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JOIN US AT THE 98TH REUNION ON AUGUST 4, 2007 St. John's Center United Church of Christ, 432 Reading Road, East Earl, Lancaster Co., PA

President's Column

Happy New Year to all members and friends of the Overholser Family Association! May you have a most prosperous 2007. Congratulations to all for attending the association's 100th anniversary in 2006. I am honored to be your president as we enter our 101st year and I am mindful of the large footprints of my predecessors. They are reminders of the task ahead and provide a benchmark of what is expected of this office. I will do my best to uphold the high standards set by them.

Looking down the highway of history, we see that the OFA has been in existence for almost one half of the life of our republic. Like our Republic, we are proud that the fabric uniting us has not come unraveled throughout the past 100 years. This, despite a major shift in our nation's cultural and demographic composition, is most encouraging. With one century behind us, we have visions of an even brighter second century in store for the Overholser Family Association.

The most promising indicator of a bright second century is the encouraging number of attendees at the 2006 reunion. (Almost 90 attended) Some will say, perhaps justifiably, that the large turnout was attributable to the fact that we were celebrating our 100 anniversary. Be that as it may, more enthusiasm was evident at that reunion than any I've attended thus far. We should be able to leverage that enthusiasm again this year and for many years to come. On behalf of the Overholser Family Association, I extend a sincere "Thank You" to each attendee. Also, thanks to our hard-working officers for their dedication, in making our 100th anniversary reunion so spirited. If the spirit of 2006 carries over into 2007, we can match the 133 member attendance of our second reunion in 1907. Growth is the pulse of life for this organization because it assures our continued existence.

As plans are being firmed up for our 2007 reunion, it is reassuring to know that a site has already been selected, due to the efforts of Rev. John Weiler and Carolyn Kendall. Your voices were heard in their selection. Once again, it will be held at St. John's Center United Church of Christ, 432 Reading Road, East Earl, Lancaster Co, PA. We will have Friday night once again at Yoder's on August 3rd and the reunion on August 4th. Plan to attend and bring a guest or prospective member with you. More information will be provided in our next OFA Bulletin. We plan to make 2007's reunion exciting and meaningful. In the intervening months, look into the background of your family line and select an event or an individual whose background that you would enjoy sharing with us next August. Feel free to talk about a related family line as well.

Finally, I would like to suggest that we dedicate this reunion to the memory of those young Amish school children who met with tragedy last October in Lancaster County. They, and their stricken families, like our Overholser Family Association, are fellow Pennsylvanians, kindred spirits, whose roots are embedded in this states early history. Perhaps a few words of remembrance and a moment of silent prayer would be appropriate.

Jack Sholl

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RUTH OVERHOLSER

Spencer Overholser's wife Ruth came home from the nursing home (and a few hospital visits) just before Thanksgiving. While in the nursing home, she wrote 3 verses to the reunion song in celebration of our 100 th Anniversary. She always led the singing of the reunion song and we really missed her.

THANK YOU

Charles Field of Paragonah, Utah has been contributing information about his Isaac Overholt [IC] line since 1991 and we wanted to thank him for always keeping the line up to date with new information.

A 300TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Kolb-Kulp-Culp Family Association is planning the 300th anniversary in 2007 of the arrival in early 1707 of three Kolb brothers Martin, Johannes and Jacob from Germany. Their brother Heinrich followed in 1709. They were the sons of Dielman Kolb and Agnes Schumacher whose father Peter Schumacher came in 1685. Anyone interested in attending the 300th anniversary celebration, contact Ruth K. Oberholtzer, 209 S. 5th St., North Wales, PA 19454

Hopefully, the minutes of the 100th Anniversary August 5, 2006 will be in the August issue of the Bulletin

A FOND FAREWELL TO JIM AND A HEARTY WELCOME TO JACK

Jim Overholser has finished his two year term as president and we thank him for a job well done. And a special thank you to his wife Kathy for her many contributions. Jack Sholl, our new president, lives in California and he spends some of his time in Philadelphia where he is a volunteer tour guide at Independence Hall, Congress Hall and the Liberty Bell. He was involved in getting the French Normandy Liberty Bell, which is an exact model of our Liberty Bell, to Philadelphia 7/4/2005 and was one of the Bell Ringers that day. He is a member of the SAR through ancestors Abraham Overholtzer (AS), George Sholl and Jacob Zartman, Sr. He is also on the Golden Eight rowing team which has won medals in international competition since 1985.

THE DOANE FAMILY OF BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Abraham Doane 1804-1887 Haldimand County, Ontario, Canada married Elizabeth Swartz [IC41]. His father Joseph was one of the Doane Renegades of Bucks Co which consisted of Joseph and his brothers Moses, Aaron, Levi and Mahlon. Their first cousin Abraham Doane was the sixth member of the band. They were Quakers and did not believe in war. They were angered when a local Whig tax assessor imposed what they considered an unreasonably large levy on their father's property. These taxes went to support the American side of the Revolution.

The Doane Gang would raid the home of a patriot farmer or tax collector and demand valuables or money. If no money was forthcoming, the person would be beaten or tortured by the gang. In the early stages of their raids, the Gang had nothing to fear from the authorities because there was no organized police force and the local militia was engaged in the war.

The Doanes worked regularly with the British Army as spies and Moses is said to have met with British General Howe on Staten Island, New York. His reports to Howe were so precise that he was nicknamed "Eagle Spy" and the defeat of Washington's army on Long Island is said to have been attributed to Moses who discovered an unprotected backway into the American fortifications.

On October 22, 1781, the Doanes robbed the Newtown Treasury of 1,307 pounds sterling which was the largest robbery of public funds ever. It is believed that they buried the money near Wrightstown, Bucks County but it has never been found.

Moses Doane was shot and killed in a gun battle with a Colonel Hart along the Tohickon Creek near Plumstead. Abraham and Levi Doane escaped out the back window. Moses' body was returned to his parents and he was interred in an unmarked grave because it was feared that knowledge of where it was would induce citizens to desecrate it. One source said that the grave was on the neighborly Oberholtzer farm but other sources say it was someplace else.

The Pennsylvania Legislature offered a 100 pound reward for Abraham, Mahlon, Levi and Aaron Doane. Also the family of any citizen killed in attempt to capture any of the Doanes would receive 800 pounds. Mahlon is said to have joined other loyalists and boarded a boat for England. Abraham and Levi were arrested May 15, 1787 and after a trial, were hung on September 24th on Smith's island. Abraham's sister Mary attempted to pass a loaf of bread to her brother that had a saw and a file in it but it was discovered. She later returned disguised as an old woman and was able to pass a file to her brother but Abraham and Levi were hung before they could saw through the bars.

Aaron Doane had been sentenced to be hung but it was commuted on the condition that he leave the USA and he went to Canada and settled in Humberstone, Welland, Ontario where he died.

Joseph Doane was shot and captured in Dublin, Bucks County and transferred to a jail in Philadelphia. On 3/30/1784, he was tried and sentenced to be hanged but he escaped, went to New Jersey and taught school under an assumed name. From there he went to Canada where he settled in Humberstone Township, Welland County. In 1823 he returned to Bucks County, having walked the 400 miles to Plumstead, to visit relatives. Joseph was born 4/11/1752 Plumstead, Bucks County and died 6/4/1844 Walpole, Haldimand County, Ontario. He would have been a neighbor of the Oberholtzers (Overholts) of Plumstead.

REF: The Doans in Bucks County, PeterPrints

The Doane Family, A.A. Doane

With the Revolution came a band of rogues, Joseph S. Kennedy (Philadelphia Inquirer 5/19/2002)

OUR CONTRIBUTORS

Our deep thanks to the members who contributed to the OFA from June 2006 through December 2006. A special thank you to the members who attended the 100 Anniversary and were so very generous with their contributions.

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NECROLOGIST'S REPORT

DEATHS

B. Louise Schaeffer of Allentown, PA 4/17/1913-12/21/2005. She was the wife of the late Rev. Luther N. Schaeffer. Survived by sons Nelson L. and Carl J., 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

(Jacob Oberholtzer line [JL]

Carl Taylor 12/11/1915-5/20/2006 Hamilton, Ontario, CAN. He had celebrated his 90 birthday and his 60 anniversary in 2005 with his wife Gladys who survives him. We have fond memories of seeing them at frequent reunions. He is also survived by daughters Carolyn Landy, Wendy Long, Debbie Chatterton, 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. (Staats Overholt/Susannah Hunsberger line) [MT2]

Sue Field died 11/16/2006 Zionsville, IN. Born Margaret Lucy Susannah Overholser, she has always been known as Sue. She is survived by her husband of 59 years Eldon, son David who attended our 100 th anniversary and daughter Susan. Sue was the first person I corresponded with when I started as genealogist back in 1987 and we have kept in touch until a short time before she died. She had followed in her father's footsteps in tracing her family. Below are her parents. (Ora Overholser/Marie Wood Peckover line) [AV4a21]

Barbara Ford

ADDITIONS TO JAMES EDWARD OVERHULS LINE [JA331] AND THOMAS CARLTON OVERHULS [JA333]

JA331 James Edward Overhuls m1 Emeline Jane White 1844 AR-1876 KS m2 1/3/1888 May J. [-?-] Lewis b 9/1858 NC

I found M. J. "Overhills" 1900 in Canyon, Randall Co, TX with children by 1 marriage Augustus M. Lewis b 11/1878 TX, John Churchill Lewis b 9/1881 TX and 3 daughters Fannie, Marguerite and Louise who were by James Overhuls.

JA3313 Cornelius E. Overhuls 3/14/1869 KS-1/7/1944 AZ m 6/3/1912 Mary Paullani 2/29/1862-5/20/1932 AZ (NI) Both are buried Mountain View Cemetery, Yavapai County, AZ His death certificate shows he is s/o James E. Overhuls & Emeline White Dates replace those in the book

JA3316 Fannie Overhuls b 7/1888 TX

JA3317 Marguerite Overhuls 10/20/1892 TX-1/21/1988 TX m 8/27/1917 John Quincy Barnes 4/27/1883 TX-9/14/1948 CA

JA3318 Louise Eugenia Overhuls 3/24/1895 TX-4/1985 Houston, TX m [-?-] Beattie

JA3319, JA3310 Delete in the book . In 1900 M.J. "Overhills" said she had 5 children which would be 2 Lewis and 3 Overhuls

JA332 Joseph H. Overhuls and his wife Grace are buried n Los Angeles National Cemetery, CA

JA3321 Nellie Overhuls m c1898 Phillip Barber 8/1856-dp 1910 NM

JA3333 Benjamin Frank Overholtz d 2/6/1956 Cook Co, IL m 8/20/1896 in Chicago Anna Deahl b c1866

JA3334 Hattie V. Overhuls m 4/25/1900 John C. Stone b 11/1875 In 1920 they are living in Stillwater, Montana

JA3337 William Everett Overhuls d 9/1966 MT

JA3330 George Ray Overhuls d 8/6/1906

MEMORIES OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Many lines were represented at the reunion. The most members were from Samuel Oberholtzer [SL] with 51 and the rest were 7 from Jacob Oberholtzer [JB], 6 from Jacob Oberholtzer [JL], 6 from Abraham Overholts [AV], 5 from Jacob Oberholtzer [JF], 4 from Mark Overholt [MT], 3 from Marcus Oberholtzer [MC], 2 from Hans Jacob Oberholtzer [HJ], 1 from Abraham Overholtzer [AS] and 1 from Marcus Oberholtzer [MV].

We want to thank John Weiler for all his hard work in preparing for the 100th. His wife said it would be strange not having so many emails come in after the "ball was over". John appreciates the members who took the time to inform him that they were not able to attend the reunion.

Kate Stirk and I had corresponded for about 19 years and it was so nice to finally meet her. Peg Overholt, widow of John L., was there with her son John from Virginia. Robert T. Overholser was there with his daughter Susan. He and his wife Helen had attended reunions for many years. David Overholser should have received a prize for his means of transportation. He came on his motorcycle from Richmond, Virginia. Darwin Overholt was there for the first time since his unfortunate accident in 2004. It was a delightful group of first timers and our regular attendees.

Editor

ELIZABETH BAUGHMAN [JC123]

I only knew Elizabeth Baughman's birth date and the dates of her two marriages so I decided to do a "manhunt". I found the dates for her 1 husband John Orndorf and then I ran into a problem because my census source HeritageQuest was shut down for maintenance. I needed help and I turned to a friend in Germany who had access to Ancestry. He found what I wanted and I got my answer by email in one day. No, he isn't German, just an American now living and working in Germany.

On a well known Web Site, I found Caroline Kindig, daughter of Henry Kindig and Elizabeth Arndorf (translation: Orndorf). It said Caroline was born in Jimtown, Elkhart Co., Indiana. I was confused until I realized that it was short for Jamestown!

I found the obit for Henry M. Kindig in the Herald of Truth and it said he married Elizabeth Bachman Ollendorf which is very close to Elizabeth Baughman Orndorf.

I keep warning you about believing what you see on the Internet. In researching Elizabeth Baughman, I found that someone decided that she had a 1 marriage in 1835 to Reuben Kelly. It said she was the daughter of Henry Baughman and Mary Agler who had 12 children in Franklin County, Ohio and Elizabeth in Stark County. In between children, Mary must have run over to Stark County to have Elizabeth. Don't believe it. There were 2 Baughman families, ours in Stark County and the other in Franklin County. What concerns me is that others have copied this 1835 marriage to Reuben Kelly and this will go on for years and maybe someone will add a 4 marriage and, in the meantime, hopefully people will stop believing all they see on the Internet.

THE OBERHOLTZER BOOK ADDITION

JC123 Elizabeth Baughman 9/16/1816 Stark Co. OH-12/1/1899 Jamestown, Elkhart Co. IN m1 1/14/1845 John Orndorf 1/1/1821 MD-1847 Stark Co. OH (NI) m2 9/7/1850 Henry M. Kindig 11/10/1826 OH-12/29/1902 Jamestown, Elkhart Co

JC1231 Emery Kindig 2/13/1852 OH-2/13/1932 IN

m 3/29/1877 Susanna Culp 10/6/1857-2/8/1937 IN

JC1232 Emeline Kindig 2/13/1852 OH – twin

JC1233 Aaron Kindig 4/6/1854-3/1/1939 m Emmaline Inbody 4/5/1855-5/5/1941

JC1234 Catharine Kindig 4/9/1857-1939

m 5/23/1885 Jacob Weaver 2/22/1862 OH-1/18/1902 GA

JC1235 Carolyn Kindig 10/5/1858-12/5/1925

m Joseph Niswander 6/27/1852 OH-9/28/1926 IN

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

OFA TREASURER'S REPORT 7/19/05-7/18/06

Balance 7/18/05	Savings \$1,540.71	Book Fund \$9,389.82	Checking \$114.97
SUMMARY 7/19/05-7/18/06			
INCOME			Total
Contributions	\$1,341,08		
Purchases		\$522.62	
Interest credited	6.61 \$1,347.69	<u>26.82</u> \$549.44	\$1,401.17
EXPENSES			
AOL		\$258.00	
2 Bulletins + postage	\$645.97		
'05 Reunion	\$56.50		
'06 Reunion	\$279.00		
General Expenses	\$186.23 \$1,167.70	49.35 \$307.35	\$1,475.05
Ending Balance	\$2,122.28	\$9,632.21	\$41.39

Estimated balance of 100th Anniversary expenses to be paid=\$844.43

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn O. Kendall, Treasurer

THESE 87 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE 100 ANNIVERSARY

Kay Atkinson, OH* Mary Jane Beck, PA Juanita O. Brown, TN* Chet/Carol Carroll, WV Chuck/Pat Carroll, PA Karen R. Overholt Critchfield, PA* Ann/Tom Duke, KY* Cathy Beck Eby, PA David Field, VA Lavonne Fields/Anna Rock, PA Susan Foote, GA* Barbara Ford, PA Jim Ford, PA Herbert/Elizabeth Frey, NJ John/Beth/Steven/Megan Frey, PA Ross Gordon Gerhart, PA Bonnie Hard, PA Dess Overholt Johnson, MI* Daythal/Carolyn Kendall, PA* Harold/Nora Mae Kilheffer, PA Paul F. Matzall, PA David Oberholtzer, NJ Dennis/Earline Oberholtzer, PA* Fred/Emily Oberholtzer, PA James P. Oberholtzer, MD John Jacob Oberholtzer, PA Lynn Oberholtzer, MD

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*Attended Friday night at Yoder's

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Sharon Overholser, Alexandria, VA
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Jean Schaffer, Coopersburg, PA
Dan Stirk, Washington, DC
Suzanne Street, York, PA
Jeanne Trump, Palmyra, PA
Donald Troutman, Womelsdorf, PA
Seth/Amy Weaver, Williamsport, PA
Shane/Sarah Wetzel, Trout Run, PA
Lucille Willwerth, New Holland, PA

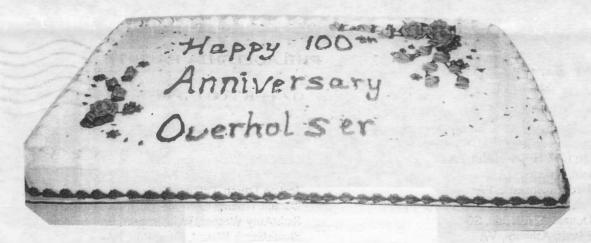
Lucille Willwerth, PA





Spencer Overholser installing Jack Sholl president of the OFA





100th Anniversary pictures taken by Kathy Overholser August 5, 2006

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AS WE GO TO PRESS

I just learned that Spencer Overholser fell and broke his hip. The next day he had a replacement and at this writing, (February 4th) he is still in the hospital getting used to his new hip.

AN OBERHOLTZER FRAKTUR

Jim Overholser of Roanoke, VA was sent a picture of an ink, watercolor and pinprick fraktur which said "Anna Oberholtzer Geboren 13 May 1816". To date, we have not identified Anna. The estimated value was \$400 - \$700.

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