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Hello Cousins, Kin, and Other Readers,

Well, Thanksgiving is now over and we are preparing for another Christmas and another New Year. We hope your Holidays will be all that you want them to be.

One thing I'd like to remind you about as we head towards 2010. Our memberships in HFFA have to be renewed. The strength of any association or organization is, of course, the membership. The success of HFFA is in our hands and membership renewal is something we all can do.

We have a new membership chairman, **Marti Frye** of Lafayette, Louisiana. Please send \$25 for 2010 membership renewal to her. You can also pay in advance for future years.

The Communications Team of HFFA now consists of **Marti Frye** as Membership Chairman, **Wil Frye** as Coordinator of the Links Book, **Jon Frye** as editor of the Journal, and **Mike Speers** as editor of the newsletter.

In 2007, I reported on finding the graves of **Abraham Frye** and **Elizabeth West** in New Haven Cemetery, Huron Co., OH. A couple months ago, Rose and I took another trip over to that area of Ohio to find more of those family members, either living or dead.

We were successful. Through more research and discovery time in the Norwalk, OH library we were able to trace more births, marriages, and deaths than in the 2007 trip.

We even found a living descendant of Abraham and Elizabeth. He is their gr-gr-grandson and still lives in Willard, OH. He answered many questions and identified some gravestones that had escaped our detection before. In turn, he had no knowledge of family beyond his grandfather. It was a very beneficial exchange of information as he learned the past and we learned more of the present.

You might be interested to know that this gentleman's grandson is **Charlie Frye**, the pro football quarterback currently with the Oakland Raiders, after stints with the Cleveland Browns and Seattle Mariners.

Have you noticed that I have not identified the gentleman with whom we met? In a very cordial e-mail, he said that he is not interested in further exploration of family history and requests that he not be contacted any further. He was glad he was able to help, and he was glad to receive the information I shared with him, but that's where he wanted it all to end. His decision surprised and saddened us.

Mike Speers

Chardon, OH

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we get ready for a new year we have a couple of changes I would like to announce. **Marti Frye** will be our new **Membership Chair**.

Marti can be reached at 308 Bellevue Plantation Rd., LaFayette, LA 70503. She has been active in our association for many years. She is one of the main driving forces behind the Links Book and has spent many hours and days working on it. We appreciate her past work and look forward to her serving as Membership Chair.

It is important to thank **Wil Frye** for the work he has done as Membership Chairman in the past.

At the present time I have the archives. **Tommy Wiggins** has been the Archives Chairperson for several years but was unable to continue. We want to thank Tommy for his efforts.

I have been going through some of my old Journals and have enjoyed them very much. It seems that every time I read them I find something new. The Journal with the history of Frey's Fort is very interesting, especially as we look forward to visiting the Fort in 2011. (See Vol. 2, Issue #5.)

We would encourage you to ask about the old issues of the Journals from Mike Speers.

Even better help Jon Frye by writing or furnishing him with information on

your family. Share with us what your family has done over the years.

I would like to welcome new members **Ann Wicklund, Chris Davis,** and **Geri Moulton** to HFFA and may they enjoy their endeavor with HFFA.

I know it is a little early but I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, may God bless you and keep you.

**Gordon Fry, President HFFA
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BIRTHS:

Wil and Arlene Frye are pleased to announce the birth of their third great-grandson **Travis Roche** on 09/09/09 at 10:30 PM at the Kaiser Hospital in Walnut Creek CA. Travis came into the world weighing 9 lbs., 6 oz., and 21 inches long. His proud parents are **Doug** and **Cathy Roche**, his proud grandparents are **Rick Roche** and **Jo-ell Frye**.

Rene Tanner is overjoyed to be a grandma for the first time. Her granddaughter **November Shae Ashby** (7.5 #, 18.5") was born 11 Sep 2009. The happy parents are **Nicole Pilar Lewis** and **Jason Andrew Ashby**.

Shirley Bailey Coad and **Roger Coad** gets us up to date on her son **David Harms** as all three of his daughters had babies in 2009.

Harold & Molly (Harms) Armijo's baby boy, **Isaac Mardis Armijo** arrived on Jan 5, 2009.

Frank & Angeline (Harms) Frisch had a baby girl (their first): **Clara Katherine Frisch** on May 3, 2009

Casey & Mary (Harms) Lee have 2 little guys. **Micah Alan Lee** was born Oct. 16, 2006. #2: **Jonah Duane Lee** arrived Feb. 2, 2009.

NEW MEMBER LINKS

Ann C. McDaniel Wicklund:

- 1) Heinrich Frey/Anna Catherine Levering
- 2) Benjamin Frey/Christena ____?____
- 3) Abraham Fry, Sr./Agnes Ann Young
- 4) Elizabeth Frye/Jacob Kellar
- 5) Agnes Nancy Kellar/Benjamin Fry
- 6) Abraham Kellar Fry/Sarah McFall
- 7) Ann Elizabeth Fry/James G. Gore
- 8) Martha Gore/John Thomas McDaniel
- 9) Ed Stephens McDaniel/Cratie Blankenship
- 10) Harold LeRoy McDaniel/Nancy Ann Tilston
- 11) **Ann Carla McDaniel**/David C. Wicklund

Christopher Robins Davis:

- 1) Heinrich/ Anna Catherine Levering
- 2) Benjamin/Christina ____
- 3) Joseph/Ann Funk
- 4) Rebecca Anne Frye/John Switzer
- 5) Leah Frye Switzer/William Hawk
- 6) Jacob Switzer Hawk/Electa Jane Henson
- 7) Sarah Ann Hawk/John Quincey Davis
- 8) Chauncy Jacob Davis/Evelyn Iza Akert
- 9) Clifton Akert Davis/Patricia Lund
- 10) **Christopher Robins Davis**/Suzanne Lynette Perry

Geraldine (Geri) Fry Moulton:

- 1) Heinrich Frey/Anna Catherine Levering
- 2) Benjamin Frey/ Christena ___?___
- 3) William Frye/Rachel Speers
- 4) Joseph Frye/Susan Barlow
- 5) **Joseph Fry/Mary Jane Cadle
- 6) John Oliver Frye/Lucindea Crabill
- 7) Mark Fry/Alice Voights
- 8) Gerald Dean Fry/Charlotte Planson
- 9) **Geraldine Fry**/Glynn Moulton

**Charles Burgess claims that proof is needed to identify Joseph Fry as the son of Joseph Frye and Susan Barlow. Help from any member would be appreciated.

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QUESTIONS:

#1 from Mary Sue Hubbard

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Is there a way I can query the general membership?

The names I'm interested in are:

- **Maria/Mary Barbara Frey**

b. 10/9/1767-1769, d.1836

Married 9/28/1786 **Christian Frederic Ginther***

- **Abraham Fry**

b. 9/3/1765 Shippach PA d. 5/11/1834
Gnadenhutten OH

Married Suzanna Ginther*

***Christian Frederic** and **Suzanna Ginther** were the children of **Peter Ginther** b 1-12-1740 Lancaster Co PA died 1/11/1814 Gnadenhutten OH

#2 from Christopher R. Davis

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I wanted to ask a question as this line goes through my father. My family has occurrences of cystic fibrosis, a genetic disorder, that we have determined came through my father in a recessive gene. To better understand the disease, and be aware of individuals at risk of passing the gene on, we are reaching out to Davis cousins to see if the disorder has occurred in other connected lines. Do you know if cystic fibrosis has shown up in some related families?

#3 from Geri Moulton

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In the Links for **Geri Moulton**, there has been a question about her ancestor **Joseph Fry** being the son of **Joseph Frye** and **Susan Barlow**. Historian **Charles Burgess** has not been able to find the proof of this claim. We are hoping the question can be answered by someone in the HFFA membership.

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To help answer the question posed by **Geri Moulton**, it was suggested by **Charles Burgess** that Geri find a male relative and have him submit his DNA as described in the next article. Perhaps it is something that more of us should do.

A Genealogical Tool of Value

by **C. J. Burgess**

DEOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID. Sounds like something illegal that druggies use, but it is not. It is that for which stand the initials DNA. It is a chemical consisting of hundreds of millions of nucleotides found in the nucleus of a cell.

It contains the genetic information about an individual and is shaped like a double-stranded helix. Chromosomes are bundles

of tightly coiled DNA. Humans have 23 paired chromosomes, 22 pairs of autosomes and one pair of sex chromosomes.

A single chromosome of each pair is passed from each parent to child. It is the combination of chromosomes that dictate the characteristics of the individual person. As these chromosomes are passed down from generation to generation, there is no change or very little change in the genetic makeup of the chromosome.

It is now possible to chart a person's DNA. The chromosome a person receives from the father differs from the chromosome the person receives from the mother. The one from the father is called the Y chromosome. The one from the mother is the mitochondrial DNA called the mtDNA. The only parts of the double-stranded helix that are charted for the purpose of genealogy are called Hypervariable Regions 1 & 2. This is not the area used to compare DNA found at a crime scene or DNA used to establish paternity.

For genealogical purposes, DNA testing provides a valuable tool in establishing descent and relationships. It will not name your ancestors. Individuals with the same DNA values will have a common ancestor. Individual with not quite the same DNA values will have a common ancestor farther back in time.

For males, the Y chromosome is handed down from father to son to grandson to great grandson, etc. For females the mtDNA is handed down from mother to daughter to granddaughter to great granddaughter, etc.

To give an example how this can be valuable: the daughter of one of my mother's cousins said there was an Indian ancestry. If this were so, it would have had to have come down on the female side of the family. I had my mtDNA, which I received from, my mother tested. The results showed there was no Indian ancestry. I received a map showing 24 lines of mtDNA human migration dating back thousands of years ago. Five of those lines crossed from Asia across the Bering Strait into North America with four of them extending into South America. Those are the lines with Indian ancestry. My mtDNA

matched a line going from Central Europe into France.

I also had my Y DNA tested, which is my Burgess ancestry. The first testing did not show to which migration group I belonged. Repeated tests were made until it was determined I belonged to a group that eventually migrated to Spain. The map of Y DNA migration groups shows 26 lines of groups.

When I first received the results, no other individual matched the values of my Y DNA testing. Eventually, a man with a different last name matched. This would indicate that our most recent common ancestor lived before the adoption of family names. I can think of other possibilities. I got in touch with the man, but he knows little of his ancestry.

Later, two individuals with the last name Burgess showed a match. They both descend from a line that traced back to Ireland. I can trace my line back to Scotland for seven generations which is a couple of generations earlier than the Irish group.

At least four of the male descendants of Heinrich Frey have had their Y DNA tested. (Some of their stories have shown up in the HFFA Newsletter in recent months. - editor) They all show a perfect match. A fifth Frye shows a near match. This means the common ancestor predates Heinrich. He does not have a paper trail going back that far.

To get your DNA tested, you must use the internet to order a testing kit. There are several companies that do testing, but I recommend using www.familytreedna.com It is less expensive if you belong to a group. You will find a section for Group above an empty block. Fill in the letters GSCC. This stands for Genealogical Society of Collier County, Florida. You don't have to be a member to get the reduced rates.

There used to be a 12 marker test, but I think it is no longer available. It didn't prove much anyway. There are also a 37 marker test and a 67 marker test. The 67 marker test is the most conclusive and therefore the best.

A man may get both a Y and a mtDNA test. A woman, since she does not receive a Y chromosome from her father, can only get a mtDNA test. If she wishes to know the descent of her father, she must have the test done by her brother or any male representative of her family.

When you order your test kit, be sure to sign the Family Tree DNA release form so that you can be notified if the company finds someone with a match to you. When you receive the kit, you will receive three swabs with which to take DNA samples from inside your cheek. Also included will be three small vials filled with a liquid into which you drop the tips of the swabs. Mail these back to the company in the envelope provided and wait for the results. It will take several weeks. You will be notified by email. Also, you will receive your DNA certificate, a map of migration routes and other papers by U.S. mail.

Be forewarned. All of this doesn't come cheap. But what a valuable tool it can be. Of course, there may be some surprises. It can prove who you think you are, or the opposite.

Charles J. Burgess
Naples, FL

Note from the editor –

I just ordered the Y-DNA 67 and mtDNA test. The price was listed as \$399. However, I joined a family search project as Charles suggested and the price came down to \$359. I joined the Speers project which was listed as having 32 entries. The Frye project was listed as having 59 entries. I tried using the GSCC as Charles suggested but it did not work for me. I hope the results I get will include both Speers and Frye responses. On Nov. 6, I was informed there was a 20% off sale. I ordered before the sale went into effect, but they promised to refund me some money for an 8% savings. So far, no dough. The story of my life.

BACK ISSUES OF THE HFFA JOURNAL

In the August, 2009 Newsletter, it was announced that back issues of the HFFA Journal are available from Treasurer Mike Speers. They cost **\$5 each or 5 for \$20**. In that Newsletter, the 10 issues of Vol. 2 were listed.

In this issue we will do the same for the 10 issues of **Vol. 3**.

Issue #1: "How Our Family Migrated West" by James H. Wright (Descendants of William Frey and Veronica Markely), "Impressions of the Great Depression" by Don Boslaugh, "Reunions From the Past", "Vernie & Lola Fry: A Family History" by Ed Dray.

Issue #2: "Memories of the Great Depression" by Beatrice Lane Leckman and Blanche Lane Tompkins, "Charles Johnston Frye" and "Benjamin's Christina" by Charles Burgess, "Benjamin Frey – Virginian" by Luther Vernon Frye, and "Old Ben's Will and the Composition of the Early Family" by Donald Kearney.

Issue #3: Special edition dealing with the Speers/Spears family. Includes articles by Charles Burgess, Mike Speers, Tom Speers, and Jon Frye. This issue also includes the special story about Mary Neely entitled "A Sketch of Life and Imprisonment of Mary Neely".

Issue #4: "The Great Missouri Heat Wave and Other Depression Era Stories" by the sons and daughters of Bert Scott Frye. "The Rise and Fall of Slavery In Our Midst" by Jon Frye. (This article is a look at the history of the Frye family slaves.)

Issue #5: Highlights of three generations of Freys; i.e. Heinrich & Anna Catherine, William & Veronica, Henry & Anna Maria. "Why the Good Old Days Were So Good" by William A Frye. Contributions in space research by various members of the Frye family. (Donald Holmes, L. Bert Frye, Victor R. Frye, Eddie Dray, and Mark C. Frye.)

Issue #6: The Kansas Reunion Special Edition: "A Journey West Into Kansas" by Gordon Fry, "Silas Wilson Frye" by Charles Burgess, "The Life and Family of Flora Jane – Medicine Woman" by Max Best, and "I Saw Johnny Fry . . ." the first pony express rider by Jon Frye.

Issue #7: "Bits and Pieces" Research concerning the descendants of Abraham V. Fry, "Reunions From the Past", "Isaac Minor Frye" by Helen Craig. "Changing Times" by Mable Best Robinson. "Colonel Ben's Children" by Donald Kearney. "Updating the Johnny Fry Saga" and "Examining the Financial Affairs of John Fry, Sr. (the father of Johnny Fry of pony express fame)" by Jon Frye.

Issue #8: Commentaries On the Diary of Aaron S. Fry" Part 1 by Jon Frye.

Issue #9: "A Brief Sketch of Two Widows (the mother [Rachel Speers] and wife [Elizabeth Smith?] of Jacob Fry" by Jon Frye. "Commentaries On the Diary of Aaron S. Fry (the Conclusion)" by Jon Frye.

Issue #10: Biographical sketches of Nathan A. C. Bean and his wife Rachel Ann Frye. Index for the 10 issues of Vol. 3

Some editing was done in writing these summaries. You can read the complete synopsis of each issue in Vol. 4, Issue 1, p. 6.

All back issues can be ordered from Mike Speers. Address, phone, and email are listed on page 10 of this Newsletter.

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From the Editor: I have been collecting stories from members about what sparked their interest in family history. Here are some of those stories. More will follow in future editions of the Newsletter. Many thanks to those who have already contributed their stories. I think we will all find them interesting. Please keep sending me your own stories.

QUILTS and CLASSES

When I was in high school, my parents flew back to Oklahoma following the death of my aunt. When they returned, my father brought me a gift from his father, **Ed Stephens McDaniel** (son of **Martha Gore McDaniel** and grandson of **Ann Elizabeth Fry**). It was a quilt made by Ann Elizabeth, circa 1864. He had explained to my father that he wanted me to have it. I was surprised and flattered, and wondered a bit why my grandfather chose me, grandchild # 8 of 9. It turns out he knew more than I did, as I later became an avid quilter and fascinated by family history. My grandfather passed away in 1976, only a year after sending me the quilt.

At the same time, I was a student at USC in Los Angeles, and for an American Studies class, elected to do a research project on my family history. Sadly, my grandfather passed away only three months before the project was done, and I missed the opportunity to ask him so many questions about his childhood, his parents, and grandparents. I spent a couple of months on the project and enjoyed every minute of it. Of course, back then there was no Internet, so it involved a great deal of letter writing and a struggle to find resources.

I sent my step-grandmother a copy of the project when I was finished. In turn, she sent me all the McDaniel family photos, including the one of Ann Elizabeth Fry Gore's 94th birthday reunion. These photos only sparked my interest further, and I have worked on family history on and off ever since (taking some time off to raise five daughters, etc.)!

My oldest daughter, now 31, has become as interested in family history as I and is currently researching her father's roots. Amazingly, his ancestors seem to have come from many of the same places as mine - Texas, Missouri, North Carolina, etc. It is our intent to take a driving trip out to OK, TX, and MO soon (we have first cousins in OK and MO) and explore some of the family sights, cemeteries, etc.

**ANN C. WICKLUND
Santa Maria, CA**

LETTERS, PHOTOS, and a BIBLE

I have been interested in genealogy all of my life. I grew up knowing a great deal about my father's family because his father hired a genealogist in the 1930's to trace his heritage. Plus, so much has been written about the family in many genealogy books.

It wasn't until I got married that I started to do research on my mother's family. I was working nights as Public Safety 911 Dispatcher at the time and when I'd come home in the morning my husband would share bits of information he had found about my father's family on the internet. I mentioned that it would be nice to find something out about my mother's family.

My husband's encouragement and assistance led me to begin my search. It wasn't easy because I started from scratch. With my father's family, I had plenty of reference material to utilize. One afternoon however, I found a box at my parents' house that contained letters, photos, a marriage certificate from 1844, and Bible pages that belonged to my mother's father.

Those documents prompted me to look further. My research produced an ancestor of my mother's (**Richard Spire**) who served in the War of 1812 and another ancestor (**Henry Fry**) who provided supplies to the patriots in the American Revolution. I can't explain the thrill of finding this information. It has been very exciting!

Learning that Henry's grandfather was **Heinrich Frey** enabled me to join the **Heinrich Frey Family Association**. It made me proud to be able to share with my mother and siblings all that I learned about her family! I have been bitten by the "Genealogy Bug" and will be starting on my husband's family soon.

COURTNEY MOREHEN
Navato, CA

THE CHOSEN

"The Chosen" We are the chosen. In each family there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again. To tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve. Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, instead, breathing life into all who have gone before.

We are the story tellers of the tribe. All tribes have one. We have been called, as it were, by our genes. Those who have gone before cry out to us: Tell our story. So, we do. By finding them, we somehow find ourselves.

How many graves have I stood before and cried? I have lost count. How many times have I told the ancestors, "You have a wonderful family; you would be proud of us.". How many times have I walked up to a grave and felt somehow there was love there for me? I cannot say.

It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to who I am, and why I do the things I do. It goes to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds and indifference and saying - I can't let this happen. The bones here are bones of my bone and flesh of my flesh. It goes to doing something about it. It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish. How they contributed to what we are today. It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving up, their resoluteness to go on and build a life for their family. It goes to deep pride that the fathers fought and some died to make and keep us a nation. It goes to a deep and immense understanding that they were doing it for us.

It is of equal pride and love that our mothers struggled to give us birth, without them we could not exist, and

so we love each one, as far back as we can reach. That we might be born who we are. That we might remember them. So we do. With love and caring and scribing each fact of their existence, because we are they and they are the sum of who we are.

So, as a scribe called, "I tell the story of my family. It is up to that one called in the next generation to answer the call and take my place in the long line of family storytellers. That is why I do my family genealogy, and that is what calls those young and old to step up and restore the memory or greet those who we had never known before."

I don't know who wrote this but isn't it very fitting for what you and I do.

GORDON FRY

Arkansas City, KS

From the editor –

I've got some extra space here so I'll take the opportunity one more time to wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We are heading into 2010. Isn't that amazing? Do you remember the Y2K scare when we changed from 1999 to 2000? Some people thought all kinds of bad things were going to happen. Well, all kinds of bad things have happened but not because the calendar changed from the 20th century to the 21st. What an extraordinary decade it has been!!!

Don't forget to renew those memberships. The next article by Norm Schulze reminds us about one of the great things about this family history organization, our reunions. The next one should be really great. I'll let Norm tell you about it.

FREY REUNION 2011 Virginia

The date, **19-22 May 2011**, has been established for the ***Frey Reunion 2011***. The location is **Northern Virginia**, which is especially beautiful in May and the weather typically cooler for a more enjoyable visit.

Virginia, being an especially history-rich state with so many of the HFFA members who count Benjamin as one of their X-great grandfathers, offers a wonderful goal particularly for those of you who have so far to travel. The purpose of this program is to share the great history and expose the Old Virginia way of life that our ancestors would have known it in the best way possible today.

A preliminary program is being developed. The firm commitment is a visit to the **Frey Fort**; arrangements have been made with the owners. In view of this rare occasion and to provide the greatest opportunity for participation, the date of **21 May, Saturday**, is being planned.

Members are requested to notify their intent by email or postal mail within the next two months. This information is necessary to work out meeting room and lodging accommodations as well as bus rental. That would not be a firm commitment but will be used as a strong planning guide.

The other request is to provide any information regarding desires and suggestions for program content.

The foregoing intent and request data should be sent to the reunion manager:

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\$25 dues are paid annually in January

Dues and address changes should be sent to Marti Frye at address above. Dues may be paid for multiple years. Make checks payable for \$25.00 (per year) to HFFA. Membership is on a calendar year basis. New members are asked to send a copy of their direct line from Heinrich Frey to our President, address shown above. Membership includes four issues of the Newsletter and two of the Journal each year.

Here is page 11. I can't seem to find a way to avoid this page. As soon as I start creating the newsletter, it seems that page 11 shows up whether I want it to or not.

I'll take advantage of it and remind you one more time to renew your HFFA membership for 2010.

Send \$25 for each year you want to renew to Marti Frye whose address is on page 10.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, renew your membership, and we'll talk again in February.

Mike