



HFFA NEWS

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Wilbur C. Frye - Editor

Message from the Editor

I'm sure all of you will join me in extending our sympathy to Charles in the loss of his brother John, to Beverly, John's widow and to the many members of John's extended family. See Obit.

2007 REUNION

June 22, 23 & 24, 2007
Des Moines, Iowa

MEMBER'S INPUT

As most of us are doing, Mabel Pursel is researching other of her direct lines. She has a nifty idea; she placed a commercially printed sticker listing the names she is researching just below her return address on the envelope she used to send in her 2006 dues. I'm assuming she places "research" stickers on all her mailings (possible not her bill payments). Her sticker says "Researching: Salisbury Sizemore Mullins Potter Pursel Fry Crimmons Cramer Kocher".

Third Grandchild for Mike Speers

Kenneth Charles Enyeart, born 7 Apr 2006 in Willoughby, OH.

Parents: Cheryl Marie Speers - Kenneth Hyssong Enyeart, Jr. Grandfather: Mike Speers Step-grandmother: Rosemary Horvath.

MARRIAGE



Wil and Arlene Frye attended the wedding of Doug Roche, their grandson, and Cathy Smith on 5 Apr 2006, (4/5/06) in the gardens of the Olowalu Plantation House on Maui, Hawaii. The couple honeymooned in New Zealand.

OBITUARIES

John William Burgess

John, a member of HFFA, was born on the 27th of February 1926 in Hinsdale, Dupage County, Illinois and died the 10th of May 2006 at his home in Modesto, Stanislaus County, California. He was the third and youngest son of John Lloyd Burgess and Marguerite Amelia Frye who are both deceased. He is survived by his widow, Beverly, his son, John (Lori) Burgess and grandson, Hunter Burgess. Also surviving are two brothers, Barry Frye Burgess of Rapid City, South Dakota and Charles Johnston Burgess of Naples, Florida.

Jean Kerner

RACINE - Jean (nee: Fry) Kerner, 83, passed away at Ridgewood Care Center, on Thursday, January 12, 2006.

She was born in Monroe City, Mo. on June 11, 1922, to Will and Minnie (Foster) Fry.



Jean graduated high school in 1939 and married Charles Dorvin Kerner on August 16, 1941. They celebrated forty-two years of marriage before he died in 1984.

Jean "Jake" was involved with Girl Scouts and spent over 56 years in the organization. She was the proud recipient of the Thanks Badge. She was an excellent seamstress and enjoyed making clothes for her daughters when they were young. Jean is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Dawn (David) Hassel of Kenosha, and Elaine (John) Howell of Racine. Five grandchildren, Christopher (Jody) Andersen, Gregg (Vickie) Hassell, Jason (Sarah) Hassell, Jared Howell, and Wendy Howell. Mom had three great grandchildren whom she adored, Kali, David, and Max. Jean is also survived by six step great grandchildren, Chelsea and Danielle, Matt, Kevin, Chris and Andrew. A brother, Vic (Terry) Fry of AR. A sister, Joyce (Glenn) Bridwell of Kan. Jean is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Charles. An infant grandson, Troy Hassel; and a brother, Carroll Fry.

Funeral services will be held at Hanson Funeral Home, on Wednesday, January 18, 2006, at 10 a.m. Conducted by Rev. Linda Vance. Burial will take place in West Lawn Memorial Park. There will be a visitation on Tuesday afternoon and evening from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the Hanson Funeral Home. There will also be a visitation on Wednesday morning from 9:30 a.m. until time of services at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Girl Scouts of Racine County or the American Heart Association.

HANSON FUNERAL HOME
3014 Northwestern Avenue
632-4479

INQUIRIES

(1) Much to my embarrassment, I must confess to misplacing an inquiry sent to me by a member along with her renewal of dues. We recently moved to a larger apartment. I had the inquiry request next to my computer. The packing folks put the letter in a separate packing box and I have not been able to locate it. My memory is not what it used to be as I can not recall the member's name. If you sent me an inquiry then please send it again – I will get it into the next issue.

(2) I'm trying to find the middle name of my grandfather's cousin Price G. Frye (b. 1878, d. 1958), daughter of John Hamilton Frye and Irene Jane (Chalfont) Frye of Charleroi, PA. I have a letter from her written to my Uncle Harry in the mid-50's giving the middle name for each of her siblings but only the initial G for her middle name. My address is on the last page. Thanks, Wilbur Frye.

VALUED COUSINS AS RESOURCES

At the Coffeyville reunion during my presentation on my great grandparents Frye and their family's 30 year sojourn in Kansas, I mentioned where they and each of their children's (Wilbur, Charles, Reed, Frank, Carrie, and Mary) final resting place is.

The two youngest were twin daughters. Mary (youngest/oldest? Don't know which) became estranged from her family shortly after she and Carrie were married at the same ceremony on Christmas Eve, 1900 in Independence, Kansas, county seat of Montgomery County. Over the past ten years I had caught a couple of snapshots of her. She must have been in contact with her oldest brother Wilbur (my namesake) because Wilbur mentioned her married name (Willetts [sig.]) and living in Oklahoma in the obit for

his father in the Bakersfield, CA newspaper. I found her listed in the Social Security Death Index as having died in Ponca City, OK. I wrote Oklahoma for a copy of her death certificate and confirm I had in fact the correct Mary Emma Frye Willett.

In the late 90s, I went to Independence and picked up copies of marriage certificates for Carrie and Mary as well as two of her brothers Reed and Frank. I found Willetts, (the name should have been spelled Willett) must have been Mary's second marriage as she married Teen Rohr in Independence.

Skipping ahead, Neal North, one of our cousins at the reunion said he lived in Ponca City and if I would send him the details I have on Mary he would go out to the cemetery and take a picture of her gravestone and send it to me. Well, bless his heart, he not only took the picture but visited the cemetery office and sent along with the picture, plot location for both her and her late (second) husband and (trumpet call) obits for both of them – WOW.

Here's what Neal sent me...



My guess is that Mary did not arrange for anyone to place her year of death on the stone. I'm arranging for it now.

The actual date of her death was Dec. 23, 1967. Her twin sister Carrie's death date was Aug. 5, 1965 in Boise ID.

Death Claims Mary E. Willett

Mrs. Mary Emma Frye Willett, 86, died Saturday at 10:15 p.m. in the Good Samaritan Rest Home.

Born March 9, 1881, at Cottonwood Falls, Kan., Mrs. Willett was the daughter of the late Thomas Franklin Frye and Sarah Jane Gregg Frye. She was married to Leo Willett Oct. 26, 1929. She resided in the Ponca City community for 38 years and had been employed as a cook in numerous local cafes.

Mrs. Willett was preceded in death by her husband.

Funeral services will be 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in the chapel of the Anderson Funeral Home. The Rev. James A. Stringer, a member of the First Nazarene Church, will be the officiant. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Cemetery.

My guess is that she prearranged her funeral and gave this information to the Anderson Funeral Home so they could prepare an obituary.

New information here was her marriage date to Leo, her occupation, and that she was likely a member of the Nazarene Church.

The obit does tell us when the service took place. She died on Saturday, Dec. 23, 1967. She was buried on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1967.

Missing from her obit is any mention of her first husband, no mention of any of her siblings (they all preceded her in death) and what became of her son. Son? What son?

Leo Willett Dies In Hospital Here

Leo Willett, 214½ South First, died late Saturday afternoon in the Grandview Osteopathic Hospital where he had been taken Saturday morning.

He had been seriously ill for several months.

Funeral services are pending at the Miles Funeral Home.

Willett, a resident of Ponca City for the past 20 years, was born March 1, 1884, at Tioga, Tex. He spent his early life there and received his education there.

He was married to Mary Emma Fry on October 26, 1929, at Glen Springs, Ark., and the couple came to Ponca City at that time. Willett had been living in the Denton-Sherman, Tex., area prior to that.

Willett had worked in a number of local restaurants and was last employed by the Offord Cafe for several years.

Survivors include his wife; a brother, Ed, of Tioga; and a sister, Mrs. Lula Long, of Denton.

Leo's obit is what caused my WOW earlier. It gives the location of their marriage as being in Glen Springs, Arkansas. Since they shared the same occupation, I assume they met while working together. When I located Mary's Social Security Index Record, it gave me the impression that she applied for her card in Arizona. Dumb me, I didn't send in the \$10

for a copy of her social security application which would have told me she was living in Arkansas in the mid-30s.

Now for her son. I found in the 1910 census a listing for Teen (under Jack Rohr) and Mary Rohr along with a son, seven years old. In 1920 I found Mary Rohr living alone (no son) listed as divorced. I was not able to locate Teen (or Jack Rohr) in 1920 (possibly the son had died, was living with his father or at seventeen out on his own). In the 1930 census, I found both an entry in Arkansas and in Ponca City, OK for Leo and Mary Willett. Since Mary applied for a social security card in Arkansas, did they have homes in both locations? Ah the search continues!

Thank you Neal.

RECOMMENDED READING

First, a disclosure. As some of you know, I am a member of the California Genealogical Society and serve on their Board. Over a year ago, one of our members was checking material in the archives. She ran across some forty letters bundled together with no cover information as to who donated them or what they might be about.

As she read them, she found they were many letters written by a young woman to her gentleman friend in New York describing her experiences as she lived through the San Francisco 1906 earthquake/fire and how she dwelt with the days following the quake.

The letters were turned over to a long time volunteer and retired technical writer, Dorothy Fowler. As a result, Dorothy wrote the book "A Most Dreadful Earthquake".

The book contains two parts. The first part deals with the letters themselves. The second

part deals with the findings of several volunteers' efforts in identifying the people mentioned in the letters. In my opinion, the second part is a valuable guide on how to track names through a variety of resources.

For more information, contact:

California Genealogical Society
1611 Telegraph Ave., Suite 100
Oakland, CA 94612-2154

The book can also be ordered through the Society's web site: www.calgensoc.org

***** SIGN NOTICED ON WALL *****

**I HAVE BEEN PLACED
ON THIS EARTH
TO RESEARCH MY
FAMILY HISTORY**

**I AM SO FAR BEHIND
I SHALL LIVE
FOREVER**

PAST HFFA JOURNALS

Occasionally, I'll get request for information on availability of past issues of HFFA Journals. An inventory of past issues is maintained by Tommy Wiggins (address on last page). He sent me the following table showing how many are available by issue date as of June 1, 2006. Please note that none of Volume 1, Issues one through five are available.

Back issues can be ordered from Tommy. The cost is \$5.00 each or five issues for \$20.00. If you order five, they can be a mix of different issues.

Balance on Hand Report As of June 1, 2006

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| 1 | 7 | Aug. 1995 | 8 |
| 1 | 8 | Feb. 1996 | 10 |
| 1 | 9 | Aug. 1996 | 21 |
| 1 | 10 | Spring 1997 | 58 |
| 1 | 11 | Fall 1997 | 7 |
| 2 | 1 | Spring 1998 | 50 |
| 2 | 2 | Fall 1998 | 20 |
| 2 | 3 | Spring 1999 | 49 |
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| 2 | 5 | Spring 2000 | 47 |
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MACULAR DEGENERATION

After moving into the retirement community, I was surprised to find a number of older folks having this eye disease. If caught early enough by a self-test, it can be prevented. I have attached an Amsler Grid Chart for your own self testing.

REQUEST FOR STORIES

Have you done a bit of family research? Would you like to share it with the rest of us? Send it in to me. I will get it into the Newsletter for us to all enjoy. Don't need to wait till complete – send in research in progress as well. Maybe you'll find a Neal.

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