

Greetings from your president. With this issue of the newsletter, I have the following to announce 1. Our treasurer/membership secretary. Jane Wilmer, has resigned effective immediately, citing personal reasons for the resignation. 2. Her job was too much for one person, so, after consultation with the executive committee members, I have split the job into two entitles treasurer and membership secretary. 3. I have had a volunteer to act as treasurer until the next reunion in 1998 in Tennessee. All bills should be submitted to Ronald Frye. 13226 West Kodiak Drive Sun City AZ 85375-4973. Phone is 602-534-4014.

4. I have had a volunteer to act as membership secretary. She will be in charge of anything connected with membership, i.e., receiving of dues, renewals of membership and preparing labels for mailing of Journals and

Newsletters. Her name is Jeanne Jeffrey, 4102 Galfleid Road. Smithsburg

MD 21783. She can be reached by phone at 301-416-0803 and by e-mail at JJeff83308@aol.com. 5. Wil Frye has also resigned as newsletter editor. Since this was an experimental publication, we will try to continue its publication. I have procured someone to edit it, however, she can only publish what is submitted to her. So, please submit your news of the clan to her ASAP. Please submit to Lynn any antidotes or stories, births, deaths, marriages, queries and any other similar items This is really necessary as Lynn has a limited background Ronald Frye on the Frey-Frye-Fry family. Wil is getting this issue out and then turn the reins over to her. She is Lynn Vitasek, P O Box 177847, Irving TX 75017-Your new Treasurer 7847. She can be reached by phone at 972-579-1487 and by e-mail at lynnv2@gte net. 6. Kay Nelson of Newark Delaware is working on a web page for our Association. Any one with a modem and has access to the Internet can

reach her at DEAncestor@aol.com. She is also administering an e-mail list of members who want to share information via the net. She would be happy to hear from you. I may be listed on the list, but I am temporarily out City West, Arizona

We started moving west when I was still quite young. We lived with an Aunt in Iowa for a time, and then went to Montana. We moved to Colorado when I was about four. I grew up in a little town 35 miles west of Denver called Idaho Springs. I graduated from high school in Idaho Springs. I have lived in Idaho Springs and Denver until a year ago when my wife and I moved to Sun of service until after the school year begins. After high school I spent four years in the Navy. I was stationed on a Please bear with us as we go through the transition of these offices. destroyer most of the time, and got to see some of the far east. I went to Japan, Taiwan (they called it Formosa back then), Hong Kong, and a few The Reunion is definitely on for June 26, 27, 28, 1998 in Gallatin, other countries.

Tennessee. We have the motels and meeting rooms reserved for Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Gallatin Church of Christ Annex. So, put this on When I got out of the Navy I went to work for the power company in your calendar for next year and I hope to see you there! Denver. I stayed with them for 34 years, until I retired three years ago. Profile of Ron Frye Now that I am retired, I stay so busy that I wonder how I ever had time to work. I have hobbies that I don't seem to be able to get to. One of these days First off, my lineage: Heinrich Frey/Anna Levering -> Benjamin Frey/Anne Christena Markley -> Abraham Frye, Sr./Agnes Am Young -> Smith Frye, I will manage to get some of these other things into my schedule. Sr./Nancy Shepler -, Smith Frye, Jr./Rebecca Marion Johnston -> Charles Since the job of Treasurer is an elected position, I will only be in this office

Johnston Frye/Sarah Julia Fenn -> Lessie Charles Frye/Alice Louis Gnmdy until next year at the reunion. At that time I hope to run for the position. I > Ronald Frye/Nicki Lynne Hathom. The Lineage continues through my four have been a member of the HFFA for a few years and will strive to do a good children and nine grand children job for all of you in this position. I was born in Oak Park, Illinois on February 22, 1937. My parents didn't live Ron Frye, Treasurer

there, but it was the closest hospital. Editor's comment: This is my last issue as your editor for the Newsletters. Thanks to all who helped with material for the first five issues. Please do give Lynn your help and material - (con't on bottom of page 7). 1

Yolume 2, Issue 3 Heinrich Frey Family Newsletter Summer 1997 Letters to the Editor 18 June 1997 Dear Wil: You asked if it would be possible to come up with reliable dates for Heinrich Frey. I know of no primary source in this country that gives hi birthdate. Even the ship's passenger list for the "Frances and Dorthea" fails to give an age for him.

Therefore we have to turn to Europe for a record. In the Sippenbuch for Altenheim, across the Rhine from Strasburg, France, in Neuried - Baden, a Hans Heinrich Frey, born 17 June 1863, the son of Jacob Frey and Anna Hirtzeller, seems to be our Heinrich. Jacob was the son of Friedrich Frey in Gundetswil, Canton Zurich. Anna was the daughter of Jacob Hirtzeller, Canton Aargau, (both in Switzerland. Jacob and Anna were married 26 Jan 1857 in Altenheim. One word of caution. There is no proof this Hans Heinrich is our Heinrich. The marriage certificate, dated 26 April 1692, for Hoinrich Frey and Anna Catherine Levering (in the manuscript collection of the Penna. Historical Society) says that Heinrich was from Altheim in Alsase. If a record could be found for him between 1665 (after which the family evidently left Altenheim) and 1685 (when Heinrich arrived in Philadelphia), it might help to prove if this is our Heinrich. Most writers give Heinrich's death as 1734. That is the year he and Anna Catherine deeded the Towamencin farm to their son, Jacob, in return for his taking care of them and their three youngest daughters. Since there is no estate record for Heinrich in Philadelphia, it can not be determined exactly when he died. Anna Catherine's birth date of March 1676 is from the 1858 writing of Horatio Cates Jones titled <u>The Levering Family</u>. He makes reference to a Levering family bible and also gives a source that says Anna was 9 years of age in 1685. In a report sent back to Germany, Anna was living in July of Now for a Frye family brain teaser: There was a Fry who married a Fry, but how closely she was related to him, I do not know. Among other children, this Fry couple had a son and a daughter who each in turn married a distant cousin, also named Fry. These distant cousins were first cousins, since their fathers were brothers. Now the teaser, what relationship was the son's daughter to the daughter's son? As of the 15th of August, my address will be 3687 Kent Driv Naples, FL 34112 Sincerely, Nacks Charles J. Burgess

HFFA To Be On The World Wide Web

We are in the process of creating an informational page about HFFA to be posted on the world wide web. The purpose of this is to inform as many people as possible about the existence of our organization and to promote further research into the Frey family.

The page will include the HFFA logo and a picture of a Frey family historical site. In addition, there will be a description of the purpose of our organization and the requirements for membership. Information about the HFFA Journal and Newsletter and about other association activities such as our reunions will be provided. To prevent "gate crashers", details of the time and place of our reunions will not be posted on the world wide web. For instance, our next reunion would be listed as being in

The second part of our page will be a display of the first three generations of Heinrich Frey; that is, Hemrich Frey, his children and their spouses, and his grandchildren and their spouses. This descendency display may be enlarged in the future

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Finally, there will be an e-mail address for interested parties with inquines about membership or Frey family research to contact. It is hoped that the HFFA world wide web page will increase awareness of our orgalization, increase our membership, and promote more research about this fascinating family May 21.1997 Volume 2, Issu Dear Wilbur

Tennessee in 1998

Dear Wilbur

I am enclosing part of an article taken from "The Casey County News" of July 21, 1966 and two photographs of the John Fry Historical Marker located at the Highway Park Just North of Liberty, Kentucky on U.S.127.

The photographs taken in 1981 are of the marker and my, older brother, John Archibaid Frye and I. John landed on Omaha Beach, Normandy, D-day plus 1 with the 3th Infantry Regiment Second Division. He remained with the division until V-E day. He commanded a battalion in Korea, later served as Senior Aide to General Hull, Commander in Chief Far East and Commander in Chief United Nations Command. John was decorated with the Legion of Merit, Silver Star, Bronze Star with cluster, and Purple heart with cluster.

I served with the Army Engineers in Europe, the I served with the Army Engineers in Europe, the Philippines and the occupation of Japan.

Our brother, Graham, served in the Navy in World War II and Korea.

John Frye

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Enclosed find some pictures and letter that I hope you can use for your news

letter, and if not send them to Jon for the journal. There are two letters, the first transposed as it was written, and the second I corrected the spelling and put capitol letters, comas and periods to make it easier to read. The other letter should be self explanatory. These family members are from your lineage, Abraham Sr., Abraham Jr. and Thomas. The pictures did not have any names on them but I have written on the backs of each who I think they are. They were in the same bible with the letter. You are doing a great job with the newsletter and that is not just from me but also from all the HFFA members that I have talked with. Keep up the good work and hope the enclosed will help your search for information. Will keep looking for more information for you

A large amount of material was submitted by Harry. I felt it really should be reported in the Journal. I, therefore,

Harry Frye

Wilbur C. Frve, Editor 1238 Lerida Way Pacifica, Ca. 94044-3634

Dear Wilbur

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sent it on to Jon for his consideration.

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Dear Father:

to work with is reasonable.

November 21, 1891

summons.

Mr. Harry S. Frye, Homedale, Idaho

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mos. there are 5 generations. I have not tried to insert dates, just names.

The obituary of Hester Shepler

62 years, 11 months and 16 days.

Harold R. Frye 5 Frye Lane Charleroi, PA 15022 Phone 412-483-5923 Price G. Frye found this letter in this old Bible. It must have been written by Hester Frye, Dau. of Thomas Frye. My [P.G.F.] records show Hester F. married Jefferson Shepler. [Sometimes we find Esther as the name]. I found this Bible among keepsakes when the John H. Frye home [905 Fifth St. Charleroi, Pa.] was dismantled in 1946. Maybe grandmother Frye [Caroline Eckels wife of Reazen Frye] had it in our

> The above letter written by Price G. Frye was attached to a letter written in 1870 by Hester Frye to her father Thomas Frye. On Feb. 6, 1997 I visited with Mary Bleanor Frye Colson 604 Lookout Ave. Charleroi, Pa. [a member of HFFA] and saw and held the Bible with the letters and a sheet of paper with the names and dates of the children of Thomas & Anna West Frye inside. The Bible was in poor condition and the pages were coming apart and very brittle as was the sheet of paper with the list of the children. The Bible pages were filled with newspaper clipings but did not look at them being afraid of damaging the pages. The letters were in good condition but the one from Hester to her father the ink was fading and took time [plus the spelling] to translate

The lineage of the above is Abraham Frye St./Abraham Frye Jr./Thomas Frye/Reazen Frye/John H. Frye/Price G. Frye] aunt of Mary Eleanor Frye] & Lawrence B. Frye [father of Mary Eleanor Frye J/ Mary Eleanor Frye.

home among her effects. Personally I do not recall ever having seen it until summer of

The Bible may have belonged to the West Family as the name West occurs in list of Fryes, Beazel & Burgan families. Anna West married Thomas Frye - Susic West married Wm. Beazel - evidently another sister married a Burgan.

But since the Bible was published in - 1834 - 13 years after the birth of my own grandfather Reazen Frye - I am inclined to believe it belonged to Thomas & Anna West Frye and the records made when purchased or when it came into their position.

> Price G. Frye Written Nov. 2, 1953

Harold R. Frye 5 Frye Lane Charleroi, Pa. 15022 Peb. 12, 1997

president) of Charleroi, PA. Because of the limited space, I have included only Harold's transcription of the original letter by Hester. I have then added a copy of Hester's obit sent to me by Shiela Williams and a copy of the letter from Price Frye to my late Uncle Harry in Idaho. Shiela also sent me a copy of her transcriptions of a series of letters written by the Shepler's telling the story of her daughter Nora and her bout with T.B. These were also sent to Jon. Heinrich Frey Family Newsletter

> December 11, 1870 Montgomery Co.

Kansas

Editor's Note: The above letters and the material on the following pages were sent in by Harold Frye (former HFFA vice-

Henries and left there on the 23. Camped alone the first night in Spoon Vines Bottom. The next day we over hauled company that came within four miles of this place. We all slept well and was one month on the road. We crossed 10 rivers and our main points were Quincy, Ill., Boonville, Mo. and Fort Scott, Mo., then southwest coarse to this county [Montgomery Co., Ks.]. We are five miles from the state line and Jonine the Indian territory. Coffyville is near to us on the Verdigris River and below it two miles is the town of Parker. Our land is three miles above Coffyville on the river. We are using river water and our land is nearly all timber, some splended trees. We are living in a log cabin 12 by 19 feet one story an the bottom land is surrounded by hills. The bottom land is splendid and we have what the people file on called squatter poaches. Once the

I now will try to answer your welcome letter which I received some time ago,

and it was satisfaction to me to get a letter from you. An would have written then but could not give any satisfaction at that time. I had commenced the sale of my farm and settling up business matters and threw that time Nora was very sick with the Hucks. As soon as she got better we started to this place. I expected Shepler home to come with us but he did not come. Fonty was sick here so on 19 of Oct. I started with my children, provisions, four horses, a dog, a pistol and one wagon. We went to Peoria, Ill. then to

Indians cullivated about 15 acres an the frontier land is all prairie. We dont want to build a good house until the land is surveyed. They are at this county now and think the land office will be open in July for entry. This is Indian Reservation land bought by the government and will be a dollar and twenty five cents an acre and any man can take a claim of a hundred and sixty acres but no more when it comes on the market. The people get their titles then I am going to buy land. If I was a girl or wodow I could take a claim. Their are a great many poor folks have claims that cant raise the money to pay. The only and that will be my chance I will have two thousand dollars due the first of March. The boys are building a stable and making rails, the corn is high and scarce with such a great immigration here. This fall corn is worth one dollar to one dollar and twenty five cents a bushel. Fonty has been off 50 miles for a load he paid 60 cents a bushel and flour at the railroad is three sixty a hundred and is 30 miles from here. Coffee for three and half pounds is a dollar. Calico 12 and 15 cents a yard and material

works there he gets 1.75 cents a day. Callie is going down this morning to cook for them this week, she is well and stout and can stand as much work as me. Fonty and Donny will remain here making rails and hauling logs to the mill. Father I dont regret the change I have made. This is to all the friends, excuse me for not writing to all for I have two houses to see to. I wish you would send this letter to Eunice for I promised her I would write when I got settled. I want to buy two hundred dollars worth of cows and pigs in February and Indians cows cost 20 dollars a piece. I will send you three newspapers this to all the friends and father I bid you a good morning this from your daughter. Hester Shepler Editor's Note: Hester Frye, b. 05 Dec 1828, d. 21 Nov 1891, m. 09 Mar 1847 to Samuel Jefferson Shepler. Sixth child of Thomas and Anna (West) Frye of Washington County, PA. Possibly their pictures on page 7. 5 Volume 2, Issue 3 Heinrich Frey Family Newsletter Next entry by date:

Mrs. Hester Shepler Dead Died, at the residence of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Lytle, near this city, on Saturday last, November 21st, 1891, Mrs. Hester Shepler, widow of S. J. Shepler, aged

Mrs. Shepler came to Barber county about 1873, in company with her husband and children, and has practically made this her home ever since. Here she underwent the privations of frontier life; here she reared a family; here she was known far and near in the early days as a kind, motherly woman who always had time to care for and look after the sick and afflicted; here she lost and buried her husband and a grown son and daughter; here has the busiest portion of her life been spent; here has she experienced her greatest joys and encountered her deepest griefs and most overwhelming sorrows, and here she departed this life and went to join her beloved husband and children who had gone on before, and in Barber county soil lies the earthly casket that contained the true, motherly spirit that has only been waiting for the

The Shepler family were among the best known and highest respected in the early history of Barber county. Samuel J. Shepler was eleted and re-elected to various county offices; he was

Editor's Note: The following is a transcript of a letter from Miss Price G. Frye, 414 Crest Avenue, Charleroi, Pennsylvania, written April

Dear Mr. Frye: and hereafter we drop the formality and it will be "Dear Cousin", because your father and I were full cousins. I have the family

and am so proud of my family. Wish I could write to you all my data and will do so, if you are interested, as soon as I get my "family trees" made. My mother was a Chalfant and material for Dr. Henry S. Chalfant (my grandf.) is ready. Beginning with him & coming down, or up, to one age 20

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children always said uncle Reed). And that is how Reed in Coffeyville got his name. The name Reazen comes from Bible history and one to be proud of. In Genesis it is Resen, a place. In 1st Kings it is Rezon, a person, meaning "prince". In 2nd Kings it is Rezin, a person meaning "firm, stable". But in the family Bible of Thomas Frye, your gr. gr. grandf. it is spelled Reazen. And I know he always spelled his name that way. And I could write & write more but will sign off for this time. Are any of your men folks or women interested in a Revolutionary ancestor? We have one but name is Johnston - Jacob Johnston. Way back Abraham Frye, Jr. married Hester Johnston dau. of Jacob. 1 do not know of any men who have

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What a joy to be in contact with seemingly lost members of the family! As time goes by, I grow more interested in my ancestry, who I am,

And so with the family of my grandf. Frye (and your great grandf.) there are 5 generations. He was Reazen Frye who married Caroline Eckels (your aunt Carrie named for her). They had eight children. The 3 oldest married Thomas Franklin (your grandf.) John H. (my father) and

21, 1954 to Harry S. Frye. Original letter was given to Wilbur C. Frye in 1978. It triggered his search to find his Frye line.

picture of "uncle Frank and aunt Sade" in my parents family album. And your father is there in it. I am sorry there is no date on it.

Now I will tell you about business matters and our other home. Shepler has

been working at a steam saw mill all last summer only and also they told him if he would stay they would furnish him a house and pay him four dollars a day. So when the mill runs part of the family is there. We have one boarder and when Shepler and Frank

mayor of this city and a man who stood high as a citizen and in the organizations of which he was a member. His wife was just as popular, and the participation of the Order of the Eastern Star, with their beautiful ceremonials, at her funeral, and the many old settlers who followed the remains to the grave, are testimonials to the honor and respect in which she was held. Mrs. Shepler leaves two sons and two daughters. Font. Shepler, of Washington, and T. F. Shepler, of this county, Mrs. J. W. Bell, of Illinois, and Mrs. O. V. Lytle, of this county. The funeral occurred from the Presbyterian church, in this city, on Monday afternoon, November 23rd, at 2 o'clock. There was a large attendance and a long procession of sorrowing friends

followed the remains to their last resting place in the city cemetery.

chronologically, but will know as soon as I can go to cemetery and get dates from head stones. I remember grandm. Caroline having a picture of 2 little boys. She said they were Frank's grandsons. Feel sure now they were you and your brother Jack. The last few years of her life were spent with her dau. Emmaline. Her goods or most of her effects were stored & later lost in a fire at storage place. I was quite old enough to know there are some things that should not go into storage, but was sick at the time & another cousin was managing the affairs. So many nice things, also valuable, are gone. You mention your son Reed. The name has a history. You will note your greatgr. f. was Reazen - and his son Stephen Reazen - Someone, sometime called him Reed (my brother says it was grandf. Reazen who nick named him Reed. My father always called him Stephen. But we

Emmaline. Four died young. Then Stephen Reazen who lived to be 82 1/2, never married. Of these 5, I am not sure how then came

Your business must be interesting and profitable*. Congratulations to you on being the leading citizen of Homedale. Hope to hear again from you. Will soon write to Carrie. Best wishes from "Cousin Price". My own family: Reazen Frye married Caroline Eckels - their 3d child was John Hamilton Frye who married Irene J. Chalfant. Their children: Price G. Frye now aged 75 1/2 Wade Carroll Frye - died 1908 at age 28. Lawrence Bentley Frye - age 73, come July Harry Rayburn Frye - age 71, come June Blanche Odell Frye - age 67 last Feb. Lawrence & Harry are both married & live here in Charleroi. Blanche married H. D. Mason Jr & had 2 children - a little girl gone - & 1 son John D. Mason a Commander in U. S. N. At present he is torpedo officer at the Atlantic Submarine Command stationed at New London, Conn. Has 2 little boys. Blanche lives alone in Ebensburg Pa. - near Johnston & Altoona. Her husband died in 1948.

for Thomas and Sara Frye with their children and then a following branch for Charles showing Harry and Jack.

* Harry at the time was mayor of Homedale and along with his wife Helen ran a successful real estate and insurance office.

Note by Wil Frye: Below the above two sentences is a drawing showing Reazen and Caroline Frye, their children. It then shows the branch

Editor's Comments (continued): I had so much material I wanted to include that I ran out of room on the first page. I spent three weeks in Idaho the end of June. While there Arlene and I joined in the dinner/dance party to help celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of my sister and brother-in-law, Gordon and Laurine (Frye) Cahill put on by their children.

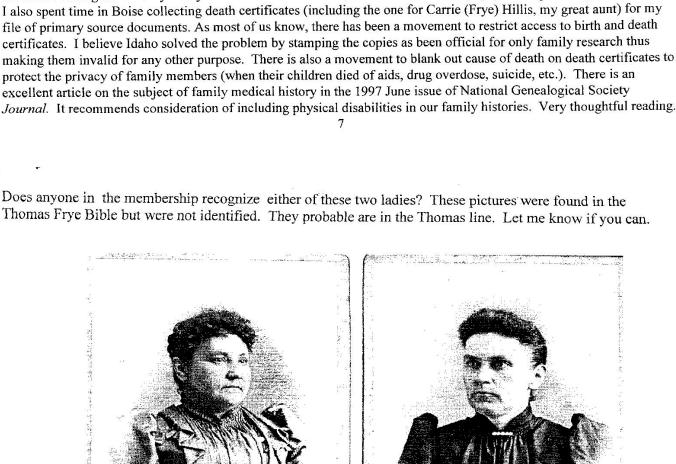
These two pictures were found in the Thomas Frye Bible by Harold. He believes they are Thomas Frye, b. 31 Aug 1799, d. 25 May 1877, m. 19 Nov 1818, and his wife Anna (West) Frye, b. 01 Jun 1801, d. 31 Dec 1862, parents of Hester

(Frye) Shepler.

taken advantage of the lineage, but many women have. I would deem it a joy and a privilege to send the ancestry to you.

Harold also sent a picture of a young man who he believes to be Reazen Frye, their son. I will send it on to Lynn for possible inclusion in a future Newsletter.

Am making the tree something like this. Will get it done soon, as time passes quickly.



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