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From the Editor

This edition of the newsletter is the last one before the HFFA Texas Reunion so most of it is dedicated to the Reunion.

We hope there is a good turnout. Many of our cousins and kin went through Texas on their journey to somewhere else, and many of them stayed. Efforts are being made to find our Texas cousins and invite them to the reunion.

Meanwhile, the rest of us will be traveling to Mineola from all across the country. Having been to three reunions already, I'm finally starting to figure out who some of the people are who have attended the same ones that I have, Morgantown PA, Coffeerville, KS, and Des Moines, IA.

I'm especially looking forward to meeting some of the folks who have become regular email friends. In fact, Janet Goforth and I have pledged brotherhood and sisterhood upon each other and are anxious to finally meet in person.

HFFA has a large collection of books, notebooks, and other

documents. This collection is called our Archives. They have been in the possession of our host, Tommy Wiggins. Our Archives will be on display at the reunion. They should be interesting.

President Charles Burgess has a full rundown on the program and events of the reunion in his message. It looks interesting enough to me to want to be there. I hope it does the same for you.

Your next newsletter will come out in August. I'd like some more submissions from as many of you as possible.

Respond to this question: What (or who) got you interested in genealogy?

I've received some submissions already, but won't have space in this issue to include them.

It will be nice to see you in Mineola. Make sure to say hello.

Mike Speers

Chardon, OHIO

President's Message

Attention Reunion Attendees

Time is running short for you to make your room reservations at the **Mineola Best Western Inn**. To reserve one of the rooms, which they are holding until June 1st, call **(903) 565 - 5331**. To get the reduced rate, you must mention the **Frey Reunion**.

Tommy Wiggins has been working diligently to get things ready for the reunion. The schedule of events and activities for Friday, June 26th, and Saturday, June 27th at the **Harold Simmons Community Center in Golden, Texas** is as follows:

Friday Morning 9:00 a.m.

Doors open for the inspection and the use of our **HFFA Archives**. The Archives will be available until 5:00 p.m.

The meeting of the HFFA Board of Officers & Directors will meet at 4:00 p.m.

Friday Evening:

Registration of attendees will start at 6:00 p.m.

Our **Meet and Greet** will run from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Snacks & finger food will be available at the Meet & Greet.

Saturday Morning:

Our program will begin at **9:00 a.m.**

First, we will have a discussion on the aspects of putting out information on **living people**. This presentation will be led by **Jon Frye**.

Next we will have a group discussion of our **Texas ancestors**. We will try to remember all who moved to Texas who were descendants of Heinrich Frey.

This will be followed by a presentation by **Norman Schulze** on our **German heritage**.

We will end the morning program at **noon** so attendees may disperse for lunch at which time they will be on their own.

Saturday afternoon:

Our **HFFA Business Meeting** will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Our **evening meal**, which is being catered, will start at 6:00 p.m.

Following the meal, we may be fortunate enough to enjoy a **chalk talk by Ester Frye**.

I have a query. Does anyone know any of the present day Frys who live in **Fannin County, Texas** or descendants of those Frys who settled in Fannin County? They should be invited to the reunion.

Sincerely

Charles J. Burgess

Naples, FL

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BIRTH

We have another new great grandson. **Jonah Lee**, son of Mary (Harms) and Casey Lee, born 2 Feb 2009. Jonah has a "big" brother, **Micah Alan Lee**, who was born 16 Oct 2006.

Shirley Coad
Mesa, AZ

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ELECTIONS:

At the business meeting being held on Saturday, June 27 at the HFFA Reunion, the election of officers and board members for 2009 – 2011 will be held. Please contact Gordon Fry for nominations. Present officers and board members are also asked to confirm that they are running again, if that is their intention. Gordon can be reached at (620) 741 – 0391 or at GFry1@cox.net.

**Gordon Fry
Arkansas City, KS**

Hi, Mike.

We just received the HFFA Newsletter yesterday, and I enjoyed reading it this morning. You asked about people who might pronounce their name as "Fray." You may have already heard from Richard Frey, whose photograph you featured in last month's newsletter with my husband, Bob Fry. When we visited with him, he told us that his family knew that the correct pronunciation was Fry, but at the turn of the century (19th Century to 20th Century), someone in his family decided to pronounce it "Fray." So for the past 100 years, that is how people in his branch of the family have pronounced it.

We will see you at the reunion in June!

**MARILYN FRY
Costa Mesa, CA**

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE INTERNET

A few years ago a there was a discussion of the documentation of Heinrich Frey's arrival. It was recalled that the original document was in the possession of the Pennsylvania Historical Society and the first publication of the data was made by the Society in their bulletin "The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography" Vol. VIII, 1884, pp 328-340.

In 1975, Michael Tepper, an editor at the Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD consolidated all of the ship passenger lists from the Pennsylvania Magazine and published "Emigrants to Pennsylvania, 1641-1819".

Now you can read the original. Go to <http://www.archive.org/index.php> Use the complete name for your site search, THE PENNSYLVANIA MAGAZINE OF HISTORY AND BIOGRAPHY and limit the search to TEXTS .

For those without internet access here is the entry from pp 337,338, names spelled as in original:

The ffrancis and Dorothy ffrom London Richard Bridgeman

Commander Arrived at Philadelphia the 16 th of the 8 th month 1685.

The Passengers names are as followeth:

Isaac Sheepear and Gertrude his wife and Margaret his Daughter.

John Peter Umstat and Barbara his wife, John his sonn, Margaret and Eve his Daughters.

Garret Hendrix and Mary his wife and Sarah his Daughter. **Henry Fry his servant.**

Peter Shoemaker and Peter his sonn, Mary his Daughter & Sarah his cosen, Frances and Gertrude his Daughters.

Henry Pookeholes and Mary his wife.

Aron Wonderley.

John Saxby and Eliz : his wife & John and Thomas his sons arid Elizabeth Lucy and Ester his Daughters.

**George Bennett
Chalfont, PA**

Norm Schulze will present a program at the Reunion about the German heritage of Heinrich Frey.

REUNION UPDATE:

The 2009 HFFA Reunion is being held Friday and Saturday, June 26th and 27th in Mineola, Texas, hosted by Reunion Chair Tommy Wiggins. Mineola is located in east Texas at the intersection of US highway 69

and I80 about eighty miles east of Dallas, Texas and one hundred miles east of DFW International Airport. The headquarters for the reunion will be the Mineola Inn, a Best Western motel that opened in mid 2007 with 50 rooms and suites.

The meetings will be held at the Harold Simmons Community Center in downtown Golden, Texas about 9 miles from the Mineola Inn.

The reunion attendance fee is \$25.00 per person. Tommy needs you to preregister so he has a count for food and refreshments.

Make out your check to HFFA and mail to:

Tommy D. Wiggins
697 County Road 2950
Alba, TX 75410-5641
e-mail tdw1946@airmail.net
phone (903) 768-2412

Rooms are available at Mineola Inn at a special rate for attendees until June 1. To get the reduced rate, tell them you belong to the Frey Family Reunion group. Making room reservations are the responsibility of the individual members.

The Best Western Mineola Inn
100 Debby Lane (Highway 69)
Mineola TX 75773
Phone (903) 569-5331

If you have any questions, please contact either Tommy (see above) or Charles J. Burgess, (239) 774-5312, cjburgess@naples.net

The following was sent to me by HFFA Vice President **Gordon Fry**. I already have sent the list to our members who receive their newsletters via email and have received responses telling me they have gone to the list and found some things that stumped them before. Here is the list for everyone. I hope you find it useful as well. **Our thanks go to Natalie D. Cottrill, the President and CEO of ProGenealogists, Inc. who has given us permission to reprint this list.**

50 Most Popular Genealogy Websites for 2009

Kory L. Meyerink, MLS, AG, FUGA

This list was created in the first quarter of 2009. It was developed from a list of criteria explained in an article published in the Digital Genealogist, edited by Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens. The 2008 ranking is given in parenthesis after the website description. Sites new to the list for 2009 are marked with *.

Rank Website Coverage/Content

1. Ancestry.com \$ - Ancestry.com is the leading genealogical data site, with some articles, instruction, and reference help. (1)
2. Genealogy.com \$ - This is major data site, with instruction and reference help. (4)
3. MyHeritage.com - MyHeritage focuses on genealogy community building and networking. (3)
4. RootsWeb.com - Rootsweb is a major data site, with free instruction and reference help. (2)
5. MyFamily.com - Hosts family websites for sharing photos, genealogy, and more. (5)
6. FamilySearch.org - This is a major data website sponsored by the LDS Church and includes with instruction and reference help. (5)
7. FindAGrave.com - A database of cemetery inscriptions and photos. (7)
8. Geni.com - Web 2.0 and focuses on genealogy community building and networking. (18)
9. Footnote.com \$ - In conjunction with the U.S. National Archives, Footnote offers data, original records images, and more. (8)
10. AncestorHunt.com - A site consisting of collected genealogy links. (12)
11. OneGreatFamily.com \$ - This is primarily a family trees sharing and collaboration website. (9)
12. GenealogyToday.com - Genealogy Today includes instruction, reference articles, and includes some unique data collections. (11)
13. WorldVitalRecords.com \$ - WVR is also known as Family Link, and represents a major data website, with instruction and reference help. (10)
14. AccessGenealogy.com - A website that includes references to helpful articles, especially for Native American information, and some data. (13)
15. USGennet.org - Historical and genealogical web hosting service. (17)
16. Interment.net - Transcribed and indexed cemetery inscriptions. (16)
17. CyndisList.com - A huge website dedicated to cataloguing genealogy website links. (15)
18. GeneBase.com - A DNA ancestry cataloguing project (24)
19. SearchForAncestors.com - Interactive directory of free genealogy websites and data. (21)
20. EllisIsland.org - Database of passenger lists that is free to search. Actual passenger list images can be purchased. (14)

21. FamilyTreeMaker.com - Homepage for Ancestry.com's genealogical software. (20)
22. KindredKonnections.com \$ - Grassroots created data site with compiled family Trees, and some extracted records. (19)
23. DistantCousin.com - An online archive of genealogy records and images of historical documents. (22)
24. Linkpendium.com - A collection of genealogy links categorized by region and surname. (35)
25. DeathIndexes.com - Lists of links to United States death records, by state. (31)
26. FamilyTreeDNA.com - DNA testing service focused upon family history test types. (27)
27. CousinConnect.com - A large free queries website. (23)
28. TribalPages.com - Family trees hosting and charting program. (25)
29. CensusFinder.com - Links to free census records. (40)
30. USGenWeb.com - A group of volunteers working together to provide free genealogy websites for genealogical research in every county and every state of the United States. (49)
31. GenealogyBank.com \$ - Database with index of newspapers and early books. (41)
32. JewishGen.org - Jewish, reference, instruction, coordination, and databases. (28)
33. PoliticalGraveyard.com - Comprehensive source of U.S. political biography that tells where many dead politicians are buried. (34)
34. Genuki.org.uk - Large collection of genealogical information pages for England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man. (32)
35. *Genealogytrails.com - Three year old site with free data contributed by volunteers (not ranked)
36. GenCircles.com - Upload and share your family trees. (30)
37. *GenoPro.com - Genealogy software that produces genograms (53)
38. Census-Online.com - Links to censuses and census abstracts. (46)
39. HeritageQuestOnline.com \$ - Census, PERSI (the periodical index), books. (39)
40. US-Census.org - Census abstracts (U.S. GenWeb Census Project) (37)
41. Daddezio.com - Website focused upon Italian research, with instruction, information and more. (33)
42. Geneanet.org - A collection of family trees, community, and submitted records. (36)
43. GenWed.com - Online marriage records, where to order, some indexes, and more. (42)
44. ObitCentral.com - Obituary database for finding obituaries and performing cemetery searches. (29)
45. *ObitLinksPage.com - State-by-state directory of obituaries and obituary resources. (not ranked)
46. FindMyPast.com \$ - Indexes to British records of many types. (50)
47. *FamilyHistory101.com - Less than two years old and full of instruction and guidance for genealogists (107)
48. AncientFaces.com - Share genealogy research, community pages, family photos & records more for free. (38)
49. *Dar.org - Site of the largest lineage society; includes their library catalog and 32 million name index. (67)
50. GenealogyLinks.net - Links to free sites, arranged by state and county.

LINKS

New member **Courtney Morehen** sent us her link to Heinrich Frey. You'll see that starting with generation 6, she has given us some new names from those that are in the **Links Book** at present. Welcome Courtney to HFFA.

- 1) Heinrich Frey/Anna Catherine Levering >
- 2) Benjamin Frey/Christena >
- 3) Henry Fry/Frey m Fanny (Littler) >
- 4) Sarah Fry/Frey/Benjamin Moore >
- 5) Nancy Moore/Eli Bishop >
- 6) Thomas Hampton Hall/Rebecca Bishop >
- 7) Margaret Alice Hall/Abraham Hayes Patrick >
- 8) Ellwyn (Elwin) Rudolph Patrick/(1)Stella Irene Benson >
- 9) Shirley Rae Patrick/(2)Jefferson James Graves >
- 10) **Courtney (Graves) Morehen/Robert J. Morehen**

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Lynn Vitasek is a returning member. In fact, when I first joined HFFA, she was the Newsletter Editor at the time. Welcome Back Lynn. Here are her Links.

- 1) Heinrich Frey/Anna Catherine Levering
- 2) Benjamin Frey/Christena
- 3) Abraham Fry/Agnes Ann Young
- 4) Elizabeth Fry/Henry Ewalt
- 5) Henry Ewalt/Ketturah Stamps
- 6) Noah Ewalt/Mary Johnson

- 7) Lucinda Ewalt/Early Story
- 8) Virginia Story/Frank White
- 9) **Lynn White Vitasek/Edward Vitasek**

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ANCESTORS

Dear Ancestor,

*Your tombstone stands among the rest,
Neglected and alone.*

*The name and date are chiseled out
On polished, marbled stone.*

*It reaches out to all who care,
It is too late to mourn.*

You died, and I was born.

*Yet each of us are cells of you,
In flesh, in blood, in bone,
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse,*

Entirely not our own.

Dear Ancestor,

*The place you filled one hundred years ago,
Spreads out among the ones you left,
who would have loved you so.*

*I wonder if you lived and loved,
I wonder if you knew,
That someday I would find this spot,*

And come to visit you.

(Author Unknown)

**Heinrich Frye Family Association
Links Book Order Form**

Order Date: _____

Publication: ***"Our Links to the Past"***
(Links Book), Revision 2007.

Member Price: \$50.00 with "D"
Binder,
ordered ____, Total \$ _____

\$45.00 without Binder,
ordered ____, Total \$ _____

Non-member: \$60.00 with "D" Binder,
ordered ____, Total \$ _____

\$55.00 without Binder,
ordered ____, Total \$ _____

Price includes postage.
Not a member? Join now
Membership Dues \$25.00 for year
2009.

Total \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

**Make Check Payable to HFFA:
Send to: Wilbur C. Frye
21966 Dolores St., Apt 128
Castro Valley, CA 94546-6961**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Orders will be mailed at mid-month
following the end of each calendar
quarter.
(Prices subject to change without notice)

Heinrich Frey Family Association

Summary Income/Expense Report

**January 1, 2008 thru December 31,
2008**

Beginning Balance			\$ 4,267.67
Income			
- Dues	\$	3,865.00	
- Links Books	\$	460.00	
- Journals	\$	44.40	
- Web Site Donation	\$	350.00	
Total Income			\$ 4,719.40
Expenses			
- Journals	\$	4,138.41	
- Newsletters	\$	414.24	
- Links Books	\$	499.94	
- Web Site	\$	400.00	
- Bank Services	\$	108.00	
Total Expenses			\$ 5,560.59
Ending Balance			\$ 3,426.48

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