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Hi HFFA Cousins,

Here we are again, facing another winter and preparing another HFFA Newsletter. I hope you enjoy the contributions from some of our members who have graciously shared some of their stories with us for this issue.

One member wrote and asked me about the history of HFFA. I had to admit that I did not know our history and asked for some help. President **Charles Burgess** consented to write an article outlining our history. You will find it on page 2 and 3. You might notice that he has given credit to many people for their part in the forming of the association, but neglected to mention himself. He was a big part of all the activities and meetings that took place to create HFFA but modestly left his own part out of the story.

Another special article is by **Mark Friden** of upstate New York. When I first read it I thought it was wonderful and hope you enjoy it as much as I.

I also received some interesting things from **Billie Tone**, **Rich Carson**, and new member **Richard W. Frey**. With contributions like these, my work is pretty simple. I try to get everyone's

story into the issue and not bore you with my own words all the time.

Thank you to all who have contributed items for this issue.

Let me take this time to remind everyone that HFFA membership Chairman **Wil Frye** is accepting dues for 2009. Our memberships are on a calendar basis and expire on Dec. 31. It's always a big job to keep our membership numbers up. We can do our part by sending our dues in right now.

Send \$25 in dues to

Wil Frye

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Make checks out to HFFA. You can pay in advance for additional years so that you don't have to remember every year to pay your dues.

As my space comes to an end on this page, Rose and I would like to wish you all a **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

I'll be back with our next issue in February. Thanks for reading this one.

Mike

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The **Heinrich Frey Family Association** dates back to 1992 when a meeting was held on the July 4th weekend in Palmyra, MO to see if there was interest in forming a family group. The idea for such a meeting was the brainchild of our journal editor, **Jonathan M. Frye** of Jamestown, OH, but the actual work fell on the shoulders of his father, **L. Bertice Frye** of Xenia, OH. Bert made contact by letter and phone with as many Fries as possible. Arrangements were made to meet in the social hall of the Catholic Church in Palmyra. His brother, **Eugene Frye** of Kansas City, KS, assisted him in obtaining motel reservations. Hosts to sponsor the meeting were **Richard Frye** and his wife, **Genevieve**, of Palmyra. On July 3rd, 1992, over 100 people from 16 states attended. All were enthusiastic about forming a family association. Most of the people knew how they were descended in their Frye lines. Others did not know and were hoping to find out who their ancestors were. In honor of the occasion, **Ester Frye**, Bert's wife, made two large dolls dressed in Colonial garb to represent **Heinrich** and **Anna Catherine Frey**.

On Sunday morning, July 4th, a business meeting was held. It was decided that before an association was formed, a set of by-laws would have to be written. This meant there would have to be a later meeting. Temporary officers, **L. Vernon Frye** of Williamsport, PA. as President. and his brother. **Harold R. Frye** of

Charleroi, PA, as Vice President in charge of finances, were chosen for one year. To cover upcoming expenses, dues of \$10 per family per year were agreed upon. In order to communicate better with present day descendants, nine clan leaders were selected to represent 14 states. In this sense, they were not representing lines of descent but areas of residence. Most who attended were descended from **Benjamin and Christina Frey** of Frye Fort in Virginia. It was decided to meet the following year in Charleroi, PA. After the meeting a catered dinner was held with dessert provided by the ladies of Palmyra.

The second reunion was held the weekend of July 4th, 1993 at the Mon Valley YMCA north of Charleroi, PA. All arrangements for it were made by **Harold R. Frye**. He sent out publicity letters, registration forms, and lists of hotels and motels in the area. He reserved two rooms at the YMCA and ordered a catered meal to be served on Sunday. Saturday evening was registration and a social meeting. Harold designed a Frey logo which he had printed on mugs and other items to be sold at the reunion to help defray expenses.

At the business meeting on Sunday, the by-laws, written by **L. Vernon Frye** with the help of a committee, were adopted and the Heinrich Frey Family Association was created. Officers were elected. **L. Vernon Frye** continued as

President, **Harold R. Frye** declined to serve as the financial officer but consented to continue as Vice President. **Beverly Raber** of Mechanicsburg, PA was selected to serve as Recording Secretary and **Jane Wilmer** of Doylestown, PA agreed to serve as Treasurer. It was decided to hold reunions every second year. In order that reunions be held on even numbered years, it was decided to have the next reunion in 1994 in Virginia. It was decided that all who paid their dues at the Palmyra reunion and at the Charleroi reunion and during the time between these two reunions would be considered charter members.

The third reunion was held in August 1994. At the invitation of the Frye-Warden reunion, HFFA met with them at the Ruretan Club in Yellow Springs, West Virginia on August 20th Then on the 21st, HFFA met at the Best Western Motor Inn in Winchester, VA **L. Vernon Frye** made all of the arrangements for this meeting. At the business meeting, it was suggested that a plaque be placed on Frye Fort. A committee was named to do this. Because of the frustration and lack of cooperation he felt in conducting the reunion, **L. Vernon Frye** resigned as President. **Harold R. Frye** followed by resigning as Vice President. His reason was because of the serious illness of a family member. In order to involve other lines of Heinrich's descendants, **James E. Frey** of Honeybrook, PA was asked if he would be willing to accept the Presidency. While most members at the time were descendants of Heinrich's son,

Benjamin, James was a descendant of Heinrich's son, John. **Wilbur C. Frye** of Pacifica, CA was elected Vice President. The other officers were continued in office.

Two years later in 1996, the fourth reunion was held in Lexington, KY organized by **Marilyn Frye Roberts** of Irvine, KY. There it was decided to hold the fifth reunion in 1998 at Gallatin, Tenn. A committee of Gallatin residents volunteered to make all of the arrangements. They did an excellent job through hard work and cooperation.

In 2000, the sixth reunion was held in the Philadelphia area. Our President, **James E. Frey**, was in charge of the arrangements. Then came the 2002 reunion in the San Francisco area with **Wilbur C. Frye** of Pacifica, Ca handling local arrangements. The local member in charge of arrangements for the 2004 reunion failed to make the necessary reservations, so the reunion was postponed to the following year when **Gordon Fry** of Coffeyville, KS took on the responsibilities required for a successful reunion. Thus the even numbered year sequence was broken. In 2007 the reunion was held in Des Moines, IA with the excellent guidance of members **Iris Starkey** of Riverside, Ca and her sister-in-law, **Iveta Zeliadt**, of IA.

The purpose of the association has always been the development and furtherance of the history of the family. This has resulted in our family journals, our newsletters, and our Family Links book which has evolved into a second edition.

Charles J. Burgess

RECORD KEEPING

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In the August issue, **George S. Frye** was reported as a new member. That is incorrect, he is a rejoining member. I apologize for the error.

Mike

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Wilbur and Arlene Frye are pleased to announce the birth of their second Great Grandchild - **Martin John Roche, Jr.**

Born at 7:47 AM on October 10, 2008, in Pleasanton, CA.

His proud parents are Martin Daniel "Dan" and Lara (Olander) Roche of Dublin, California.

Martin Jr's direct line: Heinrich > Benjamin > Abraham > Abraham > Thomas > Reazen > Thomas > Charles > Charles "Jack" > Wilbur > Joell & Richard Roche > Martin "Dan" > Martin Jr.

Some of you might remember meeting Dan Roche and his brother's Doug and Ryan at both the Lexington's and Pacifica's reunions.

DEATH NOTICE

Donald Cleatie Cox, 89, of Advance, Missouri, died Sunday, 12 Oct 2008 at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, MO. He was born 11 Jan 1919 in Swinton, MO. He was the son of **Claude and Edna Pearl Frye Cox**. (Pearl is a daughter of **Isaac Minor Frye** and his first wife, **Lulu Addie Brant**.) Survivors include two brothers, **Warren Cox** of Burley, ID and **Lloyd Cox**, and a sister, **Maude Dalton** of California, MO.

This information was sent in by Cleatie's niece **Dorothy Riley** (daughter of Maude Dalton), **Marti Frye**, and **Dan Frye**, all members of HFFA.

MARRIAGES

HFFA Member **Shirley Coad** reports her son David Keith Harms had two of his daughters married in Oct.

Angeline E. Harms married Frank Frisch on 11 Oct 2008.

Mary K. Harms married Casey Lee on 14 Oct 2008.

MEET A MEMBER

Here is a note sent in by Rich Carson. He is very active doing genealogy research in many of his family lines. He attended the 2007 Reunion in Des Moines.

I am Paul Richard Carson, but my friends and relatives call me Rich. My great-grandmother was Lorinda Fry (1851-1929). Her father was Noah Fry (1825-1884).

Since retiring I've been living in a 5th wheel trailer moving around the country. I usually spend the winters in FL and return to PA for the summer.

I taught in the Bentworth School District for 33 years retiring in 1996. While living in California, PA, I was active in the Volunteer Fire Dept, Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, Library Board, Senior Center, and Historical Society.

Since traveling for the last 12 years I've not been active with most of those organizations but have been helping with the

Historical Society doing cemetery censuses. This summer I helped complete 3 cemeteries totaling over 5,200 individual entries and digital pictures.

I have also been active with my own genealogy containing over 53,000 family members. At this time I have over 3,000 family tombstone pictures and more than 1,700 family obituaries.

While returning from FL in May of 2007 I visited the Gallatin, TN Area and with the help of Roy and Carolyn Gregory and George "Scottie" and Robbie Frye I added 150 tombstone pictures and 100 obituaries to this collection. It was great meeting the relatives and their help was greatly appreciated.

Family is also important to me. Since I spend 6 months away from my family here in PA. I spend as much time during the summer with my 3 nephews and 2 nieces and 8 great nephews and 4 nieces.

Since cool weather is approaching I plan on heading South the first week of November. My plans for this winter include stays in Apopka, Naples, and Miami. If you're in the area this winter you may see me riding by on my strange looking recumbent bicycle.

Rich Carson

In the August, 2008 Newsletter, we heard from Billie Tone and her upcoming trip to France. She sent a follow-up note to tell us that the trip was a success. In her note she mentions the Bertolet Mennonite Meeting House and Burying Ground. in Pennsylvania at the 2000 HFFA Reunion, that church and cemetery were one of the stops on our chartered bus trip around the area.

I was in Paris in September for the Paix 1783 with the DAR/SAR/Cincinnati representing my Revolutionary ancestors, Samuel Bertolet and his wife, Esther Frye Bertolet. Here is a picture taken at Versailles. I am the one in the middle.



I also stopped in Oley, Pennsylvania on the way home to California and visited the Bertolet Mennonite Meeting House and Burying Ground where Samuel and Esther are buried.

It was a wonderful and inspiring trip and I will never forget it. I was very proud to be an American.

**Billie Tone
Arcadia, CA**

LINEAGE CHART FOR NEW MEMBER, MARLENE A. DELL

Jacobus Van De Walle - Agatha Hess

Rosier Levering — Elizabeth Van De Walle

John Wigard Levering — Magdalena Boker

Heinrich Frey — Anna Catherine Levering

Elizabeth Catherine Frey — John Muller/Miller

Salome Miller — Daniel Knauss

Charlotte Knauss — John George Eck

Daniel Eck - Mary Margaret Rebecca Kehs

James Eck — Mary Lovina Livengood

Sarah Aim Eck — Jacob Anthony Siegfried

Ellen Hannah Siegfried — Leander Franklin Buser

Cecilia Buser — Charles Raymond Dell

Edward M. Dell — Mary Elizabeth Dunne

Marlene Dell (me)

I look forward to further researching the early days of my heritage through the work you and your organization has done already.

Sincerely,

**Marlene A. Dell
Pittsburgh, PA**

A couple of issues ago, President Charles Burgess urged members to get DNA testing done to help establish their heritage. Richard W. Frey and Bruce Frey did just that and here is their story.

I did not know if I qualified to join HFFA until I had Y-DNA testing performed. My results showed a good match to Cousin **Bruce Frey**. He was able to assist me in tracing my Frey pedigree from my known great- great-grandfather, **Rev James Frey**, to **Heinrich Frey**. I will be forever thankful to Cousin Bruce for his help.

In addition to this favorable result from the Y-DNA testing, I was able to meet a cousin who also lives in California and works not too far from where I live. Cousin **Robert Fry** also had Y-DNA testing performed and because of the match, I pursued a personal meeting with him and his wife **Marilyn**. We met on Balboa Island and had a great chat. Even though we are 8th cousins once removed, look at the remarkable resemblance in our appearance. I am about 10 years younger than Robert and am on the right side of the picture.

I can't stress the value in Y-DNA testing.

Richard W. Frey
Fresno, CA



Robert Fry **Richard Frey**
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RURAL AMERICA IN THE 21ST CENTURY

One of our members, **Mark Friden**, lives in Star Lake, NY. It is a small town in the Adirondacks of upstate New York. He contributed to my informal HFFA survey about the activities of our members. His story was part of the May, 2008 issue. He told us he was the Town's Judge, Treasurer for the Library Board of Trustees, Elder in the Church, Cemetery Board of Trustees, Registrar of Vital Statistics, former Hospital Board Director, and former Town Election Inspector. While all that involvement and leadership might sound impressive, he assured us it was no big deal because Star Lake is a small town and the same 20 people do everything.

Mark has become one of my regular and irregular Email correspondents. He sent me the following piece explaining life in rural America and contrasting the 1930's with the present. Hope you enjoy his story as much as I did. - Mike

RURAL AMERICA IN THE 21ST CENTURY

"It is interesting, from an historical standpoint, how things have actually *regressed* in some ways.

"My grandparents moved to Cranberry Lake, which is 13 miles east of here [Star Lake, NY] in the 1930's. There was no road to their property - it was accessible by boat **only**. (Or, in the winter, by car, driven over the ice.) Their place is surrounded by State land and is in the Adirondack State Park, where the New York State lands are protected by a special clause in the state constitution that says "all the forest preserve lands in the Adirondack Park are to remain forever wild." So, not one single tree of any size can ever be cut down - not without an amendment to the state constitution!

"But, my grandparents had mail delivery! We used to have a mailbox on the end of our dock, and the Mail boat would come 6 days a week and deliver mail. If we had outgoing mail, we'd hang a big flag out so the boat captain would know to stop in case there was no mail to deliver to us that day. The Mail boat lasted until the early 1970's. Now, the Postmistress says the contract has been dormant for so long they would probably never approve anyone taking it over.

"SO, there **WAS** mail delivery in the 1930's, but **NOT** in the 21st Century!

"The village where I live, Star Lake, now has home mail delivery, which is relatively new. Everyone in the villages of Cranberry Lake, Fine, Wanakena, and Newton Falls have no option - there is **NO** home mail delivery, so people in those places **MUST** get their mail at a PO Box. Because there is no option, Post Office boxes are free. Think of all those companies and businesses that refuse to ship to a PO Box!!! (As a Cranberry Lake property owner, I get a free mail box, too.)

"You would think it would get tricky with UPS, but they will deliver to the Post Office at Cranberry Lake, when the billing address is a PO Box.

"I'm not sure exactly when it was, but back in the 1930's there was a Rural Electrification Project aimed at bringing electricity to farms and small rural communities. However, it never got to Cranberry Lake. We always had our own generator for electricity. We never purchased anything that needed to run all day, 24/7, on electricity. We ran the generator for a few hours in the evening so we would have enough light to do the dishes (water was heated on the stove up into the 1980's), and then just let it run out of gas, usually about 10 pm. (It had a small tank.)

"BUT, the Rural Electrification Project finally caught up with us in Cranberry Lake. The summer of 2008, marked the 20th anniversary of "real" electricity. In 1988, an underwater cable was run to a State-run Biological Station several miles down the lake. (The Station also did not have a road.) The step-down transformer was on our Point, and we all got to hook up. It cost a one-time fee of \$8,000 for the privilege, but we now have "real" electricity 24/7. We now have a water heater, and were also able to get rid of the gas refrigerator, the kind with the freezer the size of a box of Kleenex. AND, we don't have to worry about remembering to wind the alarm clock every night.

"Even though they had to provide their own electricity in the 1930's, my grandparents had telephone service. A line ran through the woods, suspended by porcelain insulators nailed to the trees. When my grandparents left during W.W.II, the line went down and was never replaced. There is still no telephone service.

"The Adirondack Park Agency does not allow cell towers to be erected in the Adirondack Park except along I - 87 (the Adirondack North way, which runs from Albany to Montreal.) To this day, I can say I have never owned a cell phone. They don't work here. The nearest tower is quite a ways away. At our "camp" on Cranberry Lake, there is no cell phone reception, either. You can get a signal if you get in a boat

and go about a mile out into the lake - not what you'd call convenient for receiving calls . . .

"SO, there **WAS** telephone service in the 1930's, but **NOT** in the 21st Century!

"I am the Town Judge in Cranberry Lake and it is interesting because of the exceptions that have to be made for doing business in a place without cell service and no home mail delivery service. Special Delivery Mail that is supposed to go to the house (for courts summonses and other documents) **STILL** goes to the PO Box. There are no other options!

"We have a very small-town way of life. This past May I was at the Post Office in Cranberry Lake to mail a Mother's Day card to a close family friend. As I was handing it to the Postmistress, she said "Mary Ann already picked up her mail today and now she is on her way to Delaware to visit her brother for a few days. Do you want me to see if I have his address down there so I can forward it for you?" I didn't have the address so the Postmistress just went ahead and sent it for me.

"Life in rural America - gotta love it!"

**Mark Friden
Star Lake, NY**

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issues of Newsletter and two of Journal each | year.

Heinrich Frye Family Association

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