



HFFA NEWS

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Editor – Mike Speers

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From the Editor:

Hello Cousins, Kin, and Other Readers:

There is so much to write about for this issue that I don't know where to start or if it will ever end.

We have 14 new members to introduce as well as 5 folks who must be remembered in our Memoriam section. There are also some births, some new addresses and phone numbers to mention.

Many people have contributed articles for the newsletter. I hope there is space to include them. If you contributed something and it doesn't show up in this issue, please be assured that I'm saving it for later. Just don't ask me when "later" is. But, I promise you I still have it in my files.

AND, we have our **HFFA Reunion** coming up **May 19 – 22** in **Winchester, VA**. The interest in this reunion is really great. Our host, **Norm Schulze**, has asked me to be the collector of registrations. I've already received 27 registrations and have been receiving many notes from people saying that theirs will be in the mail soon. This is going to be a BIG reunion. I hope to meet and talk with all who attend

I asked Norm for an article about the reunion and he sent me an eight-page document. Rather than edit it, I'll send it out to everyone as a separate Newsletter, Bonus Edition. Once I get this issue off my desk and sent to each of you, I'll follow up with the Reunion Issue in a separate mailing. Look for it shortly after you receive this issue.

It's nagging time from Mike, on behalf of all of HFFA. I do this only in the Nov. and Feb. issues, but it probably seems like more. We are doing pretty well in our renewals so far, but there are still over 40 members from last year who have not renewed, yet. Our memberships run from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, so they must be renewed to keep receiving the Newsletter and Journal. Those who do not renew will **NOT** receive the next issue of either publication.

Send **\$25** for each year you are renewing to our Membership Chairman,

Marti Frye

308 Bellevue Plantation Rd.

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Please make checks out to HFFA. You may renew for more than one year. Currently we have two members who paid in advance through 2013.

TREASURER'S REPORT For 2010:

Start of 2010: \$3000.32

In: \$4545.12

Out: \$3491.96

End of 2010: \$4053.48

Gain: \$1053.16

Respectively Submitted by:

Mike Speers, Treasurer HFFA

RECORD KEEPING

NEW MEMBERS:

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The two new memberships above come to us from **Marilyn Fry**, the wife of the late **Robert L. Fry, Jr.** Gretchen is the daughter of Marilyn and Bob, Carolyn is Bob's sister.

Their links are as follows:

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey / Christina
3. Abraham Frye / Agnes AnnYoung
4. James Fry / Nancy Speers
5. Benjamin Frye / Nancy Agnes Kellar
6. John A. Fry / Mary Jane Leighton
7. Luther Calvin Fry / Mary Alice Asay
8. Hervey Asay Fry / Augusta Maud Christie
9. Robert Luther Fry, Sr. / Mabel Ruth Coulson
10. **Carolyn Ruth Fry** / Jerome Harold Denham
10. Robert Luther Fry, Jr. / Marilyn Margaret Lockyer
11. **Gretchen Elizabeth Fry** / Cabot Douglas Harvey

Elizabeth Casto Frye

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Elizabeth is the wife of the late **Benjamin Link Frye**, a charter member of HFFA.

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Rod is the son of **Elizabeth Casto Frye** and **Benjamin Link Frye**.

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Barb is the wife of the late **William Miller Frye**, a brother of **Rodney Benjamin Frye**.

Their links are as follows:

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey/ Christena
3. Henry Frye / Fanny Littler
4. Benjamin Frye / Mary Frye
5. Isaac Frye / Mary Magdaline Louise Fry
6. William Henry Frye / Mary Ida Higgins Miller
7. William Miller Frye, Sr. / Hilda Heishman
8. Benjamin Link Frye / **Elizabeth Casto**
9. William Miller Frye, Jr. / **Barbara Smith**
9. **Rodney Benjamin Frye** / Sandra Justice

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2. Benjamin Frey / Christine (?)
3. William Fry / Rachel Speers
4. Henry Frye / Rachel Frye
5. Benjamin Fry / Eliza Fry
6. Henry W. Fry / Frances Ann Young
7. Cyrus Washington Fry / Lillie Alice Smith
8. Gladys Marian Fry / Walter Leroy Stewart
9. **Marian Louise Stewart** / Dominic Sarantha
9. **Betty Lou Stewart**

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3. Abraham Frye / Agnes Ann Young
4. James Frye / Nancy Speers
5. Benjamin Fry / Agnes Nancy Kellar
6. William Kellar Fry / America Kirby
7. Charles Wesley Fry / Mary Lawrence
8. Walter Henry Frye / Dora Ada Dean
9. Rolland Dean Frye, Sr. / Margaret Elizabeth Brown
10. **Rolland Dean Frye, Jr.** / Paula Jeanne Smith

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3. Abraham Frye, Sr./ Agnes Ann Young
4. Abraham Frye, Jr. / Hester Johnston
5. Smith Frye Sr. / Nancy Shepler
6. Smith Frye Jr. / Rebecca M. Johnston
7. Phillip Earl Frye / Eva Arabella Flanagan
8. Phyllis Jane Frye / Roscoe R. Allen
9. **Thelma Jane Allen** / Jerry Donald McKenzie

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4. Benjamin III / Ruth Courtright
5. Abraham V. / Catherine M. Markley
6. Mary Fry / Corbin Treadway
7. Elizabeth Treadway / Joseph Markely
8. Cecelia Markley / Almond A. Doran
9. William Lyle Doran / Roberta Girvin
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11. **Nels Robert Lea “Bobby” Olson** / Becky Lou Brelje

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4. Jonathan Frey / Elizabeth Ambrose
5. Jonathan Frey, Jr. / Susan Mary Swope
6. Archie Elmer Frey / Margaret Stouffer
7. Pearl Frey Brown / Lester Brown
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Jacob S. Fry / Margaret Springer
John Springer Fry / Rebecca Ruth
Jacob Ruth Fry / Mary Ann Harting
Evanna Fry / Robert Ernest Drane
Ruth Evelyn Drane / Edgar Rogers
Ruth E. Rogers, Jr.

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5. Henry Clowser, II / Regina Rosenberger
6. Jacob Clowser / Mary Ann Cooper
7. John Henry Clowser / Martha Ellen Lineberg
8. Clara Mertyn Clowser / John Franklin Kline
9. John Thomas Kline / June Lorraine Main
10. **Linda Lee Kline** / Clarke VanDevanter Slaymaker

More Room at the Inn

Due to increased demand, there are more rooms available at the George Washington Hotel in Winchester for the reunion.

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4. Benjamin Fry III / Ruth Courtright
5. Abraham V. Fry / Catherine Damude
6. Joseph Fry / Elizabeth Rorick
7. Hattie May Fry / Thomas Henry Bailey
8. Walter Clair Bailey / Ethel Marie Carrier
9. Janet MaryIn Bailey . Gerald Stunkel
10. **James Curtis Stunkel / Marissa Shillick**

Dear Cousins, In a future issue I hope to tell you all about Jim and his humanitarian and Christian outreach activities throughout the world and around the globe. His mother, **Janet Goforth**, has shared many of his activities with me. It's a spectacular story. -
Mike

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BIRTH

Eli James Archer

19 Sep 2010

From **Mark Friden** of **Star Lake, NY**

My niece, **Jana (Ford) Archer** and her husband **Jim Archer** are the proud parents of their first child, a baby boy they named **Eli James Archer**, born 19 Sep 2010.

DAR

Anne Elizabeth Ford

From **Mark Friden** of **Star Lake, NY**

Another of my nieces, **Anne Elizabeth Ford**, who is a sophomore at Florida Gulf Coast University, is now a full-fledged member of the DAR. She had expressed an interest in family history when I started relating stories about our various lines of descent. She made the decision to join the DAR on her own, which she did last year, as a college freshman. I was so pleased that she wanted to do this. A Dean's List student, she is the youngest member of the Boca Ciega (FL) Chapter. While her "qualifying Patriot ancestor" was not through the Frye family, I have given her the information to "prove" our Frye line, and I expect that she will add that link as well.

A Message From the President

Well the time of the reunion is rapidly approaching, hopefully you have made your plans to attend. The reunion will be at the George Washington Hotel. However, there are a lot of other motels in the area. If you have not received the information on the reunion be sure and go to the HFFA web site as it is outlined there.

We will have the open meeting Thursday and we hope everyone will attend. One thing we have to do is elect officers, There are two offices that will have new people; president and recording secretary. Also we elect a full board of officers each reunion. If you wish to serve the HFFA be sure and let your wishes be known. I would like to thank Helen Staiger for the many years of service she has given the HFFA. She will be missed.

We will be looking at reunion bids for 2013, so if you are interested be ready at the open meeting.

Welcome to our 14 new members. It's great to have so many new cousins to meet.

Gordon Fry
Arkansas City, KS

IN MEMORIAM

United States Marshal Killed:

Abraham R. Bertolet lost his life in the line of duty as a US Marshal. He was killed during a confrontation in Pottstown, PA with William Howe, a US Army deserter on 21 Jun 1863. Abraham was born in 1825.

Heinrich > William > Jacob > Esther > Abraham F. Bertolet > Rev. Henry H. Bertolet > **Abraham R. Bertolet**

Paul Eugene Frye, MD (1923 – 2010)

Paul Frye, M.D. died at age 87, at home in Akron, Ohio on August 28th surrounded by many of the people who loved him.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Mary Katherine Martin Frye, his children, David (Lis Lewis), James Edward (Becky) and Paula K. Pierson (Frank); as well as six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Paul published a book on the genealogy of the Heinrich Frey descendants [Notes of the Twigs of the Tree of Heinrich \(Henry\) Frey \(1663 – 2003\)](#). He gave the rights to the book to HFFA at the Des Moines Reunion in 2007.

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey / Christena
3. Henry Frye / Fanny Littler
4. Benjamin Frye / Mary Frye
5. Henry Tucker Frye / Elizabeth Wilson
6. James Mason Frye / Fannie Coyle Baker
7. Vernon Leonard Frye / Alta Rachel Strilby
8. **Paul Eugene Frye** / Mary K. Martin

Scotty Frye (1923 – 2011)

George S. Frye (Scotty) passed away 4 Feb 2011 in Gallatin, TN after extended years of illness. He is survived by his wife of 56 years Robbie Frye and one son George David Frye. He was given a full Military Funeral.

Scotty was inducted into service June 30 1943 at Camp Forrest, TN. He went from Camp Forrest to Fort Sill, OK, from there to Fort Meade MD to New York and shipped out on the British Aquatania to Glasgow, Scotland, got on a troop train to Barry, Wales, then to Broadstone, England and joined the 13th Field Artillery as a replacement. They went by boat to France (Utah Beach). They had machinery supposed to go to shore on D-Day but there were mines in the water that had to be cleared. The machinery had to be thoroughly greased so they went on the beach on D-1. They fought in Normandy, Battle of the Bulge, and Ardennes. He was in Germany twice. All total they went through five campaign battles. (It was so cold in Battle of the Bulge and snowed so much that he wore 4 or 5 pair of socks to keep his feet from freezing.) His grade was T/5. He was survey and instrument man. His unit was sent to Marseilles, France to ship out to Japan but the war ended before they had to go. Then they started to come to the states by a point system. He was discharged December 11, 1945 Fort Knox, KY.

Scotty retired from Textron Aerostructures and worked for Wal Mart after his retirement.

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey / Christena
3. Samuel Frye / Christina Speers
4. Abraham Frye / Isabella Ringland
5. Abraham Frye Jr. / Sara Gregg
6. William Frye / Emma Ann Noland
7. Walter Scott Frye / Mary Mrytle Henry
8. **George Scott Frye** / Robbie Claudine Nesbitt

Ruth Evelyn Rogers (1917 – 2010)

Mrs. Ruth Evelyn Drane Rogers, 92, of Rock Falls, Illinois died Saturday, May 22, 2010.

Ruth Evelyn Drane Rogers was born Oct. 22, 1917, in Sterling, IL. She was the daughter of Robert and Evanna (Fry) Drane. She attended Wallace School and graduated from Sterling High School, class of 1935, with high honors. She married

Edgar C. Rogers. He preceded her in death on Dec. 20, 1983.

She worked at Lawrence Bros. Hardware and for her husband at E.C. Rogers' Trucking; and then for her daughter at R.E. Rogers' Trucking & Excavating.

She loved Irises, quilts, reading, and travel, especially with a trip back east to follow her heritage. When her daughter was young, she volunteered as a homeroom mother and assistant Brownie leader.

Her great-grandfather, **Uriah Harting**, fought in the Pennsylvania Infantry in the Civil War while his wife, **Evannah Benner Harting**, brought their children by covered wagon to Whiteside County for safety. Then on to Canada, she followed her father's migration from Framingham, England, with the help of his oldest brother that was living in Canada. Then, working on the expanding railroad system, her father came to Sterling.

She was a miracle pancreatic cancer survivor, thanks to Monroe Hospital and Clinic, and surgeon, Dr. J.C. Penhos.

Ruth is survived by her daughter, **Ruthie E. Rogers Jr.**; and many nieces and nephews.

She also was preceded in death by her parents; and nine siblings, **Mary "Mame" (Harry) Wiker, Harry Drane, Clifford Drane, Ernest Drane, May Blossom (Frank) Reitzel, Buster Drane, Fanny (Paul) Brotheridge, Russell Drane, and Jake Drane.**

See page 3 for her links from Heinrich Frey.

June Loraine Main Kline

(1930 – 2010)

June Main Kline, born on June 11, 1930 in Strasburg, VA to the late **Roy Watson** and **Nora McGolerick Main**. She passed away in Gainesville, FL on Sept. 20, 2010. She was preceded in death by her husband, **John Thomas Kline** in 2006. Survivors include daughters, **Lana Sue Russell**, Keystone Heights, FL, **Linda Lee Slaymaker** of Alexandria, Va., and **Laura**

Ann Kline of Silver Springs, Fl. a half-brother, **William A. Miller, Jr.** of Richmond, VA, 3 grandchildren and twin great granddaughters.

Her daughters report she had a huge interest in genealogy. They have "stacks" of obits, news clippings, lineage charts, letters and computer discs of information.

They are still going through stacks of papers and finding the most amazing items. The latest was the original Honorable Discharge from The United States Army for grandfather, **John Franklin Kline**. The battles listed on the back include the Meuse - Argonne Offensive Sept 26 - Oct. 12 and Nov. 1 - 7 1918. They were always told he went to war in France, but he never liked to talk about it.

See page 3 for links from Heinrich Frey.

Robert Luther Fry, Jr.

(1930 – 2010)

On April 1, 1930, **Robert Luther Fry, Jr.**, was born on an Apache Indian reservation in the White Mountains of Arizona in the small lumber mill town of McNary. He grew up in Williams, Arizona, moving to another small lumber mill town in California, Omo Ranch, the summer before the 8th grade. In Omo Ranch, he attended a one-room school, graduating in a class of two. For 9th grade, he lived with distant cousins on a farm near Delano and went to Delano High School. For the rest of his high school career, he attended Sutter Creek High School (now Amador High School) and was active on the football team and in clubs. He was president of his senior class.

After graduation, he went to UC Berkeley (Cal). He graduated five years later and married **Marilyn Lockyer**, whom he met at a college group at the Presbyterian Church in Berkeley. They were married on August 22, 1952, in Long Beach, California, and moved to Marin County while Bob attended the San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo. After one year, Bob fulfilled his ROTC commitment and served in the US Army for two years as a lieutenant in Germany, where his daughter,

Gretchen Elizabeth Fry, was born in Frankfurt. He later became a captain.

Following his Army service, he returned to Cal and earned a second BA in Zoology and an MS in Botany. He also earned a secondary teaching credential. During the years of living in university housing, two sons were born: **Stephen Christopher Fry** and **Ronald Dean Fry**. Both were born at UC Hospital in San Francisco.

The Fry family moved to Orange County, where Bob began teaching science at Newport Harbor High School in September 1959. He taught there until 1981, when he moved to Corona del Mar High School. Since 1960, each summer, the family moved from Balboa Island to Yosemite National Park, where Bob worked as a seasonal Ranger Naturalist until his retirement from the Newport-Mesa Unified School District in 1988. Then he worked between six and eleven months a year in Yosemite until his retirement from the National Park Service in 2003. During the first six years after his retirement, he also worked on a special project where he visited the elementary schools in the Newport-Mesa Unified School District and at the Environmental Nature Center. He demonstrated Indian skills to children.

After retirement from the National Park Service, he divided his time between Costa Mesa and Groveland, where he and his wife had a second home, and he did some volunteer work in Yosemite. He loved the Sierras and enjoyed many years of living and working in the best National Park in the country. A photograph of his last nature walk in Yosemite Valley is on the Yosemite National Park website.

In May, 2010, a few days after working in the Indian Museum in Yosemite, he returned to Costa Mesa to attend the Coastline Academic Senate luncheon at the Coastline Art Gallery in Costa Mesa. He was not feeling well, and his doctor ordered a series of tests, which ultimately revealed that he had esophageal cancer. He spent the summer taking chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Ultimately by the end of July, the cancer was all gone! Then September 9, he had major surgery to remove any part of the stomach and esophagus that had been affected. Biopsies showed that, indeed, the cancer was completely gone. However, the recovery from the surgery was slow and difficult, and he developed heart problems that he had never had

before. At 10:07 a.m. on Monday, December 6, 2010, he died of a sudden heart attack.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, **Marilyn Fry**, a faculty member of Coastline Community College since it opened in 1976. He is also survived by his sister, **Carolyn Denham** of Walnut Creek, and by his three children: **Gretchen Fry**, and **Ronald Fry** of Costa Mesa and **Stephen Fry** of Hermosa Beach. He also leaves behind six grandchildren, **Heather Dolter Cheney Brown**, **Samantha Cheney Beason**, **Molly Cheney Patten**, **Ted Fry**, **Melissa Starr**, and **Jeffrey Fry**, and four great-grandchildren, **Nate Brown**, **Owen Brown**, **Riley Beason**, and **Trent Beason**.

See page 2 for Links from Heinrich Frey.
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The following was sent to us by **Shirley Coad**, about Bob Fry.

Our pastor, Fred Steinberg, grew up in Yosemite (his dad was a ranger) so I asked him if he ever met Bob Fry. Pastor Fred received a note from his father about Bob.

"I just got off the phone after talking with my dad. My dad said Bob was a Naturalist in the valley and my dad took a couple of hikes with him to learn from him. My dad remembered that often he would lead nature hikes for visitors. And those times when no visitors would show up he would hike anyway and then hide arrowheads to be found on future hikes with visitors when he spoke of the Native Americans in Yosemite. He sort of salted the mine. I thought this was so neat."
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Patsy Cline

(1932 – 1963)

When I sent out information letters about our reunion I received a reply from someone who told me about the drug store where country singing star **Patsy Cline** worked before she became a star. It's at the corner of London and Gerard Streets in Winchester. The address is 1 Valley Ave. It has some of the original soda fountain from Patsy's era. There are many photos and historical items relating to Patsy and they welcome tours and visitors.

HELP WANTED:

Ask not what HFFA can do for you. Ask what you can do for HFFA.

Helen Staiger has resigned as HFFA Secretary after many years of service.

Gordon Fry has decided to retire as President of HFFA upon the completion of his term at the end of the Reunion in Winchester.

We need to elect new officers and board members at our HFFA meeting in Winchester. These are two year terms that will end at the reunion in 2013.

I have two jobs, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. Either job is available to interested members. However, I am willing to keep them but will step aside if someone else is interested in one or the other, or both. (Just don't give me a third job!)

Contact **Gordon Fry** if you are interested in any of the positions. Our General Meeting will be on Thursday, May 19, 2011 in Winchester, VA. – **Mike**

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THE FRYE PLANTATION HOUSE OF WARDENSVILLE

By **Irvin R. Heishman**

Just over 250 years ago, a daring grandson of **Heinrich Frey** (1658-1734), paid for some frontier land with 250 British pounds worth of furs. There he was said to have killed a bear, discovered what is now known as the Capon Spring, and married Fanny Littler. In this way, **Henry Frye** (1724-1812) moved himself onto a stage of significant world events.

France had built an alliance with native tribes to hold its territorial claims to the west. Forts were built on the frontier to support British ambitions. Among them was Fort Edwards near the land Fry would soon buy. Captain Mercer and his men were ambushed there in 1756 and many died. It was a gamble, moving into this contested

Virginia frontier in the middle of the French and Indian War (1754-1763).

Henry and Fanny Frye lived off the land and raised a family of children and grandchildren while gradually increasing their land holdings to about a square mile of territory.

Sixty-six years after the original land purchase, a grandson, **Henry Westfall Fry** (1804-1896), built a grand plantation house. This house was a far cry from the log cabin of his grandparents. This home featured the comfort of fireplaces in every room for heating purposes and a larger fireplace in the basement where servants did the cooking. By this time, 1825, the war years were over and a southern agricultural economy based in large part on slave labor had been well established. While there is no evidence that the Frys owned slaves, they did employ domestic servants and laborers for their agricultural businesses. The new home and surrounding buildings supported a tannery, flour mill, ice house, and butcher shop. Spring water was piped to the home.

The making of these pipes was no small task. First, after felling the trees, a hole had to be drilled lengthwise through the 12 foot long logs. Noting all these accomplishments without the use of power tools, we see that the logs were then made to fit together by shaving one end like a sharpened pencil and the other like a concave cone. After all these years, some have been found still in excellent condition.

Just two years prior to the building of the house, the Virginia General Assembly acted to divide the county of Hampshire into two distinct counties "by a line beginning... and running thence... (across) the upper end of Henry Fry's plantation, on cape Capon, and along the said road to the top of North Mountain..." Also relatively new was the town of Wardensville, built in significant part on lands previously held by the Fry family. On January 14th of 1843, an **Isaac Miller** was summoned to appear in court before **Henry Westfall Fry**, then serving as Justice of the Peace, to answer a complaint made by an **Abraham Heishman** regarding payment of a debt on a five dollar note.

The family also shared medical wisdom in this period based on the timing of the Almanac:

“Three hands full of fish worms. Three tablespoons full of green lye juice. Three tablespoons full of lard fried out of old bacon. A lump of butter that has no salt the size of an egg. The yokes of three eggs. Three tablespoons full of salt. Put all together in a crock and set it on the coals till it boils stirring it all the time... Ma said that if you make this salve he ought to use it the first Friday in the new of moon - that will be next Friday the 27. Put it all on in three times Friday morning, Friday evening, and Saturday morning. Ma said that he should be rapped in flannel especially the parts affected if he uses the salve.”

Family routines and commerce were interrupted only by seasonal changes and the annual arrival of the weaver, who made cloth on the loom to their specifications. It was a pleasant way of life soon to be put into disarray. The brewing Civil War put the Fry plantation house and the town of Wardensville, literally in danger of being burned to the ground. This scenic valley was once again caught in the middle of a destructive war.

John H. Cassin represented Hardy County at the Virginia General Assembly and voted in favor of every decision culminating in the vote to secede from the Union on April 17, 1861 (his successor was absent for that all important vote). But the folks in Hardy County were divided on the question of secession. Many had southern leanings and young men of this persuasion signed up for the **Hardy Greys**, while others joined the **Hardy Blues**. Soon residents realized the danger that was engulfing them. Alarmed, they appealed to **Confederate President Jefferson Davis** that he be aware of “the exposed and suffering condition of our county” (MacMaster: The History of Hardy County 1786 - 1986 p. 212).

Four skirmishes were fought in Wardensville in 1862 provoked by Confederate snipers and worse a Confederate militia group of locals that engaged in guerilla warfare tactics in the area. Called **McNeills' Rangers** by sympathizers and

“bushwhackers” by others, this group effectively disrupted Union railroad supply lines from Ohio and delayed the advancement of Union troops to the Shenandoah Valley. As these groups fought back and forth the Frys and their neighbors in Wardensville found themselves alternately under Confederate and Union control multiple times. The nearby town of Romney switched hands 56 times during the war.

Rev. Peter Miller of the St. Peters Lutheran Church in Wardensville recorded in his diary on Dec. 1, 1862, that he “attempted to preach... but could not finish... on account of the excitement over the approach of the Yankey army.” **General Freemont** marched into town “in a bad humor” having lost several men to snipers. He set the flour mill on the Island on fire and was “fixing to burn the town down” (McKeever: History of Wardensville, West Virginia p. 107-108).

If it hadn't been for the pastor's diligence in keeping a diary, a most remarkable event in the course of this war might have been forgotten. If the town and the Frye Plantation House had in fact been burned down, that act of destruction surely would have been documented in official records. But the historical importance and value of brave and creative risks taken for peace are often omitted, tragically, in the telling of war stories, as is this one. The town was saved that day by the goodness and courage of **Henry Westfall Fry, Hezekiah Clagett**, and their pastor, **Rev. Miller**. The three offered themselves voluntarily as hostages to the Union general vouching for the good conduct of the citizens of Wardensville and thus the town was spared.

The Frye Plantation House was thus permitted to live on and reach its present grand old age of 186. Now historically restored, it still greets those who enter Wardensville from the north and east. An unbroken line of descendants of the Fry pioneers have lived in this place and still do, some 250 years after the first Fry bought the land with furs he had trapped. The home has in recent years been a quiet place of rest, retreat, and hospitality. It hosts family gatherings filled with laughter. In the beauty and tranquility of this rural setting, it's

hard to imagine all that has transpired here over the years and how very close it came to being destroyed.

Irvin R. Heishman

Harrisonburg, VA

The father of the author of this article, **Irvin M. Heishman**, is the current owner of the Plantation. He sent photos of the Plantation to many of our HFFA members when it was first advertised for sale. We are scheduled to visit it on Friday, May 20 during the Reunion. - **Mike**

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THANKSGIVING IN EGYPT

By Richard Wesley Frey

Cousin Richard and his wife Therese sent us a series of updates while traveling in the Middle East this past November. Space does not permit us to print the entire set of emails. I'll attempt to cover their trip in this edited version.

From Amman, Jordan and at the Dead Sea: "Therese and I floated in this highly mineralized water. We are now cured of all of our ailments. It was different in that as soon as we started to float, our legs came up and it was hard to keep our balance. The Dead Sea is the lowest place on earth, over 1430 feet below sea level. From the Jordan side of the Dead Sea you can see Jericho and Jerusalem."

From Petra [Jordan]: We walked to the town of Petra. The walk is about 2 1/2 miles downhill through some of the most spectacular sandstone walls that are over 300 feet above us while our walking path is only 10 feet wide in some places. Carved in the sandstone are structures that look like ornate buildings. Inside are the caves where burials took place between 100 BC and 100 AD. Nomads lived in these caves until 1985. The 2 1/2 mile walk back was up hill all the way,

From Cairo, Egypt: ". . . on Thursday [Thanksgiving Day] we got a 3 hour visit to the Cairo Museum of Natural History. This is where most of the stuff from King Tut's tomb is now located. . . . On our way to the

airport we noticed armed police all over, on the streets, on building tops, and in specially constructed towers. It turns out that President Mubarak was flying into town and this was security for him."

"For our Thanksgiving Dinner we had mixed grill. I know that one of the meats was chicken, who knows what the others were."

From Valley of the Kings [Luxor, Egypt]: "This morning we went to the Valley of the Kings to walk in and look at several of the tombs. They do not allow cameras in the Valley of the Kings . . . There are a lot of guards here with machine guns. [This region] is a very interesting place. Therese and I want something like this for our own burial."

From Luxor, Egypt: "On Nov. 28, we checked out of the hotel and explored the Temple of Karnak (as in Johnnie Carson's Karnak the Magnificent). We then boarded our Nile River Boat for three nights. Cruising the Nile was beautiful."

Trip Summary: " [During this three-week trip] we made a total of 10 airplane trips, 8 boat rides, 2 camel rides, a 4-wheel Jeep ride over the sands of Wadi Rum, where Lawrence of Arabia was filmed, and numerous bus rides. We also walked and walked and climbed stairs of all kinds. On some days it was common to walk up and down 1,000 steps. Our longest walking day was in Petra. We walked over 6 miles. "

Richard Wesley Frey

Fresno, CA

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THANKSGIVING IN PARIS

By Mark Friden

I went to Paris on Thanksgiving Day. Paris, France - NOT Paris, Texas. I was at the Eric Bompard Trophy, an international figure skating competition that is a Grand Prix event. [Readers might remember an earlier article by Mark. He is an international and Olympic level luge official. He has also served as a consultant at major figure skating championships as well as a judge. See HFFA Newsletter, Feb. 2010.] After the

weekend in Paris, my travelling companion and I traveled around central France by car for a week. We went through some very mountainous areas - incredible scenery! Then we headed into the Gorge du Tarn (Tarn River gorge), which was spectacular! We criss-crossed the area and went thru a National Park - saw some incredible beautiful sights. Then, we headed to the Midi, more west, to see some of the old, old "bastide villages", built as fortresses during the 100 Years War - so these little walled villages on hilltops are about 800-900 years old. We saw some amazing ruins, old cathedrals, castles, chateaux, etc. It is a gorgeous part of France. Seeing it in the off-season with NO other tourists and no lines or traffic was just a huge plus.

One night, I was able to meet some English 'cousins' from my mother's side, who have retired and now live in one of those "bastide villages". We had dinner with them in a quaint spot out in the middle of nowhere that they picked for us. After a week on the road, and managing NOT to get lost (France makes that VERY easy to do!), we returned to Paris for one night - went up the Eiffel Tower (which was closed for renovations the last time I was there, so I'd never been up it - we went at night, which was stunning!), and then left via train the next morning for Switzerland!

We went via rail to Lausanne and then on to Montreux and Aigle before connecting to our little regional train up the Val d'Illeiez to Champéry - we had tickets to see the European Curling Championships, which took all week, so we were settled in for 8 days in the Alps, near the Dents du Midi. We'd rented a chalet, so the accommodations were private, and we took the train daily to the arena - only 5 minutes, and an exquisitely beautiful ride each and every day. The only thing I missed doing was riding the telepherique (gondola car) to the top of the next mountain - it was still early in the season, and they were not yet on a regular schedule, but the weather always managed to throw a wrench into the operations. It was closed every day.

Mark Friden

Star Lake, NY

A LOCK OF HAIR

By Julia Olson

As the snow continues to fall and the temps drop down, down, down, I continue to sort and go through my parent's things. No, I'm not done yet! I take many breaks! HA! I recently sorted through some papers and found my mother's birth certificate, 8th grade diploma, corsage, report cards, marriage license/certificate, her baby book and a lock of her hair from her first cut. Also, in an envelope post -marked 1962 a lock from my first hair cut. There is also a manila envelope with various family/friends funeral cards through the years. I was quite interested in them since many were from quite a long ways back.

The lock of hair that I found of my mother's.... I took it out and ran my fingers across it and as I did, I could feel the same soft hair that I felt the night that she passed away. I remember the last times being with her in the nursing home and feeling of her hair as she lay in bed and hanging onto that feeling of how soft it was.... I remember thinking... how much I wanted to remember the feel of it... and I do remember, but I don't just have to remember now!

Julia Olson

Parkers Prairie, MN

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WE HAVE A TRUE FRIEND IN THE FAMILY

One of our distant cousins, a descendant of Heinrich Frey, was named **Friend Fry Barlow**.

He was born 1886 in Horsham Twp., Montgomery Co., PA. His heritage is as follows:

Heinrich > John > Henry > Anna > Susanna Fry Freed > Anna Freed Yoder > Mary Yoder Barlow > **Friend Fry Barlow**

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