



# HFFA NEWS

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**2002 Dues are now past due if you haven't paid them you  
will not receive Newsletters & Journals after this one.**

## Hank Adams Update

For those of you who don't know Hank Adams has been diagnosed by chest X-ray and other test with hispiocystoma, or nodules in each lung. This is not the same as Lung Cancer. Hispiocystoma is the type which he had removed from his hip 3 years ago. He is in good spirits, and his son Rich has made a web page for him. The address is:

[http://www.choctawcomputerservice.com/all\\_about\\_hank.htm](http://www.choctawcomputerservice.com/all_about_hank.htm)

His daughter Linda flew to Houston, TX to be with him at MD Anderson Hospital for a consultation on April 2nd the doctor there. His longtime friend, Jim Boswell, also went since he is an MD Anderson success story, and knows the ropes there.

The Thoracic surgeon, Dr. Roth indicated that he would do surgery but he would do it in 2 operations. First, exploration and removal of the smaller nodule in the left lung. He wants to check to see how extensive the cancer is. Just these 2 nodules that are showing up on x-ray or more. The second surgery would be more extensive. The first surgery is scheduled for 23 April so the next thing is surgery prep. 22 April.

Check the web site for updates, and I will try to keep you posted also.

Milton Fry has been in the hospital in February and again in March. He is doing much better now, and is slowly getting stronger. He had pneumonia and emphysema,

Harry Morrison, our Vice-President also had pneumonia so this must be a bad pneumonia season.

Beth Huguenot also has had medical problems, and her husband has had several strokes, going back to 1999. They will be moving closer to their daughter so she can help out. The new address as of June 1st will be:

5862 Silo St.,  
Hillsboro, OR 97124

## Easter Rabbit Origin

Sorry this is late for Easter, but thought you would all like to hear it since our American origin is what they are talking about.

What does a rabbit have to do with Easter?

The Easter bunny has its origin in pre-Christian fertility lore, the Hare and the Rabbit being obvious fertility symbols of the new life during the Spring season. The bunny as the Easter symbol we know today seems to have its origins in Germany in the 1500s.

The first edible Easter bunnies were made in Germany during the early 1800s. The Easter bunny was introduced to American folklore by the German settlers who arrived in the Pennsylvania Dutch country during the 1700s. The arrival of the "Oschter Haws" was considered "childhood's greatest pleasure" next to a visit from Christ-Kindel on Christmas Eve. The children believed that if they were good the "Oschter Haws" would lay a nest of colored eggs.

## Returned E-mail

As most of you with E-mail know I have been sending out reports on the health of several of our members. I am getting returned E-mail from the following and will remove their names from my list if I don't hear from them soon. They are:

Jim Bapple  
H. L. (Hank) Fry  
Milton, Fry  
Eldred Frye  
John D. Frye, Jr.  
William M. Frye  
Lucille Gray  
Ellen Martin  
Bobbie Streightoff

Thanks, Lynn

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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)

The following is a story sent to me by Mike Speers. It is a most interesting story. If anyone else has a similar story or one they would like to share, please send it to me. Lynn

#### IT'S A SMALL WORLD

This story starts about a year ago when my 1st cousin, Tom Speers, an HFFA member, sent me a roster from some old church records he came across. The church was in SW Pennsylvania where many Speers and Frye families lived. Awhile later, I mentioned this to a golfing friend who I knew was originally from SW PA. His name is John Fulmer, and we had been golfing together every Monday for at least 10 years. We both live in NE Ohio.

John does not have an interest in genealogy but wondered what names were on the church roster. I remembered that there were a number of Carsons on the roster and that interested him because his mother was a Carson. That would have been the end of the story except that John mentioned it to his 1st cousin, Rich Carson who still lives in SW PA.

Rich is interested in genealogy and was on an extended bus trip across America when he managed to contact me by e-mail. We exchanged messages as he traveled across the country, visiting Graceland, Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon, and other interesting places. We were both getting more and more interested in the chance that we were actually related. It sure seemed promising.

Finally he got home and sent me a printed copy of his family tree. There it was! Rich is a descendant of Noah Frye (1825 - 1884) and Lydia Hill. Noah is a great grandson of Benjamin Frey and a gr-gr grandson of Heinrich. More interesting to me though was the fact that Noah's grandfather was Samuel who married Christina Speers, a daughter of Henry Speers and Regina Froman. So Rich was not only a Frye, but also a Speers. In fact, he and I are fifth cousins on the Speers side. (That makes him as "close" as I am to Charles Burgess and Hank Adams, two of my most favorite HFFA cousins.)

Since Rich Carson and I are cousins, that means that my golf buddy, John Fulmer, is also a cousin. Wow, how about that! John and I have both been math teachers. We have both raised daughters who went to school and graduated with each other. We both lived in Perry, OH and were members of Perry United Methodist Church. Our main connection though is through golf. As I said before, we have been enjoying the sport for many years, golfing with our other friends every Monday, abusing the golf courses in all the counties in northeast Ohio. What a small world.

Rich Carson is now a member of HFFA and is enjoying his new genealogical family. It's a great association and we are glad that our paths and families have crossed.

So, Lynn, that's our story. Hope you find enough in the article to put into the newsletter. Perhaps others will be encouraged to write their stories as well.

Mike

## Inquiries



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.

There were no inquiries for this Newsletter so I am using the space for announcements from members. The following are two potential new members a few years from now.

Rachel Alaina Brode, born: 3/14/02 at 12:11am At Southern Chester County Medical Hosp. 7lbs 1 oz., 19 1/2 inches long. Parents: William E. Brode Jr. and Deborah Brode, Big Sister Samantha, Aunt Lenora Brode, Grandmother, Rebecca. Great Aunt and Uncle, Jim and Fannie Frey.

Ann Lumley has a new grand daughter. Shannon Eileen Eller was born March 14, 2002. She was 8 lbs, 8 oz and looks perfect. Of course, Grandma would think so. Ann is busy going back and forth.

### Reunion Alcatraz Information

From the Alcatraz ferry dock to the cell blocks is a steep climb. For folks needing assistance there is an open seating 'goat' train in both directions.

Wil says as he remembers there are benches to sit on at the dock and at the cell block next to where the train stops.

In loving memory of my brother,  
Harold R. (Boots) Frye,  
who died March 27, 2001  
Your sister,  
Gladys Frye Folmar

Carl Zeliadt passed away October 3, 2001. Our condolences go to his wife Iveta.

"It would take half the people in the United States between the ages of 18 and 45 to run the nation's telephone system if it were not computerized."

I found this interesting since my family owned the first telephone exchange in Irving, and it only took one person to operate the switchboard.

## Lighter Side

### SHOCKING NEWS

"I heard the 'six' steps of genealogy began with shock:

- 1) 'The sheep was WHAT color?' and
- 2) 'You found WHAT in the closet?' "

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Written by Herrick M. Drake dragonslair@relia.net

### THE FIVE STAGES OF GENEALOGY:

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|---------------|--|
| 1. Denial     | "I'm NOT related to you."                              |
| 2. Anger      | "I'm related to YOU?"                                  |
| 3. Bargaining | "Okay, I'm related to you . . . but only by marriage." |
| 4. Depression | "You mean I am related to you?"                        |
| 5. Acceptance | "I guess I am related to you."                         |

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Written by Jordan Auslander, of New York

Scribble, scribble  
by G. Smith

I thought I would pass on this anecdote from my own personal experience, and which also goes along with discussions of handwriting in old records: Upon receipt, I eagerly went through my aunt's orphanage records from Bristol, England, ca 1909. I stopped when I came to one particularly illegible item.

"This is absolutely the WORST handwriting I have ever seen!" I told my husband. It appeared to merely zigzag up and down with no discernable letters. Handing the page to him, I said, "See if you can make out anything from this."

After looking it over for a few minutes, Greg exclaimed, "No wonder you can't read it! It was written by a doctor! It's a medical exam." Then he added, "Take it to the pharmacist. I bet she can read it."

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**Please check the E-mail address list and let me know if you have a correction or an addition to it. Your input is the only way I have of maintaining the list.**

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## Member News

### Obituaries

The following Obituary was sent in by our Vice-President Harry Morrison on the death of his brother Paul. Although not mentioned in the article, Mr. Morrison was also an uncle of charter member James E. Morrison, Jr. of Seattle, WA.

Paul R. Morrison, 90, band leader

Paul R. Morrison of Woodbridge died of a stroke Sunday, February 24, 2002, at Anna berg Manor in Manassas. Mr. Morrison was a member and leader of the Kier/Morrison Band and played in Pittsburgh.

He was a U. S. Army veteran who served during World War II. He was retired from Quantico as a superintendent of civilian employment. He and his wife lived at Triangle from 1948 until 1999.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Amy Morrison, of Lake Ridge. two brothers, Howard Morrison of Sebastian, FL., and Harry Morrison of Abingdon, one sister, Ruth Powley of Smithton, PA. and one grandson.

Graveside services will be held at 11:30 A.M. Wednesday, February 27, 2002, at Quantico National Cemetery in Triangle with the Rev. Larry Craddock officiating.

E-mail condolences may be sent to [condolences@mountcastle.net](mailto:condolences@mountcastle.net).

HFFA member, Karen Robinson sent me the Obituary for her mother, Evelyn Ruth O'Dell. She was not a member, but was a Frey descendant. Karen says that she enjoyed the genealogy information she gave her about family.

Evelyn Ruth O'Dell, 87, died at 6:19 a.m. March 23, 2002, at Lima Memorial Hospital.

She was born Feb. 14, 1915, in Lima to Joseph H. and Daisy S Spahr Cline, who preceded her in death. On Dec. 24, 1938, in Bluffton, she married Charles H. O'Dell, who died in 1990.

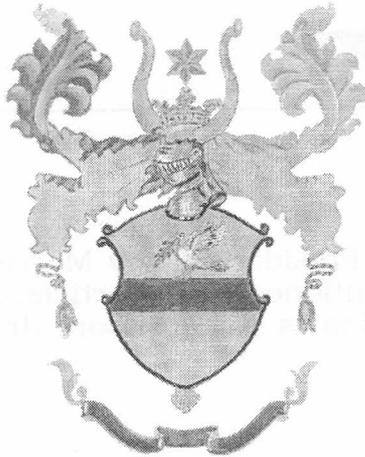
Mrs. O'Dell worked at Westinghouse during World War II and retired from Maxfields Pharmacy. She was a graduate of Lima Central high School and was a member of both Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 370 Auxiliary and Trinity Chapter 16 Order of the Eastern Star for more than 50 years.

Survivors include a son, Charles "Fred" O'Dell of Limo; two daughters, Karen (Charles) Robinson of Lima and Judy (Jack) Wheelbarger of Elida; and six grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Daniel Cline.

Services will begin at 2 p.m. today at Siferd Funeral Homes, Westwood Chapel. The Rev. Hap Itson will officiate. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Family of Faith United Methodist Church.



*Frye*

Coat of Arms by  
Margaret Hinton  
Frye

## Editor's Comments

This Newsletter is early because of the Reunion Information. We need anyone who is going to please get their reservations sent to Wil as soon as possible. The more of us that attend the better the Reunion will be. This is an important Reunion because a complete revision of the ByLaws is being presented for vote. You each have a copy of this to read over. Several of us have worked hard on this, and needless to say it has gone through several copies. If there are any typos it is my fault, and I apologize, but please let me know.

I have received photos of an Ewalt Cemetery in Bourbon County where John H. Ewalt is buried among others so if you are on this line let me know and I can be more specific on what I have.

We are also going to Lewis Co. MO to see the graves of Henry D. and Ketturah Stamps Ewalt which are in the middle of a corn/soy bean field. If anyone is interested in this line let me or Tommy know.

*Lynn*

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