

HFFA NEWS

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Fry Chest Auctions for \$40,000

By Cynthia Catcher
The Winchester Star

How much would you pay for an antique chest of drawers?
A Purcellville woman on Thursday shelled out a whopping \$40,000 for an unassuming four-drawer chest made in Frederick County in 1803 by Christopher Fry.

Auctioneer Joe Headley of the county-based Headley's Auctions, said he had "no idea" the piece was so valuable.

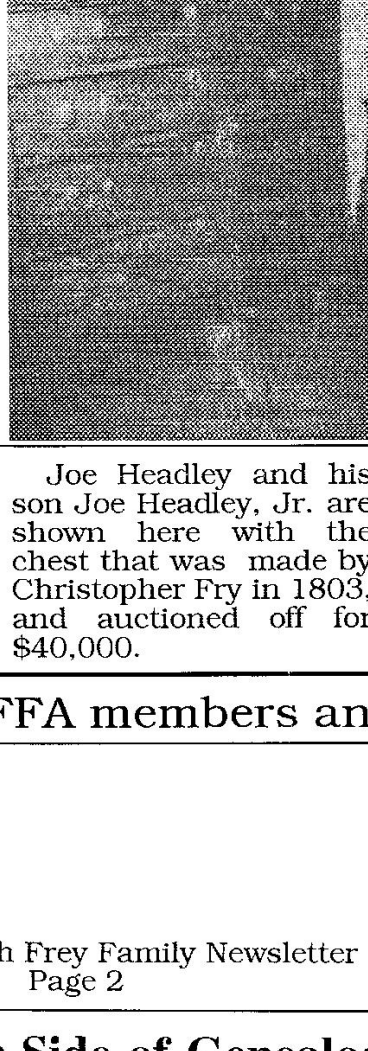
"The owner was wondering if she could get \$10,000 for it," Headley said Friday as he showed off the handsome, but unpretentious tiger maple chest with fluted quarter columns and OG bracket feet. "I told her the \$5,000 to \$6,000 range was more likely."

When the chest went on the auction block Thursday at Berryville's Ruritan Fairgrounds, Headley started the bidding at \$10,000 and it kept going up from there.

Several area residents bid on the chest, including a Winchester woman, who was underbidder at \$39,000, Headley said.

When the chest sold for \$40,000 to an antique dealer and collector in Loudoun County, it became Headley's second most expensive piece ever sold, he said.

In April 1995, Headley's sold a hand-painted downy chest to a Richmond antique dealer for \$43,000.



Joe Headley and his son Joe Headley, Jr. are shown here with the chest that was made by Christopher Fry in 1803, and auctioned off for \$40,000.

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Happy Holidays to all HFFA members and their families.

The Lighter Side of Genealogy

Genealogy Pox

WARNING: Genealogy Pox is VERY CONTAGIOUS
SYMPTOMS: Continual complaint as to need for names, dates, and places. Patient has a blank expression, sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind, except feverishly looking through records at libraries and courthouses. Has a compulsion to write letters. Swears at mailman when he doesn't leave mail. Frequent strange places such as cemeteries, ruins, and remote desolate country areas. Makes secret night calls and hides the phone bill from spouse. Mumbles to self. Has strange faraway look in eyes. NO KNOWN CURE.

TREATMENT: Medication is useless. This disease is not fatal, but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogical magazines and be given a quiet corner of the house where he or she can be alone.

REMARKS: The unusual nature of this disease is that the sicker the patient gets the more he or she enjoys it. Author Unknown

Chest, cont. - What makes the chest auctioned Thursday so valuable, Headley explained, is that it is signed and dated in the top drawer by its maker, Christopher Fry, who lived in the county in the late 18th and early 19th centuries, according to courthouse records.

Sliding open the top drawer, Headley pointed to faint cursive handwriting on the wood reading "January 15, 1803." Fry's name, nearly illegible, is scrawled opposite the date.

The chest was handed down in the county's Frye family explaining an 'e' was later added to the spelling of the Frye name for several generations, Headley said.

The last person to inherit the chest, a Winchester woman who asked that she not be identified, decided to sell it when people started offering her large sums of money for it. "I don't think any of my relatives knew what they had," the woman said Friday. "They used it as a dresser in the bedroom. It wasn't treated any differently than anything else."

Colonial Williamsburg officials identified the chest, as being made by Christopher Fry, who also teamed up with James Martin in Fauquier County to make more furniture.

Colonial Williamsburg determined the chest was made by Fry by taking measurements and comparing them to other Fry pieces. They were equally convinced it was authentic because it was passed down in the Frye family for several generations. (The Fries made their home south of Mountain Falls near Frye's Fort.)

The woman who sold the chest at Thursday's auction was "shocked" by the sale price.

"It was mind-boggling," she said.

Headley declined to identify the Purcellville woman who bought the chest, but said she planned to put it in her home.

Article furnished by Harry S. Morrison

Ancestors

If you could see your ancestors
All standing in a row.

Would you be proud of them or not,
Or don't you know?

Some strange discoveries are made
In climbing family trees.

And some of them I am afraid,
Do not, particularly please.

If you could see your ancestors
All standing in a row.

There might be some of them perhaps
You would not care to know.

But there's another question
Which requires a different view.

Would they be proud of you?

Author Unknown

HFFA WEB PAGE

For all of our members who have computers and are on the Internet, the URL for HFFA Web page is: <http://members.aol.com/deancessor/HFFA.htm>

We need to thank Kay Nelson for all of her work on creating the page for us. We already have one new member who found us from the Web Page. Welcome also to HFFA, Cathy Cadd.

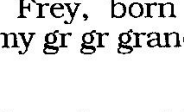
We found our Web Page and found us from the Web Page. She is on the Internet so you can add her to your list of E-mail addresses as follows: ccadd@aol.com

Inquiries

Inquiries will be a new column in the posted. Any letters or correspondence from to me or to Jeanne Jeffrey for it to be

Newsletter where requests for information will be anyone seeking information can be mailed included in the next Newsletter.

The following was received and forwarded like to take this time to welcome Mr. you will furnish him with the information to the HFFA family.



to me to include in the Newsletter. I would Murphy to HFFA, and I hope that a lot of that he is looking for, and also welcome him

Ms. Jeanne Jeffrey
4102 Garfield Rd.
Smithburg, MD 21783

2024 Litchfield Ave.
Dayton, OH 45406-3812
23 July, 1997

Dear Ms. Jeffrey:

Your name and address were given to me by James Frey of Honey Brook, PA. I had talked to him at a genealogy meeting at our church here in Dayton. In his letter to me, he stated that you are the membership chairman of the Frey Association.

I would be interested in joining to see if you, or someone else in the organization, could help me in my search for my Frey ancestors.

My gr gr grandmother was Margaret Frey, born January 12, 1808 near Middletown, Maryland. On March 5, 1829, she and my gr gr grandfather, Nathan Heywood, were married in Clermont County, OH.

I have a copy of the will of Margaret's father. It would appear that his name was John. While the will lists the names of the children, there is no mention of a wife. The other children, were, Jonathon, Sarah, Mary, Catherine, Louisa, and Elizabeth. The will, or indenture, is dated 16 August, 1843.

Any information which you might be able to furnish would be greatly appreciated. James Frey said that the dues are \$10.00 per year. I am enclosing my check in that amount.

Sincerely

Harry D. Murphy

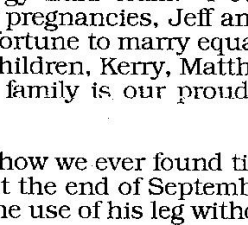
Harry D. Murphy

Please take the time to read his letter, and if you have any information that will help Mr. Murphy in his research, send it to him. Welcome to the Family Harry.

MEMBER PROFILE - Jeanne Jeffrey

The member profile for this quarter is from Jeanne Jeffrey. She is our new HFFA Membership Secretary. Her lineage is as follows:

Heinrich Frey m. Anna Catherine Levering
John Frey m. Mary Keisler and Amelia Frey m. Frederich Leimbach
(John and Amelia were brother and sister)
John's son, Enoch Frey m. Nancy Ann Leimbach, daughter of Amelia.
Elizabeth Frey m. Abraham Maugans
Magdalena Maugans m. John Hause
Joseph Hause m. Ann Elizabeth Kepner
Mary Magdalena Hause m. Edward Sherman Foltz
Violet Foltz m. Martin Francis Bachtell
Jeanne Foltz Bachtell m. Glenn Alden Jeffrey



I am the oldest of seven children, four boys and three girls, all born in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland. My Mother is alive, well and kicking.

at 83 years young. My siblings are the greatest in the world and although distance keeps some of us apart physically we remain close. My husband, Glenn better known as Jeff, is a former retired registered nurse and graduated from the "old style nursing school", three years of intense study and hospital work. I also belonged to Cadet Nurse Corps., and since World War II was over when I finished, rather than join the service, I headed for the big city of Baltimore. I attended University College, the night class portion of University of Maryland, while my professional duties covered a myriad of jobs - pediatrics private duty, emergency room, chemistry lab, blood bank, industrial nursing, and oncology fluid team. I even managed to teach kindergarten between nursing jobs and pregnancies! Speaking of pregnancies, Jeff and I have three wonderful children, Cynthia, Skip and Scott. All three have had the good fortune to marry equally wonderful spouses, Michael, Joy, and Jeanette, and we have three wonderful grandchildren, Kerry, Matthew and Hannah (Tired of all the wonderfule??) As you no doubt noted, we feel our family is our proudest accomplishment.

As for retirement, we are both busier than ever, and like so many retirees, wonder how we ever found time to work. The only blip on our horizon is that Jeff is scheduled for a knee replacement the end of September. However, we realize this is only a temporary blip and after the surgery, he will regain the use of his leg without the pain.

As for myself, I enjoy many activities: reading, mostly mysteries, gardening, cooking, traveling, exercise, well, I don't really enjoy it all that much, basketry, and, of course, genealogy. My Grandpap Foltz probably passed that genealogy gene to my sister, Ellen and my brother, Ed and to me. It's nice that all of us are interested in researching the family lines. Grandpap left us his family research and we have added to his unpublished manuscripts. Of course, as with most of us that is a never-ending but very rewarding endeavor.

After several years of retirement in the Baltimore area, Jeff and I moved to the Catoctin Mountains just several miles from Camp David. (Haven't had any invitations as yet, but who knows??!!) My life is one of more ups than downs, and I have been blessed in so many ways. It's good to know that all those ancestors we've been looking for, are looking out for us from their place on high. It's a privilege to serve as your interim membership/corresponding secretary, and to work with all the fine Frey/Frye/Fry descendants.

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Members News

This column is for all of you to send in information on any HFFA member and their families. I will try to include everything I receive each quarter. I would like to include births, marriages, deaths, graduations, and awards anyone receives. If you think of anything else to include feel free to send it. This is your Newsletter so I want to put what HFFA members want to read about. If you see anything that you think could be improved, please feel free to tell me about it.

The following obituaries were furnished by Jeanne Jeffrey.

Obituaries
Hagerstown, Wash. Co., MD
The Morning Herald,
Thursday, Aug. 31, 1995
Hubert Gray Frye
Hubert Gray Frye, 76, of 123 Sunflower Drive, Hagerstown, and formerly of Winston-Salem, NC, died Wednesday, Aug. 30, at his home.
Born in Davidson County, NC, he was the son of the late William and Mary C. Wood Frye.
He was former owner and operator of M & H Distributors in Winston-Salem prior to its incorporation.
He was a veteran of WW II, serving with the US Army. He was a member of Morris Frock Post 42 American Legion.
He is survived by his wife Maudie H. Frye, one sister, Nanie Ruth Smith of Winston-Salem; and numbers nieces and nephews.
Services at 10 AM Saturday in the chapel of Douglas A. Frye Funeral Home, 1331 Eastern Blvd., North, Hagerstown. The Rev. Jay M. Fritz will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Williamsport.
The family will receive friends at the funeral home Friday from 7 to 9 PM.

Thursday, Nov. 23, 1995
William P. Frye
Shepherdstown, WV - William "Harvey" P. Frye, 75, of Route 1, died Wednesday in Martinsburg, WV.

Born Oct. 5, 1920, in Jefferson County, WV, he was the son of the late Will and Marion Frye.
He was a retired truck driver for Community Oil.
He was a member of St. James Lutheran Church.
He is survived by three daughters, Mary Ann Thompson of Kearneysville, WV, Peggy J. May and F. Diane Trigg, both of Shepherdstown; three sons, Paul P. Frye of Shenandoah Junction, WV, Roger L. Frye of Bunker Hill, WV, and Allen E. Frye of Martinsburg; one sister, Bertha Smith of Middeway, WV; 20 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.
He was preceded in death by one son, John L. Frye; one sister, Edith Willingham; and four brothers, Jesse Frye, Gilbert Frye, Roy Frye, and Walter Frye.
Services will be Friday at 1 PM at Brown Funeral Home, Martinsburg, with the Rev. Thomas C. Jacoby officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant View Memory Gardens.
The family will receive friends at the funeral home today from 7 to 9 PM.
Memorial donations may be made to St. James Lutheran Church of Uvilla, PO Box 2008, Shepherdstown, WV 25443

Thursday, Aug. 29, 1996
R. Irene Frey
Smithburg - R. Irene Frey, 80, of 21916 Holiday Drive, Holiday Acres, died Wednesday, Aug. 28, at Washington Co. Hospital.
Born Oct. 28, 1915, in Sevens

Stars, PA, she was the daughter of the late Harry G. & Annie L. Robert Bucher.
Her husband, J. Kieffer Frey, died in 1994.
She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Smithburg.
She was also a member of Smithburg Fire Co. Auxiliary, Smithburg Historical Society and AARP.
She is survived by three nieces and three nephews.
She was preceded in death by one sister, Gladys Spangle, and one brother, Mark Bucher.
Services will be held Saturday at 10:30 AM at Gerald N. Minnich Funeral Home, 305 N. Potomac St., Hagerstown, with Vicar James E. Luedcke officiating. Burial will be in Smithburg Cemetery.
Friends may call Friday from 7 to 9 PM at the funeral home.

Announcement
Congratulations to our HFFA Historian, Charles Burgess on his move to Florida. We have all waited anxiously for him to get his computer and get on line so we can communicate faster, and take advantage of his vast knowledge of his family.

If you have Obituaries that you would like to have in the Newsletter, please send them to me. I need some feedback from all of you to let me know if you would rather the obituaries be current, or would like to see older ones also. Current will always be first but I can put older ones if space allows.

HFFA Reunion June 26, 27, 28, 1998 Gallatin, Tennessee

Order your souvenir mugs, caps and shirts early so you can bring them, use them and wear them at the reunion!

1. Cotton Polo Shirts - white with embroider family logo \$20.00
Sizes available are Medium, Large, X Large, XX Large

2. Baseball type Cap - white or black with family logo \$ 5.00
One size fits all

3. Coffee Mugs - white with blue family logo \$ 5.00
Souvenir of 1996 Lexington Reunion

Shipping and handling will be: \$30.00 or less - \$4.75
\$30.01 to \$60.00 - \$6.75 and anything over \$60.00 - \$8.75

To order any of these items early, send a check made out to HFFA to:
Wilbur Frye * 1238 Lerida Way * Pacifica, CA 94044-3634

Jean Smith, our Vice President, is also our Reunion Chairperson. I hope to hear a lot from Jean in the next few months so that I can keep everyone posted as to the progress of the Reunion plans.

If anyone would like to contact her for information you can write to her at:

Jean H. Smith
100 Island Drive
Hendersonville, TN 37075-4507
615-824-8726

We all need to help her in every way that we can, and let her know that we appreciate the monumental job she has taken on. I will have information in the January and the April Newsletters about the Reunion.

The more of you that can come, the better the Reunion will be so let's all try to make it in 1998.

Message from our President

Although this is only the middle of the fall, this will be the last opportunity for me to wish all of you a happy, glorious and wonderful Holiday Season of the year. We should all be looking forward to our reunion in the summer at Gallatin, Tennessee over the last weekend in June.

Until then have fun digging up your roots.

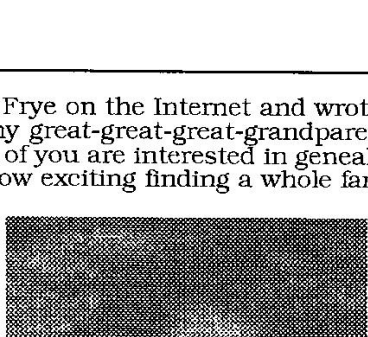
Jim

Editor's Comments

Most of you had never heard of me until very recently. I found Wilbur Frye on the Internet and wrote to him. He had posted "Elizabeth Frye married Henry Ewalt". They were my great-great-grandparents. Until I heard from Wil, I had only had her name, not even a birth date. All of you are interested in genealogy or you wouldn't be members of HFFA. Therefore, I know that you know how exciting finding a family can be.

I would like to tell you a little about myself so we can feel that we know each other. My line is:

Heinrich Frey & Anna Catherine Levering-->
Benjamin Frey & Christena-->
Abraham Frey, Sr. & Agnes Ann Young-->
Elizabeth Frey & Henry Ewalt-->
Henry D. Ewalt & Kettarah Stamps-->
Noah Spears Ewalt & Mary Jane Johnson-->
Lucinda Catherine (Kate) Ewalt & Early May Story-->
Virginia Ruth State & Frank Eugene (Gene) White-->
Virginia Earlynn (Lynn) White



I am a full-time caregiver to my Mother who has had strokes and has Alzheimer's. I have been caring for her since 1991. I worked for 30 years in data processing at many different jobs.

My son, Stephen, who is a Police Officer in Plano, TX, has been married to a wonderful girl, Diane, for almost 13 years. They have one 6 year old daughter named Stephanie, and are expecting my 2nd grandchild. I have a daughter, Kate, who travels all over the world with her job. She graduated from University of Tennessee at Knoxville in 1992 with a 4.0 GPA, and got her Master's degree in 1994. If it weren't for E-mail I would never know where she is so my computer is important to me for more than just the genealogy that I do.

I have Family Tree of Mankind 4.0, and the first 7 CD's of submitter volumes so I can do look ups. I am on the Internet and do a lot of searching on it. I have been extremely lucky or at least people tell me that I am. Since I have just found HFFA and know so little about the Frey line I will need all the help you can give me. I also am new at a Newsletter of this size, so I am open for all suggestions. I would like to make this what you want, since it is your Newsletter. Just write or E-mail me anything you would like to see in it, or just your comments about how to improve it.

I hope to meet all of you someday, in person, but for now it will have to be through correspondence. I would like to thank Henry Morrison, Kay Nelson, Wil Frye, Margaret Frye, and everyone else who has welcomed me to HFFA, and given me invaluable help.

Lynn Vitasek - Newsletter Editor

Happy Holidays to all in our Family!

Thanksgiving is upon us, and Christmas is just around the corner. Before you know it another New Year will be here. Wishes for the merriest of Christmas ever, and the best of health and happiness throughout the coming year.

Remember your 1997 HFFA dues should be paid by December 31, 1997 for the 1998 calendar year. By sending them in without having to be notified you will save HFFA the expense of mailing reminders. Hope to see all of you in June at the 1998 HFFA Reunion in Gallatin, Tennessee.

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