

HFFA NEWS

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Hello, Cousins, Kin, and other Readers,

I hope that everyone had good holiday celebrations with family and friends. We did!

Oh, dear! No matter how many times you proof-read something, there always seems to be at least one mistake! I made one in the article “Go West” in the November 2018 Newsletter. I called my husband’s sister Carolyn Ruth Coulson; however, her birth name was actually Carolyn Ruth Fry (her married name is Carolyn Fry Denham). Her mother’s maiden name was Coulson: Mabel Ruth Coulson. Maybe the “Ruth” threw me off. There is a funny story about that name. Mabel gave her daughter the middle name of Ruth because it was the name of her roommate at College of the Pacific (now University of the Pacific). Mabel’s parents were Harrison Uriah Coulson and Claudeen Olivia McClure Coulson. When their first child was born at home on July 24, 1908, in Fostoria, Texas, they named her Mabel Uriah Coulson, but her birth was not officially recorded. Mabel always hated her middle name; after she married Robert Luther Fry, she simply went by Mabel Coulson Fry. As she neared the age to apply for Social Security, she needed proof of her birth date. Her mother, Claudia Coulson, took a trip to Texas to visit relatives; while she was there, she went to the courthouse and declared her daughter’s birth. Mabel was surprised when the birth certificate arrived in the mail; it said Mabel Ruth Coulson. Gone was the original hated middle name! Her official middle name was Ruth. Mabel laughed and said,

“This is the first time a mother was named for a daughter!”

We hope to see everyone at the reunion in Kentucky! Here is a photograph of the newsletter team (Gretchen Fry Harvey, Ginny Fry Santos, and me) and Ginny’s mother, Sue Fry, in front of a barbecue restaurant in Kansas City, Missouri, during the 2013 HFFA Reunion.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Fry

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Treasurer's Report



Summary
7/19/2017
through
1/06/2019

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| INCOME | 13,061.65 |
| Uncategorized | 50.00 |
| Dues | 4721.60 |
| PayPal Fee | -11.70 |
| Other Dues | 4733.30 |
| Frey Fort Cemetary | 155.00 |
| Heinrich Cemetery | 165.75 |
| Pay Pal Fee | -1.75 |
| Other Heinrich Cemetery | 167.50 |
| Journal Purchase | 395.00 |
| Links Book | 90.00 |
| Other Inc | 8.00 |
| Past treasurer income | 5,771.80 |
| Reunion Fee | 812.00 |
| Swiss Genealogist | 892.50 |
| EXPENSES | -3,562.46 |
| Auto & Transport | -180.00 |
| Reunion Transportation | -180.00 |
| Bills & Utilities | -160.32 |
| Internet | -160.32 |
| Fees & Charges | -89.46 |
| Bank Fee | -89.46 |
| Journal Expenses | -2,496.29 |
| Misc. | -162.56 |
| Office Expenses | -162.56 |
| Paypal fee | -6.17 |
| Postage | -395.67 |
| Newsletter | -213.10 |
| Other Postage | -182.57 |
| OVERALL TOTAL | 9499.19 |

Ralph Frye, Treasurer

Dear Family,

It is not the year of the bear or the tiger, but it is the year of the reunion—our HFFA reunion!

Time is passing quickly, so we hope you will sign up soon (you can cancel up to June 12 for the meals and up to a day before at the Holiday Inn Express). Our planning is moving forward with the help of Becca Proffitt, Wilma Mayfield, and Jon Frye.

On Thursday, June 20, we have our family meeting. Tom Speers will speak about the Speers heritage in the Kentucky area. Richard Frey will share more information on DNA. Norm Schultz will present a slideshow. We have our business meeting and election of officers scheduled for the afternoon.

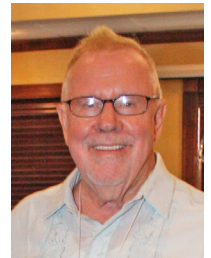
Friday and Saturday will find us on charter bus trips visiting locations pertinent to our general heritage in the Kentucky area. Jon Frye will moderate on the bus trips. Please read his column in this newsletter with more detailed information.

If you have not attended a HFFA reunion, know that you will be warmly welcomed, and you will learn about your family in a fun environment. If you have attended one, you know the good times and knowledge we share.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Warm regards,

Gene Frye
President, HFFA



This is a friendly reminder that your 2019 HFFA Association dues are now due for 2019. The dues are **\$25 per year**. You can pay for more than one year if you prefer. Please, remit your check to the following address: Marti Frye, 308 Bellevue Plantation, Lafayette, LA 70503. **Please Make checks payable to HFFA.** If we do not receive your dues by March 31, 2019, you will be removed from the membership roll. If for some reason you are unable to pay your dues by that time and still want to be a member of HFFA, please contact me so that we can make arrangements. If dues are not received by that date, you will also be removed from the HFFA Facebook page, newsletter, and the Journal. We still have PayPal for your convenience. If you go to our web site, **hfrey.org**, you will find the section where you are able to pay by PayPal. If you are not sure if you have paid for 2019, you can email me at ralph.frye@lusfiver.net.

Marti Frye



2019 Reunion in Shelbyville, Kentucky



by Jon Frye

For our 2019 Shelbyville, Kentucky, Reunion, we tentatively have a variety of excursions scheduled—all of which are pertinent to the Fry(e) migration into Kentucky between 1780 and 1800. Actually, there were at least four migrations of the sons and grandsons of Old Ben into Kentucky. James Fry, son of Old Ben's oldest son, Abraham, arrived in 1787 and settled north of Paris in Bourbon County, along Cooper's Run and across the road from his brother-in-law Jacob Spears, who was famous for developing and producing Bourbon whiskey. John Fry, son of Old Ben's son Jacob Frye and his wife, Molly, went into Lincoln County in Southern Kentucky in 1780 (the year it was created) and helped establish Carpenter's Station (immediately east of the city of Lexington) about 1784. He died there in 1796, and it was his great-grandson Johnny Fry with whom we are all familiar as the first Pony Express rider to head west from St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1860. Finally, Old Ben's grandson Isaac Fry (son of Benjamin, Jr.) and his wife, Catherine Frye (daughter of Jacob and Molly Frye), migrated into Nelson County in 1800 and then soon afterward into Shelby County. It was there that they encountered the McGees, and both continued on into Missouri as was the case with many of the Fry(e) family members. (In addition, one of our Benjamins arrived at Limestone on the last day of 1784. More work needs to be done here.)

We will be traveling around Shelby County and possibly Nelson County on our first day of touring (Friday, June 21) to see sights related to that migration; then, in the afternoon, we will be going down to Boonesborough, returning by way of William's homestead and nearby Bryan's Station. It was a siege here at Bryan's Station that brought John Fry and the Boones up to relieve the beleaguered settlers. That expedition followed the British and Indians into a trap at Blue Licks, which is the first historical site we will be visiting on

Saturday's itinerary. From there, we will return to sites linked with the Fry(e)s and Spears around Bourbon County, particularly around the town of Paris and nearby Cynthiana. The latter was where Aeron Fry briefly settled before migrating to the area near Hannibal, Missouri, (which he called Frytown) in the mid-1820s. Most of the people alluded to so far have been the topics of various articles in past issues of the Journal.

These two days of road trips will offer an excellent opportunity to tie so much of the history of our family together, which, within a generation or so, continued on into Missouri, and for some of these, later, into Texas, Oklahoma, and California. We will not have a great deal of history presented at the Thursday series of meetings; instead, time on the bus both days will offer us adequate opportunity to take care of discussions as we travel from site to site. Again, we will try to tie all four or five of the Fry(e) migrations together in this rather ambitious program for our 2019 Reunion. If anyone has questions, feel free to contact me (Jon Frye) at jonfrye67@gmail.com. I hope to see a great turnout for this reunion, which I believe will connect various family lines together.



Visit to Grove Hill Cemetery During Reunion

Friday, June, 21, we will be going on the bus to Grove Hill Cemetery, where many of the Frey/Fry/Frye and other family members are buried. Bonnie Burks Gray is going to talk to us about the care/restoration of gravestones. The Grove Hill Cemetery is large, containing approximately 18,000 graves. Bonnie has offered to have photographs made of any family gravestones that you would like her to take a picture of. She will try to have photographs made for you. Grove Hill Cemetery has a website that you can visit: www.gravehillcemetery.net. You can go to this website and check to see if any of your ancestors or relatives are listed. I will get a list to her if anyone is interested.

Bonnie is going to speak with another lady who works with the county cemetery classifications such as qualifying for Pioneer/National Cemetery status about locations of other cemeteries in Shelby County that may have Frey, Fry, or Frye family members in them.

If anyone has questions or wants photographs, my phone number is (812) 278-1277. My email address is beccamayfield157@hotmail.com.

Rebecca Proffitt

2019 HFFA Reunion Door Prizes Wanted

There will be a Frey Family Door Prize Raffle on Saturday, June 22, at the Kentucky Reunion. It will occur at our banquet at Claudia Sanders Dinner House. The items should reflect the geographical area of the person or family unit giving the item. They do not have to be wrapped. Please include your name, city, and state on the item you donate. Then give them to Janet Goforth when you arrive in the assembly room.



Everyone who brings a door prize will receive a raffle ticket and will then receive a door prize brought by another participant when his or her number is called.

See the many colorful items in this photograph of the raffle at the 2017 HFFA Reunion in Hannibal, Missouri. We all had many laughs and good fellowship during the raffle. It was great fun!

Interview for a German Museum Project



By Norm Schulze

The Deutsches Auswandererhaus Museum of Bremerhaven, Germany, expressed an interest in interviewing German Americans for potential use and display in their award-winning museum. They would select around 5 or 6 individuals with whom to conduct personal interviews, the results of which could be displayed in an exhibit hall there and which will be retained and made available for research and simply for recording our history.

I felt the urge to apply when I first learned of the project in September from the German Society of Maryland but had no idea what they were looking for to accept interviewees. One objective of the museum, too, was to try to obtain relics for the museum.

Unfortunately, in late October, I was exposed to caught the deadly adenovirus 7, which seems to throw everything possible at its host, including a deep, incessant cough. I could no longer speak, a situation so severe that it caused me to wonder if I would ever speak again. I communicated by writing notes wherever I went and at home. There was no talking for three weeks. It took about six weeks for the virus to go away, following the intake of many steroids and strong antibiotics acquired over five doctor visits. I am aware that it took the lives of at least 12 persons.

My grave concern was whether I would be capable of performing for the interview scheduled for December 9, that being the first time that I would really have spoken in three weeks. I wanted to maintain my end of the deal. It was an honor to be selected. I kept personal contact with the staff so that they would be well aware of my plight and could make alternate plans.

I drove the 2-hour trip to Baltimore and performed the interview, which lasted 2 hours and 10 minutes.

The interview went well. It required only two breaks to regain strength. The staff members

were great. I have continued to have subsequent contact. They gave me a book, Deutsches Auswanderer Haus, which provides a great overview of the museum and purpose. I gave them both fudge and tollhouse cookies that Joan made as a Christmas present.

If anyone travels to the northern area of Germany, I would encourage a visit there. I have personally visited it twice in my journeys.

There is nothing much new to report on the Heinrich Frey Cemetery Preservation Project. Performing the actual physical labor is dependent upon getting dry weather of sufficient duration that we can drive vehicles on the grass to the site. Several persons have volunteered. As a consequence of the virus, nothing has been accomplished on anything from the first of November until after the first 10 days of December, when Christmas activities went into high gear.

New Members

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1. Heinrich Frey/Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey/Regina Christina (Merkle)
3. Joseph Fry/Ann Funk
4. Rebecca Ann Fry/John Switzer
5. Elizabeth Switzer/William Cherrington
6. Rebecca Cherrington/Jacob Street
7. Samuel F. Street/Maud Sophia McAlpine
8. Bessie Mabel Street/Edward Ayer Diggins
9. Elizabeth Diggins/George Childs Hoonan
10. Maria Elizabeth Hoonan/
Michael T. Montgomery
11. **Maria Montgomery**

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2. Benjamin Frey/Anna Christina Merkle
3. Abraham Fry/Agnes Ann Young
4. James Fry, Sr./Nancy Spears
5. Benjamin Frey/Agnes "Nancy" Keller
6. William Keller Fry/America Kirby
7. Benjamin Franklin Fry/Eliza Jane Hall
8. James William Fry/Alice Catherine Schultz
9. Gentry Schultz Fry/Anna Marie Wagner
10. **Martha Fry/Daniel A. Mica**

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1. Heinrich Frey/Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey/Christen Ann (?)
3. Joseph Fry/Ann Funk
4. Col. Benjamin Fry/Mary Magdalene Secrest
5. John M. Fry/Mary Magdalene "Maudy" Snapp
6. James William Fry/Elizabeth Jane Frye
7. John Henry Fry/Susan F.G. Frye
8. Arthur Fry/Blanche M. Alexander
9. William Howard Frye/Mary Virginia Butler
10. **Harold Butler Frye/Carol Vaughan**

Harold Butler Frye, Ed.D., teaches at Baker University, the oldest private university in Kansas. He writes, "This connection with HFFA yields such interesting and valuable information! Ancestors who located to Frederick County and to Shenandoah County, Virginia, were very close to another ancestor's first home in America. Jacob Ziegenfus (later became Sickafoose) settled in Augusta County, Virginia, just south of these other two counties. Jacob lived there in the mid- to late-1700s and fought in the Revolutionary War along with his son, George Sickafoose. Our mother descended from that line. Our second son, Dr. Andrew S. Frye, lived in Staunton, Virginia, within Augusta County and for ten years taught at Shelbourne Middle School. While there, he was named Cross Country Coach of the Year five times while coaching at Robert E. Lee High School. The school is a member of the Shenandoah Valley Conference. It truly is a small world!"

Lloyd Edward Fry

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Lloyd is renewing his membership. He is a descendant of Abraham, son of Benjamin Fry of Frye Fort in Virginia.

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1. Heinrich Fry/Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Fry/Christina (?)
3. Benjamin Fry/Catherine (?)
4. Benjamin Fry/?
5. Isaac Fry/Gertrude Marie Bentham
6. John Bentham Fry/Rebecca Gilbert Tuttle
7. John William Frye/Lucy Gertrude Smith
8. David Elton Frye/Dorothy Edna Lyon
9. Sharon Eileen Frye/George D. Kokoruda /Harley Henry Brown (adopted Sharon's children)
10. Barbara Jean Brown/Dana James Harwood
11. **Dana Harwood**—adopted and changed name to **Hannah Grace**

Record Keeping

Changes and Corrections:

New Address:

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News from Members



Fannie Frey and Sue Frey Steffy welcomed a new member of the family: **Leah Maribelle Buckwalter**, whose parents are Shelby Jo Steffy and Shawn Michael Buckwalter; Shelby is Sue's daughter and Fannie's granddaughter.

Leah was born on May 17, 2018, and weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces. Congratulations to Great-Grandmother Fannie and Grandmother Sue and the whole family! Fannie and Sue were the hosts of the 2015 HFFA reunion in Pennsylvania with help from Fannie's niece Naomi Fisher.

Marilyn Fry is proud to announce that granddaughter **Melissa Starr (Steve Fry's daughter)** received her Master's Degree in Library Science from the University of Illinois on December 16, 2018.



Bernie Schiefer was inducted into the Florida Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution in December 2018. Bernie's Patriot is Jacob S. Fry. Jacob enlisted in 1777 in Captain Anthony Belin's Company, Colonel Hasen's Regiment and fought at Brandywine and Germantown. In 1779 he also paid a Pennsylvania supply tax. Bernard Charles "Bernie" Schiefer, Jr., has also been recognized for his own military service with a Certificate of Patriotism and a Military Service Medal. Congratulations, Bernie!

Susan Snider Salmon welcomes her granddaughter. "From Benjamin to Smith Frye and Nancy Shepler, down line from Samuel (we double dip to the second generation) sprang the first female in our Benjamin line, my mother, Elaine Frye. Her father was Ellis.



Now, at nearly two months old, comes **Elaine Judith Fortes**, named after her great-grandma. Welcome to the new generation, Ellie!"

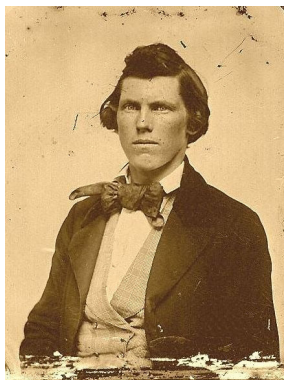
My Family's Eventual Move to California

By Courtney Morehen

I don't think my grandfather Elwyn Rudolph (Ralph) Patrick realized the significance of his ancestor, Heinrich Frey, while he was growing up. Elwyn was born at home in Grinnell, Poweshiek County, Iowa, on July 17, 1905. He was one of 8 children born to pioneers Abram Hayes Patrick and Margaret Alice Hall (she preferred to be called Alice).

Elwyn's father, Abram, was a farmer first as well as a businessman. He and his sons ran the only grocery store in town, which was very successful. His mother, Alice, was a former school teacher. Education was very important in the Patrick household. When the children could not attend school, their mother taught them at home.

Abram was born in Grinnell on May 10, 1865, to Andrew Patrick, a Veteran of the Civil



War who fought on the side of the Union, and Gertrude "Gitty" Ann Spire. She was the daughter of Richard Spire, a veteran of the War of 1812. Andrew

was born in Kingston, Frontenac, Ontario, Canada, on June 17, 1834, to Samuel Patrick and Sarah Kyle. Samuel was born in Scotland in 1810 and immigrated to Canada in his early 20s. Sarah was born in Canada in 1813. Sarah and Samuel met at church and married in Canada. The family later moved to Onondaga, New York, where Samuel was a Barge Captain on the Erie Canal and Sarah was a cook on the same vessel. Andrew met Gertrude in New York.

Elwyn's mother, Alice, was born March 14, 1870, in Ohio. Her parents were Thomas Hampton Hall and Rebecca Bishop. It is through this line that Elwyn is descended from Heinrich Frey.

Abram and Alice married in Utica, Ness County, Kansas, on November 13, 1889. On their wedding night, Alice remembers having to scrub the floor in her wedding dress after they arrived home to find that the wall that Abram hastily built that morning on a room he added just for his bride had collapsed in their sod house. The wall had skidded to the floor and lay in ripples across the bottom of the wall and was oozing out onto the floor. After having a good laugh, Alice immediately started cleaning up.



Margaret Alice and Abram

Alice's father, Thomas Hall, was born June 30, 1822, in Hardy County, West Virginia. When he was 8 years old, he and his family moved to Guernsey County. He later married his neighbor, Rebecca Bishop. Rebecca was born in Noble County, Ohio, on February 6, 1828. Thomas and Rebecca married in Guernsey on March 18, 1844, and later moved to Ness County, Kansas.

Rebecca was the daughter of Eli Bishop and Nancy Honor Moore. Eli was born in Virginia in 1792 and died in Effingham County, Illinois, in 1860. Nancy was born in Maryland in 1797 and died in Effingham County in 1863.

Nancy was the daughter of Benjamin Moore, who was born in Hardy County, West Virginia, in 1764. He died in Hardy County on November 3, 1849. Nancy's mother was Sarah Fry/Frye who was born in Hampshire County, Virginia on March 27, 1768. She died on April 20, 1834, in Hampshire County, Virginia. Benjamin and Sarah are buried at the Frye Family Cemetery in Intermont, Hampshire County, West Virginia, near Sarah's parents, Henry and Fanny.

Sarah was the daughter of Henry Fry/Frye and Fanny. Henry was born August 1724 in Winchester, Frederick County, Virginia, and died in Hampshire, Hardy County, West Virginia, on April 13, 1812. Fanny was born on July 30, 1738, in Pennsylvania and died in Hampshire, Hardy County, West Virginia, on November 10, 1805.

Henry was the son of Benjamin Frye/Frey, who was born c1700(1696) in Germantown,

Pennsylvania, and died in March 1753 at Frye Fort in Fredrick County, Virginia, and Ann Christena Merkle. Ann Christena was born on March 20, 1699, in Bonfield, Baden, Germany, and died on January 1, 1760, at Cedar Creek, Shenandoah, Virginia. They were married in 1721 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Benjamin and his family moved to Virginia, where he built Frye Fort. Benjamin's son Henry remained in Virginia.

Thomas Hall passed away on November 20, 1888, in Ness, Ness County, Kansas. He had gone out to check on his animals in the barn and never returned. Rebecca, thinking that he had gone to visit some neighbors, went to search for him. He was found in the barn gravely ill. He had suffered a heart attack and collapsed. He was brought inside the house, where he passed away a few days later. Alice was 18 at the time. Soon after her father's death, she married her neighbor, Abram Hayes.

Elwyn grew up in a loving but strict household. He was the third youngest of 6 boys and 2 girls. The oldest was his sister Zula, and the youngest was his brother Marion (who went by the name Hook). His mother chose the name Zula based on a character in a Zane Grey novel. Elwyn was very close to his sister Gertrude Rebecca, who was named for both grandmothers.

Elwyn attended college in Storm Lake, Iowa, and earned a degree in Accounting. He made his career as a Certified Public Accountant. He married Stella Irene Benson on August 10,

1927, in Lockport, Will County, Illinois. Stella was born on October 9, 1905, in Dundee, Nobles County, Minnesota, and was a telephone operator in Illinois. They moved to Joliet, Will County, Illinois, where my mother, Shirley Rae Patrick, was born on August 19, 1932.

Elwyn, Stella, and Shirley moved a lot due to my grandfather's career—from Chicago and Florida and back. They always lived in a nice apartment, and my grandmother always was offered the position of manager by the owners. My mother didn't seem to mind moving, and she made friends wherever they lived.

In 1946, when my mother was 14 years old, my grandfather was offered a position at Marinship in Sausalito, California, as a CPA. After he accepted, the family drove from Illinois to California.

Every summer my mother and her parents would drive to Iowa to visit my grandfather's family. Along the way they would stop at Lake Okoboji in Dickinson County, Iowa. They would sit by the water and eat picnic lunches that my grandmother prepared.

Elwyn wasn't the only Patrick to move to California. His younger sister, Gertrude, moved to Los Angeles in Southern California after she married. My mother said they would visit Gertrude and her family as often as they could.

My mother did not know of her connection to Heinrich Frey until her youngest daughter became interested in genealogy. Through her genealogy research of the Hall family, she

found the connection to Huguenot Heinrich Frey. In 2009 she joined the National Huguenot Society to honor Heinrich. She also heard about the Heinrich Frey Family Association and promptly joined.



The family has remained in California for generations.

Max Best's Family Came to California in 1928

The first member of Max Best's family came to California in 1928. Max's grandfather was Fred Wilbur Porter, a descendant of Heinrich Frey, father of Mable Marie Porter and Edith "Faye" Porter. Max's Aunt Faye Porter was born in Oklahoma Territory in 1906 and attended the University of Oklahoma long enough to earn a teaching credential in Oklahoma. She married Norman E. Smith in 1928, and they moved to Los Angeles that same year. They lived on Avenue 34 and 35 in L.A.

Max Best writes in the HFFA Journal, Volume 5, Issue 3 (Spring 2014)

My name is Max Allen Best. My line of descent is through the

marriage of Thomas Foreman to Miss Catherine Frye, daughter of Abraham Frye, Sr., and Agnes Ann Young. My mom, Mable Marie Porter, was their great-great-great-granddaughter. Mom's family, the Porters, made the 1889 Land Rush into Oklahoma. I was born March 21, 1942, in Kingfisher, Oklahoma. Kingfisher is located on the old Chisholm Trail, just 10 miles south of the Cimarron River. I had three brothers, Boyd, Melvin, Keith, and a younger sister, Carole.

My father, James Raymond Best, died of T.B. in 1948. My mother was sick, too, and spent a year in a T.B. sanitorium in Oklahoma City. In 1948, while she was there, my two older brothers were sent to live with my grandfather Fred Porter; and my sister, Carole, and I were sent to California to live with Aunt Faye and Uncle Norman and our two cousins, James M. Smith and Marilyn Ruth Smith. In 1949, my mother came to California to get us. After a brief stay in Arizona, we went back to Oklahoma in August of 1950.

The fact that four of Mable's children survived their childhood can be attribute to Mom's overwhelming will to succeed under extremely adverse conditions. All four graduated from high school. One became a farmer/businessman; one became an Army officer; one became an educator; and one became a career businesswoman. Mom made sure that we attended school, attended the First Methodist Church three times a week, and stayed healthy . . . all this on the existing minimum wage. We were taught to earn

our own money via delivering newspapers, mowing lawns, doing farm labor, recycling items, shining shoes, and working nights in movie houses.

Mable was disappointed that her two oldest sons had not been able to afford to attend college in Oklahoma, so she packed up her two younger children in 1956 and drove to Los Angeles, California. Access to higher education in California was much more likely there [California community colleges at that time had no tuition at all, and tuition at the California State colleges and universities was very low]. I was 14, and my sister had just turned 13. I graduated from Eagle Rock High School in Northeast Los Angeles in 1960. My mom's rule was that, if we were 18 years old and had graduated from high school, we would have to pay rent if we stayed at home. However, if we went to college, we could stay at home rent free. A deal was made! I attended Glendale Community College and received my A.A. degree in 1964. I received my B.A. degree from CSU Los Angeles in 1966 and my M.A. in 1970. I received my M.S. degree from CSU Fullerton in 1972.

At the age of 25, I began my career of 34 years in education. I had a liberal arts major and a health science minor. I taught 7th to 12th grade students every secondary subject except higher math and science classes. Along the way in my career, I taught Special Education and coached track,

cross-country, soccer, and football. I was Assistant Principal and then Principal in middle school and high school and Director of Student Activities and Athletics. I ended my career as Director of Alternative Programs, including Adult Education. I am proud of starting two alternative education schools.

In my junior year of high school in 1958, I met Ann Kitzmiller. In March 1960, I told her that she was going to marry me. My brashness did not generate an immediate response for she was a popular girl who had many choices. However, indeed, on January 26, 1963, Ann and I were married and set up housekeeping in Glendale. Today we have two married children and three grandchildren. Our son is a retired Army Lt. Colonel, and our daughter worked as a mortgage underwriter until she decided to be a stay-at-home mother. I have been a HFFA member for many years. I attended the HFFA reunion in Lexington, Kentucky, and the 2002 reunion in Pacifica, California.

From Pennsylvania to California



Billie Tone of Arcadia, California, says that her California story is relatively recent. "We came here

from Pennsylvania in 1968. My father worked for a company that had headquarters in Los Angeles, and we all just trooped along. There are so many things to love about California, but the costs of raising a young family are very high. Consequently, my younger son, Jon, moved his family to Dallas, Texas. My older son, Mike, and his family will probably follow."

Richard Frey's Family Kept Moving West Until They Settled in California in the Early 1920s

Richard Frey writes of his family's gradual migration west:

I descend from Heinrich's son John to Samuel Frey, Sr.; to Samuel Frey, Jr; to Rev. James Frey, Sr.; to Smith Frey; to my

grandfather, Charles Wesley Frey. I know nothing about John or either of the Samuels. My family knowledge starts with Rev. James Frey, Sr.



Rev. James Frey, Sr., (1793 - 1880) was born in Pennsylvania. His first wife was Sarah Noffsinger (1797 - 1833). They began their married life in Washington County, Pennsylvania, and moved to Ohio with their young family, where he was ordained a Baptist minister by the Beulah Church, in Muskingum County, Ohio, in 1823. His wife, Sarah, died sometime before 1833 in Knox County, Ohio. On May 23, 1833, he married Ruth Hall.



Rev. James Frey, Sr., father of 17 children. His 8 children by his first marriage were named

Daniel; Samuel; Lydia; Jonathan; Rev. James, Jr.; David; Rachel; and Sarah. His 9 children by his second marriage were named Smith, Nancy, Margaret, Dennison, Eliza, Anna, Spencer, Eli, and Enos. In addition to his Baptist ministry, he owned farmland in Ohio (and later in Iowa), which he farmed. In 1863, at the age of 70, he migrated to Iowa, where he continued to work as a Baptist minister and to farm in Keokuk County. He passed away there after a long battle with cancer in January of 1880. His widow, Ruth, passed away in 1886. They are both buried in Sigourney, Keokuk County, Iowa. After the Kansas City HFFA Reunion, Therese and I drove to Sigourney to visit their graves.

Their son Smith Frey (my great-grandfather) was born in Knox County, Ohio, in 1834, he being the first born of Rev. Frey's second marriage. On Christmas Day 1859, Smith married Almaretta Jane Hill.

When the Civil War began in 1861, Smith Frey enlisted in Company S, 3rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for three months. At the end of his term, he reenlisted in Company C, 15th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving three years. He was in the campaign to Atlanta, where he was under fire for 115 days. After the war, he returned to his home in Morrow County, Ohio, and in 1867 moved to Iowa, remaining there until 1882, two years after the death of his father. Then, he and his family moved to Breckenridge, Summit County, Colorado, probably in search of work.

At the time, Breckenridge was

a gold and silver mining town. Although there are many people with the surname of Frey listed in the Summit County census for both 1880 and 1900, only Smith and his direct descendants were related to us. Many of those with the name of Frey were from Switzerland and Germany. The town flourished until the gold and silver mines ran out in the early 1900's.

Smith and Almareta had four children, all being born before they moved to Breckenridge. Their second child was my



grandfather, Charles Wesley Frey, who was born in Marion, Ohio, in 1866. In 1886, Charles moved to Breckenridge. [On July 23,

1884, Smith and Almareta got a divorce. On July 20, 1885, Almareta Jane Hill Frey married John N. Weston, also a resident of Breckenridge and a Civil War veteran. They eventually moved to Yakama, Washington.]

On October 12, 1885, Smith married Almira Mecomber, also a resident of Breckenridge. In 1887, Smith and Almira moved to Julesburg, Sedgwick County, Colorado, where he farmed until 1901, when he was elected county judge on the Republican ticket, retiring at the close of a three-year term. When I visited Julesburg and looked at many newspaper articles, I never thought to ask if he was a lay judicial Judge or held some other position to which the title of Judge was given. I assumed that he was a lay judicial Judge. He resided in Julesburg until his

death on Christmas Day 1905. In searching these newspaper articles, I discovered that Smith Frey was active in the Grand Army of the Republic and other public affairs. His wife, Almira, however, is not mentioned in any of the newspaper articles. We do not know if she did not participate in these public affairs or if newspapers at that time just didn't mention wives. Smith and Almira are buried in the Reservation Cemetery outside of Julesburg on land that he donated from his farm land. Therese and I visited their graves in 2012. Julesburg is located in the north east corner of Colorado and was the only stop for the Pony Express in the state of Colorado.



Charles stayed in Breckenridge and married Mary Katherine Simms in 1889. Mary Katherine's father was referred to as Judge Simms in the Brecken-

ridge newspapers, which also mentioned that he had a blacksmith and carriage shop. At this time, the title of Judge was also used for county commissioners. I have found no facts indicating that he was a judicial Judge.

In my research, I have come to the conclusion that Charles Wesley Frey was probably not the first choice that Mary Katherine's parents would have made for the husband of their only child. Charles Wesley Frey did not work at or take over the blacksmith/carriage business that Judge Simms owned, nor did he own his own house. He

worked in the silver mines and did some ranch work for local farmers. Census records show that he and his family lived next door to his in-laws. When we visited Breckenridge, I was able to find the house where Judge Simms and his wife, Sarah, lived. At the time, the house next door was probably also owned by Judge Simms.

During the summer of 1904, Charles Wesley Frey moved his family to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, in search of work. It is highly likely that his sister Daisy and her husband, Henry Burton Norman, lived in the Steamboat Springs area, where they had business ventures. At the time, Charles' wife was pregnant with my father. In November of 1904, Sarah Simms died in Denver, and Charles Wesley Frey took his family to Breckenridge for the funeral. Several weeks later, he returned to Steamboat Springs but left his wife to stay with her father. This is why my father, John Wesley Frey, was born on Christmas Day of 1904 in Breckenridge, rather than in Steamboat Springs. In early 1905, Mary Katherine and their children returned to Steamboat Springs. During the summer of 1905, Judge Simms went to Weston, West Virginia, "to spend some time with his family." He never returned to Breckenridge, and there is no evidence that he ever visited his daughter, his only child, again. He died in 1923 in Weston, West Virginia.

In 1908, Charles Wesley Frey moved his family again, this time to Ogden, Utah. Charles and his family lived in Ogden for

over 10 years. My father, John, told me that he attended high school in Ogden. I doubt that he ever graduated because, in the early 1920's, he followed his older brother, Ray, to California. They first landed in oil fields of Kern County, where they obtained work. How or why they moved to Fresno is unknown to me, but I do not think they stayed in Kern County for very long. The rest of the family followed Ray and my father to California. By 1923 or 1924, Charles, Mary Katherine, and their four adult children were all living in Fresno. Charles died in Fresno in 1930, and Mary Katherine died in Fresno in 1948.

Their oldest daughter, Genevieve, born in 1890, married Roderick Russell Duncan, who worked for "The Phone Company." They had one daughter, Marjorie, who was born in Reno, Nevada, in 1917. Roderick died in Fresno in January of 1925. I remember my father telling me that during surgery Roderick needed blood, and my father was taken into the surgery room where the blood transfusion took place. Genevieve married a second time to another "phone man." She died in Fresno in 1964.

The next child was Sally Kathleen, who was born in 1894. (Her birth name may have been Sarah after her maternal grandmother, but she was always known to me as Aunt Sally.) She had a total of three marriages. Her second marriage was to Floyd Sloan, Sr., who was a civilian engineer for the US Military before and during WW II. Floyd Sloan, Sr., was one of the very few American

civilians on the Cavite Death March, which he survived. Their son, Floyd Sloan, Jr., was serving in WW II and was able to see his father shortly after his father was freed from captivity. Sally died in Fresno in 1981.

Mary Catherine Frey always wanted a child to be born on Christmas Day, and her next child, Raymond Simms Frey, was born on December 22, 1900. He worked in the automotive parts business and owned Frey Bearing Co. in Mendota (western Fresno County). He had two marriages and one child by each. Ray died in Fresno in 1984.

Grandma Frey got her wish when my father, John Wesley Frey, was born on Christmas Day of 1904. His middle name of Wesley pleased both his father and his maternal grandfather as both had the middle name of Wesley. My dad was a half owner of Electric Laboratories, Inc., an automobile parts business in Fresno. On July 3, 1930, my father married Nada Mildred Winkler in Fresno. My mom did clerical work. My father died on a Fresno golf course in 1967, and my mom died in 2009 at the age of 102.



I married Therese Drew in 1972 while I was a student at Hastings College of The Law. Therese was an elementary school teacher. We have

two children and three granddaughters. My daughter, Erica Frey-Hoyer, lives in Salem, Oregon, with her husband, Paul, and their two daughters, Corrin and Leslie. Erica is a safety officer for Packaging



Corporation of America. My parents gave me the middle name of Wesley, and my wife, Therese, and I gave it to our



son as his first name. He lives with his wife, Emily, and their 2-year-old daughter, Josie, in Fair Oaks, California. Wesley

earned a Ph.D. in Radiation Health Physics and is the director (manager) of the research nuclear reactor owned by the University of California at Davis. Therese and I have attended several HFFA reunions: Winchester, Virginia (2011) and Kansas City, Missouri (2015). Due to health problems with our daughter, Erica, only I was able to attend Hannibal, Missouri (2017) reunion.

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