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95TH OVERHOLSER FAMILY REUNION

The President's Column

The OFA is Spreading its Wings!

Greetings from the OFA Officers! If you happened to have looked at the officer list lately, we now are spread into four states! This is a wonderful change for the Association. We are not the garden variety family association, we are a North American Association, having connections literally all over the world. This is becoming vastly more important, as travel and communications are making the world smaller and "O" families are spreading and moving more rapidly.

The OFA has printed a book covering the first five generations known from the immigrant on down. This leaves as many as seven generations still undocumented in several lines. We have some information and are still gathering and compiling. We hope to eventually print individual pamphlets or books, extending the lines in our present book. But in the meantime, we need your help to continue gathering information. One of the major problems I foresee is duplication due to address changes. For instance, I live in the same house as I did forty years ago, but I have a different post office and address. My brother, with an even more complicated situation, was in the Air Force for twenty-two years. He has addresses in no less than eight locations around the world and with a name like Chris in this family, he could wind up being eight different people on genealogical lists!

This is one of the many reasons we need the OFA. In order to help our descendants know where they came from we need to write down who and where we have been and are now! The information found on the Internet is frightening to those who know the mistakes that can be made.

It is great to see people from across the continent getting involved with the Association. It is good to see a couple local Martinite brothers coming to the Reunion. Presently, the officers are making changes which will help in communications. We are also preparing safeguards to protect our information from unexpected loss. Come join us as we prepare for the second century of OFA Reunions. FRIDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 20TH AT YODERS RESTUARANT;

REUNION, AUGUST 21ST AT THE TERRE HILL COMMUNITY CENTER.

Thanks,
Dennis Oberholtzer

Reunion news and map on pages 4 and 5

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REUNION MINUTES

Our secretary Kim Weiler plans to bring to the reunion copies of minutes from past reunions dating back to 1906. Also listed in many of them are the attendees.

KULP FAMILY HISTORY

The Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family Association is considering a reprint of the Kulp Family History by Daniel Kolb Cassel. They will need a fund of at least \$5000 to finance it and if you would like to send a pledge, please contact Mrs Ruth K. Oberholtzer, 209 South 5th St, North Wales, PA 19454. Many of our members descend from one of the Kolb-Kulp-Culp families.

The Fretz Family Association will hold their 116th Anniversary Reunion August 14, 2004 at CAMP MEN-O-LAN, Quakertown PA Family registration is 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

THANK YOU!

Jennie Sperling of Lansdale, PA has contributed miscellaneous Overholt material for which we are grateful. Through the years, she has also sent in Overholt/Oberholtzer obituaries and for this we very much appreciate her interest.

COPIES OF ASSOCIATION FILES

Dennis Oberholtzer has suggested that copies be made of the Association files and he is in the process of doing so by scanning them and putting them on a disk. He felt that in case of an unexpected loss, we should have more than one copy of the records that date back many years. As this is being printed, your editor is going through four filing cabinets plus several boxes, selecting the most important papers because we cannot copy everything.

Please join us in prayer for our treasurer Carolyn Kendall who at this time is going through treatment.

A GIFT IDEA

Dear Relatives,

Just as it was mentioned in a recent newsletter about saving records like birth certificates, marriage certificates and all for our family history to continue, I would like to make the following suggestion. For those of you who have the family trees and are into genealogy, one of the best gifts for a new born baby is to print out a copy to put into the baby book. In addition, when there is a wedding, what better way to welcome a new family member than to include them in our family tree. As a matter of fact, my nephew is getting married next summer to one of my former 6th Grade students. One of the projects in my class was to make a family tree. I am thrilled to go from Mrs Ring to Aunt Jodi for Amy. I plan on giving her our printed family tree at her first wedding shower. So all my relatives, there is no gift better than family.

Jodi Overholt-Ring, 46140 Barrington, Plymouth, MI 48170

A FRICK CONNECTION IN THE SAMUEL OBERHOLTZER (SL) LINE?

We have never known the maiden name of the first wife of Jacob Oberholtzer (SL1), son of 1727 Samuel Oberholtzer of Lancaster County, PA and also the wife of another son Martin Oberholtzer (SL2). In the August 1997 BULLETIN, I had wondered if Jacob and Martin Oberholtzer (SL1 & SL2) married sisters Catharine and Elizabeth Frick. Recently, Dennis Oberholtzer and Harold Killeffer wrote about the same possibility although they had not remembered the original article and didn't know the other was researching the Frick connection.

Harold Killeffer reports the Bible record of Jacob Frick, b ca 1700 in Europe, married Mary Stroheim and had 7 children. Two of the children were Elizabeth born 1/8/1730 and Catharine b 10/13/1731. There was also a brother John Frick who was administrator with Elizabeth Oberholtzer in the estate of Martin Oberholtzer (SL2). Jacob Oberholtzer (SL1) was a witness to the will of Jacob Frick, another brother of the two Frick girls, who died 1782.

Dennis Oberholtzer referred to records that show the Fricks and Oberholtzers in deeds and wills. Jacob Oberholtzer (SL1), in his will, appointed Christian Frick, a son of John, and his son Jacob Oberholtzer executors of his estate. In 1775 Samuel and Anna Oberholtzer, children of Martin who died 1767, choose Jacob Frick as their guardian. The late Martin Brackbill also believed that this Jacob Frick was the brother of Elizabeth, mother of Samuel and Anna Oberholtzer.

Unfortunately, the Mennonites (Anabaptists) did not keep early church records so we are left putting together pieces of the puzzle hoping that another record would give us the proof we need to show the marriage of Jacob Oberholtzer [SL1] to Catharine Frick and Martin Oberholtzer [SL2] to Elizabeth Frick. Please remember that the Frick connection is a **possibility**.

A CIVIL WAR RECORD

In reviewing the Civil War records of Overholser in Virginia, I found Joel Overholser served in the Confederate 5th Virginia Infantry. I later found he enlisted on 10/21/1862 at age 30 as a substitute in Company E and deserted 10/21/1862! Years later, did he tell his grandchildren his experience in the Civil War and the battles he was in?

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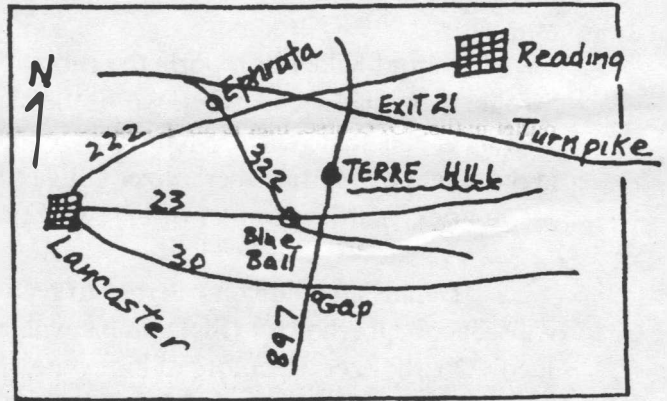
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95TH OVERHOLSER FAMILY REUNION

On Friday night August 20, 2004, the night before the Reunion, those from out-of-town will meet once again at Yoders Restaurant for dinner at 6 p.m. The restaurant is on the edge of New Holland just a little west of Blue Ball on Route 23. Their number is 717-354-4748. We would love to have Association members who live in the area join us for a delicious Pennsylvania Dutch dinner. Please let Barbara Ford know if you will attend so that Yoders will know how many to expect.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at the Reunion on Saturday August 21st at the Terre Hill Community Center, on the main street of Terre Hill. We meet about 10:30 a.m. and get acquainted until noon when we have a covered dish supper. Please bring a hot or cold dish for the buffet table and your own beverage and tableware.

Parents of small children are reminded that there is a community playground in back of the Center that their off-spring will enjoy. Plan to bring balls and bats or other game paraphernalia.



AFTER THE REUNION

Rev. John Weiler will be giving a walking tour of Main Street in Terre Hill after the reunion and will point out anything pertaining to the Oberholtzers who lived in the area. There is also a plan to go to Weaverland Cemetery to see some of the Oberholtzer family graves for anyone who would like to follow.

HOW TO GET TO THE REUNION

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

From Lancaster: 15 mi. NE via Rts. 222, 23, 897

From Reading: 15 mi. SW via Rts. 222, 897

From Gap on Rt. 30: 15 mi. North via Rt. 897

From Exit 21 (Reading), PA Turnpike: 5 mi. South via Rt. 897

THE OBERHOLTZER BOOK

A Foundation book of Oberholtzer Immigrants and Unestablished Lines

\$29.50 + \$3.50 S/H. PA residents add \$1.77 Sales Tax. Make check out to Overholser Family Association and send to Barbara Ford, 313 Henry Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086

REUNION PLANS

Exciting News

We have all often remarked "Is the family reunion over already?" at the end of our meeting on Saturday. Well, we have finally come up with an answer to that question and it is "It does not have to be!" Some of us have spent some time scouring the Lancaster area looking for a place that could accommodate the needs of different people, as well as provide a place for us to gather throughout the weekend. We may meet to go to a tourist attraction together, have a meal together or just hang out and get to know more of our Overholser family.

We will be camping at the Old Mill Stream Campground on Route 30 East in Lancaster beginning Friday August 20th through Monday August 23rd. The campground has a beautiful pavilion which will serve as a place for us to gather and meet each other before and after our wonderful Yoder's dinner and Terre Hill gathering. The campground is adjacent to Dutch Wonderland, Wonderland Mini Golf, and Discover Lancaster County Museum, as well as several outlet malls. Of course, that is all in addition to the fantastic Amish surroundings and attractions. We will have maps and vacation guides available at the pavilion for anyone that is interested. The campground has primitive sites, sites with full hook up and everything in-between. There is a stream that you may spend a leisurely afternoon fishing in or a playground to remember how to swing. For those of you that just can't miss your favorite shows there is a cable hook up and if you don't have a favorite show I would be happy to share a few.

We would love for you to join us at the campground. The more people we have the cheaper it will be. If you would like to participate and get to know your extended family, please contact Kim Weiler at 301-432-8572 or email: kwpw8@aol.com by August 1st to secure your spot.

You may be saying "that all sounds great but I HATE camping!" We did not forget you. Within the same parking lot and a very easy walk to the campground is a beautiful Continental Inn. They have rooms and suites, indoor and outdoor pool, whirlpool, sauna, game room and playground. The rate is \$105.00 per night for a room and \$232.00 for a suite. Both rates include tax and a full hot breakfast for two. The sites have a bedroom, living room with two sleeper sofas and a second bath. To make your reservation please call 717-299-0421. I have also include a list of several other motels within a 1/2 mile from the campground. When you make your reservation, please let us know so that we may have an idea of how many of our terrific Overholser family we can enjoy.

We look forward to seeing all of you at both our yearly events and our new extended event.

Fondly,

Kim and Paul Weiler
Kathy and Jim Overholser

Classic Inn \$72.00 per night 2302 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, PA 717-291-4576

Country Inn and Suites by Carlson \$169.00 per night 2260 Lincoln Highway East (Route 30), Lancaster, PA
717-299-4460

Econo Lodge North \$83.00 per night 2165 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, PA 717-299-6900

Ramada Inn \$79.00 per night 2250 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, PA 717-393-5499

Super 8 Lancaster \$95.99 per night 2129 Lincoln Highway East, Lancaster, PA 717-393-8888

The law of heredity is that all undesirable traits come from the other parent.

Anonymous

THE OBERHOLTZER BOOK ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS

- AV5142 Laura J Hanna b c1862 OR
AV5143 Silona Mizner 10/23/1876 CA-8/27/1967 Los Angeles
AV5148 Alonzo Berton Overholser d 7/1/1961, Mary Alice Walsh d 2/17/1942
AV515 Jacob B Overholser bur 6/9/1921, m1 Sarah Hayworth bur 4/22/1875
AV5151 Mary E Overholser bur 2/7/1934
AV5152 Louisa E Overholser bur 2/10/1921
AV5154 William B Overholser bur 10/28/1957 m Olga [-?-] 11/14/1887-11978
 Jacob through Olga are buried Crown Hill Cem, Indianapolis, IN
AV516 Nancy B Overholser m Eli Hethcoat b c1833
Known children:
AV5161 Charles Hethcoat b c1862
AV5162 Etta Hethcoat b c1868
AV518 Mary Ann Overholser d 9/17/1934 m 6/15/1862 Jeremiah Shaw b 1839 (D)
AV5181 Brownie M Shaw 9/2/1864 m c1884 Fred G Schaefer b c1862
AV5182 Obediah Shaw b 1866
AV510 Jemima Collins m2 11/5/1868 William Tow d 2/19/1908
AV5101 Leona Fidella Overholser
AV51a7 Maude Elda Overholser d 6/14/1974 m Amos Clingenpeel 10/3/1878-4/18/1958
AV51b Rebecca Overholser m 9/11/1865 Sonoma Co, CA Noah W Shafer b c1837 MD
AV51b1 Lena H Shafer b c1866 CA
AV51b2 Everet F Shafer b c1869 CA
AV51b3 S Ethel Shafer b c1878 MD
 Shafer family res/o Marion, Franklin Co, OH 1880 census
AV51c Anna Lee b c1858 England
AV5225 Eleanor C Overholser d 2/14/1925 m William Riley Hardman 6/17/1852-12/24/1925 OR
AV5228 Benjamin F Overholser d 1948 OR m2 1/28/1904 Clara Faye Stannard 1885-1970 OR
AV650 Social Security Death Index she is listed as Zoe Brock, bur Bayview Cem, Whatcom, WA
AV66 William H Overhuls m 9/8/1857 Elizabeth Miranda Bodine (in the 1880 census Hopkinsville,
 Christian Co KY Miranda E Overhuls is in the Western Kentucky Lunatic Asylum where she
 lived until her death 6/16/1935. She was born c1840.)
AV661 Mary C Overhuls b c1858
AV662 Nancy L Overhuls b c1860
AV663 Isaac R Overhuls 1862-1941 KY m Blanche [-?-] c1875-6/24/1951 KY
AV6631 Elma Overhuls 1908-1910 KY
AV664 Jesse P Overhuls b c1866
AV665 Martha Overhuls b c1869
AV67 James William Hendricks 10/7/1824 KY-2/27/1878
AV671 Nancy Jane Hendricks 9/29/1851-1/17/1936
 m 1/1885 Jesse M Putnam 9/12/1832-2/16/1902 (his 2nd wife)
AV672 Isaac Hendricks 2/20/1853-2/15/1859
AV673 Anna E Hendricks 6/9/1858-12/17/1935 Jonathan Whitmer
AV674 Daniel A Hendricks b 2/14/1860
AV675 Jesse P Hendricks b 1/25/1866 m Mollie Grundy

ABRAHAM OVERHOLSER [JM1]

Bruce McCrea of Lansing, MI, has new information about Abraham Overholser's birth and death dates. He had talked to Lois Ann Baker who had read the cemetery headstone at the Miller-Overholser Cemetery, Adams Twp, Darke Co, OH. Here is the update:

Abraham Overholser 1/9/1787 PA-10/13/1819 Darke Co OH

Bruce wonders where Abraham's wife is buried. Catharine mar2 Jacob Overholser [JA4] and after he died in 1850, she is living in the 1860 census with John and Susan Cable (her daughter) who died in 1866. They are buried in Mills Cemetery near the Preble County line but there is no headstone there for Catharine. Was she buried without a headstone? Was Catharine still alive in 1866 and, if so, did she move in with other relatives?

HENRY D OVERHOLSER [AV553]

The Boston, Wayne County, Indiana 1860 census shows H D Overhulser, the 1870 census shows Henry Overholster and the 1880 census shows Henry Overholser. The last spelling is the correct one and this is Henry's family:

AV553 Henry Overholser 3/21/1836-c1896 Wayne Co IN m 12/8/1858 Mary Ann Taylor b c1841

AV5531 William M Overholser b 12/1859 m 10/12/1890 Anna [-?-] Rife b 5/1870

AV5532 John E Overholser b c1865

AV5533 Ada M Overholser b c1877 m 11/24/1894 Harry Z Rife

AV5534 Mary E Overholser b c1880

ELIZABETH JANE OVERHOLT [IC323]

The Oberholtzer Book has Elizabeth Jane Overholt b 2/24/1832 married to [-?-] Barbour. John Pennington of Winnipeg, Manitoba CANADA has filled in the blank. Elizabeth married Robert Barbour and the family was living in Culross, Bruce Co.(South), Ontario in the 1881 census. In the 1901 census Bruce Co.(East), Robert Barbour was living alone next to his daughter Mary E. Copeland, a widow, and her family of seven children. Elizabeth Jane Barbour was living with her daughter and her husband, the Edward Jacksons in Bruce Co (North), Amabel (Saugeen Indian Reserve).

IC323 Elizabeth Jane Overholt b 2/24/1832

m c1855 Robert Barbour 12/21/1828 Scotland-1914

IC3231 Mary Barbour 11/22/1856-1932 m 1882 M.E. Copeland 1852-1900

IC3232 David Barbour b 3/3/1861 m Mary [-?-] b 4/9/1863

IC3233 John Barbour b c1864

IC3234 Elizabeth Barbour b 9/17/1866 m Edward Jackson b 10/11/1860

IC3235 William Barbour b c1871

YOUR FAMILY RECORDS

For Christmas, my son Jim gave me 5000 sheets of computer paper. He saves nothing and he just shakes his head when he sees my numerous OFA files. This appears to be encouraging me to make more copies. My son Steve gave me a shredder. He is a saver and will inherit my family records. Unlike his brother, Steve has always been interested in the family genealogy. Back about 38 years ago, we made our first trip to Deep Run Mennonite Cemetery, Bucks Co, PA where we made note of all the Overholts buried there. Jim will inherit the remaining computer paper and the shredder. Have you told your family who will get your family records? I know of a relative who destroyed 40 years of research belonging to his mother because he considered them worthless. A historical society will accept them if the family isn't interested. We have designated drivers, why not a designated family member who will receive the family records. Don't put this decision on the back burner.

ABRAHAM OVERHOLT [MC720]

Abraham Overholt was the distiller who made Old Overholt rye whiskey in Westmoreland County, PA. Many times the first thing people tell me, when they are tracing their Overholts, is that they are related to the "man who made the whiskey". So often, I have to tell them they aren't related. I am amazed that he has so many "descendants" who aren't related to him. P.S. I am the great great granddaughter of this Abraham Overholt. Honest!

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

A few years ago, I had a query from a fellow who was incarcerated and I helped him trace his family. Recently, I had an e-mail with a first line that read at the end "I am a criminal". My first thought was that this was another inmate until I saw the next line which read "justice student". The student got a big kick out of my first thought of him.

OCCUPATIONS IN 1880

Women in the 1880 census almost always had their occupation as "keeping house" but Lydia Overholtz Crider {JL2140} listed hers as "Toll Getherer" in Ashby, Shenandoah County, VA. Peter Walker's occupation was "Bottoms chairs".

VETERANS AFFAIRS HAS GRAVE-SITE DATA ON THE WEB

The Department of Veterans Affairs has put on the Web 3.2 million records for veterans buried in 120 national cemeteries since the Civil War. Spouses of veterans may also be buried with their husbands. The address is <http://www.cem.va.gov>. Thank you Bruce Coffey, Freeport, ME.

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Our deep thanks to the members who contributed to the OFA from January 2004 through June 2004. We greatly appreciate your support.

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NECROLOGIST'S REPORT

DEATHS

Virnelle Metts Overholser 11/12/1905-11/17/2003 Columbia MO. Widow of Milton Denis Overholser. She is survived by daughter Jean Elise and son Milton Denis Overholser. (Levi L Overholser/Mary Landis line) [SL2782]

Sara Herr Harting 12/24/1920-1/8/2004 Allentown, PA. She is survived by husband of 60 years George Harting, son John, daughter Becci Brown and three grandchildren. (Sarah Overholser/John Buch line) [SL2797]

Kenneth L Ingham 10/1/1929-1/27/2004 Pottstown, PA. Survived by wife Ruth E Overholtzer, son Dale, stepdaughters Joanne Ellingsworth, Rosanne Boalton and 5 sisters. (Horace N Overholtzer/Margaret Eisele line) [AS1533]

Millicent Laura Overholtzer 11/2/1906-3/6/2004 Sacramento, CA. Widow of Paul Overholtzer, she is survived by son Will Overholtzer (past OFA president), granddaughter Lynn Ulaner, grandson Col. Mark Overholtzer and 5 great grandchildren. (Jacob A Oberholtzer/Catharine Anglemoyer line) [JF1316]

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STEPHEN OVERHOLSER

Have you wondered if Stephen Overholser, author of Western books, is a distant cousin? He is the son of Wayne Overholser 1906-1996, also an author of Western books, and a grandson of AV5227 Stephen Overholser and Emily Jane Powell. This Overholser family moved from Indiana to Oregon in 1870. I have several letters written by Wayne saying that, since he started writing, people from all over the country have written asking about his Overholser family. I know of one family that has claimed that they were neighbors of Wayne in Iowa although he never lived there.

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