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THE 84TH REUNION

We had a smaller group than we usually have which was probably due to the very hot weather.

Gladys and Carl Taylor were at the Reunion for the 2nd year from Ontario. She brought delicious ham pastries from home. Dick and Gwen Lucas couldn't join them because of surgery Dick had to have.

Judith and Charles Chubin were here from Glenview IL, as were Bob and Jane Elliott, from Sacramento CA. Jane is the d/o the late Dr Winfred Overholser who was Association president 1939-1956

Bachelor Bruce Oberholtzer came from Chesapeake City MD with dozens and dozens of cupcakes. He is a new member and when I heard from him in July, I told him about another new member, Dennis Oberholtzer of Paradise, who is related to him. They corresponded and the 2nd cousins, once removed, met for the first time at the Reunion. Bruce said that it was fascinating to learn what similar interests they have. Dennis brought a picture with him of a young man taken probably early this century with the name William Oberholser on the back and wanted to know if I could help identify him. I said I would try and put the picture on the table with my material. Anna Mary Oberholtzer of Akron PA arrived and while looking at my material, she asked where I got the picture of her father! It turns out that Dennis and Anna Mary are 4th cousins and met for the first time.

Chuck Carroll's son Joe was our big helper, setting up tables and unloading my car. What a delight he is.

85TH ANNUAL REUNION

Date: Saturday, August 20, 1994
Place: Terre Hill Fire Hall
Terre Hill PA

Details (including map) in the August BULLETIN. Keep the date and plan to come! You can't beat the Lancaster-Berks County area for beauty, so come and enjoy the reunion and the countryside. We hope to see you.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

J Raymond Benner
Narberth PA
John Dayton
Blooming Glen PA
Betty Hansen
Salt Lake City UT
Thomas G Myers
Holmdel NJ
C Bruce Oberholtzer
Chesapeake City MD
Michel A M Platt
Montreal Canada
Glen/Patricia Roosevelt
Anaheim Hills CA
Bob/Bev Shaffer
Plymouth MI
Karen B Zach
Crawfordsville IN

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WHERE TO SEND

BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES

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Necrologist
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CONTRIBUTIONS

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Treasurer
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Lititz PA 17543

(Note: THE BULLETIN is financed solely by voluntary contributions of the members)

ALL OTHER CORRESPONDENCE, INCLUDING CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Barbara B Ford
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THESE 44 PEOPLE
ATTENDED THE 1993 REUNION

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| Mel Brinton
Wilmington DE | Dennis & Earline Oberholtzer
Crystal Oberholtzer
Paradise PA |
| Chuck & Joe Carroll
Glenside PA | Martha Oberholtzer
Manheim PA |
| Judith & Charles Chubin
Glenview IL | Darwin Overholt
Doylestown PA |
| Bob & Jane Elliott
Sacramento CA | Margaret Overholt
Doylestown PA |
| Barbara Ford
Wallingford PA | Spencer & Ruth Overholser
Wyomissing PA |
| Herb & Elizabeth Frey
Freehold NJ | Will Overholtzer
Rancho Cordova CA |
| John & Beth Frey
Alburtis PA | Paul & Naomi Pletcher
New Holland PA |
| Gertrude Haines
Mt Holly NJ | Darlene O Redcay
Goodville PA |
| Martha Jones
Brandywine Summit PA | Lawrence & Marian Richmond
Oley PA |
| Jim & Esther Kehev
Camp Hill PA | Erea Shenk
Manheim PA |
| Elizabeth Kurtz
Terre Hill PA | Richard Stevens
Lititz PA |
| Norman & Mary Landis
Souderton PA | Gladys & Carl Taylor
Ontario Canada |
| Robert Oberholser
Freehold NJ | John & Eleanor Weiler
Bethlehem PA |
| Anna Mary Oberholtzer
Akron PA | Ernest Weinhold
Manheim PA |
| C Bruce Oberholtzer
Chesapeake City MD | Robert C Wenger
Ephrata PA |

We are sorry to learn that Helen Turn, author of SAMUEL OVERHOLTZER OF VIRGINIA, has Alzheimers and is being cared for by her husband Wayne.

The 105th Fretz Family Reunion will be hold 8/13/1994 at the Deep Run Mennonite Church-West, Bedminster PA

Claire Hinsey Warren has resigned as recording secretary and we want to thank her for doing such a great job which we really appreciate. Darlene O Redcay of Goodville PA is our new secretary. She has a small shop where she sells Dahlia table tops, baby comforts and many other items and she is also very busy with church work.

BOOK PROGRESS REPORT

As reported in the last two issues of the OFA BULLETIN, our Association has undertaken the task of publishing a foundation genealogy history book of the first four or five generations of all the various immigrant lines of our Overholser/Oberholtzer/Overholt family. This task has many segments:

The book concept (First quality-hard cover) has been made.

A preliminary decision has been made regarding a printer/publisher.

The table of contents (approximately 400 pages with many charts, maps, and photos) is almost complete.

Barbara Ford has been compiling, rough typing and editing, with some lines complete.

We are near ready to start sending book segments to the publisher, but cannot do so until we can be assured that our \$10,000 book budget goal can be reached. As of 1993 year end we have received \$6,800.

Many thanks to those of you who have sent in book orders, and a special thank you to the following who have made loans and/or contributions since the last BULLETIN:

Milton Blanding	John Jacob Oberholtzer
Judith Chubin	David/Betty Overholt
Elizabeth Frey	John/Peg Overholt
Sally Grey	Spencer/Ruth Overholser
Thomas G Myers	Mildred Pettigrew
Singer Family Trust-Memory of John Singer	

To stay on target, we need to receive the remaining \$3,200 of our budget goal as soon as possible. Therefore, we desperately need the financial support of all members who have not yet been heard from. Won't you please help by sending in your book orders, loans, or contributions as soon as possible to:

Overholser Family Association
c/o Will Overholtzer
2440 El Pavo Way
Rancho Cordova CA 95670

The discount pre-publication book price is \$24 (add \$2.50 shipping and handling and \$1.44 PA State Tax where applicable). Questions? Phone 916-366-1443

Will Overholtzer

OUR CONTRIBUTORS

Our deep thanks to the members who have contributed to the OFA since the last listing. Let us not forget those who contributed so generously at the Reunion and must remain anonymous. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Helen Bogener St Charles MO	Henry/Ruth Oberholtzer Summitville IN
Joseph/Lucy Breitenstein Topeka KS	John/Mary Oberholtzer Tingley IA
Natley/Ruth Breningstall Denver CO	Dwight Overholser North Manchester IN
Claud/Eleanor Bray Bull Shoals AR	John I Overholser Detroit MI
Paul H Calhoun Port Clinton OH	Marian Overholser Tarzana CA
Fred/Betty Cook Grosse Pointe MI	Maurice/Corrine Overholt Cornwall PA
Retta M Cunningham Canyon TX	Evelyn M Overhuls Lakewood CA
Paul/Kathryn Dean Brevard NC	M/M Bertram Overhultz Baton Rouge LA
Charles/Anna Field Paragonah UT	Robert W Peadon Ashtabula OH
Betty J Hansen Salt Lake City UT	Robert/Ann Robson Abilene KS
Charles/Grace Koons Enon OH	Glen/Patricia Roosevelt Anaheim CA
Robert/Carolyn Lowum Chicago IL	Robert/Beverly Shaffer Plymouth MI
Gwen Lucas Ontario Canada	Robert/Helen Shonk Dover OH
Robert/Virginia McKinley Pleasant Hill TN	Sarah Ann Stauffer Rohrerstown PA
Ruth N Mellinger Findley OH	David/Ruth Stevens Kingwood TX
Grace W Miller Richfield OH	Dorothea Strappe Elmwood IL
Anna Mary Oberholtzer Akron OH	Pauline A Wagoner LaGrange IL
C Bruce Oberholtzer Chesapeake City MD	Ralph/Jan Everly Williams Kaneohe HI
Dennis L Oberholtzer Paradise PA	Karen B Zach Crawfordsville IN
	Matilda C Zackey Bethlehem PA

Elizabeth Oberholser Frey, 660 Aldelphia, Freehold NJ 07728 left her favorite Tupperware Cookie carrier at the Reunion. It was round and flat with rice crispie squares in it. She is hoping someone took it home for safe keeping.

FAMILY COAT OF ARMS OBERHOLZER OF WALD, SWITZERLAND

In 1958 the Overholser Family Association adopted the Family Coat of Arms of Wald, Switzerland. It was recommended by Dr Hans Klau, Genealogical Investigation Office, Oberwinterthur, Switzerland through correspondence with Spencer Overholser and Dr Winfred Overholser.

In the historical-biographical dictionary of Switzerland the coat of arms Oberholzer is described as follows:

'Obliquely divided, above of red with a half moon and two stars, below of silver with two green oaks.' This emblazoning is not to be described as very happy, since it leaves in respect of the arrangement of the half moon and the stars, as well as of both oaks, considerable freedom to the designer. One cannot ascertain, for example, the color of the trunks of the oaks, or whether they stand on flat ground or on a small hill.

"The somewhat complicated construction of the coat of arms has consequently led to different variations....

"A ... variation was found some years ago...on the oil-painted family tree of the family Spoerry-Oberholzer in the building of the firm of Spoerry and Schaufelberger in Wald...

"In regard to these different variants the undersigned in conjunction with the specialist in heraldry Herbert Hablutzel in Winterthur in the year 1949 made a clarification of the coat of arms. This was based on the device of said painted family tree, kept accordingly for the upper field the blue color, but reduced the figures down to a crescent moon and one star. The arrangement of the firs was retained, but their trunks instead of inheraldic brown were changed into red. The emblazoning of the clarified family coat of arms, that from now on is recommended to interested persons, runs as follows:

"Diagonally divided in blue and silver. In blue an oblique rightward crescent moon, in the left upper corner accompanied by a golden star. In silver two green re-trunked firs on swaying green ground.

"(Heraldically left-right from the observer and the opposite.)

"The historical-biographical dictionary of Switzerland mentions no crest...the coat of arms shows on the said family tree Spoerry-Oberholzer a bush of five ostrich feathers. If one could make out a full coat of arms with a crest, ostrich feathers are to be considered as a crest. Four of them in the colors blue, silver, blue and gold should be enough.

"...At the best for the future the correct variaton, a sketch of which is given herewith, should be carried on."

The "sketch" is in the files of the Overholser Family Association and a copy appears on page 6 of this issue.



Wappen OBERHOLZER
von Wald/ZH

TREASURER'S REPORT

NECROLOGIST'S REPORT

Balance 8/22/1993 \$590.40
RECEIPTS
 Reunion Contributions (8/22/92) \$182.00
 Sale of Note Pads 3.00
 Interest on Savings acc't 15.72
 Contributions by mail 755.00
 Total receipts received \$955.72
 Total balance \$1545.12

EXPENSES
 Rental-Terre Hill Fire Hall \$50.00
 Jim Kehev
 Bulk Mailing Permit & Postage 39.42
 Publ. & Mailing 2 issues of
 Bulletin-\$321.45, 323.46 644.91
 Barbara Ford
 Genealogical Research Expenses 230.82
 Chuck Carroll
 Sound & Speaker System 131.27
 Richard Stevens, Treas.
 Postage 10.80
 Total expenses \$1107.22
 Total Balance \$438.90

Savings Account \$222.33
 Checking Account 216.57
 \$438.90

BOOK FUND

Book Orders (28 books) \$763.77
 Book Loans 1250.00
 Book Contributions 2080.00
 \$4093.37
 Interest to 6/30/93 29.92

 Balance total receipts \$4123.69
 Verbal orders (7 books) \$168.00

Respectfully submitted,
 Richard I Stevens Sr
 Treasurer OFA
 8/28/1993

MARRIAGES

Pam Landis mar 7/24/1993 Andy Brunner
 (Marcus Oberholtzer of Chester Co line)

Renee Alderfer mar 7/10/1993 Philip Rice
 (Marcus Oberholtzer of Chester Co line)

DEATHS

James Alan Overholser d 6/2/1992 New Zealand, s/o Marian &
 the late J Homer Overholser of Tarzana CA. Also survived by
 daughter Ann and sister Sharyl
 (1732 Jacob Oberholtzer of Brecknock, Lancaster Co line)

Robert Wakeman d 7/9/1993 Maryland. Survived by wife Alaa
 Elizabeth Overholser Wakeman
 (Abraham Whitmore Overholser/Barbara Brubaker line)

Irene Overholt Little 7/8/1915-12/15/1993 Wickliffe OH, widow
 of Warren T Little
 (Marcus Oberholtzer-Martin Overholt/Esther Fretz line)

John R Weiler, Necrologist

AN ORIGINAL DEED

Dorothy McLean of Feasterville PA has been fortunate
 enough to obtain a 230 year old original parchment deed of
 Jacob Oberholtzer (died 1814), grandson of immigrant Jacob
 Oberholtzer of Franconia Twp, Montgomery Co PA.

Jacob Oberholtzer of Franconia Twp, Philadelphia Co and
 his wife Elizabeth to Henry Rosenberger of Franconia on March
 5, 1763. Twenty acres of land in Franconia Twp, part of 2
 tracts which Deborah Oberholtzer and Christian Haldeman,
 executors of the last will and testament of Jacob Oberholt-
 zer, father of Jacob Oberholtzer conveyed to said Jacob
 Oberholtzer October 17, 1761.

SAMUEL OBERHOLTZER, 1727 IMMIGRANT, LANCASTER CO PA

The lineage of II Martin Oberholtzer has finally been
 completed with the discovery of the marriages of daughters
 Anna and Elizabeth. Anna Oberholtzer b c1760 married Jacob
 Eby c1761-8/4/1818 Manor Twp, Lancaster Co. Elizabeth
 Oberholtzer 8/26/1762-10/1/1838 married Michael Eby
 6/24/1764-4/24/1831. Michael and Elizabeth are buried in the
 Eby-Oberholtzer Cemetery, Campbelltown, Lebanon Co PA

MINUTES OF THE 84TH REUNION
August 28, 1993

The Overholser Family Association met at the Terre Hill Fire Hall, Saturday, August 28, 1993 with 44 in attendance.

From 10:30 a.m. people arrived bringing food for a covered dish lunch at 12:00. As each one arrived, they signed their names to the register and wore a name tag. This was the time you could visit with one another, check pictures and get family history.

Lunch was enjoyed with lots of good food! Then it was time to go outdoors to have Chuck Carroll take pictures of the group.

PROGRAM: Invocation was given by Rev John Weiler, Chaplain, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and singing of Faith of Our Fathers and the Overholser Reunion Song led by Ruth Overholser who also added another verse to the song.

A collection was taken to be used for expenses of the Association.

AWARDS: Oldest: Robert Oberholser is 101 yrs old. He will be 102 September 18, 1993 and lives in NJ.

Youngest: Crystal Oberholtzer of Paradise
Each was given a puzzle.

Traveled Greatest Distance:

Bob & Jane Elliott, Sacramento CA
Carl & Gladys Taylor, Ontario, Canada
Charles & Judith Chubin, Glenview IL

Penna Dutch Story (in dialect): Norman Landis & Ernest Weinhold

Each was given an ice scraper

President Chuck Carroll asked for an introduction of each one. Their name, where they live and from what immigrant line they were from. Greetings were sent from John & Peg Overholt of Virginia and Helen Bogener of St Charles MO. Darwin Overholt said his mother Margaret had visited Rosy Oberholzer in Oberholz, Switzerland and that Rosy's daughter Johanna and her son had visited Darwin and his family in Doylestown.

BUSINESS MEETING: The Business Meeting was presided over by President Chuck Carroll.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary's report was recorded in the BULLETIN published February 1993 and was approved as printed. Secretary Claire Hinsey Warren was unable to attend the Reunion this year and asked to be released of this duty.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Accepted as read by Richard Stevens. The report will be printed in the February 1994 BULLETIN.

NECROLOGIST REPORT: Given by John Weiler, his report will be printed in the February 1994 BULLETIN.

GENEALOGIST/EDITOR REPORT: Barbara Ford is working hard in order to have her research completed to have the book ready to send to the printers in 1994.

BOOK PUBLISHING: Reported by Will Overholtzer. Balance of \$5,200 - collected so far toward the book. He has contacted 4 publishers. All publishers require the payment up front prior to publication. A goal has been set for \$10,000. ORDER YOUR BOOK NOW!

PRICING/FUNDING: Pricing suggestions for such a book are about \$29.00 post-publication price or about \$24 to Association members as a pre-publication price. (Add \$2.50 for shipping and handling and \$1.44 PA State tax where applicable. Add \$.75 postage & handling for each additional book ordered.)

Chuck Carroll asked for a volunteer for Secretary. Darlene Oberholtzer Redcay, Goodville PA has offered to take Claire Hinsey Warren's place.

OFFICERS: All other officers will be the same for 1994 and are as follows:

President - Chuck Carroll
1st Vice-President - Darwin Overholt
2nd Vice-President - Will Overholtzer
Secretary - Darlene Oberholtzer Redcay
Treasurer - Richard Stevens
Chaplain/Necrologist - Rev John Weiler
Editor/Genealogist - Barbara Ford

The next Reunion will be held August 20, 1994 if the Fire Hall is available, if not, it will be August 27, 1994.

BENEDICTION: Rev John Weiler

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Oberholtzer Redcay
Secretary



OFFICIAL 1993 REUNION PICTURE TAKEN BY CHUCK CARROLL

1st Row: (L to R) Robert Oberholser, John Weiler, Dick Stevens, Will Overholtzer, Chuck Carroll, Darwin Overholt, Barbara Ford, Spencer Overholser, Joe Carroll

2nd Row: Mel Brinton, Crystal Oberholtzer, Jim Kehew, Esther Kehew, Eleanor Weiler, Darlene O Redcay, Martha Oberholtzer, Elizabeth Kurtz, Margaret Overholt, Judith Chubin, Ruth Overholser

3rd & 4th Rows: C Bruce Oberholtzer, Earline Oberholtzer, Dennis Oberholtzer, Anna Mary Oberholtzer, Erma Shenk, Paul Pletcher, Charles Chubin, Naomi Pletcher, D Ernest Weinhold, Marian Richmond, Lawrence Richmond, Jane Elliott, Bob Elliott, Mary Landis, Gertrude Haines, Norman Landis, Elizabeth Frey, Herbert Frey, Gladys Taylor, Carl Taylor

(Ed.-My apologies if the names are mixed up-the "committee" for writing names down got some names in the wrong place)

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AN UNFORTUNATE BREAK

In November I went shopping one morning and got home 3 weeks later. I fell, broke my leg and had my first ambulance ride. Because I live alone, I decided to take advantage of the skilled nursing care where I could get therapy, thanks to Medicare. I wonder if I will have a problem getting through the airport security with the two screws in my leg! January has been wicked in the Philadelphia area with snow and ice storms which has kept me from going out to buy a new printer ribbon and Bulletin labels and that is why the February issue is a little late this year.

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