



# HFFA NEWS

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## FROM THE EDITOR:

There is a lot to put into this edition of the HFFA News. We will have an article from our President Charles Burgess warning us about errors found on the internet. We'll also see something from Membership Chairman Wil Frye about his February trip to New Zealand. Treasurer Tommy Wiggins has some information about the 2009 Reunion in Texas as well as some financial information about HFFA.

A few months ago I sent an email to many of the HFFA members asking for information about their occupations and interests. I expected to get a few responses and thought I could categorize them by saying we have a certain number of members who are engineers, nurses, teachers, etc. Instead, the response was absolutely terrific with many long and thoughtful answers. I have enough to entertain us for many issues to come. Thank you to all who replied and shared so much information about yourselves.

We'll also include some updates on families, addresses, emails, etc. These are the important things that we use in order to continue to communicate with each other. It's so much easier to communicate these days, but it's also

more difficult because we make changes quicker than we ever did before. It's tough to keep up with the changes and if we make errors and/or omissions its sure not because we aren't trying to get it right.

**Mike Speers**

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:

**Elizabeth Butcher Williams and James Williams** became the parents of twins on February 5, 2008. Their names are **Jackson Connor Williams and Caroline Elizabeth Williams**. They were born six weeks premature but are both over 9 pounds now (sent in on March 25) and doing well.

**The babies connect to the Fry/Frye/Frey line through Ann Elizabeth Fry (1840 - 1914) daughter of Abraham Keller Fry (1797 - 1860).**

The Williams family resides in Arlington, Texas where James is a landscape architect and Elizabeth is an elementary teacher.

This announcement was sent in by grandparents, **Linda Fife Butcher and Frank Butcher** (HFFA members). In response to my survey question they also write the following: Linda Fife Butcher is a retired dyslexia teacher, Frank is a retired high school

physics teacher. In his retirement, he is a full-time community college physics instructor and is active in senior softball and serves as exhibits manager for the Texas State Science Teacher Convention. Linda does a lot of volunteer church work and is currently busy helping with the newly born twin grandchildren.

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**MESSAGE FROM THE  
PRESIDENT: Charles Burgess**

I am curious as to how many of our members have web sites. Also, I wonder how well the sites are kept up to date. In the past week, I have viewed two web sites that dealt with two allied families that are related to us. Both sites included detailed accounts of our Frey ancestors. To my dismay, both contained many errors plus items given as factual when they are actually suppositions. To top it off, sources given were our own publications, a member's name, and the name of a descendant who is not a member but has corresponded with our membership for years. Unfortunately they didn't give sources for individual items but just as sources in general.

From all of this, you would think there really was a ship called Markus and that Heinrich's father was Heinrich Frey of Heilbron, Germany. Can there be any in our membership who think this is true? If so, can you give me a reason why you think so?

Surprisingly, included in all of this was the baptismal date, listed as the birth date, of 17 June 1663 for Heinrich, which is found in the Sippenbuch of Altenheim (Altheim). Before the discovery of the

Sippenbuch, it was thought Heinrich was born in 1653 though there was no date or age given in the records of his time. The Sippenbuch also gives the names of Heinrich's parents, grandfathers, and his brothers and sister. Yet the two web sites list his brothers and sisters as those given in the fictional letter from Heilbron.

If you ever get a chance to look at Laurel Miller's "Leinbachs in America: The First Five Generations", printed 2002, notice that she gives a source for every person's birth, marriage, death, etc. listed in the family groups. Where a person's name is not certain or a person's spouse is not certain, she says so.

The internet has a wealth of information. However, where I find glaring errors, I tend to distrust everything else that is included.

I once made an impromptu speech at one of our reunions when the arranged speaker failed to appear. I said there was a chance the maiden name of the wife of an ancestor of some of us might be a certain name. I then listed what circumstantial evidence pointed to this, but that I could find no real proof that it was true. I had barely gotten back home when a call from Washington, D.C. came asking if it was true. Ever since I have been constantly trying to convince people that there is no proof and to indicate it that way when they use it in their records. Please be certain that your information is correct and give a source when you can.

**Charles**

**HFFA Reunion June 26th and 27th, 2009**

**Tommy Wiggins**

The meeting room has been reserved for both days and plans are to set up materials from the HFFA Archive along with a computer and copy machine for those of you that want to do research. The official Meet and Greet will be Friday night, but the meeting room will be open all day Friday for anyone that wants to come in early and do research. Please bring in any material including photographs you'd like to share with other members and/or donate to the archives.

**Editor:** In another message, President Charles Burgess informs me that it is worth checking into train service to Mineola, Texas. That is the site of the reunion.

**Graduation Announcement:**

It was 52 years ago that Wil Frye received his undergraduate degree from San Francisco State University. Wil's oldest grandson, Martin Daniel Roche, just graduated from SFSU. He was in a class of over 5000. Wil noted that when he graduated there might have been 5000 for the total enrollment.

Wil also writes that he was taking his youngest son Charlie and his son Cameron to visit the grave sites of Wil's grandfathers.

" Memorial Day is a good time to pass on our heritage to the younger ones." Wil Frye

**HFFA Financial Summary:**

**1/1/2008 to 3/31/2008**

**Treasurer: Tommy Wiggins**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>				<b>\$ 4,267.67</b>
Income				
- Dues	\$	1,590.00		
- Links Books	\$	165.00		
- Journals	\$	5.00		
- Miscellaneous	\$	0.00		
- Web Site Donation	\$	200.00		
<b>Total Income</b>				<b>\$ 1,960.00</b>
Expenses				
- Journals	\$	1,200.00		
- Newsletters	\$	107.11		
- Links Books	\$	0.00		
- Web Site	\$	100.00		
- Bank Services	\$	20.00		
<b>Total Expenses</b>				<b>\$ 1,427.11</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>				<b>\$ 4,800.56</b>

## NEW ZEALAND TRIP

Wil Frye

In all my traveling while working for a semiconductor company, I never made it across the Equator. The closest was Singapore which is 54 miles north of the Equator. In addition, I always wanted to visit New Zealand. So in February, 2008, along with my daughter Jo-ell and Gary, I was able to do both in one trip.

We are now back from New Zealand, had a great time. Did an afternoon of sailing in Auckland, the city of sails; took an all day motorboat tour of the Bay of Islands; walked a section of the Waipoua Kauri Forest (trees with huge trunks); took the four hour ferry ride from the North Island to the South Island; trekked 11.5 km (took four hours) of the 54 km Abel Tasman rain forest trail; took a helicopter up to the Franz Josef Glacier and spent two hours hiking across it; spent a day on the Milford Sound via ferry followed by the next day doing the same on the Doubtful Sound; watched the bungee jumpers off a 100 foot high bridge outside Queenstown (did not participate); spent a day touring the Royal Albatross Colony nesting area and watching the yellow eye penguins coming in out of the sea on the Otago Peninsula just north of Dunedin; rode the Taieri Gorge Railway south of Dunedin; Took in the South Island Pipe & Drum competition on a Sunday in Dunedin (a town founded by the Scots); went on an all day round trip on the

Scenic Alpine Train between Christchurch on the east coast and Greymouth on the west coast of the South Island; and with a few odds and ends in between - four weeks total. Flew up from Christchurch to Auckland to catch the flight back to San Francisco – nonstop of 12 hours.

Now I can say I have been there, done that, don't need to do it again. The glacier walk was the only thing where I was pushed physically. Lots of up and down ice with stepping across splits. The last 20 minutes I was so exhausted that only with the help of Jo-ell & Gary was I able to make it back to the helicopter pickup point.

Wil Frye

March 18, 2008

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**Editor:** Wil also sent me a longer version of his trip that would have taken too much space in this newsletter. I asked him to make it available on our website for those who would like to read it. I'm sure you will find it very interesting and informative. I'm ready to order my tickets to New Zealand, now. Go to

[www.hfrey.org](http://www.hfrey.org)

**HFFA SURVEY**

**Mike Speers**

In March, I used my HFFA email list and sent a request for information about the occupations and interests of the members who received that email. I thought I would get something that I could tabulate into a list of various types of jobs, etc. Instead, I received many long and thoughtful responses that I thought would be interesting to share in their entirety. I have done some editing to make the responses fit into this newsletter.  
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I am retired with a lifetime interest in genealogy. My work on the Frye family seems to be a full time occupation.

**Charles Burgess, Naples, FL**

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[I am] an elected local government official and appointed tax collector.

Someone has to do it!

**Helen Staiger Slippery Rock, PA**  
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I am a former Corrections Officer, now "semi-retired" and serving as my town's Town Judge (Justice of the Peace) – a paying position, but part-time hours.

In order to serve as the Town Judge, I had to step down from my previously held positions as a member of the Hospital Board of Directors and Town Election Inspector.

I am presently the Treasurer for our Library's Board of Trustees, serve as an Elder on my Church's Session (Presbyterian Church), am on the local cemetery Board of Trustees, and am the Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for my town.

That may sound impressive, but I live in a very rural area with a small population, so the same 20 people seem to be the ones who do everything here – no big deal!

**Mark Friden, Star Lake, NY**  
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My husband and I have lived on our small (200 acre) farm for 52 years. Joe worked at the BFGoodrich Tire Plant for 30 of those years while working the farm and raising cattle. He had to work full time to support his hobby of farming.

I was mostly a stay at home mom most of those years, only we called it being a "homemaker" in those days. We moved into town during the late fifties for 3 years, before coming back to the farm and building a new home on this property.

In 1975, I opened the Country Curl Beauty Shop so I could work and not be gone from home. I still have a few clients who have insisted there is no one else to do their hair if I close the shop. I have spoiled them to the point of charging them prices of 20 years ago. They are elderly now and living on small incomes.

**Joy Bruce, Welch, OK**  
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I am an editor at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. I head the print editorial group that produces health information (books and newsletters and a Web site associated with those products) for the general public. On the side, I coach cross country (girls and boys) at a small high school.

**Chris C. Frye** Chatfield, MN  
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I am a retired attorney who moved to Santa Barbara, CA four years ago from Boston, MA where I was born and raised. (My mother is Hilda Roberts Frye Capiello, her father was William Miller Frye.)

I practiced intellectual property law and was general counsel of software companies. I am now buying, renovating, and selling properties in Santa Barbara. [I also] sit on the boards of several non-profits: Habitat for Humanity of Santa Barbara, The Women's Foundation of CA, Suffolk University Law School's Visiting Board, and the Institute for Internal Transformation.

**Sue Capiello**, Santa Barbara,  
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I retired in 1986 and then  
1) designed and built a house,  
2) traveled to the point that we have been on every continent except Antarctica.  
3) spent six hours per day for six years to get the Frey/Fry/Frye family tree together. I am still trying to get it into shape to turn over the entire work to the HFFA.

**Paul Eugene Frye**, Akron, OH  
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Marian and I are now both retired. I was a naval engineering duty officer, and then computer systems engineering consultant before retirement. After retirement I wrote the book "**When Computers Went to Sea**" which tells the history of how the US Navy secretly developed digital code breaking computers following the end of World War II and then miniaturized them using transistors so they could be installed aboard combatant ships to solve a pressing anti-air warfare battle management problem.

Our most interesting tour of duty was assignment to the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (now NASA) High Speed Flight Station in the Mojave Desert. I was an aeronautical research engineer working on high speed research airplanes and Marian worked in the technical library.

One of her fringe benefits was being taught the rudiments of flying the Station's DC-3 utility aircraft by a young test pilot named Neil Armstrong.

My primary work now is finishing off the interior of our new house on our 61 acre tree farm near Unger, WV. Marian is heavily into quilting. She is a member of Delectable Mountain Quilters of Berkeley Springs, WV.

We both sing in the choir of Union Chapel United Methodist Church. We belong to the Sleepy Creek Watershed Association which is a volunteer group that does stream bank stabilization and cleanup. (Sleepy Creek flows through our property.) We also

belong to the Morgan County Arts Council, and the Morgan County Observatory Foundation which is a volunteer group that maintains and operates a small observatory that houses a former US Naval Academy 12" diameter telescope.

**David and Marian Boslaugh,**

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Berkeley Spring, VA  
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I have retired three times so far. My first job was working in a bank as the proof machine operator. I retired from that to raise our children.

My second job was working as the bookkeeper for a major construction company. After our children completed their schooling, I retired again.

Several years later, the wife of the construction company owner decided to open a furniture and home decorating store and asked me to be the bookkeeper. I worked there for over 7 years and retired for the third and final time. Then our grandchildren were entering our lives.

At this time my volunteer work involves helping my mother who lives 170 miles away. I was also a hospice volunteer several years ago and while I do not do that on a regular basis, I still help our elderly neighbors with chores and things they can no longer do for themselves.

When we are home I enjoy helping friends (and sometimes total strangers) with filling in the branches of their family tree.

Being a wife, mother and grandmother has filled my life with joy and happiness. I am content.

**Sandie Eisenbath,** Tipton, MO  
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I retired in January, 1990 but I did some consulting for a few years after that. Before retiring from the Inland Division of GM, I headed the Quality and Reliability Systems department.

My wife Mary and I are fully retired now. Besides keeping two houses maintained and repaired, I help her with her genealogy research, which keeps her very busy. **Bill Frye,** Dayton, OH  
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Janet Goforth retired in 1993 from Los Alamos National Laboratory operated by the University of California for the Department of Energy. Prior to working at Los Alamos she worked in the Director's Office at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in CA. She tells us about breaking a tooth on some peanut brittle given to her by Edward Teller, the Father of the Hydrogen Bomb while at LLNL. Alas another casualty of the atomic age.

Her husband John retired from Los Alamos National Laboratory in 2000. He was a Design Engineer, Fire Protection Specialist.

They presently do volunteer work for the Sunrise Christian Church in Turlock, CA. She sometimes serves as a soloist in the choir. (She sent me a wonderful CD of her songs. – editor)

**Janet & John Goforth,**  
Turlock, CA  
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## Death Notices

**Lee Elden Fry** 88 of Broken Arrow, OK died April 8, 2008. Lee was born March 11, 1920 in Stillwater, OK to **Orphus & Nellie Fry**. He earned a BA from Oklahoma State U. He served in WW2 in the Navy and Korean War in the 45th Division. He received a purple heart. He retired as a Major. After he retired he worked for Phillips Petroleum as an asphalt specialist.

His ancestry is as follows:  
Heinrich - Benjamin - Benjamin - Benjamin - Abraham V. - Henry - George - Orphus.

..... Sent in by **Gordon Fry** .....

[We] received word that **Warren W. Frye** has died in Peoria, Illinois. He is the father of our member, **Suzanne F. Chave**, brother of our member, **Marjorie Grundy**, and uncle of our member, **Kathleen Knuth**. He was also a first cousin of my mother. He was 92.

Sincerely, **Charles Burgess**

The obituary for Warren is available online: [www.legacy.com/pjstar/Obituaries](http://www.legacy.com/pjstar/Obituaries)

Upon reading it you will find that he knew Charles Lindbergh when Charles was a mail pilot. Warren had a love for flying and had a fixed wing pilot's license, built an

experimental aircraft himself, flew ultralight aircraft, and was a partner in an agricultural spraying service for many years.

However, his main interest was owning and operating a turkey farm near Peoria, IL.

Heinrich - Benjamin - Abraham Sr. - Abraham Jr. - Smith Sr. - Smith Jr. - Frederick S.

### NEW MEMBER

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