



# HFFA NEWS

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## Message from the President

The main purpose of our organization is to expand the knowledge of our ancestors. For those who descend through Heinrich's son William's Bertolet family who may wish to join the Daughters of the American Revolution, I now have the necessary information for you to do so. I wish to thank our member, Billie Tone, for the record that proves the Revolutionary Service of Samuel Bertolet, husband of sisters, Ester and Elizabeth Frey. Both sisters, daughters of Jacob Frey and Susanna Bertolet, had descendants.

By now I hope many of you have made the necessary reservations for our upcoming reunion. Get as many family members as you can to attend with you. They don't have to be a member of HFFA to attend. All are welcome.

Sincerely, Charles J. Burgess

## Editor's Comments

The mission of the Newsletter is to give our members a vehicle to share their intermediate research findings, report of family events (get togethers, births, marriages, deaths) offer tips and assistance in overcoming "stone" walls, and stories of general interest. Do take a moment once in a while and send an article or two on to me.

In this issue you will find an inquiry, tips on doing research and stories of interest. Enjoy.

## 2007 REUNION

**June 22, 23 & 24, 2007**

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**NOTE:** All reservations must be received by June 14th as Iris needs to get an attendance count for lunch and dinner into the hotel. If you arrive the day of the meetings without letting Iris know you will attend, you might find no lunch or dinner spot available for you.

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**MEMBER'S INQUIRY**

*Ed Note: this is an inquiry first printed in the Spring 2006 Journal generating no response. If any member can help or give suggestions of where to look, Virginia would thank you.*

My great-great-great-grandmother was Mary Frye, daughter of Joseph Frye and Ann Funk, who married Valentine Cackley and moved to Pocahontas County, VA (now WV) around 1790. Since Joseph apparently was the son of Benjamin and Christena who stayed in Frye's Fort, I assume Mary was raised in that house. I have never found a marriage record for her and Valentine and would be most grateful if anyone who runs across such an item would let me know where to find it.

However, the main part of my query is this: Mary had a sister Rebecca who married a John Switzer on January 10, 1786 and a sister Catherine who married a Jacob Seibert on May 12, 1792, both in Frederick County, VA. In 1800 Valentine Cackley sold 244 acres of his land to a John Switzer whose wife's name was Rebecca. The Switzers sold this land in 1807, perhaps moving to Ohio. A Jacob Seibert with a wife Catherine settled near the Cackleys in the early 1790s. The Seiberts stayed and even today a small town on the banks of the Greenbrier River is named Seibert. Does anyone know if Rebecca Switzer and Catherine Seibert who moved to Pocahontas County were indeed the sisters of Mary Frye?

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**Frye Fort**

Frye Fort has been an icon since the formation of our Association in the early 1990s. A sketch of the Fort has appeared on the cover of our Journal since the first issue.

The current owners, Beverly and Chuck Veatch, purchased the property in 2000 from the Youmans. Our cousin, Dorothy Clark, noticed an article on the Fort Frye appearing in the Spring 2007 issue of *Riverscape, the Potomac Conservancy Newsletter*. Ah, the joy of having contact with so many Frey/Fry(e) descendants. The article appears below.

***People Protecting the Potomac***  
**BEVERLY & CHUCK VEATCH**

*“Good deeds can start right in your backyard. “Veatch’s Gleann,” Chuck and Beverly Veatch’s 139-acre backyard near Strasburg, Virginia, is a perfect example of stewardship on a large, but personal, scale.*

*“In November 2000, the Veatches purchased Frye Fort, a colonial-era property in Shenandoah County. Since then, the Veatches have undertaken an ambitious stewardship project for the property, which includes more than 4,000 feet along Cedar Creek.*

*“Their goals for the property— 100 acres of forestland and 39 acres of wildlife food plots, wetlands and landscaped areas—are to protect Cedar Creek and attract songbirds, game birds, and other wildlife. The Veatches are water quality monitors for the creek and, in 2006, hosted a songbird count at Veatch’s Gleann.*

*“Last fall, the Virginia Forest Stewardship program recognized Chuck and Beverly’s accomplishments. The Department of*

*Forestry certified the couple as Forest Stewardship Landowners. The award noted their outstanding land use practices, which included stabilizing and seeding 1,000 feet of a log road, stabilizing 600 feet of stream banks, and establishing erosion control measures on their forested land.*

*“Joe Lehen, Virginia Department of Forestry, states, “The Veatches are truly unique people in that they have a deep sense of stewardship for the land and the historic structure known as Frye Fort. They have set an example, a benchmark for others to follow in the Cedar Creek watershed.”*

*“The Veatches’ plans include putting the entire property under conservation easement and continuing to work for the protection of the water quality in Cedar Creek and the entire Shenandoah Valley. They have plans to develop an arboretum, enhance a 30-acre pine forest, and create a two-acre wildflower meadow.*

*“Chuck and Beverly were influential in supporting the Conservancy’s report on the natural and cultural resources in and along Cedar Creek. This report was distributed to landowners along Cedar Creek and to decision makers across the region, so that they may gain a better understanding of the area’s natural diversity and the threats to its future.*

*“According to the Veatches, “it is every landowner’s responsibility to preserve and protect the environment for the benefit of future generations.” As the Veatches’ experience show, a high level of involvement in your community and in your habitat can make a difference.” (end)*

I had shared this article with Charles Burgess who reminded me that he had published an article on the ownership of Frye Fort since Benjamin’s day. It appears in the Spring of

2000 issue of our Journal. His article was followed by the late Don Kearney’s article on the Fry(e)s of Cedar Creek. Charles’ article appears below. Don’s article is much longer and will need to await until I can scan the Spring 2000 issue and place it on our web site.



## **FRYE FORT**

Its Owners and Occupants

By **Charles I Burgess**  
24 February 2000

Who were the people who owned and lived in Frye Fort? Back in 1953 when I first visited Frye Fort, Newton Shafer was living there. He gave my uncle, Orville Frye, and me a tour of the house including the attic. The fireplace in the kitchen was boarded over and two stoves, a wood stove and a kerosene stove, sat in front of it. In the northwest corner of the living room, Newt showed us the walnut cupboard and pointed out the family names written on the inside. The one I remember was that of George Bond. He said the cupboard was where they stored the ammunition in the early days when there was a stockade around the building. As we went up the winding staircase, Newt explained that

the narrow stairs and the low door at the top was in case the Indians broke into the first floor, they would be forced to come up the stairs singly with their heads bowed as they entered the hallway. Thus the defenders would be able to bash the Indians on the heads one at a time as they came upstairs. In the attic, Newt pointed out the original locust poles used in the roof construction. He also showed us where the port, later replaced by a window, was located in the south end of the attic. The port was high enough so the defenders could fire over the stockade. Newt did not show us the cellar, but on the outside could be seen a small stream of water flowing out of the south end of the cellar at the level of the floor of the cellar. This water flowed a short distance into Cedar Creek. In later years, I met Carson Shafer who was living with his brother at Frye Fort.

Newton, Carson, and Nellie Maud were the children of William Henry Shafer and Naoma Myrtle Fauver. (There was another daughter who died in 1918 but I don't know her name.) They lived at Frye Fort.

William died in 1935 and Naoma died in 1949. According to Bessie Fauver Bowers, the Shafers had only a life right to Frye Fort. The subsequent sale by Nellie Maud Nicely Whittington, after the death of Carson and Newton (the latter in 1964), did not follow Mrs. Bowers' wishes that ownership would go to her three sons.

The Shafers and Fauvers were both Frye descendants. The father of Naoma and Bessie was Simon Fauver, 1848-1929. Simon purchased Frye Fort in 1881. I was told Simon purchased it because his wife, Margaret Catherine Wilson, daughter of Joseph J. and Elizabeth Wilson, wanted the home of her ancestors. I don't know if this is true, but it was Simon's mother,

Elizabeth Pingley, who was a descendant of the Fryes. Around 1900 Simon Fauver added the front porch which appears in early pictures of Frye Fort. This porch was removed in 1970 when William S. Stickley purchased Frye Fort from Nellie Whittington. Dr. Stickley was not a Frye descendant.

Elizabeth Pingley, who married John Fauver, was the daughter of David Pingley and Rachel Frye. Rachel was a great granddaughter of Benjamin and Christina Frey.

Harriet Pingley, a sister of Rachel, married Samuel Windle in 1834. One of their sons was James Windle, born in 1837, who in 1874 married Laura Belle Frye, the daughter of Joseph Presley Frye and Maria C. Mowery. (For more on Joseph Presley Frye, see *Journal* Vol. 1, issues 6 & 7 - Ed.) Two of the sons of James and Laura were Harry M. Windle and Ole C. Windle. It was Harry who made the large chart of descendants displayed at the reunions at Frye Fort. (See *Journal* Vol. 1, issue 5, pgs 37-39.) In 1953, Ole Windle told me that when his parents were married in 1874, they lived at Frye Fort with the Richards. This would have been at the time Frye Fort was owned by James M. Frye. Since Augustine B. Richards bought Frye Fort in 1876, it could be that it was he and his wife, Josephine Honestaflle, who were living with the Windles. In 1879, Augustine B. Richards sold Frye Fort to M. A. Richards. It is possible that M. A. Richards was Maurice Adolph Richards, the brother of Augustine. Augustine and Maurice were the sons of James M. Richards and Margaret E. Frye. Margaret was the daughter of Joseph Frye and Sarah Richard, and the granddaughter of John Frye and Ann \_\_\_\_\_, and the great

granddaughter of Joseph Frye and Ann Funk. Joseph was a son of Benjamin and Christina Frey. In 1881, M. A. Richards sold Frye Fort to Simon Fauver.

James M. W. Frye bought Frye Fort in 1872 and sold it in 1876. He was born in 1837, fought in the Civil War, and married in 1867 to Sarah Angeline Jarret. He was a son of Jacob Frye and Catherine Moss, and grandson of Joseph Frye and Elizabeth Hotsenbeiler, and great grandson of Jacob Frye and Molly. Jacob was a son of Benjamin and Christina Frey.

Frye Fort, built in 1744 by Benjamin and Christina Frey, had passed after his death in 1753 on to their son, Joseph Frye and from his to his son Benjamin. From this Benjamin it went first to his three sons and then to the sole possession of his son, John. In 1847, John sold Frye Fort to Anthony Funkhouser who was not a Frye descendant. Anthony Funkhouser was born 11 October 1796 and died 5 August 1871 age 74. His wife, Martha, was born in 1804 and died 7 September 1882 age 78. They are buried in the Old Quaker School House Graveyard known as Mount Pleasant Quaker



[Taken by Mary Fry Allen  
during the fall of 1962]

Graveyard on Cedar Creek. In 1855 Anthony Funkhouser sold Frye Fort to Harrison Gough. I found one reference

where a man of this last name also spelled it Goff. Harrison Gough was not a Frye descendant. He defaulted on a deed of trust and the property in 1872 was conveyed by a court appointed trustee, Thomas A. Jackson, to A. L. Blair who, two days later on 14 August 1872, sold the property to James M. Frye. So, for a period of 17 years Frye Fort was outside of family ownership. That is from 1744 to 1855, a period of 111 years, Frye Fort was owned by the Frye family. After a lapse of 17 years it came back into Frye family ownership and stayed in the family another 98 years before it was again sold out of the family. In its 256 years, it was owned by the Frye family for 209 years & was out of the family for 47 years.

(As indicated earlier, in order to update the history of Frye Fort ownership, I have asked the current owners, John and Pat Youmans to submit a profile of themselves as well. They have graciously done so. Again, there are not enough words to thank them for their interest in Frye Fort, and their patience and hospitality toward the Fry[e] family.)

John and Pat Youmans moved to Frye Fort in May 1980 after living in Miami, Florida for 16 years. Both of their sons Jay and Shawn are married and both have two children. A fifth grandchild is expected around the first of December. All live within an hour & a half s driving distance.

John retired from United Airlines in 1996. A former Naval Fleet all-weather fighter pilot, he left military life for commercial aviation and flew as captain for 23 years, 7 years of that as a Boeing 747 captain, flying to Japan and other parts of the Orient. Retirement marked the end of an aviation career that

spanned more than 42 years.

Pat, a registered nurse and a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner was on the faculties of both the school of Medicine and the school of Nursing at the University of Miami, Florida.

**“LINKS BOOK”**

(See last Newsletter for contents of this book)

I will be bringing to the reunion a few copies of the Links Book latest issue. It will have in excess of 200 pages. I don’t know the price yet but it will be offered at our cost. I do not plan on having it bound. It will be printed on 24 pound paper, double sided, with three holes already punched and ready to be placed in a self supplied loose leaf binder. Using this technique makes it easier for you to get copies of individual update and/or corrected pages to keep your copy current.

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**RESEARCH TIPS**

**Double Dates**

Beginning in 45 B.C., many parts of the world used the Julian calendar to mark the passage of time. According to the Julian calendar, March 25 was the first day of the year and each year was 365 days and 6 hours long. In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII determined that the

Julian calendar was incorrect: each day was just a little bit too long. This meant the human calendar wasn't keeping up with nature's calendar, and the seasons kept arriving slightly earlier in the year. To solve the problem, Pope Gregory XIII created the Gregorian calendar. This is the calendar we use officially in the United States. As you know, this new calendar changed the first day of the year from March 25 to January 1. Pope Gregory also had everyone jump ahead by 10 days to make up for the days lost when the world was using the old Julian calendar.

The practice of writing double dates resulted from this switch from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar, and also from the fact not all countries and people accepted the new calendar at the same time. For example, England and the American colonies didn't officially accept the new calendar until 1752. Before 1752, the English government still observed March 25 as the first of the year, but most of the population observed January 1 as the first of the year. For this reason, many people wrote dates falling between January 1 and March 25 with both years, as in the following examples: Julian or Old Style

Gregorian or New Style

Double Date

12/25/1718 01/01/1718 02/02/1718 03/25/1719  
12/25/1718 01/01/1719 02/02/1719 03/25/1719  
12/25/1718 1/1/1718/19 2/2/1718/19 03/25/1719

By the time England and the colonies adopted the new Gregorian calendar, the discrepancy between the two calendars was eleven days, instead of ten. To resolve the discrepancy, the government ordered September 2, 1752 be followed by September 14, 1752. Some people also added 11 days to their birth dates (a fact which is not noted on their birth certificates).

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