

August 30, 1970

Dear Cousin,

Amid much friendly fellowship undampened by retreating rain clouds, the first and organizational meeting of the Association was successfully held in White Church, Old Deerfield, Mass. on June 27, 1970 with 65 persons present. Louise Collis Thresher called the meeting to order at 11:45; C.S. Frary, Jr. introduced George Melnik, Deerfield Selectmen Chairman, who welcomed the group; and then J. Peter Spang, III, Heritage Foundation Curator, speaking for Henry N. Flynt, Foundation President, expressed the best wishes of the Foundation and gave a brief history of Deerfield and Frary House. He was followed by John Banta, Asst. to Mr. Flynt, who outlined the present interest of Heritage Foundation in Frary House and in Old Deerfield, and described restorative work in Frary House since acquisition in Sept., '69.

Following these short talks, Charles J. Micoleau, Washington, D.C. and Augusta, Me., was elected temporary chairman; his wife, Judith Frary Micoleau, volunteered as acting secretary, and the meeting adjourned at 12:20 for lunch.

At 2:15 the reconvened meeting considered the proposed By-Laws adopting in order Article I – Name, and Article II – Purpose, and voting to form the Assoc. Under Article II – Purpose, C.S. Frary, Jr. stated that numerous letters received expressed concern that the Assoc. not be just another historical, back-patting lot,, but that it be attuned to present-day world problems, in particular as these affected family members and family aims – a viewpoint unanimously supported.

Articles III through XI, with an additional Article IX – Expenditures, inserted before the original and renumbered proposed IX and X Articles, were discussed individually and approved, with the following summarized amendments:

Article III – Membership: Section 3 (Voting on financial matters to be restricted to paid members.)

Article IV – Organization: Section 1 (Charges Board of Directors with administrative (not governing) authority; Officers included as Directors.) Section 2 (wording changes, and 2d – created office of Historian, increasing the Board to 9. “The Historian shall compile geneologies of the Frary Family, research into the history of Family members, and record the activities and pursuits of the Frary Family Association.”

Article V – Meetings: Section 1b (Secretary to have proxies in hand at start of meetings). Section 2 (Elected Directors to number three.).

Article VI – Elections: Section 1 (Two year terms for officers, and 3-year terms for elected Directors, the first year to stagger terms of both groups to secure overlapping terms in subsequent years. Candidates for Offices and Directors to be members). (See next page).

New Article IX – Expenditures: (Annual dues to be restricted to items of Budget and its administration; monies and expenses for any projects to be derived by solicitation on a project-by-project basis, but projects may be budgeted at Annual Meetings. Projects to be self-supporting).

(Complete By-Laws, as adopted, will be available on request.)

Regular, annual dues of \$3.00 per family and for single adults (over High School age), and a Sustaining Membership of \$15.00, annually, (similar privileges and responsibilities) were approved, payable to the Association, a single membership list to be maintained (no distinctions). Gifts intended for specific purposes, including funds for assistance in Frary House maintainance, are also welcomed. Information about Heritage Foundation and its program is available on request.

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Note: If you have supplied names of relatives, but have not indicated their relationship to you, we would like to know this. If you know the names of brothers and sisters of your own ancestors, please send these in also – this is the cement that binds us all together.

The next order of business was election of Officers and Directors: (Term expires):

President: William Baron/Frary von Blomberg, 111 Exeter Rd., Hampton, N.H. 03842 (1972)
 Vice-President: Mrs. Albert (Margaret Frary) Downes, 12 Ocean St., Lynn, Mass 01902 ('71)
 Rec. Sec'y: Miss Grace L. Frary, 12 Lohmann Place, Dumont, N.J., 07628 (1971)
 Corr. Secy: Charles S. Frary, Jr., 833 Great Plain Ave, Needham, Mass. 02192 (1972)
 Treas: Rev. Joseph P. Frary, Trinity Institute, 326 W 108 St., NY, NY, 10025 (1971)
 Historian: Mrs. Phillip A. Frary (Marty B.), 1010 NE 48th Rd., Ocala, Fla. 32670 (1972)
 Directors: John T. Frary, 6 Eastman St., Warwick, R.I. 02886 (1973)
 Miss Pamela Ormsbee, 358 Harvard St., Cambridge, Mass. 02138 (1972)
 Charles J. Micoleau, 3179 Porter St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008 (1971)

The final formal action of the meeting was turning over of the gavel to Baron Frary as President, who then explained his world-wide activities as advisor to various governments, as President of a school in India, as chairman of a group providing relief and clothing to many needy groups overseas, and as vice-president of the World Congress of Religions, headquartered in India. He expressed his hopes that the Association would prove of value to the Frary Family and Fray House, and thanked Heritage Foundation through Mr. Spang for its encouragement and help in making the organization meeting possible.

The Heritage Foundation has offered to determine requirements and advantages of non-profit tax status for the Association.

Following the meeting a group tour of Frary House was arranged by Mr. Spang, with guides in each room explaining historical materials on exhibit. The Foundation has replaced shattered beams and wall members in the Ballroom (weather and sonic boom damage), and is currently completing reinforcement work on foundations of the left rear wing of the building, the living quarters of the House Curator, Mrs. Taylor.

Although Committees have not been appointed yet, the following were suggested: Program, Historical, Geneological, Meeting Program, Meeting Arrangements, Antiques, Family Concerns, Regional Organization. Most interest, naturally, was geneological and historical and, surprizingly, Family Concerns. If you have interests in any of these subjects please let us know. The Regional group would help find cousins not yet reached, in their own areas.

Program suggestions are also welcome, and plans will be announced as soon as possible – probably in the form of a News-Letter to all contacts, now totaling over 400. This letter is being sent to all respondants to our two letters (155).

Mrs. Thresher presented to the Association a Register for Annual Meeting Attendance Records, in memory of her mother, Hattie Louise Frary Collis.

The Association presented to Frary House another Register intended for recording the names of Frarys and Frary descendents who visit Frary House. (Be sure to sign it when you are there!). Mrs. Taylor was pleased to accept it for visitor's use.

Contributions toward organization expenses were received from six members of the family and totalled \$115.00; receipts at the meeting totaled \$70.50 (in addition to advance dues), and expenses totalled \$179.68 (Jan-June). Balance of \$5.82 in treasury.

Over 21 extensive geneologies have been sent in and forwarded to the Historian. Give Marty a note if you wish information, or if you have some about your Family branch. Please send names & addresses of relatives or Frarys not recorded before, and their relationship, if known.

Our next communication will be around the first of the new year, sent to all 450 on our list. Names & details about servicemen & women, members who have recently passed on, stories & notes on any ancestors of prominence or notoriety – all are welcomed. Send to the Corr. Sec'y., C.S. Frary, Jr., (Address above).

(If you are already a member, ignore the request for registration & dues.)

The next Annual Meeting was set for the last Saturday in June (6/26/71) in Deerfield.