



HFFA NEWS

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Editor's Comments

For sometime I had resisted becoming knowledgeable about the Internet and e-mail (I felt I had learned enough about computers). But then I heard many of the members of our local Pacific Genealogical Club talk about what great contacts they were making in their genealogical research that I decided I would join AOL and get active. I'm glad I did. It is very easy to e-mail to HFFA members and search for records. There are a large number of web sites now available and more are being added all the time. One that I am finding very informative is www.usgenweb.com. It was started last June by a group in Kentucky and has spread through all the states now. It is organized by county within each state managed by a county volunteer. I am finding some county pages are more advanced than others but all seem to have an inquiry and surname files where you can search for others working on your surname of interest and/or you can enter inquiries for surnames of interest.

As an example, Washington County PA now has a project underway to transcribe Beers book and make it available within the county page. It is being done by volunteers all over the US. I even volunteered to enter a few pages. The write-up on Reazen Frye which will appear in the next newsletter comes from this Internet page.

If you have access to the Internet, take a look. For those of you who are thinking of getting a computer - do get on-line.

A few years ago, I decided to get a computer program to maintain by family records. I had chosen Family Tree Maker. A couple of revision releases ago they added the ability to read CD ROMS they were building for family trees which were requested to be sent in by their users. I had sent in what I had at the time of all my family lines. Over the past six months I have been getting contacts from other family members who are researching my family lines. A couple have been for Fries. The most recent is Lynn Vitasek of Irving, TX, who is a descendant of Henry Ewalt and Elizabeth Frye (daughter of Abraham Fry Sr.). They migrated from Virginia to Kentucky. She did not have any information on the Frye line except Elizabeth. I have now sent her what I now have on the Fries and she has sent me the Ewalt line down to her. She says the Ewatts family now have two volumes out on the

Ewalt line with a third underway. She plans to become a member.

All of us have heard of the fictional story by L. U. Wollenweber containing the (infamous) story to Heinrich from his father. One of our members (Catherine Bloecker Nelson) and her husband have now translated the book and are making both the translation and the original German version available in one volume. I have ordered and received a copy, very interesting. See letters to the editor for the address.

After my talk at Lexington reunion on methods used to search for the descendants of my grandparents Frye, Harold Frye of Cherokee gave me obits for my gggrandfather Reazen Frye and for his brother John Hamilton Frye. He also gave me a picture of Price Frye the writer of the letter to my Uncle Harry back in 1954 which started me on researching the Frye family. I asked Harold if he might know where the Thomas Frye Bible was now that was mentioned in Price's letter. He did not but said he would make inquiries.

I thought it might be of interest to the membership to see that over time things begin to become available - one just needs to keep at it. The main feature of the next newsletter will cover Harold's findings, additional related material, pictures, and a page or two of related input from Sheila Williams.

We still have Frye family "polo" shirts (\$20), caps (\$5), and mugs (\$5) for sale. They may be ordered from me, address on cover page. Add \$5.00 for postage and handling regardless of number of items ordered. Give shirt size (M, L, XL, XXL), and color of cap (black or white).

I talked to Jon Frye, Journal Editor, last week. He asked me to let members know that he is running a little behind schedule. He is working with a new PC system and is still learning. If you haven't received the Journal yet, it will be arriving shortly.

In a conversation with Jean Smith, VP and Chair of TN reunion, she said the 1998 date hasn't been firm yet. The committee wants to be sure to select a date which will not be in conflict with major music festivals whose schedules are to be announced early next month. The next Newsletter will have the selected dates.

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Letters to the Editor

In prior Newsletters, I had requested members to send in any pictures they might have containing four or more generations together. I had one in my own line and I have received two more, all of which are shown below. Thank you Jean and Iris. If any others are available, send them in for publication in the future.

The picture on the right listing names left to right are: Thomas Franklin Frye (my gggrandfather), Jack Hudson Frye (my father), Sherrill Hudson Frye (my late brother, standing in front of my father), Wilber Keyes Frye (my great uncle, and Charles Hudson Frye (my grandfather). Taken about 1926.



Dear Wilbur,

Am enclosing a four generation picture with one line being the Fry's. I just learned something new about copying pictures. Took this picture to Kinko's and had them copy it on their "color" copying machine and the print is almost better then the original. The spots are from glue my mother used to put it in a photo album and it changed the color of the picture.

I had back surgery in the fall for severe stenosis. It's a slow process back to normal as the doctors would only look at my knees until I got so I couldn't walk and function. So am having a slow recovery to a normal life because of the damage to the nerves. So haven't been able to bend & sit very long to do anything that wasn't a have to job. So guess there is always a future news letter that you will have a space that needs filling. Will put my lineage below.

Your Fry Cousin,

Iris Sharkey

Picture (preceding page): The baby is Carl

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Zeliadt (Ed note - Iris' brother), mother (sitting) is Vivian Grace Fry Zeliadt; her father is George B McClelland Fry (third from left); his father is Elisha Snapp Fry (on the right), Vivian's mother is Eva "Belle" Johnson (wife of George Fry - second from left); "Belle's mother is Celia Adelaide White (on the left). Four generations on both father & mother side of the family.

My line from Heinrich is: Heinrich Frey/Anna Levering --> Benjamin Frey/Christena --> Joseph Fry/Ann Funk --> Benjamin Frye/Mary Magdalene Secrist --> John M Fry/Magdalene Snapp --> Elisha Snapp Fry/Mary Llewellyn --> George B McClelland Fry/Eva "Belle" Johnson --> Vivian Grace Fry/Ivan Zeliadt --> Iris Zeliadt/Billy "Bill" Starkey

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January 30, 1997

Mr. Wilbur Frye
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Dear Wil:

I missed your call last night! Two Wednesdays in a row had my expectations all set for another visit with California. Hope the rains have subsided and you are still firmly planted on your hillside. Our weather has warmed up, cooled off to bitter cold, and today is warmer again. My sinuses will never adjust to Tennessee weather.

The Committee met Sunday afternoon to go over plans for the HFFA Reunion in Tennessee in 1998. We have set the dates, place, have the banner & speaker lined up and are awaiting catering fees so the information can be sent to a couple of board members who control the purse strings to get approval. Then I can forward to you all the above for publication in the next newsletter.

The current issue of the newsletter was the best yet! I really enjoyed the personal interest approach, meeting Jane Wilmer and getting to know her, as well as some of our cousins who went to Kansas shortly after the Civil War. I heard that I missed your call for 4-generation pictures of Fry(e) family! I heard it loud and clear this time, and have included a couple of pictures that meet that criteria, along with some other photos and copies of material, which hopefully you will find of interest, specifically some old obituaries, postcards, and a note written by my grandfather to my grandmother asking permission to "come calling" (1897). Hopefully this will fit into your present agenda and will also serve as an interest builder in Tennessee as we plan for the reunion in Gallatin 1998.

Keep up the good work! I look forward to hearing from you and receiving more great publications!

Sincerely,

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Four Generation picture from Jean Smith, (Ed itor's Note - my gggrandmother Sarah (Gregg) Frye was a niece to this Sarah Gregg Fry, so Jean and I are related through both the Fry(e) and the Gregg lines):

Seated left to right: Colonel Abraham Frye, Sarah Gregg Fry, Melissa Fry (their daughter)

Standing left to right: Luna Crow Chalfont Fry, Thomas A. Fry (grandson of Col. Fry), Henry A. Fry (Namesake of Thomas' father)



Hello!

My name is Kay Nelson, and Jane Wilmer suggested I contact you regarding placing an advertisement in the HFFA Newsletter.

I read with interest the excellent article on "Germantown Origins" by D.W. Kearney in the HFFA Journal Volume 1, Number 4, pages 15-29 which discussed L.U. Wollenweber's 1882 book "Die beiden ersten Deutschen Ansiedler in Pennsylvania". My cousin John Sedgwick Fry (now deceased) loaned me an original copy of this book which had been passed down through the family to him.

I have translated this charming fictional story of Heinrich Fry's arrival in this country about 1680 into modern American English and published it as a 130 page book that includes both the translation and a copy of the original German text and woodblock prints. To get a copy, send your name and address along with a check for \$27.00 (shipping and handling included) to:

Kay Nelson
205 Mercury Rd
Newark DE 19711-3040

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Kay Nelson

PS-My line is as follows:

Heinrich and Anna --> Jacob --> John & Eva --> Godlieb & Rachel --> William T & Mary Weiner --> Albert & Hannah --> Reuben & Matilda Chism --> Albert C & Emma Dorothy Sheidhauser --> Ruth Lena & William Bloecker --> Catherine Bloecker & Ralph Nelson

I would enjoy corresponding with others in the Association who are descended from the Germantown, Philadelphia branch of the Fry family.

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Dear Wilbur,

Thanks for putting me in touch with JoAnne Ford of Farmington, Minnesota. We are exchanging Shapier letters. Those Peoria, Illinois Shapiers descend from Heinrich Frye and there's a bundle of them, too.

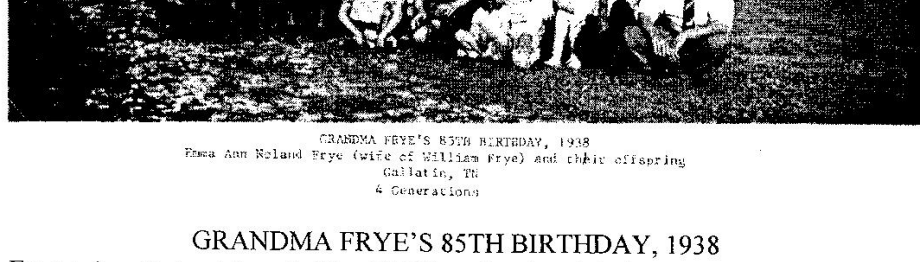
I am sending the bundle of letters that I have to go along with the ones that JoAnne sent to you. The original letters have been given to the Kansas State Historical Museum in Topeka but we do have photocopies. The letters are a hoot. We hope you have fun reading them.

In addition, you will find a copy of memoirs written in 1927 by Clarence May (Shepler) Lytle. Gram Lytle was my husband's great grandmother. She was the daughter of Samuel Jefferson Shepler and Hester Frye. I had previously sent along my husband's (Arnold R. Lytle) descendancy from Heinrich Frye when we joined the Frye Family Association.

Sincerely,

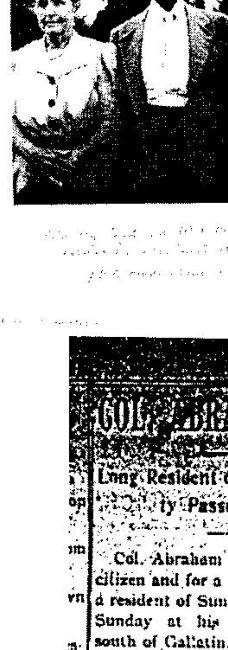
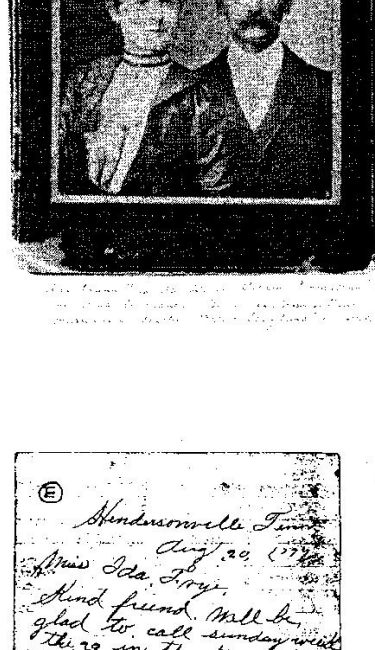
Sheila

The following material and pictures are sent in by Jean Smith, HFFA Vice President and Chair of the 1998 Reunion Committee to the members as a little background on the Tennessee Fry Line. I hope you enjoy them as much as I did.



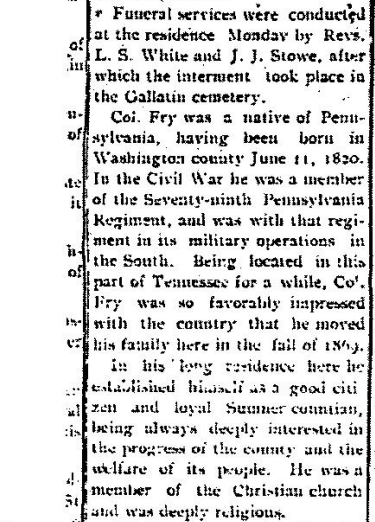
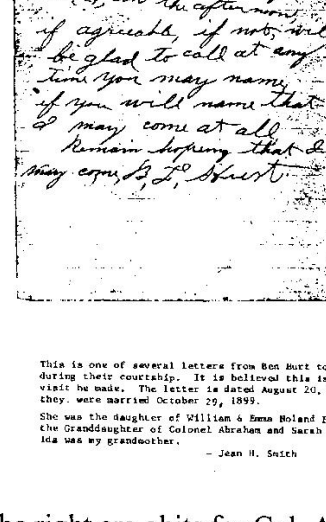
GRANDMA FRYE'S 85TH BIRTHDAY, 1938
Emma Ann Noland Frye (wife of William Frye) and their offspring, Gallatin, TN

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The two pictures on the left are the grandparents of Jean Smith. They are Ida Lorina Frye, daughter of William & Emma Noland Frye, granddaughter of Abraham and Sarah Frye, and Benjamin Franklin Hurt. The far left at taken about the time of their marriage in Oct 29, 1899, on the right taken about 1943.

The letter below the pictures is one of several letters from Ben Hur to Ida Frye during their courtship. It is believed this is the first visit he made. This letter is dated 20 Aug 1897

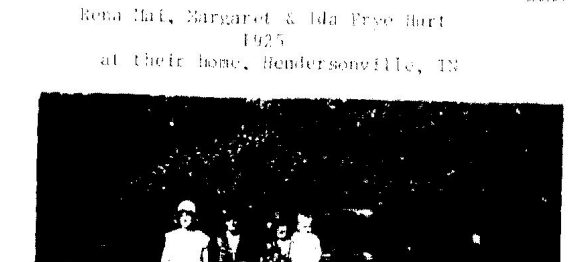


TRAGIC DEATH IN GALLATIN

Miss Melissa Fry Dies From Injuries Sustained in Runaway.

A horrible accident occurred here Saturday when Miss Melissa Fry was thrown from her buggy by a frightened horse and received a wound from which she died a few hours later. Miss Fry was in her buggy near the southeast corner of the public square when her horse took fright and broke to run across the square east of the courthouse. By coming in contact with a delivery wagon the horse was stopped on the back of her head. The unfortunate woman was taken to the undertaking establishment of Pearson & Bond in an unconscious condition, and there she died at 3:30 o'clock, about three hours and forty-five minutes after the accident occurred. Before her death she recognized consciousness and recognized some of her relatives.

Miss Fry was a daughter of the late Colonel Fry and a sister of William and Jacob Fry of this county. At the time of her death she was living just outside of the corporation limits on the Nashville street. She was 34 years of age and was a consistent member of the Methodist church. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Lowry at the residence Monday afternoon, after which the interment took place at the Gallatin cemetery.



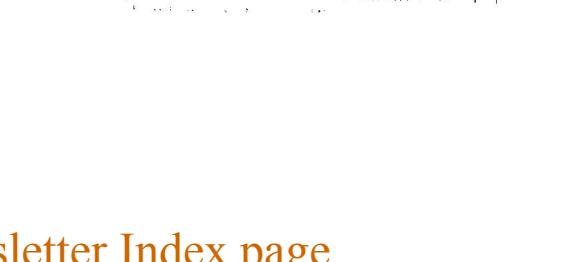
Ben Hur, Margaret & Ida Frye Hurt at their home, Hendersonville, TN 1925



Ben Hur & Ida Frye Hurt, 1925



4 generations from Ben Hur and Ida Frye Hurt, 1925. The car belongs to Jean Smith, Gallatin, TN.



Ben & Franklin Hurt, 1925. The car belongs to Jean Smith, Gallatin, TN.

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