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OVERHOLSER FAMILY ASSOCIATION REUNION AUGUST 5TH AND 6TH, 2005

President's Column

Plan now to attend the 96th Overholser Family Association Reunion on August 5th and 6th (remember the NEW DATES). Whether you are an Oberholtzer, Overholt, Overholser, etc. by birth or marriage, you are invited to come and attend any or all of the events. We have added a few new things to do this year. The Lancaster County area is a great place for a family vacation and you are sure to meet wonderful cousins that you never knew you had.

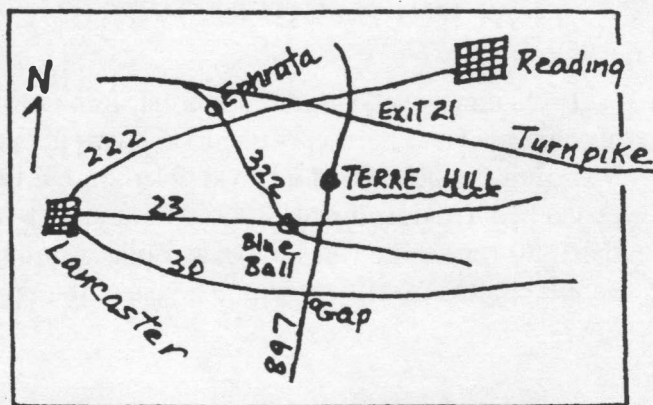
On Friday night, August 5th, we will meet at Yoder's between New Holland and Blue Ball for a 6 p.m. buffet dinner and visiting. Be sure to notify Barbara Ford (address on back) in advance so they know how many to expect. This is a great Mennonite-run restaurant.

On Saturday, August 6th, we will gather at 10:30 in the morning at the Terre Hill Community Center, have our covered dish dinner at noon, and enjoy a short program and business meeting afterward. There is time for visiting and looking at research material. Jack Sholl will give a short talk on the Normandy Liberty Bell, an interesting subject. After the short business meeting and group photo, Reverend John Weiler will lead a walking tour of Terre Hill, including the cemetery, where ancestors are buried. Dennis and Earline Oberholtzer, of Paradise, will host a cookout for us beginning at about 5 p.m. They will provide hot dogs and hamburgers; the grill will also be available for other food if you would like to bring some along. Dennis will have directions and maps available at the Terre Hill Reunion.

OFA member Noah Oberholtzer, Jr, who I discovered is my fifth cousin, did the Readers Ancestry in the January 2005 issue of the Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage magazine. He was able to trace his ancestral lines back at least six generations. If you would like a copy of this magazine with Noah's article, you may contact Carolyn Kendall (address on back); she will have copies at the Reunion, for the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society's cost of \$6 each. The Society publishes the Heritage; it's a good source for historical background, religious thought and expression, culture and family history of Mennonite-related groups originating in Pennsylvania. The Society's address is 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, PA 17602 and annual memberships are \$30.

Please bring a hot or cold dish for the buffet table on Saturday and your own beverage and tableware. There is a playground in the back of the Center that the children will enjoy.

See you August 5th and 6th.
Jim Overholser



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TO OUR MEMBERS

Would you like to have a story about one of your
ancestors printed in the Bulletin? If so, contact
Barbara Ford.

A REUNION REPORT

In 1918, 100 people attended a reunion at Spruce
Creek, Huntingdon County, PA. Three people "came
all the way from Pittsburgh in their Ford cars."
BBF note: These Ford cars did not come from our
Ford family.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

John Overholser, Montrose CO

The 117th Anniversary Fretz Family Reunion will
be held Saturday, August 13th at Camp Men-O-Lan,
Quakertown, PA. Family registration 9 a.m.

ABOUT OUR PAST PRESIDENTS

Darwin Overholt has recovered from his serious
injuries last year and wishes to thank those who
wrote wishing him well.

D. Ernest Weinhold, because of health problems,
is on our prayer list.

TRACING DAVID R. OVERHOLT [MV432] FROM STATE TO STATE

I was doing the 1920 Arkansas census and I found a David Overholt, born in Virginia. Four of
his children were born in Missouri and two in West Virginia. In checking the 1900 census in
Missouri, I couldn't find a David Overholt but there was a Rollin Overholt. I remembered that
David had a middle initial "R" and I found that was who I was looking for. I then discovered that in
the 1880 census, he was known as Rollia. You have to be alert to the fact that in the census some
people use the middle name one time and the first name another time.

NECROLOGIST'S REPORT

DEATHS

Rebecca Stoner Oberholtzer 1/25/1925-1/3/2005 Lititz, PA. Survived by her husband John Jacob , children David M. Oberholtzer, Dr. John C. Oberholtzer, Ruth Ann Oberholtzer Buch, Beth Oberholtzer Hawkes, 7 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.
(Samuel Oberholtzer line) [SL]

Mary Louise Overholser West 1/22/1916-4/18/2005. Widow of Thomas P. West, Sr. Survived by son Thomas P West, Jr, two grandchildren and six great grandchildren.
(Martin Overholser/Barbara McAllister line) [SL2794]

Clarence H "Pete" Overholtzer died age 75 on 5/15/2005 Pottstown, PA. Survived by his wife Annabelle Robenolt, children Horace T Overholtzer, Kay A Reitnauer, Beth Ann Boyer, brothers Richard Overholtzer and David Overholtzer, sisters Ruth Ingram, Arlene Fitzgerald and Joan Meeker and four grandchildren.
(Horace N Overholtzer/Florence Sheeler line) [AS1533]

Bill Hubbard died 5/23/2005 Kingwood, TX. Survived by his wife Barbara Overholt, sons Greg, Bryce and Erin.
(Charles Overholt mar1 Louisa Unger, mar2 Nancy Sinclair) [Parents unknown]

Barbara B Ford

SARAH ANN OVERHOLZER

In the Shenandoah, Virginia marriage records, I found the marriage of Sarah Ann Overholzer to John H. Dellinger on 9/30/1850 by Jacob Wine. In the Shenandoah 1850 census, there is a Sarah Ann Overholtz b ca 1829 living with a family that was not Overholtz. Because that census was not available to view, I can only assume that she was a servant. I have tried to place her with one of the Virginia families, but I have not been able to. The Dellingers lived in Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Virginia and Ashby, Shenandoah County.

1860 Virginia, Rockingham County, Harrisonburg

John H Dellinger 35, Sarah 30, Mary 8, James 6, Charles 5, Sarah 3, Anna 3, Samuel 1

1870 Virginia, Rockingham County, Plains Twp.

John Dellinger 45, Sarah 40, Mary 18, James 16, Charles 15, Sarah 13, Ann 13, John 11, Daniel 10,
Turner 8, William 5, Solon 3

1880 Virginia, Shenandoah County, Ashby Dist.

John H. Dellinger 54, Sarah A 51, James E. 26, Charles W 25, John Samuel 20, David M. 19, Turner
Ashley 17, William A 15, Solon S 13, Ann R 23, Charles R. Miller 2 grson

1900 Virginia, Shenandoah County, Ashby Dist.

Sarah A. Dellinger 70 3/1830, children 10

(Note: John H Dellinger 10/14/1825-9/11/1898)

UPDATE ON ARCHIVE DUPLICATION

As I sit here trying to catch my breath from spring house chores, I am reminded of the enormous task which our wonderful genealogist has in her keep. It has been many months since I began making copies of Barbara's files and have only scraped the surface. Just for myself last year, I completed writing three books which I have compiled research for over ten years. Thinking these "few" family "O" files could be run between my writing, my expectations were way over my abilities.

But I am making progress! Instead of trying to make CD files at the same time, I now have resigned to just making a paper copy first. The CD's can be done when I am less busy. Barbara is helping to get some copies completed also.

We all need to be reminded by this that our children's grandchildren are at our mercy when it comes to handing down a family tree. Just a single house fire could lose all of your work. Therefore, we all need to join in the duplication process. That is the value which the Association provides for our descendants. And the first "O" Book only covers the first five generations. Our files still need updating, and always will. It would be good to begin thinking and organizing the next set of books, following each family throughout the past twelve generations. And tracing back to Europe has much to do; there are connections to be made from old documents and records.

Many of us come to the Reunion to visit our friends, and so we should. But there is a need to press on even after we have been 'satisfied' with our own family tree.

Consider becoming more involved with the Association. Your great X many grandchildren will greatly appreciate it!

Dennis Lee Oberholtzer

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Our deep thanks to the members who contributed to the OFA from January to July 2005. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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**To the Editor of the Times in Terre Hill, Pennsylvania
By D. L. Overholser, Logansport, Indiana 3/30/1899**

By your permission, I will give the readers of the "Times" a few reflections suggested by my recent visit to the place where I spent the first nineteen years of my life.

Terre Hill is beautiful for location and has much to commend it. From a religious standpoint especially it is entitled to a high rating. Few places, I believe, could be found to show so large an attendance at church and Sunday School in proportion to population. Four hundred forty-two in two Sunday schools at the same hour on September 10th is a very creditable showing.

Religion in Terre Hill, as I observed it, might fitly be called "Christianity in Earnestness". Its animation and joyousness are truly refreshing in these days of prevailing spiritual deadness, nor does it exhaust itself in the mere singing of hosannas. I observed that there was practicing as well as preaching. The fact that the two leading churches were formerly one body but now rivals makes a peculiarly delicate situation, but I found a general spirit of conciliation and charity which evidenced that not only was the genius of Christ's religion understood, but practiced in this community. I found that Terre Hill was free from the prevailing curse of Sunday baseball and similar abominations. Long may it so continue.

In thus noting the marked religious characteristics of Terre Hill, it is natural to ask how has this condition of things been brought about? Surely it did not come by accident. Some patent influences have been at work to bring about this condition. A little reflection will lead to the conclusion that the present generation is indebted for this condition to the earnest devotion and faithful labors of the fathers, most of whose forms lie in the nearby cemetery and whose happy spirits we trust surround the eternal throne. While many of the former generation have thus brought the present under obligation there are two who by their long continued, steadfast, unwavering and efficient labors in Sunday School and various official relations of the church, amidst great difficulties, embarrassments and at the beginning persecutions, stand out above all the rest as worthy of the especial reverence and gratitude of the present and future generations of Terre Hill. Any of the older citizens would doubtless be ready to name Isaac Overholser and Levi Watts. Most fitting would be memorial windows in the churches inscribed to them.

There is a popular cry which says "Keep religion out of politics." This I regard as an ungodly sentiment and yet I had some intimations that it had some followers in Terre Hill. Permit me to entreat you to ever let your religion direct your politics no matter what the consequences. No where is religion more needed today than in politics. Religion and politics should never be divorced.

SL2782 Daniel L. Overholser 12/9/1833-4/18/1907, son of Levi L Overholser and Mary Landis, was a dentist in Naperville, Illinois and Logansport, Indiana. He married 1 Mary Ann Redd, married 2 Kate (Teter) Hetherington. A great, great grandson of 1727 immigrant Samuel Oberholtzer, he was nominated for governor of Indiana on the Prohibition ticket at one time.
(see page 6 for information on Isaac Overholser)

THE TRINITY EVANGELICAL CONGREGATION, TERRE HILL, PA

In the summer of 1835 or 1836, the Evangelical Association at Fairville, (now Terre Hill) had no place of worship in the community and no preaching of the Gospel except at a Sunday School that was conducted in the summer time at the Overholser's School House by John Galt. Later prayer meetings were held in the homes and services in Isaac Overholser's barn. As the congregation grew, there became a need for a church and the building committee consisted of Isaac and Jacob Overholser and Samuel Watts. The stone chapel about 35 x 45 feet was erected in the summer of 1841. This church was struck by lightning April 19, 1882 and destroyed by fire. A new and larger church was dedicated February 18, 1883.

Isaac Overholser SL278, Jacob Overholser SL276

INDIANA REGISTER, INDIANA, PA. EXTRACTS JULY 24, 1868

The Automatic Clothes Boiler and Washer

This is at once one of the most simple ingenious (sic) and useful inventions of the age. It does of itself neatly the entire work of washing clothes. Full instructions for operating accompany each Boiler and Washer. Aside from the great saving of labor effected, it also prevents a considerable share of wear and tear of the fabrics. We have had it tried and are satisfied that if rightly used, it will perform its work well.

Contributed to US GenWeb Archives by Sonya M. Barclay, 78 Fulmer St, Indiana, PA 15701-1521

CLAIBORNE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

When I was doing research in Tennessee, I discovered a great web page. Denny and Maria Brubaker have a Claiborne County Pioneer Project [CCPP] which is a private endeavor to record the genealogy of the residents of Claiborne County prior to 1910. Over 93,000 individuals have been documented as being born, lived or died in the county prior to 1910. In addition, complete/partial family histories can be transmitted as GEDCOMs or simple word docs. I wrote to them requesting information on the Overholsters (their spelling) and I received a long list with marriages and dates. In return for the information I got, I was able to fill them in on the descendants of Samuel Overholtzer [JL24].and take them back to 1732 immigrant Jacob Oberholtzer [JL]. Their information is gathered from many Claiborne County reference sources, books and from researchers who have shared their information with them. What a great contribution the Brubakers have made to the history of Claiborne County.

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

THE OBERHOLTZER BOOK ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS

MV1 Same as HO Henry Overholt, transfer HO to MV1
MV43 Peter Overholt d 5/1895, Clarissa Ruckman 3/17/1827-12/81876 WV
(MV43) m2 Martha Catherine [-?-] Silva 2/1848 WV-1910/1920
MV436 Mary Maud Overholt 8/27/1880-11/1/1965 WA
m 6/9/1909 WA Edmund O. Eastman 4/24/1871-1952 WA
MV438 Eliza Overholt b c1884 WV m c1902 John W. Acord b c1865
MV4381 Leonard J. Acord b c1908
MV4382 Lewis A. Acord b c1909
MV4383 Laura A. Acord b c1909
MV4384 Charles Acord b c1913
MV4385 Hall G Acord b c1918
MV439 George Allen Overholt 12/1886
MV430 Sagrada C. Overholt b 2/1895 WV m Florence [-?-] b c1897 PA
MV432 David Rollin Overholt m c1884 Mary Elizabeth [-?-] b 81859 VA
MV4321 James Overholt b 7/1885 WV
MV4322 Helen Overholt b 8/1887 WV
MV4323 Margaret Pauline Overholt b 10/1890 MO
MV4324 Mary E. Overholt b 2/1892 MO
MV4325 Rollin Overholt b 6/1894 MO
MV4326 John Overholt b 5/1898 MO
MV4327 Richard Overholt b c1901 MO
MV44 Margaret Overholt 1/24/1824 VA-6/25/1888/9 WV m Hiram Dorman 4/16/1828-1/2/1883
MV441 Marcellus Dorman 7/23/1854 WV-4/6/1940 WV
m1 2/20/1879 Nancy A. Hill 5/7/1853-5/6/1896 WV
MV4411 Martha E.A. Dorman 1/21/1880-1/9/1968 KS m Albert McCoy 1/20/1874-11/26/1957
MV4412 Lucy May Dorman 3/21/1881 WV-6/12/1959 WV m1 Ira Hannah, m2 Mott Given
MV4413 Romanus J. Dorman 10/18/1883 WV-6/27/1923 m Blanche Cochran 7/20/1888-3/1964
MV4414 Lillie Dorman 3/28/1887 WV-7/11/1903 WV
Note change in code numbers
MV4415 Josie Dorman 1889 WV-5/1/1900 WV
MV4416 Rachel Laura Dorman 4/12/1891-4/18/1971 WV m Samuel Hefner 12/7/1887-7/3/1922
(MV441) m2 11/5/1902 Mary Elizabeth Hefner 3/28/1872-1/31/1916
MV4417 Clarence Neal Dorman 2/17/1903-5/22/1983 m Lillian Doss 6/13/1901-4/25/1985
MV4418 Female baby b/d 8/25/1904
MV4419 Margaret Susan Dorman 4/19/1906-1/16/1984 m Charles Doss 7/8/1903-5/13/1980
MV4410 Bertha Dorman b 12/17/1908 m 1932 Walter Baker 6/1908-1/1985
MV441a Ida Hefner Dorman b 4/17/1912 WV m 3/7/1933 Jesse T. Dulaney, Jr b c1912 VA
MV442 Margaret Elizabeth Dorman b 4/13/1858 m 2/14/1883 James L. Bright b 5/1850
MV443 Matilda "Murta" Dorman b 11/1/1860 WV
MV444 Nella "Menta" Dorman 11/1/1860-1886 WV
MV445 Marcena Dorman 10/17/1863 WV-12/1/1945 WV
MV4451 Floyd Dorman 1/20/1890-11/12/1963 m Evelyn Wheeler 1/25/1890-1/27/1963
MV5 Samuel Overholt-delete-see JL214 Samuel Overholser
REF: Robert & Lois Overholt, Elida, OH; Kay Dorman Atkinson, Dayton OH; Jan Everly Williams, Honolulu, HI

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

Our vice president Jack Sholl, and his wife Joan, were presented with The Dr. George Morton Illman Award March 19, 2005 by Paul Schugsta, Masters Rowing Association Board Member. The award is given for lifelong contributions to rowing. Joan is a fully licensed USRA and FISA official and has officiated in high school races in Philadelphia to the Olympics in Seoul, Korea. In 1979 she helped to organize and officiate the First Masters' Regatta in Vermont and served on the Board of Directors of USRA. Both she and Jack are Life Time members of Los Gatos Rowing Club in California. Jack has served as President or Officer of Fairmount Rowing Association, Vesper Boat Club and Penn AC. He has been Vice Commodore and Treasurer of the Schuykill Navy and recently serves as a Member of the Board of Directors, Masters Rowing Association. He is also a member of the "Golden Eight", with an average age of 75, whose crew has more Masters Gold Medals than any crew in American Rowing History. The OFA salutes Joan and Jack for their lifetime service to rowing.

DO YOU BELIEVE ALL YOU SEE IN PRINT?

If you do, please read the following information which I found on the Internet. I was looking for Margaret Beighel who married Henry Beck.

"Henry Biggs married 1 ca 1603 England Anne Packer born ca 1578 Bristol, Gloucester. He married 2 Margaret Beighel and they had daughter Mary Beck born 10/18/1804"

If my math is correct, Mary Beck was born 201 years after the first marriage of Henry Biggs!

My records show that Margaret Beighel married Henry Beck and they had a daughter Mary who was born 10/18/1804.

A PROBLEM WITH THE 2004 REUNION PICTURE

I took the February BULLETIN to Staples for zexing and told them to be sure not to make the reunion picture too dark. I was satisfied with the tone and when I came back to pick up the finished product, I found page 10 was blank because of a Staples mistake. They did it over and then they said it would cost \$100 more to insert page 5, fold and do 2 more folds. I said I would do it myself and I came home to find that they had not toned down the reunion picture. I was not interested in going back and having them do it over again and that is why the picture was too dark. I then inserted page 5, did 3 folds, stamped, labeled and sealed the BULLETINS all in two days with brief time outs for snacks!

In just two days, tomorrow will be yesterday.

OFA MEMBERS WHOSE LINE WAS NOT IN THE OBERHOLTZER BOOK

Rosemarie, the wife of Ludwig Berndt of Clovis, CA. Her grandparents were Johann Gottlieb Jaeggi and Seline Oberholzer 10/29/1870-7/1954. She traces her Oberholtzer line back to Jakob Oberholzer b c1535 Wald, Zuerich, Switzerland.

Joseph Breitenstein of Topeka, KS. His grandmother, Maria Rosa Oberholzer born 3/10/1847 possibly in Bern, Switzerland.

Barbara Overholt Hubbard of Kingwood, TX. Her ancestor was Charles Overholt born 9/4/1816 Philadelphia, PA m1 Louise Unger 11/13/1856 and they resided in Allen Co, IN and then in Bureau Co, IL.

Robert W Trimmer of Germantown, MD descends from Maria Barbara Oberholzer 8/6/1796-12/27/1831 mar Michael Steinach 9/29/1778-12/17/1833. Their daughter Maria Aloisia Steinach mar Franz Josef Rickli and they came from Uznach, Switzerland in the 1850's.

A VOICE FROM THE GRAVE

The late Mrs. Guy Mellinger of Findlay, Ohio, who spent many years researching Jacob Oberholtzer {JC1} of Columbiana County, Ohio, sent the following which she said refers to one of two Oberholtzer boys who died during the Civil War period. Simon Oberholtzer and Jesse Oberholtzer were the two brothers who were buried in Midway Mennonite Cemetery, Mahoning County, Ohio.

"The story is told concerning the burial of one of the Oberholtzer brothers. The grave was dug and the weather was cold. It was election day so the men doing the digging jumped down into the grave to keep warm while waiting for the body to be brought out from Columbiana. Hearing a buggy approaching on the public road, the men in the open grave called out "How did the election go?" Hearing the voice, but not seeing anyone, the passerby in the buggy made haste to leave the area with the greatest of speed."

E-MAIL

When you have an e-mail from someone, you never know where they live. It could be a next door neighbor or someone from across the world. I discovered recently that I had been e-mailing back and forth with a resident of Australia. She had been from the Lehigh County area before moving there so she had a great deal of knowledge of this Oberholtzer branch. I e-mail a fellow in Germany and it is great to have a reply the same day instead of waiting for the snail mail to arrive a week later.

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HOW TO GET TO THE REUNION

Terre Hill is a town located in the Pennsylvania Dutch country of Lancaster County, midway between Lancaster and Reading. The Terre Hill Community Center is on the main street, with plenty of parking in the rear. It is in the original Fire Hall.

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

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