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AUGUST MEANS REUNION TIME

Time once again to meet together at our 79th Annual Reunion in the Fire Hall in the Lancaster County village of Terre Hill, Pa.

Plan to get there on Saturday, August 27th around 10:30 for registration and to greet old and new friends. At noon we will have a covered-dish lunch which we all agree is outstanding. Please bring a hot or cold dish for the buffet table and your own drink and tableware.

After those in attendance introduce themselves, we will go outside for the picture session presided over by our expert photographer, DAN PETTIGREW. Please stay in place for a few minutes after Dan is through so that we may get the names of everyone in correct order.

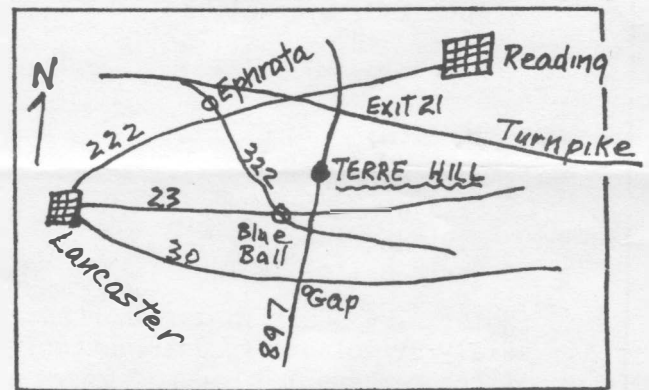
A brief business meeting will follow, presided over by President W. JOHN OSWALD. There will be reports by Secretary ELLEN LIVINGOOD, Treasurer MARJORIE CARROLL and Necrologist ROBERT M. OVERHOLSER. The meeting will adjourn with the singing of the Reunion Song led by RUTH OVERHOLSER.

There will be plenty of time for exchanging information on family lines and consulting with Spencer Overholser, John L. Overholt, Will Overholtzer (he's coming from California again) and other genealogists. You might meet this editor—she will be the one with her head bowed low! We will also have books and charts available.

You may also visit the nearby cemetery (half a block away) where many of the Overholseres are buried.

Parents of small children are reminded that there is a community playground just below the fire hall that their offspring might enjoy. Plan to bring balls and bats or other game paraphernalia.

We hope to see you there.



(See specific directions on page 8.)

IN DEEP APPRECIATION FOR A JOB WELL DONE

Our thanks to Jim Kehew for the great job he did on the Bulletin. I think he inherited his ability from his grandfather, George Nox McCain. We certainly will miss his expert handling of the Bulletin.

HAPPY HUNTING FOR BEARS!

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NEWSLETTER ITEMS, NEW MEMBERS,
CHANGES OF ADDRESS, BACK ISSUES

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WHO IS THIS MARTIN?

Mildred Poley found an inter-
esting item that she sent to Will
Overholtzer. She found it in the
Christopher Dock Mennonite School
Library (it is also in the Histor-
ical Society of Pa. Library on Mi-
crofilm XR 529) and was written
12/2891 by Preacher John H. Ober-
holtzer to be left behind for pos-
terity. He said "In the various
records such as in Lancaster,
Berks and Bucks counties one finds
the name Oberholtzer in early times
among Mennonite congregations, and
it is therefore difficult to ascer-
tain with which of this groups my
branch of the Oberholtzer family
is most closely related. However,
it seems that we are descendants of
Martin, who had a son Jakob who was
my grandfather. He married a daugh-
ter of a certain Bliem long before
the revolution in 1776, and lived in
Colebrookdale, Berks Co., near Bech-
telsville, on a property which even
today (1891) is occupied by an Ober-
holtzer." Could this Martin be the
one who was the son of Martin who
came 1710 and lived in Lancaster Co.
Upon the latter's death, his two sons
Jacob and Martin sold the 200 acre
farm in 1733 and moved on--where?
This new information is very import-
ant to quite a few people.
(Preacher John H. Oberholtzer mar 2
my husband's gr-gr-grandmother,
Susanna Moyer)

From Bill Goshen 1986

17 WAYS TO SPELL	OBERHOLTZER
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OVERHOLSER

The Shirk Family of Lancaster Co.

- III Samuel and (2) Christina Oberholtzer
- IV Catherine Oberholtzer 12/3/1806-8/5/1882
m Samuel Shirk 2/14/1806-10/14/1856
(s/o David and Anna (Kurtz) Shirk)
- V David O. Shirk 6/17/1832-11/12/1899
m (1) Fanny Matilda Kurtz 5/1/1835-10/9/1854
- VI Fanny Matilda Shirk 9/4/1854-11/27/1854
m (2) Mary D. Kohr 2/15/1838-11/3/1909
- VI Dr. John K. Shirk 12/1858-
m (1) d bet 1892 & 1900
- VII Florence Shirk 6/1882-
- VII Mary R. Shirk 10/1885-
- VII Helen Shirk 5/1889-
- VII David A. Shirk 10/1892-
m (2) Blanche Weaver cl877-
- VII Mary R. Shirk cl908-
- VI Lizzie K. Shirk 1865-18887
m Edwin H. Kurtz

Kurtz Graveyard, Lancaster Co.

Fanny Matilda w/o David O Shirk, d/o Jacob and Nancy (Rudy) Kurtz
5/1/1835-10/9/1854

Fanny Matilda only child of David O. and Fanny Shirk
9/4/1854-11/27/1854

Shirk Graveyard, Manheim, Lancaster Co.

David O. Shirk 6/17/1832-11/12/1899
Mary D. Shirk w/o David 2/15/1838-11/3/1909
Samuel Shirk 2/14/1806-10/14/1856
Catherine Shirk 12/3/1806-8/5/1882
Lizzie K. Shirk w/o Edwin H. Kurtz 1865-1887

History of Lancaster Co., Ellis-Evans p 291

Dr. John K. Shirk s/o David O. farmer in Oregon, attended State Normal School at Millersville, read medicine under Dr. F. M. Musser & Dr. D. D. Richardson, graduated from Jefferson Medical School 1879 and in 1880 attended the University of Vienna. He began practice in Witmer in 1880 and in 1881 moved to Lancaster where he was doctor for the county hospital and prison.

Shirk Family History, Henry Y. Shirk, 1914 p 50

David Shirk mar Anna Kurtz, their son Samuel mar Miss Oberholtzer and their son David O mar Miss Kurtz a lady of great wealth. (Note--the 1860 Cen. said he had real estate worth \$36,500 at age 27) She died and he became the wealthiest Shirk in Lancaster Co. He m 2 Miss Kohr d/o Rev. John and their son was Dr. John R. Shirk, doctor E. Chestnut St. Lancaster. He m 2 Miss Weaver.

Note-I have taken Dr. Shirk through the 1910 Census and there is a chance that he might have had more children after that.

We are certainly indebted to Spencer Overholser who has worked long and hard as the genealogist for the Association. He kept everything that was sent to him and it has paid off with new information coming in, we are able to tie alot of "lost" ancestors together. Thanks Spence--I'll take good care of your records. (BBF)

OUR CONTRIBUTORS

Our deep appreciation to these members who have contributed to the Association since the last Bulletin. We thank you!

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(I'm sorry I don't have the addresses for the last three)	Mrs. D. R. Delano

EDITORIAL?

I took over the job of genealogist from Spencer Overholser last August and now I find myself sitting in Jim Kehew's place temporarily. If you had asked me a year ago if I would take either (or both) jobs, I would have said "you have to be kidding". I have experience as a genealogist but not as an editor, as you can see. My apologies to all who know what an editor should do. Just before I knew I was going to be sitting in this chair, I had an OFA member, Stephen Ford from Omaha (who is also my son) visiting with my grandsons, Matthew and Daniel. They left for a week in Virginia touring Civil War battlefields. After they left, I had my 2 granddaughters for 4 days and while they were here I tried typing material for the Bulletin while I wondered what the 2 yr. old was getting into. The house is still intact and the Bulletin is almost on schedule. I would suggest to the new editor that a week is not long enough to prepare!

HELP WANTED

By Jeanette J. Davidson, 1503 S. 2nd St. Floresville, TX 78114
Her great-grandfather, Martin Alonzo Jackson was born 1867 Troy, Miami Co. Ohio and died 1929 Clarkston, Asotin Co. Wash. He married Sarah Overholtzer who died 1911 Shepherd, Alberta, Canada in childbirth with her 8th child. She had a brother Ben, Sister Salom who married a Lippincott in 1892, sister Ellen who married a Marple, a brother Ike and others. Her mother's maiden name might be Basor and the family could have come from Ohio. Can anyone help with Sarah's parents?

Thank you, Kate Stirk!

We owe a special thanks to Kate who, with the help of her computer, has put in the families of I Samuel (as of 8/1986 she had entered 1936 people on the computer disc) and she writes that she would send a copy of the data disc to anyone in the OFA with an IBM and PAF program. I recently purchased a computer so I can appreciate all the time she has spent on this great project. Anyone who is interested write to--
Mrs. Robert H. Stirk, 2840 Euston Rd, Winter Park, FL 32789

From the records of Dian Moore, Lebanon, Indiana

III Samuel Oberholtzer

IV Magdalene W. Oberholtzer 4/3/1791-5/21/1854

m Benjamin Lehman 4/4/or 21/1794-5/17/1867

s/o Jacob Lehman & Elizabeth Rissin

V Barbara Lehman 11/6/1812 (1821?)-5/25/1888

V Nancy Lehman 3/10/1817-1/10/1892

V Samuel Lehman 9/7/1819-10/4/1878 m Catharine Martin

V John O. Lehman 7/10/1823/4-1?/25/1887 m Elizabeth Burkholder

VI Benjamin Martin 1/6/1850-8/4/1850

VI David Lynam Martin 5/11/1851-12/2/1920 m Elta Eliz. Shriver
7/27/1858-2/4/1939

VII Lelia Elizabeth Martin 4/30/1881-9/6/1948 m James D. Wright

VII Charles S. Martin 7/27/1882-d Alabama m Nettie Risto

VII Metz Eva Martin 3/30/1884-5/23/1963 (S)

VII Ira Wilson Martin 2/23/1886-4/2/1967 m Maude E. Ervin

VII Paul A. Martin 8/4/1888-1/20/1971 m Rose Nicholson

VII Ross Martin 7/11/1892 m Ester Lee Schweitzer

VII Ralph J. Martin 4/3/1890-8/9/1891

VII Emerson Martin 4/25/1896-1/3/1969 m Margaret Burns

VI Samuel O. Martin 3/22/1854 m Anna Miller

VI Mary Magdalena Martin 8/6/1857-8/25/1857

VI Abraham Z. Martin 10/19/1859

VI Jacob H. Martin 10/19/1863-8/22/1864

VI Emanuel M. Martin 1/4/1868-10/30/1871

V Benjamin Lehman 2/22/1828-5/21/1908 m Susanna H. Whisler

A tidbit from Sue Field, Zionsville, Indiana

Indianapolis Sunday Star Magazine 1/4/1981

An article on the Orr family--"His honesty once brought a confrontation with the legendary D.C. Stephenson, who once bragged he was the law in Indiana. Later Stephenson was convicted in 1925 in the death of Marge Oberholtzer and imprisoned."

More from Sue--Madge (Marge) Oberholtzer was 28 years old and a secretary at the old Statehouse in Indianapolis. In March of 1925 she was tortured and raped in the Irvington Mansion. She was taken home where she received medical treatment and died 2 days later. D.C. Stephenson was Grand Dragon of the KKK and amassed a fortune of 5 million dollars. He sold membership in the KKK for \$10.00. Two of Stephenson's bodyguards were also involved in the torture.

From a recently found clipping in the OFA files-4/21 (1925)

Indianapolis, Indiana--Mercuric poisoning apparently caused the death of Miss Madge Oberholtzer, for whose death D. C. Stephenson, former grand dragon of the KKK and two others are being held. Miss Oberholtzer died last week from poison self-administered following alleged attacks by Stephenson.

DID YOU KNOW

George Bush is the 13th cousin twice removed of Queen Elizabeth II, a direct descendant of King Henry VII, of one of Charles II's mistresses, Henry VIII's younger sister who married King Louis XII of France and 60 royal families on the European continent. I didn't research this-- Harold Brooks-Baker did. Maybe we can find a Duke of Oberholz!

THE OKLAHOMA OVERHOLSERS

Henry Overholser was born 4/20/1846 near Dayton, Ohio. He spent several of his younger years in Indiana and settled in Ashland, Wisconsin. He went to Oklahoma City on opening day 4/22/1887 and brought with him several car loads of lumber from which a number of small frame business structures were erected. By his 1st marriage, he had 2 sons. He married 1889 his 2nd wife, Anna Ione Murphy. They built a mansion in 1904 which is a showplace in Oklahoma City today. He died in 1915. By his marriage to Anna, he had a daughter Henry Ione who married David Jay Perry. Henry's son, Edward was born 6/20/1869 in Sullivan, Indiana. He married Allie Garrison 1903 and they had a son, Edward Herbert. He was mayor of Oklahoma City 1915-1919 and died 1931. (Was the daughter of Henry named Henry or was this a misprint?)

BOOK AVAILABLE

The Fretz Family History, Vol. III has been published for \$30.00 plus \$3.00 handling charges and is available from the Fretz Family Association, 46 E. Grandview Ave., Sellersville, Pa. 18960

The 100th Anniversary Reunion of the Fretz Family will be held 8/13/1988 at the Deep Run Mennonite Church-West, Bedminster, Pa.

III Martin Oberholser
IV Christian Oberholser addition

Page 14 of the Salisbury Township Oberholzers, Robert Martin Oberholser or Lineage adapted by Jim Kehew from the booklet, p 1.

VI Ida Oberholser m Aaron Black
b 6/1849
VII Jennie Black c1875-
VII Stella Black c1879-
VII Bertha Black 11/1884-
VII Mary Black 1886-
VII Laura Black 3/1894-

In the 1880 Census the family was living in Salisbury Twn. Lancaster Co. and in 1900 Census the family was living in Fayette Co., Kentucky. In the 1870 Census Ida was living with her grandmother, Jane Haines in Salisbury Twn.

THE BRINTON REUNION 1988

They hope to have their reunion 10/8/1988 and plan to tour the old Moses Brinton area. For further information contact Mel Brinton, Box 7033, Wilmington, DE. 302-478-2853

ABRAHAM WHITMORE OVERHOLSER

Abraham came from Virginia to Preble Co., Ohio where he died in 1826. I have put together the record of his children from charts, letters, and other material found in the OFA files. Anyone wishing this 12 page lineage, may have it for \$.10 a page from Barbara Ford.

NOTICE OF DEATHS
TO THE ASSOCIATION

Arthur Moyer Supentend of the Welsh Mountain Mishion. a son in law of Samuel O. Mertin who is a Grand son of the Second Samuel Oberholtzer of Rothsville on Jan 24 1924. was shot by a Buglar and on Jan 25 1924 he Died from three bullet wounds. Aged 33 y 2 mo 3 d

Lizzie B. Landis wife of Elam Landis of West Linclon Pa a Daughter of John Oberholtzer who is a son of the second Semuel Oberholtzer of Rothsville aged in her 59 year.

(She was born 3/6/1866 which makes this the year 1925)

Reported deaths in 1923

- Maggie Woodring 9/3
- Susan K. Hoover 10/22 58
- Levi Overholser 12/12 90 yrs
- Ida Hull Overholser, Zurich, Kansas
- S. C. Watts 3/3 66 yrs
- Annie Weaver Wentzel 3/19 57 yrs
- John Wentzel
- Edith Loose Aschenbach 6/1 56 yrs
- Mrs. Chas. Correll, Hamburg
- Baxter Davis 6/15 56 yrs
- Mrs. Maggie Davis, Reading, Pa.
- Harold Leroy Stevens 2 yrs
- 928 2nd St. Lancaster

Nathan R. Oberholtzer of near Mannheim was born 3/26/1864, died 3/11/1923 aged 58-11-15. He was the son of Samuel H. Oberholtzer who lived and died in Perry Co. Pa. Samuel H. Oberholtzer was a grandson of the first Samuel Oberholtzer which settled Rothsville, Pa. who was a brother of the first Martin at Terre Hill, Mennonite Church.

Funeral Invitation

Florence A. Loose of Ontelaunee Twn. near Leesport died 11/8/1924, age 29 years 15 days daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Loose. Service Bethany U.E. Church, West Leesport. Internment Leesport Union Cemetery.

III Samuel Oberholtzer
Addition

- IV Esther Oberholtzer
11/6/1800-9/13/1859
- m Christian Hostetter
1/8/1800-7/20/1859
- s/o Christian and Barbara (Reist) Hostetter
- V Catherine Hostetter cl825
- V Elizabeth Hostetter cl828
- V Samuel O. Hostetter cl833
- V Esther Hostetter cl836
- V Israel Hostetter
7/17/1838-1/6/1915

Note--In the 1880 Census Samuel, Catherine and Esther(Hettie) were living in Warwick Twn. and all were single. Israel is a widower in the 1900 Census. I started with the 1850 Census and feel that there could be an older child who was married. Hostetter Burial Ground 1/2 mile w/o Disston--Christian, Esther, Israel, Christian's father, brother and his family are buried there. Pa. Mennonite Heritage Vol 6 #2 Mentions Christian Hostetter Sr. and his family.

SARASOTA, FLORIDA REUNION

John and Peg Overholt, Kilmarnock, Virginia, attended the reunion last December. It is hosted by the descendants of John S. Overholt 1820-1890 and Veronique Stuckey Overholt 1842-1921. Rosie Oberholzer of Oberholz, Switzerland was one of the speakers. Anyone interested in information on the December '88 reunion contact John J. Overholt, Box 7159, Pinecraft, Sarasota FL 34278.

NEW INFORMATION

Dee Thompson of Escalon, CA wrote in 1977 about Samuel Overholser (b 1829) who mar Caroline Long. There is new information about the family available from Barbara Ford.

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HOW TO GET TO THE REUNION

Terre Hill is a town of 1,200 located in the Pennsylvania Dutch country of Lancaster County, midway between Lancaster and Reading. The Fire Hall is on the main street, with plenty of parking at the rear.

From Lancaster: 15 mi NE via Rtes 222, 23, 897
 From Reading: 15 mi SW via Rtes 222, 897
 From Gap on Rte 30: 15 mi N via Rte 897
 From Exit 21 (Reading), Pa. Turnpike: 5 mi S via Rte 897

Closest motels:

New Holland: Country Squire Motor Inn, Rte 23 (504 E. Main), \$38 dbl, 717/354-4166
 (6 miles) Hollander Motel, Rte 23 (320 E. Main), \$33-37 dbl, 717/354-4377
 Ephrata: Dutchmaid Motel, Rte 272, \$30-34 dbl, 717/733-1720
 (8 miles)

Many motels and restaurants in Lancaster and Reading.

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