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Hello Cousins, Kin, and Other Readers

Merry Christmas and **Happy New Year** to everyone. This issue should be arriving a few days after Thanksgiving and about three months before the next issue. We are now in the Christmas Season, minus those false Labor Day and Halloween starts.

Are you stuck with some Christmas shopping nightmares? Reward your family with HFFA membership, journals, and Links Book CD's. You'll be known for your unique gift giving style and foresight.

When I finished the August Newsletter, my cache of articles was almost empty. Thanks to the generosity of so many of you, we have enough news and information to fill this issue and still have more waiting for future issues. If you sent me something and can't find it in this issue, please know that I still have it and will publish it in the future. Thank you for everything that has been sent.

In this issue, we have four new cousins to meet: **Pat McKee** of Charleston, SC, **Ken Frye** of Martinsburg, WV, **Chance Wimberly** of Colbert, OK, and **Peggy Stephens** of Omaha, NE. Welcome to HFFA, the best organization made up of your cousins from coast to coast and around the world.

By now, everyone should be familiar with our private **Facebook** page. It has hundreds of pictures and conversations in it. To get involved, contact **Gretchen Harvey** or **Marti Frye** (contact info on page 12) and they will get you connected.

I've been having many email and phone conversations with a lot of our members. It's great to be in touch like this. Thank you for allowing me into your lives as we learn more about our family history.

Richard Bell has been working on getting a bronze marker at the **Frye Fort Cemetery**. Congratulations to him for taking the lead in this endeavor. By the time we send this message out to you, he will have sent the plans for the plaque to the plaque-maker. There should be a list of 1) the marked graves, 2) the unmarked graves, and 3) those who probably are buried there. Along with the plaque, the four corners of the cemetery will be marked with posts.

Over the years, especially since the 2011 Winchester Reunion, many people have asked if they can contribute money for the **Frye Fort Cemetery project**. Now, we can definitely say **Yes, You Can**. We are accepting donations for this project. Please send however much you want to contribute to Mike Speers, Treasurer HFFA. Make your **checks payable to HFFA**. As the Treasurer of HFFA, I will keep a separate

ledger for these donations and report to you in an appropriate time. If you want anonymity, please let me know.

It's also time to start thinking about renewing your **HFFA membership**. I only make this plea twice a year, in November and again in February. Our dues are from January 1 to December 31, so now is the time to renew. If you want to include a donation to the Frye Fort Cemetery project you can make out one check for both your renewal and the project. **Make your check out to HFFA**. Send it to **Membership Chairman Marti Frye**. Make sure you indicate the portion of the check for dues and for the Cemetery Project. You can also purchase the latest **Links Book CD** of HFFA family links from her at a cost of \$15. Marti and I will be able to sort all three things out and keep the records straight.

The two of us are always checking with each other to make sure our membership information is up to date and accurate. It's great to work with her. She does a remarkable job with all the HFFA things that are asked of her; CD's, membership, historian, Facebook, etc. There is no end to her devotion to HFFA.

Some of our members have paid in advance for 2016 and beyond. Please look for this list later in the newsletter (see p. 10.) (BONUS: If your name is on this list you can ignore my nagging about renewing.)

Mike Speers
Newsletter Editor and Treasurer, HFFA

Audit Results, 2013 - 2015:

Published at the request of President Gene Frye.

Dear Gene,

I have completed auditing the activity in the HFFA's financial account for the past two years. For the third successive time, I have found our books as maintained by treasurer Mike Speers to be in great shape.

Mike maintains the association's financial records with accuracy and transparency. He keeps receipts and annotates the checks and check registers to clearly track the handling of the association's funds. Receipts were also submitted by Jon Frye,

Marti Frye, and Luisa Georgov to cover projects overseen by each of them.

There was no doubt about the legitimacy and propriety of the disbursements. All four of these members did a great job of record keeping that made my job easier. I will share this information with Mike, along with my work papers, so he can include it with his historical financial records.

Please share these results with the board and whomever you feel appropriate.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 512-243-0668 or ronnie.ellis@utexas.edu

Yours,
Ronnie Ellis

A note from the president: Thank you Ronnie for this audit. Thank you Mike, Jon, Marti, and Luisa for keeping our financial records in good working order. I have asked Mike to share these audit results with the entire membership through this article in the Newsletter.

Gene Frye
Kansas City, KS

Treasure's Report

Checkbook Amount at end of Audit . . . \$6600.59

Income:

Membership \$150.00
Back Issue of Journals . . \$214.00
Links Book CD's \$ 15.00
Cemetery Donations \$150.00

Expenses:

Aug. Newsletter
Staples \$60.85
USPS \$28.40
Copying Expenses for Charles Burgess Files
Jon Frye \$59.60
Bev Raber \$10.00
Audit Expenses, USPS . . \$15.50
Back Issues of Journal
USPS \$28.04
Office Supplies \$12.80
Total Expenses \$215.19

Current Amount in Checkbook \$6914.40

This report respectfully submitted by Mike Speers, Treasurer, HFFA

A Word from our President

Dear Family,

It has been only a few months since our 2015 reunion but I am already missing you folks. I hope that all of you are doing all right with a minimum of aches and pains.

We express our sympathy to the immediate family of **Phillip Frye**, who served on our Board of Directors. Phillip passed away a few weeks ago, after several health setbacks.

At our 2013 Kansas City reunion, we remember singing Happy Birthday to him over his cake at a cozy and friendly little restaurant in Platte City, Missouri. The restaurant was closed to the public so they could serve our reunion folks exclusively.

Since the reunion, I would like to report the progress of some things of interest to you.

Dick Bell has been working diligently on securing and preparing to install a marker for the Frye Fort Cemetery in Virginia. Anyone wishing to donate specifically to this project, **we welcome your donation**. Dick is donating his time and work for this project but will need assistance with the physical part, the installation. If any members live near the area and would like to help, please contact Dick at [717 597 3939](tel:7175973939) for the timeline of installation. Donations should be sent to our treasurer, **Mike Speers, payable to HFFA, at 10470 Penniman Drive, Chardon, OH 44024**.

About our meeting regarding the following, **Norm Schulze** is looking into placing a monument at **Heinrich Frey's** graveside, which we visited at our 2015 reunion in Pennsylvania. Norm has looked at tombstones for pricing and design ideas. Also Norm is investigating what approval is needed under Pennsylvania law, which would include the legal review of the Pennsylvania statutes.

In more HFFA news, there is a strong possibility the 2017 reunion will be held in **Palmyra, Missouri** (Hannibal area). If you are in this area and willing to assist, please contact me at [913 384 0083](tel:9133840083).

Dues for 2016: Please help **Marti Frye** by voluntarily sending your dues without her having to follow up. This would be much appreciated.

Dues fee is \$25 for the year, **payable to HFFA** and mailed to **Marti Frye, 308 Bellevue Plantation Rd., Lafayette, LA 70503**.

To all of our members and family, a very happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2016! Remember the reason for the season in praising our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Gene Frye
President, HFFA

RECORD KEEPING: NEW MEMBERS:

Patricia A. Frye McKee

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1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey / Christena
3. Abraham Fry, Sr. / Agnes Ann Young
4. Abraham Fry, Jr. / Esther Johnston
5. Noah Frye / Lucy Colvin
6. Elmer Frye / Sarah Ann Spence
7. James Oliver Frye / Squida May McKimmey
8. Delmont McKimmey Frye / Miriam Valoise Stemple
9. Robert Elliott Frye / Eleanor Assmus
10. **Patricia Ann Frye** / Gary L. McKee

Pat's Story

My interest in genealogy was sparked when as the eldest child I inherited boxes of family records. My grandmother, **Miriam Stemple Frye**, had a cousin who had created an extensive family tree for her side of the family, but there was no family information about my grandfather, **Delmont McKimmey Frye**. Not even a picture. I knew his family was from Delroy, Ohio and he had a sister Lucy, but that was all I knew. I had never

even met his sister. I remember asking him once about his family and the only answer I received was "I think they were Scotch-Irish".

I had just retired from my work as a software developer and the Internet was starting to mature. Ancestry.com had enough information to get me started, but the more information I found, the more confusing it was. I was finally able to track down his grandfather's name, **Elmer Fry**, but then I was stuck. I could find nothing about Elmer before 1850. I found his son **James Oliver Fry's** death certificate that said Elmer was from Washington, Pa and a gravestone in Delroy, Ohio that gave Elmer's birthdate, but that was it. A visit to Carroll County, Ohio revealed a land purchase in 1835 and Elmer's estate papers in 1871, but still no information as to his parentage. Very frustrating, but at least I had a few clues.

As everyone who researches genealogy knows, the census information before 1850 lacks the detail on families we would like. At least I knew Elmer should have been in a Pennsylvania census in 1820 and 1830. So, I looked at all Fry(e) family name variations in Washington County, Pa. and the families that would have a male in the correct age range. I came up with a number of possibilities- too many, in fact. I researched each head of household to make eliminations and cross-referenced them with Carroll County, Ohio families. I finally came to the conclusion that **Noah Fry** in Fallowfield Township Pa. was a highly likely possibility and started researching him. I finally had my breakthrough searching old newspapers. A small mention in a Washington County Pa. newspaper of the death of a **Elmer Fry** in Ohio matched my Elmer. I was so excited because now I had a location: Carroll Township, Washington County, Pa.

My next trip was to Washington County, PA. The probate and real estate records there finally gave me confirmation that my GG grandfather **Elmer Fry** was the son of **Lucy Colvin**, the wife of **Noah Fry**. After 10 years of off-on research, I had the answer! I visited the grave of Noah and Lucy and was

thrilled that this cemetery was being cared for. When my DNA test at Ancestry gave me a number of matches with ancestors of Heinrich Frey, it was icing on the cake.

I started researching all of Noah & Lucy's children to find the living descendants and have been making good progress. I have documented my journey on a personal genealogy website, seekingfamily.com, but there are still questions about Elmer and Lucy I would like to answer. The court papers showed Lucy remarried and was also living in Ohio in the 1840s, but I still can't find an 1840 census record with Lucy, her new husband, or her son, Elmer. I am also curious why and how they came to Ohio, who they traveled with and why the rest of the children were left behind. That's what makes genealogy interesting - there is always another question we would like to answer.

Patricia Frye McKee
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Kenneth Eugene Frye II

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At this time Kenneth is listed as an Associate Member as his complete lineage back to Heinrich Frey has not been discovered or documented yet.

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1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey / Christena
3. Samuel Fry / Christina Spears
4. Rachel Fry / Henry Fry
5. Benjamin F. Fry / Elizabeth Fry
6. Amanda Fry / John Biggerstaff
7. William E. Biggerstaff / Marietta Maxwell
8. Eva Biggerstaff / Lawson Duckworth
9. Olendie Duckworth / Champ Swindell
10. Karlita Swindell / Howard Wemberly
11. **Chance Wimberly**

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1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. John Frey / Mary Keisler
3. John Daniel Fry / Maria C. Grob
4. Abraham Fry / Susanna Ginther
5. Samuel Fry / Sarah Simmers
6. Abraham Fry / Margaret Ellen Angus
7. Zeno "Bill" Fry / Margaret Eretta Robson
8. Marzena Fry / Frank Joseph Emsick
9. **Margaret "Peggy" Emsick** / Patrick Stephens

Peggy's Story

Hi, this is **Peggy Stephens** a new member of HFFA. **Missy Martin** of Machesney Park, Illinois was the first to tell me about this group. On Ancestry.Com I asked her about a Fry Will that was available and she took it from there to mention HFFA. I am very grateful because I never knew such a group existed.

When I started genealogy I was just going to delve into grandparents. I was naive to think that would be enough. Soon, I learned that you can't get much of anywhere with just that narrow vision and I am finding so much more color and interest when getting more of the picture of the whole families.

I had an interest in genealogy from my Aunt Phyllis who delved into the Fry side of the family. Growing up at Family Reunions she would share what she had found, mostly about the Gnadehutten, OH trip she had taken. I am so in awe of what people found out about genealogy before the internet. Sad to say she had passed before I really got going on all of this, which really has only been the last two years when I bought a program for my home computer.

I absolutely love old photographs of people. It makes people come alive when you can put a face with the name. So I started reaching out to all my Mom's sibling's families to see what they had. It really paid off because I was able to scan in what they had. Even if I get one really good picture from the visit or contact, I feel very lucky.

One of the best finds was the picture of Abraham Fry 1827- abt 1918, that I was able to obtain from a garage of a cousins sister-in-law, of who had passed. They did not even know they had this valuable picture. The other really cool find, was finding the graves of three of his wives in a cemetery that I had driven by on my way from Omaha, NE to Davenport, IA for the past 30 years and the cemetery sits practically right off the interstate. I just found it last year!

Questions that I have are:

1. Where is **Abraham Fry 1827 – abt 1918 buried?** As far as I know his grave has not been found yet. I made a trip to Ravenden, Arkansas, where it was thought he was buried but was not successful. I tried to get a death certificate and was not successful either.

2. I would love to hook up with someone who would like to talk to me on the phone about Fry's. Or, when I had a question I could email or call them, For example I am very confused about who Heinrich's 1663-1734 children are.

Since my husband and I are now retired, genealogy has turned out to be an interest for both of us to do together. Because he has always loved history, of which I never used to be interested in, but now I am very interested. He loves to drive and see the country so this is working out really well, I do all the "paperwork" and investigating and he does all the trip planning.

Very excited to be a part of this group. I have some wonderful old pictures of people that I think, but not sure, are on the Fry side but as of yet have not been able to identify and would love to find someone who knew who they were.

I am the 7th child of 9 children so there are a lot more descendants for you to meet.

Peggy Stephens

Omaha, NE

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BIRTHS:

Annabella Rose Crider, born 8 Aug 2015, daughter of **Hollie Rae** and **Kody Crider**.

James Conrad Carmichael, born 18 Mar 2014, son of **Michelle Stunkel** and **Andrew Carmichael**. Both newborns are great grandchildren of **Janet** and **John Goforth**.

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey / Christena
3. Benjamin Frye, Jr. / Catherine
4. Benjamin Fry III / Ruth Courtright
5. Abraham V. Fry / Catherine Damude
6. Joseph Fry / Elizabeth Rorick
7. Hattie May Fry / Thomas Henry Bailey
8. Walter Clair Bailey / Ethel Marie Carrier
9. Janet MaryIn Bailey / 1. Gerald Stunkel
2. John Goforth
10. James Curtis Stunkel / Marissa Shillick
11. Michelle Marie Stunkel / Andrew Carmichael
12. **Conrad James Carmichael**
10. George Randal Stunkel / Lisa Floyd
11. Holli Rae Stunkel / Kody Crider
12. **Annabella Rose Crider**

In Memorium

Phillip Lysle Frye

June 15, 1932 - Oct. 8, 2015

Phil Frye was a charter member of HFFA, having joined in 1993 when the current organization began. He has been a Clan Leader and a member of the Board of Directors for many years. He was always one of the most active members in the association. He attended many HFFA

reunions, his last was four years ago in Kansas City.

Phillip Lysle Frye, age 83, of Bussey, IA died on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines. He was born in Mahaska County on June 15, 1932 to **Leazure Everett** and **Edith Leticia (Agan) Frye**.

He graduated from Bussey High School, and then enlisted with the United States Army. He was in the Korean War. Phillip was a farmer his entire life. He married **Patricia Ann Blackman** on June 12, 1959. Patricia died on December 26, 2009. He enjoyed trap and skeet shooting, fixing all sorts of things from vehicles, computers, electronics, and anything he could get his hands on. He was an avid gun collector, and was into genealogy and history.

He is survived by his daughter, **Carrie Morgan** of Bussey, five grandchildren, **Andrew Phillip Frye** of Oskaloosa, **Holly (Aaron) Labertew** of Indianola, **Ashley Morgan**, **Brittany Morgan**, **Katelyn Morgan** all of Bussey, two great grandchildren, **Sophie Diane Morrison**, and **Ryleigh Ann Labertew**, and daughter-in-law, **Faye (Darwin) Vos** of Pella. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, **Patricia Ann Blackman Frye**, son, **Keith Lyle Frye**, and half sister, **Bessie Louise Eveland**.

1. Heinrich Frye / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey / Christena
3. Henry Frye / Fanny Littler
4. Benjamin Frye / Mary Frye
5. Abraham Wilson Frye / Ann Longacre
6. William Henry Frye / Etta E. Spaur
7. Leazure Everett Frye / Edith Agan
8. **Phillip Lysle Frye** / Patricia Blackman

Corrections:

There were some errors in the previous HFFA Newsletter, Aug., 2015, Vol. 20, Issue #3. Below are the corrections.

Page 3: email for Christina Frye Fecher should be
email: christina_fecher@duke-energy.com

Page 3: Ivan Dean Lancaster lineage, generation 8:

8. Martha W. Collins / Francis Lucas Taylor

Page 3: Lineage for George Smith Frye, Jr., line 6: **Alma M. Steinbach**

Page 4: Births; line 6:
6. Elisha Snapp Fry / Mary M. Llewellyn

Page 4: Birthdate for Elaina Jo Buckwalter should be **4 Apr 2015**.

Page 4: Benjamin Scott Frye lineage, generation 10:
10. Jonathan Merrill Frye / Deborah Eplee

Page 8: The topics of the speakers at the reunion got reported incorrectly. The following sets some of the record straight.

Ronnie Ellis gave a presentation on John Brown Kerr, a Heinrich Frey descendant who earned the Medal of Honor, fought at the Battle of San Juan Hill, and achieved the rank of Brigadier General in the US Army. (More about him on p. 8.)

Jon Frye gave the presentation on Anabaptist history and their migration to America.

I apologize for all the errors.
(But, I can't promise there won't be more.) - Mike

QUERY

Who is **Jessie A. Saunders Blacker** and is she related to you?

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey/ Christina
3. Joseph Fry / Ann Funk
4. John Fry / Anna Clowser
5. Priscilla Fry / Jonathan Orndorff
6. Joseph Orndorff / Elizabeth Brill
7. Harriet Stickley Orndorff / Joseph Snapp Saunders
8. Francis S. Saunders/ Clara E Sprague
9. Lee Allen Saunders / ??
- 10. Jessie A Saunders/ Charles L Blacker**

The direct line from Generations 3 through 7 were all Virginia born. Harriet and Joseph Saunders moved to Ohio and are buried in Delaware County, Ohio. Francis (1857-1946) is buried in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. He and Clara had a son, Lee Allen (father of 5 sons) and a daughter, Mary, that did not marry. Their other daughter, Jessie (1887-1976), had no children. She and Charles are also buried in Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

The photo of Jessie was found in an antique shop in Florida. It was offered to HFFA by the finder, but it is thought that it might find a home with a close relative if we mentioned it in the **HFFA Newsletter**. Contact **Mike Speers** who has her photo and it will be sent to you.

Meet One of our New Members:

A Many Membered Man Ivan Dean Lancaster

I was born Jan. 30, 1942 in my maternal grandparents home in Franklin, Ind., our Johnson Co. Seat. My parents lived in Trafalgar, where I still live. Mother went to her family home to be closer to the Doctor. This was before the County Hospital was built. My parents are deceased. I have two brothers and several nieces. I see my brothers almost every day. I am surrounded by MANY cousins. Some say that I am related to everybody. I reply, " I am trying to be."

I attended a 12 year school in Trafalgar. I have degrees from Franklin College of Indiana and the University of Indianapolis. (formerly Ind. Central College) majoring in History.

I taught school for thirty-five years; Social Studies and Language Arts.

I became interested in history and genealogy at a very early age. The interest has continued and grown. I belong to several Patriotic, Genealogical, and Historical Societies. Two of my Great Aunts, my mother, and other members of my family had a great interest in our family history. I

was always impressed that we had a book written in 1920, which was The History of the Forsyth Family. These folks and this book greatly influenced my interest in genealogy.

I am active in Freemasonry and several appendant bodies. I am a twice Past Master, Past Grand Royal Patron of Indiana Order of the Amaranth, Past Supreme Watchman of Shepherds of The Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem of North America, Past Indiana State Councilor of the Daughters of America, Past Depart Commander of Indiana, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865, Inc. I am a Companion of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States and recently became a member of the SAR.

I am active in the Trafalgar Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, my mother's family church. I am currently serving as an Elder, Vice Chair of the Board, and on the Worship Committee.

I am grateful to my Boone Cousin **Anne Pasieka**, who knew I had a Boone-Frey Connection and recently figured it out. So, thanks to her, I am a member of the HFFA. Hopefully, I will be able to attend the next reunion. Looking forward to all the publications that are offered in HFFA.

Ivan Dean Lancaster

Trafalgar, IN

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey / Christena
3. William Frey / Rachel Spears
4. Rebecca Frey / Joseph Boone, Sr.
5. Lucinda Boone / Clifford Butler
6. Martha Butler / Wesley Collins
7. William H. Collis / Rebecca Ann Sosbe
8. Martha W. Collins / Francis Lucas Taylor
9. Bessie f. Taylor / William Hollandbeck
10. Viola E. Hollandbeck / Raymond Lancaster
11. **Ivan Dean Lancaster**

Capt. John B. Kerr (1847 - 1928) Medal of Honor Recipient

Rank and organization: Captain, 6th U.S. Cavalry

Place and date: At White River, S. Dak.,
1 January 1891

Entered service: Hutchison Station, Ky.

Birth: Fayette County, Ky.

Date of issue: 25 April 1891

Citation: For distinguished bravery while in command of his troop in action against hostile Sioux Indians on the north bank of the White River, near the mouth of Little Grass Creek, S. Dak., where he defeated a force of 300 Brule Sioux warriors, and turned the Sioux tribe, which was endeavoring to enter the Bad Lands, back into the Pine Ridge Agency.

As **Ronnie Ellis** reported, **John B. Kerr** fought in the battle of San Juan Hill and rose to the rank of Brigadier General. He was awarded his Medal of Honor in the Indian Wars when his rank was Captain.

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey / Christena
3. Samuel Frye, Sr. / Christina Spears
4. Rachel Frye / Henry Frye (1st cousins)
5. Rachel Fry / John Henry Kerr
6. **John Brown Kerr** / Eva Paddock

THE NATIONAL HUGUENOT SOCIETY

Jack Lauman

I received two certificates from the "The National Huguenot Society" in the mail.

The primary is from my descendant from **André Souplié**, the second (supplemental) is for **Heinrich Frey**.

Any HFFA member from my line wishing to join the "**The National Huguenot Society**" is free to use my "record copy" to establish the upper end of their ancestry.

Part of this line was used in the TV show "**Who do You Think You Are**" in March, 2015. Singer **Joshua Winslow Groban** was the featured celebrity and he and I share common ancestors on the Zimmerman side. **André Souplié** and **Heinrich Frey** are ancestors of branches from that same line.

If you'd like copies of the certificates for the records I can send them as PDF's.

Jack Lauman

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St. John's Lutheran Church and Cemetery

Jennie Kavage

Recently, I received my copy of the just-published book about the first 150 years of St. John's Lutheran Church, home church for the **Benjamin Frey** family and many of their descendants. We visited this church and cemetery in Frederick County, VA during the 2011 HFFA reunion.

Authored by church members who spent years on the research, the 198-page book is soft cover, well written, well documented and full of sharply-reproduced pictures. Fries are included throughout the decades, 1787-1937, as are such other local families as Richard, Brill, White, Kackley, Zane, Bean, Baldwin, Bucher etc. Unfortunately it doesn't have an index so sticky tabs will come in handy.

'It is a Good Work'- St John's Lutheran Church costs \$22 and can be ordered by calling 304-581-3992. Sales of the book will help support charitable causes. It can also be ordered from Amazon but will cost you \$38.

Jennie Kavage

Sunbury, Ohio

Editor's note: Marti Frye and I have recently ordered this book. It will be very useful in researching the families associated with St. John's Lutheran Church.

Civil War Headstone

Courtney Morehen

My husband, **Robert Morehen**, and I went to Harvard, Nebraska on November 13, 2015 for a ceremony on November 14, 2015 to unveil a Civil War Headstone for my Great, Great Grandfather, **Andrew Patrick**, who died there in 1881. Since his grave was unmarked I submitted an application to the

VA and they created and sent a Headstone for him to the City of Harvard - it arrived on October 13th.

Andrew mustered in Ohio and served as a Private in the Infantry on the side of the Union from 1864-1865. In August of 1881 he was living in Fontana, Miami County, Kansas and his health was failing. He wanted to visit some relatives so his son took him, along with his wife, my Great, Great Grandmother, **Gertrude "Gitty"** on a covered wagon. They got as far as Hastings, Nebraska to visit his adopted brother when his health became worse and he passed away. **Gitty** buried him at Harvard Cemetery in Harvard, Nebraska.

Andrew was pretty amazing for his time. He and Gitty adopted their friend's daughter (Lulu) after her birth parents passed away. She was 3 years old at the time. He wrote in his Will that he wanted Lulu to be "properly educated out of his Estate until she reached the age of 18". She was 6 years old when he passed away.

There has been some controversy about Andrew's date and place of death. All over Ancestry you see either August, 4, 5 or 6 and sometimes 7! I have copy of a Bible page listing his dates of birth and death which shows that he passed away on August 6, 1881. Also, I hired a Genealogist in 2012 who found records showing his burial at Harvard Cemetery. I have to find a way to submit all my back up documentation for all his descendants to see!

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 H. Hall

7. Margaret Alice Hall / **Abram Hayes Patrick** - Son of **Andrew Patrick**
8. Elwyn Rudolph Patrick / Stella I. Benson
9. Shirley Rae Patrick / Jefferson James Graves
10. **Courtney Graves** / Robert J. More

WRONG RANK?

As **Dick Bell** was working on identifying the graves in the **Frye Fort Cemetery**, he asked for our help. There were many replies. Thanks to all who helped.

Next, he was wondering about **Benjamin, (Col. Ben) Fry**, and his war record. Again, there were many responses. Our DAR friends in HFFA were able to establish that **Benjamin Fry**, born 1754 in Frederick County, VA and died 8 Apr 1823 in Shenandoah County was identified as being in the County Militia in 1779, and appointed Overseer of Roads in 1781 with the Civil Service rank of Captain.

It appears we have been using the wrong rank and he should be known as Capt. Ben or was his promotion self-awarded?

Our thanks to **Sherry Morgan** and **Pat McKee** for the identification of his service as a Patriot.

1. Heinrich Frey / Anna Catherine Levering
2. Benjamin Frey / Christena
3. Joseph Fry / Ann Funk
4. **Benjamin "Col. Ben" Fry** / Mary Magdaline Secrist

Some Have Paid it Forward

Our \$25 renewal dues in HFFA for 2016 are now being asked to be sent in. **Make a check out to HFFA** and send it to **Membership Chairman Marti Frye** in Lafayette, Louisiana.

But, some members have already paid it forward. Here is the list of those who have had their 2016 dues deposited earlier than the rest of us. Actually, some have even paid beyond 2016 and you can too just by sending in a multiple of \$25 and tell Marti that it is for dues in the future.

Marlin Bailey, Richard Bell, Martha Bradford, Frank Butcher, Carol Couture, Ed Dray, Christina Fecher, Judy Fry, Marilyn Fry, Stephen C. Fry, Charles Frye, Edward Frye, Jon Frye, Kenneth Frye, Ron Frye, Tim Frye, Gretchen Harvey, Katherine Hollingsworth, Albert Hyer, Victor Johnson, Mary Lou Klatt, Gretchen Kroll, Ivan D. Lancaster, Shirley Marshall, Patricia McKee, Deborah McLaughlin, Courtney Morehen, Jim Myerly, Beverly Raber, Norman Schulze, Margaret (Peg) Stephens, Jane Wilmer, and Chance Wimberly.

If there are any errors in this list, please contact Mike Speers.

Frye Fort Cemetery Marker

We are now very close to having a Bronze marker, 24" X 16" (or larger) ready for installation at the **Frye Fort Cemetery**. **Richard Bell** has been working on the details of this project for months. The marker will be attached to a pole at the cemetery. In addition to the marker, the limits of the burial ground will be identified with corner markers.

Ever since the 2011 Winchester Reunion, many members have expressed a desire to contribute to such a project. **Now is the time to do so.** All donations can be sent to either **Treasurer Mike Speers** or **Membership Chairman Marti Frye** (along with your dues.) The amount of your voluntary gift will be a private matter between you, your banker, and whoever you send your gift to, either Mike or Marti.

Following is the information that is being planned to be on the Frye Fort Cemetery Plaque. Contact **Richard Bell** with any corrections and/or questions.

FRYE FAMILY CEMETERY at FRYE FORT

11 MARKED GRAVES: (All capitals indicate actual inscriptions)

B.F. (for "Col." Benjamin Frye) 1754 - APR.8, 1823 s/o Joseph Fry and Ann Funk

JOHN FAUVER JUL. 30, 1841 - JUL. 25, 1906 s/o John Fauver and Elizabeth Pingley

J. H. (for John Henry) FRY Mar. 1, 1845 - AUG. 28, 1864 (CSA) s/o Joseph Fry and Elizabeth Moss

BENJAMIN F. FRYE NOV. 23, 1857- MAY 17, 1924 s/o James William Frye and Rachel Ann Pingley

GEORGE B(ond) FRYE DEC.17, 1822 - 1825 s/o John M. Frye and Mary Magdalene Snapp

JAMES W(illiam) FRYE MAY 3, 1829 - DEC, 7, 1910 s/o Joseph Fry and Elizabeth Moss, his wife:

RACHEL A(nn Pingley) FRYE APR. 4, 1833 - JUNE 1, 1912

JOSEPH P(resley) FRY APR. 7, 1831 - OCT. 8, 1864 (CSA) s/o Joseph Fry and Elizabeth Moss, his wife:

MARIA C(atherine Mowery) FRY 1830 - 1905

R. P. (Rachel Frye Pingley ca.1793) - 1816 d/o Joseph Frye and Elizabeth Hotsenpillar, w/o David Pingley

J. FRYE

FIRST FOUR GENERATIONS OF FRYE FORT OCCUPANTS PROBABLY AMONG THE 46 BURIALS IN THE CEMETERY

Benjamin Fry ca.1700 - 1753, s/o of Heinrich Frey and Anna Catherine Levering, and his wife Christina Ann _____ ca. 1700 - 1769

Joseph Frye 1727 - 1781, s/o Benjamin Fry and Christina Ann _____, and his wife Ann Funk 1730 - 1785

"Col." Benjamin Frye listed above, and his wife, Mary Magdalene Secest ca. 1767 - 1850

John M. Frye 1797 - 1872, s/o "Col" Ben Frye and Mary M. Secest, and his wife, Mary Magdalene Snapp 1800 - 1873

OTHERS POSSIBLY BURIED IN THE CEMETERY

Jacob Fry 1726 - 1808, s/o of Benjamin Fry and Christina Ann _____, and his wife Mary Catherine Pugh 1734 - 1805

Joseph Frye 1769 - 1805, s/o Jacob and Mary C. Pugh, and his wife Elizabeth Hotsenpillar 1770-1858

Joseph Pugh Frye 1799 - 1866, s/o Joseph and Elizabeth Hotsenpillar, and his wife Elizabeth Moss ca. 1805 - after 1880

Delilah Fadely ca. 1837 - aft 1870, 1st wife of John Fauver

Plaque erected 2015 by Heinrich Frey Family Association from records of the Association.

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\$25 dues are paid annually in January

Dues and address changes should be sent to Marti Frye at address above. Dues may be paid for multiple years. Make checks payable for \$25.00 (per year) to HFFA. Membership is on a calendar year basis.

Membership includes four issues of the Newsletter and at least one of the Journal each year.

The Links Book cost \$15 per CD. Please contact Marti Frye.