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Hello Cousins, Kin, and Other Readers

It has been a busy summer for us and I trust it has been the same for you. Retirement can sure be tiring. I might have to go get a job just so that I can have a day off.

Since the last newsletter (May, 2014) we had a big computer problem. The screen on our MacPro notebook began to flash red. Then we couldn't get it to open. I went to the Apple store and even those who work at their "Genius Bar" couldn't open it and none had ever seen a screen flash red before.

So, this is now being done on our new computer. One of their Genius Bar members was able to transfer most of our information from the old computer (without getting it to open) into our new one. It took over 3 hours to make the transfer. We lost a lot of things, but saved a lot, too.

One thing that we lost was our address book. It's been taking hours to re-establish the contents of it. Included in it was the USPS mail list I use for those who receive the HFFA Newsletter via USPS. I think it has now been re-created. If someone does not get a newsletter by USPS I'll probably never know about it and they will eventually notice they aren't getting news from HFFA. All I can do is apologize now and hope to fix the error, if I find out about it.

I made a plea on the internet for some stories from HFFA members since one of the things I lost was my cache of contributions from you. The response was very nice and all the stories in this issue are new ones. Some of them are long and I'll have to see how to fit them in and/or save them and use them in future issues. To all those who sent

something to me, thank you very much. They have been enjoyable to read. Now, I'm anxious for the rest of you to see what was sent in.

But, let me assure you that we still need more stories. There must be some part of your ancestral line that we don't know much about. Even if we do, it will be interesting to see your version.

You might have noticed that an article in the latest HFFA Journal was written by **Gretchen Kroll** and myself. She does a great job doing research in the dusty basements of the courthouses. All I did was put her work into words for the journal. I liked the way so many other articles tied into our article. **Jon Frye** really does a super job with the journal. I know that is why many members keep joining. We know he will put together an interesting collection of stories that will add to our knowledge of American history as experienced by our ancestors.

It's time to end my portion of the newsletter and turn it over to our contributors. Thanks again for baling me out with your stories.

Sincerely,

Mike

From our President, Gene Frye:

Dear Family,

BREAKING NEWS!

With the assistance of **Beverly** and **Terry Raber** and **Joyce Rivera** (thank you!), our 2015 Extravaganza (otherwise known as the **HFFA 2015 National Reunion**) will be held

in **Morgantown, PA from Wednesday-Sunday, June 10-14, 2015.**

It will be at the Holiday Inn, 6170 Morgantown Road, Morgantown, PA 19543.

Phone [610 286 3000](tel:610-286-3000), toll free [800 339 0264](tel:800-339-0264). Philadelphia (PHL) or Allentown (ABE) are the closest airports.

Method of reservations:

Call: [800 339 0264](tel:800-339-0264) and mention group code HFFA.

Book online at www.holidayinn.com/morgantownpa and group code HFFA.

\$98 per room plus tax for two queen beds (up to four people)

Let me know if there is any issue in making your reservation. It should be ready to go by the end of August.

Lots of details later with a full itinerary of historical grave sites for one day and some local and cultural touring.

If you want to start looking around the local areas, check these sites:

<http://www.padutchcountry.com/activities/index.asp>

<http://www.visitphilly.com/>

<http://www.valleyforge.org/things-to-do/national-park/>

Enjoy the last days of Summer and a lovely Fall.

Looking very much forward to seeing all of you in June!

Gene Frye HFFA President

Kansas City, KS

From the editor: At the next Morgantown Reunion, the emphasis will be on the life and family of **Heinrich Frey**. Our HFFA Journals that emphasize Heinrich are Vol. 2, Issues 6 and 7.

Issue 6: *Special Heinrich Frye edition. Articles on Heinrich Frey, Francis Daniel Pastorius, and the Levering family. Also, the Belfry [1929] and Frye Fort [1935].*

Issue 7: *Early Frey generations. Articles primarily about Heinrich Frey and his sons Jacob and Benjamin.*

If anyone needs these issues, you can order them from me. The cost is \$5 each. HFFA pays postage for members. - **Mike**

RECORD KEEPING:

Births:

The first great-granddaughter for **Bev** and **Terry Rabar** was born 17 Jul 2014 in Camp Hill, PA. **Zoey Marie Rabar** was welcomed into her Frye family heritage as part of the 12th generation.

Heinrich > Benjamin > Henry > Benjamin > Henry > James > Raymond > Marjorie > Bev > William > Ashley > Zoey

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Ann Hunt of Merriam, KS

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Graduations:

Carolyn Joy Johnston just graduated from Benicia High School (in Benicia, California) and will be a music major at California State University at Long Beach (my alma mater) in the fall. She is the granddaughter of **Carolyn Fry Denham**, a HFFA member.

Sue Fry, also a HFFA member who attended the reunion with us in Kansas City last summer, has two granddaughters who just graduated. **Thalia Sofia Fry** graduated from the California Institute of Arts in Valencia, California. Her younger sister, **Anastasia Marie Fry**, just graduated from Amador High School in Sutter Creek,

California. This is the same high school that my husband, **Bob Fry**, and his sister, **Carolyn Fry Denham**, graduated from. Anastasia will be attending Mills College in Oakland, California.

Marilyn Fry
Costa Mesa, CA

Our youngest granddaughter, **Tiffany Michelle Toner**, graduated cum laude from Bridgewater College here in Virginia in May with a BS degree in Business Administration. She was very active in college winning several awards and we are so very proud of her. Heinrich Fry > Benjamin Fry > Henry Frye, Sr. > Isaac Lee Frye > Virginia Frye Barr > William T. Barr > Hugh C. Barr > Joyce Barr Balsley > Tammie Wimer Toner > **Tiffany Michelle Toner**

Joyce Barr Balsley
Stuarts Draft, VA

ACCEPTANCE & HONORS

After 3 years of searching and being assured by our historian, **Charles Burgess**, that **Colonel Benjamin Frey** was, indeed, a part of the American Revolution, I am delighted to be able to announce my acceptance into the DAR. Evidently, Col Ben was pulled from the DAR as an accepted patriot because further research was being conducted due to there being so many Benjamin Freys in the family tree. Once he was reestablished as a patriot, my task of seeking membership became much easier. **Col Benjamin Frey** was evidently an "overseer of roads". He was not in the military but was given the rank of "Colonel" so that he could enforce his duties as "overseer of roads". My lineage to this patriot of ours is through my mother, **Virginia Elizabeth Simmons Youngs**, through her mother, **Nanny Naomi Harrison Simmons**, and then thru **Ida Fry Harrison**, **Archibald Fry** and from there I latched onto DAR member **Esther Clare Christmor Wheeler** who proved lineage on thru **Eli J Fry**, **Joseph Fry**, and then **Col Benjamin Fry**. I hope this information may be of help to others seeking membership into the DAR.

Sherry Morgan
Dillsburg, PA

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering

2. Benjamin Frey / Christena
3. Joseph Fry / Ann Funk
4. Benjamin Fry (Col. Ben) / Mary Magdalena Secrist
5. Joseph Fry / Catherine Kackley
6. Eli James Fry / Sarah Leah Finley
7. Archibald Alexander Fry / Mary Micelles Nickol
8. Ida May Fry / Alonzo O. Harrison
9. Nanny Naomi Harrison / Henry Thomas Simmons
10. Virginia Elizabeth Simmons / Carl Youngs
11. **Sharon Elizabeth Youngs** / Arthur Grant Morgan

From the editor: Congratulations to Sherry for her acceptance into DAR. We know there are many of you in DAR, SAR, Colonials, and other family-historical societies. It would be interesting if we could have some articles like Sherry wrote to help others. - **Mike**

PRESIDENTIAL FAMILIES OF AMERICA

Presidential Families of America is a lineage society comprised of members who share direct or collateral kinship with one or more Presidents of the United States.

PFA members are united in celebration of the accomplishments of all American Presidents, regardless of political party. We cherish the special heritage which has come to us through our Presidents.

John Edward Lauman of Birch Bay, WA has been accepted into **Presidential Families of America**. His lineage extends from **President Theodore Roosevelt**.

John Lauman has provided us with his lineage to **President Roosevelt** but none of it appears to intersect with his HFFA lineage. He has also provided lineage that shows he is 42 generations descended from **Charlemagne Holy Roman Emperor (742 - 814)**. Along this line of descent are Kings and Queens of England including **Henry II (1132 - 1189)** and **John I (1166 - 1216)** of England.

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering

2. Jacob Frey / Margaret Ease (Frey)
3. Jacob S. Frey / Margaret Springer
4. Mary Margaret Fry / Frederick Bergstresser
5. Annie Bergstresser / Jacob Kreamer
6. Emaline B. Kreamer / Enos Schmoyer Schwenck
7. John Kreamer Schwenck / Mary Lukens Zimmerman
8. Harold Zimmerman Schwenck / Viola Bertha Lick
9. John Harold 'Schwenk' Lauman / Janet LaRue Kulp (He legally changed his name from John Harold Schwenk to John Harold Lauman on 21 Oct 1953 in the Orphan's Court of Montgomery Co., Pennsylvania.)
10. **John Edward Lauman** / Ruth Arlene Lawless

Two Frey Families in One by Virginia Kavage

A genealogy friend who has helped me with my Ke/Ka/Cackley and Frye ancestors in the Back Creek Valley of Frederick and Shenandoah counties in Virginia asked me to search my resources for a name he had been unable to find. I went through the index of Elizabeth Qualls book Jacob's House on the Ke/Ka/Cackley families to no avail. Then I began going carefully through the HFFA Links 2007 running my eye and finger down each page. Suddenly in Section 1 on page 114 the name David Peter caught my eye and on page 115 were my husband's great grandparents- Sarah L. **Eggenberg** and **William McConnell**.

My husband's three great-grandfather **David Peter**, a Moravian by faith, became the first storekeeper of Gnadenhutten, OH in 1799 when the town was reestablished after the massacre of more than 90 Christian Indians in 1782. (This is not to be confused with Gnadenhutten, PA, a Moravian mission settlement where native allies of the French killed 11 missionaries and Christian Indians in 1755.)

After his first wife, **Dorcas Chitty**, died **David Peter** took his two daughters to Bethlehem, PA and enrolled them in school. While he was there, on Oct. 18, 1807, he married **Susanna Leinbach**, daughter of **Christian Renatus Leinbach** (listed as **Henry Christian Leinbach** in the Links book but Christian Renatus in Moravian

marriage records) and **Anna Rosina Paus**. David and Susanna returned to Gnadenhutten, OH where they would live out their lives. They, as well as Anna Rosina Paus Leinbach, are buried there.

Christian Renatus (Henry Christian) Leinbach was one of 17 children of **Johann Frederick Leinbach** and **Amelia Elizabeth Frey**, daughter of **Heinrich Frey** and **Anna Levering**.

Anna Rosina Paus was the daughter of **Christopher Paus** and **Magdalena Frey**, daughter of **Veronica Markley** and **William Frey**, son of **Anna Catherine Levering** and **Heinrick Frey** and brother of **Amelia Elizabeth**. (All taken from the Links Book.)

Using Google and the Find-A-Grave website I found several members of the **Frey**, **Leinbach** and **Paus** families in Graceham, Frederick Co., MD. In fact, the History of Graceham, MD by Rev. A. L. Oerter says "On April 30 (1782) Christian Leinbach married the single sister Rosina Paus, and on June 8 his house was raised, the first one in the village." (Italics not mine.)

Christian Leinbach, his parents and his in-laws **Christopher** and **Magdalena Frey Paus** all are buried in the Graceham Moravian Church Cemetery. So are numerous other Leinbachs. When their son John died in 1791 Christopher and Magdalena **Frey Paus** requested he be buried in the cemetery. At that time a special place was set apart in the Graceham Cemetery for those who were not members of the congregation.

The folks at the Graceham Moravian Church could not have been more helpful to us in finding the graves. We called a few days in advance and when we arrived they had located the stones, cleaned them off and marked them with flags. Someone was there to help us, answer questions and provide historical references.

As for me, **Virginia Gibbs Weber Kavage**, I am a descendent of **Amelia's** brother **Benjamin Frey**. (Links 2007, Section 2, pg. 63).

Virginia Kavage
Sunbury, OH

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey / Christena
3. Joseph Fry / Ann Funk
4. Mary Fry / Valentine Cackley, Sr.
5. Valentine Cackley, Jr. / Caroline Yancy Moore
6. William Henry Cackley / Indiana Miami Jackson
7. Mary Helen Cackley / John Frederick Weber
8. John Frederick Weber, Jr. / Lucy Hope Gibbs
9. **Virginia Gibbs Weber / William Theodore Kavage**

AND THEN:

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Amelia Elizabeth Frey / Frederick Leinbach
3. Henry Christian Leinbach (Christian Renatus Leinbach) / Anna Rosina Paus
4. Susannah Leinbach / David Peter
5. Louisa Peter / John Eggenberg
6. Sarah L. Eggenbert / William A. McConnell
7. Horace C. McConnell / Sarah Emma Gutensohn
8. Sarah L. McConnell / Nick Kavage
9. **William Theodore Kavage / Virginia Gibbs Weber**

Note from the editor: I think this makes Bill and Jennie 7th cousins. More importantly, they have been spouses for 48 years. - **Mike**

**In Memoriam:
Irma Mae Frye**

1935 - 2014

Irma Mae Frye, 78, died Thursday, June 26, 2014, at Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, MO.

She was born Nov. 14, 1935, in Arriba, Colorado, to **Herman Henry** and **Maggie Mae McCallum Brunke**. She married **John Grant Frye, Jr.** on Jan. 9, 1954, and celebrated 60 years of marriage. He preceded her in death Jan. 19, 2014.

Irma was a devoted wife and mother. She was a lifetime member of Eisleben Lutheran Church in Scott City and an active member of Sunny Hill Garden Club and SEMO Radio Club. Irma was a rural carrier with the U.S. Postal Service. She was formerly an active Girl Scout council troop leader.

Survivors include a son, **Mike Frye** of Scott City; three daughters, **Patty Frye** (Tom) **Schwitz** of Chaffee, Missouri, **Donna Frye** (Mike) **Essner** of Scott City and **Debbie Frye** (Carl) **Kolkmeier** of St. Charles, Missouri; a daughter-in-law, **Donna Frye** of Cape Girardeau; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, **John G. Frye III**; a brother and two sisters.

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey / Christena
3. Benjamin Frey / Catherine
4. Benjamin Fry / Ruth Courtright
5. Isaac Fry / Gertrude Bentham
6. John Bentham Fry / Rebecca Tuttle
7. Isaac Minor Frye / Laura May Wilson
8. John Grant Frye / Emma E. Brucher
9. John Grant Frye Jr. / **Irma Mae Brunke**

Curtis Fry, Union Army

Wounded at Gettysburg

by Sharon Czabafy

I am trying to learn more about the Fry side of my family. Hopefully, someone in HFFA can help.

My parents divorced. over 50 years ago. Dad moved away from the family and from then on I had very little contact with anyone



from the "Fry side." In my "senior years" I have been attempting to reconnect and put pieces of the Fry puzzle together. A cousin shared some photos with me. I would love to hear from someone who can help.

Here is what little I know. Curtis was in the Union Army, fought and was wounded in the Battle of Gettysburg. Supposedly died and the leg wound had not healed. My grandmother (Curtis was her grandfather) said he did not die from the wound but it never healed.



Family of Harry Fry (son of Curtis Fry):

Alberta, Gladys, Harry, Mary, Spencer, Gwen, Kathryn

Curtis had a son Harry who married Mary and they had the children shown in the picture above. Katherine, the girl on the far right, had died by the 2nd photo. (See below.) She was a nurse working in a TB sanitarium, contracted TB and died from it.

To my knowledge they lived in Terre Hill, PA most of the lives. Gladys, my grandmother and Gwenn did live in Ephrata, a town about 6 or so miles from Terre Hill.



Later picture of Harry Fry and family, after the death of Kathryn:

Gwen, Gladys, Mary, Harry, Alberta, Spencer

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Henry Frey / Christina Tunnis
3. Hans Martin Frey / Elizabeth Fry
4. Henry Fry / Catherine Snader

5. George Fry / Catherine Snyder
6. Curtis S. Fry / Maria G. Eberly
7. Harry Walter Fry / Mary Ann Shupp
8. Gladys Fry / Isaac Senseing
9. Luther I. Senseing / Yvonne Strohn

10. Sharon Yvonne Senseing Czafaby

Sharon Czafaby

Akron, PA

From the editor: In the past we have had problems with descendant lines when they come from **Hans Martin Frey**. In an email from HFFA Historian **Charles Burgess**, 4 Jun 2011, he says the following: *“Hans Martin Fry, is not a son of Heinrich's son, Henry. This was a false conclusion put out by a Col. Arthur Frye, now deceased, of Leesburg, VA. That family came to America in 1740 and had a farm in Lancaster County, PA for over 200 years. I knew personally several members of that family.”*

We need to know more about **Henry Frey** and **Hans Martin Frey**. - **Mike**

Another Frey Travel Tale

by **Dennis J. Frey**

Nearly every year my wife, **Melody Bascom Frey**, and I take a river cruise or ocean cruise with our family. We actually prefer river cruises because of the smaller size and ease of walking from the boat right onto shore. Now that we are both retired we have increased our travels sometimes going to Europe three times a year along with domestic travel.

Twenty years ago my wife and I did a Rhine River cruise on the Rhine and loved it. We convinced other family member to take the same Rhine River cruise June 2014. A total of eight of us did a pre trip in Zurich, Switzerland prior to getting on the boat. The train station is next to the airport in Zurich so it made reaching destinations easy, plus “locals” are very helpful.

When in Zurich and Switzerland in general, I found more references to Frey than all my travels in Germany. We visited the Frey Bank in Zurich. In Lucerne I took a photo of a car license bracket with reference to Frey Autos. But the one that excited me the most was the Frey Chocolate Company just north of Zurich. It is the “number one” chocolate company in Switzerland. It is also a popular destination for a family outing. I was unable to travel there but because the candy is readily sold in establishments I brought some home. My wife also commented that everyone pronounced our name correctly. I always found that to be the case when traveling in Europe. (They say Fry, not Fray.)

We have a passion for travel. We usually have a unique experience on each trip that is memorable. I will give a few examples. When we first married we traveled to NYC to visit my wife’s sister who was interning with the Muppets. Jim Henson was there and I got to try on some character costumes.

My wife was able to receive a grant to travel around Australia free: as long as we had a puppet on her hand and talked to people and document it. I have included a photo of us and the puppet with Aborigines.



One time on a Windjammer sailing ship our captain took on some extra crew to help with the chores. Unfortunately they were disruptive and bothering the girls on the ship. We watched the captain and his mates break out weapons and order the bad crew off the boat into small row boats in the middle of the ocean. Order was restored and we had a wonderful time.

There was a time while traveling with the Columbus Zoo in Kenya I had an experience with a monkey. While in the jungles a monkey sneaked into our room and got into my wife's purchases and started to steal her camera. We got into a "tug of war" with it. I finally had to act like a mad man and that scared the monkey off.

When in China I was secretly invited to a police station to show photos of my police department and do a question and answer. Since it was not sanctioned by the government they were scarred of punishment. Essentially I was the first western cop to mix it up with cops of China.

One time in Bergin, Norway I had intestinal problems the prior night so I took anti diarrhea medicine. I went ashore to shop with family. Uh Oh I had a problem again. I asked the shop owner for the nearest Water Closet (toilet). He said go to the corner and down the alley and you will find one. NO I DID NOT! I did find a lady seated on a concrete wall smoking. I ask for the water closets. She advised there were none. She asked if I was an American. I replied yes. She advised me to come with her. She gave me the keys to her private place. She said when done just bring the keys to her business and then she left me alone. I did.

Always a unique experience. My wife and I would like for students to have positive oversea travel experience so we set up thru the Licking County Foundation a travel grant. The **Dennis and Melody Bascom Frey Student Travel Grant** pays for a student or group of students that want to travel abroad.

Dennis J. Frey

Granville, OH

2. John Frey / Mary Ann Keisler
3. Samuel Frey, Sr. / Dianna Wells
4. Samuel Frey, Jr. / Rachel Jones
5. David Frey / Mary Varner
6. Samuel Frey, III / Mary Elizabeth Van Winkle
7. Allen Frey / Sarah Elizabeth Harrah
8. Chester Allen Frey / Goldie Long
9. **Dennis J. Frey** / Melody Sue Bascom

My Family Links

by Courtney Morehen

I am related to the Fry/Frey family through my mother – Shirley Patrick Graves. She is related to the Fry/Frey side through her father's (Elwyn R. Patrick) line.

I have joined the **Daughters of the American Revolution** with **Henry Frye** and the **National Huguenot Society** with **Heinrich Frey**.

While I was doing my research I hired a Private Investigator to go the Fry Family Cemetery in Intermont, W. Virginia and diagram it so I could confirm that **Benjamin Moore** and **Sarah Fry** were buried near each other.

I have attached my favorite photo of my mother. It was taken in 1960 at the now inactive Hamilton Air Force Base in Novato (Marin County), California. She was modeling for a charity to raise money for the **Marin County Humane Society**. The Airman behind her were not posing. My mother was posing for the photographer and the Airmen, who were working in the area happened to be walking by and stopped to watch and that is the photo that was chosen for the newspaper.



I grew up in Marin County, California. My mother was born in Joliet, Illinois in 1932 and moved to Marin County with her parents in 1946.

Courtney Morehen
Novato, CA

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey / Christena
3. Henry Frye / Fanny Littler
4. Sarah Frye / Benjamin Moore
5. Nancy Moore / Eli Bishop
6. Rebecca Bishop / Thomas Hampton Hall
7. Margaret Alice Hall / Abram Hayes Patrick
8. Elwyn Rudolph Patrick / Stella Irene Benson
9. Shirley Rae Patrick / Jefferson James Graves
10. **Courtney Graves** / Robert J. **Morehen**

A Reading Recommendation by Robert Speers

My father, **Ray F. Speers**, was born (1898) and raised in the Monongahela River Valley, near the crossing of the National Road in Speers, Pennsylvania. His family settled early in the area. After college, he returned to the Mon Valley, but the economy in the Valley turned sour. He moved to Cleveland, Ohio for law school, then settled in Sandusky, Ohio to marry and raise a family. My mother was **Mary Cora Bender** whose roots were German and Irish.

He appreciated his roots and accumulated a library that I still use to learn about the **Speers/Frye/etc.** heritage. This note is to encourage others to read the classic historical novel "**The Tree of Liberty**" written by **Elizabeth Page**. The setting is from 1754-1806 from early Tidewater Virginia, to the pioneer days of the eastern slopes of the mountains, then over the mountains to the rivers Youghiogheny, Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio rivers.

Copies of the book are available from libraries and internet book sellers. Note that the book is small print and 973 pages long. An extensive bibliography is included.

The theme of the book is the struggles of our ancestors, from pre-Revolutionary War times to the time of the **Lewis and**

Clark Expedition; the time when our ancestors moved from plantations and share-cropper farming in Tidewater Virginia, to pioneer farming in the Shenandoah Valley, and finally over the mountains to the great farmland along the Youghiogheny, Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio rivers.

Direct reference to a Fry is made on page 8, "Colonel Fry being granted land via the Ohio Company" for his service during the Revolutionary War.

In the Acknowledgements, the author states that the times and topics of the book were chosen as most similar to the time when the book was written (1934-39) when many families struggled through the Great Depression, when major changes were made in Washington, and when WWII was beginning in Europe. Striking also are similarities with our current challenging times of world-wide economic and cultural expansion, military conflicts in the Mid-East, and great challenges at all government levels.

I'd rate the book as one of the best historical novels in existence and essential for all Fry and Speers to read. But be prepared to spend an appropriate effort in reading this great historical novel since it is lengthy (973 pages), the pages thin, and the print is not large. The bibliography is also substantial and could provide many hours of future learning about the times of founding of our country.

Robert Speers
Huron, OH

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey / Christena
3. Henry Frye / Fanny Littler
4. Rebeckah Frye / Henry Speers
5. Apollos Speers / Elizabeth Cooper
6. Noah Speers / Sarah Amanda Ward
7. Van Lawrence Speers / Margaret Torrance McClain
8. Ray Finley Speers / Mary Cora Bender
9. **Robert R. Speers** / Martha Jane Evans

Editor's Note: Upon Bob's recommendation, I requested this book from my local Chardon Public Library. The book was sent from the Toledo Public Library about 180 miles away. It is a "slow read" as

Bob says, but an excellent book. You'll learn a lot about American life.

The main family of interest in the book is fictitious, but the historical events they live through are ones we remember from our American history classes. Seeing the struggles between the Federalist and the Democratic-Republican parties through situations caused by The Whiskey Rebellion or the Alien and Sedition Act, for example, really make this era of American history more interesting and understandable. You are urged to read **The Tree of Liberty** by **Elizabeth Page**. - Mike

Cemeteries and Monuments
by Rich Carson

I have been typing data for the **California Area Historical Society** for more than twenty five years. My first job was using a spreadsheet for the names and dates of death for the many obituaries they have on file at the society. After the typing was complete the file would be alphabetized and printed so the obituaries could be located quickly.

About 5 years ago we started our next project. It consisted of taking a tombstone inscription census of the cemeteries in our area. We took pictures of each tombstone located in the cemetery. I then listed all the information that was on the stone including location, name, dates, and any inscriptions. The names were then printed alphabetically. Also each stone is located by section, rows, and numbers and a map was made for easy locating.

So far the following cemeteries near California, PA are completed and CDs are available: Highland Cemetery 2012 entries, Holy Trinity Cemetery 100 entries, Howe Cemetery 4318 entries, Mt Calvary Cemetery 3143 entries, Phillipsburg Cemetery 1191 entries, St Marys Cemetery 1300 entries.

Last year the society started working on the Monongahela Cemetery. Another volunteer took over 32,000 digital pictures and I am now in the process of typing all the data. After one year of typing about 20,000 stones are completed.

Several years ago another project was started. A picture was taken of each memorial honor roll in the 41 towns located along the Monongahela River in western Washington County PA. All 18,094 names of the men and women who served in the armed forces of the United States were typed into a spreadsheet so they could easily be alphabetized. Later, 11 more towns from the east side of the Monongahela River were added by other volunteers bringing a total of 26,261 names.

Cemetery CDs and the Honor Roll CD are available at the California Area Historical Society located in the Gallagher House, 429 Wood St., California, PA 15419. Call [\(724\) 938-3250](tel:724-938-3250) for more information.

P. Richard Carson
Confluence, PA

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey / Christena
3. Samuel Frye, Sr. / Christena Speers
4. Abraham Fry / Isabella Ringland
5. Noah Fry / Lydia Hill
6. Lorinda Fry / Isaac Carson
7. Carl Bernard Carson / Iona Belle Riggs
8. Paul Riggs Carson / Dorothy Jane Seighman
9. **Paul Richard Carson**

HFFA TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance, May 2014 \$7202.10

Checks Received \$156.00

Money Spent \$1334.29

BALANCE IN AUG. \$6023.81

Additions to our treasury came from dues and the sale of back issues of the HFFA Journal.

Expenses came from the following: May Newsletter (\$85.24), HFFA Journal (\$1237.85) and USPS.

Respectively Submitted by

Mike Speers, Treasurer HFFA

Dear Cousins, Kin, and Other Readers;

As you have discovered, my plea for some new stories was very fruitful. We thank **Rich Carson, Sharon Czabafy, Dennis J. Frey, Marilyn Fry, Dan Frye, Janet Goforth, Jennie Kavage, Jack Lauman, Courtney Morehen, Sherry Morgan, Bev Raber, and Bob Speers,** for their news and articles.

I still have more submissions by **Norm Schulze** and **Bob Speers** for future issues. Thank you to all who have helped me out of the problem caused by my computer crash.

Now we need some more things from anybody and everybody. - **Mike**

Wigard Levering, the Father of Anna Catherine Levering

Wigard Levering was the pioneer of his family. The family Bible is still in existence, and is in the possession of his descendants. He was buried on his farm which was called Roxborough, and included all of the present city of that name, in Pennsylvania, and all the land where the Wissihickon Drive in Fairmont Park now runs. This land was never given to the city of Philadelphia, but they got permission from the family to run a beautiful driveway through it. The plot where Wigard is buried was finally purchased by the Baptist church, and is now called the Leverington Cemetery. This Cemetery is in Philadelphia today, and is fenced in and marked with stones.

From the Levering Family Bible: "I, Wigard Levering, was born in Germany, in the Principality of Westphalia, in the District of Munster, and town of Gemen. My father's name was Rosier Levering, and my mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Van de Walle, who was born in Wesel. In the twenty-third year of my age, I, Wigard Levering, was married to my beloved wife, Magdalena Boker. Her father's name was William Boker, and her mother's name was Sidonia Williams Braviers, of the city of Leyden, in Holland."

Unknown Contributor

Then Who Am I?

"Last year I asked her to marry and she gave me a decided negative answer, so to get even, I married her mother. Then my father married the girl. When I married the girl's mother, the girl became my daughter, and then my father married my daughter, so he became my son. When my father married my daughter, she became my mother. If my father is my son and my daughter is my mother, then who am I? My mother's mother is my wife, and must be my grandmother, and being my grandmother's husband, I must be my own grandfather. And there you are."

Sent in by **Janet Goforth**
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Mark Your Calendar

June 10 - 14: HFFA Reunion in Morgantown, PA

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And now a parting word from Dan Frye:

Whenever teachers sat us in alphabetical order, April French sat in front of me. So, when the roll was called, it sounded like this - French, Frye.

Readers might remember the story told by Dan's sister, Helen. If someone needed help they were told to take it to Helen Frye.

That family sure has it's stories!

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