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Watch for coming news of the Y2K Reunion Plans!

The Fry Glass Company

Many members of the family are familiar with a heavy cut glass made by the H. C. Fry Glass Company of Rochester, PA, north of Pittsburgh. Often I have been asked if the glass company Frys are related to us. They are not related to us.

This family descends from a John Fry, born in the north of Ireland, who emigrated prior to the Revolution from Dublin with his brother, William, to Wilkesbarre, PA, later settling in Washington County, PA. After the war, he moved to Lexington, KY. He and his wife, Elizabeth Miller, had an only child, Charlotte Fry.

Thomas C. Fry, a relative of John Fry, born in 1796 in New York City, married Charlotte Fry. They had a large family including Henry Clay Fry, born 17 Sep 1840 near Lexington, KY. In 1872 he started the Rochester Tumbler Company at Rochester, PA, and in 1901, he started the H. C. Glass Company, also at Rochester, that became famous for heavy cut glass. Henry Clay Fry was married twice, first in 1862 to Emma, daughter of James Mathews and Minerva Scott, who died in 1884, and second to Belle, daughter of Rev. H. R. McClintock. The children were Harry C., E. Gertrude, Clara B., J. Howard, and Mabel M. My reference is Jordan's Encyclopedia of Biography, Vol 1, 1914 Lewis Historical Publishing Company.

Some years ago I had a large footed bowl marked Fry in this cut glass. I sold it to a Fry descendant. Back in the 1920's, the company also made blown art glass and everyday heavy cookware. I have an unmarked 6 1/2 inch plate made in clear glass in a swirled pattern with small green blobs attached on the under side. Also, I have a small ramekin marked Fry oven glass 1923 - 3.

Submitted by Charles J. Burgess

For a profile of Charles see page 2 of this issue of the Newsletter. If anyone has questions about any Fry/Fry/Frye he is the person to ask. He has E-mail and his address is: cjburgess1@juno.com

Charles is also on the Internet now so he will be finding a lot of information there. He is also helping with the Y2K (2000) Reunion in Philadelphia.

Member Profile

Charles J. Burgess - HFFA Historian

My first interest in genealogy started when I was in high school. A class assignment was to make a family tree. I wrote to both of my grandmothers for information. From what they supplied, I was able to make a chart showing about four generations. But that started my interest in finding out how far back I could go. As I started talking to the older members of the family and writing to others, I realized I was getting names of relatives but didn't know how they were related. This is when I started making what I call my begat lists. I did them in the form of an outline.

My Grandfather Frye had started to work on his family history. He died in 1939 just before I became interested in the family history. Our treasurer's mother, my Aunt Louise, typed a copy of grandfather's papers and sent it to me. It was fortunate she did this, because those papers were lost in the turmoil of several moves during W W II. Down through the years I have met many relatives, some of the distantly related. I have visited relatives in Ireland, England, and Wales. When Don Kearney first became interested in the Fries of Frye Fort, he ran across one of my old letters at a relative's of his in Iowa.

Though I had moved several times since writing that letter, Don eventually caught up with me and we became friends and worked together up until the time of his death in 1991.

To you who are just starting the study of your family history, be as factual as you can, but realize what seems to be a fact now can turn out later to be entirely erroneous. Family tradition is fine and makes for added interest, but realize it may not be factual. A tradition about one branch of the family may actually belong to a different branch. Stories often get switched in the retelling. It wasn't mama's grandfather that was the horse thief, it was papa's grandfather. Not to worry, family skeletons are the most difficult to unearth.

One of the stories that was handed down concerned the wife, Agnes Ann, of Abraham Frye, Sr. For 60 or more years, descendants had been trying to learn her maiden name. I finally heard this explanation of why it couldn't be found. The story was that this little girl, having come across the ocean, was found wandering along the shore by a ship captain.

The Fries said they would take care of her. So she grew up in their home and eventually the son married her. The little girl, of course, was Agnes Ann.

It may seem that my only interest has been in the Fries. That is not true. I have ancestral lines that go back five generations and others that trace back as many as 25 generations and more. At present, it seems I am spending all of my time on the Frye, but the others are waiting their turn. If you are not careful, I will pull out my folder of charts which show the descent of 24 different ancestors who descend from seven kings of England. Charles J. Burgess

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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>

Thanks to Kay Nelson for the Web Page and the E-mail address list.

The Lighter Side of Genealogy - Head Stones

On the grave of Ezekial Aikle in East Dalhousie Cemetery, Nova Scotia:
Here lies Ezekial Aikle
Age 102 The Good Die Young

In a London, England cemetery: Ann Mann
Here lies Ann Mann. Who lived an old maid
But died an old Mann. Dec. 8, 1767

In a Ribblesford, England, cemetery: Anna Wallace
The children of Israel wanted bread And the Lord sent them manna. Old clerk Wallace wanted a wife, And the Devil sent him Anna.

Playing with names in a Ruidoso, New Mexico, cemetery:
Here lies Johnny Yeast
Pardon me For not rising.

In a Silver City, Nevada, cemetery:
Here lays Butch. We planted him raw. He was quick on the trigger. But slow on the draw.
A widow wrote this epitaph in a Vermont cemetery:
Sacred to the memory of my husband John Barnes who died January 3, 1803

His comely young widow, aged 23, has many qualifications of a good wife, and yearns to be comforted.
Someone determined to be anonymous in Stowe, Vermont:
I was somebody. Who, is no business of yours.

Lester Moore was a Wells Fargo Co. station agent for Naco, Arizona in the cowboy days of the 1880's. He's buried in the Boot Hill Cemetery in Tombstone, Arizona:
Here lies Lester Moore Four slugs from a .44 No Les No More.

In a Georgia cemetery: "I told you I was sick!"
John Penny's epitaph in the Wimborne, England, cemetery:
Reader, if cash thou art in want of any Dig 4 feet deep And thou wilt find a Penny.

On Margaret Daniels grave at Hollywood Cemetery Richmond, Virginia:
She always said her feet were killing her but nobody believed her.

In a cemetery in Hartscombe, England:
On the 22nd of June Went out of tune.
Jonathan Fiddle - He went out of tune.

Anna Hopewell's grave in Enosburg Falls, Vermont has an epit
Here lies the body of our Anna
Done to death by a banana. It wasn't the fruit that laid her low But the skin of the thing that made her go.

More fun with names with Owen Moore in Battersea, London, England:
Gone away Owain more Than he could pay.
Someone in Winslow, Maine didn't like Mr. Wood:

In Memory of Beza Wood Departed this life Nov. 2, 1837 Aged 45 yrs. Here lies one Wood Enclosed in wood. One Wood Within another. The outer wood is very good: We cannot praise The other.

On a grave from the 1880's in Nantucket, Massachusetts:
Under the sod and under the trees Lies the body of Jonathan Pease. He is not here, there's only the pod: Pease shelled out and went to God.

The grave of Ellen Shannon in Girard, Pennsylvania is almost a consumer tip:
Who was fatally burned March 21, 1870 by the explosion of a lamp filled with "R.E. Danforth's Non-Explosive Burning Fluid"

Oops! Harry Edsel Smith of Albany, New York: Born 1903--Died 1942
Looked up the elevator shaft to see if the car was on the way down. It was.

In a Thurmont, Maryland, cemetery: Here lies an Atheist All dressed up And no place to go.

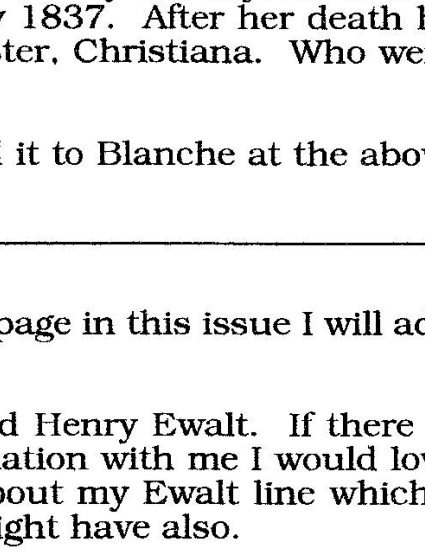
From The Arkansas Genealogy Society author unknown....

EACH PERSON HAS: GRANDPARENTS

2 parents
4 grandparents
8 great grandparents
16 great great grandparents
32 great great great grandparents
64 great great great great grandparents
128 great great great great great grandparents
256 great great great great great great grandparents
512 great great great great great great great grandparents
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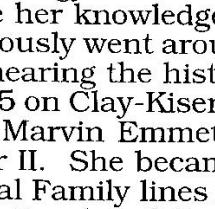
Add to this, all the children of all the grandparents - that's a lot of research and a mighty big tree!

THIS IS JUST 10 GENERATIONS



Inquiries to All

HFFA Members



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

The following was received to include in the Newsletter for this quarter.

The Querie was sent in from Blanche Tompkins, 360 West 20th Street, San Bernardino, CA 92405. She is looking for information on:

EASLEY. FROMAN. FRY. MOORE. FOREMAN

Achilles Easley married Eliza Froman 23 February 1831 in Spencer County, KY. She was said to be the first cousin of Eleanor Fry and James H. McGee. Who were her parents? Were they Thomas Foreman and Katherine Fry Foreman?

McGEE. FRY

Allen B. H. McGee of Kansas City, MO went to Shelby County, KY to find his brides. He married first Malinda Fry 18 May 1837. After her death he went back to Shelby County and married her sister, Christiana. Who were the parents of Malinda and Christiana?

If you have any of this information please send it to Blanche at the above address.

Since I didn't have enough inquiries to fill this page in this issue I will add one of my own.

I am descended from Elizabeth Frye Keller and Henry Ewalt. If there is anyone out there who would like to share information with me I would love to hear from you. I have a lot of information about my Ewalt line which I could share, and would welcome any that you might have also.

Please get in touch with me at:

Lynn Vitasek, PO Box 177847, Irving, TX 75017-7847, 972-579-1487, or lynnv2@dhc.net

Margaret Hinton Frye

I had the pleasure of going to Paris, KY after the reunion in Gallatin last year and meeting Margaret Frye. She is one of the nicest people I have ever met. She is very knowledgeable about Kentucky Genealogy and history. I know more about Bourbon County, and is very willing to share her knowledge and help anyone who needs it. My visit was only one day, but she graciously went around and showed me the family homes where I took pictures and enjoyed hearing the history of the homes.

Margaret Frye was born in 1915 on Clay-Kiser Road, two miles or so down from the Jacob Spears home. She married Marvin Emmett Frye in January of 1946 when he returned from serving in World War II. She became interested in Genealogy when she had a class in school about the Royal Family lines in England. It so fascinated her that she went home and began to question her father about her own family lines. The interested continued on, and after she married included the Frye line. She will tell you that she wasn't born a Frye, but is one by choice. She is a Charter Associate Member of HFFA.

After working as an artist and draftsman in the Publication Department of the Agricultural Experiment Station at the University of Kentucky, Margaret's interest in art led her to painting heraldic coats of arms. Then she was asked to be a heraldic artists for the National Genealogical Society, Washington, DC, where orders were channeled to the various staff artists to fill.

To find and produce the correct detailed research, much of it at Paris, KY (the Kentucky State Society of DAR) and at the Frankfort, KY, as well as in court Kentucky and Virginia. Since arms for families in nearly every countries, all orders coming

Through trying to establish a ancestor for daughter, Marilyn to American Revolution), Margaret's grew. She learned not to rely solely traditionally passed along by information from other sources. The work itself yielded rewards, such as learning of the existence and the part that Frye Fort in Winchester, VA played in the Frye family, and meeting many heretofore unknown relatives.

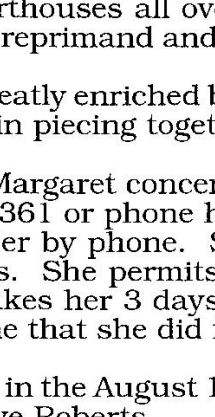
Though Marvin Frye, Margaret's husband, passed away in 1981, he assisted Margaret in research on various trips to courthouses all over. Though his full-time occupation was as a meteorological instrument reprimand and watchmaker, his interest grew as he saw the results of the research.

Margaret feels her life has been greatly enriched by the research, and has no means quit. She still finds great pleasure in piecing together parts of the family puzzle.

Anyone interested in contacting Margaret concerning her artwork can write to her at: 142 Idlewind Drive, Paris, KY 40361 or phone her at: 606-787-3136

She loves to talk so call your order by phone. She charges \$50 plus \$3 for postage and handling for each Coat of Arms. She permits you to make color copies for family members. They are in oil, and it takes her 3 days to do one. The one here is one she did for me. I also have the Ewalt one that she did for me, and have asked her to do one for my Stamper line.

Most of this information appeared in the August 1996 HFFA Journal and was prepared by Margaret's daughter, Marilyn Frye Roberts.



Frye

coat of arms, she began doing Duncan's Tavern's Library, in Headquarters for the National Kentucky Historical Society in records in various counties of 1960, she has painted: coats of state and several European without ever advertising

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New Frye/Fry/Frye Links Book

Kay Nelson, our web page and E-mail list keeper, is now working on a project to write a book on the links of the family lines. Henderson (Hank) Adams has been trying to obtain the information on everyone's link for some time now, and he is working with Kay. If you have not sent you lineage in to HFFA please do s.o so that it can be included in the book. One of the requirements for being a member of HFFA is to submit your link to Heinrich Frey, but we are missing quite a few. If you submit them to Kay or Hank then we can update the HFFA records also.

This is a monumental undertaking on their part and will certainly be worth the effort. A lot of you may be interested in the book when it is finished, so please help them to have it as complete as possible.

Please submit ideas for the Y2K Reunion in Philadelphia to James Frey, President.

Editor's Comments

I must apologize for the lack of communication with everyone the last few weeks. I have been having major computer problems and have not been online. I hope that I have all my problems solved now. Thanks to my daughter, Kate, I have now upgraded my computer so it should not give me more problems.

Some of you may not know that I have been caring for my mother for the past eight years. She had a stroke and was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. I had to finally put her in a nursing home last July, and Christmas eve they called to say that they had taken her to the hospital. She has cancer of the colon also, and I was told then that she might only have days to live. She did rally enough to go back to the nursing home, but it is with Hospice care there also. Most of the time she doesn't know who I am now so this has been a very trying and hard period for me.

I am expecting to have more news of the plans for the Y2K reunion in Philadelphia for the next Newsletter. I am really looking forward to this one and the plans so far, though not definite, sound great.

If anyone tried to send me something by E-mail for this Newsletter I am sorry that I didn't get it in time. Please resubmit the information, and I will get it in the next Newsletter.

Lynn

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