



DESCENDANTS OF MARIE FERREE NEWSLETTER

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Prepare your agenda to include the 2014 Ferree Reunion



Petit France, Strasbourg, along the River Ille.

SAVE THESE DATES...JULY 16-19
MAKE THIS REUNION A PRIORITY - PLAN NOW

JULY 2014 REUNION EVENTS

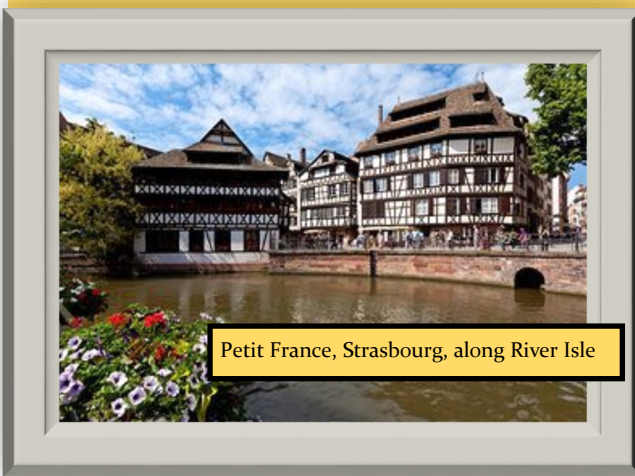
- ◇ **WED PM: OPEN HOUSE - SIGN IN**
- ◇ **THU AM: WELCOME –MEMORIAL-SPEAKER-CIRCLES**
- ◇ **LUNCH AT THE HOTEL DINING ROOM**
- ◇ **THU PM: GENEALOGY DAY-SPEAKERS**
- ◇ **FRI AM: LANCASTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY**
- ◇ **FRI PM: STRASBURG TRAIN RIDE**
- ◇ **SAT AM, PM: CHERRY CREST FARMS DAY**

July 2014						
Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Refer to www.ferreereunion.com for more of 2014 Ferree Descendants reunion details

On the cover

Betsy Brooks' Ferree research takes you to the places where history has it that she may have stood at the very same place as Marie Ferree.



Petit France, Strasbourg, along River Isle

Just to add to Betsy's reference to Daniel as a silk weaver:

During the latter 1600's and early 1700's Daniel and Marie Ferree were in Lyon, France perhaps because this city emerged as the center of the reorganized textile industry and subsequently Lyon became the largest producer of luxurious silk textiles.

Source: Dept. of European Sculpture & Decorative Arts, Metropolitan Museum of Art.—Heilbrunn of Art History

You help set the tone as you come and respond to and participate in the activities.



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PONDERING SOME OF THE TRIALS OF OUR FERREE FAMILY IN THE 1700'S

What was life like for Marie and her family? How did they handle their every day activities? After yet another day of researching my family history my brother, Gary, asked me several times to check out Mary LeFevre. This was because she lived in Germantown near our father's ancestors. Though she married a man who had ample means enough to have built the Dreschler house she had to deal with the same basic things everyone else did. During the long sieges of freezing temperatures there no doubt were never enough logs to put on the fire; neither was there sufficient energy to go into the cold, snowy night air to chop even more. So they must have slept in cold rooms.

Other challenges may have been having to go outside instead of using a nice, warm inside bathroom or taking a bath in a tub with no hot or cold running water. Cooking on the fire place was challenging to say the least.

THE FERREE REUNION PRESIDENCY

- PRESIDENT: RANDY FERREE
- VICE PRESIDENT: NANCY JOHNSON
- TREASURER: DALE NUPP
- SECRETARY: CAROL YOUNG

Randy is not only our knowledgeable president but services the store, mailing requests throughout the time between reunions. He researches numerous problems that arise. For the upcoming reunion he is working on a power point presentation of the migration map. Now he has the added duty as administrator of Windows8 notebook laptop.

Nancy Johnson keeps a constant check on the reunion website making additions, inserting articles, and updating events in addition to her duties as vice president. It looks very professional She has the huge responsibility of planning the reunion events and she said she loves it. She renders many tips concerning writing of our news.

HEAR YE, HEAR YE!! ONE OF THE MOST WELL-PLANNED REUNIONS, ONE OF THE MOST FRIENDLY! COME ONE, COME ALL TO GATHER WITH COUSINS YOU MET AT PREVIOUS REUNIONS AND MEET EVEN MORE DESCENDANTS OF MARIE FERREE.

SYNOPSIS OF BETSY BROOKS' RECENT RESEARCH IN EUROPE

Betsy Brooks, our Ferree organization's History Coordinator (Europe) is descended from the line of Mary Ferree/Thomas Faullkner.

Prior to coming to the "Isle of Pennsylvania," the Ferree Family endured so many monumental oppositions. Let me add here that there is never a time that I don't marvel at their faith and perseverance.

As I walk down the streets (into Strasbourg and other French and German cities) and along the banks of the Ille River and see the swift currents of the Rhine, I wonder what our family saw and felt.

Let me state what we DO know. Daniel was born in 1650 in the Normandy region and Marie was born in



1653 in the Picardy region. At the time of their marriage Daniel was 19 years old Marie was 16 years old. Daniel and Marie were most likely born Catholic and converted to Protestantism. We know that Daniel changed his name from John to Daniel after his conversion.

Here is where Betsy tells of the birth of Daniel and Marie's six children and made an educated

guess as to why the next two were born in different towns than the first three. As you may know the last child was born in yet another town.

She further discusses a little of the history of silk trade and that probably Marie and her daughters worked on silk fabrics.

Following are swatches of what could give you a smattering of what Marie and her girls may have produced.



The content of Betsy Brooks' article extraordinaire is found in its entirety on the Ferree Reunion web site. It is delightful.

OUR PRESIDENCY (CONT'D)

Dale Nupp is our astute treasurer keeping our finances intact. He presided when Randy couldn't be there at our last business meeting at the 2012 Ferree Reunion and it went very well. His intrinsic capacity lends much to our organization.

Carol Young is both Recording Secretary as well as Corresponding Secretary. She is the one who prints out, prepares labels and mails the newsletter. She brings with her an aptitude to capture the meeting minutes without missing a beat.

All of the above have life rendering challenges outside of their reunion endeavors and are outstanding examples of what a presidency should be. Please support their efforts by planning to attend this, our bi-yearly 2014 Ferree Reunion.