

HFFA NEWS

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Hello, Cousins, Kin, and other Readers,

Now that spring is here, many of us are enjoying sunshine and green hillsides and wild flowers. However, I watch the national news and see that there are still storms in other parts of the country. Mark Friden of Star Lake, New York, says that they had snow most days in April!

Now that flu season is about over, I hope that everyone has recovered from illnesses and such! Gretchen Fry Harvey is fine now. We are happy to hear that Wilma Mayfield is back home, recovered from her broken hip. Robert Denham's son Robbie, now 13, is recovering from the bacterial meningitis he had in January.

As always, thanks to the other two members of our newsletter team—Gretchen Fry Harvey finds the photographs and sends them to Ginny Fry Santos, and I send the written parts to Ginny, who does all the formatting; then Gretchen prints out the labels and the copies to be sent by US Mail, and I put them together and mail them. Mike Speers said that we should put our photographs in the newsletter each time. In the November newsletter, we put in a photograph of the three of us and Carolyn Fry Denham at James Fry's grave from the 2015 HFFA Reunion in Hannibal.

We will look for other photographs from reunions. This time, here is one of the three of us from the 2013 HFFA Reunion, when we went to downtown Kansas City to see the Jazz Museum.

Sincerely,

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Marilyn, Gretchen, and Ginny

Treasurer's Report

Summary
7/19/2017
through
5/3/2018



INCOME

Dues	3,633.37
PayPal Fee	-12.76
TOTAL Dues	3,620.61

Frey Fort Cemetary	155.00
Heinrich Cemetery	607.50
Pay Pal Fee	-1.75
TOTAL Heinrich Cemetery	605.75

Journal Purchase	55.00
Links Book	75.00
Other Inc	5,779.80
Swiss Genealogist	842.50
TOTAL INCOME	11,133.66

EXPENSES

Auto & Transport	
Reunion Transportation	180.00
TOTAL Auto & Transport	180.00

Bills & Utilities	
Internet	40.34
TOTAL Bills & Utilities	40.34

Fees & Charges	
Bank Fee	89.46
TOTAL Fees & Charges	89.46

Misc.	
Office Expenses	146.63
TOTAL Misc.	146.63

Paypal fee	5.11
Postage	93.68
Newsletter	113.70
TOTAL Postage	207.38

TOTAL EXPENSES	668.92
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OVERALL TOTAL 10,464.74

Ralph Frye, Treasurer

The Board of Directors voted to make Charles Burgess a Lifetime HFFA Member with the title of Historian Emeritus.

Dear Family,

Greetings to all members! By the time you receive this, spring may have sprung! For me, spring is very welcome as, hopefully, it is for all of you, too.

At this point, I do not have further information on our intended reunion in Kentucky for June 2019. I will keep you posted.

I do have an announcement from your Board of Directors. The Board members have voted to grant Charles Burgess a Lifetime Membership and to give him the title of Historian Emeritus.

Charter member and Vice President Jon Frye had these comments:

"I first met Charles at the first HFFA National Reunion in Palmyra in 1992, when we first organized HFFA. Although he has not been active in the past few years, he was a guiding force and a source of valuable information from the start. Over the years, he has spent many hours fact-checking my indexes before they went to publication and answering questions regarding details in some of the articles that have been published over the years. I know he has also, in the past, proofread the charts of many of our potential new members."

"I know he hasn't been actively engaged in the last 2-3 years or so, but nonetheless, I feel I know Charles well enough to say that, if it were in his power, he would still be actively participating.

"For years, Charles paid the dues of some of his relatives because he felt so strongly about the sense of family history. With that in mind, I know that Charles would not have simply abandoned all interest in our family association. It would seem evident that he is no longer in a position to keep his membership up.

"Charles' contribution to Fry(e) family research goes back many years prior to the inception of HFFA, and I can't help but wonder just where we would be without the 'round robin research' he and Don Kearney and several others contributed during the decades prior to 1992. I was certainly 'wet behind the ears' when I was asked to edit a family history periodical at that time. Without Charles and the articles Don Kearney put together, I am totally certain the Journal would have died many years ago."

The Board and I thank Charles for his many years of service, and we will be sending him a commemoration once we confirm his address.

Gene Frye
HFFA President
Kansas City, Kansas



Director Thelma McKenzie writes about Charles Burgess.

Charles will always be a part of HFFA to me. Charles is my second cousin; my grandfather was Charles' great-uncle. He is six years younger than my Mom. He and Mom came to know each other while he attended Bradley University, and they kept in touch over the years. My parents visited him on several trips to Pennsylvania and later in Naples, when they were "snowbirds." She was always able to recite our lineage back to Heinrich—the basics learned from her father and the details filled in by Charles. At his urging, she joined HFFA in its charter year. She would always tell me of what she found interesting in the latest HFFA Journal. When she no longer desired to continue her membership, I was given all her newsletters and copies of the Journal; I even became a HFFA member. But I let my membership lapse before renewing in 2011. My interest in family history can be attributed to my mother, who was certainly influenced by her cousin Charles. Here is a photograph that Jerry and I took when we visited him in Naples on February 27, 2012.



Former HFFA Newsletter Editor Mike Speers remembers Charles Burgess.

It was in 1997 when I retired from teaching. One of my retirement goals was to learn more about family history. Since I knew absolutely nothing, there was a lot to learn!

Somehow, through the Internet, I was directed to Charles Burgess and Hank Adams. My involvement in learning family history went on a rocket ride of epic proportions. One was so very serious but seemed to have all the answers and cared about the details. The other was a real "people person" and didn't worry as much about the details when they differed from what others have written. He was happy to add me to his list of cousins. I grew to appreciate both points of view.

Rose and I attended the 2000 Reunion in Morgantown, Pennsylvania, and were awed by the knowledge of all those who spoke as if they were on a first-name basis with Heinrich's entire family. Even though we already knew Hank after being with him in Ohio as well as in his home in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, we hung back and observed both Charles and Hank as everyone wanted to have an audience with each of them.

After the reunion, our phone and email conversations resumed. Charles always had the answers I needed. When I submitted something to him that was wrong, he even knew where the error came from. When a certain source always seemed to

come up with wrong or misleading information, we could laugh about it. Whenever I submitted something to him that was new, he thanked me and remarked how it added to the general knowledge of our family history. WOW! Did that make me feel great!

My mantra became **If Charles Says It, Then It Is So**. It was obvious that **His Work is the Spine of HFFA**.

It was tough to keep my distance from him, but it was important that I did. He knew so many more people than I did, and everyone wanted his attention. I had to respect that and go to him only when necessary. I think he recognized that, and our rapport grew. He always treated me with respect and kindness and seemed glad when I contacted him. I can't say we were friends, but I felt like he respected me. Occasionally, he would give me a glimpse of his life when he was doing the family research or teaching school in Gap, Pennsylvania, or providing some of his other family interests beyond HFFA. I wish I had known him longer and better.

After most of my newsletters reached him, he would send a congratulatory note about something specific in the newsletter. I knew that he read them and appreciated them. When his computer failed, I sent his newsletters via USPS, and would write him a personal note. When his replies came to an end, it was sad, but I still wrote my messages and told him that I missed him.

Bev Raber writes of visiting Charles Burgess through the years.

I visited Charlie several times while he was living in Gap, Pennsylvania. During our first visit shortly after we joined HFFA, Charlie took my mother, Marjorie Frye Kipps, and me basically on the same tour as we did during the last two reunions in Morgantown, Pennsylvania. During another visit to his home, he gave me a porcelain dish with a pink rose on the lid that he made while in high school so that I would always have something to remember him by.



After he retired, one of the many things he did was to buy and sell antiques for several years. So when he told me he was moving to Florida and was selling many of the antiques,

I had to make a special trip to see the furniture. I bought a large dresser to add to my bedroom collection.

In between our visits, we kept in contact either by phone or email. I was very sad and happy at

the same time when he moved because I was going to miss his wonderful sense of humor, but thinking about him in his Florida home made me smile. I was glad that I was able to travel with Jon Frye to visit Charlie once in Florida.

Marilyn Fry writes about Charles Burgess' last HFFA Reunion.

My husband, Bob, had recently joined HFFA, and we attended our first HFFA reunion in 2009, in Mineola, Texas. We were delighted to meet Bob's "cousins" there, including Charles Burgess. It was obvious that he was highly respected and regarded; he was the HFFA Historian, and everyone had questions for him. Sadly, this was to be his last reunion. After the reunion, whenever I had historical questions, I would email Charles, and he would promptly respond; he always knew the answers. My daughter, Gretchen, had found a Fry Glass Company of Pennsylvania on the Internet and bought a glass platter, thinking that this might be made by a relative. However, when I asked Charles, he said, no, this company was owned by the English Frys, not our family at all—disappointing! Here is a photograph from the HFFA Reunion in Texas.



Charles is in the front row, near the middle, wearing a suit and a bolo tie.

Heinrick Frey Cemetery Project Update



This project to preserve and improve the Heinrich Frey Cemetery was approved during the 2015 HFFA Reunion in Pennsylvania. At that time, I volunteered to undertake the project and even started to work on it immediately by performing research on the return trip to Virginia. The project has required much research, thus enlarging the originally planned scope substantially since my initial assumptions regarding documented verification were not possible. A break had to be taken to give substantial support to the 2017 HFFA Reunion in Missouri and other pre-committed activities. Also, I took a very important trip to Germany, and then there were some health issues arising. So I am behind where I would have preferred to be.

On 14 April, I submitted a detailed project plan to HFFA President Gene Fry. As of May 1, 2018, Gene approved the plan, following my providing him with a detailed discussion of all project aspects. Other management activity still needs to be performed before work commencement.

Any other HFFA project will pale in comparison with this project in terms of the amount of serious work required from all aspects: research, planning, complexity, and sheer physical labor. I will have to count on your support. A number of members have contributed generously to the project so that now we have some cash to draw upon independent of resources from dues. More will be required, but the amount is unknown at this present early planning phase.

Timing is still to be decided, but I do not see us working when it is hot and humid outside. It is also dependent upon rapid completion of pre-project planning.

I am requesting that members/families advise me about their ability to help. Send me what service you are able to perform to the following email address: nrschulze@gmail.com.

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New Members

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1. Heinrich Frey/Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey/Christina
3. Benjamin Fry/Catherine
4. Benjamin Fry/
5. Abraham V. Fry/Virginia Catherine Markley
6. Joseph Fry/Elizabeth Rorich
7. Hattie May Fry/Thomas Henry Bailey
8. Walter Clair Bailey/Ethel Marie Carrier
9. **Shirley Lieuween Bailey**/Dwayne Keith Harms/Roger Dean Coad

Shirley is a returning member of HFFA. She and her husband, Roger, attended the HFFA reunion in Mineola, Texas, in 2009 along with her sister and brother-in-law, Janet and John Goforth.

Elaine Hatfield Powell

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Elaine is a descendant of the Pennsylvania Hatfields, not the "feuding" Hatfields! President of Central Florida Genealogical Society, she has been researching her family history for over 30 years and is very happy to become a member of HFFA! She is searching for more information about William Fry (ca 1817-before 1852, Pike County, Missouri), son of Jacob Fry and Ellenor Speakes, who married Amanda "Mandi" Milliszum (ca 1826-1858), Audrain County, Colorado (m. 2nd to William Middleton). Their son Franklin "Frank" was an orphan by age 12 in Pike County, Missouri. Little is known about William and Amanda since they died so young. If anyone has information about this Pike County, Missouri, family, please contact Elaine Powell at Elaine64@aol.com.

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4. James Fry/Nancy Spears
5. Benjamin Fry/Agnes ("Nancy") Keller
6. John Fry/Mary Jane Leighton
7. Luther Calvin Fry/Mary Alice Asay (Metz)
8. Hervey Asay Fry/Augusta Maud Christie
9. Robert Luther Fry/Mabel Ruth Coulson
10. Carolyn Ruth Fry/Jerome Harold Denham
11. **Claire Renee Denham**/Jeffrey Park Voegtly

Claire and Jeff Voegtly have ten children, born from 1988 to 2009. Claire homeschools all her children through eighth grade, and she teaches swimming lessons and piano lessons to other children as well.

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5. Jacob Frye/Eleanor Speaks
6. James H. Frye/Harriett Haff
7. Jeanetta Eugenia "Jane" Fry/Thomas Benton Goodman
8. Josephine "Jodie" T. Goodman/John Wesley Hearn
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News from Members:

Harrison Johnson of Tucson, Arizona, celebrated his 100th birthday in December 2017! One of his great-great grandmothers was Rhonda Fry. Congratulations and Happy Birthday, Harrison!



Janet Goforth of Turlock, California, has just become a great-grandmother for the seventh time with the birth of Owen David Stunkel on April 4, 2018. Owen is the grandson of HFFA Member James Curtis Strunkel, who is Janet's oldest son. Jim and

his wife, Marissa, have been married 40 years! Owen is the son of Marissa and Jim's son David James and Christie Jean Keller Strunkel. Congratulations to the whole family!



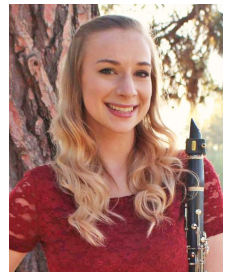
Dr. Robert Denham of BIOLA Music Conservatory, BIOLA University, La Mirada, California, just won the American Prize in Composition, 2017-2018, in the Band Music (Professional) Division for his composition entitled "Gregory Blues." The American Prize

(Hat City Music Theater, Inc, Danbury, Connecticut) was founded in 2009 as an annual prize for non-profit national competitions in the performing arts for the best recorded performances by ensembles and individuals each year in the United States. The professional division for the contest primarily highlights the accomplishments of music faculty from colleges and universities across the country. To hear a recording of this piece or other works, visit the composer's website at **Robert-Denham.com** and click on the "Listen" button. Congratulations, Robert!

Adriana Santos, daughter of **Ginny Fry Santos** and Rodrigo Santos of San Francisco, is graduating from the University of Texas at Austin with a Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA). Congratulations, Adriana! She will be returning to San Francisco this month.



Carolyn "Carrie" Joy Johnston, daughter of new HFFA member **Connie Johnston** of Benicia, California, granddaughter of **Carolyn Fry Denham** of Walnut Creek, is graduating this month with a Bachelor of Music (emphasis in woodwinds) from California State University at Long Beach ("The Beach"). Congratulations!

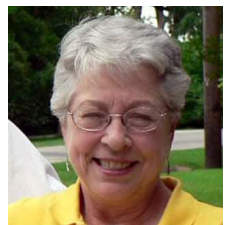


Anastasia Fry, daughter of HFFA member **Doran Fry** of Sutter Creek, CA, granddaughter of **Sue Fry** of Berkeley, CA, graduated this month with a Bachelor of Arts in history with special honors from Mills College in Oakland, California. Congratulations!

Wilma Mayfield of Mitchell, Indiana, wants to thank all the HFFA members for their prayers and thoughts while she was in the hospital and the rehabilitation facility for seven weeks after she broke her hip last winter. She has been home for two months now and is doing fine.



Marti Frye of Lafayette, Louisiana, writes the following. "I have been asked by several members about how Ralph's sister **Helen Craig** is doing. If any of you have had a family member with Alzheimer's, you will understand that it is a very nasty disease. Helen is now in the moderate to severe stage. She still knows Ralph and me, but she doesn't know other family members whom she has not seen in a long time. When we give her a trigger phrase about the person, she usually can remember who it is. Helen's physical abilities have declined because of the disease, also. For example, her brain can't signal her to pick up her feet, so she shuffles along. Helen does not have any other health issues, and we are very lucky there. If you are ever asked to donate to a charity, please consider the Alzheimer's Association for research. Hopefully they can come up with a cure or even slow down the progression of the disease. Please keep Helen in your prayers."



Virginia (Jennie) Kavage of Sunbury, Ohio, reports on two books about Saint John's Lutheran Church in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia, which many HFFA members visited during the 2011 reunion. The award-winning book *It is a Good Work: Saint John's Lutheran Church*, published in 2015, covers church history and is available for \$22.



The most recent 408-page book, *Records and Remembrances of the Adjoining Cemetery of St. John's Lutheran Church*, is about all the

people buried in the cemetery, their families, and their lives. It is filled with old pictures, obituaries, and other articles from local news sources. The book's extensive index should be of interest to Fry/Frey/Frye genealogists. Jennie Kavage has a copy and can testify that the printing and picture quality are excellent. It costs \$40. However, both books can be purchased together for \$60. To purchase one book or both books, phone the church at (540) 877-9407; leave a message (messages are checked several times a week). Or write to St. John's Lutheran Church, 3623 Back Mountain Road, Winchester, Virginia 22602.



Previous Issues of the Journal Available



Mike Speers has kept the back issues of the HFFA Journal at his house. They are available for anyone to buy for \$6.00 each. Checks must be made out to HFFA. Mail your request and your check to Mike Speers, 10470 Penniman Drive, Chardon, Ohio 44024-8226.

JOURNAL INDEX FOR VOL. 1:

Vol. 1, Issue 1 through 6: Sold Out.

Vol. 1, Issue 7, Aug. 1995: The Valley Campaigns, The Fry(e)s and the Civil War in the Shenandoah and Capon Valleys; Addendum, 11th Virginia Cavalry and 33rd Virginia Infantry.

Vol. 1, Issue 8, Feb. 1996: Of War and Remembrance, A Firsthand Account of the Fry(e) War-time Experiences (WWII).

Vol. 1, Issue 9, Aug. 1996: The Lexington Reunion; The Wardensville Reunion; The Boones and the Fry(e)s.

Vol. 1, Issue 10, Spring 1997: The Freys Choose a Burgess; Of War and Remembrance, a Firsthand Account of the Fry(e) Wartime Experiences, Part II (WWII).

Vol. 1, Issue 11, Fall 1997: Of War and Remembrance, A Firsthand Account of the Fry(e) War-time Experiences, Part III, (WWII). Index for Vol. 1, Issues 1 - 11.

JOURNAL INDEX FOR VOL. 2:

Vol. 2, Issue 1, Spring 1998: The Shepler Papers, Part I.

Vol. 2, Issue 2, Fall 1998: Sold Out.

Vol. 2, Issue 3, Spring 1999: Civil War and World War II. Letter from James Wheatley to Luke Frye, Saga of Samuel Frye III, Of War & Remembrance – The Zeliadts, Henderson (Hank) Adams, the Frys of Ferndale, MI, and L. Vernon Frye.

Vol. 2, Issue 4, Fall 1999: The Shepler Papers, Part II. Milestones (25, 50, 75, and 100 years ago in family history.)

Vol. 2, Issue 5, Spring 2000: Special Frye Fort edition. Included are a number of vintage photos of this landmark. (Sold Out)

Vol. 2, Issue 6, Fall 2000: Special Heinrich Frye edition. Articles on Heinrich Frey, Francis Daniel Pastorius, and the Levering family. Also, the Bel-fry [1929] and Frye Fort [1935].

Vol. 2, Issue 7, Spring 2001: Early Frey generations. Articles primarily about Heinrich Frey and his sons Jacob and Benjamin.

Vol. 2, Issue 8, Fall 2001: Kentucky settlement. Articles about Coopers Run Baptist Church, the Ewals in KY, and identifying various Benjamins in KY.

Vol. 2, Issue 9, Spring 2002: Various generations of the Peoria Fries. Articles include the Shepler Papers Part III, Smith Frye, and an autobiography of Cecilia Frye Griswold.

Vol. 2, Issue 10, Fall 2002: West coast migrations and Vol. 2 Index.

JOURNAL INDEX FOR VOL. 3:

Vol. 3, Issue 1, Spring 2003: "How Our Family Migrated West" by James H. Wright (Descendants of William Frey and Veronica Markely), "Impressions of the Great Depression" by Don Boslaugh, "Reunions from the Past", "Vernie & Lola Fry: A Family History" by Ed Dray.

Vol. 3, Issue 2, Fall 2003: "Memories of the Great Depression" by Beatrice Lane Leckman and Blanche Lane Tompkins, "Charles Johnston Frye" and "Benjamin's Christina" by Charles Burgess, "Benjamin Frey – Virginian" by Luther Vernon Frye, and "Old Ben's Will and the Composition of the Early Family" by Donald Kearney.

Vol. 3, Issue 3, Spring 2004: Special edition dealing with the Speers/Spears family. Includes articles by Charles Burgess, Mike Speers, Tom Speers, and Jon Frye. This issue also includes the special story about Mary Neely entitled "A Sketch of Life and Imprisonment of Mary Neely."

Vol. 3, Issue 4, Fall 2004: "The Great Missouri HeatWave and Other Depression Era Stories" by the sons and daughters of Bert Scott Frye. "The Rise and Fall of Slavery in Our Midst" by Jon Frye. (This article is a look at the history of the Frye family slaves.)

Vol. 3, Issue 5, Spring 2005: Highlights of three generations of Freys; i.e., Heinrich & Anna Catherine, William & Veronica, Henry & Anna Maria. "Why the Good Old Days Were So Good" by William A. Frye. Contributions in space research by various members of the Frye family. (Donald Holmes, L. Bert Frye, Victor R. Fry, Eddie Dray, and Mark C. Frye.)

Vol. 3, Issue 6, Fall 2005: The Kansas Reunion Special Edition: "A Journey West into Kansas" by Gordon Fry, "Silas Wilson Frye" by Charles Burgess, "The Life and Family of Flora Jane – Medicine Woman" by Max Best, and "I Saw Johnny Fry . . ." the first pony express rider by Jon Frye.

Vol. 3, Issue 7, Spring 2006: "Bits and Pieces" Research concerning the descendants of Abraham V. Fry, "Reunions from the Past", "Isaac Minor Frye" by Helen Craig. "Changing Times" by Mable Best Robinson. "Colonel Ben's Children" by Donald Kearney. "Updating the Johnny Fry Saga" and "Examining the Financial Affairs of John Fry, Sr. (the father of Johnny Fry of pony express fame)" by Jon Frye.

Vol. 3, Issue 8, Fall 2006: Commentaries on the Diary of Aaron S. Fry" Part 1 by Jon Frye.

Vol. 3, Issue 9, Spring 2007: "A Brief Sketch of Two Widows (the mother [Rachel Speers] and wife [Elizabeth Smith?] of Jacob Fry" by Jon Frye. "Commentaries on the Diary of Aaron S. Fry (the Conclusion)" by Jon Frye.

Vol 3, Issue 10, Fall 2007: Biographical sketches of Nathan A. C. Bean and his wife Rachel Ann Frye. Index for the 10 issues of Vol. 3

JOURNAL INDEX FOR VOL. 4:

Vol. 4, Issue 1, Spring 2008: The Fries of Bussey, Iowa; The Adventures of Huckleberry Frye or Growing up in Des Moines; The Fry(es) of Cedar Creek, John Sells Frye Fort and Moves West, Part I by Don Kearney.

Vol. 4, Issue 2, Fall 2008: John Grant Frye - A World War I Hero; The Fry(es) of Cedar Creek, John Sells Frye Fort and Moves West, Part II by Don Kearney.

Vol. 4, Issue 3, Spring 2009: Genealogy of the Littler Family; Abraham Wilson Frye Update; Further Examination of the Fry(e)/Littler Connection; The Fry(es) of Cedar Creek, John Sells Frye Fort

and Moves West, Part III (last) by Don Kearney.

Vol. 4, Issue 4, Fall 2009: Putting Texas History and Fry Family History into Perspective; The Fry Family by Anna Bird Casey; Gone to Texas, The Family of Abraham Kellar Fry, Part 1.

Vol. 4, Issue 5: Sold Out

Vol. 4, Issue 6, Fall 2010: The Travels of John Kellar Fry, Into the Great American Southwest, Part 2; The Two Henry H. Frys of Fannin County, Texas; The Diary of Isaac Minor Frye; Reunions From the Past, The Earldom, Iowa - Area Fry Reunions; Fourth Annual Fry Reunion, 1900; Fifth Annual Fry Reunion; Seventh Annual Fry Reunion; Reunion 1928; Reunion 1929; Reunion 1930; Reunion 1931; Reunion 1932; Reunion 1933; Reunion 1934; Reunion 1935; Reunion 1936; Reunion 1937; Reunion 1938; Reunion 1939; Reunion 1940; Reunion 1941; Reunion 1942; Reunion 1943; Reunion 1944; Reunion 1967; Reunion 1968; Reunion 1969; Reunion 1971; Reunion 1972; Reunion 1973; Reunion 1974.

Vol. 4, Issue 7: Sold Out

Vol. 4, Issue 8, Fall 2011: A Brief Survey of the Froman Family; Chapter 10 ... And Disperses; by Don Kearney; The Fry(e) Brothers and the Great Winchester Jailbreak.

Vol. 4, Issue 9: Sold Out

Vol. 4, Issue 10, Spring 2012: A Trilogy of Mysteries: Going Back for a Second Look; Charles Wesley Levings; John Hoxie and the Headless Horseman of Hoxie Bridge; Index for

JOURNAL INDEX FOR VOL. 5

Vol. 5, Issue 1, Spring 2013: The Family of Henry Speers and Regina Froman; Updating the Furnier Family of Washington County, Pennsylvania; Mon Valley Biographies; Regina Froman Speers Update; The Closwe/Fry(e) Connection; Frey Brothers Move to California; Samuel Frye - Colonist; Samuel Fry, Jr. - Progenitor; Samuel Fry, III - Torment.

Vol. 5, Issue 2, Fall 2013: The Family of Isaac Fry, Sr., 1765-1840 in Clay and Clinton Counties, Missouri; The Impact of Slavery and the Civil War on the Fry(e)s of Missouri; Picture Portfolio of the HFFA 2013 Reunion in Kansas City, Missouri.

Vol. 5, Issue 3, Spring 2014: Nancy Mae Fry/Frye Shannon; Frye-Forman Descendants in Kingfisher County, Oklahoma; Family Remembrances, A Collection of Short Stories, by Max Best; Poems of Mable Marie Porter.

Vol. 5, Issue 4, Fall 2014:

(1) Duty, Honor, Country by Ronnie Ellis: The story of Medal of Honor awarded to John Brown Kerr and his nephew Kerr Tunis Riggs, descendants of Heinrich Frey.

(2) Bruce Avery Van Voorhies, His Family, and Medal of Honor Award by Richard Bell. The story of another descendent of Heinrich Frey who was awarded the Medal of Honor.

(3) My Army Experience by William A. Frye: What was it really like to be in World War II is told by one of our cousins.

Vol. 5, Issue 5, Spring 2015: Polk Wells and His Commentaries regarding the Frye of St. Joseph, Missouri. Review and Comments by Jon Frye. This issue is devoted to the story of one person, Polk Wells. You will review American history as told through the interesting life of Polk Wells and his families.

Vol. 5, Issue 6, Fall 2015: Pictures and report from the 2015 Reunion in Morgantown, PA; an investigation into the Europeans origins of the Frey family especially Heinrich Frey and his father Jacob.

Tour of England

By Dennis Frey

Granville, Ohio

Back in the 1980s, my wife and I planned to do a ghost tour of England with WLW radio out of Cincinnati, Ohio. About two weeks prior to our departure, it was canceled because of major threats from the IRA. We decided we would fly to England and rent a car and do a self-driving tour. It was somewhat uneventful until I was at the Gatwick Airport, when I was pulled out of line and searched and questioned because I looked like an IRA terrorist. Driving in London was worse than New York City! There were no street signs on the corners; the signs were on sides of buildings; and half were missing or covered. Trying to find our hotel was difficult. Finally, a motorcyclist pulled up beside me at a stop light. I reached out the car window and tapped him on the leg and told him we were lost. He had me follow him to the hotel. We unloaded the luggage, and the hotel parking was two blocks away. As we traveled around the country, sometimes we didn't have any hotel reservations, so we would stop at a little bakery or shop and ask for any Bed and Breakfast places in the area. The locals always took care of us. I drove a little stick-shift Ford Fiesta over the entire country. When we were driving to Scotland, a tour bus went past us, and it sounded really loud. All passengers were pointing at our car. That is when we discovered that the hatchback was open and all our luggage was ready to

fall out. We had a good time, and when we made it to Wales, we stopped at a little restaurant. Melody and I were sitting at the table, and some locals heard our accents and started conversing. Soon new people were coming and wanting to sit at our table to talk. Once it was learned that I was a cop in America, some English barristers came to speak to me. We covered a lot of territory in the time we were there.

Fast forward to July 16, 2014—Melody and I wanted to tour England again, but we wanted it to be more of a family trip. We were able to coordinate schedules for my nephew Bruce Frey (HFFA member); his wife, Trisha; and their teenaged children, Madison and Hayden, to make the trip a month's worth of vacation into two weeks. I won't elaborate on all the locations we visited. I know that some of the HFFA members are on Facebook with me and can revisit my post.

We flew into Heathrow Airport and rented a mini-van. I found out that you have to request an automobile in advance, but that was OK since Bruce and I grew up using stick shifts, so we knew we could manage. Our first place to stay was Limpley Stock Hotel, which was a previous manor house. Driving was a little more of a challenge than I remembered. I accidentally let a few words escape that I normally don't use. The teens picked up on it and started using a "sanitized" version to lighten the moods. We did the usual tourist stuff like visit the Roman Bathes, Tower of London, Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace,

the Millennial Eye, the London Museum, Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, and too many more to list here.



Back in the '80s, when Melody and I visited Stonehenge, it was located in the middle of a field, and we parked in a small lot and walked through a field to the stones. Now you have to have an appointment to visit. You also have to ride a tram to the stones, and it is more controlled. The backroads that we drove were a little larger than our bike paths in the US. Sometimes, on a curve, we nearly ran into a horse, a farm tractor, or even people walking. It kept us on our toes. When Bruce entered a small town, the curb extended on both sides of the road to slow down motorists. Unfortunately, both left-side tires hit the curb, which blew out the tires. We limped into the village and a driveway. I normally don't take out car insurance, but in this instance I did. I got my phone out to call the rental company for assistance. I was having some difficulty, and a resident came out to assist. I explained about the appointed time of our reservation in Stonehenge. The resident took my phone and made contact and explained to the tow repair people about our appointment and told them to "step it up." The tow repair person had to

take the car to a shop. Bruce and I went with him while the wives and kids went to a pub. The tow truck fellow got us to the repair garage and explained about our appointment. All the workers ceased working on the other vehicles and converged on ours to repair it. All that the repair people required of me was a signature. We were out and back on the road within 20 minutes. We arrived at Stonehenge a few minutes late but showed them our repair paperwork, and they ushered us in.

The following day, we went to Avebury in Wilshire. We ate at the Red Lion, one of the most haunted hostelrys in Britain. It has a drinking well inside encased in plexiglass. It was used to throw suspected witches down. Ghost hunters have done special shows at this location. Employees have seen apparitions, and no one wants to work there after dark. The neat aspect of this area is that it has very large stones similar to Stonehenge spread out over five acres. People can actually get up close to the stones, touch them, and even climb on them. Wild pagan ceremonies are held at this location [Google this information and look at the photos]. It was a pleasant village to walk around. Prior to driving back to our hotel, we stopped and marveled at the prehistoric Silbury Hill.

The next day, we drove to Cardiff, Wales. It has the Dr. Who Museum, and some filming is done for the TV show there. Melody and I seldom watch Dr. Who, but Bruce and his family are big fans. It really turned out to be very interesting. It is al-

ways fun to get the perspective of the younger people and enjoy their enjoyment.

We drove to the town of Glastonbury. What a really neat place! We ate at a 15th-century inn. We visited the Glastonbury Abbey and saw the original burial site of King Arthur and Guinevere. This town is known for "New Age" crystal shops and witches. Walking back to the car, Bruce disappeared into a crystal shop with New Age shopkeepers. We went in and listened to them speak to him. I sat to relax, and the New Age people started to wave crystals around Bruce's head and shoulders. Yikes! He started to shake and tremble (Bruce can be theatrical when he wants). The wives gave me that "get us out of here" look, and I got up and said that our parking time was up and that we didn't want to be towed. We drove to the Glastonbury Tor just out of town. It is an old stone tower on top of a hill. The view was spectacular. This place is where decapitated heads were displayed by the king.



The next day, we headed for Highclere Castle. Melody and I were big fans of Downton Abbey. Melody had done her research, so we were able to stay down the road at the Carnarvon Arms, where some of the cast and crew stayed during

filming. I was sure that I was in the same room and that my head lay on the same pillow as Laura Carmichael, who played Lady Edith. Melody just shakes her head when I tell this story and tells people she believes I was dropped on my head as a baby. At the Carnarvon Arms, we met other tourists and had a fun experience. The wine flowed a little too freely that night, and the teens unfortunately learned some sordid details of my youth. The next morning, ours was one of the first vehicles to arrive at Highclere. Normally, Melody is somewhat reserved, but she was the first out of the car and sprinted to purchase tickets. The inside was just like the TV show. There was a lot of see inside and outside. We decided to take a break and get a snack at Highcleare. The espresso must have been exceedingly strong, or the fact that Hayden had never drunk it before had an effect on his senses. When finished drinking, he had a strange look on his face and looked to the sky and stated, "Wow! I can smell colors!"

We wanted to visit Windsor Castle and drove to that location. Seeing the Royal Guard march was fun. We took in as much as we could before military people appeared with assault weapons. They advised us that a special event was going on, so they were shutting down the castle early; they started ushering people out. We walked over to the tourist shops and train area and found a neat pastry shop that was just closing. We must have had a look of desperation, so they let us in and locked the door and served us anyway.

We turned in our car rental and took the train to London. The British Museum was not air conditioned; it was extremely hot inside; even the docents were uncomfortable, but I will never forget our unique experience there. The Tower of London was more comfortable exploring. According to the Internet website, the London Bridge Exhibition was an educational history display. It started out that way. We did some little carnival "fun house" stuff, moving from exhibit to exhibit as we learned history from costumed characters. We were then taken into a large, dimly-lit room where people could sit. A weird announcement was made: "Anyone with heart problems

should exit and leave this area at once." Nobody left. Thirty seconds later, masked men with chainsaws emerged! Women screamed, and children cried as they were chased by the monsters of death. Everyone made it through the exit to the lobby area to purchase photos and trinkets.

I grew up listening to the Beatles, and Bruce had always been a big fan. Bruce wanted to go to the Beatles' Abbey Road and reenact the famous crossing. We got there and had to share and take our turns walking that famous crossing. I kept looking at the camera instead of straight ahead because traffic suddenly appeared, and we were afraid

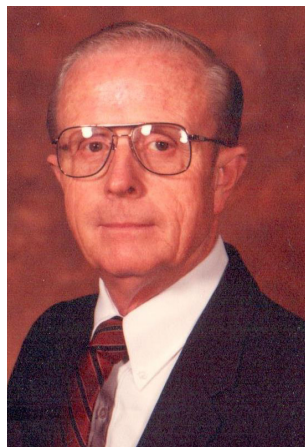
that we were going to be struck by oncoming autos. Our iconic recreation went well into the evening. We started walking the neighborhood and found a little restaurant that had pictures of Paul McCartney and his extended family and other Beatles. Low and behold, Paul and his relatives come in to eat once a week, and we sat within ten feet of one of their seatings. It was quite satisfying.

It was quite a vacation. I am grateful for Bruce's driving 90% of the time and the fun times we had with the teens. We ate at many pubs and actually found the best fish and chips in the world. I am thankful for the memories.

Obituaries

Elmer Louis Frye, Jr. of Madison, Tennessee, passed away August 18, 2017, at the age of 89. He had retired after 25 years with the Metro Police Department. He is preceded in his death by son, James Frye. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Florence Louise Frye; daughter, Kathy (Mark) Kirby; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Robert S. Frye passed away peacefully at home on May 10, 2018. Born in Sedalia, Missouri, to Bert and Laura Frye, he graduated from Smith-Cotton High School in Sedalia and received a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from the University of Missouri at Columbia, Missouri, and his Master's Degree from the University



of Missouri at Kansas City, Missouri. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He worked 42 years as the District Engineer for Missouri Public Service Co. and was a contributing writer for professional engineering publications. He was a member of the VFW and the American Legion, member of First Baptist Church of Lee's Summit, and founding member of Lee's Summit Lion's Club.

In 1950, he began his 60-year marriage to the love of his life, Mary Catherine Palmer. Together, they resided in Warrensburg and Lee's Summit, Missouri, and had two sons, Rick and Bob. One of his greatest joys in life was working and spending time on his family farms. He is survived by sons Rick Frye and his wife, Dee, and Bob Frye; grandchildren Reid, Emily, and Libby Frye; and brother Gene Frye. He is predeceased by his parents, Bert and Laura Frye; his beloved wife, Mary Catherine Frye; siblings Bertice Frye, Bernice Hallman, Fred Frye, Dick Frye, and Jane Duddles.

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