



# HFFA NEWS

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## Past President James Frey bids a farewell

It hardly seems that long ago, it was the year 1996 and the place Kentucky. Since then, the *Heinrich Frey Family Association* has come a long way. At that meeting, there were just a few computers around and the programs available were just coming into their own.

Two years later, we moved southward to Tennessee, and there was some discussion of possibly setting up a web site for the *Heinrich Frey Family Association*. **Kay Nelson**, a member at that time, offered to put a web site on her Internet server. During the year of 1998, Kay did so and the *Heinrich Frey Family Association* was on the Internet! Jean Smith and her compatriots were in charge for the 1998 reunion and did a wonderful job.

Y2K brought us to the home area of Heinrich with the reunion being held in Morgantown, Pennsylvania. From Morgantown, we toured Philadelphia, Germantown, Montgomery County and Berks County. We visited the areas where Heinrich and his children lived after they were married and settled down to raise a family. For me, I was both president and reunion planner. With the able help of our historian, **Charles Burgess**, the tour of the Heinrich Frey's homesteads proved quite enjoyable. The end of the tour with a traditional Amish wedding feast was one of the highlights.

During the 1998-2000 interval **Kay Nelson** discovered that she was not related to Heinrich as she had believed but was instead descended from a slightly later immigrant. With her resignation from the *Association*, the web site had to be moved. This was placed

on our treasurer's server and we were back on the net.

During this period a newsletter was also being developed. With the resignation of the Membership Chairperson, **Jeanne Jeffrey**, that position and editorship of the newsletter was turned over to **Lynn Vitasek**.

During the 2000-2002 interlude there was a movement to bring our by-laws up-to-date, what with the popularity of computers and the Internet. I had the privilege of helping this committee in their work. This was presented to the membership and was to be voted upon at the 2002 reunion held in California.

California came and **Fannie**, my wife, and I took advantage of the flight out and added two weeks to the reunion weekend and toured some of northern California. We skipped San Francisco as Wil was giving us an all-day tour of that city during the reunion. All told, it was an enjoyable vacation.

With this, I am closing my tenure as President of *Heinrich Frey Family Association* and begin what I really like more. Mailing lists! President, **Charles Burgess** appointed me to the position of Membership Chairperson with the resignation of **Lynn Vitasek**.

So, keep those dues coming!!

**Jim Frey**

### Address Correction/Update Requested!

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## Board Member Biography

### Vice-President Jack Eldred Frye

**Jack** and his wife **Virginia (Ginny) Koch** live in Mechanicsville, Virginia, north of Richmond in Hanover County. They have two children and one grandchild. Their daughter **Erica** is married to **Matthew McCarthy** and they have a daughter named **Maddison**. Their son is **Jack Jr.** Jack's parents are members of HFFA - **Eldred Dalton Frye** and **Peg Frye** as are his brother's family, **Gerald Dalton Frye** and **Janet** and their two sons, **Justin** and **Jeremy**.

Jack was born in Winchester, Virginia on January 30, 1953 and grew up in the Richmond area. He has a BS degree in Geology from Virginia Tech (1975) and an MS degree in Oceanography from Old Dominion University (1978) and has worked for the Commonwealth of Virginia for over twenty-one years. He is the Director of the Division of Soil and Water Conservation in the VA Department of Conservation and Recreation. He oversees statewide programs for controlling water pollution from agricultural operations and construction land disturbance.

A member of HFFA since the fall of 1999 he has been to Frye Fort on Cedar Creek on two occasions; first at the age of 10 in 1963 and again in early 2000. Jack's pictures of the Fort were presented during the 2000 reunion.

My link to (1)Heinrich is:

- (2) Benjamin Frey
- (3) Jacob Frye
- (4) Joseph Frye
- (5) Joseph Frye
- (6) Philip Presley Frye
- (7) Charles B. Frye
- (8) Alva C. Frye
- (9) Eldred Dalton Frye
- (10B) Jack Eldred Frye

Jack's interest in HFFA stems from the fact that he has lived in Virginia most of his life and so have the ancestors that comprise his link back to Heinrich. Jack feels a great sense of place and continuance in knowing that areas of Virginia that he visits are the same places frequented by numerous related Frye generations. Jack states, "A focus of my novice efforts at genealogical research has been to explore means to discover where the earlier generations of my ancestors lived and what they did for a living." "My father has already provided a good basis to work from as a result of efforts he carried out over the past 40 years with deeds, licenses, and military records, etc."

I believe the HFFA should continue to develop resources of specifics about the Heinrich Frye family and work to make those available to interested parties. The association might want to explore developing an 'Introductory Package' of information that could be used by existing members to share with other Frye relations they might know or come across. This might improve member recruitment efforts. I enjoy the publications of HFFA and know that these require quite a bit of effort. I think the quality of past publications is very good and should be maintained. As Vice President, I am here to support the President and other Board members as we work cooperatively to build and strengthen the organization.

## Query

Is anyone researching the line of **Jacob Frey**, son of **Benjamin Frey**? I am interested in **Mary "Polly " Frey** daughter of Jacob that married **Abraham Chrisman** in Frederick County VA. The Frey WebPages has her death as 1821 but I believe she lived much longer, but where? Would appreciate any information on this family.

**Jean Scheer**

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### **Ralph William Fry**

Member, **William B. Fry**, lost his father **Ralph William Fry** on November 16, 2002. Mr. Fry was 88, a resident of Baton Rouge, LA and a native of Gallatin, TN. His wife Mabel L. Witt Fry and children William and Fred M. Fry survive him. He leaves a sister, **Ruby Burnett** of Huntington Woods, MI and a brother, **H. Nelson Fry** of Brooklyn MI, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Mr. Fry was preceded in death by his parents **John R.** and **Mary Fry**.

### **Windshield Tour of "The City"** **By Charles Burgess**

One of the pleasures of the 2002 reunion was the daylong trip by chartered bus for a tour of San Francisco. The bus driver, as tour guide, described the places we were seeing, gave historical anecdotes, and made us feel quite special visitors to the city. When he picked us up at the Community Center in Pacifica, the air was full of fog. He explained how the unusual phenomenon occurs on the San Francisco peninsula. As the central valley heats up, the fog is pushed out to sea. Thus, a foggy morning usually ends with a sunny afternoon.

We first rode through the downtown streets of the city, streets whose names were so familiar, as Market Street, Leavenworth Street, the corner of Haight and Ashbury Streets, Lombard, the crookedest street in the world, and up and down streets so steep, the cars parked at right angles to the curb looked as though, if pushed, they would tumble down the hill like dominos. We visited places equally familiar as The Mission District, Chinatown, the government center of the city with its new and restored buildings, and Fisherman's Wharf.

We rode across the Oakland Bay Bridge with a brief stop on Treasure Island, which I remember as the site of a World's Fair. Then back across the Bay Bridge from Oakland.

We stopped for a sack lunch in Golden Gate Park. Some of us went into the Japanese Tea Garden, but we were told we couldn't bring our food in there. So, we sat on the park benches where we could watch the pigeons beg for a hand out.

We then rode to the Embarcadero where we caught a ferry to Alcatraz Island and a walking tour of the former federal prison. With earphone sets, we got an historically vivid picture of life as it must have been for those prisoners committed here because they were too incorrigible to be housed elsewhere.

After we had all assembled again on the bus, we drove across the Golden Gate Bridge and stopped at a viewing site where those who wished could get off the bus to view the city across the water and to take pictures. A strong cold wind encouraged the viewers to get back on the bus quickly.

Once again back in the city, we went through the Presidio, along the Pacific coast past the Cliff House and Seal Island and the ocean side of Golden Gate Park where the windmill still waits to catch the wind coming in from the west.

Since it was now sunny and clear, we drove to the top of Twin Peaks where we had a great overview of the city. From there it seemed a short time and we were back to our point of departure in Pacifica. I am certain I speak for the members when I say it was a day well spent.

## Association Business

### 2004 HFFA Reunion

**Hank Fry**, who will be in charge of the 2004 Reunion and **Jack Karr**, the Mayor of Iroquois, who is a Frye descendant, are working towards possibly holding the 2004 reunion in Iroquois, Illinois. Iroquois County, Illinois in the northeast part of the state, on Illinois state highway 52 near the Indiana border.

### 2003 Dues/Address Correction

Dues are \$20.00 per year and can be paid in multiples of more than one year. Please make the check out to HFFA and mail to:

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**241 White School Road**  
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## Memorials



**Henderson L. (Hank) Adams**  
27 April 1915 - 14 December 2002

**Henderson L. (Hank) Adams**, 87, of Fort Walton Beach, passed away Saturday, Dec 14, 2002 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Cadiz, OH, April 27, 1915 and was preceded in death by his wife **Gladys Mitchell Adams**; brother **Samuel**; and sister **Pauline Hargrave**. Survivors include daughter **Nancy** of Reston, VA; sons **Hugh**, **Roger** and his wife **Teri**; **Richard** and his wife **Sharon**, and three grandsons **Michael**, **Ryan** and **Travis** of Fort Walton Beach, FL. Hank attended Ohio University, Columbia University, Ohio State University and the University of North Carolina. After college he returned to Cadiz to start his 44-year teaching career. During World War II he

was a Lieutenant in the Navy serving as a Communications Officer. After the war he taught at Marietta College until 1950. Then he went to the University of North Carolina to pursue his Ph.D. In 1953 Hank accepted a Civil Service position at Eglin A.F.B., FL. In 1959 he returned to his teaching career at the F.S.U. campus at Eglin and continued teaching Math until his retirement from O.W.C.C. in 1981. Hank enjoyed golf, bridge, and especially genealogy. He was a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, the local chapter of the U.S. Submarine Veterans, the Frye Family Association, and a past board member of the Heritage Museum Association of Valparaiso. He was listed in the "Who's Who in American Education" in 1951, and in 1975 he was "Outstanding Educator of America" by his fellow educators. Memorial contributions to Covenant Hospice, 101 Hart St, Niceville, FL; American Cancer Society, 4 NE Jackson, FWB, FL; or the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2 Woodham Ave, FWB, FL. Burial followed at Beal Memorial Cemetery, Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

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