



HFFA NEWS

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Watch for coming news of the Y2K Reunion Plans!

Messages from our Vice President, Harry Morrison

Our current bylaws have been in effect since 1993, and have served us well. Recent discussions within HFFA have indicated, however, that certain changes, revisions, and updates may now be appropriate. All members are therefore requested to review the current bylaws, and submit your proposed changes to me as soon as possible. After receipt of the proposed changes, we are required to furnish printed copies of the revised bylaws to the entire membership early next year. Voting on the new/revised bylaws will then take place at the business meeting at the 2000 HFFA reunion in the Philadelphia area.

Lineage of HFFA Members

Our Family Historian, Charles Burgess, would like to obtain the line of descent from Heinrich Frey for all HFFA members. While we have the lineage for most of the current members, there are quite a number of former members, particularly charter or early members, for whom this information is lacking. Members are requested to review their records and recollections for this lineage information and inform Charles of their findings as soon as possible. See page 2 for a partial list he needs.

Who Paid 1999 Dues in Gallatin?

We need the members who paid their 1999 dues at the Gallatin Reunion to let Jeanne Jeffrey, our Membership Secretary, know. She is particularly interested in those to whom postcards were recently sent out to, indicating nonpayment of the 1999 dues, but who, in fact, did pay at the reunion. Please let Jeanne know as soon as possible.

New look to our labels

The labels now have the renewal date for membership dues. Since this is the first time we would appreciate it if everyone could check it and let Jeanne know if it is wrong. If it is an error let Jeanne know because otherwise the January Newsletter will be the last you will receive until they are paid.

January Newsletters will be the last sent to anyone who is not current for that year. No one will receive an April Newsletter if their dues are not current.

<p style="text-align: center;">Parital List for Lineage</p> <p>Some of the lineages of past members he is looking for are:</p> <p>Ben Batstad of Glendale, AZ Ruby M. Burnett of Huntington Woods, MI Douglas E. Cross of Elk Grove, CA Richard E. Frey of Jefferson City, MO Fred Morris Fry of Sylvan Lake, MI Charles E. Frye, Jr. of Silver Springs, MD James Edward Frye of Akron, OH Jay Frye of Meadow Bridge, WV Jeffrey D. Frye of Bloomington, MN Richard W. Frye of Thornton, CO James F. Kline of Manassus, VA Myrna M. Lockhart of Sioux Falls, SD Donna Phillips of Garden City, MO Edna Stapulis of California, PA</p> <p>If you know the line of descent of any of these, he would appreciate hearing from you.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Table of Contents</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1098 372 1379 414">ARTICLE</th> <th data-bbox="1387 372 1519 414">PAGE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1098 478 1379 521">Request from VP</td> <td data-bbox="1387 478 1519 521">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1098 585 1379 649">Historians List Members News</td> <td data-bbox="1387 585 1519 627">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1098 712 1379 883">Lighter Side Genealogy Humor LDS Requests Spending Your Dash Future of Genealogy</td> <td data-bbox="1387 712 1519 755">3</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1098 946 1379 989">Y2K Reunion Info</td> <td data-bbox="1387 946 1519 989">4</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	ARTICLE	PAGE	Request from VP	1	Historians List Members News	2	Lighter Side Genealogy Humor LDS Requests Spending Your Dash Future of Genealogy	3	Y2K Reunion Info	4
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<p style="text-align: center;">Margaret Hinton Frye</p> <p>Margaret was in the hospital for some time, and then spent a few weeks in a rehab hospital in Lexington. She is doing quite well now, and says she is regaining her strength slowly. This news went out to all on our E-mail list, but I thought everyone would like to know so they could send her cards also. Margaret doesn't have E-mail, but her daughter, Marilyn Frye Roberts has been kind enough to keep me posted on how she was doing. Cards can go to her at home. Address: 142 Idlewind Dr., Paris, KY 40361-9169</p>	<p>Family Reunion Story 5 Not related to HFFA but very interesting and cute. by Cheralynn (Charlee) Wilson</p> <p>Members E-mail List 6</p> <p>Reunion News Information 7</p>										
<p style="text-align: center;">Charlotte Morrison</p> <p>I just got word today from Harry that his wife Charlotte had heart surgery today. She came through the surgery fine and should be back home by the time you get this Newsletter so if any of you want to send cards you can send them to the home address. Address: 1149 Hillview SW, Abingdon, VA 24210-4107</p>	<p>Editor's Comments 7</p> <p>Membership Info 8</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Eligibility</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Benefits</p>										
<p style="text-align: center;">Hurricane and Floods</p> <p>Hope all our cousins are safe. I heard from Charles Burgess, and he says the worst missed him.</p>											
<p>HFFA WEB PAGE--For all of our members who have computers and are on the Internet, the URL for HFFA Web page is: http://members.aol.com/DEAncestor/HFFA.htm Thanks to Kay Nelson for the Web Page and the E-mail address list.</p>											

The Lighter Side of Genealogy

Actual requests received by the Family History Department of the LDS Church.
These are extracts from REAL letters:

I would like to find out if I have any living relatives or dead relatives or ancestors in my family.

He and his daughter are listed as not being born.

My Grandfather died at the age of 3.

We are sending you 5 children in a separate envelope.

The wife of #22 could not be found. Somebody suggested that she might have been stillborn - what do you think?

I am mailing you my aunt and uncle and 3 of their children.

Enclosed please find my Grandmother. I have worked on her for 30 years without success. Now see what you can do.

This family had 7 nephews that I am unable to find. If you know who they are, please add them to the list.

We lost our Grandmother, will you please send us a copy?

A 14-year-old boy wrote: "I do not want you to do my research for me.

Will you please send me all of the material on the Welch line, in the US, England and Scotland countries? I will do the research."

Will you please send me the name of my first wife? I have forgotten her name.

Spending Your Dash?

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend.

He referred to the dates on her tombstone - From the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came her date of birth and spoke the following date with tears, But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years. (1930 -1998)

For that dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth...

And now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own; the cars...the house...the cash. What matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash.

To think about this long and hard...Are there things you'd like to change?

For you never know how much time is left. That can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real,

And always try to understand the way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more

And love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile...

Remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy's being read with your life's actions to rehash...

Would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?

Future of Genealogy

A modern mother, explaining to her little girl about pictures in the family photo album: "This is the geneticist with your surrogate mother, and here's your sperm donor and your father's clone. This is me holding you when you were a frozen embryo. The lady with the very troubled look on her face is your aunt, a genealogist."

Y2K HFFA Reunion Information

June 22, 23, 24 and 25, 2000

Morganstown, Pennsylvania

ACCOMMODATIONS - We have reserved seventy-five double-bedded rooms for the use of our Reunion at the Holiday Inn of Morganstown, PA. Their rates, which are good only until May 10, 2000, are \$70.00 plus tax per night. These will accommodate up to four persons. There are two smaller motels nearby, the Conestoga Motel and The Inn at Morganstown, with slightly lower rates, but not as nice accommodations. There are no reserved rooms at these motels. Please make your reservations with appropriate motel.

There are a number of campgrounds available in the surrounding area. The following are within ten miles of Morganstown. They are Brandywine Meadows, Two Log Campgrounds and Berry Patch, Warwick Woods, Oak Creek and Sun Valley. Reservations may be made directly with one of those.

SCHEDULED ACTIVITY

Thursday June 22, 2000 - Executive Meeting will be held from 3-5 PM at a place to be announced. Any business items for discussion at the Executive Meeting should be submitted in writing to the Recording Secretary by June 7, 2000 so that they can be included on the agenda for discussion.

Friday June 23, 2000 - After a quick breakfast at McDonalds across the road, we will leave promptly at 8:30 AM for our tour of the Frey areas of Roxborough, Germantown and Montgomery County. There will be a bag lunch provided for each participant on the tour. The tour will end with a traditional Amish Wedding Feast for the evening meal before we return to the Holiday Inn in the evening.

Saturday June 24, 2000 - We will break our fast with coffee and donuts at the nearby Sunny Crest Training Center Meeting Rooms followed by our morning seminars until 12 Noon. (Harry Morrison is scheduling the Saturday Seminars and it will be released later.) At noon we will enjoy a catered buffet luncheon to be followed at 1:00 PM by the General Business Meeting. After the Business Meeting we will have more seminars.

At 5:30 PM we will gather once again in the dining room where we will have a catered buffet dinner for our evening banquet. This will be followed by our speaker for the evening: Joel Alderfer, Curator for the Mennonite Heritage Center of Harleysville, Pennsylvania. His topic will be migration into and out of Montgomery County.

Sunday June 25, 2000 - Sunday Worship Service will be held in the Hospitality Room at the Holiday Inn. HFFA Chaplain, L. Bert Frye, will be in charge of the service.

The rates are not firm yet so they will be released later. All questions on anything pertaining to the Y2K Reunion should be sent to:

HFFA - Jim Frey
PO Box 494
Honey Brook, PA 19344-0494

When the Rates are released all checks for the reunion should be made payable to:

HFFA Reunion

Please Note: ALL DUES AND MEMBERSHIP (including changes of address) are to be sent to:

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801 Queen Anne's Ct.
Hagerstown, MD 21740-9765

THE FAMILY REUNION

by Cheralynn (Charlee) Wilson <charwil@nmia.com>

It's summer, which means family reunions. Every other year, we have a reunion for my parents' descendants. My folks live in what was a "shelter over a picnic table" in New Mexico's Jemez mountains. It's grown to a 3-story permanent residence and has slept more than 50 people, 18 dogs, and a cat in a single week-end. This is where we congregate.

Our reunions are not dull. The first one (1994) was so exciting we almost decided to cancel further reunions, figuring (hoping?) we'd never top it. Among the memorable events was the rappelling incident in which my eldest daughter caught her hair in a carabiner, and was suspended mid-way down a cliff. My brother, the ex-Marine, went down on a safety rope to free her. To do this, he required "The One Who Doesn't Hug" to entwine her legs and arms around his body. He planned to lift her enough to free her hair, but in doing so, managed to slip and get his T-shirt caught in his carabiner. Now they were both caught, and to make matters worse, his rope had slipped snugly around the most tender part of his anatomy. To free his T-shirt, he opened his pocket knife with his teeth and began sawing away at the material which was about two inches away from my daughter's face. Cut free, the added weight dropped them further, painfully tightening the noose on his nether regions. The sensation caused him to drop his open knife which fell point down into the ground, narrowly missing a nephew. At this point, my sister-in-law, who was filming the whole thing, ran out of tape, so we missed seeing how Brother and Daughter got out of the mess. Brother sang soprano for a few hours. A nearby rock-climbing class witnessed the proceedings open-mouthed. Some of them quit the class.

That night, after getting hordes of offspring to bed in tents, cars, lofts, etc., the adults settled down for a cup of hot chocolate. It began to rain -- a real frog-strangler, complete with sound and fury. Lightning struck, rattling windows. I yelled and grabbed a passing teenager, causing her to throw hot chocolate on several relatives who yelled and stampeded. Lights flickered. Another bolt hit with a loud crackle-boom. The lights went out. Mojo (our St. Bernard/Great Pyrenees puppy) went cracker-dog, yelping and running hysterically over and under furniture, triggering a round of the "Howlelujah Chorus" from the other dogs, whose owners began to shout and chase their dogs, stomping on people & critters and waking the children in the loft who began to scream because the lights were off. The Tent and Car People ran inside, wet and shaking. I crawled under a bed with one of the Siberian Huskies. Next morning, we found that a huge pine tree next to the cabin had been hit, exploding bark in all directions. To commemorate the occasion, the ex-Marine carved the date and event into a piece of the bark. It hangs in the family room today.

During outdoor church services, one Siberian Husky found a porcupine, which goes to show what happens to dogs who don't attend church. What a mess! Hubby, who had found a semi-legitimate excuse to miss this reunion, got to share in the last part when we drove into town and picked him up on the way to the vet. When he heard about all the fun he'd missed, he got tears in his eyes, and we could tell he was sorry.

Reunions are a lot of work, both for those planning and those attending. The ultimate test of family endurance happens when Mother's clan camps for four days in southern Colorado. There are more than 250 of us, not counting dogs and friends. It is not my idea of fun to pack everything we own and sleep in a tent with wet, cowering dogs inside and vicious wild animals and sneaky teen-aged relatives outside. I do not enjoy port-a-potties, especially by the fourth day when the pre-school boys in camp have figured out that the basin on the side is not for washing hands, and consider it a matter of honor to use it as it was intended. I am not fond of cooking on a Coleman stove, although, in the mountains, people expect all meals to taste basically the same -- burned or raw. I do not relish being hit with five gallons of water traveling at 30 miles per hour in the traditional water fight, although my sons-in-law tell me this is their favorite part. It's the only time they may abuse me with impunity. I do not like the 3 a.m. hike to the outhouse because I can't resist the bedtime Peppermint Patty (hot chocolate made with peppermint tea). It either rains, or it is dry and the talcum powder dust coats everything.

So, why do I go? Maybe it's because I love to see all the little kids call each other "Cousin" -- they never bother to learn names. Maybe it's because we have kids with every shade of skin and hair, and two hours after we arrive, they're all the same color -- dust or mud. Maybe it's the demonic giggle from a five-year-old throwing a cup of water on his Nanny during the water fight, knowing this is the only time he'll ever get away with it. Maybe it's the clusters of teenagers plotting to put Ora-Jel in someone's toothpaste. Maybe it's the family church session or the visits around the campfire when we hear new jokes and old ghost stories. But, mostly, it's the magic it works on kids. In these troubled days, when families are crumbling, reunions give our children security in belonging. Whether they achieve great things, whether they are "just folks," or rotten as year-old eggs, they know that they are loved unconditionally. My kids don't want to miss a reunion and that's pretty impressive.

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Members News

There have been quite a few of our members who have been sick or had surgery, but I don't get enough official news to feel I should print it in the Newsletter. If anyone knows of someone who has been ill or had surgery please send it to me and I will put what I receive in the next Newsletter.

Tombstone for Elizabeth Frye Keller Ewalt

I would personally like to hear from anyone on my Ewalt line who is planning to attend the Reunion in PA next June. There is rich Ewalt history there also. I have been in contact with Mary Bishop who is also on the Ewalt/Frye line. She lives in Kentucky, and has been to see the graves of Henry Ewalt and Elizabeth Frye Keller Ewalt. She said that there is nothing but a field stone for Elizabeth, and if we could all chip in about \$5 we could get her a nice tombstone. Henry has the Military stone from the American Revolution. I am in favor of this so anyone else who might like more information please contact me and work together on this. I did not know that she had no decent tombstone. When I was in Kentucky I didn't have time to go look for the Cemetery.

Please submit ideas for the Y2K Reunion in Philadelphia
to James Frey, President.

Editor's Comments

There has been a lot going on for me since the last Newsletter. My daughter, Kate, came in two weekends and helped to clean the house out. There were boxes that had not been opened since my grandmother died in 1953. I come from a long line of pack rats. I would have never gotten it done without her. I refuse to even think about what I would have saved had she not been doing it because we would still have everything. I just hope if there is something gone that I feel I couldn't live without that I never find out about it. Since this is a big, old house we are turning it into a duplex and there has been remodeling going on for that. I will stay in the original side which is 75 years old.

Also, I have been working for the past two years on getting an application approved for the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT). I finally got both mine and Kate's turned in and they have been officially approved for membership. My Ewalt married a Johnson whose father came to Texas in 1835, and she was born in Texas in 1846, which makes me 4th generation born in Texas. Now I can start on the DAR which should be a breeze after DRT.

Our HFFA membership is now up to almost 230, and we have over 60 with computers who are on the Internet and E-mail. It is really a fast easy way to keep in touch. We are growing quite fast so there is more need to keep everyone current on what is going on. I hope that everyone will reply to the request for information on the front page. This is very important if we are to keep our records straight.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful Christmas and New Years, and that we will see each other in Pennsylvania in June.

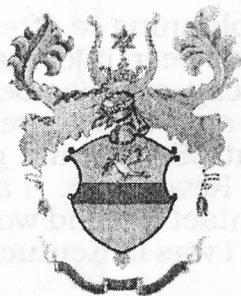
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