursen in Wyandott Kanses Can tel

Peter S Shepler

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Editors Note: Barber County is in the middle of Kansas East/West and on the southern border with the Indian Territory located to its south. The 1870 Federal Census records show no population in Barber County. Samuel was truly one of the first settlers in that part of Kansas. 7

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