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HELLO COUSINS, KIN, AND OTHER READERS

Before we begin, we want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Too bad we can't all be in the same place and celebrate together, but never-the-less good wishes are being sent your way.

Recently I sent an email message requesting any family information updates and article submissions. I know you are out there because there are at least half a dozen things added to this issue as a result of that request. Thank you very much for your contributions. When I sit here looking out at my leaf covered lawn and listening to Pete Fountain on the CD player it makes it easier to know that there are actually readers out there who seem to appreciate the efforts being taken. Your comments and submissions are received very warmly. Thank you.

You'll find a survey in this issue on page 11 asking for your response about the plans for the 2015 Reunion. Please let us know your answers and also include any comments about the ideas presented in the survey. Your part in this is very important.

Also, let me remind you that in November and February I start to nag about membership renewals. Our memberships end on Dec. 31. Renewals for 2014 begin on Jan. 1. Many have paid in advance and might not know if this is "their" year to renew. Contact Marti Frye or Mike Speers and we can inform you about your membership. To those who receive their Newsletter via USPS, look at your envelope. If you see 2013 at the end of your name,

then you have to renew for 2014. If you receive your Newsletter via email, you'll have to contact Marti or me and we will respond. I'll remind you again in the February issue. I'm already looking forward to May and August when I don't mention renewals.

It's interesting holding the two positions I have in HFFA, Newsletter Editor and Treasurer. All kinds of information and correspondence goes in and out of my computer. I appreciate hearing from so many members during the year. Please keep your messages coming. It's something I really enjoy.

Living so far away from each other as we do, makes us forget we are part of something that binds us all together. Other than Tom Speers and Robert Speers, my first cousins, the rest of us seem to be only distant cousins to each other. Usually I am no closer than 5th cousin to most of the HFFA membership. But, it's still a very special connection and I'm glad to have found HFFA in my search for family ties.

Let me end my portion of the newsletter with a request for more family stories from each of you. What got you interested in family history? Was there someone who inspired you to follow your roots? Tell us about it in a short article. We can help get your thoughts together and come up with something interesting to everyone. Everyone has a story, please let us know yours.

Merry Christmas from Mike and Rose, Chardon, OH

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Family,

For the 2015 reunion, there has been a lot of interest in holding it somewhere in the eastern part of PA and sort of duplicate what we did at the 2000 reunion. Particularly, visiting the Heinrich Frey cemetery and other sites of interest to the Frey/Fry/Frye members. An exact location has not been selected. We hope that we can soon establish a location and let everyone know. **Joyce Rivera** and **Bev Raber** have been our investigative unit for locations of hotels, costs and many related issues. We appreciate their efforts.

There is a survey to help determine the interest in such a reunion. The survey is on page 11. Since I will be in and out of the country in upcoming weeks, I've asked **Mike Speers** be designated as the receiver of your responses. Please contact him by email or USPS. Thank you.

Finances are so important for any organization. We need to know where every penny is being spent. **Ronnie Ellis** has again completed an audit of HFFA finances. I would like to share his report findings with all our members.

And, with Ronnie's permission, I am quoting him.

"I have just completed my audit of the HFFA's financial account as maintained by treasurer Mike Speers. Again, I have found our books to be in great shape. Mike maintains the association's financial records with accuracy and transparency. I had no problem determining where our money is being spent, and Mike's annotations and records helped me make common sense judgments about the legitimacy and propriety of the disbursements."

Thank you **Ronnie Ellis** and thank you **Mike Speers** for all your efforts in being our treasurer. It is good to be able to rest assured regarding our finances and transactions.

This is the season of Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all! I write to thank our volunteer officers for their time and efforts.

We want to thank **Jon Frye** for serving as VP and for his work on producing the journal.

We want to thank **Mike Speers** for his efforts on producing the newsletter and his meticulous work on handling our accounting as our treasurer.

We want to thank **Thelma McKenzie** for serving as our secretary with her detailed notes and correspondence and keeping our minutes up-to-date.

We want to thank **Marti Frye** for her work as membership chairman and LINKS book coordinator. There are many steps involved in these two positions and it takes a lot of effort on her part.

We want to thank **Charles Burgess** for serving as our Historian.

We want to thank **Lowell Fry** for serving as our Chaplain.

We want to thank **Gordon Fry** for serving as our Archivist.

We want to thank **Chris Frye** for serving as our Webmaster.

We want to thank **Ralph Frye, Helen Craig, Anne Pasioka,** and **Phillip Frye** for serving as a Director-at Large.

We are thankful to **our extended family** for their caring support throughout the year.

May you all enjoy this holiday season in a very special way surrounded by your loved ones.

President, Gene Frye
Kansas City, KS

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance in Aug. \$5880.51
Checks received \$ 350.00
Money spent \$ 149.59
Balance in Nov. \$6080.92

It's been a quiet quarter in the treasury. The receipts all come from memberships. The only notable expense was the Aug. Newsletter, \$138.37.

This report respectfully submitted by
Treasurer, Mike Speers
Chardon, Ohio

RECORD KEEPING:

New Members:

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3. Joseph Fry / Ann Funk
4. Mary Fry / Valentine Cackley
5. Benjamin Cackley / Frances McKeever
6. Christina Cackley / Solomon Jenkins
7. Joseph Harrison Jenkins / Rozella Smith
8. Edna Jenkins / George Harrison Hull
9. Lois Francis Hull / John Burleson Kaiser
10. **Jean E. Kaiser** / Vincent **Groendes**

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3. Catherine Leinbach / Frederick Peter Kreiter
4. Rebecca Kreiter / Abraham Stauffer
5. Elizabeth Stauffer / William McNiece
6. Nicholas McNiece / Delilia Hively
7. Leona McNiece / Carl Marlow Davis
8. Robert Earl Davis
9. **Timothy Alden Davis** / Conni

To learn more about Tim, go to:
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Be prepared to be amazed!

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On the Mend:

KEN CRAIG of Eagle Lake, Texas is doing well after his second knee replacement. He and wife **Helen Frye Craig** are anxious to hit the road again on some more adventures. You can read about their most recent trip on page 6 of this newsletter.

Gretchen Harvey is healthy again and is busy working and taking care of her grandchildren one day a week. She is now "100% cancer free and is very healthy."

In Service to Our Country:

CAPT. SCOTT MODESITT grandson of **MaryAnn** and **Frederic Hormuth** is in training with the Army Special Forces Unit at Fort Bragg in North Carolina. Capt. Modesitt is from Evansville, IN. He received his ROTC and Civil Engineering Degree while attending Western Kentucky University. His engineering degree came from The University of Kentucky.

Marriage:



Wesley Drew Frey and **Emily Catherine Rostel** were married in Lone, CA on 12 Oct 12, 2013. Drew is the son of **Richard W.** and **Therese J. Frey** of Fesno, CA.

Emily is the nuclear safety officer for Stanford Hospital and Wesley is the nuclear safety officer for the nuclear reactor at McClellan AFB near Sacramento, CA. They will be living in Davis, CA.

In Memoriam:

Mary Martha Frye

1927 – 2013

Mary Martha Frye age 86, of Dayton, passed away peacefully Sunday, August 11 at her home after a long illness. She was born August 9, 1927 in Des Moines, IA. She was preceded in death by her parents, **Roy F. Hansen** and **Cora Belle Cox**, sisters **Betty Jane** and **Eleanor Jean** and a brother **Kenneth**. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, **William A. Frye**, son **Russell S. Frye** of Falls Church, VA and daughter **Cynthia M. Eisen (Martin)**, and by their children, **Natalie Frye** and **Jessica** and **Sarah Eisen**. Mary volunteered at Oakwood schools, was President of the Arthritis Foundation Board in Dayton and Vice President of the Regional Board in Cincinnati. She volunteered at the Lutheran Social Services One Around Shop. To her

friends and neighbors, she was always ready to help with a sick child or spouse or with any other problem, day or night.

Mary Frye's long struggle with illness is over. She endured a lot of pain, many disappointments, hassles, and indignities with great courage and grace. As one who was always focused on helping others, it was particularly hard for her not to be able to help herself. Many doctors and nurses tried to cure her illnesses for six long years, but every gain was followed by a loss.

William A. Frye

Dayton, Ohio

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey / Christena
3. Henry Frye / Fanny Littler
4. Benjamin Frye / Mary Frye
5. Abraham Wilson Frye / Ann Longacre
6. William Henry Frye / Etta E. Spaur
7. Arthur B. Frye / Edith Catherine Scott
8. William A. Frye / **Mary Martha Hansen**

Richard Antone Sparenberg

1931 – 2013

Richard Antone Sparenberg, 82, passed away Friday morning (Oct. 4, 2013) in Kankakee, IL.

Richard was born July 17, 1931, in Danforth, the son of **Tony** and **Ada Karr Sparenberg**. He married **Inez Marie Claire** on Jan. 20, 1951. She passed away on Feb. 11, 1998.

Survivors include his children, **Dr. Steve (Roberta) Sparenberg** and **Nancy (Timothy) Wessels**, four grandchildren, **Tony Sparenberg** and **Jennifer (Matthew) Finet** of East Peoria; and **Jacob** and **Allison Wessels** of Crescent City; along with sisters-in-law, **Joyce Sparenberg** and **Mert Prussner**.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, son **Gary** and an infant granddaughter, **Millie**, along with his sisters and brothers, **Emma Heideman**, **Ernest Sparenberg**, **Robert Sparenberg**, **Hilda Wilken**,

Elizabeth Larsen, Wendall Sparenberg, Kenneth Sparenberg, Wilbur Sparenberg and Wayne Sparenberg.

Richard worked for and retired from the Illinois Central Railroad after 46 years. He served in the Army during the Korean Conflict, and was a member of the Clifton volunteer fire department. Richard also was a longstanding member of Zion Lutheran Church, Chebanse, and more recently a member at Luther Place in Danforth.

Richard's interests included amateur radio, watching the Chicago Cubs, radio-control airplanes, flying airplanes and jewelry/watch repair.

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey / Christena
3. Benjamin Fry II / Catherine
4. Benjamin Fry III / Ruth Courtwright
5. Abraham V. Fry / Catherine Damude
6. Joseph Fry / Elizabeth Rorich
7. Emma Ardelia Fry / Albert Orrin Karr
8. Ada Odessa Karr / Antone Sparenberg
9. **Richard Antone Sparenberg** / Inez Clair

Frederic V. Hormuth

1932 – 2013

Frederic "Fred" V. Hormuth, 81, passed away on Wednesday July 31, 2013. He was born to **Viola Cecilia (Weyer)** and **Marion Vincent Hormuth** on April 5, 1932 in Dade City, FL.

Fred graduated from Memorial High School and St. Edward's University in Austin, TX. He married **MaryAnn Pate** on May 7, 1955, in Refugio, TX. He served in the U.S. [Army](#) during the [Korean War](#). He owned and operated Hormuth Drywall and Painting Service, Inc.. He was a very active member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church including singing with the choir and past president of the parish council. He was very active with trade organizations and served on The Painting and Decorating Contractors of America - Indiana Council President 1973 - 1974, technical committees for Association of Walls and Ceilings Industries and was a contractor representative on committees for

Painters Local 156. Over the years he enjoyed playing cards including couples bridge, his men's bridge club and recently duplicate bridge at the Evansville Duplicate Bridge Club with his daughter Janice and friends. Fred played alto sax with the Newburgh's Old Dam Community Band. He made the July 4th performance in Newburgh and even recently played in the Terre Haute Band Festival on July 20th.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents; brother, **William "Billy" Hormuth**; grandson, **Adam Wheeler**; great granddaughter, **Madison Treadway**; brother-in-law, **William "Bill" Haas** and nephews, **Ronald Wiggers** and **Mark McCabe**.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, **MaryAnn**; daughters, **Karen Elaine Modesitt (Glenn)**, **Janice Diane Wheeler (Stan)** all of Evansville, **Linda Marie Hite** and **Sarah Frances Pillischafske (Robert)** both of Louisville, KY; grandsons, **Ray Wheeler (Ashley)**, **Paul Hite III**, **CPT Scott Modesitt**, **Mark Modesitt**, **Tom Pillischafske** and **James Pillischafske**; granddaughter, **Alisha Hite Treadway**; great grandchildren, **Andrew Hite**, **Aubrey Hite** and **Savannah Treadway**; brother, **Thomas Hormuth (Barbara)** of Rockdale, TX; sisters **Mary Ann Wiggers (Carl)** of Newnan, GA, **Anna Lee Haas** of Newburgh, IN and **Betty Jo McCabe (Cornelius "Mac")** of San Antonio, FL; brother-in-law, **Andrew Pate, Jr. (Carol)** of College Station, TX, uncle, **William "Willie" Weyer** of Bradenton, FL, several nieces and nephews and cousins.

MaryAnn Pate Hormuth

Newburgh, IN

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Leverin
2. Benjamin Frey / Christena
3. Jacob Frey / Mary Catherine Pugh
4. John C. Frey / Catherine Spears
5. Leah Frye / Jacob Carpenter
6. George F. Carpenter / Sarah Powell
7. Lindsey Carpenter / Margaret Carter
8. Gale M. Carpenter / Andrew L. Pate
9. MaryAnn Pate / **Frederic V. Hormuth**

Travels: In recent issues of the Newsletter we have been keeping tabs on those who travel. Of course, no one can keep up with our President, Gene Frye, who travels for a living. But it seems some of our members are getting around on their own. Here are some more in this series.

Falls Church to Stonehenge

Since the Winchester reunion in 2011, my daughter **Natalie Grace Frye** and I have traveled to England and Scotland (including an after-hours, beyond-the-chains tour of Stonehenge); Madrid, Cordoba & Granada; and Montreal & Mont St. Laurent. Over the years I've been fortunate to travel and work in 6 continents and to live briefly in Paris. Highlights include visiting Hungary when it was still part of the Warsaw Pact, being in Hong Kong in 1997 when the British handed it over to China, and being in Moscow in 1993 when there was an attempted coup and three days of fighting in the streets.

Russell Scott Frye, Falls Church, VA

Panama

After swearing I would not get on an airplane again, I was persuaded to change my mind this Autumn by a deal "you can't turn down."

It really was an irresistible proposition: 10 days in Panama, three of them aboard a private yacht; touring the country by motor coach (bus) and on the boat.

First, we explored Panama City (called "Panama" by the citizens) and saw where the Panama Canal was planned and overseen in 1914. The Canal will celebrate it's centennial next year and I expect we will see some news stories about the festivities. We ate dinner one evening in a restaurant overlooking the locks nearest the Pacific side: Mira Flores Locks. We ate and watched great cargo ships, small ships, passenger ships, etc. pass through. Ken and I had made this voyage on a passenger ship 12-15 years ago but all I remembered was muddy walls of the inside of the locks.

We spent several nights in a resort in the middle of the country, in a cone of an extinct volcano. Later, we spent several more nights in a resort in the rain forest. Such a variety of areas!

We boarded our passenger boat—24 of us including our guides. Great facility, wonderful food, very nice crew. We were welcomed on the bridge anytime we weren't maneuvering through traffic or narrow passages.

We began our water transit of the country on the Pacific Side. We traveled only during the daytime and tied up in lakes every night. We sometimes took small boats to tour along the shores, especially in Gatun Lake which is enormous.

We finally reached the Atlantic whereupon we boarded our "land yacht" (motor coach) and started back to Panama City. On the way we stopped at the site of the new locks—Gatun Locks. Larger and larger freight ships want to traverse the canal and they are just too wide and too long. So they are building bigger locks!

Helen Frye Craig, Eagle Lake, TX

Around the World, Again After our reunion in KC last June, I made trips around USA to Sarasota, FL, Las Vegas, St. George, Utah, and Delaware.

In October 2013, I went to Venice, Italy, Dubrovnik, Kotor in Montenegro, Rhodes and Myyanos, Greece and Ephesus, Turkey. Also, New Zealand Nov. 25 – Dec. 8.

Starting Jan. 4, 2014, I will go to Costa Rico, Panama Canal, cross equator, Ecuador, Peru, Easter Island, Pitcairn Island, Papeete, Tahiti, Moorea, Bora Bora, American Samoa, cross International Date Line, Fiji, New Caledonia, Australia, New Guinea, Micronesia, Philippines, China, Singapore, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Seycelles, Mauritius, La Possession, Reunion, South Africa, Namibia, St. Helena, Ascension Island, Gambia, Senegal, Cape Verde, Barbados, Dominica, St. Maarten and back to Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Gene Frye, Kansas City, KS

Grandma Hattie

Written by her oldest Grandson,

Marlin A. Bailey

My grandparents were **Thomas Henry Bailey** and **Hattie Fry**. Unfortunately, Thomas died in 1943 when I had just passed my ninth birthday. After he died, it was only **Grandmother Hattie Fry Bailey** that we concentrated on. She had a fun side - like the time Connie Benjamin came to visit and they sat at the piano in the living room and while Connie played they both sang and laughed and told stories of growing up and their experiences in those times that were happier for them then. It made a happy and interesting afternoon.

Grandmother's routine every day was to rise at 6:00 am, get dressed and begin to set everything up in her kitchen before the rest of the family was up. Then, weather permitting, she would get her broom and sweep the porch and sidewalk to the street and property lines in both directions. Hattie was about five feet tall and weighed about 100 pounds - dripping wet! She always had a head of white hair. Once the chores were done, she came back into the kitchen and made breakfast for the family (and guests) so the day could begin and she could get a bite before her other tasks would start. If there were more folks in the house than there were beds, there were pallets on the floor to be picked up and stored, or washed, until needed next time. After early chores were done Hattie would get her 'good' dress on - and earrings.

Then there was washing, baking, ironing, groceries to be bought and brought home and stored away. (Since **Ida** and **Ira** were the oldest (twins), they often got to help out with household jobs that needed extra labor). Over the years, (before my time), there wasn't always ample money from Thomas' jobs to cover expenses. Tom was a fine carpenter doing "finish/trim" work on housing and some larger construction jobs. Occasionally there was a mismatch between the project start, construction and 'finish' parts and so paychecks would be sparse until finish carpenters were needed. When the kids were old enough they would get

jobs to earn money to "fill in" their budget while Tom was 'in between jobs'. Of the five children in the household, my father was the youngest, and **Lawrence**, liked this idea least of all. He promised himself that when he got a family, his kids wouldn't have to work to support the family income and buy groceries. And we didn't! (The problem was that Dad was always working).

In Lawrence's (my Dad) notes I found (after he passed away in 1999), that he recorded some neighborhood gossip that was around before Thomas and Hattie got married to the effect that they all were not sure that Mr. Thomas Bailey was quick enough to 'catch' that Hattie Fry chick!! (Where that came from, I do not know).

For all the years I knew my Grandmother Hattie, I never heard her say a single four letter word. Not one, no matter what the aggravation. She had a look and when that look came to her face - well, you just knew you had 'stepped one too far'. She was a sweet and kind lady from the "Victorian Age" when she grew up. It seems ironic she had five children, including one set of twins!

She looked like she was frail, but she was as tough as nails. For many, many years she washed at least once a week with her 'MAYTAG' and hung everything up to dry by hand. No automatic anything - wash, dry, bake or anything else, no sir. Seldom did anybody shop groceries for her. When Saturday night came she set everything out for Sunday at church! It might be Tisdale or most likely First Methodist in Winfield. She attended no matter the weather, she didn't miss attending. All her children went, too.

I once got hurt in an auto accident (1927 Model T Ford) in front of her house, and went in her house to clean up. My face was 'scraped and bloody on one side. I thought Hattie was going to 'die'. She looked at me and immediately called my Mother (across town to tell her that I was hurt. Poor lady, I thought I was in really in a lot of trouble. Looking back on that incident, I must have startled her 'half to death'.

As I recall my memories of Grandmother Hattie, I am amazed that I didn't take the time to sit and talk with her just to learn about her life growing up. I think I would

have expanded my understanding of her and Tom and the family she so successfully nurtured.

Marlin A. Bailey, Richardson, TX

I enjoyed Marlin's memories of Grandmother Hattie, too. I've thought of a few other things to add and a question maybe someone can answer.

The question: Hattie was born in Feb. 3, 1874 in Iroquois Co., Ill. And died Jan. 26, 1965 in Winfield, KS. I have never heard when or why they came to Kansas. I have always assumed her parents (**Joseph Fry** and **Elizabeth Rorick Fry**) made the move and that she was still just a girl.

They lived in the Tisdale, KS area on a farm and that is where she met Granddad (Thomas Henry Bailey). I also assumed it was the same reason many moved west in those years--cheaper farm land.

We (the **Walter Bailey** family) lived 5 blocks from Grandmother and Granddad so it was easy to walk or ride our bikes over to visit. Grandmother taught me to whistle. She also helped me with embroidery, And we sang songs: "The Daring Young Man on the Flying Trapeze", "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean" as well as hymns. I remember one day many of the family were at Grandmother and Granddad's, as frequently happened on Sundays or Holidays, my sister, Janet, was about 2 and already liked to sing. She stood on a small stool in front of the front door and sang a song. When she finished, she said, "Now everybody clap."

[This is **Janet Goforth** of HFFA who is the little singer in this story. - ed.]

Grandmother died just short of her 91st birthday. My last memory of her was when she was in the hospital. When I came into her room, she was lying on her side and rubbing her hip. I said, "What did they do, give you a shot?" She gave a little laugh and said, "Yes." She died later that night.

Thanks for triggering memories.

Shirley Coad, Mesa, AZ

1. Heinrich Fry / Anna Catherine Levering

2. Benjamin Frey / Christena
3. Benjamin Fry, Jr. / Catherine
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. Lawrence Herbert Bailey / Beulah Henderson
9. **Marlin Alonzo Bailey** / Sharon Abildgaard

and

8. Walter Clair Bailey / Ethel Marie Carrier
9. **Shirley Bailey** / Roger Dean Coad

Frey Brothers Move to California

By Richard C. Bell

A few months ago Ralph Barker sent me images of the brothers, **Enoch W.** and **George N. Frey**. Mr. Barker had visited my tree on Ancestry.com and saw that the brothers were included. He kindly shared the two photos, which also include one of his ancestors. The photos stimulated my interest in learning more about these Frey cousins' lives and the settings of the photos.

Enoch Frey (23 Apr 1874 – 1939) and **George Newton Frey** (23 Jan 1877 – 25 Jun 1964) were born to **George Dressler** or **Tressler Frey** (1825 – 1900) and his second wife, **Mary Elizabeth Shirk** (1838 – 1925). Both parents and their four children were born in Pennsylvania. George, a farmer in Delaware Twp., Juniata County, PA, and Mary Elizabeth were married about 1870.

In 1900 Enoch and George N. were farm laborers living with their parents and sister **Mae** (May or Mary), born 1873. Another daughter, **Jemima** (1871 - ?), was in the 1800 census but is lost to further follow-ups. Father **George D.** died in 1900.

According to the city directory of 1902, **Mary Elizabeth** and her three youngest children were living on Logan Ave. in Pasadena, CA. Enoch was then working as a lineman and continued in that work until 1920 according to the censuses, his World War I draft registration, and the Pasadena city

directories. Pay records from 1915 – 1919 of the Pacific Electric Railway list him as a line foreman in the City Division..



The photograph of the “Pacific Co.” line construction and maintenance car was titled “**Enoch Frey and Crew.**” Unfortunately, Enoch is not specifically identified. The photo was taken in relatively flat land along foothills of the mountains. The powered trolley car dates from the first third of the twentieth century

In the 1916 California voter registration, Enoch was married to **Bernice L. Frey**. By September 1918 on his draft registration, he lists his mother as next of kin. In the 1920 census he is divorced and in the 1930 census he is a widower.

City directories from 1923 – 1938 list Enoch’s employment as tree surgeon or pruner. No record of him exists after 1938. The 2007 HFFA Links book records his death date as 1939.

Enoch and **Bernice** had an adopted daughter, **Vivian Lucille Frey** (1915 – 2012), who married **John Miles** of Idaho. Vivian’s obituary states her Frey parents were divorced when she was very young. She spent her early years in Montana, Washington, and Idaho with her mother.

In 1909, **George Newton Frey** married **Thelma Dorothy Summers** (1880 in Illinois – 1932 in California). By 1910 he was also a lineman and worked on the Mountain Division of the Pacific Electric Company. His pay records also exist from 1915 – 1919. Like Enoch, he was a tree pruner 1923 – 1939. By 1940 he had moved to San Bernardino, CA with his daughter and only

known child, **Thelma D.** (1911 – 1989). In 1940 he was doing odd gardening jobs.

George married a second time (1952) to **Mabel Ida Dawson** (1884 – 1977). He died in San Bernardino in 1964.



In our next photo, the image of the four men is captioned “**unknown, Geo F Barker, Geo Frey, unknown – Mt Lowe Crew.**” Note Barker is wearing the climbing spikes of a lineman. Also note the rugged terrain, which would likely be on the Mountain Division of the trolley line.

The Mount Lowe Railway, built by **Professor Thaddeus Lowe** of Civil War military observation ballooning fame, opened in 1893 and was completed in 1898. The system was constructed to connect the Los Angeles area to a resort he built on the summit of the San Gabriel Mountains to the north of the LA basin. The line went from Altadena to the top of Echo Mountain and to the base of Mt. Lowe. The first portion of the ascent was the Mountain Division via a standard gauge trolley for seven miles. Next was a cable car trip to the top of Echo Mountain. The final ascent was by narrow gauge trolley to a height of 4995 feet. Resort facilities included lodges, casino, dance hall, zoo, and an observatory. Mule rides were offered through the mountain scenery.

The railway was financially insolvent and was eventually incorporated into the Pacific Electric Company, which ran trolley service in the Lost Angeles and Orange County area into the 1950’s.

The Mt. Lowe line closed in 1938 after a series of fires and storms destroyed and wrecked the facilities and tracks. The Mt. Lowe Railway was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

To complete the genealogy of this twig of the Frey Family tree: **Mae** (1873 – bet. 1936-1940) married **Harry M. Shirk** in 1901 or 1902. Harry (1863 – 1945) was a Pennsylvania-born-cigar maker. He shared a same last name as Mae’s mother, but no direct relationship has been found. Harry was registered to vote in California in 1893.

To **Mae Frey** and **Harry Shirk** were born three children: **Lloyd R.** (1902 – 1971) who worked for the Santa Fe Railroad, **Mary Elizabeth** (1903 – 1967), and **Mabel I.** (1905 - ?. **Lloyd** married **Dorothy K.** (born 1903 in Ohio – died 1970 in Los Angeles).

Lineage from **Heinrich Frey • John** (1700 – 1766) of Franconia, Montgomery County, PA • **Samuel** (1727 – 1813) • **Enoch** (1781 – 1862) • **George Dressler** (or **Tressler**) see above.

Thanks to Ralph Barker of Rio Rancho, NM who sent the photos of the Freys and to his grandmother who passed the images to him, along with her respect for the past. He kindly gave permission to publish the photographs.

Richard C. Bell

Greencastle, PA

ANNOUNCEMENT:

At the Kansas City reunion, **Thelma McKenzie** volunteered to collect information about all members plus their spouses, siblings, parents and (grand)children who have served in the US Armed Forces from World War I to the present. Please send this information for all such Armed Forces personnel to her:

name (and highest rank if known)

relationship to member

service branch

dates of service

Her contact information is

Thelma McKenzie

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NC2IL@Comcast.net

Links Book Update

At the reunion held in Kansas City, Missouri, it was discussed about adding the 7th generation to the Links book. In preparation for the next reunion I am adding the 7th generation of the people who are listed in the Journals that HFFA produces. If you would like to add your families 7th generation line to be included in the update, please contact me at the following email:

Ralph.frye@lusfiber.net

or you can mail your update to me at

Marti Frye

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The first 6 generations are now indexed. As I add the 7th generation they are included in the index.

Marti Frye

Links Books Coordinator

Query

Dear Mike, Do you know if any Fry’s attended the original reading of the Gettysburg Address by President Lincoln 150 years ago?

Christy Lebeau of Kirkwood, MO

Does anyone know how to find this out?

Mike

2015 HFFA REUNION SURVEY

An exploratory committee has been formed to see if there is enough interest in having our next reunion in the Philadelphia / Germantown, PA area. This is where Heinrich Frey and Anna Catherine Levering met, married, and spent their lives.

It would be very helpful if you would please fill out the following survey and return it to **Mike Speers**, 10470 Penniman Dr., Chardon, OH 44024 or by email at speers.rvrose.mike@gmail.com, as soon as possible. We need this information so we can decide if we should move forward in our planning.

1. Interested in attending 2015 Philadelphia/Germantown, PA area?
_____ and how many would be attending? _____
2. Would you be driving in _____ or would you be flying in?

3. If flying in, would you be renting a car if a shuttle is not available? _____
4. Would you be driving or riding the bus during our tours?

5. Would you be in need of information on campgrounds in the area of the hotel? _____
6. What other activities and/or sightseeing sites would you like the committee to consider adding to this reunion? Example of sites in the area are: Longwood Gardens, Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, Betsy Ross House, Valley Forge National Historical Park, and the Amish Country. _____

7. If you have any concerns or suggestions that you would like the committee to take into consideration, please address them at this time.

Thank You, 2015 Reunion Committee

Note from Mike:

As stated earlier, please forward your responses to me ASAP. Use either USPS or email. All the information received will be forwarded to the committee. **Our reunions are GREAT!!!!**

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New members are asked to send a copy of their direct line from Heinrich Frey to themselves to Marti Frye and to Charles Burgess, addresses shown above. Membership includes four issues of the Newsletter and two of the Journal each year.

