

FRARY FAMILY ASSOCIATION ORGANIZATION MEETING
SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1970 - 11:00 AM - FRARY HOUSE
OLD DEERFIELD, MASS.

June 1, 1970

Dear cousin,

This is our second letter concerning a Frary Family Association, and is to announce an organization meeting for Saturday, June 27, 1970, at Frary House, Old Deerfield, Mass., at 11:00 AM, at which time we will call for a vote to establish the Association, and consider its organization and program. By-Laws considered in PM.

We have sent out over 300 letters (#1), with the picture of Frary House, and have received returns from 100 (20 others were unclaimed). All returns show interest in organizing, though most of those at a distance feel they cannot get back this Spring. We have included suggestions received in the material included with this letter.

The spirit found in the replies indicates that a feeling of general Family identity exists, with an interest in each other and their families, and a desire to exchange experiences and family lore and history. Concerted group action in some areas is also suggested.

The suggested By-Laws enclosed are to serve as a discussion guide, and your additions and criticisms are desired and anticipated. Please send in your suggestions soon, so they may be incorporated in the draft to be presented at the meeting. Return a marked copy if extensive changes are proposed.

We expect that expenses of organizing and maintaining the Association will not be great, and beyond costs of secretarial records, correspondance, notices, postage and meetings, which could be shared among all members, any other expenditures would derive from voluntary contributions and the vote of the members. One suggestion for regular, annual dues is \$3.00 for the head of a family (ie., the family), or a single adult, and \$15.00 (annual) for a sustaining membership (same privileges) for those wishing to provide more support for the purposes of the Association.

The enclosed Questionnaire #2 on organization and geneology, offers you an opportunity to help establish the Association, whether you can be present or not. Please return it soon, for our guidance - but we do hope you will come to Deerfield if you possibly can. Tell us about your work and activities, too, that we may know you.

One might ask - what benefits might I have from membership? We can only presently suggest - in addition to the Purposes proposed and as they may be altered to meet suggestions - that geneologies developed could be made available; eventually some form of history of the Family and Frary House might be developed; a directory of Frary's could be compiled, and the considered opinion of the Family might be effectively expressed in support of, or in opposition to, national or local issues bearing on Family concerns.

If you can supply your family tree from your records, others may be able to contribute to its completion. There are prospective members who have compiled records in depth already. Birth, death and marriage dates and places are most important. If, besides your own direct antecedents, you can list brothers and sisters of your progenitors, then it is easier to make tie-ins with other lines.

Heritage Foundation has graciously offered the use of Frary House for the meeting, and it will be open to visitors then, but if the expected number come to the organization sessions, we expect to meet under the elms at the rear of the house. In case of rain we will meet in White Church, around the corner from Frary House. In case you need overnight accommodations, hotels and motels in the area are available. At least for this time, sources of picnic materials are left up to you.

Do plan to come to Deerfield and meet a lot of wonderful people!

In anticipation,
Louise Collis Thresher
Thomas Creswell Frary
Charles S. Frary, Jr.