



# HFFA NEWS

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## HELLO COUSINS, KIN, AND OTHER READERS

Here we are, in the part of the year when Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years make up the busiest time of the year and we hope that everyone is in the midst of a long and continued celebration. Of course the stores began their celebration about Labor Day. But, here we are today with blessings and joys ahead of us with so many things to be thankful for that we are, indeed, fortunate to able to celebrate it all.

Among the things to be looking ahead to in 2013 is the **HFFA Reunion**. It will be **June 12 - 16 in Kansas City**. Our president, **Gene Frye**, has an article on page 2 with some of the details so that we can make our plans. It will be fun to be with cousins that we have met at past reunions and to meet new ones who will come to KC to see what a reunion is like. Rose and I have attended reunions in Morgantown, PA, Coffeerville, KS, Des Moines, IA, Mineola, TX, and Winchester, VA and none of them have been the same. We have enjoyed each one and have been thankful that we were able to attend and meet so many interesting people. KC will be the same, guaranteed! The only one we missed since we've been part of HFFA is the reunion in Pacifica, CA and now I sure wish I'd been to that one too.

Twice a year, in the Nov. and Feb. newsletters, I take the time to make a commercial for HFFA membership. Our dues are paid on a yearly basis, and our current memberships will expire on Dec. 31, 2012. That means it is time to renew. Please send your renewals to our

Membership Chairman, Marti Frye. Our dues are \$25 per year. We receive our HFFA Journals and Newsletters among our benefits of membership. Please make out a check payable to HFFA and send it to:

**Marti Frye**  
**308 Bellevue Plantation Rd.**  
**Lafayette, LA 70503**

Many of you have paid in advance and have your membership renewed already. Thank you for your confidence in HFFA. If anyone else wants to pay in advance, simply pay \$25 per year for as far in advance as you desire. Right now we have 30 cousins who have paid in advance including three who have paid through 2016 already. If you are in doubt about your status please contact Marti at

[Ralph.frye@lusfiber.net](mailto:Ralph.frye@lusfiber.net)

Membership in HFFA could be a great Christmas present for a sibling, cousin, uncle or aunt. Let's get someone else in the family interested in our history.

## HFFA TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>Balance, Aug., 2012</b>	<b>\$5533.16</b>
<b>Deposits</b>	<b>\$ 101.50</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 90.60</b>

**Current Balance, Nov. 2012 \$5544.06**

Notable expenses include \$87.71 for the Aug. Newsletter.

We continue to receive membership checks and purchases of back issues of the journal.

This report respectfully submitted by

**Mike Speers, Treasurer HFFA  
and Newsletter Editor**

## Greetings Family,

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas to all! The most special holidays of the year are soon upon us. May you enjoy them with your family and friends in peace.

**We're excited to announce the preliminary agenda for the 2013 HFFA National Reunion, which will be held Wednesday, June 12 through Sunday, June 16.**

**June 13**, Thursday will be our all-day meeting to discuss the family lineage connection to the Kansas City area. The agenda will be announced later. At some point during the day, we will also hold a short business meeting.

**June 14**, Friday, will be a full day bus excursion to St. Joseph (38 miles) to explore the Pony Express National Museum which features Johnny Fry as the first Pony Express rider to the West. We will also visit the Jesse James Home Museum, the location where the infamous outlaw Jesse James was shot and killed on April 3, 1882.

On **June 15**, Saturday, we will have another bus excursion to visit family-related cemeteries and other places to be determined.

The meeting has been confirmed at the **Hyatt Place** hotel and includes a nice hot breakfast, free WIFI, free airport transfers plus free local transportation within a 3 mile radius, complimentary onsite parking and an outdoor pool.

"The hotel provides guests easy access to local sporting events, amusement and water parks, concerts, fine dining and superior shopping. Hyatt Place Kansas City Airport offers complimentary shuttle service within 3-miles, which includes transportation to the MCI Airport, Tiffany Greens Country Club, Tiffany Hills Park, KCI Expo Center, National Weather Service, Harley Davidson Factory Plant and Zona Rosa (Zona Rosa is a replica of sorts of the famous Kansas City downtown plaza shopping center, which was the first shopping center in the United States).

§ This Kansas City hotel features spacious guestrooms each with the Hyatt Grand Bed™ and a 42" flat panel HDTV, refrigerator and pullout sofa bed

§ **New Gallery Menu**, Fresh 24/7 with mouthwatering options including our signature flatbreads & more

§ Complimentary a.m. Kitchen Skillet™, featuring freshly prepared breakfast sandwiches, steel cut oatmeal, fresh cut fruit, and more

§ 24/7 Guest Kitchen serves made-to-order snacks and entrees

§ Intimate Bakery Café serves Starbucks® specialty coffees & teas, etc.

§ Grab 'n Go case offers new sandwiches & greens from our Gallery Menu and bottled beverages for moments on the run

§ e-room with complimentary computers and a printer

Location and hotel information for reservations:

**Hyatt Place Hotel, 7600 NW 97<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64153**

**Please call 1-888-HYATT-HP or 1-816-891-0871 extension 3** and ask for the HFFA National Reunion group rate. You may also go to the website, [www.hyattplace.com](http://www.hyattplace.com) and type in the group code, G-HFFA. Reservations will need to be secured no later than 05/16/13.

Double occupancy rates are \$99 per room per night plus tax. Triple rates are \$109 per room per night plus tax and quads are \$119 per room per night plus tax. Children 17 and under are free of charge.

We hope you will be able to join us in June! Please consider reserving today. No money is due at this point but they will ask for your credit card to guarantee the room. It will really help us in securing buses and meals if we could get a room/people count in early 2013.

May the holiday season bring you peace. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

**Gene Frye,  
President, HFFA**

## RECORD KEEPING

### NEW MEMBER:

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### ENGAGEMENT:

**RICHARD WESLEY FREY** informs us that his son, **Wesley Frey** got engaged to **Emily Rostel**. Wes has a PhD in Radiation Health Physics and is currently working at the nuclear reactor at the former McClellan AFB in Sacramento, CA. Emily is a Radiation Health physicist at Stanford Hospital.

### MARRIAGE:

**Byron Schulze** married **Lisa Westgate** on 7 Oct 2012. Byron is the son of **Norm** and **Joan Schulze**.

### MEETINGS:

**Norm Schulze** recently attended the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Engineering Directorate for the Johnson Space Center in Houston, TX.

## HONORS:

**NSDFPA** – National Society Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America has approved the membership of HFFA **Kay Haden**.

Eligibility in the Society requires an unbroken paternal line of either the applicant's father or mother, going back to a FOUNDER who arrived in one of the Colonies between May 13, 1607 and May 13, 1687, and in this unbroken line, an intermediate PATRIOT ancestor who, by personal service in a civil or military capacity or by other acts proving his unfailing loyalty, assisted in establishing American independence during the Revolutionary Period 1775 to 1784.

Congratulations to Kay who was able to receive approval for membership in NSDFPA through her mother's surname.

From the editor: I took a survey of who in HFFA was a member of DAR, SAR, etc. I did not know how many associations like these there were. When Kay wrote and told me about NSDFPA, I was astounded and impressed by her inclusion in this society. It is certainly one that I had never heard about before. As Kay said in her note: "it's not easy to get into this one!"

## In MEMORIAM

**John Grant Frye, III**, 54, of Gordonville, MO, died Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in Saint Louis, MO.

He was born May 05, 1958 in Cape Girardeau, MO to John Grant and Irma Brunke Frye Jr.

He and Donna Dewrock were married July 17, 1993 at Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau. John received a bachelors degree in agri-business from Southeast Missouri State University. He had been a buyer at St. Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau and was the tool

department manager at Lowes in Cape. He was an avid fisherman and loved his family and animals.

Survivors include

Wife - Donna Frye, Gordonville, MO

Father - John Grant Frye, Jr., Mother - Irma Frye, Son - Grant Frye, Son - Derek (Angie) Chenoweth, Son - Greg Chenoweth, Brother - Mike Frye, Sister - Patty (Tom) Schwitz, Sister - Donna (Mike) Essner, Sister - Debbie (Carl) Kolkmeier, Grandchild - Caden Walker Chenoweth, Grandchild - James Gavin Chenoweth, Grandchild - Chloe Isabella Chenoweth, HFFA Aunts and Uncles - **Dan Frye (Shirley), Ralph E. Frye (Marti), Helen (Kenneth) Craig.**

### **Michael M. Foreman**

Michael M. Foreman, a Winchester community leader from the classroom to the boardroom to the court room, died at Winchester Medical Center after a short illness. He was 71.

An amateur historian with a diminutive build, but larger-than-life personality, Foreman seemingly knew everything about Winchester and everyone in it. Many will remember him for his sharp intellect and sense of humor.

Professionally, Foreman was clerk of the Winchester Circuit Court for 28 years before retiring at the end of 2003.

Prior to that, he was primarily a social studies teacher, most of the time at Handley High School, from which he graduated in 1959.

He served on Winchester City Council from 1972-75.

He continued to teach history, as a lecturer, after his retirement and served on various government and nonprofit boards and committees.

**From the editor** – Many of us will remember Mike Foreman as the after dinner speaker at the Winchester reunion. He was not related to us, but sure knew a lot about the Frye family.

## **Victor R. Fry 1928 – 2012**

Victor Ramon Fry of Texas City, Texas passed away Oct. 4 at the Gulf Coast Health Center in Texas City. He was born March 31, 1928 in Monroe City to William K. and Minnie Foster Fry.

He graduated from Monroe City High School in 1945. He served his country in the Navy and the Air Force. On March 28, 1992 he was married to Terry Darlington of Texas. He was an electrical engineer by trade. He retired from RCA after 25 years where he worked with NASA and designed a camera that was on the moon rover. He also instructed astronauts on how to use different cameras on different missions. After retiring from RCA he worked at Boeing for five years.

His wife survives him as well as his two daughters, Cheryl (Laz) Pavlovic and T. Marie (Brian) James and his son Paul (Jannelle) Fry He is also survived by a stepson, Jerry Smith and a step-daughter Alice Darlington. Also surviving are four grandchildren: Relinda Pavlovic., Joseph Pierce, Suni (Peter) McConnell, and Megan (Tony) Weber as well as six great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Fry was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters; Helen, in infancy; Jean Kerner; Joyce Bridwell and a brother, Carroll Fry.

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Fry / Christina
3. Abraham Fry / Agnes Ann Young
4. James Fry / Nancy Speers
5. Benjamin Fry / Nancy Agnes Kellar
6. William Kellar Fry / America Ellen Kirby
7. Charles Wesley Fry / Mary E. Lawrence
8. William Kellar Fry / Minnie Constance Foster
9. Victor R. Fry / Terry Darlington

## SURVEY RESULTS:

Recently we asked HFFA members if they were part of DAR, SAR, etc. This turned out to be a learning experience for me because I found that you are members of societies that I had ever heard of before. Following are lists of those who responded to the poll:

### DAR

**Joyce Balsley** of VA, **Jane Benedetto** of TX, **Carol Couture** of MA, **Lucille Gray** of KY, **Kay Haden** of FL, **Sonja Itson**, of CA, **Kathy Grundy Knuth** of IN, **Alice Lindemuth** (applying) of NY, **Courtney Morehen** of CA, **Frances Ramey** of TX, **Ruth Rasmussen** of AR, **Marian Sarantha** of WY, **Linda Slaymaker** of VA, **Judith Smith** of OH, **Helen Staiger** of PA, **Betty Stewart** of CA, **Nina Calohan Thomas** of VA, **Billie Tone** of CA.

### SAR

**Richard Bell** of PA, **Mark Friden** of NY, **Victor Fry** of TX, **Harrison Johnston** of CA

### Colonial Dames

**Helen Craig** of TX, **Ruth Rasmussen** of AR, **Nina Calohan Thomas** of VA, **Marian Sarantha** (eligible) of WY.

### Daughters of the War of 1812

**Kay Haden** of FL

### Daughter of Union Veteran

**Helen Craig** of TX

### Sons of Confederate Veteran

**Victor Fry** of TX

### National Huguenot Society

**Courtney Morehen** of CA, **Marian Sarantha** (eligible) of WY.

### NSDFPA

**Kay Haden** of FL.

I'm sure there are more HFFA members who are in these societies but they did not reply to the poll. I'll list more when more results are received. If anyone wants to get hold of anyone else in these lists please contact the editor.

When people replied to the survey, many provided other information. One of the most interesting came from **Alice Lindemuth** of NY. She said

*"My mother is a granddaughter of the Civil War, but hasn't joined any organization. Her grandfather, John Davis, was on the Sultana (worst maritime accident in the US, including the Titanic) and was one of the few that survived. He just happened to be on ships deck near the railing."*

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SS\\_Sultana](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SS_Sultana)

Upon reading the article you'll learn the explosion occurred the day after the assassination of President Lincoln so it did not receive the press that an event like this would have normally received.

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## AN EYE WITNESS TO HISTORY

Following is a story that I've been saving for quite a long time. It comes from an unknown researcher of the Speers family, especially as it relates to the founding of **Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania**. The source of this article was recorded as **The Courier** newspaper from **August 2, 1895** from **Connellsville, PA**. It is about one of the slaves once owned by **Noah Speers**. The subtitle of the article is "**A Historic Colored Woman, Now a Patient at the Cottage State Hospital tells the Story of her Life**" You will be reading a first hand account of someone who met some of the important national leaders of her day.

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Patients with interesting histories are often brought to the Cottage State Hospital here, but none have ever entered with as much lore stored up in their memory from events of actual life scenes as a bright old colored woman who is now under treatment as a private patient in the little room off the north ward. Her name is **Frances Workman**.

About a month ago she fell over a stake driven into the ground at the residence of **James L Bowman** of Brownsville and had her leg badly lacerated by the fall. It was her first serious accident during an eventful life. The Bowmans, to give their faithful old servant the best possible care, sent her to the Hospital here and she has interested doctors and nurses alike with her historical reminiscences.

She was born on June 2nd, 1815, at Columbia, PA. At that time Negro and slave were synonymous in the Union, and the little Frances and one other of five sisters were sold when mere infants to **Noah Speer of Belle Vernon**. Speer owned one-half the real estate of the present site of Belle Vernon and the quarters occupied by his Negro slaves stood on the spot where the Gibson distillery now stands. When nine years old, Frances and her sister were sold by their first master to **Solomon Krepps** of Brownsville, who, at that time, was a member of the Legislature. Krepps was not an advocate of the slave traffic, but he said that since everybody kept them and bartered in them he could not afford to support his establishment with other labor. He paid better prices than most of the slave dealers, giving \$1,600 for Frances and her sister. "Our life," said Frances to a COURIER reporter yesterday, "during the eight years which I served Krepps, had none of the terrors related of the slaves in the South. I was employed as a field girl, working with the harvesters, the gardeners or other outside laborers. We lived in a plantation house out in the fields near our work. Our food, however, was the same as that prepared for the master's family and was brought from his kitchen each meal. There were two white masters over us, as Krepps was away from home most of the time. If either of the white masters treated us unjustly we appealed to Krepps for satisfaction and we always got it."

When Frances was 17 years old the Brownsville Legislator died from eating too much honey and drinking buttermilk. She was then sold to **James Workman**, who was proprietor of an inn at Brownsville. Everybody traveled in those days by stage coach over the old National Pike, and the little Workman Inn at Brownsville was the

stopping place of nearly all the notable officers and government officials on their way from the Middle Atlantic and some of the Southern states to Washington.

Frances gives the following account of her first meeting with some of the distinguished guests of the inn: "One day, while I was yet young, there was a considerable stir at the Inn by the announcement that the Ex-President **John Quincy Adams** was going to stop there on a trip from the Capital, West. I think it was about in the year 1832. Adams was a Congressman at the time. I was greatly delighted when told that I was to bring the Ex-Presidents dinner to him on a tray and to attend him while he dined. He was a stout gentleman with a pleasant face and we all thought he was very handsome.

"**General William Henry Harrison**, while journeying from Hamilton County, Ohio, to be inaugurated at Washington in 1841, stopped at the Workman Inn and was compelled to remain there two weeks on account of sickness. Only a small party accompanied the President-elect, and it was whispered about the inn that the sturdy old Indian fighter was more a subject for a place in the grave than a seat at the Capitol, as he was pale and thin, and feebly walked about with bent shoulders. He died thirty-two days after his inauguration.

**General Winfield Scott** was another guest at the inn whom I attended. He too was aged and feeble at the time, 1852. He was then the Whig candidate for President. He was detained at the inn about a week by sickness. During that time I became well known to the old veteran, waiting on him and serving his meals regularly to him.

"**General Andrew Jackson** also stopped at the Workman Inn in 1845. He was on his last journey to "The Hermitage," near Nashville, Tenn. He was accompanied by his wife, a nephew, and a distinguished servant who had been George Washington's sword case carrier, and several other parties. It was in the pleasant month of May, and the party remained at the inn a few days, during which time they were attended at the table by me. About two weeks after Jackson left Brownsville, word was received



that he had died at "The Hermitage," June 8th, 1845."

**"Old Rough and Ready" Zachary Taylor, Henry Clay** and other lights of the country's most stirring times were personally known to the aged patient at the Hospital.

There was a law in Pennsylvania during slavery times that after 28 years of service a Negro was free. Accordingly, about 1845 Frances Workman was freed, but she liked her master's home and did not leave until several years after, when she and a number of other Negroes determined to take advantage of their freedom and see some of the country. They were traveling down the South Carolina coast, when **Fort Sumter** was fired upon and immediately started north. The heroine of this sketch then entered the homestead of **Jacob Bowman**, one of the most influential men of Brownsville. There she remained for eight years, nursing Mrs. Bowman until she died. She then went to live with Jacob Bowman's son **James L. Bowman**, where she now makes her home.

The old woman has snowy white hair and has lost her teeth, but there is not a wrinkle on her face. Like every person who has never suffered an accident, she is distressed over her present injury. The staff of physicians and hospital authorities is taking special care with her, and she will likely be able to return to historic Brownsville in two weeks.

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## QUESTIONS

*Hi Mike,  
I have a question for you. I've been an associate member of HFFA for the past year. Although I've been unable to prove that I am descended from Eli Bishop and Nancy Moore, I have come across some compelling evidence. I recently had my DNA tested with [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com), and, in looking at the trees of distant cousins, the one shared family name that keeps appearing is "Moore". Would you please tell me if HFFA has ever looked at DNA testing in proving a person's lineage?*

*No luck at all yet, in finding a common*

*ancestor with the Moores, though it's interesting that the name appears in four trees of people in the "5th to 8th cousin" range, and it is practically only common name that was found! (Another name, Williams, appears in two trees.) Thank you.*

**Deb Miklja Chicago, IL**

*I am looking for a good copy of some paper (about 100), not in book form, written by Hewlett Gail Davis and Ben Fry, probably around 1950. It was written when they went to Tuscarawas County Ohio to research William Theophilis Fry and find pictures. I do know a couple people who have a copy, but the copies have been recopied so many times that it is virtually unreadable. I have not been able to find it online, and I wrote to the Ohio Historical Society but have gotten no response as of yet.*

*So, would it be possible to ask in the newsletter if this sounds familiar to anyone and if so where might I find a copy ?*

**Missy Martin Machnesny Park, IL**

Hi Deb and Missy, Thank you for your questions. If anyone in HFFA can help, contact me and I'll put you in touch with Deb or Missy. I can say that many of us have had our DNA tested but there has not been any specific program in HFFA to look at the results. Perhaps a reader can help you with your Eli Bishop/Nancy Moore dilemma. - Mike

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## MYSTERY TOOL

It's been about a year since we first heard from Ralph Frye seeking help identifying a mystery tool. He is still searching.

*"I have done all the searching that I can on this tool. I tried several farm machinery dealers that have been in business for over 80 years. They had no clue.*

*"I went to an antique engine show that had hundreds of old restored engines and pieces of all kinds of antique machinery and tools. No one had any ideas.*

*"I tried an old Hardware Store. They still have tools and parts of all kinds of old tools and machinery in stock. Their family has been in the hardware business for over 100 years. Still no ideas.*

*"The Railroad Industry is the only place I have not tried. If I ever do find any ideas, I will let you know.*

*"I always carry a picture in my wallet and ask anyone I think might know.*

*"Still searching."*

**Dan Frye Ft. Myers, FL**

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## THE NAME IS COLORADO

When **Deb Miklja** joined HFFA and I saw her lineage, the name of one of her ancestors really stuck out, **Colorado Nordman**. I asked Deb to tell us something about him and here is her story.

My great-grandfather, **Colorado George Nordman** (1862-1934) and his sister, **Isabelle Eureka Nordman**, were born in Blackhawk, Colorado during the Colorado Gold Rush. Their grandfather, **William Frederick Stoodt**, had a successful gold mining business and their father, **Franklin George Nordman**, had a blacksmith shop in Blackhawk. Frank utilized his skills as a blacksmith by fashioning the gold into everyday objects, disguising it, so the family always was able to keep their treasure hidden in plain sight.

After the gold rush, the family returned to their farm in Iowa. **Colorado** and his wife, **Cara**, raised 14 children (including two grandsons whose mothers had died). When **Colorado** moved to Minnesota in the 1920s to start a real estate business, the family was able to simply pack up the gold and take it with them, without fear of its being stolen.

After **Cara** died in 1932, Colorado remarried. According to his obituary, just one week after remarrying, **Colorado** became

suddenly ill and died seven weeks later. His sudden illness was attributed to his "advanced old age" of 72 (although his father had lived to be 91). At the time of his death, his children were all grown, and only the two grandsons, **Grover Cleveland "Bucky" Nordman** and **Colorado John "Cully" Nordman**, remained at home. **Colorado George's** second wife, **Martha May**, stood to inherit everything.

Although these people have all long since died, and we'll never know the whole story, it stands to reason that **Martha May**, who hadn't been in the family very long, may never have learned how the gold was hidden. **Bucky** went on to become a jeweler.

## Deb Miklja, Chicago, IL

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey / Christina
3. Henry Frye / Fanny Littler
4. Sarah Fry / Benjamin Moore
- \*\*5. Nancy Moore / Eli Bishop
6. Sarah Hannah Bishop / John Wilson Thomas Hineline
7. Margaret Hineline / George Washington Herbert
8. Cara Herbert / Colorado George Nordman
9. Colorado Glenn Nordman, / Helen Ann Depenbrok
10. Beulah Nordman / Richard Oscar Baschleben
11. **Debroah Baschleben** / Nikolaje Miklja

\*\* It is this part of Deb's lineage that she is asking for our help. See page 7 of this newsletter.

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## FAMILY REGISTER OF WIGARD LEVERING

**John Wigard Levering** was the pioneer of this family. His family Bible still is in existence, and is in the possession of his descendents. He was buried on his farm which was called Roxborough, and included all of the present city of that name, in Pennsylvania, and all the land where the Wissihickon drive in Fairmont Park now runs. This land was never given to the city of Philadelphia, but they got permission from



the family to run the beautiful driveway through it. The plot where Wigard was buried was finally purchased by the Baptist church, and is now called the Leverington Cemetery. This Cemetery is in Philadelphia today, and is fenced in and marked with stones. Most of what is known about Wigard's life in Germany comes from his family Bible.

In the Bible is written the following, in German:

I, Wigard Levering, was born in Germany, in the Principality of Westphalia, in the District of Munster, and town of Gemen. My father's name was **Rosier Levering**, and my mother's maiden name was **Elizabeth Van de Walle**, who was born in Wesel.

In the twenty-third year of my age, I, **Wigard Levering**, was married to my beloved wife, **Magdalena Boker**. Her father's name was **William Boker**, and her mother's name was **Sidonia Williams Braviers**, of the city of Leyden, in Holland. The above said Magdalena, my wife, was also born in Leyden, and God hath blessed us with the following children, to wit:

The first born, **Joanna Sophia**, born in Gemen, in the year of our Lord 1672, in March, and died in the third week.

The second, **Anna Catherine**, born in Mulheim on the Rhur, in March, 1673.

The third, **Maria Elizabeth**, born in July, 1676, and died in the eighteenth week of her age.

The fourth, **William Levering**, was born the 4th day of May, 1677.

The fifth, **Amelia Anna Sophia**, was born in the middle of July, 1682.

The sixth, **Anna Sibella**, was born in the middle of September, 1684.

The above named children were all born in Mulheim on the Rhur, in Germany, and the following six children were born in North America, in the province of Pennsylvania:

The seventh, **Herman**, was born the 18th of November, 1686, and died in the fourth year of his age, in May.

The eighth, **Elizabeth**, born the 7th day of January, 1689, and died in the fourteenth year of her age, in September.

The ninth, **Sidonia**, born the 23d of April, 1691.

The tenth, **Jacob Levering**, born the 21st of January, 1693.

The eleventh, **Magdalena**, born the 13th of January, 1695, and died in the third week of her age.

The twelfth, **Magdalena**, born the 4th of June, 1696.

The last, after the perfect number of twelve, was an untimely birth.

God, who is the father of all that are called children, in heaven and on earth, have mercy on my children who are still in the land of the living, that they, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, may be born again, and registered with their children in heaven; that they, after they are taken from this vain world, the parents with the children, and the children with the parents, may rejoice before God in a happy and blessed eternity. Amen.

**Sent in by Lisa Wicking, Adrian, MI**

I've had this story and about six pages more for about a year. I shared it with our historian **Charles Burgess**. – Mike

His reply:

"This article makes it sound like Wigard owned thousands of acres. Actually it was more like 500. Heinrich bought 100 acres bordering him on the east. (He didn't buy it from Wigard). Then, Gerhart Levering bought 100 acres next to and east of Heinrich. These lands extended from the Schuylkill River to the Wissihickon Creek."

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