



A Publication of the Heinrich Frey Family Association

Editor – Mike Speers

Published Quarterly –

Last week in February, May, August, and November

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

**Hello  
Cousins, Kin, and Other Readers,**

This message is being written in the middle of Winter. There is 2 ft. of snow in the yard and it is just above 0 degrees. By the time this newsletter is mailed, the sap will be running in the maple trees and Spring will be coming soon.

Here is hoping that we are all looking forward to the upcoming seasons, especially late Spring, **June 10 - 14**, when we'll be meeting again for the **HFFA Reunion**. This one will be in **Morgantown, PA** which is between Philadelphia and the Amish area in Lancaster County. Look for the **Message From Our President by President Gene Frye**, as he explains in more detail what will be happening at the reunion.

To those of us who have attended the reunions in the past, it will be fun to see each other again. To those who attend for the first time, you will find it interesting to meet all these people from across the country who are all related to you.

These aren't the kind of reunions where we all bring some macaroni salad and play baseball out in the park. Our reunions have messages from members (and invited guests) who teach us about the Frey family members who lived in the area. We'll learn about migration patterns and how our extended family grew as it started in Germany, spread to America in 1685, and flourished as it crossed this great nation.

At this reunion the emphasis will be on our namesake, **Heinrich Frey**, and his immediate family. We'll go places by bus to see where he (they) lived and perhaps were

buried. We'll learn American history, not from the political people of the time, but from the grass roots family point of view. Try it, you'll love it!

I always mention membership renewal in Nov. and Feb. We've been getting renewals regularly from Dec. through Jan. It's time to wrap this up and get those renewals sent to

**Marti Frye, Membership Chairman,**

**308 Bellevue Plantation Rd.,**

**LaFayette, LA 70503.**

**It's \$25 with the check made out to HFFA.** Now I won't mention it again until Nov., but Marti will. Sending out reminder notices is time consuming and expensive. Let's give her a break and get those renewals in.

**Treasurer's Report**

**Balance in Aug. . . . . \$5784.88**

**Income . . . . . \$1545.00**

**Expenses . . . . . \$125.00**

**Balance in Nov. . . . . \$7204.88**

Income is from membership and the sale of old Journals.

Expenses are from Aug. Newsletter \$98.02.  
HFFA expenses and USPS. \$26.98.

Respectively submitted by

**Mike Speers, Treasurer, HFFA**

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT - Gene Frye

Dear Family,

Happy 2015! It is time to plan your June road trip! Morgantown, PA is calling your name! Join us in Morgantown to learn more about Heinrich Frey, our ancestor who brought our family to the United States of America in the 1600s.

**Closest airports: Philadelphia, PA – PHL - 56 miles Harrisburg airport code MDT- 68 miles Reading airport code RDG -16 miles Allentown (Allegiant Air) airport code ABE = 54 miles**

The Holiday Inn Morgantown is ready to welcome you! Please call 1-800 HOLIDAY to make your reservation. Group code is HFA (not a typo!). June 10-14, 2015 - \$98 plus 11% tax per night for up to four people per room. Address: 6170 Morgantown Road, Morgantown, PA 19543 – ph 610 286 3000. The hotel offers a 10-seater van for \$150 each way to/from the PHL airport. If you prefer this instead of a rental car, please send me your flight info and I will coordinate the flight schedules. A private shuttle (only other option) is \$180 w/tips with Corporate Shuttle (Ron) 302 658 5665.

We have worked hard to keep the price down to \$73 per person. This bargain price includes two lunches, two dinners and two full days of touring! The reservation form is attached, to be returned with your payment to Mike Speers, HFFA Treasurer.

### AGENDA\*

**Wednesday, June 10** - Hotel check-in time is 3 PM. Rooms may be available earlier, on request, when you make the reservation.

Parking is free at The Holiday Inn. McDonalds is adjacent to the parking lot of the hotel and there are several nice, small eateries in close proximity. The Holiday Inn also has an indoor pool!

Meet and Greet - no official gathering – Officer's meeting to be scheduled.

**Thursday, June 11** – Speakers (TBD), business meeting, raffle and election of

officers. Morning and afternoon breaks and lunch are included, in our hotel meeting room. Dinner is on your own.

**Friday, June 12 – Coach Tour! Beverly Raber** has worked out a full day's history tour of family locations involving churches and cemeteries: Bartolet cemetery & Mennonite Meeting House, Heinrich Frey and wife's burial plots, Levering cemetery (Heinrich's in-laws), Germantown Meeting House, exterior visit of Wyck House (at Heinrich's property line) and cemeteries at the following churches: Augustus Lutheran, Jeffersonville Lutheran and the New Apostolic. In between touring, we will enjoy a picnic lunch in Fort Washington State Park.

\*\*We end the day with a delicious dinner at the renowned Shady Maple Smorgasbord buffet!\*\* Amish cooking at its best! <http://www.shady-maple.com/smorgasbord/>

(\*\*If you opt out of this dinner, subtract \$18 per person from the registration fee and you should follow the bus/self-drive all day. The bus will be touring all day and will go directly to the Shady Maple for dinner.)

**Saturday, June 13 - Coach tour!** We spend the day immersed in the cultural side of this beautiful region with a narrated tour of the Amish countryside by **Sue Steffy**, daughter of **Jim & Fannie Frey**. Sue has introduced visitors to the Amish and Mennonite way of life for over 15 years. Topics covered will be: Amish family life, customs and culture, educational choices, relationship with technology, agriculture and any other items of interest.

Stops on the tour are: a Burr truss covered bridge, an Amish Country Craft and Quilt Shop, the Mennonite Information Center for the film "Postcards of the Faith", and the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society exhibit "Decorated & Plain: a Mennonite and Amish Sampler" (<http://lmhs.org/Home/Visit/Exhibits>). Two optional activities are a film entitled "Who are the Amish?" for \$6 pp (<http://www.mennoniteinfoctr.com/who-are-amish.asp>) and a tour of the Biblical Tabernacle Reproduction for \$8 pp. (<http://www.mennoniteinfoctr.com/tabernacle.asp>)

Lunch is on your own in Intercourse, Pennsylvania, a lovely town of shops and

eateries (<http://villageofintercourse.com>). You will be provided with a map and Sue's recommendations for the best spots to visit. You can see jams & jellies made, sample chow chow and pickles, nibble a piece of shoofly pie, finger the quilts, appreciate Amish-made furniture, see the work of Mennonite craftspeople and view art from local artists. At Kitchen Kettle Village you can experience a buggy ride. \$14 per person for a 35 minute ride; reservations required. (<http://www.kitchenkettle.com/members/aaabuggyrides.asp>)

The day ends with us enjoying a traditional home-cooked Amish "wedding dinner" in an Amish home. The feast includes: wedding roast (cooked chicken and stuffing mixed together), meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, creamed celery (an Amish wedding tradition), cooked carrots, pickled red beets, peppered cabbage, applesauce, homemade bread, apple pie, shoofly pie and ice cream. What a delicious and authentic way to end our extended weekend in Morgantown!

**Sunday, June 14** – We close our gathering with a church service at 9:15.

Come to meet the family, and to learn about YOUR family.

*\*Agenda is subject to change.*

**And now... Your Homework!**

We have a dedicated group of volunteer family members now filling the elected officer positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. If you would like to be considered for a position, please contact Gene Frye.

\*\*\*\*\*

**HFFA Raffle**

Would you be willing to donate to our raffle? **Janet Goforth** has offered to coordinate this fun give-away! Please contact her at (209) 634 4440 phone and email [JM2G@sbcglobal.net](mailto:JM2G@sbcglobal.net). Thank you for considering a small gift donation.

(See her article on page 10. - Mike)

**Other Things to Do**

*Come Early and Stay Longer! There is plenty to do in the area; read online or order the Lancaster and Berks County tourist information guides for more local information.*

<http://lancasterpa.com/visitors/> or Phone 1800 PA DUTCH (check out their online coupons!)  
<http://goreadingberks.com/attractions.php>

Valley Forge National Historical Park – Check to see if any family members are on their muster list! (28 miles from Morgantown, PA) <http://valleyforgemusterroll.org/muster.asp>

*The musical JOSEPH will be at the Sight and Sound Theatre, Ronks, PA (30 minutes from the hotel). (<http://www.sight-sound.com/WebSite/shows.do?showCD=JOE>)*

*Shows are at 11AM and 2:45PM – Tickets are \$52 pp plus booking fee (online is cheaper). The show is 2.5 hours.*

*“Experience a cast of 45 professional adult and child actors and dozens of live animals on the stage and in the aisles. Witness several amazing dream sequences, including Joseph in his colorful coat ‘flying’ above the audience. 20 original songs add to the excitement, helping Sight & Sound live up to its motto: ‘Where the Bible comes to life!’”*

\*\*\*\*\*

**2017 Reunion**

**We are looking for a site for the 2017 HFFA reunion. If you are interested in hosting the reunion or have a suggestion for the location, I would like to hear from you.**

Much thanks to Beverly Raber, Fannie Frey and Sue Steffy for helping to organize this informative and interesting extended weekend in Morgantown. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you in June!

\*\*\*\*\*

## Condolences

When we were looking and considering possible locations for the 2015 HFFA reunion, **Joyce Rivera** stepped forward and offered to do what she could to implement plans to hold the reunion in Pennsylvania.

Sadly, shortly after Joyce had volunteered, her husband **Barry Stevenson** became sick and later passed away.

We offer our sincere condolences to Joyce on the passing of her husband Barry Stevenson. He was a very interesting and accomplished man. Along with Joyce, we will miss him.

\*\*\*\*\*

## News From Kansas City

Our gracious host from the 2013 Kansas City-St. Joseph HFFA reunion, **Beverly McCulloch**, has an update for us. Our 2013 reunion attendees will recall that we visited Beverly and Ron McCulloch's farm (originally Benjamin Fry's farm) north of Kansas City for our Friday excursion.

We toured the cabin of **Benjamin Fry** (which Beverly built); she gave us information about how she had worked on and built the cabin.

In a recent conversation with Beverly, she told me that she, her daughter and grandchildren stayed in the cabin this past Thanksgiving night. They found a coin from 1865! She has plans to stay again in the cabin at a date in the near future. I personally think it is exciting to go back in time like that; sometimes I feel like I would have liked to have lived in those days.

Beverly has another large project underway! She has started to build another cabin very near the FRY CEMETERY (which we also visited) as she found that there were two cabins on the original property.

We look forward to more information from Beverly.

**Gene Frye**

President, HFFA  
Kansas City, KS

*\*Agenda is subject to change.*

*\*\*If you opt out of the Friday night dinner at Shady Maple, subtract \$18 per person from the registration fee and you should follow the bus and self-drive all day. The bus will be touring all day and will go directly to the Shady Maple for dinner before returning to the Holiday Inn.*

## RECORD KEEPING

### NEW MEMBER

#### Susan E. Parker Rosen

26656 N.Rim Rd.  
Long Neck, DE 19966  
Ph. 302 - 236 - 9986  
Email: [parrotsale@gmail.com](mailto:parrotsale@gmail.com)

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Henry Frey / Christina Tunis
3. Catarina Klinken Frey / Henry Herr Miller
4. Joseph Frey Miller / Barbara Lantz
5. Joseph Miller / Barbara Miller
6. Edmond Miller / Isabella Paul
7. Sarah Miller / David L. Stewart
8. Isabel Stewart / Walter H. Wight
9. Isabel May Wight / Richard E. Parker
10. **Susan E. Parker** / 1) Mr. Rosen 2) Timothy Latham

### A Note From Susan

Hello all, my name is Susan Parker Rosen and by the time you read this I will be married to Timothy Latham, the date is set for 2/14/15; so of course my new name will be Susan Latham. We reside in [Long Neck Delaware](#) and enjoy the laid back beach living. As an author, I have self-published a book titled "The Bastard Child" available on [Amazon](#) and other online book stores. The fictional story was inspired by my Ancestry research on the Parker side of my family. I'm also a [real estate agent](#) in Delaware and enjoy selling homes to folks who want to live or have a seasonal place near the beach.

My family ancestry on my Mother's side, is **Henry Fry** (Heinrich Frey's son). He married **Christina Bache Klinken Tunis/Tunes** born in 1785. She is said to be a descendent

of the **Duke of Cleves**. Her father, **Anthony Tunis**, owned the "Ordinary Tunis" which is now the "**General Grants Inn**" located just outside Philadelphia. Her grandfather, **Abraham Tunis** came over on the Concord in 1683; he was one of "The Original 13" in Germantown.

Many family stories to tell and I'm interested in learning more about the Frey history and my Frey cousins!

\*\*\*\*\*

**From the editor:** I checked Amazon and found the following review on Susan's book.

*"Susan Parker Rosen has spun a yarn that was alarming, spooky, mysterious, and action packed!"*

*"Susan Parker Rosen nailed it for a first time writer!" Take the exciting journey, along with Sara, as she embarks upon a surprise visit to the storybook town of Bridgnorth, UK. She travels initially to research handed down mysterious stories, that includes a secret wealthy ancestor from the Victorian Age and an unwed ancestor that was missing! As Sara struggles with old ghosts from her family tree, you will become intrigued as the author allows readers to unveil some of those heartbreaking answers from the past, including the horrors of the Magdalene Laundries. Follow Sara's hopes and dreams as she falls in love with a man who engulfs her and presents her with a new life in the UK. Hold on to your seat as you are about to take a roller coaster ride along with Sara in the action packed twisted ending.*

Look for **The Bastard Child** by **Susan Parker Rosen**, our newest found cousin. Her book earned 4.3 stars out of 5 on Amazon. It's on Kindle or paperback.  
- **Mike**

## Jennifer Grimm

1880 East Normandy Dr.  
Deltona, FL 32725  
Ph. 386-490-2816

Email: [jennifergrimm1880@gmail.com](mailto:jennifergrimm1880@gmail.com)

## A Note From Jennifer:

Hi, my name is **Jennifer Grimm**. My son Gabriel, sister Jill, my parents, and I all live in Central Florida. My parents, **Thomas & Dolores Grimm**, are retired. Gabriel is in his second year of college. He is majoring in business. My brother, **Mitch Grimm**, lives in Virginia. I love God, my family, my country and the beach. I recently started the application process to join **DAR**. My grandfather, Albert, was a descendant of multiple patriots.

How did I find **HFFA**? It all started with a **Maude Frey** search on Ancestry. That led me to **Rev. James Frey**. I was so excited to find his picture online. Thank you, **Richard Wesley Frey**, for posting it. I am a photographer so, this find is a treasure to me! I am delighted to find **HFFA** and to learn more about you and this branch of my family tree.

Warmest Regards,

Jennifer 

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. John Frey / Mary Keisler
3. Samuel Frey / Diana Wells
4. Samuel Frey / Rachel Jones
5. Rev. James Frey / Sarah Noffsinger
6. James Frey / Louisa M. Arnold
7. Roger William Frey / Sarah Elizaabeth Wertz
8. Maude Frey / Emory DuFrain
9. Bernice DuFrain / Albert Parker Grimm
10. Thomas Grimm / Dolores Lamparelli
11. **Jennifer Grimm**
12. Gabriel Cherkaoui

## CHANGES:

Email change:

**Al Hyer**

[holyinstantnow@gmail.com](mailto:holyinstantnow@gmail.com)

**New Address:**

**MaryAnn P. Hormuth**

2254 Hepburn Lane  
Evansville, IN 47715

Email: [mahormuth@gmail.com](mailto:mahormuth@gmail.com)

**Steve Fry**

2514 Ardmore Ave.  
Hermosa Beach, CA 90254  
Email: [stevefry@dslextreme.com](mailto:stevefry@dslextreme.com)

**Mary (Missy) Martin**

8602 Delta Dr.  
Machesney Park, IL 61115  
Ph. 815-316-0833  
Email: [giraffecrazy69@gmail.com](mailto:giraffecrazy69@gmail.com)

**Bev Raber**

6211 Zirkels Circle  
Brooksville, FL 34604  
Ph. 352-345-4222  
Email: [terbar9@gmail.com](mailto:terbar9@gmail.com)

## BIRTHS

**Harrison Michael Patten, was** born 12 Sep 2014. His parents are **Molly Cheney Patten** and **Eric Patten**. Molly is the daughter of **Gretchen Fry Cheney Harvey**.

**From the editor:** Look at the Links chart, you'll see that Harrison is the **10X Gr Grandson of Heinrich Frey**. We are really adding to the descendant chart for the namesake of our association! - Mike

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherin Levering
2. Benjamin Frey / Christena
3. Abraham Fry, Sr. / Agnes Ann Young
4. James Fry / Nancy Spears
5. Benjamin Fry / Nancy Agnes Kellar
6. John A. Fry / Mary Jane Leighton
7. Luther Calvin Fry / Mary Asay
8. Hervey Asay Fry / Augusta Christie
9. Robert Luther Fry, Sr. / Mabel Coulson
10. Robert Luther Fry, Jr. / Marilyn Lockyer
11. Gretchen Fry Harvey / Steve Cheney
12. Molly Adele Cheney / Eric Patten
13. **Harrison Michael Patten**

## How We Got Started in HFFA

by **Marilyn Lockyer Fry**

We first learned about HFFA when Bob (**Robert Luther Fry, Jr.**) had his DNA tested with Family Tree DNA. HFFA member **Dr. Richard Bell** emailed, saying that he was a cousin since his first cousin was a DNA match to Bob. Dick was the one who told us about HFFA, so Bob joined.

We were really excited to learn about the organization and all the great research that had been done. We have enjoyed meeting many cousins at the reunions.

More recently, daughter **Gretchen**, son-in-law **Cabot Harvey**, and I have had all 23 chromosomes tested at 23andMe. It gives a detailed breakdown of all the countries our ancestors came from--fun! Also, now that the Neanderthal genome has been mapped recently, it can test for that, too, and lets participants know what their percentage of Neanderthal DNA is (almost all Europeans have from 1% to 4% Neanderthal DNA). Gretchen and I are 2.6%; Cabot is 3.3%.

Interesting!

**Marilyn Fry**  
Costa Mesa, CA

## In Memorium:

### Barry L. Stevenson

1938 - 2015

**Mr. Barry L. Stevenson**, 76, of 422 West Main Street, Waynesboro, PA died Monday morning, February 2, 2015 in his home.

Born July 9, 1938 in Waynesboro, he was the son of the late Paul H. and Kathryn (Heefner) Stevenson.

He graduated from Waynesboro Area Senior High School with the class of 1956. He later received his Bachelor's Degree from Elizabethtown College in 1960 and his Master's Degree from the University of Michigan in 1961. He also took courses at Stanford University and graduated from the U.S. National War College in 1984, where he taught as a professor from 1984-87.

Mr. Stevenson served as a military policeman with the United States Army from 1961-1963 in both Germany and France.

He and his wife of over 19 years, **Joyce (Brown) Rivera Stevenson**, (HFFA), were married on March 25, 1995 in Smithsburg, MD.

Mr. Stevenson worked with the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency as an Intelligence Officer from 1965 until his retirement as the CIA's Deputy Director of East Asian Analysis in 1997. During his time in the CIA, he was a member of the U.S. Arms Control and European Security delegations to international negotiations, spent time as a Senior Duty Officer at the CIA Operations Center, and also served as a Special Investigator for the CIA Office of the Inspector General. Following his retirement, he worked part time on contract as Director of Central Intelligence Ombudsman for Issues of Politicization of Intelligence.

He was a member of Welty Church of the Brethren, Smithsburg, MD, where he was a Sunday School teacher and chaired the Board of Administration from 2002-2011. He was also a member of the Waynesboro Civil Service Commission for many years. He served as a Trustee at Elizabethtown College, where he chaired the Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by one daughter, Dr. Elizabeth Stevenson and her husband, Dr. Chaitan Narsule, of Somerville, MA; one step-son, Dan Rivera and his wife, Norma of Las Vegas, NV; one step-grandson, Danny Rivera; one brother, Paul Stevenson and his wife, Sue of Morgantown, WV; and a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Bruce Stevenson.

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. John Frey / Mary Ann Keisler
3. Enoch Frey / M. Salome Holtzapple
4. Jonathan Frey / Elizabeth Ambrose
5. Jonathan Frey, Jr. / Susan Swope
6. Archie Elmer Frey / Margaret Stouffer
7. Pearl Frey / Lester Brown
8. Joyce Brown Rivera / **Barry Stevenson**

## ARTICLES:

### Research the Old-Fashioned Way by Mark Friden

I began genealogical research while in high school, back in the late 1960s, so I have been at it for over forty years. In those years you had to visit libraries, write letters, send away for copies of vital record certificates, tramp through cemeteries, and save all year for that dream trip to Salt Lake City (Family History Library), Fort Wayne (Allen County Public Library), Houston (Clayton Library's genealogy collection, the best on the Gulf Coast), or Boston (NEHGS). I have memories that have become a little fuzzy around the edges of sitting at a microfilm reader for hours and hours on end, hoping to find an ancestor in the census. They are memories of time well-spent, doing things "the old-fashioned way." The thrill of actually finding someone on a microfilm after looking for hours on end, day after day, is unparalleled in today's modern world where so many records are digitized and indexed. Those who have started their genealogy research in the past 25 years do not realize how good they have it.

**Mark Friden**  
Star Lake, NY

**From the editor:** Mark Friden has recently been appointed as the **Clifton Town Historian**. This is in upstate New York. He has also been involved in other projects. He writes:

**“Other projects I have completed in 2014 include:**

\* Co-authoring an article on "Benson Mines and the New York Central Railroad" - this was published in the 4th quarter 2014 issue of "Central Headlight", the annual publication of the New York Central Historical Society (Benson Mines used to be the most important village in the Town and was the site of what was once the largest open-pit iron ore mine in the world; was an important Jones & Laughlin Steel facility from WW2 Defense Plant days through the 1970's - it no longer exists as a village).

\* I contributed a small write-up on the Town of Clifton for a hardcover book released in August called "Adirondack 102 Club". It is intended as a "passport and guide to the Adirondacks", in that there are 102 Towns entirely or partially inside the Adirondack "Blue Line" (the Park boundary).

\* Completely transcribed and printed out the 1880 Federal Census of my Town.

\* Completely transcribed and printed out the 1915 New York State Census of my Town

\* Completely inventoried the complete collection of maps we have, and spent tedious months flattening them (There is a nice map cabinet in the History Room, but the previous Historian ROLLED all the maps!!! Maddening!)

\* Completely redid the exhibits on display and created museum quality labels for each piece

And, ongoing:

\* Town of Clifton Oral History Project

\* Roster of Clifton men who fought in all wars (Spanish-American, WWI, Korea, WW2, Vietnam, etc)"

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey / Christena
3. Samuel Frey, Sr. / Christina Spears
4. Elizaabeth Frye / Frederick K. Cooper
5. Sarah Cooper / Joseph Riggs
6. Sara Ann Riggs / John Maits, Jr.
7. Annie C. Maits / James B. Phillips
8. Edna Marie Phillips / Rudolph A. Friden
9. James E. Friden / Elsie Elizabeth Ford
10. **Mark Andrew Friden**

## The Overhiser Story

Contributed by **Alice Lindemuth**

I have a document about **John Peter and Mary Ann Fry Overhiser** copied below. They are my great-great grandparents.

I don't have the date of the document, but I think it may be in the mid-to-later 1960's since the writer writes of the Victorian home they built: "He built for his own family the large Victorian style house which has been a familiar sight to those who have traveled the Shelbyville Pike the past one hundred years." One of my great aunts has written "The house is still there and occupied."

Anything in italics, I added. Here is their story.

**John Peter Overhiser** was born November 9, 1828 in Steuben County, New York. In October, 1838, just a few weeks before his tenth birthday, he moved with his parents and his seven brothers and sisters to Fayette County, Indiana. (After the family settled in Indiana, five children were born, making John next to the oldest of thirteen children and the oldest of six boys.) Three years after settling in Fayette County, the family moved to Hancock County, and then to Blackford County in 1845. There the mother died in 1860 (Elizabeth Storms) and the father in 1862 (George Overhiser).

When John was twenty years of age, he accompanied his father on a return trip to New York to visit his father's father (grandfather **John Casper Overhiser**). Soon after arriving in New York, John apprenticed himself to an Englishman living in the community to learn the carpenter trade. His apprenticeship extended over a period of three years at the end of which time he was pronounced "a number one workman". In 1851 he returned to Fayette County, Indiana and began business for himself. From that time until his move to Marion County thirteen years later, he built many of the large houses and barns of Fayette and adjoining counties.

On August 31, 1858 John married **Mary Ann Fry** in her home in Rush County, Indiana two miles west of Falmouth. She was born in this house on June 27, 1840. Mary Ann's and John's parents had come west from

adjoining states, Pennsylvania and New York. Mary Ann's family had come to Indiana in 1833 using both land and water in their travel.

Her family and several families of relatives left Washington County, Pennsylvania in a keel-boat which the families had built. They traveled up the Monongahela River to Pittsburgh where they entered the Ohio River. They reached Cincinnati six weeks after they had left their homes in Pennsylvania. The overland trip of three days from Cincinnati to Rush County was made possible by the use of hired teams.

John had come with his family to Indiana in 1838 in like manner by water and land travel. They had traveled by wagon to Buffalo, by boat across Lake Erie to Sandusky, Ohio, and by wagon to Fayette County. His trip like the one made by the Fry family covered a period of six weeks.

In 1864 Mr. Overhiser purchased eighty acres of land on the Shelbyville Pike from James E. Cunningham at the price of \$40.00 per acre. This acreage adjoined the farm of **Shepler Fry**, Mrs. Overhiser's brother, who had previously moved from Rush County to Marion County. (Mr. Overhiser sold this land with its house and other improvements to Mr. Fry in 1894 for \$5000.00.) Here Mr. Overhiser farmed, and continued his trade as a carpenter, contractor, and builder. He built a number of houses and barns in Franklin Township. He built for his own family the large Victorian style house which has been a familiar sight to those who have traveled the Shelbyville Pike the past one hundred years.

In 1867 Mr. Overhiser built a tile factory on his land and for many years manufactured tile which drained extensive areas of central Indiana, selling to farmers in Marion, Hancock, Shelby, Johnson, and Hendricks Counties. Mr. Overhiser was called to numerous places to supervise the building of tile factories. Another familiar sight to travelers along the Shelbyville Pike has been the small pond surrounded by a wooded grove. In recent years only the cottonwood trees have remained. This pond is the one evidence of a once thriving tile business.

Mr. and Mrs. Overhiser were active in the life of the community, always interested in those projects which seemed to give promise of being beneficial to the community. They were active members of the Big Run Church, at that time known as the Big Run Regular Baptist Church. Even after they moved to Indianapolis, they remained members of the Big Run Church and attended its services until their deaths.

School Number 11, known as the Five Points School, was located on the southeast corner of the Overhiser land. The Grange Hall, the meeting place of this very active farm organization of the late 19th century, was located on the Overhiser farm. A fair was held in the Overhiser woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Overhiser were the parents of six children. **Emory, Viora, and George M.** were born in Rush County. (Emory died the year after the family moved to Franklin Township and is buried in the Big Run Cemetery.) **Eliza, Belle, and Clara** were born in Franklin Township. Two of the children married residents of Franklin Township. **Eliza** married **William Oscar Moore** and **Belle** married **Dr. Edward Montague**. Two of their daughters, **Viora** and **Eliza**, and a future son-in-law, **William Oscar Moore**, were teachers in Franklin Township. Their daughter **Belle** gave music lessons to children of the community.

In 1888 Mr. Overhiser purchased a lot in Indianapolis near Fountain Square, built a house on it, and moved his family there. (His son **George M. Overhiser** and family lived on the farm in Franklin Township for a short time before the farm was sold in 1894.) Mr. Overhiser continued his work as a contractor and builder and as a carpenter. He built houses not only in Indianapolis but continued to build houses in Franklin Township until he was more than eighty years of age. In the later years of his work he traveled to Franklin Township by interurban to the stop on the interurban line nearest the location at which he was building. In a shop he built and equipped on the rear of his lot in Indianapolis he worked as a cabinetmaker.

On August 31, 1908 Mr. and Mrs. Overhiser celebrated their golden wedding. Mrs. Overhiser died the next year, July 24, 1909

(at age 69). Mr. Overhiser lived until Jan. 8, 1925 (at age 96). They are buried in Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis.

### **Alice Lindemuth**

Columbus, OH

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey / Christena
3. Samuel Frye, Sr. / Christina Speers
4. Rebecca Frye / Henry Shepler
5. Sarah Shepler / Elijah Frye (2nd cousins)
6. **Mary Ann Fry / John Peter Overhiser**
7. George M. Overhiser / Fannie Sherber
8. Mary M. Overhiser / Bert M. Lindemuth
9. Robert Lindemuth / Evelyn L. Davis
10. **Alice Lindemuth**

### **HFFA Reunion Raffle**

**Dear HFFA Reunion attendees:** I am thinking about how to organize the Raffle activity for the Reunion. Please consider bringing something which is **relevant to where you live**. Such as, the last time in Kansas City, since John and I were driving from California, we brought a lovely bottle of California wine. Can't do that this time because we will be flying, so we will bring something else which comes from our part of California, the greatest producer of that particular product in the world. Want to guess??? Bring something from your area and find out.

If you may wish to win two prizes, bring two items and you will get two tickets for the drawing. I don't want to tell you how much or how little to spend on your item.

I smile as I remember the last raffle because everyone participated in the interaction. If you choose to not bring an item, I am sure that for the next reunion, in 2017, you will be motivated to do so, rather than just watch the fun. Please help me to make this a highlight of our gathering. The 50/50 activity is under consideration as well as door prizes.

### **Janet Goforth**

Turlock, CA

### **An Appropriate Name**

In searching for some information on a 3G Uncle, **Dr. Josiah C. Cooper** of Philadelphia, an interesting artifact was found on the internet. A work order from a funeral director.

Dr. Cooper died in 1898. The work order called for a black cloth casket with ox handles and corded silk lining inside a chestnut case. Dr. Cooper would be buried in his own clothes. They would need five carriages but no carriage was needed for the minister, Rev. Moses.

The name of the funeral director was appropriately named, **W. W. Bringhurst**.

### **Hercules Lived 89 Years**

A couple years ago I brought you the story of **Socrates**, a descendant of Heinrich Frey, and one of our cousins. Today we introduce you to **Hercules**. Yes, he's one of our cousins as well.

**Hercules S. Davis** was born in 1882 and died in 1971. He worked as a farrier and a farmer. He and his brother **James F. Davis** were farming partners and Hercules lived with James and his wife Christena for many years in Keokuk County, Iowa.

He is a 5X Gr Grandson of **Heinrich Frey**. Socrates Huff is a 6x Gr Grandson of **Heinrich Frey**. I think that means Socrates and Hercules would be 5C, 1R (5th cousins once removed.)

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. John Frey / Mary Ann Keisler
3. Samuel Frey, Sr. / Dianna Wells
4. Samuel Frye, Jr. / Rachel Jones
5. Rev. James Frey / Ruth Hall
6. Margaret Frey / Martin Davis
7. **Hercules S. Davis**

**Heinrich Frey —> Benjamin Frey —>  
Henry Frye —> Rebekah Frey Speers —>  
Sarah Speers Garver —> Pleasant  
Garver Huff —> Socrates Huff 1827 - 1907**

**Mike Speers**

**Chardon, OH**

## HFFA OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

**President: Gene Frye**  
2127 Bristow Ave.  
Kansas City, KS 66103  
913-384-0084  
[fryetravel@aol.com](mailto:fryetravel@aol.com)

**Vice-President: Jon Frye**  
4356 Chippewa Trail  
Jamestown, OH 45335  
937 – 372-8115  
[Jonfrye67@gmail.com](mailto:Jonfrye67@gmail.com)

**Secretary: Thelma McKenzie**  
3188 Vigal Rd.  
Springfield, IL 62712  
[Nc2il@comcast.net](mailto:Nc2il@comcast.net)

**Treasurer: Mike Speers**  
10470 Penniman Dr.  
Chardon, OH 44024  
440 – 285 - 8477  
[Speers.rvrose.mike@gmail.com](mailto:Speers.rvrose.mike@gmail.com)

**Director at Large: Helen Craig**  
115 Laughlin Rd.  
Eagle Lake, TX 77434  
[khcraig@sbcglobal.net](mailto:khcraig@sbcglobal.net)

**Director at Large: Phillip Frye**  
2381 Vermont St.  
Bussey, IA 50044  
[plfrye@iowatelecom.net](mailto:plfrye@iowatelecom.net)

**Director at Large: Ralph E. Frye**  
308 Bellevue Plantation Rd.  
Lafayette, LA 70503  
[Ralph.frye@lusifiber.net](mailto:Ralph.frye@lusifiber.net)

**Director at Large: Anne Pasioka**  
414 West Hawthorne St.  
Arlington Hts., IL 60004  
[Anne1001@aol.com](mailto:Anne1001@aol.com)

**Immediate Past President: Gordon Fry**  
4 Crestwood Drive  
Arkansas City, KS 67005  
[Gfry1@cox.net](mailto:Gfry1@cox.net)

**Historian: Charles Burgess**  
3687 Kent Dr.  
Naples, FL 34112  
[cjburgess@naples.net](mailto:cjburgess@naples.net)

## COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**HFFA Chaplain: Lowell L. Fry, Jr.**  
2537 Spindlehill Dr., Apt. 4  
Cincinnati, OH 45230  
636-696-9254  
[lowellfry@yahoo.com](mailto:lowellfry@yahoo.com)

**Archivist: Gordon Fry**

**Journal Editor: Jon Frye**

**Membership Chairman: Marti Frye**  
308 Bellevue Plantation Rd.  
Lafayette, LA 70503-6056  
[Ralph.frye@lusifiber.net](mailto:Ralph.frye@lusifiber.net)

**Links Book Coordinator: Marti Frye**

**Newsletter Editor: Mike Speers**

**2015 Reunion Committee:**

**Bev Raber: [terbar9@gmail.com](mailto:terbar9@gmail.com)**

**Joyce Rivera: [joyce-rivera@comcast.net](mailto:joyce-rivera@comcast.net)**

**Gene Frye: [fryetravel@aol.com](mailto:fryetravel@aol.com)**

**Web Master: Christopher D. Frye**  
1015 Abbey Lane  
Boise, ID 83705  
208-953-1104  
[web@hfrey.org](mailto:web@hfrey.org)

### **\$25 dues are paid annually in January**

Dues and address changes should be sent to Marti Frye at address above. Dues may be paid for multiple years. Make checks payable for \$25.00 (per year) to HFFA. Membership is on a calendar year basis.

New members are asked to send a copy of their direct line from Heinrich Frey to 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.

**2015 HFFA Reunion – Morgantown, PA!**

Thank you for completing the reservation form and returning it to Mike Speers with \$73 per person.  
Name(s) for name tag.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone numbers (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_ (Home) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**Call 1-800 HOLIDAY and ask for the HFA Reunion to get our special group rates!**

**AGENDA:**

**Thursday, June 11** - Business meeting and Speakers at The Holiday Inn - 9AM-5PM w/lunch & AM and PM breaks

Dietary concern (how many/what) \_\_\_\_\_ How many \_\_\_\_\_  
(What type of dietary concern and for whom?)

**Friday, June 12** - visiting cemeteries w/lunch in State Park and dinner at Shady Maple buffet

Sandwich: Roast Beef \_\_\_\_ Ham \_\_\_\_ Turkey/Swiss \_\_\_\_ Sweet Bologna \_\_\_\_ Pork \_\_\_\_

Dietary concern \_\_\_\_\_ Total for bus \_\_\_\_\_

Will follow bus \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday, June 13** - full day Amish Country tour with dinner at an Amish Family's home

Dietary concern \_\_\_\_\_ Total for bus \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch on your own Will follow bus/no dinner \_\_\_\_\_

Optional buggy wagon ride: \$14 per person = Total \_\_\_\_\_

“Who are the Amish?” movie \$6 pp \_\_\_\_\_ Biblical Tabernacle for \$8 pp \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday, June 16** - 9:15 AM Family Church Service at The Holiday Inn

(check out is noon) Yes, I plan on attending \_\_\_\_\_

**\$73 per person (plus options)**

**Checks are payable to HFFA and please send to Mike Speers  
10470 Penniman Drive, Chardon, OH 44024 by May 1, 2015**

**Questions: Call Gene Frye 913 384 0084 [world09@verizon.net](mailto:world09@verizon.net)**