



President's Column

In the last Bulletin, I mentioned the get-together that was to be held at Yoder's Restaurant the night before the Reunion in August. We had an interesting time and the Reunion on Saturday was no different. I joined the group on Friday night which included Dick and Gwen Lucas of Caledonia, Ontario CANADA, Harold and Nora Mae Killeffer of Lancaster PA, Bob and Juanita Brown of Cookeville TN, Spencer and Ruth Overholser of Wyoming Hills PA, Jim, Kathy and Greg Overholser of Roanoke VA, Dennis Overholtzer of Paradise PA, John and Eleanor Weiler of Bethlehem PA, Shaun and Ashley McChesney with Kim and Christopher Weiler, all of Gapland MD. Once again this year, we plan to meet at Yoder's Restaurant which is on Rt. 23, between New Holland and Blue Ball in Lancaster PA the night before the Reunion which is Friday, August 18th, 2000. We especially would like to see anyone from out of the area and, of course, we hope others in the area would join us. The only cost to each person/family is the meal. More will be said about that later. We would appreciate hearing in advance from those who expect to be at Yoder's so we can plan on reserving the room.

In the February 1998 Bulletin, there was an article AN OLD-FASHIONED BARN RAZING. More was written in the Mennonite Weekly Review 11/25/1999 about Dean Leatherman and his determination to move the bank barn from Bucks Co PA to Hesston KS. The barn was built back in the 1790's by Jacob Overholt, Dean's ancestor, in the community of Pipersville, Bucks Co. It took two tractor trailers to move the barn which was stored for two years in Hesston and then this year Dean and his brother-in-law resurrected the original frame of the historic barn, on which would go the original stones, a new roof and a new siding. Now Dean not only had a barn on his land, he had the barn that he worked as a youth back in Pennsylvania. He put a swing inside for his children, like the one he had back home.

Because it was an interesting story and it dipped into the Overholt family blood, I thought I would pass it along. By the way, I do wonder how the Kansas folks constructed a "Bank" barn on the flat Kansas soil. That would be something new.

We hope you will encourage others to attend the Reunion. There is room for more people to attend. Need I say, this Reunion is for all persons who are descendants of any of the Oberholtzers, Overholzers, Overholts, Overholtzers etc. I hope to see you in August.

D Ernest Weinhold

91st ANNUAL REUNION

Date: Saturday, August 19, 2000

Place: Terre Hill Community
Center, Terre Hill PA
(Old Fire Hall)

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.

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A GOLFER

Buell Oberholser of San Luis Obispo CA writes that
his grandson Arron Oberholser has been on the Cana-
dian Pro Golf Tour where he has been one of the top
winners. Watch for Arron on the PGA Tour.
(1727 Samuel Oberholtzer, IV Christian Oberholser &
Susannah Kurtz line)

THESE 36 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE 1999 OFA REUNION

- Bob/Juanita Brown, Cookeville TN
- Barbara Ford, Wallingford PA
- Herbert/Elizabeth Frey, Freehold NJ
- Bev/Shawn/Travis/Michael Harrington, Quarryville PA
- Norman/Mary Landis, Souderton PA
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- Darlene O Redcay, Goodville PA
- Jack Sholl, Palm Desert CA
- Kim/Christopher Weiler/
Ashley/Shawn McChesney, Gapland MD
- John/Eleanor Weiler, Bethlehem PA
- D Ernest Weinhold, Manheim PA

A LOYALIST ANCESTOR

Gwen Overholt of Amherstburg, ON CAN writes
that she has received a U.E.L. certificate through her
ancestor Staats Overholt (MT2) who went from Bucks
Co to Lincoln Co, Ontario in 1786. For those who are
not familiar with the term U.E.L., it means United Empire
Loyalist.

A WINNER

Congratulations to Peg Overholt of Kilmarnock VA
who won \$15,000 in a Library lottery the same day she
bought a new, red, very sporty car! Peg is the widow of
John L Overholt.

DEDICATED

Lynn Ross of Albuquerque NM started a Web Page
and because of the information she found in THE OBER-
HOLTZER BOOK, she had the following on page 1-
"This page is dedicated to Barbara Ford author of THE
OBERHOLTZER BOOK and the Overholser Associa-
tion."

OBERHOLTZER COAT-OF-ARMS LAPEL PINS

Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, the Association received Oberholtzer Coat-of-Arms lapel pins which can be purchased from Barbara Ford at \$4 plus \$.50 S/H.

The colors in the pin are gray, green and yellow.



Exact size

THE OBERHOLTZER BOOK

A Foundation book of Oberholtzer Immigrants and Unestablished Lines

BOOK ORDER FORM

From: Name _____

Address _____

To: Overholser Family Association
c/o Barbara Ford, 313 Henry Lane, Wallingford PA 19086

Book Quantity _____ x \$29.50 \$ _____

PA Residents, add 6% Sales Tax (\$1.77 per book) \$ _____

Shipping & Handling \$3.50 \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Please make checks for the book and pins out to Overholser Family Association

NEW MEMBERS

July 1999-January 2000

Donna Basinger, Anchorage AK
William M Boardman, Seattle WA
Heather Choplin, Raleigh NC
Kathy/Fred Cook, Tillsburg ON CAN
Betty Hardman, Fairborn OH

Beverly Harrington, Quarryville PA
Barbara O Hubbard, Kingwood TX
Debbie Mohler, Lexington VA
Lynn Ross, Albuquerque NM
Barbara Wolbach, Easton PA

A CANADIAN DETECTIVE CONTINUED FROM AUGUST 1999 BULLETIN

Deborah Gilbert of Thunder Bay, Ontario has studied the sons of Isaac Oberholtzer (HJ14), who went to Canada from Hatfield, Montgomery Co PA, in her search for the parents of Abigail Oberholtzer, born in the area of Waterloo, Ontario Canada, who married William Stauffer.

In the August BULLETIN, two of the brothers, Henry and Joseph, were mentioned. A third brother was John Oberholtzer (HJ142) who we thought seemed the likely father of Abigail. This John had married Abigail Yeakle who died 8/1/1825 and they named two of their sons Noah and Reuben which were two of the names of Abigail O Stauffer's sons. After Abigail died, John threatened to take the children to Canada in a dispute over her estate. After the court appointed a guardian for the children, we know they stayed in the Hatfield area. John disappeared from the Hatfield Twp tax record in 1827 and we thought he had gone to Canada, remarried and named a daughter after his first wife. In Waterloo, Canada, there was a John Oberholtzer who said in Naturalization papers that he came to Canada in 1821, the same year as Henry (HJ143). That couldn't be Brother John because he was in Hatfield at that time. Who was the John that came to Waterloo in 1821? How is he related to the Hatfield Oberholtsers? The answer will be in the August 2000 BULLETIN. Deborah deserves to wear the detective badge because she is such a thorough investigator.

QUERIES

Seeking the parents of Harry O Overholser, born c1888 in Ohio as were his parents. He married Katharine Moos and their son was my father Donald Eugene Overholser 4/20/1919-3/2/1986 Lebanon IN who married 9/5/1939 Helen L Eggers. In the 1920 census, the family was living in Pike Twp, Marion Co IN.

Katharine Farrar, 1844 Hidden Hills Dr, Roseville CA 95661 E-mail: PFarrar464@aol.com

Searching for parents of Charles Overholt b 9/4/1816 Philadelphia PA. m1 11/13/1856 Louisa Unger, m2 11/17/1865 Nancy (Sinclair) Stevens. In 1860 Charles is a blacksmith in Walnut Twp, Bureau Co IL. In 1880 the family is in Libette Co KS. I descend from John Jackson Overholt, a son by the second marriage.

Barbara J Hubbard, 3834 Honey Brook Dr, Kingwood TX 77345 E-mail: bhubbard@pdq.net

UPDATE

Jack Sholl of Palm Desert CA was in the World Masters Rowing Championships, held this past September in Spain. He and the crew won 2 gold medals in the average age of 75 category. Jack has been accepted into the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution with his supplemental application for his ancestor Abraham Overholtzer of Springfield Twp, Bucks Co PA (AS)

If a man cares not for his roots, how then can he care for his branches.
Doyle M Davis

OUR CONTRIBUTORS

Our deep thanks to the members who contributed to the OFA from August to January 3, 2000. Let us not forget those who contributed at the Reunion who must remain anonymous. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Katharine Arterburn-Farrar

Roseville CA

Donna Basinger

Anchorage AK

Carolyn L Brandon

Celina OH

Kathy/Fred Cook

Tillsonburg ON CAN

Retta Donovan

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Wheatland WY

Don L Felts

Marathon FL

Charles/Anna Field

Paragonah UT

Maribeth Forman

Bradford OH

Brian/Sally Frekot

Columbia MD

Barbara/William Hubbard

Kingwood TX

Norman Landis

Souderton PA

Dick/Gwen Lucas

Caledonia ON CAN

Robert L McKinley

Pleasant Hill TN

C Dorothy McLean

Feasterville PA

Dennis Oberholtzer

Paradise PA

William/Judith Oberholtzer

Douglas MI

Mildred O Poley

Souderton PA

Sally W Poole

Mt Pleasant PA

Alfred/Joanne Reiter

Camp Hill PA

Byron H Roll

Bellefontaine OH

Homer/Matilda Schaaf

West Chester PA

Jack E Sholl

Palm Desert CA

Gladys/Carl Taylor

Hamilton ON CAN

Kim Weiler

Gapland MD

Jan/Ralph Williams

Kaneohe HI

UPDATE

At the Reunion, we decided to spend up to \$600 from the Book Fund to have the 53 page "Das alte Oberholz und die Familie Oberholzer" translated from German to English thinking that it would give us important early history of the Oberholtzers and possibly identify the families of immigrants. Kathern Maine said she knew someone who might help with the translation for a fee. In the meantime, Spencer and Ruth Overholser found that they had been given a copy of the book in 1977 by Rosy Oberholzer of Oberholz, Switzerland. Ruth did a rough translation and found that there is some early Oberholtzer history but after several pages, it follows one family that has no connection to any of the Oberholtzer immigrants. It is felt that we should not put that kind of money in something that does not give us the information that we hoped for.

NECROLOGIST'S REPORT

BIRTHS

Zachary Jarod 7/17/1999 at Mount Holly, Burlington Co NJ, s/o Justin and Lisa (Oberholtzer) Serfling.
(Jacob Oberholtzer & Esther Blehm line) [JB]

DEATHS

Dwight Overholser 12/7/1912-4/25/1999 N Manchester IN. Survived by sister Miriam Shull
(John Overholser & Mary Chronister line) [JA]

John Wolf Oberholtzer 12/9/1941-6/13/1999 Boyertown PA. Survived by wife Vernita, daughter MaeBeth, three stepsons and two brothers.
(Jacob Oberholtzer & Esther Blehm line) [JB]

Laurence C Richmond 6/14/1906-8/7/1999 York PA. Survived by his wife Marian.
(IV John Overholser & Margaret Kurtz line) [SL273]

Barbara B Ford

THE OBERHOLTZER BOOK ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS

I had suspected that Lewis Overholts who died 5/10/1866 Preble Co OH was the s/o David Overholts (AV2) but I didn't have proof until Lova Overholts of Glendale AZ sent David's estate papers which listed Lewis among the heirs. Richard Overholts was in the Civil War and his record has his mother's maiden name as Overholtz. We both wonder if this was a mistake or was she really an Overholtz. We assume that Lavinia remarried after David died but Lova has not been able to find her.

Add

AV28 Lewis Overholts c1818 OH-5/10/1866 Preble Co OH m Lavinia (Overholtz?) b c1822 PA

AV281 Richard Overholts 6/1847-1900/1910 m Harriet [-?-] b 10/1845

AV2811 George Overholts b c1867

AV2812 Nellie Overholts b c1868

AV2813 Frank Overholts b c1872

AV2814 Caroline Overholts b c1873

AV2815 Magdalena Overholts b c1874

AV2816 Edward Overholts b 11/1875

AV2817 Ada Overholts b c1877

AV2818 Charles Overholts b 6/1881

AV282 Mary Overholts b c1842

AV283 Vesta Overholts b c1845 m 9/20/1873 Butler Co OH Elliott Huffman

AV284 Sarah Overholts b c1855

AV595 Samantha Overholser d 2/1872, not 1972

AV6332 Emma Dennis' husband Richard M White d 2/14/1959, not 1859

REF: Thanks to Lynn Ross, Albuquerque NM

Overholser Family Association
Treasurer's report 8/16/98-8/21/99

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| Checking account | | | Savings Account | |
| Beginning balance | | \$30.22 | Beginning balance | \$1564.98 |
| Income: | | | Income: | |
| Initial Deposit | 186.31 | | Pins | \$119.50 |
| Error-Posted in Savings acc't | | | Interest | 35.08 |
| Should be checking acc't | 10.00 | | Contributions | <u>1291.73</u> |
| Transfers from Savings acc't | 1129.51 | | Total income | \$1446.31 |
| Transfers from Book Fund acc't | <u>236.15</u> | | Beginning balance + income | \$3011.29 |
| Total income | | <u>1561.97</u> | Expenses: | |
| Beginning Balance + Income | | 1592.19 | Error in posting | 10.00 |
| Expenses: | | | (should be in checking) | |
| Transfer to Savings acc't | 33.00 | | Transfers to checking | <u>1129.51</u> |
| Transfer to Book acc't | 170.31 | | | |
| Barbara Ford-Printer for computer | <u>149.99</u> | | Total expenses | \$1139.51 |
| Barbara Ford-Book bags, mailing | 86.16 | | Ending balance 8/21/1999 | \$1871.78 |
| Barbara Ford-General expenses | 205.73 | | | |
| (postage, paper, computer ink etc) | | | | |
| Newsletter: Penn Valley Printer | 432.58 | | | |
| Jim Kehew-Postage | 237.55 | | | |
| KathernMaine, Treasurer-Postage | 18.44 | | | |
| New checks | 13.78 | | | |
| D Ernest Weinhold-Reunion exp. | 27.96 | | | |
| Terre Hill Community Center-Rent | <u>60.00</u> | | | |
| Total expenses | | <u>1435.50</u> | | |
| Ending balance 8/21/1999 | | \$156.69 | | |

BOOK FUND

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| Beginning balance 8/16/1998 | | \$4506.60 |
| Income: | | |
| 32 books | \$940.37 | |
| Interest | <u>85.73</u> | |
| Total expenses | | <u>1026.10</u> |
| Total income + beginning balance | | \$5532.70 |
| Expenses: | | |
| Transfers to checking to pay book exp. | | |
| 11/2/98 | 45.17 | |
| 1/27/99 | 149.99 | |
| 2/22/99 | 16.85 | |
| 7/8/99 | <u>24.14</u> | |
| Total expenses | | <u>236.15</u> |
| Total Ending Balance 8/21/1999 | | \$5296.55 |

Respectfully submitted,

Kathern J Maine
Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE 90TH OVERHOLSER FAMILY ASSOCIATION REUNION

The Overholser Family Association met at the Terre Hill Community Center on August 21, 1999. People started arriving at 10:30 a.m. bringing covered dishes for lunch. Genealogical charts, books and photos were displayed on several tables. One picture dates back to 1912.

Rev John Weiler gave a prayer before lunch that was given to him by Dick Lucas. After a delicious lunch, we went outside for a group picture.

THE PROGRAM, with President D Ernest Weinhold presiding

Invocation was given by Rev Weiler which was followed by the Reunion song, led by Ruth Overholser, and the Pledge of Allegiance. After those in attendance introduced themselves and their lines, a collection was taken to be used for expenses of the Association.

Secretary's report by Darlene Redcay-the Minutes of the 1998 meeting were approved as printed in the February 1999 BULLETIN.

Treasurer's report by Kathern Maine-approved as read. The books were audited by Darwin Overholt and Dick Lucas.

Genealogist's report-Barbara Ford reported that Chris Overholser, s/o Spencer and Ruth, had written with suggestions on updating some signs and ideas for helping the atmosphere at the reunions. She also said how delighted she and everyone else was with the new printer that the Association paid for.

Necrologist's report-read by Barbara Ford

Pennsylvania Dutch stories were told by Norman Landis and D Ernest Weinhold.

AWARDS

Traveled the farthest-Jack Sholl of Palm Desert CA

Youngest boy-Michael Harrington

Youngest girl-Kim Weiler

Oldest-Norman Landis

Jack Sholl spoke about competing in the sculling masters in Georgia and his plans to compete in the world championship for seniors in September in Seville, Spain.

New Business-

Dennis Oberholtzer spoke of having a zerox copy of a 53 page book which is an early history of the Oberholtzers in Switzerland that needs to be translated from German to English. Juanita Brown had obtained it from Will Overholtzer. It was moved and seconded to spend up to \$600 from the Book Fund to have it translated.

It was reported that the Friday night get-to-gether the night before was very successful at Yoder's restaurant with 19 people attending. Spencer Overholser suggested that the officers of OFA organize the next one in 2000 and that it would be helpful for people to let us know if they plan to attend.

Spencer Overholser wants someone to volunteer to take over the OFA history book that he put together.

Dennis Oberholtzer suggested that we put in the August 2000 BULLETIN what is happening in the area for visitors from out of town and places of interest for them to visit. A few of the ideas were the Hans Herr house, Ephrata Cloister, the Oberholtzer Store in Goodville and many more places in the Lancaster area. It would also be helpful to recommend a motel nearby.

Slate of Officers for 1999-2000

President-D Ernest Weinhold

1st Vice President-Darwin Overholt

2nd Vice President-Dennis Oberholtzer

Treasurer-Kathern Maine

Secretary-Darlene O Redcay

The 91st reunion will be held August 19, 2000 at the Terre Hill Community Center.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev Weiler.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene O Redcay, Secretary



OFFICIAL 1999 REUNION PICTURE TAKEN BY DICK LUCAS

Left-to right-

1st Row-Michael Harrington, Ashley McChesney, Shaun McChesney, Travis Harrington

2nd Row-John Weiler, Kathern Maine, Darlene Redcay, D Ernest Weinhold, Darwin Overholt, Dennis Oberholtzer, Spencer Overholser, Barbara Ford

3rd Row-Eleanor Weiler, John Maine, Kim Weiler, Christopher Weiler, Beverly Harrington, Juanita Brown, Naomi Pletcher, Mary Landis, Earline Oberholtzer, Helen Oberholtzer, Ruth Overholser, Gwen Lucas

4th Row-Bob Brown, Jack Sholl, Shawn Harrington, Greg Overholser, Jim Overholser, Paul Pletcher, Norman Landis, Bill Oberholtzer, Dick Lucas

We are indebted to Dick Lucas for taking the pictures at the Reunion and the Friday night get-to-gether.

He very generously supplied us with prints of both events and we thank him. If anyone is interested in a color print of the Reunion picture, contact your editor and enclose \$1.

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SURFING THE WEB

While surfing the Web, I found a page on a family that started with Marcus Oberholtzer (MC) of Coventry Twp, Chester Co PA and I was **very** surprised to see that Elizabeth, the wife of Marcus, was given the maiden name Ely. This is the first time I have heard of a maiden name for Elizabeth and I wonder where that information came from. I then saw on another page that someone had picked up the name and made it fact. This is why it is so dangerous to put a name in that has not had any documentation. It is very interesting that the person who did the Web page "knew" about Elizabeth but didn't know the birthdates of her own paternal great grand-parents or the birth and death dates of her paternal great great grandmother.

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