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President's Column

AN INDIAN POW WOW

Greetings from the OFA officers. Back in September, Earline and I went to an Indian Pow Wow in Southern Lancaster County. It was a clear warm day, the air was still and the outside noises of the world were absent. As we walked into the make-shift camp, we walked past Indians wearing many different native costumes from all over North America. It was a beautiful sight! There was a large ring in the center where they performed dance songs. American and POW flags flew alongside Indian banners. Each danced to their best ability, relaying original steps for their tribe. The sound of drums and cries were stirring! The smell of buffalo burgers, tanned leather, scented whiffs of perfume all came pouring through my nostrils.

This was a moving experience for me. Over the next couple of months I also read where the original Indian camps were located along the Susquehanna River. Knowing the first German settlement was located in present day Millersville, I visualized the annual trading sessions between our ancestors and the Indian ancestors. They lived peacefully in coexistence! Susquehanna, Conestoga, and Pequea Indians regularly interacted with our immigrant settlers. From 1710 until 1763 when the Paxtang Boys came down river, trading and teaching each other was enjoyable and rewarding!

In 2006 and 2010 we have big reasons to celebrate! Can I stir your interest in joining the OFA in some special celebrations? The next six years have three anniversaries which the Association can celebrate. In 2006, it will be 100 years since the OFA was formed. In 2009 it will be the 100th Anniversary of the Association since four years were not celebrated during World War II. In 2010, it will be 300 years since the first Oberholtzer immigrated to America!! We welcome suggestions on how to make the celebrations memorable. Please write your ideas to us.

REUNION THIS AUGUST 21, 2004

Many Blessings,

Dennis L. Oberholtzer

95th ANNUAL REUNION

Date: Saturday, August 21, 2004

Place: Terre Hill Community
Center, Terre Hill PA

Details (including map) in the
August BULLETIN. Keep the date
and plan to come!

ATTENTION: OUR TREASURER HAS MOVED. HER NEW ADDRESS IS ON PAGE 2

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE,
INCLUDING CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

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THESE 40 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE 2003 OFA REUNION

- Barbara Ford, Wallingford PA
- Wendell/Ruth/Bridget Howard, Marthasville, MO*
- Carolyn Kendall, Glenside PA
- Harold/Nora Mae Kilheffer, Lancaster PA
- Norman Landis, Souderton PA
- Gwen/Dick Lucas, Caledonia, ONT*
- Dennis/Earline Oberholtzer, Paradise PA*
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- Paul/Naomi Pletcher, New Holland PA*
- Darlene O Redcay, Goodville PA*
- Homer/Matilda Schaaf, West Chester PA
- Jack Sholl, Palm Desert CA*
- Billie/Bob Stewart, Beaver creek OH*
- John/Eleanor Weiler, Bethlehem PA*
- Paul/Kim/Christopher Weiler
Ashley McChesney, Rohrsersville MD*
- D Ernest Weinhold, Manheim PA
- Robert/Carolyn Wenger, Ephrata PA
- *Attended Friday night at Yoders along with
Harold Overholtzer, Pottstown PA
- Howard Overholtzer, Pottstown PA
- Lewis/Anna May Schrack, Pottstown PA
- (Bridget Howard missed the dinner as she is a
dog and stayed in the car)

**Please join us in our prayers
for Spencer Overholser.**

REUNION PICTURE

Once again we thank Dick Lucas of Caledonia, Ontario for the pictures taken at the reunion. If you would like a 4 x 6 print of the reunion group or those who attended Friday night at Yoders, send \$1.50 to Barbara Ford.

A FOND FAREWELL AND A WARM WELCOME

After 10 years as secretary of the Association, Darlene O Redcay has retired. We all appreciate her many years of devotion and we bid her a very fond farewell. Kim Weiler will take over as secretary and we wish her a warm welcome. Kim is the daughter-in-law of our Chaplain John L Weiler and lives in Gapland, Maryland with her husband Paul and three children.

QUERY

George Torrence Overholt 1891-1965 mar Hazel Mallory 1893-1972. He served in the US Air Corp, World War I and I would like to know what unit he was in and any other information about him. He was the s/o Abraham C Overholt and Gertrude Torrence of Westmoreland County, PA. Please send information about George to Barbara Ford.

THE OBERHOLTZER BOOK

A Foundation book of Oberholtzer Immigrants and Unestablished Lines

BOOK ORDER FORM

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Address _____

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

Book Quantit _____ 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

“TWO LEVI OVERHOLTS” UPDATE

In the February 2003 BULLETIN on page two, I was trying to solve the puzzle of the two Levi Overholts. As it turns out there were three Levi Overholts who were first cousins. They were the sons of brothers, AV21 Daniel Overholts, AV26 David Overholts and AV27 Marcus Overholts who married sisters Diana, Margaret and Eliz both Westfall. Here is how this new information has changed the codes:

- AV214 Levi Overholts b c1840 m 6/11/1869 Emma Ann Elliott b c1851
- AV2141 Alonzo Overholts b 8/1872 m Margaret [-?-] b 10/1880 IA
- AV2142 Lora M Overholts b c1875
- AV2143 Amanda E Overholts b c1878
- AV262 Levi Overholts 10/10/1835 OH-5/2/1899 IN m Abby Randal 7/26/1844-6/17/1910
- AV2621 Mary Dora Overholts 11/21/1865-7/29/1915
m Edward George Robeson c1866-7/27/1921
- AV2622 Maggie Overholts 1870-1908 m 4/10/1896 Samuel Howard Creager b 9/6/1873
- AV273 Levi Overholts 4/1838-3/20/1863 Vaughts Hill near Milton TN, Civil War
- AV2731 & AV2732 changed to AV2621, AV2622

THE OBERHOLTZER BOOK ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS

- JL242 Ephraim Overholtzer m Ann McKeehan, she m2 9/13/1831 William Hays
JL2421 John Overholser b c1826 m 1/25/1859 America Ritter b c1841
JL245 Mary Ann Hopton b c1808 (2nd wife of Christopher)
JL2452 Nancy C Overholser m 1/1/1856 Jesse Broyles 11/10/1834-1920 Collin, TX
JL2453 Marenah Catherine Overholser b 1832 m Levi J Jones 1/14/1837-4/16/1879 IN
JL247 Samuel Overholtzer b c1811, in the 1880 census Glade, Madison Co. KY is a Samuel Overholser b TN with parents b VA VA. He appears to be with a second family because his wife Polley was born 1827 TN with the following children:
JL2471 Salley Overholser b c1858 KY
JL2472 Lila A Overholser b c1860 KY
JL2473 Mary E Overholser b c1862 KY
JL248 Margaret (Peggy) Overholtzer m Isaac Sourbeer
JL249 Rachel R Overholtzer 11/8/1816-4/7/1892 m John West Jr 12/5/1811-2/22/1892
JL2491 John A West b c1837
JL2492 Sarah K West b c1838
JL2493 William N West b c1841 m Delania Hopson c1847-c1880
JL2494 Joel F West b c1843 m Delana Rosenbalm
JL2495 Isaac West b c1845
JL2496 Henry W West b 5/1848 m Sarah Simmons
JL2497 Michael C West 1/16/1850-5/5/1922 m Nancy [?]
JL2498 Mary A West b c1853
JL2499 Simon Peter West 8/26/1854-10/18/1923 m Lue Rittie Hurst 8/10/1871-9/15/1956
JL2490 Rachael Matilda West b c1858
JL249a David N West b 7/11/1861-1/1896 m Rebecca Hurst
REF: 1850-1880 census TN, Claiborne Co. TN Pioneer Project-Residents before 1910
JL240 Joseph Overholtzer b c1818 TN m Charity West b 1814 VA
(the 1880 census Hartford, Ohio Co, KY shows Joseph living with P.B. Moreland and his wife Margaret. She would be the daughter of his sister Margaret Sourbeer. Joseph was not in the 1850 census with his wife and children. Could he have been off working on someone's farm?)
JL2401 Julia A Overholser b c1840 m (?Joel Johnson)
JL2402 Joel F Overholser b c1842 m Elizabeth [-?] b c1842
JL271 Jane Overholser m John L Lusk c1799-7/2/1860
JL2712 Tennessee H H Lusk d 3/4/1910
JL2716 Samuel N R T Lusk d 1862 m Saraphina Gourley 1839-9/1914
JL2724 Rhoda Overholtzer m Nathaniel Tilson b c1850
JL2731 Nathaniel Kanneday Tipton Peoples 6/4/1836-1907 m Mary Williams b c1839
(In the book, I have him as Canada which a relative said was his name. He was known as Kanneday and the 1880 census has him as Kenada)
JL2732 Mary A Peoples 4/3/1840 TN-12/31/1916 m James M Taylor b 7/21/1838 TN
JL2733 John P H Peoples b 10/10/1830 (should be #1 child)
JL2734 Emily E Peoples b 7/13/1844
JL2735 David H Peoples b 6/2/1850

NECROLOGIST'S REPORT

DEATHS

Alma Landis Oberholtzer Fox 6/23/1921-8/29/2002 Conestoga View, Lancaster PA, mother of OFA president Dennis Oberholtzer (Christian Oberholtzer/Elizabeth Brubaker line) [SL2467]

Richard Vincent Ashby 3/19/1957-10/4/2002 Martins Creek, PA, killed where he was working on his job laying pipeline. He was the son of Albert & Nora Overholt Ashby of Marion, MI. (William Overholt/Elizabeth Leatherman line) [MC3222]

Dwayne E Overholtzer 12/3/1936-12/7/2002 Council Bluff, IA. He and his wife Rosemary attended the 2002 reunion. (Christian Oberholtzer/Christina Musselman line) [JL4]

Lloyd S Overholt died 2/22/2003 Northampton PA age 71. Survived by his wife Mildred Haney, sons Craig, Glenn and Eric, brothers Darwin (former OFA president), George and Robert. (Marcus Oberholtzer line) [MC] & (Mark Overholt line) [MT]

David L Kehew 5/5/1921-5/6/2003 Mechanicsburg PA. Survived by his wife Nan, sons Robert and Chad, brother Jim Kehew, our former editor and cousin Barbara Ford. (Marcus Oberholtzer line) [MC]

Shirley Young Kantner died 8/1/2003 Reading, PA, age 76. She is survived by husband Paul, sons Paul and Mark and daughters Sheryl Madrigale, Jill Mangan and Beth Ross. (Joseph Oberholtzer/Catharina Wanner line) [JL3714]

Esther Gerwig Kehew 9/18/1920-9/23/2003 Mechanicsburg PA. She is survived by husband Jim, our former editor, daughter Peggy Cahill, sons Gordon and Bill. (Marcus Oberholtzer line) [MC]

Barbara Ford

1727 IMMIGRANT SAMUEL OBERHOLTZER (SL) NEW INFORMATION ABOUT HIS LAND

Harold M Kilheffer of Lancaster, PA has found new information about land that Samuel Oberholtzer and Henry Kilhoffer had surveyed together in 1737 in Manor Twp, Lancaster Co. Harold located a document in Disputed Land Papers, Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg, PA that shows Henry Killover (Kilheffer) and Samuel Overholser (Oberholtzer) had 350 acres of land surveyed in Conestoga Manor in 1737. Samuel gave up his rights to his half of the tract to Henry for thirty shillings after he purchased land in the Hamilton tract in 1746. Henry Killover was the father of Jacob Kilheffer who married Maria Oberholtzer [SL23], a granddaughter of Samuel Oberholtzer. You never know when new information will turn up which means you are never finished. Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of this document and the 1746 deed can send a SASE legal size envelope and \$1.00 to Barbara Ford.

OUR CONTRIBUTORS

Our deep thanks to the members who contributed to the OFA from July to December 2003. Let us not forget those who contributed at the Reunion who must remain anonymous. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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FOUND AT LAST JOSEPH OVERHOLSER [JA42]

Joseph Overholser, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Overholser, married Anna Burket and they resided in Montgomery County, Ohio. Information I received said that they separated and that he went to Indiana. There was a Divorce and Alimony Civil Action against Joseph Overholser and Elijah Culbert by Anna Overholser dated 4/23/1859 which was settled 6/7/1859. In the 1860 Ohio census, Joseph and Anna were together. In the 1870 census, Anna and her daughter Amanda were living with another daughter Elizabeth Ullery and her family. I often wondered if Joseph married again when he lived in Indiana and I recently got my answer. I found him living in 1880 with Henry Friend and his family in Union, Marshall Co, Indiana and his occupation was money lender. Under marital status, he put "married". Evidently there was a separation but no divorce. I can find no family connection between Joseph Overholser and the Friends.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Nancy Hatcher, Snellville, GA
Harold Overholtzer, Pottstown, PA

Albert Johnson, Stanton, TX

Robert M Overholser, Longmont, CO
Roger Weikel, Shamokin, PA

MAYOR OBERHOLTZER

The newly elected mayor of Snellville, GA is 44 year old Jerry Oberholtzer. I wonder what line he descends from. Thanks Kate Stirk of Acworth, GA.

OVERHOLSER FAMILY ASSOCIATION
Treasurer's Report 8/15/03

Income/Expense
8/16/02-8/15/03

Category Description

INCOME

Book Sales	734.01
Gifts Received	1,044.00
Interest Inc.	10.48
Other Inc.	<u>77.50</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,865.99

EXPENSES

AOL	240.00
Book expenses	69.23
Bulletin expenses	811.32
General expenses	151.01
Prizes for Reunion	25.50
Security Deposit-Community Center	<u>50.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,347.06
OVERALL TOTAL	\$518.93

ACCOUNT BALANCES
(Includes unrealized gains)
As of 8/15/03

Account	Balance
Bank Accounts	
OFA Checking	324.32
OFA Book Fund	8,464.22
OFA Statement Savings	<u>2,029.27</u>
TOTAL Bank Accounts	\$10,817.81
OVERALL TOTAL	\$10,817.81

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn O Kendall, Treasurer, OFA 8/15/03

MINUTES OF THE 94TH OVERHOLSER FAMILY ASSOCIATION REUNION

The Overholser Family Association met at the Terre Hill Community Center on August 16, 2003. People started coming at 10:30 a.m. bringing covered dishes for lunch. Photographs, books and genealogical charts were on display.

Rev John Weiler gave a prayer before lunch at noon after which the group photo was taken indoors by Dick Lucas because of the rain.

President Dennis Oberholtzer called the meeting to order and each guest introduced themselves and told what line they were from.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said, followed by the Overholser Reunion song which was led by Ruth Overholser.

AWARDS: Oldest person-Norman Landis
Youngest person-Christopher Weiler
Traveled farthest: The Howards of Marthasville, Missouri
The baldest: Homer Schaaf
Attended the reunion before 1946: Carolyn Kendell and John Oswald at
Long Park, Lancaster

The treasurer's report was given by Carolyn Kendell and approved as read.

The secretary's report by Darlene O Redcay was approved as printed in the February 2003 Bulletin.

Barbara Ford acknowledged the contribution by Dick Lucas to the Association as our photographer and thanked Billie Stewart for the material she has sent. Thirty books were sold this past year.

It was moved and seconded that Kim Weiler replace our retiring secretary Darlene O Redcay.

Jim and Kathy Overholser gave a talk and showed pictures on their visit to Oberholz, Switzerland with Rosy Oberholzer and her family. Jack Sholl and his wife have also visited there. Rosy has stayed with Darwin and Jean Overholt in Florida for a time in March the past 4 years.

Jack Sholl spoke of his experience with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir at Independence Hall in Philadelphia where he has been a volunteer.

The 95th Overholser Reunion will be held August 21, 2004 with dinner at Yoders on August 20th for out-of-towners.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene O Redcay, Secretary



**OFFICIAL OVERHOLSER FAMILY REUNION PICTURE TAKEN BY DICK LUCAS
AUGUST 16, 2003**

FRONT ROW

Chris Overholser, Greg Overholser, Christopher Weiler, Ameena Gill

2ND ROW

Dick Lucas, Jim Overholser, Kathy Overholser, Robert Wenger, Norman Landis, Spencer Overholser, Barbara Ford, Kim Weiler, Naomi Pletcher

3RD ROW

Nora Mae Kilheffer, Ruth Howard, Carolyn Wenger, Darlene Redcay, Gwen Lucas, Eleanor Weiler, Ashely McChesney, Paul Pletcher

4TH ROW

Harold Kilheffer, Wendell Howard, Homer Schaaf, Jack Sholl, Linda Parks, Billie Stewart, Ruth Overholser, Darwin Overholt, Matilda Schaaf, John Oswald, Sara Overholser

5TH ROW

D Ernest Weinhold, Paul Weiler, John Weiler, Dennis Oberholtzer

Back row partial heads belong to Carolyn Kendell, Earline Oberholtzer, Bob Stewart

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TWO SCAMS

I received an e-mail from Sierra Leone requesting help in transferring twenty-one million dollars from there to me in their attempt to get the money out of the country. As their adviser, I would receive 20% with another 5% to cover expenses. It is interesting that I had just about the same request from a man in Nigeria. Before you call to borrow a few million from me, I didn't reply to the scam.

Another e-mail said that my order of 32 dozen long stem red roses had been charged to my AOL account for a total of \$37.98. I tried to picture all those roses in my livingroom and then I wondered how they got my account number. This is also a scam and what they want is to have you enter your AOL account details which, of course, I would never give out.

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