



HFFA NEWS

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Editor's Comments

Thank you for the many kind comments on the first issue of the Newsletter. And thanks also to those who have send in material, I will try to include the material in this issue or the next issue if there is not room in this one. I have gone to an 11 X 17 inch page size with two sections. This allows an eight page layout whose weight is under one ounce - 32 cent postage.

Among the material sent in was a 'trip report' by Vernon Frye on a visit to Europe in July with his wife Alice and grandson Chris looking for Heinrich's birth town. I'm still trying to get a trip report out of one or more of my grandsons on our trip to the reunion and our journey afterwards down to Atlanta visiting Civil War Sites along the way.

We did visit the Mammoth Caves after the reunion and ran into Don Wilson doing the same. We were able to spend another two evenings with him.

If any of you have made recent trips looking for your ancestors, please write it up and send it on in for the newsletter.

I have a picture which was taken of four Frye generations - my great grandfather, my grandfather and his brother Wilber (who I was named after), my father, and my brother. I would like to show it in the April issue. If any one else has a picture of four or more generation, please send me a copy to run at the same time. A good Xerox copy is all I need - no need to send the original.

I apologize to Marilyn Roberts . I listed her as Marilyn Richards, our Lexington reunion rep, in the Newsletter - some folks were wondering who Marilyn Richards was. It seems sometimes no matter how many times one proofs a document , some things slip through. Another one - I also apologize to Jackie Cahill Smith. Her wedding was held in Whitebird, Idaho rather than Whitehorse.

I received a note from Gary Huggins sharing some family information on the Greggs and his family line of the Huggins. It turns out we are related through both the Frye line the Huggins line which makes us both 4th and 7th cousins. Charles Burgess has said on more than one occasion that the Fries had a tendency to marry cousins. I wonder how many surnames that the current membership share in common with one or more other members besides the surname Frey/Fry(e)? See inquiries for examples.

I volunteer one day a month (4th Wednesday) at the California Genealogy Society Library in San Francisco doing data entry of the 1890 voter registration list for the City and County of San Francisco. As most of you know, almost all the SF records were destroyed in the 1906 earthquake and fire. The other days that the Library is open is covered by other volunteers entering the data. When completed, the results will be an excellent source of genealogical research material for SF. It will have name, residence location, occupation, age, birth location and if foreign born, country of birth.

However, not only SF is doing this but genealogical societies all across the county are doing this collecting. It will serve as a substitute for the missing 1890 census.

You might want to check with your local society.

Future Issues

I have received from JoAnn Ford, copies of letters written by Frye descendants describing the life on the prairies in the mid 1800's. I will be including a few of them. I had received obituary notices from Harold Frye at the reunion on some Fries' of Washington Co. - some have very interesting background information.

Over the next few issues, I will be including profiles of the Association Officers as I receive them. Following is from the President, Jim Frey, and a brief one sent in by Helen Staiger, Correspondence Secretary.

President's Profile



James E Frey

Lineage: Heinrich Frey/Anna Levering---> John Frey/Mary Keisler---> Samuel Frey Sr./Diana Wells---> Enoch Frey I/Elizabeth Dressler---> James Westley Frey/Sarah A _____ ---> _____/Martha Jane Frey---> James Cleveland Frey/Eva Thompson ---> Franklin Cyril Frey/Mabel Anna Nein---> James Elwood Frey/Fannie Bertha Sharp---> Kristopher Lynn Frey/Annette Christine Milich---> James E Frey/ Fannie B Sharp

"Born same day as George - George Nein my grandfather on my mother's side. He was born on February 22nd, the same day as George Washington. I was born in a rural part of Mifflin County Penna in the year 1935. My parents liked to move around a lot having moved nine times by the time I graduated from high school at the age of 17. The last move was into an area where we were surrounded by Minnonite families. I became acquainted with some young men from that church and subsequently joined that church.

"One of the beliefs of the church was that of non-resistance which required two years of alternative service in a mental hospital in eastern Penna. While there I started to attend a local state college from which I graduated in May 1961. Along about my second year in college I married my wife, Fannie B. Sharp, and started a family. My daughter Susan, was born in 1958.

"I started teaching junior high school in 1961 and in 1962 changed to sixth grade in a small school in

Intercourse, Penna. I did not teach Intercourse, I taught in Intercourse. In the mid 70's my daughter got interested in filling out a small fam chart in one of our church youth magazines. I started helping her and was bitten by the genealogy bug. After research my wife's family for a while, I discovered another "cousin" of Sherr's who was doing the same thing. We then cooperated in the publications of her family history in 1980. After working on her lines I decided it was time to start on the Frey lines. I have traced them back to Heinrich Frey of Germantown.

"I have retired after 33 years of teaching and 7 years of working for the State of Penna. I have been retired for 2 going on 3 years. I now work for a desk top publishing company that specializes in printing and publishing genealogy books. I also spend my summers as a crafts director at a local church camp, something which I have done for almost 30 years.

"Along the way we have acquired a son who was born in 1972, a son-in-law in 1978, a grand daughter in 1986, a grandson in 1990 and a daughter-in-law in 1996.

"Since this issue will be the one to be received before the holidays, I'd like take this opportunity to wish the members of the association a very happy and warm Thanksgiving and also a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year."

Jim Frey, President

Corresponding Secretary Profile

Helen Staiger

"Married - Donald Staiger, no children, 1 cat employed :
1) Paragon Trade Brands, 17+ years - private label disposable diapers manufacturer - logistics/Customer Service Dept., Inventory Control
2) Brady TWP Tax Collector - 7 years

"In 1995 August, completed BSBA management at Slippery Rock University - Summa Cum Laude. (Now deciding if a MBA is worth working on for my job/company).

"Hobbies - not much time for these - Reading - Camping - Genealogy - Travel - Computer (not on the net but hope to be soon - then I will have no extra time!)"

Vital Statistics

Births

Fiona Margaret Frye, born 11 September 1996, in San Francisco, wt 7 lb., 9 oz., lineage: Heinrich Frey/Anna Levering---> Benjamin Frey/Christena _____---> Abraham Fry(e) Sr./Agnes Young---> Abraham Frye Jr./Hester Johnston---> Thomas Frye/Anna West---> Reazen Frye/Caroline Eckles---> Thomas Franklin Frye/Sarah Jane Gregg---> Reed A. Frye/Gertrude Anderson---> Eldon Frye/Margaret Logue---> Bruce Frye/Sherry Engle ---> Jessica Frye/Michael Toby Flier ---> Fiona Margaret Frye

Marriages

Kristopher Lynn Frey and Annette Christine Milich were united in marriage in the evening of 8 June 1996. Annette is the daughter of Richard and Ruth Milich of Coatesville, PA. Kris is the son of James E and Fannie Sharp Frey of Honey Brook, PA. Lineage: (continuing from President Jim Frey's line) James E Frey/Fannie B Sharp--->Kristopher Lynn Frey/Annette Christine Milich

Inquires

1) The following inquiry is from:

Mary K. George
P. O. Box 254
Michigantown, IN 46057

Seeking information on the following: Henry FRY married December 8, 1797 in Harrison Co., KY to Elizabeth ZUMWALT daughter of George and Mary KALE/KOLE ZUMWALT. They moved to Adams Co., OH and Henry died in 1816. Was Henry the son of Jacob FRY and Mary (Last name unknown)?

2) The following inquires come from:

Sheila K. Williamson
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My husband descends from two of Heinrich Frey's grandsons. His direct descendant charts are:

A) Heinrich Frey/Anna Levering ---> Benjamin Frey/Christina _____ ---> Abraham Fry(e) Sr./Agnes

Young ---> Abraham Frye Jr./Hester Johnston ---> Thomas Frye/Anna West ---> Hester Frye/Samuel Jefferson Shepler ---> Clarene May Shepler/Orlando Vernon Lytle ---> Loren Roy Lytle/Maria Emmy Lohrding ---> Vernon Fred Lytle/Juanit Bertha Pope ---> Arnold Rink Lytle/Sheila Kay Williamson

B) Heinrich Frey/Catherine Levering ---> Benjamin Frey/Christina _____ ---> Samuel Frye/Christina Speers ---> Rebecca Frye/Henry Shepler ---> Samuel F Shepler/Margery Ringland ---> Samuel Jefferson Shepler/Hester Frye ---> Clarene May Shepler/Orlando Vernon Lytle ---> (remainder same as in line A)

In addition to the above Frye family, I am interested in tracing other families that married into it, especially in Washington County, Pennsylvania. My husband descends from so many different Washington County families that I try to sort them out.

I am specially writing to you because you descended from Anna West who married Thomas Frye (son of Abraham Frye Jr. and Hester Johnston of Washington County). Anna is the daughter of Samuel West (b. before 1774) and Eunice Carroll (b. 1774/1780) of Washington County. Samuel West's will was probated in Washington County in 1849 but I have never looked at that will. Oversights like this are always glaring when I realize them but I work - probably not all that effectively - on multiple family lines so oversights are probably unavoidable. Over the years I have accumulated four daughters born to Samuel West and Eunice Carroll.

1. Mary West (b. about 1795) married Luke Frye on 25 January 1816 in Washington County, Pennsylvania

2. Elizabeth West (b. about 1799) married Abraham Frye on 25 January 1816 probably in Washington County, Pennsylvania

3) Anna West (b. 1801 in Fallowfield, Washington County, Pennsylvania; d. 31 December 1863) married Thomas Frye (s/o Abraham Frye Jr. and Hester Johnston) on 19 November 1818 in Fallowfield

4) Eunice West (b. 25 December 1807 in Washington County, Pennsylvania; d. 12 January 1835) married Elisha Greenlee

The fact that three of the girls spouses (Luke, Abraham and Thomas) were all sons of Abraham Frye Jr. and

Hester Johnson is sort of intriguing. Also, I would imagine that with the four sisters' birth years being spread out over twelve years, surely there were other children born to this family.

There are other colonial West families in Pennsylvania and Virginia and I have wondered if the above Samuel West fits any of those families. Since you also descend from Anna West, do you have any other information on this particular West family?

Editor's note: I have no additional information except Samuel and Eunice are buried in the Horseshoe cemetery next to Thomas Frye and their daughter Anna. Can anyone help?

3) The following inquires came from:

Dr. Gary A. Huggins
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Am sending the enclosed information on your Washington County, PA Gregg and Fries in the event you don't have them.

My family line connecting with the Frye family isn't out of PA but out of WV through Benjamin Moore and Sarah Frye, daughter of Henry Frye and Fanny Littler.

But my Huggins line comes into play in PA along with my Speers, & Crows, & Riggs of PA. These people all lived in the same area of Washington Co. and environs and intermarried in a relative complicated manner. You may have this information but would be a shame if you didn't. Much of it comes from a listing of Washington Co., PA.

As you can see, Mary Ann Huggins who married Andrew J. Gregg was my g.g.g.g. grandfather, Wm. Andrew Huggins and Lucy Riggs daughter and the sister of my James Hudson Huggins who married Margaret Bishop. James and Margaret are my Fry connections. See format thanks to Bert Frye -
Heinrich Frey/Anna Levering ---> Benjamin Frey/Christina _____ ---> Henry Frye/Fanny Littler ---> Sarah Frye/Benjamin Moore ---> Eli Bishop/Nancy Moore ---> Margaret Bishop/James Hudson Huggins ---> Reddin Huggins/Lucy Rebecca Gander ---> Loren Huggins/Leona M. Kunkle ---> Harold F. Huggins/Eula B. Noel ---> Gerald A. Huggins (Gary - me b. 9 Sep 1932).

Interesting to note that the children of Benjamin Frey and Christina married into my Speers' line and some of your Abraham's married Speers and Fromans, both my lines.

Would appreciate any information you may have on my Huggins, Riggs, Crows, etc. from the area of Washington Co. PA.

Editors note: I see there was a James Hudson Huggins in Gary's line and my grandfather was named Charles Hudson Frye - is there a Hudson family somewhere?

From the Treasurer

L. Jane Wilmer

Thanks to all who have already sent in their \$10.00 dues for 1997. Just a reminder-membership is recorded by CALENDAR YEAR (Jan.-Dec.). How wonderful for my recordkeeping if everyone will have paid 1997 dues by the end of the year.

Clan Leader Reports

Editor's note: I had recently written to Vernon Frye, our PA Clan Leader requesting source of PA records. I am looking for the marriage date of my great grandparents Frye who were married in Washington County, PA. His reply -

"Unfortunately all birth and marriage records in Washington County, PA prior to 1883 were lost in a fire. The birth records begin about June 1883. ...I am enclosing an information sheet on the Pennsylvania records that you may wish to pursue." (copy enclosed as a separate sheet with the newsletter)

IN SEARCH OF ALTHEIM, ALSACE

By L. Vernon Frye

On Friday July 19, 1996, my wife Alice and I accompanied by our grandson Christopher Herron left New York at about 6:30 P.M. on a Boeing 747 bound for Amsterdam in the Netherlands. The purpose of our journey was to retrace, as closely as possible, the path that brought Heinrich Frey to Philadelphia, PA in 1685. We also desired to visit the place of his birth, Altheim, Alsace. The plane arrived in Amsterdam some seven hours later at about 7:30 A.M. local time.

The following four days were spent in touring Amsterdam and its environs. Saturday was an open day that enabled us to become adjusted to the six hour time

differential and to get our bearings in new surroundings. Sunday morning, a bus tour of the City helped us to become oriented. We also became acquainted with the 400 bridges that interlace the streets with a vast canal network that partitions the land area into nearly ninety islands. We visited a few of the many museums and the Anne Frank house. During the afternoon and evening we were free to explore on our own.

Downtown Amsterdam was a beehive of activity with all stores and shops open with the populace seemingly concentrated in the center city area. Monday offered a side trip to visit the Hague and other environs, which Alice joined. Christopher being a roller blade devotee wanted to test his skills as a public park where equipment had been installed by the City. An international competition for skate board and roller blade enthusiast was held there the previous day. His grandfather consented to accompany Chris and he was thrilled with the experience of trying out his roller blades on their equipment.

Tuesday was spent touring the county side and selected places of interest. We arrived in Rotterdam in early evening and boarded the 184 passenger MS Austria, one of the largest passenger ships on the Rhine. It has 92 cabins, a dining area, lounge, gift shop, an open lounge deck and other amenities. It is approximately 344 feet long and 38 feet wide with a draft of about 5 feet. I might add the food aboard ship was very good, as was the service.

Chris and I were up at 4:00 AM to see the ship get underway on the Maas River, passing to the Waal River then up the Rhine as we started our 400 mile cruise. Daylight soon arrived and we got a better perspective of the Rhine which is over 2,100 feet wide in some areas of the Netherlands. It was also heavily traveled by load bearing vessels moving in both directions. Soon we were in a heavily populated and highly industrialized area of Germany as evidenced by the many smoke stacks and church towers that rise above the landscape. Occasionally, we spotted an ancient watch tower or remains of an old fortress.

By evening we passed Krefeld on the right. Krefeld was a stopping off point for many emigrants on their journey to America. Our first day of cursing ended when we berthed overnight at Dusseldorf, having traveled some 134 miles. In some areas that we cruised it was rather strange to realize that the surface of the Rhine River was higher than the adjacent lands. Some

of us walked into the city of Dusseldorf, but there was not much activity since all of the shops were closed.

Our second day afloat commenced at 4:30 AM when we departed Dusseldorf, continuing up river about 43 miles and stopping at Cologne which was founded by the Romans 2000 years ago. In addition to a walking tour of the City, we visited the impressive Gothic cathedral and viewed many Roman treasures in the Roman-German Museum before reboarding and resuming our journey. Later in the day, we passed Bonn the recent capitol of West Germany, and continued on to Braubach where we tied up for the night. We had progressed another 105 miles. Braubach was an interesting village, nestled on a plain along the east bank of the Rhine. Many of the group, including Chris, took the offered tour of Marksburg Castle, which is the only one on the Rhine River that had not been destroyed. Since our arrival was 9 PM, the remainder of the group had an enjoyable stroll through the village of attractive half timbered houses nestled between the river and foothills of the mountains.

At 7:30 AM we were underway and shortly entered the most interesting leg of our trip, the middle Rhine. We soon had an excellent view of the castles and fort remains perched on either side of the valley. Later, we approached Lorelei rock at a narrows where the Rhine is squeezed to a width of about 480 feet with a depth of 75 feet. This is the site where the fabled siren Lorelie lured passing boatman to their death. Nearby, we passed an old custom house in the middle of the stream. It is a massive castle, giving an appearance of a ship made of rock.

The Rheingau wine growing region is our next area of interest as we see row upon row of grape vines extending from the river banks planted uphill perpendicular to the stream flow. Later we passed Worms, one of the oldest German towns. At 9:00 PM, we tied up at a pier in Speyer, having gone upstream another 112 miles. Speyer is recognized as the site of a protest over the Edict of Worms that the name "Protestant" was derived by the believers in the new faith. Our visit to Speyer was interesting. We were unable to tour the Rhineland style Romanesque cathedral, that was founded in 1030, and remodeled at the end of the 12th century due to the late hour of our arrival.

It being Friday night beer halls were filled with noisy "TGIF" celebrants. A few of us strolled through

the town, window shopped and enjoyed a refreshing and tasty ice cream cone before returning to the ship.

At 5:00 AM Saturday morning we were underway on the last leg of the Rhine jaunt. We passed through an area that was mostly woodland or farmland with few villages. We proceeded passing through three sets of locks, the last being at Strasbourg, which raised the total river service uplift to 68 feet. We docked in Strasbourg in early afternoon and bid "Auf Weidersehen" by the crew as we left the ship and transferred to our hotel. We had sailed another 62 miles upstream for a total of 413 miles from Rotterdam.

Having viewed portions of the Rhine in 1970 and again in 1972 12 an open sewer, it was pleasing to view it in a much improved state. It was surprising to see people fishing in the upper part of the Rhine in view of the massive chemical spill in 1986. That disaster killed an estimated 500,000 fish and closed the water systems in three bordering nations.

The next four days were spent visiting the Alsace Region of France and the Schwarzwald (Black Forest) area of Germany, and a half day visit of Baden Baden. Both areas were very scenic, the houses and buildings well maintained and lending to an appearance of a good life style. However, we often heard complaints of the cost burden imposed on the western Germans as a result of the reunification with East Germany.

The Fries took one day to rent a car in order to visit Altheim in Alsace. It had been suggested to prior researchers that several communities could meet that description, but most likely would be Altheim in Neuried situated in Germany, east of the Rhine River and about 20 kilometers, or 12 miles, south east of Strasbourg. We had been able to cross into Germany without incident since the borders have opened as a result of European unionization efforts. We missed a turnoff at Kehl which resulted in an extended scenic tour of the Rhine plain south of Kehl. We eventually arrived at Altheim which is a beautiful town surrounded by productive farmland.

The houses were all of the half timber design well maintained and many with connected stables. We saw one small hotel, a bank, which was closed, several Laundromats and a few shops. There was a large church and a police station near the center of town. The church tower carried the date of 1812. I could not identify the

sect. The town of four or five thousand people almost looked deserted except for a few farmers on their tractors and an occasional passing car. It is obvious that this Altheim was not the one where Heinrich lived in the late 1600's. It is not a 17th Century town. However, we had not the time to further research this possibility.

Information received by other researchers from the Cercle Genealogique d'Alsace located in Strasbourg said "Altheim might be the town now known as Altheim because it was in Alsace in the 17th century, although it is in Germany now". I found at least one map that depicts the name "Neu Altheim", which lends credibility to this statement. The original town could have been destroyed and rebuilt. Although, I was disappointed with what I saw, I feel that this present day Altheim site is worthy of further research.

The last two days of our trip were spent in Paris, staying at the Hotel California just off the Champs Elysees and within walking distance of the Arc de Triumphe and Eiffel Tower. We also toured Versailles, visited the Louve and other places of interest. One of the most entertaining aspects was watching the world go by from a sidewalk cafe along the Champs Elysees. It was a most enjoyable trip that fulfilled our desire for a better understanding of the lands of our forebears and the enormity of the task that faced the early pioneers. We roughly covered the same route by air and water in a traveling time period of five days that required two months, or more, for our ancestors.

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Any others? Please send them in to be included in this listing.

Next Reunion

Mark on your calendars - next national reunion will be held during the Summer of 1998 in Nashville, Tennessee. Plan to attend!