

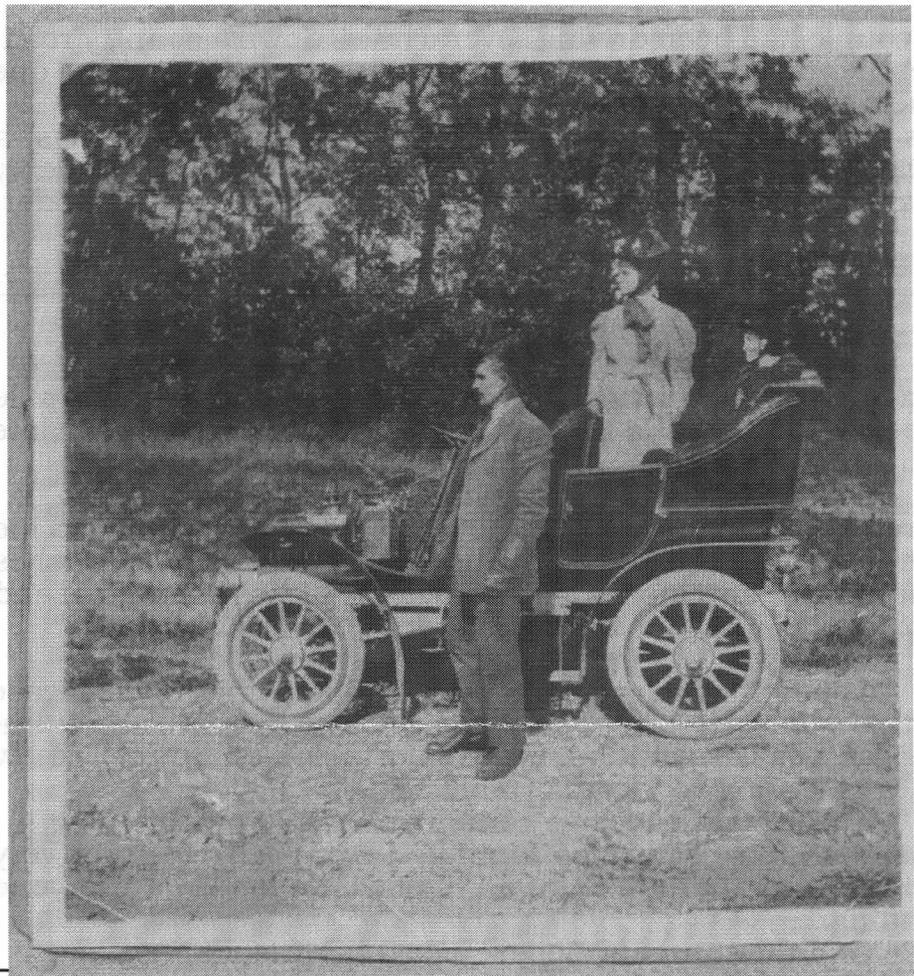
HFFFA NEWS

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1901 Caddy & Stern Family

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information on
photo



Photos in Newsletter

If anyone else has photos they would like to see in the Newsletter send them to me. If you want them back I can return them. I think this might be a good addition to our Newsletter. Maybe you have an old photo and know it is family, but just not who. You might even find out by putting it in the Newsletter.

The Lighter Side

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I don't usually pass on sad news like this, but sometimes we need to pause and remember what life is about.

There was a great loss recently in the entertainment world. Larry LaPrise, the Detroit native who wrote the song: The Hokey Pokey died last week at 83.

It was especially difficult for the family. They had trouble placing him in the casket. They'd put his right leg in and ...well, you know the rest.

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Chopping Down the Family Tree:

A couple had been driving several miles down a country road. An earlier discussion had led to an argument, and neither one of them wanted to concede their position.

As they passed a barnyard filled full of mules and pigs, a strong stench permeated the air. The husband suddenly sarcastically asked, after taking a deep whiff of the foul odor, "Relatives of yours?"

"Yes dear", she replied. "those are all my in-laws."

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The Last Wishes

Sometime after Sidney died, his widow, Tillie, was finally able to speak about what a thoughtful and wonderful man her late husband had been.

"Sidney thought of everything," she told them. "Just before he died, Sidney called me to his bedside. He handed me three envelopes. 'Tillie,' he told me, 'I have put all my last wishes in these three envelopes. After I am dead, please open them and do exactly as I have instructed. Then, I can rest in peace.'"

"What was in the envelopes?" her friends asked.

"The first envelope contained \$5,000 with a note, 'Please use this money to buy a nice casket.' So I bought a beautiful mahogany casket with such a comfortable lining that I know Sidney is resting very comfortably."

"The second envelope contained \$10,000 with a note, 'Please use this for a nice funeral.' I arranged Sidney a very dignified funeral and bought all his favorite foods for everyone attending."

"And the third envelope?" asked her friends.

"The third envelope contained \$25,000 with a note, 'Please use this to buy a nice stone.'"

Holding her hand in the air, Tillie said, "So, do you like my stone?" showing off her ten carat diamond ring.

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Eligibility

Benefits

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

The 1901 Caddy by Harry S. Morrison

This early example of motoring depicts my grandfather, Harry Peter Stern standing proudly beside his shiny new Cadillac in the year 1901.

Standing to his right in the car is my grandmother, Laura Ayres Stern. It is believed that the girl seated in the back was my mother, Odessa or "Dess". She was then about 15 years old. Her identity is uncertain, because my son Art, who restored this photo from the badly torn original, was unable to detect any facial features for the person seated in the back. At any rate, my mother learned motoring chores early, in that when the chain drive broke, she had to help pick up cotter pins that were scattered all over the road. Prior to that, she said she did not know what a cotter pin was.

On another occasion, their auto was struck by a street car, and had to be taken to a "carriage maker" for repairs. So much for the joys of motoring in the "good old days!" The photo is believed to have been taken near the city of McKeesport, PA where the family resided for many years.

New Member

We have new members since the last Newsletter.

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HFFA Family Obituary

I am sorry to report that Joy Torgeson, one of our newer members, who was a great asset for her research, has passed away. I didn't receive the obituary in time to include them in this Newsletter. She sent me, as well as others, a lot of very useful information. She was the one who got Jon Frye, Journal Editor, interested in Genealogy so we do have her to thank for all the good work he does on the Journal. She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her well.

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.

360 West 20th St
San Bernardino, CA 91405
May 3, 2001

Dear Lynn,

Please print my query.

(Dr?) Jacob Fry, son of Isaac, was born 17 January 1792 in Frederick County, VA. He married Mary Hight, daughter of Joseph Hite, in Shelby County, KY 2 April 1821. He left a will in Shelby County dated 20 March 1837, probated in the November term 1837. (Bk 12, page 211, Shelby County Wills) In this will he mentions his wife Katharine. His children were: Andrew Jackson Fry (A.J.), David, Elizabeth, John, Isaac, Jacob, Rebecca Smock, Hannah Harris, Katharine Brooks, Mary Ashley, Rachel Claygate (Claygale?), Rhoda Hares, & Nancy Stevens. Andrew Jackson Fry is to look after his mothers concerns and to be the administrator of the will. Can anyone tell me the surname of his 2nd wife, Katharine? Where were they married? Incidentally, the appraisement of the estate appears to be that of a farmer instead of a doctor.

Thank you

Blanche Tompkins

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The following was submitted by a new member, Kent Myers. The story I have heard about the Frey family is the "ich bin frei" story as told to me by my Grandmother Evelyn Irene Frey: Our ancestor was a Hessian who came to America during the revolutionary war. When he got to this country, "they" asked him what his name was. He responded by saying "ich bin frei" (I am free). From that time on he was known as Ike Frey.

This is similar to a story I found in a book sometime back (I will need to dig up the reference). It said that Heinrich Frey was a descendant of William Tell. When he shot the apple off his sons head he exclaimed "ich bin frei" and from that time on the family adopted the name Frey. The first one maybe, but I doubt the second one so would like that reference. If anyone else has heard this story let me or Kent know. His address is on the front page.

PICKLES® / by Brian Crane

I couldn't resist including this.

Recent Members Poll & By-Laws

I feel there is some explanation necessary about the recent poll where I sent E-mail and post cards to all members. There has been some of our member upset over it, and I just want to say that I made a simple offer that I thought would save HFFA a lot of money. I had no idea that it would stir up a hornets nest, and get so many people upset. There has been a lot of controversy as to whether it is legal or not.

I realize that a lot of you don't have a copy of the By-laws. If you did, you might have lost it, so I thought it was time that all members had a copy. The Executive Board approved the printing and mailing of a set of By-laws to all members so I am working on that now. I will get them mailed as soon as possible.

If you were to take the majority of the members preference it would certainly be to change the format to 8.5 X 11 inch so it can be read and stored easier.

- 6 to remain the same
- 33 with no preference (mostly saying whichever is cheaper)
- 57 to change it to the 8.5 X 11 inch format.

The Journal will not be changed until after the Fall of 2001 issue is out. After much discussion the Executive Board decided to keep the present format until the last issue this year. That will give time to all concerned to make a smooth (as possible) transition to the new format. If anyone, has any ideas that would make it happen easier please contact Jon or me. Also, if anyone can help Jon with his computer problems that would also be very beneficial. It would help if you lived close to him in OH.

Harry Morrison is working on revisions to the By-Laws now so if anyone would like to work with Harry please get in touch with him.

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Please contact Wilbur Frye for anything pertaining
to the 2002 Reunion in California

Links Book Corrections

If anyone who has purchased a Links Book, or got one from the PA Reunion has found any errors, I would appreciate it they would send them to me. I am planning on making the corrections, and then we will have them available to anyone who wants a copy. We also plan to add new members lines and offer them as something like a yearly supplement. That way you can keep your Links Book up to date.

Common Ancestor	Child	Grand child	Gr. Grand child	2x Gr. Grand child	3x Gr. Grand child	4x Gr. Grand child	5x Gr. Grand child	6x Gr. Grand child
Child	Sibling	Niece / Nephew	Grand Niece / Nephew	Gr. Grand Niece / Nephew	2x Gr. Grand Niece / Nephew	3x Gr. Grand Niece / Nephew	4x Grand Niece / Nephew	5x Gr. Grand Niece / Nephew
Grand child	Niece / Nephew	First Cousin	First Cousin 1x Rem.	First Cousin 2x Rem.	First Cousin 3x Rem.	First Cousin 4x Rem.	First Cousin 5x Rem.	First Cousin 6x Rem.
Gr. Grand child	Grand Niece / Nephew	First Cousin 1x Rem.	Second Cousin	Second Cousin 1x Rem.	Second Cousin 2x Rem.	Second Cousin 3x Rem.	Second Cousin 4x Rem.	Second Cousin 5x Rem.
2x Gr. Grand child	Gr. Grand Niece / Nephew	First Cousin 2x Rem.	Second Cousin 1x Rem.	Third Cousin	Third Cousin 1x Rem.	Third Cousin 2x Rem.	Third Cousin 3x Rem.	Third Cousin 4x Rem.
3x Gr. Grand child	2x Gr. Grand Niece / Nephew	First Cousin 3x Rem.	Second Cousin 2x Rem.	Third Cousin 1x Rem.	Fourth Cousin	Fourth Cousin 1x Rem.	Fourth Cousin 2x Rem.	Fourth Cousin 3x Rem.
4x Gr. Grand child	3x Gr. Grand Niece / Nephew	First Cousin 4x Rem.	Second Cousin 3x Rem.	Third Cousin 2x Rem.	Fourth Cousin 1x Rem.	Fifth Cousin	Fifth Cousin 1x Rem.	Fifth Cousin 2x Rem.
5x Gr. Grand child	4x Gr. Grand Niece / Nephew	First Cousin 5x Rem.	Second Cousin 4x Rem.	Third Cousin 3x Rem.	Fourth Cousin 2x Rem.	Fifth Cousin 1x Rem.	Sixth Cousin	Sixth Cousin 1x Rem.
6x Gr. Grand child	5x Gr. Grand Niece / Nephew	First Cousin 6x Rem.	Second Cousin 5x Rem.	Third Cousin 4x Rem.	Fourth Cousin 3x Rem.	Fifth Cousin 2x Rem.	Sixth Cousin 1x Rem.	Seventh Cousin

Abbreviations:

Gr. = "Great" Rem. = "Removed"

Relationship Chart

I thought that a lot of you might be interested in this Relationship Chart that Tommy Wiggins found. It is very useful to have around and use. With as many cousins as we have now it may come in handy to a lot of you.

Editor's Comments

I am sorry that this is the first Newsletter I have done with news of disturbing content. We had 96 votes so that is good.

I had no idea that by offering to print the journal and save HFFA money that it would cause a big disturbance. I had no intention of causing problems, and neither did any of the Executive Board when I discussed it with them. It was a unanimous decision of the Officers.

There were letters and E-mail messages to some of us with very derogatory and destructive comments and accusations. The statements made in them were incorrect and without knowledge of what had transpired. I am sorry if anyone is offended by this, any E-mail, or anything else in the Newsletter.

I did the Poll at Jon Frye's suggestion because he said that we should know what the members wanted before making any changes. I agreed and sent the Poll to all of you. I was then told that I had no authority to send the poll, which, in fact, is wrong according to the By-laws. The Executive Board has now ask me to prepare and mail a set of the By-laws to all members which I am doing. We also have a committee that is working on writing revisions to the By-laws that will be presented at the 2002 Reunion meeting in CA. These will be mailed to all members in accordance with the By-laws before the meeting.

It was, however, stated that we have now had our first major crisis, and survived it so it should make HFFA a stronger organization. I am just sorry that I was the one who caused the crisis in the first place over the printing of the journal.

All of the opinions in this are strictly mine, and not the members of the Executive Board. I just felt that the membership needed to know that this had been going on. Especially for the members who come to the reunion and meeting and vote on issues. This next reunion will be an important one to attend because of voting on the By-law changes. I hope a lot of you will be able to attend.

Lynn

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