



# HFFA NEWS

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**2001 Dues are now past due if you haven't paid them.**

## Old Unclaimed or Orphaned Pictures

I found this web page recently through a Rootsweb Newsletter, and since it was primarily Pennsylvania I thought some of our members might be interested. For the members with Internet, I have provided the E-mail address & links for anything that they gave a link to. I copied the information for those who do not have a computer. If anyone thinks a picture might belong to their family, and has trouble getting in touch about it because of not having a computer or Internet, feel free to let me or someone else on our E-mail list know. I am sure that anyone would be willing to help.

Who knows, maybe someone in HFFA will find some pictures that should belong to them.

Good reading and Good Luck

I recently purchased some old pictures at an antique market in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. I am trying to reunite family members with these pictures. As time permits, I will scan them for viewing at [http://user.pa.net/~hepfer/orphaned\\_pictures.htm](http://user.pa.net/~hepfer/orphaned_pictures.htm)

(2) 8x10 photo of an older gray-haired woman with glasses identified as Jennie E. METCALFE;

(4) Young boy identified as "son of William REBUCK." Photo appears to have been taken in Mansfield, Ohio;

(5) Photo of boy identified as Wilmer MORIN, taken in Hagerstown, Maryland;

(6) Man from early 1900s identified as Ed GREEN, photo taken in West Philadelphia;

(7) Dark-haired young woman in white dress identified as "Roy MILLER's wife";

(8) Baby boy identified as Ervin GRIM, probably taken in 1890s in York, Pennsylvania;

(9) Baby boy identified as "Uncle George's Harry" and "Harry WALLACE" taken in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania;

(10) Older couple identified as Jenny and Charlie LITZ (woman has dark wavy hair and glasses; man is gray-haired with glasses);

(11) Baby picture identified as Lupah Henry;

(12) Older woman in long black dress sitting on a bench -- name on back appears to be Anna PHUMBERGER or SHUMBERGER. The name Paul CARBAUGH also appears;

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## LIGHTER SIDE OF GENEALOGY

MURPHY'S 12 LAWS  
AS APPLIED TO GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH

1. The family you are looking for will be on the last page of the unindexed (of course) census film that you check. However, if you begin at the end of the roll, they will be on Page 1.

2. The microfilm that you have diligently searched page-by-page will have an index at the end.

3. All of your spouse's ancestors will be mentioned in county histories. None of yours will be.

4. If you need just one record, the microfilm will have page numbers. If you need 3 or more records, there won't be any page numbers and the records will not be in proper order.

5. The book you need most will be out being rebound.

6. You will need item 23 on a microfilm roll that has 22 items. The rest of the film is continued on another roll that will not be in the drawer, and the librarian will tell you that it is "missing, and presumed lost."

7. Just before the entry you need, the records will end. They will begin again two years after the date you need.

8. If one brother is left out of the genealogy of a family, guess whose ancestor he will be?

9. If there is a family history on one branch of the family -- it won't be yours.

10. When you finally find the microfilmed probate records of your missing link to a rich and/or famous line, the book will be so tightly bound that you can only make out the first two letters of the name of the one who MAY be your ancestor.

11. The researcher you hire to read the original records at the courthouse will inform you that only the particular probate packet you need is missing.

12. During the last hour of your trip to the Family History Library in Salt Lake City you will find everything you've hunted all week for, but you won't have time to copy it.

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HFFA WEB PAGE--For all our members who have computers and Internet, the new URL for HFFA Web page is: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~twiggins/>  
Thanks to Tommy Wiggins for the Web Page. If you have a link to add to the HFFA's page just send it to Tommy: [a0009126@airmail.net](mailto:a0009126@airmail.net)

**PROPOSED TRIP TO ALTENHEIM AND SOUTH GERMANY**  
*Besucht schönes Deutschland, besonders Altenheim!*  
*Visit beautiful Germany, especially Altenheim!*

October 31, 2000. - After my presentation at the biannual meeting last June in Morgantown several members expressed the desire that maybe I would lead a tour group for the Heinrich Frey Family Association members there. After pondering this, I decided to share my experience and help out those who are interested in improving their understanding of their German heritage but would not likely strike out on their own. I have had several discussions mainly with our president, Jim Frey, who also thinks that it is a good idea. This, then, is a survey to determine whether there is sufficient interest to warrant such a trip.

The trip should be approximately two weeks in duration, since three of those days are not useable for touring purposes. I have not priced the trip, but I would estimate that the costs can be expected to be around \$3,000-\$3,500, exclusive of lunch and beverages plus other personal purchases to satisfy your own desires. The price of the Deutsch Mark is currently favorable to us, so next year may still be a good time to make purchases there. This cost value is nothing more than a reflection of Jim's answer to my question: "How much did your recent trip (18 day duration) cost, Jim?" Also, it reflects the cost for my two-week Elderhostel bike trip down the Danube, or Donau, River trip, which was \$2,300, exclusive of lunch and beverages. Next year that trip cost will increase around \$200. My trip's price was based upon double room occupancy. Just as Jim was returning I was departing to Deutschland and have just returned 2 days ago from a 5 to 6 week visit. I was in Altenheim for one weekend for a two-day visit, a significant portion of which was dedicated to investigating a trip for our members.

This should be a trip whose primary focus is upon family, culture, and German history, one, which should serve as an educational program, rather than as a tourist trip, which is always available. The main idea is to see, feel, and learn to the best possible extent how life was for our forefathers and hence, to savor the real Germany. But we would allow time for some tourist events, too. The suggested time is in the spring of 2001, around the second and third week of May. That is very soon. But spring avoids the high tourist season and returns us before the 30<sup>th</sup> of May. April-May is an especially beautiful time of the year to be there.

On the subject of food, I personally enjoy meals, and particularly beers - plus, not to forget their great pastries, which are the specialty of the area. Some people do not enjoy eating food other than that which they have become accustomed. Now along that line of thought, I have also suggested the spring of 2001 as the best season for a visit while this will provide us those interested the opportunity to enjoy "Spargel", their delicious asparagus, which is not available here. Perhaps we could go with an option that a member could cover his/her dinner costs.

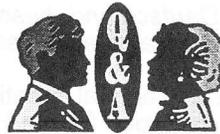
The trip would be narrated. I have talked to people who would assist with tour guides from regions visited. We would rent a bus to travel around. Below is a preliminary agenda of possible places, based upon my conversation with a historian for the town of Altenheim and with others knowledgeable about German history:

- (1.) Altenheim: church visit and tour, Altenheim museum, and Rohrsburg (home area of the Hirtzeller family, wife of Jakob, plus a general tour of the area. I spoke with the new Pfarrer (pastor), and he was fully supportive of such a church visit. The scheduling could be arranged so that we could attend a service, which would of course be in German. So you would now have the opportunity to see in real life those things that I presented to you last June on the screen during my video, slide, and photograph presentation.
- (2.) Schweiz(Switzerland): origin of the Frey family
- (3.) Mülheim-Ruhr: Levering family
- (4.) Straßburg: Historic German town, now the European Union Capital
- (5.) Baden-Baden: Very old town, dating back to Roman times
- (6.) Freilicht museum in France, an open air museum to see good duplications of how our forefathers lived. This land was at the time of our forefathers, German land.
- (7.) Schwarzwald: cucu clock origin. Here you may want to splurge. (tourist attraction)
- (8.) Kaiserstuhl: famous wine growing region
- (9.) Ettenheim: Old Kirchberg Residential Quarter
- (10.) Rastatt: Castle- famous Military Museum
- (11.) Heidelberg: Schloß (castle) and university town (tourist attraction)
- (12.) Worms: Luther appeared here before the Diet in 1521.

I have some other thoughts in mind along the similar line of thought and will present them later. If you have some suggestions, then I gladly welcome your ideas. To make the trip worthwhile, Jim says that his sources state that we would need around 30 people as a minimum. I understand from my investigations there, the cost of a bus and driver is "expensive." They add that the size of the bus does not change the price much. The airline flight there and general logistics is best worked if we travel as a group from a common eastern airport, such as Washington Dulles, New York, Philadelphia, or Baltimore. We could always deduct air fares and allow one to meet up on their own.

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## Inquiries to All HFFA Members



Inquiries is a column in the Newsletter where requests for information will be posted, Any letters or correspondence from anyone seeking information can be mailed to me for it to be included in the next Newsletter.

The following was received to include in the Newsletter for this quarter.

I received no inquiries for this issue of the Newsletter, but I do have a telephone number correction. The Newsletter was ready for printing when I got it so this looked like a good spot to add it.

Marjorie Grundy's phone number should be: 317-839-0632.

### Links Book Reprints

Jim Frey has informed me that he now has reprints of the Links book that was first available at the Y2K Reunion in Pennsylvania. The Links Book was written by Kay Nelson with Charles Burgess and Hank Adams collaborating.

The reprints are \$20.00 and this does include the postage and handling. If you are interested in obtaining a Links Book please send a check for \$20.00 to Jim at his home address.

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I will be starting on the updating of the information on our new members right away. I hope to have the first of it ready by the next Newsletter. There has not been a decision yet as to how to provide this material to members. I am going to print the new sheets in the same format as the original, and possibly just make them available once a year to members for the cost of printing and mailing them. I will give you that information as soon as the decision is made.

If you have information not included in the current book, please send it to me or to Charles Burgess, HFFA Historian.

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Thanks, Lynn

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It is my preference that we remain in a hotel at a single location to the greatest degree possible to avoid lost time from frequent packing and moving.

I know that many questions remain, but I think that it best to establish the degree of interest before dealing with further specifics. The most important action is to receive a positive interest of 30 people before advancing further with trip preparations, which will be time-consuming.

In July, shortly before my departure, I got on Internet; my address is [schulzenorman@aol.com](mailto:schulzenorman@aol.com). My phone is 703-818-2328, should you wish to respond thusly, or if you have any questions or comments.

I must know if there is sufficient interest as soon as possible as this is voluntary effort on my part for the benefit of HFFA members, and I need to work it into my schedule. I spoke with the lady in Morgantown, who advised that lower fare airline tickets for that time of the year are not available. She is working on trips two years in advance; so there is not enough time for us to make a trip in 2001. It would be beneficial to know whether you have been to Deutschland within the past 20-30 years and the circumstances, i.e., tour, military, business, etc. I have inserted a survey at the end of this announcement for convenience. If I proceed with the trip, a specific agenda, details, commitment, and information necessary to make the trip a success will be forthcoming as soon thereafter as possible, hopefully within a month.

Thanks.  
Norm Schulze  
Clifton, Virginia

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Survey of Interest in a Spring Trip to Germany

If made available, I will participate in the aforementioned the Germany trip to explore the Frey family history and German culture in the region where the family lived.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Number of persons attending:

Fly under own ticket preferred:

Option to cover own dinner costs:

Prior trips/dates to Germany since 1970:

Occasion:

Location(s):

Duration:

Special trip interests

Suggestions:

If anyone is interested in the above proposed trip please copy the above. Fill in the information requested by Norm, and mail to:

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## E-mail Address List

Our E-mail list has grown steadily, and I expect more members had Santa bring them a computer and the Internet for Christmas. I would like to include everyone on this list, and I have redone the page again to give us more room to add members. So if Santa did bring you the Internet please send me your address so I can add it to this page.

I have recently had some E-mail bounce back with an invalid address so if you have changed your E-mail address, please send me the update.

Hope everyone had a great Christmas, and that the New Year will be good for all of us.

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(13) Two pictures either of the same man or brothers -- BLACKFORD is written on the back of both along with the name Miss Louise GROVE, Hagerstown, Maryland; (14) cute curly dark-haired girl about age three or four, identified as Darlene Mae LOWMAN; (15) Dark-haired baby identified as Hazel Routzahn LEWIS, photo taken in Frederick, Maryland.

Kim Hepfer [hepfer@pa.net](mailto:hepfer@pa.net)

I have a group of photos I would like to give to a family member. Those with names on the back include "William HALL and family," photo taken at Dannevirke of a man, woman, girl and four boys. Dates about 1890. Photo of seated man, on back written in ink "age 70 June the 4." Written in pencil "W. N. BAILEY. Eyes light blue, hair & whiskers white. H. J. N. Highland Worcester No 35," photo taken at Doncaster. "Handley AVERY age 3 years & 4 months" photo taken at Masterton, New Zealand. Photo of a middle aged standing man "Jim HALL for Aunt Julia" on back, photo taken at Masterton, New Zealand. Locations printed on unidentified photos are Sleaford, Doncaster, London, Rochdale, Stamford, Boston, Massachusetts, Worcester, Massachusetts, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, California, and Cambridge, Nebraska. All appear to be from about 1870s to 1900.

Catherine Renschler [achs@inebraska.com](mailto:achs@inebraska.com)

At a local (Delray Beach, Florida) thrift shop, I purchased a DAR pin with the name Ruth H. HEWLETT engraved on the back and the DAR number 655945. I would like to give it to her heirs.

Donna Mariner [oldsalty99@worldnet.att.net](mailto:oldsalty99@worldnet.att.net)

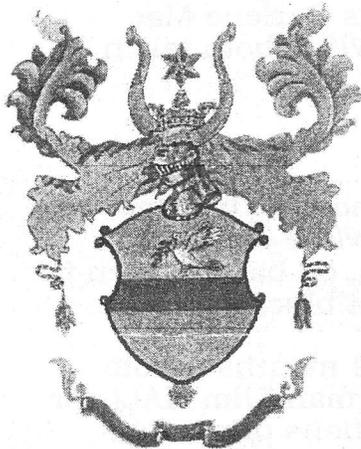
I have some old postcard photos from the early 1900s that were taken in Bathgate, Scotland. All of the photos were sent to Eddie O'HARA, who I believe was related to my great-grandmother, Mary O'HARA (born 22 December 1880 in Bathgate Scotland; died 13 October 1973 in Jersey City, New Jersey, USA). I think that many of the photos are of O'HARAs or people related to them, but some are of friends of Eddie O'HARA. Here are the names that appear on the postcard photos: (1) Mary CIMORELLI (possibly GIMORELLI) -- a picture of her brother in uniform; (2) Eddie O'HARA in uniform; (3) Pvt. Matthew O'HARA, 11th Batt. Royal Scots (dates of service and death dated are listed on photo); (4) H. O'HARA (possibly HARRY); (5) Mary O'HARA; (6) Jane V. McKAY; (7) another Eddie (I believe nephew to Eddie O'HARA) -- several photos of this person and his sister; (8) John (O'HARA) in uniform; (9) John CONNACHAN and daughter Annie CONNAHAN - he is wearing full kilt and garb with bagpipes and she is in traditional dancing costume; (10) Jeanie RIELLY? (last name is hard to make out) -- postcard says she was a champion dancer.

I would be happy to reunite the postcard photos of people not related to me with their proper families. I will also give copies to others who are related to my connections.

Eric T. Popham [bukwheat@gci-net.com](mailto:bukwheat@gci-net.com)

Please submit ideas for the 2002 Reunion  
in California to Wilbur Frye

## Editor's Comments



*Frye*

Coat of Arms by  
Margaret Hinton  
Frye

Another year has gone by, and we are now at the start of a new century and new millennium. During the last year our HFFA membership has grown. We now have 216 members in HFFA. We have 88 members who have computers and the Internet which speeds up research and communication. We should see even more growth this year.

The plans are already going forward for the Reunion in California in 2002. The Reunion Chairman is Wilbur Frye, and he will be furnishing me information for the Newsletters so we can keep everyone informed. It would be nice to see all our members. I plan to start saving my pennies so I can afford to go.

The last few months the information being sent to me to include in the Newsletter has diminished. I try to put everything in the next available newsletter that it will fit into. I am always on the lookout for information that I think will be interesting to all members so if you have anything, please send it to me. If you have E-mail, I can receive it at my E-mail address, and this includes photos. I prefer JPG format, but can handle most formats. I also prefer Winword, but if you don't use it please convert to text before sending it. Let's all make the Newsletter better for everyone.

*Lynn*

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