



HFFA NEWS

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Mike Speers - Editor

From the editor,

Hello again cousins, kin, and other readers.

Once again I would like to thank **Chris Frye** for helping me get this newsletter in proper form for the e-mail readers.

Next, some needed bookkeeping pleas must be registered right away.

First, I hope you have ordered your **LINKS 2007** book from **Wil Frye**. It is a wonderful document. The first six generations of Heinrich Frey's family are outlined. See **Page 6** for details.

Also, our own personal place in the family tree is identified as well as all previous and current members of HFFA. (I'm on page 27 in Section 2.)

Historical notes written by **Don Kearney** and **Charles Burgess** are in Section 3.

A complete membership roster is in Sec. 4. Space for your own family tree, research notes, thoughts, and ideas make up Sec. 5.

Second, our membership dues for 2007 expire at the end of December. We do not send out notices, so this is a reminder that we have to pay \$25 dues for 2008, and send it to Wil Frye. His address is on **Page 10**.

Go ahead, do it now, we'll save your place until you get back.

OK, Did you take the time to send your dues for 2008? You shouldn't be reading this column until you do. That's what we agreed upon.

Hope it's not too late, but if you want to send in for more than one year at a time, you can do that too.

This newsletter comes to you in November. Too bad we can't find a way to have a big HFFA Thanksgiving dinner together.

Then Christmas and New Year's will come and we'll be starting 2008. The end of the year is certainly full of expectations. Happy Holidays to you all.

Need some help for your Holiday shopping? There is always someone in your family who is hard to shop for. Here's an idea, send them a membership in HFFA for a year. See if it piques their interest in genealogy.

They will get two Journals prepared by **Jon Frye**. We all know how great those are! He sure publishes an interesting, scholarly, and very thorough history. They will also receive four newsletters during the year.

So, for only \$25, your gift will let your person know you thought of them all year long. It even might inspire them to contribute some interesting family news

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Charles Burgess

First of all, speaking for myself and the leadership of HFFA, we wish for all of you a wonderful and memorable Holiday Season that extends from Thanksgiving all the way through New Years. We pray that the good will and love generated during the Christmas Season stays with all of us throughout the year. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

When we were visiting the Bear Creek Quaker Cemetery near Earlham on the Sunday of the reunion, someone wondered if the Frys buried at a later date were related to the earlier Frys.

The earlier Frys are John M. Fry who died in 1872 and his wife, Mary Magadeline Snapp, who died in 1873 and their family.

The later Frys are William Henry Fry who died in 1921 and his wife, Guliema Maria George, who died in 1928 and their daughter, Edna May Fry, who died in 1965. The tombstone indicates an infant son, Evan, died in Kansas.

Were the two families related?

Yes, they were distantly related. Their common ancestors were Benjamin and Christina Frey of Frye Fort on Cedar Creek in Virginia. John M. Fry was a descendant of their son, Joseph Frye who married Ann Funk. William H. Fry was a descendant of their son, Benjamin Frye who married Catherine.

- Charles J. Burgess

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Please inform someone in HFFA, either Charles, Wil, Jon or Mike anytime there is a change in email, residence, or phone. We can't communicate if we don't know where you are. The editor's email is

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All of our addresses, emails, and phone numbers are listed on page 10. Please let at least one of us know how to get hold of you.

Thank you in advance.

I was born with nothing and still have most of it left.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The following was sent in by **L. Jane Wilmer**. For those of us who try to keep up to date family charts based on the information in the HFFA Journal and HFFA Newsletter, you can make your records more accurate with this information.

Hi Mike,

I recently discussed with Charles Burgess a couple of mistakes as well as added information regarding a paragraph in a Journal some years back. I had thought it had long ago been revised but recently learned it had not. Charles has made notes and changes in his own notebooks of family info but he suggested this needs to be printed in either the Journal or the Newsletter. Since Jon Frye doesn't have an email connection, Charles suggested I give it to you for perhaps including in a Newsletter at some time. Below are the revisions that need to be addressed:

This is all in reference to the next-to-the-last paragraph on **page 31 of Journal Vol. 1, Issue 7 (Aug. 1995)**.

With corrections, this is how it should read:

Jesse and Emma had six children including:

- 1) **Sudie Catharine** (md. Omer Otley Stickley);
- 2) **Hertburn Washington** (md. Lettie Grace Windle);
- 3) **Nina Virginia** (md. Lawrence Edgar Calohan);
- 4) **Emmeline Daisy** (md. William Murphy Stickley II);
- 5) **Bessie Brue** (md. Otis Milton Painter);
- 6) **Harry Edward** (md. Mattie Alice Pangle).

Incidentally, Civil War records describe Jesse as 5' 5", florid complexion and brown hair (D. Frye, p. 128).

Thanks for helping me get the record straight.

L. Jane Wilmer

Heinrich --- Benjamin --- Jacob ---
Joseph --- Joseph Pugh --- Jesse Pugh

Jesse Pugh Fry (1841 - 1921) md.
1873 Emma Virginia Hatfield (1846 - 1929)

Jesse Pugh Fry is the grand-father of **L. Jane Wilmer**,

Hertburn Washington Fry is her grand-father.

The Rule of G

by Barbara A. H. Nuehring

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Can a second cousin, once removed, return? If the cousin is doing genealogy research, let us hope that the answer is yes!

As genealogists we know that it is all about relationships but, who exactly is a second cousin, once removed?

The EncartaÆ Reference Library 2004 Dictionary says a **cousin** is: 1) uncle's or aunt's child: a child of somebody's uncle or aunt, also called first cousin. 2) distant relative: somebody to whom somebody is related through the brother or sister of a grandparent, great-grandparent, or even older ancestor. The dictionary also defines **removed** as: distantly related: separated from somebody to a specified degree by birth, adoption, or marriage.

The number of cousins and the degree of removed can be quite confusing. But, as complex as relationships are, there is a very easy way to figure it out. If your lineage-database doesn't do it for you, just apply **The Rule of G**.

Simply count the number of **g**'s in grandparent, great-grandparent, great-great grandparent and so on. The number of **g**'s is the key that tells what number of cousin you are. For instance, you and your cousin have the same great-grandparents. Count the **g**'s, you're second cousins!

Oh, but what if your cousin is of a different generation? In other words, your cousin is **removed** from your common ancestor by an additional generation or more. Count the **g**'s of both lines. The number of the closest generation to the common ancestor is the "**cousin number**" **Removed** is determined by calculating the difference between the number of **g**'s of the closest generation and that of the furthest generation. For instance, your great-grandparents are your cousin's great-great-grandparents that makes the two of you second cousins, once removed.

Gee, wasn't that easy! Now, if we can just get those cousins interested in the **G** word Genealogy.

From the editor:

The author of this piece, Barbara Nuehring, is a full-time RVer. She and her husband, Lee, were recently camping next to Mike and Rose Speers in Elkhart, Indiana. She does family research and writes for various publications. She has allowed HFFA to use this article and one other that will be published next issue (January, 2008.) We are indebted to her for her contributions to our HFFA Newsletter.

Debunking Genealogy

by Mike Speers

In the July, 2007 issue of the **Smithsonian Magazine**, an article on page 90 is titled, "**The Family Tree, Pruned**" by Richard Conniff. The first line identifies his thesis: "It's lure is powerful - but genealogy is meaningless, relatively." In the article, he does his best to debunk genealogy and genealogists in general.

Since the July issue, the published letters to the editor have been critical of Conniff's article. However, he does let us know that some people do not value our activity and think that we are fools to pursue it.

His main point was that we can all probably prove we are descendants of Charlemagne while at the same time we are more probably descendants of the peasants who served under him. My response; So what! it's enjoyable and interesting either way. Neither result identifies me as a person.

Here are his parting words, "What makes us who we are, what makes us people worth knowing, comes from within ourselves, and from the often annoying, somewhat laughable, occasionally lovable families we live with now." After all that, it turns out he agrees with me.

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WEST'S ABE

by Mike Speers

Anyone who has dutifully added the earliest generations to our charts are familiar with "Ringland's Abe" and "West's Abe." There were a lot of Abrahams, so they got to be known by their wives surnames.

One other tidbit of information that many of us added to our charts for West's Abe was that he moved to Sandusky, Ohio. For many of us, that was all we knew.

I was immediately intrigued by the mention of Sandusky, because that is where I was born and where my father (**John L. Speers**) and uncle (**Ray F. Speers**) are buried.

This past summer, my curiosity (and memory) finally took over, and I checked the records of Oakland Cemetery in Sandusky and found no grave for **Abraham Frye**.

It's possible he could have been in some other graveyard, so I inquired of **Charles Burgess** if he knew of the burial place for Abraham. Charles responded that there are census records of him being in Huron County, Ohio which is immediately south of Sandusky, Erie County, OH.

One thing led to another and on 15 Oct 2007, I found myself tromping around some cemeteries in Huron County. First, I found a small cemetery in New Haven Township near the southern border of the county.

There was the grave for **Abraham Frye**. His lineage is as follows: Heinrich, Benjamin, Abraham (Hester Johnson), and Abraham (Elizabeth West.) The Links 2007 tells us his dates are 1794 - 1862.

The inscription on his stone is

**ABRAHAM FRYE
DIED
MARCH 11, 1862**

The gravestone is broken and only the top half is visible, having been stuck into the

ground. The bottom half is leaning against the stone of his wife. Her stone says

**ELIZABETH
Wife of
ABRAHAM FRYE
DIED
Feb, 23, 1852
AGED
52 Yrs. 10 Mo. 15 Days**

Only chart chasers like you and I can appreciate the rush that I felt when these gravestones were found! It was a very good day and I was getting excited!

From the research that led me to the New Haven Cemetery, I knew that their son, **Samuel W. Frye** was in another graveyard. However, his first wife, **Nancy Speers** was buried in New Haven next to Abraham and Elizabeth.

In the last issue, I wrote about finding the graves of **Henry V. Speers** and **Jacob B. Speers** in Riverside Cemetery in Marshalltown, Iowa. Nancy Speers, who married Samuel W. Frye, was their sister. Their brother **Noah Speers** is my great grandfather so finding all these Speers' graves is important and exciting to me.

Nancy's stone is flush with the ground. It says

**NANCY
Wife of S. Frye
Died
July 14, 1848**

Next to her grave is a small, flush stone.

**RADCLIFF B.
Son of
S. & M. Frye
Died
Apr. 1, 1854
Aged
1 Yr 3 Mo 20 Da**

After the death of Nancy in 1848, Samuel married **Marie Cuykendall** in 1852. Radcliff was the first born child from that marriage.

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Links Book 2007
by Wilbur C. Frye

Through October 5, 2007, we have received orders for 74 books from 63 members and have shipped all but four which are on back-order. Thanks to all (one member who ordered four copies at the reunion thought so highly of the Book that after receiving them he sent in a gift of \$100.00, a special thank you to you). I had printed up 70 copies thinking that would be plenty based on the orders received when I had them printed. However, four more orders came in. I plan to fill those orders in early January. I will wait to get more copies printed till December 15 to see if more orders are received.

I have been sent a few corrections by Charles Burgess based on material sent to him after the Book was issued. If you have corrections or new material to add, please send them on to Charles for review and he will forward them on to me. All revisions or new material I receive by December 15, 2007 will be copied and sent out to all 2007 owners in early January at no additional costs for insertion into your copy. In addition, I will be sending out copies of the portions of

Section 3 that appeared in the original Book but were not included in the 2007 edition.

If members who have not ordered a copy and now want to order one or more, they are still priced at \$40.00 each including the binder or \$35.00 each without the binder. If I receive the order prior to December 15, they (including corrections and new material) will be shipped in early January, 2008. Please make out the checks to HFFA. Charles and my addresses appear at the end of the Newsletter.

These current prices did not cover all the cost including packaging and shipping. Luckily, the \$100 gift covered the short fall with some left over. However, any orders received after December 15 will each be priced at \$45.00 with binder or \$40.00 without the binder. Save yourself \$5.00 and get your order in by the 15th of December.

From the editor -

The first **Links Book** was prepared for us by **Hank Adams, Charles Burgess, Harry Morrison, and Kay Nelson**. The printing, production, and distribution was arranged by **Jim Frey**. The second book, **Links 2007**, was updated by **Marti Frye**. The printing, production, and distribution was (is) done by **Wil Frye**. We are all indebted to them. Thank you very much. You have done a wonderful job.

HFFA Web Site
www.hfrey.org

by Wilbur C. Frye

Chris Frye and I plan to add a capability to our web site which allows members to submit their research findings covering generations not contained in the Links Book (i.e. 7th generation and on down). During the 1990s I tried to identify all the decedents of my great grandparents Thomas and Sara (Gregg) Frye and had put my findings into a book. The results have had only minor updates since 1998. I have more recent information which I will add as time allows, however I want to post what I do have to serve as an example of how to augment the Links Book.

By the time this Newsletter reaches you I hope to have the 7th, 8th, and 9th generations available. To protect the privacy of living individuals, I will only show birth and marriage year rather than the month, day and year. For those folks who have passed on, I will show the full dates. Over the next few months, I will be adding the 10th through 13th generations.

This new section will be in the member's only area (Family

Room). It will be identified as "Family Books". Under this heading I will place my book under Frye, Thomas Franklin.

It will contain sections on Overview, Introduction, Generation 7, Generation 8, and Generation 9. To get to this area you must be a HFFA member and have logged on with your e-mail address and password. See the Web Guide material for specifics.

Something from Daniel Frye
received 11 Nov 2007

Hey all, my computer has been broken down for a couple of weeks and I haven't been able to get or send any e-mail. I just now got back on line and am operating again.

All is going well here in Ft. Myers. The weather is great. I don't have to turn on the air conditioner and I don't need the heat, yet.

Many of my Northern friends are returning and the Volunteer crew at our Habitat warehouse are beginning to show up for work now.

I helped build two houses in Labelle this week. We have the exterior walls up and are ready for the roof trusses this coming week. We have several houses in storage and ready to be erected in the coming weeks.

I hope my Summer project is still going well. I have not heard from any of my friends from Roan Mountain since I left.

We are building a new church in Roan Mtn. and I miss working with all them. It will be a two year project, so I will get back with them next Spring.

Have a great Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year.

Keep in touch. Dan

MINUTES
HFFA REUNION 22-24 JUNE 2007
Des Moines, Iowa

The 2007 HFFA Family Reunion opened at 9:15 a.m. on June 23, 2007 in the Iowa meeting room of the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines, Iowa. 2007 Reunion Chair Iris Starkey welcomed all members and guests and noted that 43 people are expected.

HFFA President Charles Burgess opened the general meeting and noted items that were covered in the Board meeting which was held June 22, 2007 at 3pm.

Wilbur Frye discussed the new HFFA Links book which he is updating and including a cross referenced member index, Historical Notes and articles. Burgess will edit any information sent with proof. Price will be: \$40 with binder, \$35 w/o binder (member cost); \$50 with binder, \$45 w/o binder (non-members cost). Wilbur Frye will take orders and ship once a quarter.

Chris Frye discussed the HFFA website which will have a member section. It is also open to non-members. Indexes are not restricted to members. Journals are in PDF format. The last six newsletters are on also. Chris will start tracking the hit count per page. The Discussion section will be changed to a Bulletin Board. The Members Area will change to the Family Room and be members only. Membership form will offer check or paypal methods. There will be an order form page for books, journals, etc. We can now eliminate Tommy Wiggins' original site. The current cost is about \$50 per month which Wilbur Frye has offered to subsidize for two years.

Gordon Frye discussed membership. It was emphasized that HFFA is open to anyone with an interest even if not a descendent. Also noted that there should be follow up when people drop out as to why. Gordon offered to do this.

Charles Burgess discussed genealogy through DNA and several organizations that do this. Contact him for more information if you are interested. He noted that we have a \$1000 donation which we could somehow put toward this. Ann Pasieka suggested we could use it at the next reunion for drawings for discounts toward this.

HFFA President Charles Burgess opened the business meeting at 1 p.m. in the Iowa room. About fifty members and guests were present.

Burgess read the minutes of the meeting on June 18, 2005 in Coffeyville Kansas. Chris Frye moved to accept the minutes. Roy Gregory seconded the motion and it carried.

Committee Reports:

Iris Starkey thanked everyone for coming to Iowa.

In the absence of Treasurer Tommy Wiggins, Wilbur Frye presented the treasurer's report which includes dollars from Jim Frey estate, 2000 surplus, and the Coffeyville surplus.

Balance June 07, 2005 (Coffeyville minutes) \$ 5,067.30

Balance June 30, 2005

\$ 2292.80

Income (06/01/2005 - 5-31-2007)

\$ 9408.31

Expenses (06/01/2005 - 5-31-2007)

\$ 6881.36

Balance on Hand (June 01, 2007)

\$4479.75

Additional income: (additional dues)

\$340.00

Balance June 30, 2007

\$ 4819.75

Wilbur Frye noted that our balance would be negative without the surplus from reunions. The revenue is not meeting expenses. He noted that we roughly spend \$6 per member for the newsletter and the journal costs about \$17.80 to produce. Burgess noted that the last dues increase was ten years ago. Wilbur Frye moved we raise the dues to \$25 effective 1-1-08. Motion seconded by Kay James. Motion carried with no one opposed. Burgess noted that if you are already paid in advance you do not have to pay the difference. Ann Pasieka asked if this is an exception and do we have a life membership dues category. Burgess reported "no." Pasieka made a motion that the dues be effective 1-1-08 and anyone renewing after that pay the extra. Several people questioned if we could pay ahead now (like ten years at the old rate). After much discussion the motion was dropped. Burgess stated that effective this day, June 23, a member cannot pay ahead to receive the discount.

Wilbur Frye stated that current membership is 152 which include three gratis and one lifetime.

Jon Frye reported that previous journal issues are available from Tommy Wiggins in Texas for \$5 each or five for \$20. Jon is writing, editing and indexing the journal. He asked for people to contribute articles, please (Jon will help you write it). Fall issue will have an index for previous five years. After a discussion it was decided not to raise the price for old issues as this is a benefit to get new members. The first five issues can be reprinted, five copies of each for \$125.

Ann Pasioka called a Point of Order: Do we follow Roberts Rules? Burgess said yes and apologized if anything was out of order.

Old Business:

Newsletter: Wilbur Frye noted that we are trying to reduce costs by sending the newsletter via email. Almost half use this option. The newsletter is general interest, a communication device, what are you doing or need help with? Burgess thanked past editors for a job well done and announced that Mike Speers will be the new editor.

There was a short discussion as to the difference between an association and a reunion. We are an association and the reunion is where we do our association business.

TWIGS BOOK: Paul Frey published this and offered us his copyright. Burgess would edit and Chris could put on the website with a disclaimer that this is not our official book. It was noted that this book is not indexed, has errors and no sources. Mike Speers made motion we NOT accept, Bill Frye seconded. Discussion: Wilbur Frye noted that the book is for sale and we should accept it so that we can correct it so bad data stops going out. Motion defeated 5 - 9. Wilbur Frye made motion we accept Paul's offer, with the explanation that Paul is very ill and does not want his work to be lost. He wants it kept in its original format with his original contributor credit. Chris Frye seconded. Motion passed 13 - 2.

New Business:

Wilbur Frye noted that a quarterly treasurer's report should be put in the newsletter.

Burgess requested suggestions for a time and chairman for the 2009 and 2011 Reunions. After ideas were suggested from several people, Jon suggested we see who expresses interest. Burgess will follow up and report.

Election of Officers:

Gordon Frye presented a slate of officers:

President: Charles Burgess
Vice President: Gordon Frye
Recording Secretary: Helen Staiger
Treasurer: Tommy Wiggins

Chris Frye moved to close the nominations and elect the slate by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Al Hyer and carried unanimously. Wilbur Frye will continue receiving memberships.

Burgess requested nominations for five directors. The following six were nominated: Daniel Frye, Jon Frye, Wilbur Frye, Phillip Frye, Harry Morrison, Gene Frye. Directors elected: Jon Frye, Wilbur Frye, Phillip Frye, Harry Morrison and Gene Frye.

Chris Frye moved we destroy the ballots. Mike Speers seconded. Motion approved.

Burgess had an item to auction: The Fry Lawn ornament donated by Mark Zeliadt. The winning bid was \$25.

Burgess thanked everyone for coming.

Roy Gregory moved the meeting adjourn. Ralph Frye seconded the motion and it carried.

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Helen Staiger

Recording Secretary

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