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President's Column

Pennsylvania "The Holy Experiment"

William Penn, a devout Quaker, Theologian, author, and a deep thinker who founded Pennsylvania in 1682 where the executive power was upheld without military force, justice was administered without the use of oaths and religions sustained without a priesthood or a salaried ministry. In keeping with his Quaker beliefs, character and social equality was shown to all no matter what one's race or occupation. He admonished all to practice their Christian beliefs to the surrounding Indian tribes. The Indians did not fail to reciprocate to the kindness shown them. During the first 70 years of coexistence there was no record of any hostilities with the Indians. Of all the colonies or countries that have ever existed, none was ever founded on so philanthropic a plan. None was so deeply endowed with the character of its founder, none practiced in a greater degree the principles of toleration, liberty and peace, none flourished more rapidly than the colony of Pennsylvania. William Penn promised religious freedom to the inhabitants of war torn European countries. Among those accepting this invitation were the Quakers, Mennonites, Catholics, and Jews. With religious toleration, kindness to neighbors, hospitality to strangers, watchfulness in maintaining their civil rights and zealously in adhering to their religious principles, historians have called William Penn's Pennsylvania "The happy state", and it still is!

Darwin Overholt

93rd ANNUAL REUNION

Date: Saturday, August 17, 2002

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.

GERMAN IMMIGRATION INTO 18TH CENTURY PENNSYLVANIA

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the talk by John Weiler at the 2001 Reunion which was titled GERMAN IMMIGRATION INTO 18TH CENTURY PENNSYLVANIA, please send a legal size SASE to Barbara Ford.

ATTENTION MEMBERS

Please send contributions to our new treasurer Carolyn O Kendall, 416 Roslyn Ave, Glenside PA 19038. Our former treasurer Kathern J Maine passed away April 3, 2001.

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE,
INCLUDING CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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THESE 53 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE 2001 OFA REUNION

Janet O Bechtold, Norcross GA*
Juanita O Brown, Cookeville TN*
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Ann Duke, Owensboro, KY*
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Noah L Oberholtzer, Leola PA
Jim/Kathy/Greg Overholser, Roanoke VA*
Robert/Helen Overholser, White Marsh MD
Spencer/Ruth Overholser, Wyomissing Hills PA*
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Darwin/Jean Overholt, Doylestown PA*
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John/Eleanor Weiler, Bethlehem PA*
Paul/Kim/Christopher Weiler, Gapland MD*
D Ernest Weinhold, Manheim PA

* Attended Friday night at Yoder's along with
John Jacob & Rebecca Oberholtzer, Lititz PA
Lewis & Anna Schrack, Pottstown PA

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
AUGUST-DECEMBER 2001

Janet Bechtold, Norcross GA
Elsie M Gockley, Ephrata PA
Nancy Nustad, Ventura CA
Lynn Oberholtzer, Timonium MD
Bruce Overholt, Lancaster PA

Richard Overholtzer, Missoula MT
Joyce D Ringenberg, Pisgah Forest NC
Ruth Seas, Columbus OH
Michael Seikel, West Lafayette IN
Alice E Sherman, Winter Haven FL

Barbara Vernes, Chanhassen MN

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 out to Overholser Family Association

NECROLOGIST'S REPORT

DEATHS

Benjamin Franklin Bunn Jr 1/1/1913-9/2/2000 NJ, widower of Ann Toth, s/o Benjamin F Bunn & Grace Traub
(IV Christian Oberholser & Susanna Kurtz line) [SL274]

Nellie M DePute 9/15/1900-11/10/2000 Portland OR, widow of Oskar Rustemeyer & d/o Rebecca Field IC4a14
(Isaac Overholt of Louth, Lincoln Co ONT line) [IC]

Margaret Schmell Overholt 6/18/1910-7/14/2001, widow of Horace and mother of OFA President Darwin Overholt.
She had attended Reunions up to about 5 years ago.
(Mark Overholt & Elizabeth Staats) [MT] This is her line through the Schmells.

Kathryn Hursh Dean 7/31/1906-8/6/2001 Brevard NC, widow of Paul and mother of Joyce Dean Ringenberg.
(Jacob Oberholtzer & Catharina Bachman line) [JC]

Gwen Overholt 9/22/1913-12/12/2001 Amherstburg, ONT. She attended the Reunion 11 years ago and always spoke
with fond memories of her visit there and with Darwin and Jean Overholt of Doylestown.
(Staats Overholt & Susannah Hunsberger line) [MT]

Correction to August 2001 BULLETIN: Grace Wolf Miller died in West Richfield OH

Barbara B Ford

OUR CONTRIBUTORS

Our deep thanks to the members who contributed to the OFA from July to December 2001. Let us not forget those who contributed at the Reunion who must remain anonymous. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Charles/Jane Elliott
Sacramento CA

Don L Felts
Marathon FL

Charles/Anna Field
Paragonah UT

Agnes O Greene
Sumter SC

Betty O Hansen
Missoula MT

James/Esther Kehew
Mechanicsburg PA

Ina Claire KinKaid
Kerrville TX

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Blairsville PA

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Noblesville IN

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Amherstburg ONT

John/Sheila Overholt
Surrey, England

Richard A Overholtzer
Missoula MT

Maurice/Marianne Peppercorn
St Louis MO

Ronald W Reynolds
Metamora IL

Joyce/Everett Ringenberg
Pisgah Forest NC

Lewis/Anna Schrack
Pottstown PA

Ronald/Ruth Seas
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Alice E Sherman
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Palm Desert CA

Edna F Simcic
Marathon FL

Mary L Smead
Denver CO

Alford/Ruth Thompson
Tombermory ONT

Ralph/Jan Williams
Kaneoch HI

Jean Woods
Clear Spring MD

ACROSS CANADA AND ACROSS THE USA

Dick and Gwen Lucas of Caledonia, Ontario missed the 2001 Reunion because they took a trip across Canada and the USA to visit friends and relatives. They visited Lorna Carter, a cousin that I had put Gwen in touch with, and her husband Gill on their sheep ranch in Armstrong, British Columbia. Then they came down our West coast and outside Bakersfield CA ran into car trouble. Their best advice is that if you ever run into a fellow by the name of Ray in that area who wants to fix your car, lock the car doors and say no thank you. They crossed Texas to Kerrville where they met Claire KinKaid, another new cousin, and her husband Charles. They had a few other problems with the car and trailer that they would just as soon forget. They left Caledonia August 5th and returned September 14th and Gwen said that they were very glad to get home after such a trip. The three cousins descend from Staats Overholt who went from Bucks Co to Lincoln Co ONT in 1786.

Has anyone ever said to you "I think we are consanguineous"?

THE OBERHOLTZER BOOK ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS

MT215 Isaac Overholt d 7/7/1897 m 5/11/1834 Susanna VanLoon d 7/20/1886 70-5-8
Both bur Hartford Baptist Cem, Townsend Twp, Norfolk Co, Ontario
MT2151 William H Overholt 6/29/1835-5/20/1927, bur Hartford Baptist Cem.
m1 10/6/1859 Jemima Yonson b c1832, m2 11/27/1860 Sarah A Messecar b 1838
MT2152 Amy Emma Overholt 7/13/1838-2/22/1920 ON
m 1/7/1858 James Young Bowbeer 7/27/1838-c1908
MT2153 Jane Overholt b c1843 m 10/24/1860 Jacob Serenous b c1845
MT2154 Sarah Overholt b c1844 m 12/10/1865 Albert Dwight Clouse b c1842
MT2155 Lyman Overholt c1845-aft 1920
MT2156 Mary Overholt b c1848
REF: Overholt of Charlotteville Twp, Robert Mutrie, Ridgeway ON

MT267 Margaret Rott 1818-8/13/1895 m Rev Jacob VanLoon 10/26/1812-8/22/1899
Both bur Delhi Cem, Norfolk Co ON
MT2671 Nelson VanLoon 9/1/1839-10/28/1840
MT2672 Cynthia Cecelia VanLoon 7/2/1842-9/29/1861
MT2673 Sarah Jane VanLoon 10/30/1844-1/29/1890 MI m 11/4/1863 William Park
MT2674 Alfred Henry VanLoon 3/19/1847-11/6/1930
m Rhoda Mary Nelles 3/26/1851-4/17/1930
MT2675 Mary Jerusha VanLoon 6/27/1850-6/27/1861
MT2676 William Newell VanLoon 1/25/1853-11/8/1877 m 9/12/1873 Miriam Sovereign
MT2677 David Cone VanLoon 10/11/1855-9/27/1861
MT2678 Salem Eugene VanLoon 10/5/1858-9/29/1861
MT2679 Walter Howard VanLoon 3/31/1863-11/12/1887 MI m 8/25/1884 Evylin Carson
REF: Gloria Stennet, London ON

JC1e Joseph Oberholtzer (not Overholtzer)
JC1e1 Louisa Oberholtzer 7/15/1843-1925 m 11/22/1864 James A Shaffer
4/15/1841-2/1/1896
JC1e2 Olin (not Otto)
JC1e21 Clara Estella Oberholtzer 12/15/1869-6/13/1945 m 12/28/1892 Harry E Breece
10/24/1868-3/18/1933
JC1e22 Emma A Oberholtzer 8/7/1871-1/7/1952 m 3/30/1892 Charles A Sherman
5/21/1869-5/2/1946 Knox Co IL
JC1e23 Nellie J Oberholtzer 2/6/1874-9/9/1960 m1 10/30/1889 Mark E Tucker
1869-11/12/1907, m2 John F Doubet 9/28/1863-2/26/1935
JC1e24 Ida E Oberholtzer 11/6/1876-3/3/1953 m1 11/21/1900 Dr Henry A Kimery
7/11/1868-8/22/1921, m2 John Seeley
JC1e25 Dr Edward J Oberholtzer 9/4/1878-5/2/1951 m 6/2/1910 Maude Knox 12/4/1882-
9/1873
JC1e26 Joseph W Oberholtzer c1885-11/11/1886 IL
JC1e3 Elizabeth Oberholtzer d 1894 m 1874 Oliver P Nelson 1850-1928
JC1e4 Homer W Oberholtzer d 1931, Henrietta d 1922
JC1e41 James D Oberholtzer d 1950
JC1e43 Ernest E Oberholtzer d 6/18/1944
REF: Alice E Sherman, Winter Haven FL

VOLUNTEERING

In the year 2002, I will be starting my 15th year as genealogist for the OFA and my 14th year as editor. This will also be my 30th year as a volunteer at my county nursing home. Believe me, volunteering of any kind can be most rewarding.

DOING A FINE PUBLIC RELATIONS JOB

Charles Field of Paragonah UT has been checking the queries on the Internet message boards and when he feels that I can help someone who is seeking information on the Oberholtzers etc, he refers them to THE OBERHOLTZER BOOK and to me. A recent e-mail said "Charles suggested I write to you" and I knew who that was. Thank you Charles.

SEPTEMBER 11TH

Sharon Overholser, the daughter of Robert and Helen Overholser of White Marsh MD, took the day off from her job in the Pentagon on September 11th the day the jet plane went through her work place. She was spared but she lost many close friends.

COUSINS MEET FOR THE FIRST TIME

Last year I was able to put Neil Keever of Saratoga CA in touch with Betty Venables of Haines AK. Their grandfathers were twins and they met for the first time at the Reunion. Betty was in Pittsburgh for her daughter's graduation and she came to the Reunion with her sister Janet Bechtold of Norcross GA. Neil and his wife Judy stopped first in Ohio to see relatives and then did some research in Pennsylvania. Here are additions/corrections to their line in the book:

JA4264 Cornelius Overholser d c1916 Florida, m2 Sarah Leota (Hallowell) Loos 11/26/1876-9/1848
Lebanon OH (D)

JA4265 Enos Overholser m 12/24/1893 Jerusha Pearl Harris d 1958

A VIRUS WARNING

I received an e-mail from someone who had just purchased THE OBERHOLTZER BOOK and it had a download that I assumed was a write-up on his family. I downloaded it but when I went to bring it up, it disappeared. The same thing happened the next day with an e-mail from someone I hadn't heard from in about two years. I wrote to him explaining that I couldn't bring up the download and he wrote back that he hadn't written to me and that it was a virus! He said that he had also been hit by the virus which caused damage. Because I had always been careful about what I downloaded, I didn't have an antivirus program. I immediately went out and bought the Norton AntiVirus program. I receive warnings about viruses from time to time and the first thing I do is check Symantec Antivirus Research to see if it is a hoax and quite a few times, it is just that.

**OVERHOLSER FAMILY ASSOCIATION
Treasurer's Report 8/19/2000-8/13/2001**

Checking Account

Ending balance 8/19/2000	\$171.19
Ending balance 8/13/2001	139.44

Savings Account

Ending balance 8/19/2000	1813.99
Ending balance 8/13/2001	2122.11

Income

Uncategorized	68.19
Book sales-45	1404.40
Contributions	1314.50
Interest Inc	105.93
Transfer from Book Acct.	<u>9.00</u>
Total Income	2902.02

Expenses

Uncategorized	53.17
Book fund expenses	70.30
Printing/ mailing Aug. '01 Bulletin	395.14
Food for '00 Reunion	20.00
General Expenses-Barbara Ford	241.98
Kathern Maine Memorial	35.00
Postage	42.08
Postage-copying	25.04
Printing/ mailing Feb. '01 Bulletin	382.94
Prizes for '01 Reunion	5.50
Community Center rental	<u>60.00</u>
Total expenses	1302.15

Total 1599.87

Book Fund Account

Ending balance 8/19/2000	\$6180.83
Ending balance 8/12/2001	\$7584.20

Respectfully submitted
Carolyn O Kendall, Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE 92ND OVERHOLSER FAMILY ASSOCIATION REUNION

The Overholser Family Association met at the Terre Hill Community Center on August 18, 2001. People started to arrive at 10:30 a.m. bringing covered dishes for lunch. Genealogical charts, books and photos were displayed on several tables.

Rev John Weiler gave a prayer before lunch at noon and after eating, we went outside for the group picture.

THE PROGRAM, with President Darwin Overholt presiding. He introduced the officers and our new treasurer Carolyn Kendall who replaced Kathern Maine. A moment of silence was held in memory of Kathern Maine who died several months ago.

All those in attendance introduced themselves and their lines and a collection was taken to be used for expenses of the Association.

Ruth Overholser led the Overholser Reunion Song.

Secretary's report by Darlene Redcay-the Minutes of the 2000 meeting were approved as printed in the February BULLETIN.

Treasurer's report by Carolyn Kendall-approved as read.

Necrologist's report by Barbara Ford.

Book report by Barbara Ford-44 books were sold this year which brings the total sold to 514. We have 236 left.

NEW BUSINESS: Darwin Overholt contacted the officers and they agreed to pay Barbara Ford's monthly AOL bill because she uses the Internet for the Association. Through e-mail, books have been sold. A check for \$240 was given to her for the year 2001.

AWARDS: Youngest person-Christopher Weiler

Oldest person-Norman Landis

Married the longest-Robert & Helen Overholser-59 years

Traveled the farthest-Neil Keever from California, Jack Sholl from California and Betty Venables from Alaska

Dennis Oberholtzer spoke about his book and dignataries in the Oberholtzer family.

John Weiler gave a history of GERMAN IMMIGRATION INTO 18TH CENTURY

PENNSYLVANIA.

Spencer Overholser, who has been coming to Reunions for 50 years, gave a report.

Jack Scholl spoke of his rowing competition experiences.

Noah Oberholtzer, Norman Landis and Ernest Weinhold gave us "Dutch" speaking lessons.

Thirty-five people attended the Friday evening get-together at Yoder's Restaurant in New Holland.

The 93rd Reunion will be held August 17, 2002 at the Terre Hill Community Center.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Rev. Weiler.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene O Redcay, Secretary



**OFFICIAL 2001 REUNION PICTURE
TAKEN BY DENNIS OBERHOLTZER AND KATHY OVERHOLSER**

Left to right-

1st Row-Katelyn Overholt, Christopher Weiler, Melanie Boyd

2nd Row- Naomi Pletcher, Carolyn Kendall, Spencer Overholser, Darwin Overholt, Barbara Ford, John Weiler, Darlene Redcay

3rd Row-Edna Simcic, Judy Kever, Paul Pletcher, Tim Rice, Helen Overholser, Norman Landis, Mary Landis, Betty Venables, Eleanor Weiler, Barbara Eberly, Elsie Gockley, Dennis Oberholtzer

4th Row-Ann Duke, Juanita Brown, Robert Overholser, Ruth Overholser, Janet Bechtold, Kim Weiler, Helen Oberholtzer, Lynn Oberholtzer

5th Row-Neil Kever, Bruce Overholt, Jack Sholl, Billie Stewart, Earline Oberholtzer, Greg Overholser, Jean Overholt, Emily Oberholtzer, Jim Overholser, Don Felts, D Ernest Weinhold, Paul Weiler, Bill Oberholtzer, Fred Oberholtzer

(Kathy Overholser and Dennis Oberholtzer took turns taking pictures and Kathy was taking this one)

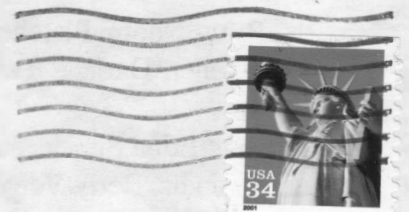
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INFORMATION FROM A COUNTY HISTORY

Judy Lugers wrote asking for information on a Henry Overholt who married 5/16/1867 Rebecca Stoop in Iowa. The History of Jackson County, Iowa said that he was the son of Isaac Overholt who died February 1883 in Harlan Iowa. This Isaac would be IC31 who didn't have a son Henry. I am always careful about believing information that is in county histories and this a perfect example of checking other records. Later on Judy discovered that Henry Overholt was the son of MT345 Joseph Overholt and Anna Tinstman. She also found that after Joseph died, Anna married 2 Joshua Beers and she died in Jackson Co IA. MT3455 Henry Overholt 1/112/1846 OH-6/25/1915 Denver CO m Rebecca Stoop 5/23/1847 IA-1/27/1937 CO. She m2 Alex Wallace. Henry and Rebecca are buried in Crown Hill Cemetery, Denver CO.

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