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Treasurer's Report

Summary
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INCOME

Uncategorized	50.00
Dues	7,598.13
Pay Pal Fee	-11.70
TOTAL dues	7586.43
Frey Fort Cemetery	155.00
Heinrich Cemetery	1342.50
Heinrich Cemetery Expenses	475.00
Pay Pal Fee	-1.75
TOTAL Heinrich Cemetery	865.75
Journal Purchase	488.00
Links Book	170.00
Other Inc	8.00
Past treasurer income	5,771.80
Reunion Fee 2019	4,879.00
Swiss Genealogist	1,071.62
TOTAL INCOME	21,045.60

EXPENSES

Auto & Transport	
Gas & Fuel	55.55
Reunion Transportation	180.00
TOTAL Auto & Transport	235.55
Bills & Utilities	
Internet	251.17
TOTAL Bills & Utilities	251.17
Dues & Subscriptions -	143.98
Fees & Charges	
Bank Fee	89.46
Total Fees & Charges	89.46
Journal Expenses	2,496.29
Misc.	
Office Expenses	648.97
TOTAL Misc.	648.97
Paypal fee	6.17
Postage	191.25
Newsletter	310.85
TOTAL Postage	502.10
Reunion Expenses	5,894.59
TOTAL EXPENSES	10,268.28

OVERALL TOTAL 10,777.32

Ralph Frye, Treasurer



Hello, Cousins, Kin, and other Readers,

We are hoping that this issue arrives before Thanksgiving, but it may be a bit later than that as we “hold the presses” to include “breaking news.” At any rate, we wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and/

or friends. For the past 23 years, my son Ron Fry had cooked a wonderful Thanksgiving turkey dinner for 25-30 or more family members at our house. Everyone loved his cooking. This year, 14 of us are going out to a restaurant. It won't be the same, but we will be with family. That is what counts! We also wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Do read Dr. Dick Bell's “A Challenge to HFFA Members” to donate to the Heinrich Frey Burying Ground in Pennsylvania. I have donated.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Frye
Costa Mesa, California
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Dear Family,

With emotion, I am submitting my resignation as your President of HFFA, effective December 31, 2019. I have considered it an honor to serve in that capacity since 2011.

Within those years, we have grown in numbers as a genealogy organization and have grown stronger in our resolve to be a selective group, to be as accurate as possible in establishing our lineage. And Marti Frye has worked tirelessly in vetting our membership.

As President, I have been blessed with much support from the officers and Board of Directors and our good members as well.

There are some of you who attend every reunion, which is commendable and appreciated.

There are several people in HFFA who have provided a lot of support, and please excuse me if I don't mention your names for fear of leaving someone out. For all of those members who are not mentioned but have done so much good work, please know your time and efforts in volunteering with HFFA are sincerely appreciated.

As for me, I will be spending more time out of the country, about 4-5 months per year, as an executive concierge on a cruise ship with around-the-world itineraries. Because of that, I feel it is better to turn over the presidency of HFFA to a qualified cousin.

I want to see our HFFA continue to flourish, and I am confident that your new President, Gretchen Fry Harvey, will have that resolve. We wish her the very best and appreciate her willingness to serve.

With that, I remain sincerely yours with gratitude for your support and interest in supporting HFFA. It means a lot to me as it was my late brother, Bert Frye, who was very instrumental in forming the organization.

Gene Frye
HFFA President

Election of Replacement Officers

The motion to nominate and vote for **Gretchen Fry Harvey** for President of HFFA effective January 1, 2020, and for **Ginny Fry Santos** to the position of Recording Secretary effective January 1, 2020, has passed. There were seven votes in favor and one no vote.

We welcome Gretchen Fry Harvey as our new President and Ginny Fry Santos as our new Recording Secretary effective January 1, 2020.

We extend our best wishes and gratitude to both of them for agreeing to serve in these volunteer positions.

Gene Frye
HFFA President

Notes to Gene

With the recent announcement from Gene Frye regarding his intention to step down as President of HFFA, the order of succession per the current bylaws states that the Vice President shall serve the remainder of the uncompleted term. When Gene came to the conclusion that his out-of-country commitments made it difficult to serve efficiently, he approached me regarding my availability to move up to serve as President of HFFA. It would indeed be an honor to serve in this capacity. However, I feel that other obligations and demands involving the Association make it difficult for me to assume the additional responsibilities of the office of President at this time. I am still trying to get caught up with the Journals, which has been an ongoing endeavor for some time. In addition, I am attempting to organize the Xenia, Ohio, HFFA Reunion for 2021 and am serving as Chaplain for the Organization. I am still continuing to teach at the local schools and have other outside obligations that make it difficult for me to assume the last year and a half of Gene's term. A shorter term would not be so bad, but I feel that the added responsibilities for more than a few months would only lead to less productivity at every level. Therefore, I felt then, as now, that it is in the best interest of the Association to decline to serve as Interim President and

to remain instead in the office of Vice President.

According to the bylaws, when an opening such as this occurs, the Board of Directors has the responsibility to appoint a replacement until the next business meeting, which in this case would be the Xenia Reunion in 2021. I appreciate everyone's confidence, and I trust all will understand that other responsibilities need to be prioritized at this time. For me to take on additional responsibilities would simply be counterproductive.

Best Regards,

Jon Frye

I was sorry to hear of the resignation of Gene Frye, our HFFA President. It has been a pleasure working with him over the years. Gene has set a great foundation for the next president, and he will be supportive of the new president. Gene, I wish you well in your next endeavor in life as an executive concierge on a cruise ship. Hope you get to take a lot of pictures. You will be missed.

Hope to see you at the next reunion.

Cousin Marti Frye

Gene,

Please accept my appreciation for your HFFA leadership from early 2011 through 2019. When handing over the gavel, you will have served as President longer than any other member. During your presidency, you also made time to plan and host the 2013 Reunion. Prior to becoming President, you served as Vice President and Director. You did well in furthering your brother Bert's vision for descendants of Heinrich Frey coming together to learn their family heritage. Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us.

May you have smooth sailing during the next chapter of your life—as executive concierge on a cruise ship for 4-5 months at a time. Providing assistance to others combined with your love of travel is a wonderful combination.

Proud to be known as your cousin,

Cousin Thelma McKenzie

It is with sadness that we see the end of Gene Frye's presidency of HFFA. In that time, we have experienced some excellent reunions and genealogical growth in our association of cousins. We have benefited from his tenure as President. For many years, I was fortunate to serve as Treasurer of HFFA and also as editor of the newsletter and had a comfortable working relationship with Gene. Laughingly, it was hard to find him sometimes because he would truly be out of this world. His travels took him around the world and into more countries than most states have counties. HFFA has been in his very capable hands since 2011. I wish him well as he continues his travels and can do so without the worries of HFFA.

Mike Speers

I joined HFFA twelve years ago and have known only one President—Gene. I have very much appreciated his warmth, his friendship, and his quiet, patient mannerism as well as his vast family knowledge and thorough organizational skills, overseeing all our reunions. For the past six years, it has been an honor to serve on the Board of Directors of HFFA with Gene at the helm. I can't tell you how much I am going to miss Gene in his current role. I am hoping that he will continue his participation in HFFA and that we will still be able to take advantage of all he has to offer.

Gretchen Fry Harvey

Cousin, Gene, you are the only HFFA President whom I have served under. You have been a great President, and I wish you the best in your retirement from the HFFA Presidency.

Cousin Richard Frey

I was very sad to hear of Gene Frye's leaving the role of HFFA President. He has done a wonderful job of leading this organization.

I first met Gene at the Texas HFFA Reunion in 2009. My husband, Bob Fry, had just learned through DNA that he was descended from Heinrich Frey and had recently joined HFFA, so we changed our summer plans to travel across the county, stopping in Texas to attend the reunion. On Sunday, after the reunion was over, Gene and

Jon Frye invited us to follow their car to the small town of Ladonia, Texas, to meet Lloyd Fry, descendant of Abraham Kellar Fry, oldest brother of Bob's great-great-grandfather John Fry. [In 1844, at the age of 47, Abraham bought many acres of land in the Republic of Texas. A few years later, he moved his family from Palmyra, Missouri, to Ladonia, and in 1854, he built a two-story house, which we visited that day. It is a Texas Historical Site.]

It was exciting to learn so much about Bob's ancestors and the Fry family history at the reunion

and to meet so many of his cousins. When Bob died the next year, I became an associate member of HFFA and attended three wonderful reunions, led by President Gene Frye. They were all memorable occasions.

I wish you the best, Gene, in your new ventures. Do keep coming to reunions and keep us posted on your adventures!

Marilyn Fry

Beginnings of the Heinrich Frey Family Association

With Gene retiring as HFFA President, we thought that members might like a review of the early history of the organization. Several descendants of Heinrich Frey met and decided to plan a reunion of as many cousins as they could find during the summer of 1992, mainly L. Bert Frye and Richard Wesley Fry. Richard and his wife, Genevieve, agreed to host the reunion in Palmyra, Missouri, where they lived. Invitations were sent out, and almost 100 people attended the two-day reunion on July 3 and 4, 1992. Sixteen states were represented at this first reunion of the new organization, which that first year was simply called the Fry(e) Family Association (F.F.A.). Plans were made for a reunion the following year, at which time organizational bylaws would be approved. Officers were elected: President, Vice President, Coordinator for Family Research, Corresponding Secretary, F.F.A. Journal Editor and seven additional Branch/Clan Leaders to facilitate communication in various states. L. Vernon Frye also served as a Branch/Clan Leader to represent Pennsylvania, and Charles Burgess served to represent Illinois.

L. Vernon Frye,
Harold Frye,

Charles Burgess,

Alice Frye,

Jon Frye,

Branch/Clan Leaders

L. Bert Frye
Iris Starkey
Benjamin Frye

John A. Fry

Donna Phillips
Victor Fry
Doris Piper

F.F.A. President
Vice President in
Charge of Finances
Coordinator for
Family Research
Corresponding
Secretary
F.F.A. Journal Editor

(Ohio and Missouri)
(California and Iowa)
(West Virginia and
Virginia)
(Michigan and
Tennessee)
(Kansas)
(Texas and Arkansas)
(Tennessee)

The first issue of the *Journal* was published soon after the reunion, in July 1992. In it, the new President gave a message:

The July 3 and 4, 1992 Palmyra, Missouri reunion of the descendants of Heinrich Frey was most successful in reestablishing contact between the many branches of the descendant lineage. We owe many thanks to Richard Fry of Palmyra and Bert Frye and son Jon of Xenia, Ohio for their interest and effort in developing and coordinating the national reunion. The success of the event was evidenced by the interest devoted to Bert's lineage chart and Jon's video presentation. On behalf of the Fry(e) descendants, I wish to acknowledge and thank them and all others who



Officers and clan leaders selected at the Palmyra reunion
Left to right. Front row: Janelle Fry, Vernon Frye, Harold Frye, Charles Burgess. Back row: Vic Fry, John A. Fry, Donna Phillips, Iris Starkey, Benjamin Frye, and Bert Frye. (A special thanks to Janelle who served in the



Over 100 people attended the 1st FFA Reunion
contributed to this memorable occasion.

Based on the information obtained by my brother Harold Frye of Charleroi, this was not the first national reunion of the family. As presented elsewhere in this publication, the first national reunion was held in Eldora Park (near Charleroi, PA) in 1905 and rescheduled to meet in the following year of 1906. As of now, we have no information concerning later reunions, but would appreciate hearing from anyone having information.

Jon Frye also made an excellent presentation on genealogical research and some of the precautions necessary to insure accuracy of the data gathered. Failure to verify ancestral lineage can be misleading and/or embarrassing. As Jon pointed out, the Frey/Fry(e) practice of family members naming their children after brothers and sisters burdened latter-day research efforts. Accuracy of birth and death dates becomes most important in the identity process. Often a family Bible birth records, letters, certificates, etc. are the only source of this valuable information.

The Palmyra reunion has reunited the family that has a proud heritage in the development of our country that is deserving of recognition. The formation of the "HEINRICH FREY FAMILY ASSOCIATION" for this purpose will hopefully provide an organizational body and a communications network that will enable us to expand on the lineage base that has been developed by Bert Frye from the information that many family members have provided. For the future, we should also strive to develop an authentic family history for the benefit of future generations. The late Donald W. Kearney of Martinsburg, West Virginia has contributed significantly to this goal by his scholarly genealogical research of "The Fry(e)s of Cedar Creek". He memorialized his work efforts with the statement, "The whole purpose of report-

ing on recent (and past) research, is to stimulate others to pursue the work along new paths—relentlessly and unselfishly and with integrity".
Luther Vernon Frye

This first issue of the *Journal* had one of the founders as its Featured Fry(e), Bert Frye.

L. Bert Frye was selected as the Featured Frye for his foresight and interest in putting together a National Fry(e) reunion and his dogged tenacity at trying to reach interest in the family's history; he is a relative newcomer at pursuing this in any depth. He began a year ago contacting Fry(e)s across the country, mostly at random, and began to get responses from many of you, and it was this encouragement that kept him going with this endeavor. He almost single-handedly put the reunion together and spent hundreds of hours in correspondence and planning etc. For him it's been a labor of love.



Bert is a graduate of the University of Missouri at Rolla, 1940, with a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering. From 1940 to 1942, he was employed by the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, which was the forerunner of NASA. In August of 1942, he enlisted in the Army Air Force during World War II, serving for more than 3½ years, 17 months of which was spent overseas in Italy and Algeria, North Africa, in technical services with the AAF.

Following three years of traffic engineering work with the city of Grand Rapids after the war, he embarked on a teaching career, first at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, in 1957; then he went to Cedarville College in Cedarville, Ohio, in 1961, where he retired from teaching in 1985. During this time, he taught courses in physics, physical science, mathematics, engineering, geology, thermodynamics, and astronomy, the latter being his first love.

A Master's Degree in Astrophysics was granted him in 1964 by Miami University (of Ohio), after which he continued to teach at Cedarville College for the next 21 years. During those years, he was the recipient of seven successive summer

grants by the National Science Foundation for pursuing scientific research in his fields of teaching, the last two being NASA-sponsored research projects involving experiments that went aboard planetary space vehicles—for example, the imaging experiment that went aboard the Pioneer 10 spacecraft, which was the first to fly to Jupiter in 1971.



Following his retirement from teaching and after devoting a year of efforts at organizing the Fry(e) Family Association, he hopes to write a book on astronomy. He was born in 1917 to Bert Scott and Laura (Peithman) Frye of near Sedalia, Missouri, and is the oldest of seven

children. He is married to Esther G. Frye, and they currently reside in Xenia, Ohio. For your exhaustive efforts at getting this scattered family back together, we salute you.

The second issue of the *Journal* was published February 1993. In it, the name of the organization had been changed to the Heinrich Frey Family Association (HFFA), and this issue includes a drawing of the HFFA logo (by Harold Frye) that

you see on the first page of all the HFFA Newsletters. Also, the proposed HFFA Bylaws were featured in this issue, which were approved at the next HFFA Reunion in Charleroi, Pennsylvania, on July 3-4, 1993. In the bylaws, “The executive officers shall be selected by the general membership meeting (reunion)” (Article VIII, Section 1). “In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President and when so acting shall have the powers of the President” (Article VIII, Section 3). “The Board of Directors, at any meeting, shall have the power to fill a vacancy occurring in any office for the unexpired portion of the term” (Article VIII, Section 8). [This exact same wording is present in the June 18, 2005, revision to the HFFA Bylaws as Article VIII, Section 2 and Section 13.]

Once before in the history of HFFA, an elected President has resigned before his term expired. At the 2009 HFFA Reunion in Golden, Texas, Gordon Fry was elected President, but he resigned in the spring of 2011, and Vice President Gene Frye presided over the 2011 HFFA Reunion in Winchester, Virginia, where he was elected President. Now, with the resignation of Gene Frye, the Board of Directors has elected Gretchen Fry to be President and Ginny Fry Santos to take Gretchen’s position as Secretary until the next reunion in Xenia, Ohio, in 2021.

HFFA REUNIONS

Presidents at Reunions

Presidents Elected

1992	Palmyra, Missouri	L. Vernon Frye	
1993	Charleroi, Pennsylvania	L. Vernon Frye	James E. Frey
1994	Winchester, Virginia	James E. Frey	James E. Frey
1996	Lexington, Kentucky	James E. Frey	James E. Frey
1998	Gallatin, Tennessee	James E. Frey	James E. Frey
2000	Morgantown, Pennsylvania	James E. Frey	James E. Frey
2002	Pacifica, California	James E. Frey	Charles Burgess
2005	Coffeyville, Kansas	Charles Burgess	Charles Burgess
2007	De Moines, Iowa	Charles Burgess	Charles Burgess
2009	Golden, Texas	Charles Burgess	Gordon Fry (resigned (2011))
2011	Winchester, Virginia	Edgar Eugene (Gene) Frye	Edgar Eugene (Gene) Frye
2013	Kansas City, Missouri	Edgar Eugene (Gene) Frye	Edgar Eugene (Gene) Frye
2015	Morgantown, Pennsylvania	Edgar Eugene (Gene) Frye	Edgar Eugene (Gene) Frye
2017	Hannibal, Missouri	Edgar Eugene (Gene) Frye	Edgar Eugene (Gene) Frye
2019	Shelbyville, Kentucky	Edgar Eugene (Gene) Frye	Edgar Eugene (Gene) Frye (resigned 2019)

Many thanks to Thelma McKenzie, Mike Speers, and Jon Frye for helping compile this list of HFFA Presidents.

Heinrich Frey Burying Ground Status and Re- lated Revision to HFFA Bylaws

Norman Schulze

On 20 June 2019 during the HFFA Shelbyville Reunion, I formally shared Heinrich Frey Burying Ground and Research Project findings with HFFA members in a 156-chart report presentation, titled "HEINRICH FREY CEMETERY RESEARCH and PRESERVATION PROJECT." Additionally, 19 enlightening charts contained supplemental information: (1.) the intended draft report for inclusion into the Links Book and (2.) synopsis of Pennsylvania Law regarding cemeteries. These supplemental charts were not part of the formal presentation but were announced.

This report summarizes all aspects of my work conducted for the HFFA on the Heinrich Frey Burying Ground Project during this one-hour text presentation slide show and update status. In addition, on the following evening, I presented a 30-minute, 200-image slide show, which illustrated to HFFA members the actual work as it progressed, thus offering a clear visualization of the magnitude of the work, not to mention offering the best views of the Burying Ground and some history itself as it happened. A small group of interested cousins and families witnessed the actual physical labor and results, the final

product's photo being shown in the figure below.



This formal presentation revealed all major aspects of this Frey family's Project for this sacred Burying Ground, including deed trail, actual site clean-up, site improvements, debris disposal, problems, emotions, and exciting research findings but did, most importantly, define a threat fear. Findings totaled 16.

The nature of this threat fear was our possible critical loss of this most important family history relic, a threat revealed to me during early project work and something hitherto unknown to the HFFA. The continuation of the Burying Ground's existence, based upon described threat fears, received HFFA's focused attention on June 20. However, beyond just the identification of threat fears, I described preservation measures offering hope for circumvention of this possible catastrophic loss.

The only positive action for the cemetery, which I have been able to take, an option available to anyone, was to register this cemetery/burying ground on Find-A-Grave. Anne Pasioka has been and still is very instrumental in helping implement this accomplishment. I am its manager. We have commenced

making the site operational. She has linked it to the Frey Fort Cemetery. Also, I am now manager of the latter as well as the Heinrich Frey Burying Ground.

What, then, is the proper next step for the HFFA, now that so much more has been accomplished from what originated as just a simple "cut down weeds and remove some sticks" project?

The HFFA received a very specific set of 11 recommendations to address, the implementation of which would help protect our treasured Burying Ground. Those recommendations concluded the formal, 1-hour presentation. Those recommendations, had they been approved, were structured to become a basic plan to implement a Burying Ground preservation process.

Anything associated with Heinrich should be of interest to all members. The final resting place for his remains, that of his son, and that of his grandson should represent a pinnacle of interest to the HFFA membership.

Because of this project, I learned that the Burying Ground actually resides in between two lots. I announced that the vacant lot part of the land where the Burying Ground is located was at that time still up for sale. I can now state the it was just sold, 30 August 2019. Contact with the new, young owners has been attempted.

The current owner of the parcel on which his residence is located, and at the time the owner also of the adjoining lot,

related how the previous land owner had advised him that he “could dispose of the cemetery if he wished.” The threat is real. Destruction could be completed within a few hours.

The only reason that we have the Burying Ground’s presence is because of the cordiality of the owner and his friendliness toward us by allowing our visit there in 2015, something the previous owner had refused during our year 2000 Pennsylvania reunion. Further, his cooperation and help for me in this project has been super. I have briefly mentioned to him the 1878 Frye family Burying Ground repurchase deed; he believes that his deed provides proof of his ownership. I gave rationale to the HFFA during the 2019 Shelbyville reunion why I felt like the Burying Ground was not included within his property bounds.

The absence, however, of any significant HFFA follow-up work to this presentation on those recommendations disappointed.

Discussion ensued only on the fate of the large walnut tree, per request, followed by the suggestion that we install an “immovable stone” with the name of the Heinrich Frey Burying Ground engraved, rather than install a plaque, which was suggested could easily be stolen and melted down for cash.

I stated that I would research large Burying Ground stone costs; that work is now completed. The cost for the boulder alone can vary from \$275 to \$500.

\$500 boulder:



A second boulder source, \$375/pallet, is shown below; pallets can be broken, \$265/ton.



If we desire lettering, that will be an additional fee. I could easily guess \$300 to letter the name on the boulder; no letter pricing has been obtained. If we desire a hole drilled to hold a post for mounting a plaque, inquiries reveal that will be a difficult chore to accomplish. I have found no clear path for drilling a 2-inch hole to accommodate the inclusion of a plaque’s pipe.

The most attractive option is to install a heavy granite marker, but the cost will be much greater. My preference, shown below, is the more attractive and durable granite, \$3,000 total cost (stone, lettering, & tax), size: 2’4” w X 1’0” d X 1’10” h. (325 pounds calculated)



A yet nicer and larger stone, 2’0” X 1’2” d X 3’6” h. It would look nice lettered.



But carries a \$9,000 price tag. This is a nice stone with much work to make.

Regardless of the boulder path chosen, I feel at the present time that we should have a historical plaque.

Subsequent to the reunion, I commenced pondering the cause for the disappointing HFFA’s inaction on something so important to all lines, namely, the preservation of our progenitor’s sacred Burying Ground. I had unloaded all the information clearly through the massive number of charts, which had included rationale for the case for preservation. The conclusion logically derived was that a general desire on part of the HFFA to preserve the old Burying Ground was lacking, although high interest on the part of some members has been received. Maybe, too, the presentation should not have been scheduled just before lunch, I reflected, and then followed by the maintenance of program schedule priorities. The important inaction dilemma has been discussed with several member cousins.

When one looks at the bottom line, however, nothing of substance resulted. Consequently,

further work, not being authorized, cannot be planned and implemented. That bottom-line speaks for itself.

The next thought occurred to examine our Bylaws for guidance and for possible help as to the documented purpose of the HFFA. I had never seen the Bylaws previously in my almost 23 years with the HFFA, there being no rationale to study such. What I learned was astonishing:

Inconsistency between the will of the membership and the HFFA Bylaws became immediately apparent from reading Article II – Purpose.

The Bylaws state in “*Article II – Purpose: “To foster and perpetuate research into the genealogy of Heinrich Frey in the United States of America from his arrival in the area of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in the late seventeenth century as an emigrant from Altheim in the province of Alsace....”* That is followed by the definition of Heinrich’s family, which I omitted here as being totally irrelevant as a HFFA’s purpose.

Article II is ranked in importance only to naming our Association, Article I. That revelation, ever since 01 September 2019, has defined my project available life.

HFFA’s desired purpose, by virtue of the approved projects, has clearly changed since HFFA inception, and for the better. Our HFFA Bylaws, 2005 revision, are, thus, clearly out-of-date as reflected by approved projects, those projects reflecting the will of the membership. One can make the case as well that over the years the HFFA has gained a natural maturity

in knowledge and capabilities since its inception in 1992.

We can all thank Charles Burgess, HFFA Family Historian, who was the researcher whose work led to the initial discovery of this unknown piece of Frey family history, that is, a history unknown to the current generations, but well-known over a century ago.

The situation, though, is much worse than the case of the Burying Ground’s presence being unknown. There exists a historical marker in another cemetery at another location about 12 miles away that presents wrong information, thus misleading all who are unaware! For example, I had a genealogist relate to me, wrongly, that she had discovered where Heinrich was buried as indicated by that marker! Errors with the marker are annotated in the Links Book. By my registering the Burying Ground in Find-A-Grave, I have implemented an effort to counter that notion, one that I have so often observed.

Reconciliation of the HFFA Bylaws with the more recent HFFA actions in various Business Meetings, defines the ground-level work upon which we need to proceed for preservation purposes. Project advancements will clearly require changes to the HFFA Bylaws.

Only HFFA members, according to Article XI, can approve changes. There is only the 30-day time notice requirement of Article XI to be met, namely:

“ARTICLE XI Amendments: These bylaws may be amended, repealed or altered, in whole or in part, by the membership

meeting of the Association, provided that a copy of any proposed amendment, or notice of proposed action, has been mailed to each member of the Association at least thirty (30) days before the meeting.

Transmission to members of a draft set of revised Bylaws at the present time would provide members extraordinary time to review, to understand, and to provide input with a great amount of time to discuss and decide whether to include specific items or not. Those proposed changes, in work since 01 September 2019, have been drafted.

In a process that I describe as gradualism, an hoc group of six concerned and interested member-cousins have taken it upon ourselves to revise those Bylaws to make the Bylaws current, more relevant, and more powerful to strengthen the HFFA.

The following two basic new additions address the changes that are necessary to make the Bylaws compatible with the will of the membership:

1. Expand HFFA relevance and purpose beyond “fostering and perpetuating” paper research so that it will include material projects.

The reason for the HFFA’s existence is defined by *Article II – Purpose*, now as recorded above. This revision changes the HFFA’s purpose from being strictly just a research association whose function is to “foster and perpetuate research” to one that goes beyond by including the authorized ability to provide for the conduct of projects per-

forming useful material results – as opposed to paper research. The Frey Fort Cemetery plaque installation project by Dick Bell, 13 April 2016, is one such example, the first actually.



2. Remove the research restriction to Heinrich's descendants and to America such that the research will encompass all of his, and our, Frey family.

The current purpose limits us in our conduct of family research to strictly Heinrich's descendants and the family's American history, but we now will expand the research to be conducted on the entire family, Heinrich's ancestors as well as his descendants, and to document research findings.

There are also included in the DRAFT needed general clarifications and cleaning up details, without introducing any basic, new purposes.

The Burying Ground's significance to the HFFA is axiomatic. The most important project that the HFFA can undertake is the preservation of our progenitor's historic Burying Ground. I state "most important" HFFA project because

- 1.) No one else or no other organization will preserve it.
- 2.) The threat of loss is real.

Rationale behind those two statements was delivered during

the aforementioned, one-hour presentation.

My goal in voluntarily initially in writing these DRAFT Bylaw changes was to produce a document that is fully compliant with the will of the membership. This was an effort I commenced just recently, specifically, at the end of August, while reflecting upon all aspects of my formal presentation at the Shelbyville Reunion and on the extensive work that I performed for the HFFA on the Heinrich Frey Burying Ground and have accomplished for the HFFA in general, commencing in 1998. The results of the revisions have incorporated experiences with working projects for the HFFA plus also reflect my dealing with projects in general professionally over many years.

To get this goal best accomplished efficiently and then with the best possible input, I first prepared draft Bylaws for review and then consulted with five of our member-cousins, including Board members, for their input, thus, in effect establishing, a small ad hoc Bylaws Group of very interested members to whom I have sent copies and discussed ideas and content. The President was then given detailed information in advance; he was very supportive, citing such to be "necessary and good."

When we recently discussed this subject, 11 October 2019, Jon Frye's opinion in a telecon, reflecting mine, came on strongly that this is the "most important work that we should be undertaking. It deserves your top priority." We developed a simple, short-term plan to further

investigate. Save one, actions on all tasks are complete: I am still working on getting a cost for an attorney. Legal work will not be inexpensive. A dedicated fund has been established.

Here is an updated view, generously cut for us voluntarily by the owner:



Looks pretty, doesn't it?!

Bottom Line: Much is at stake. The Bylaws revisions as presented in the DRAFT reflect what we have been doing in HFFA-approved projects. We believe that by so expanding our role officially makes this a more meaningful and important organization.

Member input is welcome.

Norm

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A Challenge to HFFA Members

by **Richard C. Bell**

Norm Schulze has shared his progress and his vision on the project at the Heinrich Frey Burying Ground at 2275-2285 Kerr Road, Harleysville, Towamencin Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. His reports, given at the Shelbyville reunion this summer, and the article he has submitted for the HFFA Journal are most detailed and comprehensive, and for the Links Book to a lesser degree. The most important aspect that should strike interest to all HFFA members was his warning about the potential loss of the Heinrich Frey Burying Ground and steps to mitigate. Lacking a resolve to rectify at Shelbyville, he has undertaken as a personal quest to take orderly steps to rectify. Part of the Burying Ground since then has been sold, potentially something that could derail the preservation.



He deserves the thanks of all members of our organization for his preparatory and actual work.

Norm has over \$1,000 of his own money already invested in actual costs related to cleaning up the site plus research on Heinrich's ancestors. The cost to complete the project as envisioned by Norm will be in the mid-4 figure range. Some of the projected expenses involve legal fees to determine ownership, fence restoration, a search for grave markers, and a memorial.

May I remind folks that the Burying Ground likely contains the remains of our common ancestors Heinrich and Anna Catherine Levering Frey in addition to a son and grandson of theirs. We can honor and remember these forebears by making substantial donations to reimburse Norm and carry this project to completion.

Please make a contribution to HFFA and specify "Heinrich Frey Burying Ground" when you make your submittals.

It is my hope that the members vote to contribute funds from the HFFA treasury at a future meeting.

I personally pledge to contribute \$100 to this project and continue to do so annually to a HFFA Research and Preservation fund, hoping that the membership votes to establish this fund

Thank you,

Richard C. Bell

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New Email Addresses:

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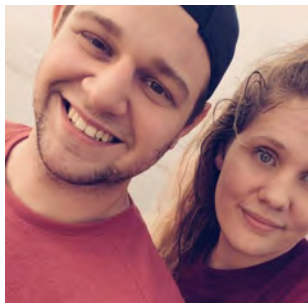
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News from Members:

Marti and Ralph Frye are happy to announce that their grandson, HFFA member **Kyle David Frye**, just became engaged to **Ryian Cain**. They are planning a fall wedding in 2020. Congratulations!



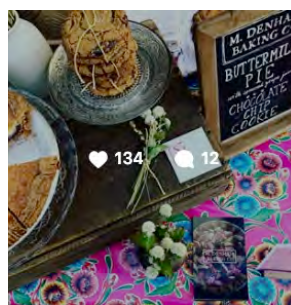
Joyce Barr Balsley congratulates her oldest granddaughter, **Laura Toner Doyle**, for being inducted into the Hall of Fame at Riverdales High School in Augusta County, Virginia, on August 31, 2019. She graduated from Riverdales High School and was a three-time letter winner in track, softball, and basket-

ball. She holds the school's record in the discus event. In 2004, she was the Shenandoah District's "Player of the Year." After graduating from Bridgewater College, she returned to Riverdales, where she has taught pre-calculus and algebra for the past 11 years while she earned her Master's degree attending night classes at James Madison University. She is married and is the mother of two young children.

Carolyn Denham congratulates her granddaughter **Mary Denham** on the establishment of her own baking company, **M. Denham Baking Company**. Mary is a graduate of The Culinary Institute of America in Napa Valley. Her aunt **Sue Fry** and cousin **Ginny Fry Santos** en-



joyed seeing her at a pop-up bake sale in San Francisco to benefit Planned Parenthood. The narrow street behind Zuni Café provided the perfect venue for over 40 pastry chefs, representing many outstanding restaurants in the area, to bake their favorite recipes and donate all proceeds to this important cause. It was a beautiful October morning. The turn-out was huge; the bake sale sold out within two hours.



Mary has an affection for Southern cooking and made buttermilk pie with homemade concord grape jam and chocolate-chip cookies. Both were amazing!

Good luck to Mary and her company, **M. Denham Baking Co.!**

HFFA Business Meeting, June 20, 2019 Shelbyville, Kentucky

At 3:10, Gene Frye opened the business meeting. Gretchen Fry read the minutes of June 15, 2017, at the HFFA reunion in Hannibal, Missouri. Susan Snyder Salmon had two changes: Her name is Susan Snyder Salmon (no hyphen), and she said that she would assist, not volunteer to head up the task force. Norm Schulze asked for a copy of the minutes to read to see if there were any errors in his portion.

Susan Snyder Salmon moved to approve the

Business Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2019, with changes (second, Richard Frey). MSU

Ralph Frye gave the treasurer's report. The approximate expense for this reunion is between \$3,500 and \$3,800.

Judy Fry moved to accept the Treasurer's Report (second, Norm Schulze). MSU

Elaine Powell was thanked for bringing the projector to this meeting.

Old Business

Leftover Funds from the Frye Fort Cemetery Project: Norm Schulze asked that the remainder of the donated funds left over from the Frye Fort Cemetery Project be moved to the Heinrich Frey Cemetery Project. Marti Frye thought that the

money (about \$155) should be left in that fund for further work on the Frye Fort. All the funds in that account are donated funds.

Rebecca Proffitt moved that, if HFFA has set up a fund with donated moneys for a special ongoing project, those funds cannot be moved to another project (second, Thelma McKenzie).

Ann Pasioka said that Norm Schulze has taken on two huge projects for HFFA, and she thinks that he should have control of the money to move as he sees fit. Others disagreed and thought that money should stay in the project it was earmarked for only. A question was asked about whether HFFA is a 501(C) (3) non-profit organization. If so, can donated funds be OK with the IRS? Richard Frey said that, based on the minutes just read, HFFA put up half the funding for the Fry Fort Cemetery Project, and the other half was donated by members; then HFFA paid for the balance needed on the plaque at the Fry Fort Cemetery. Therefore, the \$155 should go back to the association. Nobody wanted to continue the discussion or to vote on the motion until we know more.

Max Best moved to withdraw the previous motion made by Rebecca Proffitt and moved to move the money left in the Heinrich Frey Cemetery Project to the HFFA General Fund since money was used from the General Fund to pay the balance due on the Frye Fort Cemetery Project plaque (second, Richard Frey). MSC with two no votes

Jon Frye moved that the Board of Directors establish guidelines about what should be done with excess money left on such projects (second,

Norm Schulze). MSC with one no vote

Jon Frye recommended that the Board of Directors get together to decide what to do with excess funds from a HFFA project once the project has been completed. The Board can decide whether to move the money to another project or to return money to the HFFA General Fund. Susan Snyder Salmon said that this language should be made into a By-Laws amendment. The motion passed after much discussion.

New Business

Heinrich Frey Cemetery Project: Norm Schulze said that money is needed to remove the old walnut tree in the Heinrich Frey Cemetery in Harleysville, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. He estimated that the cost would be about \$1,500. It is important to establish ownership of the gravesite on Kerr Road. Heinrich Frey's grandson Daniel Frey (Jacob Frey's son) purchased that land for the family cemetery; we have a copy of the deed.

Ralph Frye moved to authorize Norm Schulze to talk to the owner of the property on Kerr Road about having a granite marker with a plaque placed at the Heinrich Frey Family Cemetery (second, Thelma McKenzie). MSU

Election of HFFA Officers: Ralph Frye announced that all the current HFFA officers had agreed to serve for another two years. He asked if there were any further nominations. There were none.

Max Best moved to elect the current officers of HFFA by acclamation to serve for another two years in their current offices (second, Ginny Fry Santos). MSU

Reminder About 2020 HFFA Dues

As we all know, the holiday season is fast approaching, and we all get busy, so why not send in your HFFA dues now for 2020? The dues are **\$25 per year**. You can pay for more than one year if you prefer. Please **make the checks payable to HFFA** and send them to Marti Frye, 308 Bellevue Plantation Road, Lafayette, Louisiana 70503. Please do not make the checks out to me as the bank will not accept them. You can still pay your dues by PayPal. If you go to our website, **hfrey.org**, you will find the section where you are able to pay by PayPal. If you are not sure whether you have paid for 2020, send me an email, and I will check for you. My email address is ralph.frye@lusfiber.net. Have a happy and blessed holiday season!



Marti Frye, Membership Chair

I had a wonderful time attending my first HFFA reunion in Kentucky! It was great to meet all my newly discovered FRY/FREY/FRYE cousins. I've been to many family reunions; however, I've never been to one that was so well planned and organized. Kudos to all who planned that event. I was most impressed with the planned genealogy/history classes on Thursday. I learned SO much! And it was great to also learn so much about my own Kentucky Fry ancestors James and Nancy Spears and their families while on the bus tours.

I would like to share an interesting thing that happened at the reunion. I noticed a man who had a nametag on that said Max BEST. Knowing I have BEST ancestors I walked up to ask him

who his BEST ancestors were. We quickly realized that we descend from our common ancestor Jerge Sebastian "Boston" BEST. So Max and I are double cousins – 5th cousins twice removed on our BEST line and 5th cousins three times removed on our FRY line. We had a great time sitting together on the bus tour talking about both our FRY and BEST ancestors, who are all "the BEST!"



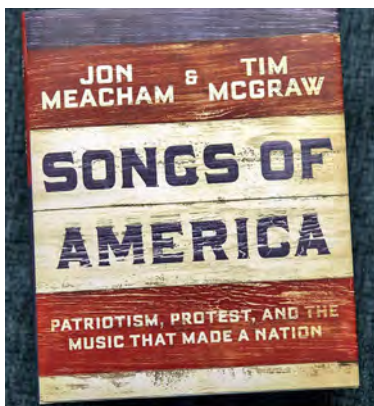
Elaine Hatfield Powell

New Book by a Speers/Fry Cousin

Songs of America: Patriotism, Protest, and the Music that Made a Nation

By Jon Meacham and Tim McGraw

Through all the years of strife



and triumph, America has been shaped not just by our elected leaders and our formal politics but also by our music—by the lyrics, performers, and instrumentals that have helped to carry us through the dark days and to celebrate the bright ones.

Books by Cousins

From "The Star-Spangled Banner" to "Born in the U.S.A.," Pulitzer Prize winner Jon Meacham and Grammy Award winning entertainer, author, and actor Tim McGraw take readers on a moving and insightful journey through eras in American history and the songs and performers that inspired us.

Tim McGraw has sold more than 50 million records worldwide and dominated the charts with number-one singles. He is the most played country artist since his debut in 1992. He also has two New York Times bestselling books to his credit.

Tim McGraw was featured in the television show *Who Do*

You Think You Are? His father was famous baseball player Frank Edwin "Tug" McGraw, Jr. In researching his family history, Ancestry.com genealogists found that he was a descendant of Jost Hite (Hans Jost Heydt) of Shenandoah, Virginia, brother-in-law to Benjamin Frey of Frye Fort. The Speers/Spears, Froman, Keller, and Frey/Fry/Frye families have close ties to descendants of Jost Hite, as Ann Pasieka shows here:

A relationship to Jost Hite— Benjamin Fry (1775-1829) of Palmyra, Missouri (2017 HFFA Reunion), son of James Fry (1755-1821) married Agnes "Nancy" Keller (1779-1841). Her father was Jacob Keller (1751-1781), and her mother was Elizabeth Fry (1756-1837). She first married Abraham Keller, who died young; then she married Henry D. Ewalt (the home we visited in Kentucky at the 2019 HFFA Reunion). Jacob Keller's father was Abraham Keller (1722-1787), and his mother was Maria Christina Fro-



man (1735-1783). Her father was Paul Froman (1708-1783), and her mother was Elizabeth Hite (1711-1794). Elizabeth's father was Jost Hite. Thus, the Frys, Kellers, Fromans, Ewalts, Hites, and other descendants of those first 13 immigrant families all had relationships in all generations.

Another connection to Jost Hite—

Old Benjamin of Frye Fort (1696-1753) (2011 HFFA Reunion) married Regina Christina Markley. One of Regina's sisters, Veronica Markley (1697-1752) was married to William Fry (1695-1752), and another of her sisters, Anna Maria Markley (1687-1738), married Jost Hite. So you see that these relationships to Jost were formed by the earliest immigrants. Although Tim McGraw isn't a descendant of Heinrich Frye, some of the HFFA members are cousins to Tim McGraw, and some aren't directly related but may be related to those who are cousins. At any rate, this looks like an interesting book.

Writing About Family History

The Journey of Miss Cornett's Courtship

By Cate Neilson



"We've all got stories to tell. Each of our stories is unique and worth telling. Everyone will want to read

my story." These are some of the things we tell ourselves as we make a case for putting pen to paper to share our family histories with the world.

It's not really that simple, however. There are many questions to ask and things to consider before ever beginning to write.

- Who is my audience? Is this something I'm writing for myself and my family, or do I want to reach a broader market?
- Do I want to write a true story or a work of fiction?
- Do I want to publish? If so, how do I go about it?
- How will I handle my research notes, sources, etc. in a work of non-fiction?

Of course, there are many books on writing available to give specific answers to all of these questions and more. But I'll confine myself here to sharing a bit about my journey in publishing my own family story.

Miss Cornett's Courtship was, from the beginning, a project born out of love. My mother had long held the love letters written by my great-grandfather, Samuel Patton Caudill, to his future bride, Dora Cornett. The story took place in a little town called Poor Fork (now Cumberland), where my great-grandmother lived at the time. Her intended traversed the mountain to "court" from his own home in Whitesburg, Kentucky. His letters are a testament to his determination and his love. (None of my great-grandmother's letters remain.)

I'd known about these letters for a long time but hadn't really considered writing a story

around them. My family had migrated to Texas via Oklahoma and New Mexico, and it wasn't until my mother and I made the pilgrimage back to Kentucky that the idea came alive for me. Shortly before then, I'd become very interested in genealogy and had traced some living relatives to Cumberland. Making that journey and visiting those people helped me "see" the life my great-grandmother had had before they left Kentucky.

Originally, my plan was to write a very simple novella for my mother, a creative non-fiction book in which I wove a story "based on facts" around the letters. Thanks to a graphic-designer husband, the text was set, designed, and hand-bound with an old-fashioned cover featuring photographs of my great-grandparents. It was dedicated to my mother, of course. But once it was finished and I'd gotten feedback about that quaint old-fashioned love story, I decided to move it further along.

At that time, I was working in publishing myself, albeit college textbook publishing. But I did have some idea how to put a book together, and I wanted to do it right. I also did lots of research on the best ways to market a book before it's published. I set up my own small house publishing company, ordered my ISBN number, set up a copyright page, and found a small book distributor. (This was in the 1980s, so the websites that currently help with all this weren't that common.) Although I would use "print on demand" for later editions of *Miss Cornett*, the first one was done the old-fashioned way." I

used a local printer and, to save money, even did the collating by hand, one page at a time, then took them back to be bound.

I did press releases about the book's publication and even put together a marketing package telling about the story. *The Dallas Morning News* and *Fort Worth Star Telegram* both did articles around Valentine's Day, when I'd planned the release—since this was definitely an “old-fashioned” love story. What really attracted most people to the book were the beautiful old love letters written by my great-grandfather. His language was melodic and magically well worded for a man living in Appalachia at the turn of the century.

Support from the newspaper articles allowed me to have book signings at a few local Barnes & Noble bookstores and to give talks to local groups about writing this kind of story, and I even went back to Cumberland to do some marketing there! Of course, I did approach publishers, but the attitude was mostly that novellas such as mine weren't really marketable to a large audience. Now the book is currently available on **LuLu.com** and is in the process of an update to change my name on the cover.

Even though *Miss Cornett's Courtship* was never taken on by a large publisher or made it to the bestseller list, it was a satisfying experience for me. I was able to share these old letters not only with my family but in a way that gave readers a bit of insight into how courtships were in the early 1900s. But I think that the largest challenge in writing a “family story” is

finding a broader market that wants to step into the past and read about bygone days. Although you might argue that lots of historical fiction and non-fic-



tion books are written and sold successfully, I would point to reasons for this—track record of the author, award winner, mega sales from self-publishing, to name a few.

The most important thing to remember throughout the process is why you're writing. If you want a bestseller, then do your homework and point yourself that way. But most of us, I think, will find the real satisfaction comes from telling our story for the people we care about. Having a book to hold in your hands is just the icing on the cake.

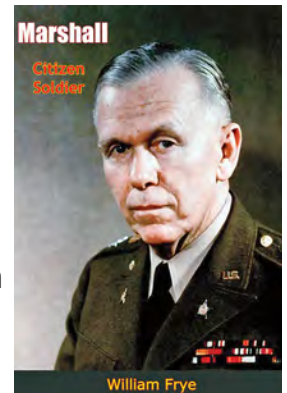
Miss Cornett's Courtship is available for sale at <http://www.lulu.com/shop/http://www.lulu.com/shop/catelyn-neilson/miss-cornetts-courtship/paperback/product-24069957.html>

A Frye Family Author

by Mike Speers

Here is another book by a Frye. I have often seen the description of General George C Marshall as “Citizen Soldier.” It was this author, William Fenner Frye, who first penned that description of him in his book *Marshall, Citizen Soldier* (Bobbs Merrill 1947).

Many of our HFFA members enjoy reading books about World War II. Here is a book written by one of our cousins, William Fenner Frye, Jr. (1908-1961). It can be accessed on the internet and read in its entirety.



Although it is considered a rare book because of its publication date (1947), it is available for purchase online, or you could check your local library.

1. Heinrich Frey/Anna Catherine Levering
2. John Frey/Mary Ann Keisler
3. Daniel Frye/Maria Catherine Grob
4. Abraham Frey/Susanna Ginther
5. Samuel Frey/Anna Christina Rank
6. William Theophilis Fry/Mary Fenner
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Membership includes four issues of the Newsletter and at least one of the Journal each year.

The Links Book cost \$15 per CD.
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