



# HFFA NEWS

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## Frye Fort For Sale - S O L D

**GEORGE W. GLAIZE, JR., INC.**  
**REALTOR**



Known as FRYE FORT (Circa 1740) this Dutch or German Colonial style home overlooking Cedar Creek (with almost 1 mi. of creek frontage) contains over 5,000 sq. ft. on 3 finished levels. Flagstone and oyster shell flooring, exposed beams, 32" thick stone walls, patios and decks. Offered with 34,201 acres for \$698,000 or \$698,000 with 139-1/2 acres. This is an exquisite property. MLS SH3270780.

57 +/- ACRES borders Cedar Creek and spring fed stream on property in addition to LARGE BARN. MLS FV3253199, \$239,500

The above ad appeared in the Winchester Star, and was sent to me by June Brubaker. I apologize for the quality, but newspapers are extremely hard to copy.

I thought you all might be interested in knowing about it. Joan said in the note accompanying the ad that it would be great if a Frey descendant could own it. Her greatest fear is that someone will buy it, and tear it down to build new houses on the land.

### The Original Land on Cedar Creek

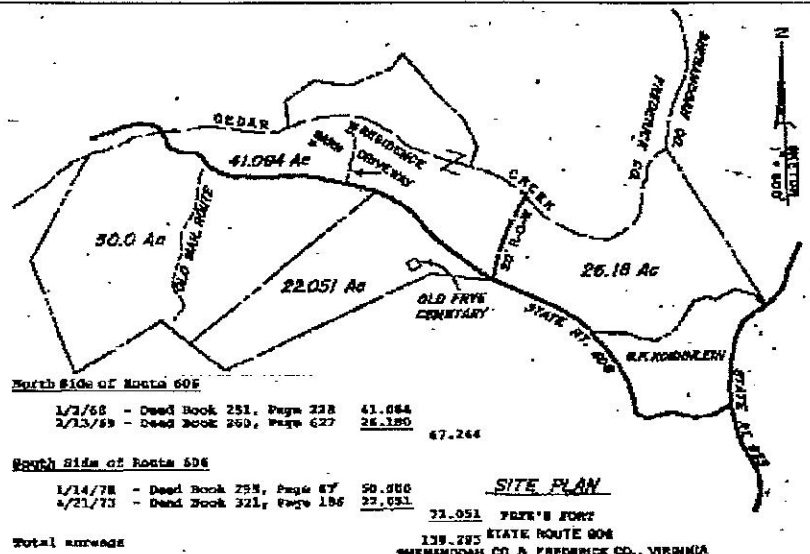
When Benjamin and his family moved from Philadelphia County to the Shenandoah Valley, presumably in 1744,

they settled on the 500 acres Old Ben had purchased from John Richards.

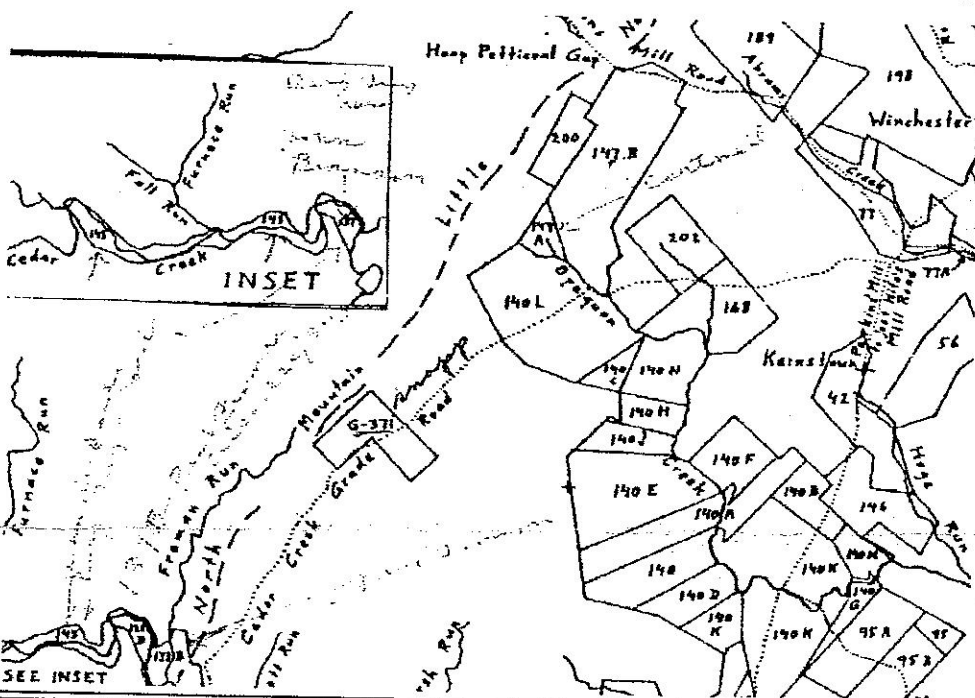
It was a long, narrow strip of land--the bottom land along the creek--shaped about like a very thin boomerang. The way the deed is written, I cannot tell exactly how much land was on each side of Cedar Creek. However, since the total acreage is known and since the lengths along the creek are given, one can calculate the mean width. Old Ben's land was only 383 yards wide on the average. That is almost exactly seven rods (or poles, as they have called them in those days). Along the creek there are some fields (they would have called them meadows) that were good for cultivation and that surely were included in the property, so at other places Old Ben's property must not have been much wider than the creek bed itself.

Of course, the reason for the narrow strip of land--that is, the reason why that was the shape of the land John Richards had patented--was that only the bottom land along the creek was deemed worth patenting. Since the land was in the sandstone outcroppings or else that were heavily forested. At the time, that adjacent land was unclaimed, not worth even the small cost of a land grant, the cost associated with securing a land grant and patent. That is why John Richards claimed 500 acres of bottom land along the creek rather than, for instance, simply including it in a broader claim for, say, 1000 acres of the surrounding countryside.

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**HFFA WEB PAGE**--For all our members who have computers and Internet, the new URL for HFFA Web page is: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~twiggins/>  
Thanks to Tommy Wiggins for the Web Page. If you have a link to add to the HFFA's page just send it to Tommy: [a0009126@airmail.net](mailto:a0009126@airmail.net)



## Lighter Side of Genealogy

### Tombstone Blues

When her late husband's will was read, a widow learned he had left the bulk of his fortune to another woman.

Enraged, she rushed to change the inscription on her spouse's tombstone.

"Sorry, lady," said the stonecutter. "I inscribed 'Rest in Peace' on your orders. I can't change it now."

"Very well," she said grimly. "Just add, 'Until We Meet Again.' "

The one thing that unites all human beings, regardless of age, gender, religion, economic status, or ethnic background, is that we all believe that we are above-average drivers.

### Genealogist 12 Steps

1. We must realize that our genealogical quest will not be complete in one day. After all, it took longer than that to create.
2. Not all of our ancestors were public figures and that spending more than a year looking for that ancestor is okay.
3. Research means spending a lot of time in musty old libraries, courthouses, and trips to visit cemeteries. While others may find this odd behavior, it's okay.
4. Trying to explain this fascination with dead relatives to others isn't easy. It isn't supposed to be. It's okay.
5. Learning that you were related to the scoundrels and villains of a town, instead of the sheriff and the rich men, doesn't make you any less of a person than you were before you started your research. Finding scum in your family is Okay.
6. Learning that not all the races in your heredity were from the same land is okay.
7. Thinking and believing that you can find all of your genealogy on the Internet is NOT okay. It's a myth. Besides, that would take all of the fun out of this addiction.
8. Realizing that you may be the ONLY one in the universe researching a specific surname is okay.
9. Spending more than six hours a day doing your research is okay.
10. Remember: your ancestors were humans. They made mistakes. Love them anyway.
11. Having pictures of your ancestors to show others is okay. Not having any of your present family...well....
12. Read Diagnosis: Geneaholic's Serenity Prayer

### Genealogist Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the ancestors I cannot find.

The resources to find cousins with the information to fill in the gaps.

And the Inspiration and Motivation to continue my research.

## 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.

This was received by me from someone who found one of my Frye Web Pages. When I get these I send them on to Charles and Harry to see if they can help. I decided this time to add them to Newsletter. I know this is suppose to be a page for members to inquire, but I never have enough from members to fill it. If any of you recognize this Frye and don't have E-mail to answer you can let me or someone else who does know.

Subject: From Your Web Page

My great grandmother was a daughter of a Elizabeth Frye of Mitchell Country NC. Her Name is Queenie Bell Frye Mckinney, She Married Sie Mckinney also of Mitchell Co. Queenie's Father is Unknowned or so documented. Queenie was born on Jan 2 1885. If you have any info, please e-mail me  
Rickabrown@hotmail.com

Received from Isabelle Mitchell Sumney.

I am related to the Mitchell family and the Frye family that went to Tennessee. Mary Anne Mitchell who married Smith Frye is a daughter of Mark Mitchell, I believe. She is of my Mitchell's also. Samuel Frye on whose land this Frye Cemetery is my family also. Query Frye's and Mitchell's from Washington Co. PA to Sumner Co. TN about 1850 to 1860 (?). I believe these Mitchells are related to Mark Mitchell in Washington Co. PA. Mark had brothers John (which is my family), David (also Washington Co. PA), Daniel (went to Richland -Morrow Co. OH about 1820). He had married Margaret Howden of Washington Co. PA. Mark had married (1)Jemima Burt, (2) Polly Freeman, (3) Lucinda Burgan. David Mitchell married (1) Hannah Burt, (2) Elizabeth Crieghton. John Mitchell married (1) Mary Burt, (2) Christana Faulkner. David and John Mitchell. Burt sisters Hannah and Mary both died about December 1823 in Bentleyville of typhoid fever. One John Burt, brother to the Burt family, married Hannah Mitchell. There were three more Mitchell sisters that married Burt brothers. I don't know anything of them.

The Burt brother, William, may have married Margaret Mitchell. These children of Burt's family were of Joseph Burt and Jemima Leonard of Washington Co. PA, and went to Columbiana Co. OH about 1812 and they died in Ohio in 1814.

The Mitchell children are from Robert Mitchell and Eleanor (Ellen or Elizabeth) Brady. I have nothing to prove this.

I would be interested in the Brady family also. The Mithcell and Burt also came from New Jersey to Washington Co. PA, and lived near Bentleyville, PA. I will answer all letters if you include a stamped, self addressed envelope. Thanks for any help.

Received from Nancy Jackson

I am a descendant of an Abraham Free (d.1738) and wife Anne Bevan (b.1708) of Newtown, (then Chester Co., now Delaware Co.) PA. Past researchers of my family history have speculated that Abraham was a son of Heinrich Frey. So far I have found no proof that this was true. Please contact me if you have any information on the parents of Abraham Free or on a son of Heinrich Frey named Abraham.

Nancy Jackson, 105 Hampstead Pl., West Chester, PA 19382 njackson@op.net



**NEW MEMBERS**

I am happy to welcome several new members to HFFA. They are:

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If any of you haven't already sent your line of descent to:

Charles Burgess, Historian, please do so immediately. His address is  
3687 Kent Dr.  
Naples, FL 34112-3764, and his phone is  
941-774-5312.

Hank Adams needs it also for the Links Book. His address is  
1008 Beachview Dr.  
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850-862-4671.

Harry Morrison, Vice-president, needs it for the complete membership roster.  
1149 Hillview Dr. SW  
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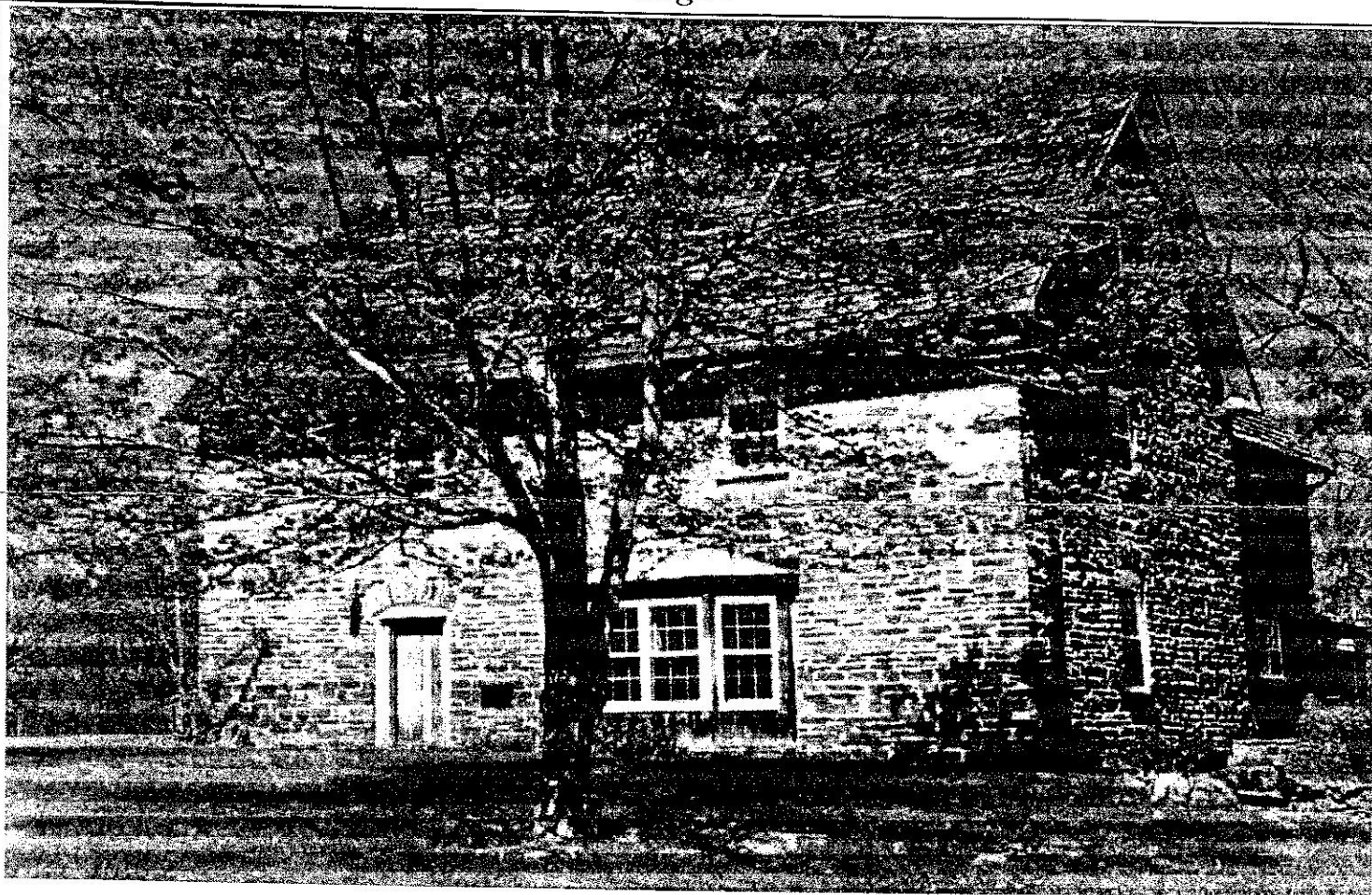
If you would prefer to just send it to me I can see that they all get it. Also, if you have additional information, like phone number or E-mail address, you would like to share with other members send them, and I will see that they are added. Welcome to HFFA and if I can help in any way let me know.

**Cousin to Cousin**

We're from the same shoot, the same family tree,  
Into this world we sprouted, call it destiny!  
It's cousin to cousin - a special thing - a closeness to which we are tied,  
And you have always been there to laugh with me or when I've cried.  
Anyway, I think it's fantastic that you were meant to be ~  
A part of my life, my cousin, you'll always be special to me  
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## Frye Fort House

This is a more current picture of Frye Fort which I purchased at the PA Reunion. I am sorry, but I can't remember who had them for sale. If someone will let me know I will put the information in the next newsletter.

Hank Adams called me and told me that Frye Fort has been purchased, but he couldn't find out who purchased it. I hope they love and take care of it, but I must confess that I had hoped it would be purchased by a descendant so it would be back in the family.

Please submit ideas for the 2002 Reunion  
in California to Wilbur Frye

## Editor's Comments

For those of you who don't know, I have been going through medical testing the last year, and have just been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. I was diagnosed in August, and started on Avonex (Interferon 1a).

This should not cause a problem with my duties to HFFA. I think I will be able to continue with both Membership and the Newsletter.

Thanks to all who have expressed concern and put me in their prayers. I really appreciate it.

*Lynn*

## MEMBER NEWS

Kay And Ralph Nelson's grandson, Daniel Ross Nelson, was born June 21, 2000 to parents William Cheesman and Lori Beth (Wollerman) Nelson in Gaithersburg, MD. He is their first child and our first grandchild. Needless to say, we are most proud of him. Kay says he is beautiful with lots of dark hair, and that he is truly a gift from God. Congratulations to parents and grandparents.

I am sorry to say that I did not hear from any Frye, Keller or Ewalt descendants in HFFA that are willing to contribute a small amount to purchasing a tombstone for Elizabeth Frye Keller Ewalt. The family cemetery is in bad shape, and I only received a couple of answers to my plea for help with the headstone for Elizabeth. The sad thing is that neither of them are on her line. I cannot afford the \$300 myself so I will just have to drop it for now. Maybe sometime in the future I will be able to see this project through.

There is a change to the label on your newsletter. The post office informed me that I could not put the second line that read "Renewal Due January 2000" on the label. It interferes with the sorting machines that they use. I have instead put just the year at the end of your name.

This suggestion came from Sandie Eisenbath. Thanks Sandie. I really appreciate all suggestions. Keep sending in suggestions and information for the newsletter. It is your newsletter.

Jim Frey told me that he now has no more Links Books, and doesn't know yet when more will be printed. Also, there are only a few of the photographs of the group at the PA Reunion so if you want one you better contact Jim now.

Heinrich Frey Family Association Membership  
January 1st through December 31st  
Regular Annual Membership Fee.....\$20.00

*PA 4-22-00*  
*11/27/2000*

Membership year begins January 1, 2000 - ends December 31, 2000  
Thanks to you who have already renewed. If you have overlooked renewal - renew today

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