



HFFA NEWS

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Remember HFFA Reunion in 1998

Visit to Hick Town Stirs Memories

This message is printed on top of the copy of the article that I received. "Wil-This must be a cousin? Thought you would be interested-Pete" Wil Frye also thought we all would be interested because he sent it to me to include in the Newsletter. Thanks Wil. It is a great story. Does anyone know who Susan is, and if she really is a cousin? Which I don't doubt for a minute....

Story by: Susan Swartz 9/5/1997

Just after I started junior high in Connecticut my parents ripped me away from my friends and the seashore and forced me to move back to their old hick town of Meadville, PA.

I hated it and cried for months until my science teacher started giving me A's and I met a boy who liked to kiss in the snow.

But, Pennsylvania has never been my place. If I were in a studio audience and someone said "California," I would shout and wave, but if they said "Pennsylvania" I would keep my hands in my lap.

I've been a snob about Pennsylvania even though it represents beloved people and sweet memories.

But, you know, some states are just not exotic. They're pleasant, but they don't have much cachet. You don't get automatic points for saying you're from Pennsylvania. People don't say, "Cool. I've been dying to go there."

Sharon Stone is from Meadville, but that's the only obviously sexy thing you can say about the place.

I'm never thrilled about visiting Pennsylvania, but this summer my sister and I went back for a reunion with the cousins.

Some of us hadn't seen each other since my father died 15 years ago. My aunt died this summer. That leaves us to

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Happy New Year to all HFFA members and their families.

Visit to Hick Town (cont.)

carry on as the senior generation which is, maybe, why I decided to pay more attention to these long-ignored roots.

We drive over to the family cemetery, the Frey Cemetery at the former Frey Corners near the Ohio border, built 180 years ago by and for our ancestors. I remember it as an overgrown patch on my aunt's farm. It's now a lovely park. My cousin Shirley said it is even more beautiful in the spring when the dogwood and lilacs bloom.

We walk through it in an afternoon rain, a soft warm sprinkling that keeps this part of the country shiny green all summer. I used to love those little rains, along with the thunderstorms that cracked through and halted all activity.

There are Frey markers all over the place. With first names of Simeon and Reuben and Jessie Maud. And with spooky stories, too, like the one about the two sisters who were so close that when one died the other put a rocking chair in her burial chamber so that she could come every day and knit.

We go through boxes of photos, trying to put names and dates to faces that look too dour and prim to claim as ours. We find the missionary and the artist, a bunch of teachers and the man who was run over by a train.

The downtowns of northwestern Pennsylvania look pretty forlorn. The big employers have closed or moved to the South.

The sprawling factory my father entered every morning in white shirt and tie, and the office he called every day on his vacation is empty. The windows are broken and there's grass growing in the parking lot. The small shop where my mother sold Barlon sweaters and stockings is boarded up.

Instead, on the edge of town are strip malls, big box stores and factory outlet malls, the same as we have in California and my sister has in Massachusetts. The cousins favorite restaurant is 30 miles away where we go to eat Fish Vera Cruz and drink brown liquor. We don't talk about politics but we are in passionate agreement about Wal-Mart.

The countryside looks prosperous. We pass through farmland dotted with red barns and silver silos and charming old farmhouses that I say could fetch close to half a million in Sonoma County Wine Country.

My grandparents' former house is so shrunken and shabby we look the other way. We keep driving and share memories about their garden that stretched clear to the next road, the smells in their barn and the way our grandfather ate sauerkraut with pancakes.

Remember if you haven't already renewed your MEMBERSHIP

For this year it is late so send it in NOW!

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/deancestor/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.

Harold R. Frye is now online. His E-mail address is: hrfrye@sgi.net

The Lighter Side of Genealogy

The Golden Years

Seniors are the Nation's
Leading carriers
of AIDS
Hearing AIDS
Band AIDS
Roll AIDS
Walking AIDS
Medical AIDS
Government AIDS
and
Most of all
\$\$ Monetary AIDS
to Kids \$\$

If I keep this column in the Newsletter I am definitely going to need submissions to put in it. Anyone having a funny story or joke please send it to me.

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Sorry Ron & Cathy.

The following is taken from the writings of an early census taker:

"Ocupysshien - Cnesus-taker. I am a census taker for the city of Bufflow. Our city has groan very fast in recent years and now in 1865, it has become a hard and time consuming job to count all the peephill. There is not many that can do this work, as it necessarite to have an ejucashun, wich a lot of person still do not have. Another atriibert needed for this job is good spelling, for many of the peephill to be counted can hardle speek inglish, let alon spel there names.

Who said reading old records was dull?

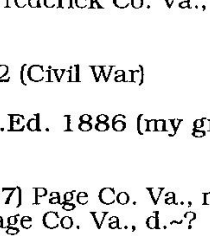
QUARANTENED! The inhabitants of this place have been stricken with Genealogy Fever, a deadly and infectious disease.

SYMPTOMS: Notepapers stuffed in pockets and files; heart palpitations at the sight of gravestones and old trunks filled with letters; bloodshot eyes from excessive microfilm exposure; erratic speech patterns punctuated with pilgrims and princes; cold sweat upon the arrival of the daily mail.

Good News!

Jim Frey, our President, came through his surgery with flying colors, and is back at work. He is still having some chemo therapy, but says he is doing okay. Keep up the prayers and thoughts for his recovery. We want him to be the center of all activities at the Reunion in Gallatin, TN this June.

Inquiries to All HFFA Members



Inquiries will be a new column in the Newsletter where requests for information will be posted. Any letters or correspondence from anyone seeking information can be mailed to me or to Jeanne Jeffrey for it to be included in the next Newsletter.

The following was received and forwarded to me to include in the Newsletter. I would like to take this time to welcome Mr. Murphy to HFFA, and I hope that a lot of you will furnish him with the information that he is looking for, and also welcome him to the HFFA family.

Lynn Vitasek
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Dear Lynn,

I enjoyed my conversation with you a couple of evenings ago. As you suggested, I am sending out a request. Thus, I seek information about the Bucher, Rhinehart, Brill, Orndorff and Sager Families all of Virginia.

Bucher:

I: Father: John Jacob Bucher: b. ~1804 Frederick Co. Va., 1828, m. 1828, d.~

Mother: Sarah Brill: b. ~1808 Frederick Co. Va., d.~?, daughter of Henry Brill (1765-1849) and Elizabeth Orndorff (1775-1867)

II: Family

1. James R. S. Bucher: b. 1832 Frederick Co. Va., m. 1872, d. 1916

2. Sarah E.: b.~1837

3. Joanna M.: 1837

4. William F.: b. 1840, d. 1862 (Civil War)

5. Mary E.: b. ~1846

6. Rachel A. V.: b. 1849, M.Ed. 1886 (my great-grandmother)

Rhinehart (Rinhart):

I: Father: Lorenzo: b. 1812 (or 1817) Page Co. Va., m. ~?, d.~?

Mother: Elizabeth ~?: b. 1818 Page Co. Va., d.~?

II: Family

Emaline Rhinehart: b. 1842 Page Co. Va., d.~?

Married: Jacob Baker: b. 1844 Va., m. 1871, d. 1891, son of Adam Baker (1815-?) Shenandoah, Va. and Magdaline Sager (1814-?), daughter of Adam Sager and Anna Darb.

Brill:

I have heard that there is a book(s) on this family. What is it/their name(s), the author(s) and can it/they still be purchased? If so, where?

Orndorff:

I have seen a section of this book on the name, the author and can it still be purchased? If so, where?

Sager:

Also, I desire similar information on the Sager family and the genealogy thereof.

Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,

Norm
Norman R. Schulze

18th Century PA German Nicknames

By: Charles F. Kerchner, Jr. - 5507 Louise Lane - Northampton PA 18067
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Subject: Given name nicknames and aka's and translations for some baptismal and given names used by 18th Century Pennsylvania Germans. Suggestions from others for other PA German nicknames are solicited to be added to this file.

Keywords: PA GERMAN NICKNAMES PENNSYLVANIA

18TH CENTURY PA GERMAN	ENGLISH TRANSLATION	NICKNAME/AKA
Abraham	Abraham	Abe
Abram	Abram	Abe
Andreas	Andrew	
Anna	Anna, Ann	Nancy, Ann
Anton	Anthony	Tunis, Tony
Aegidius	Giles	
Baltzer	Balthasar	Bevvy
Barbara	Barbara	
Bernhard, Barnet	Benjamin	
Catharina	Bernard	
Christian	Catharine	Kate, Katie
Christoph	Christian	Christ, Christli
Dewald	Christopher	Kit, Stoffel
Dionysius	Theobald	
Dietrich	Denis	
Dorothea	Theodoric	Dieter
Elias	Dorothy	
Elisabeth	Elijah	Eli
Erasmus	Elizabeth	Lis, Liz, Lizzie
Erasmus	Erasmus	Asmus
Erasmus	Francis	
Friedrich	Frederick	Fritz
Gottfried	Godfrey, Geoffrey	
Hannah	Joan	
Ignatius	Ignatius	Natius, Natz
Jacob	Jacob, James	
Johanna	John	Hans, Jack
Johannes	Jonah	
Jonas	Yost, Justus	
Jost, Justus	Charles	
Karl, Carl	Kezia	Cassie
Kezia	Conrad	Kunz
Kuhnrat	Lewis, Louis	
Ludwig	Magdalene, Madeleine	Lena, Molly
Magdalena	Margaret	Peggy, Maggie, Rebecca
Margaretha	Mary	Polly, Molly
Maria	Matthew	Mat, Teis
Matthaeus	Nathaniel, Nathan	Nat, Thaniel
Nathanael	Nicholas	Nickel, Claus
Nicolaus		

18th Century PA Names (cont.)

Rebecca	Rebecca	Becky, Margaret
Salome	Salome	Sally, Sarah
Sarah	Sarah	Sally
Sebastian	Sebastian	Bastian
Sem	Shem	
Ulrich	Ulery, Eldridge	Felty
Valentin	Valentine	
Veit	Vitus	Frena, Franey
Verena	Verena	Bill
Wilhelm	William	

I published this page to share some nickname tips I learned over the years. I am not a name expert so I won't be able to help you solve your specific name and/or nickname problems. Below are a couple of books which you should review if you need more help with a particular name.

An excellent booklet about nicknames in general is: Nicknames Past and Present, by Christine Rose. Order from: Rose Family Association, 1474 Monteleone Drive, San Jose, CA 95120. Tel. No: 408-268-2137. The cost in 1996 was \$5.50 plus \$1.50 for postage and handling.

Another useful book about unusual given names is: Tuttle Dictionary of First Names, by Julia Cresswell, published in the U.S. in 1992. I purchased my copy from Hearthstone Bookshop, Potomac Square, 8405-H Richmond Hwy, Alexandria VA 22309. Tel No. 703-360-6900. The cost in 1994 was \$14.95 plus \$3.00 for postage and handling. If you contact any of these sources tell them that I referred you from this posting and web page.

Charles F. Kerchner, Jr.

Member's News and Announcements

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Sumney on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. C. Oliver and Isabelle M. Sumney of 2188 Route 136, Eighty Four, PA will mark their golden wedding anniversary Friday.

They were married on June 6, 1947, in Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Church of Eighty Four by the Rev. William Hullick.

Their children are Frances C. Sumney, at home, Dennis C. Sumney, Sr. of Eighty Four and Eugene W. Sumney of Hickory. Their grandchildren are Sumney C. Sumney, Jr. and Robin Gene, Beth Ann and Matthew W. Sumney.

Mr. Sumney is a retired employee of Columbia Gas Co. and enjoyed gardening and church work until his health began to decline. Mrs. Sumney had been employed by Dr. J. C. Stull and G. C. Murphy Co. She enjoys genealogy and church work. They are members of Pigeon Creek Presbyterian Church.

This was sent to me by Henderson L. Adams, and he says that he received it on November 21. I apologize for not being able to get the picture of them in also. The copy of the copy was just not good enough to reproduce and there wasn't time to try to get a better picture. But Congratulations from all of HFFA, and send me a picture next year to include on # 51.

Please remember that if you have something you would like to see in the HFFA Newsletter please send it to me so I can include it. The more news we have from everyone, the more we will get to know each other. When we all go to the REUNION in June we will be meeting old friends and new friends we have come to know through the Newsletter.

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.

Editor's Comments

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome 1998, and may this year bring happiness, prosperity and joy to all of our family. Congratulations to all who had additions to their families, and sympathy to all who lost loved ones. Let us all try to remember the importance of our heritage and those who came before us.

We hope to see all of you who can make it at the 1998 Reunion in Gallatin, TN. For many of you, as well as myself, this will be the first opportunity to meet "cousins" whom I have grown to know and love through correspondence and E-mail.

If there are any notices that anyone would like to see in the next bulletin which will be the last one before the Reunion, please send them to me as soon as possible. Lynn Vitasek - Newsletter Editor

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