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President's Column

My mother, Emma Overholtzer, was born in New Hanover, Pennsylvania in 1906. Her father operated a dairy farm just outside of Pottstown. It is incomprehensible to me to find myself writing this Presidents Letter to you 102 years later. I am honored and very proud.

As you know, we had almost 100 members attend our 100th Anniversary in 2006. It did not represent a high water mark of attendance for the Oberholser Family Association, but it sparked hope that this organization would begin to grow, again. The year 2007 saw a decrease in our reunion attendance but I think that was anticipated following the spike in 2006. I believe that active membership is the pulse that indicates whether or not we will survive as an organization in our second century. Failure to grow will trigger the eventual disappearance of this fine, tradition-laden family organization. As "Pennsylvania Pioneers", with a sacred legacy, we can't let that happen. For these reasons, we have been brainstorming ideas calculated to infuse new interest and energy into the OFA.

First of all, at our 2008 reunion in August, we will review the genealogy of five Oberholser lines using Power Point as a media, input from Barbara Fords records and data provided by Dennis Oberholtzer and Noah Oberholtzer, Jr. We trust that it will be a vehicle for open discussion airing additions, deletions, challenges, and consensus. Your participation is enthusiastically encouraged. In fact, it is essential to the credibility of the data.

Secondly, to further stimulate interest, we are planning to move the 2010 reunion off site. Plans also call for a 2009 bus tour across Lancaster County hosted by an Indian representative, from the Daniel Boone Headquarters in Pennsylvania, as well as a Mennonite representative. Historical sites relative to Native American and Mennonite communities in the county would be key stops on the tour.

Looking ahead to 2011, we plan on navigating a bold but exciting course by moving the reunion not only off-site but out of state (for 2011 only). Yes, we are seriously considering

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It is up to the future generations to expand Barbara Ford's work for others to enjoy. Please feel free to offer whatever gifts you have to help OFA grow.

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Oklahoma City and the Overholser Mansion on Lake Overholser as the site of our 2011 reunion. We have an open invitation there and the site overview, given last year by Kathy and Jim Oberholser, lead me to conclude that it would be an exciting thing to do. Of course, it will be up to you, our members to decide whether or not we do this. However, our immediate challenge to you is to attend the 2008 reunion on August 2nd at St. Johns Church in Earlville. In addition, please bring along another family member with you.

In conclusion, we are all very thankful for the recent marked improvement in Daythal Kendricks' condition. Both he and Carolyn have weathered one of life's most severe storms. It required unbounded faith, hope and courage---an ordeal mitigated by your many prayers. Moreover, those prayers are directed also to Spencer and Ruth Oberholser, who continuously face challenges that most of us cannot comprehend.

May God bless the Oberholser Family Association and illuminate its path in this our second century.

- Jack Sholl, President

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UPDATE ON 2009 & 2010 EVENTS

It is very exciting to see the enthusiasm from others who want to participate in the upcoming 300th Anniversary Celebration! The Eicher Arts Center, a well known Native American Museum, has several key members who will be involved. The Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society will be hosting the events. I hope that many of you will be able to plan to join us for at least one of the many in a series of 300th Anniversary events.

In 2009, a trip is being planned to begin in Eastern Lancaster County, going by way of the Strasburg Road toward the Susquehannock River. This is the original route our ancestors used to get to Washington Boro along the riverfront. Then we will be guided by Indian Guide as he describes the original Native homesteads along the southern parts of the riverfront. More details will be forthcoming in the next Bulletin.

The 2010 events are still very much in preliminary stages. But that is the year of the biggest activities which are being planned. Keep in touch by Bulletin announcements.

Tell your neighbors & relatives!!! This is the best opportunity to see and hear Lancaster County as it originally was when our German ancestors first arrived!

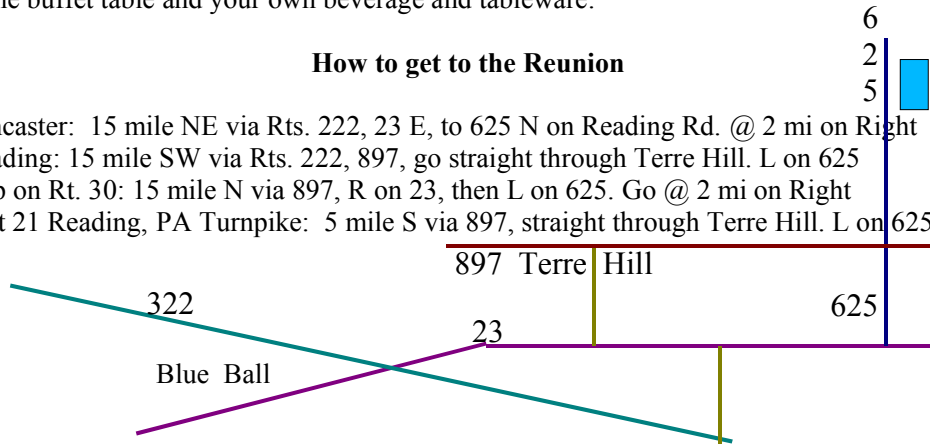
2008 REUNION

The Reunion will be held August 2nd at St. John's Center United Church of Christ, east of Terre Hill on Route 625 where it was held the previous two years. On Friday night, August 1st, we will meet at Yoder's between New Holland and Blue Ball for a 6:00PM buffet dinner and visiting. Be sure to notify Kim Weiler (address on Page 11) in advance so they know how many to expect.

On Saturday August 2nd, we will gather at 10:30AM at the church. Please bring a hot or cold dish for the buffet table and your own beverage and tableware.

How to get to the Reunion

From Lancaster: 15 mile NE via Rts. 222, 23 E, to 625 N on Reading Rd. @ 2 mi on Right
 From Reading: 15 mile SW via Rts. 222, 897, go straight through Terre Hill. L on 625
 From Gap on Rt. 30: 15 mile N via 897, R on 23, then L on 625. Go @ 2 mi on Right
 From Exit 21 Reading, PA Turnpike: 5 mile S via 897, straight through Terre Hill. L on 625



Obituaries

Mildred Oberholtzer Myers passed Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at 85 years
Wife of Harold L. Myers, Manatawny Manor

Born in Colebrookdale, she is the daughter of [Ernest Wellington Oberholtzer & Ellen Christman](#).
Mildred graduated 1940 from Boyertown High School. She was a seamstress for 20 years, and a member of Good Shepherd United Church of Christ in Boyertown. Survived by her husband of 61 years, and son David H Myers of Reading; a daughter Margie E Davidson of Des Moines, Iowa; sister Ruth Beattie, Florida.
- Pottstown Mercury, February 1, 2008, sent in by Ruth Ingram

Kermit G Patches passed January 8, 2008 at 87 years

Husband for 64 years to [Beatrice O Patches](#), United Zion Retirement Community
Born in Lebanon County, PA to Henry and Hilda Gible Patches. The couple attended First Church of God in Littiz. He worked for New Holland Machine, then Howmet, and later Warner-Lambert.
Surviving Kermit is a daughter, Marlene Y, wife of Kenneth Garner, Neffsville, grandchildren Jeffrey L, Hope R, and great granddaughter Samantha. He is buried at Hess Mennonite Cemetery.

James Arthur Oberholtzer April 29th, 2008 at 79 years Columbia, Lancaster Co.

Born in Manheim, PA the son of [Paul B & Anna \(Heisey\) Oberholtzer](#).
Paul was a sales rep for Sperry New Holland, and retired in Bedford County, PA. He is survived by six children. He was preceded in death by his sister, Janet Oberholtzer.
- Sunday News, Lancaster, PA, May 4, 2008

Please remember to send Obituaries of other O's in your area.

If you, or someone you know, has an appropriate message

or article for the Bulletin,

please feel free to send it to us.

Your input is what makes the OFA!

A DIFFERENT METHOD

Every person who writes down their genealogy has their own method and style. That is what makes it unique, and personal. It also reveals a bit of the character of the writer. In doing so, someone who comes along later and reads what another has written must sometimes interpret the writing. Sometimes the message written is obscure enough to a younger person that he or she cannot understand the various abbreviations, shorthand, dialect changes, language differences, and so forth.

The Oberholtzer Book has places where its editor Barbara Ford put a question mark (?) along with a comment, because there was not enough definitive evidence. The question mark should have been enough to make people know that the comment is not to be taken as "gospel". But there have been some who have omitted the question mark when they relay the message to another over the Internet. And Barbara NOTICED!

For that reason, Barbara did less and less writing in the OFA Bulletins that had question marks. Barbara explained to me that she felt it was too detrimental to include the information. She understood what Carolyn Wenger explained to me, "it takes 50 years to remove the mistakes after they are made." And Barbara did not want to be associated with those kind of mis-construed notations.

As the new editor, I can not only understand her sentiments, I have personally done those things in the beginning of compiling my ancestry which Barbara detests. And so I have made amends, keeping the fear of Barbara in the back of my mind. For this I can be grateful, for it disciplines me to not take every word as The Word. As my boss has said in the past, don't trust the one who was doing the work before you to be correct. Inspect your first part COMPLETELY, before continuing to operate.

Taking all this into consideration, I can totally agree with their sentiments. But I also believe that without asking questions, another searcher may not have that question come to mind. And sometimes, when a question is brought up, the reader just may have (or can find out), the answer to the problem; and this can add to the family puzzle.

It is for this purpose that I will include question marks, and theories with question marks, into the Bulletins. The February Bulletin had question marks in the Op den Graeff family. As you will notice in this Bulletin, I have been able to find the correct information, and included it in the Additions/Corrections of the Krey & Op den Graeff families.

It is my hope that a zealous reader will slow down and discern properly when a question mark is inserted. They are put into a text to be a guide for more thorough research, and not a bump in the text to be overlooked.

Descendants in the Upper House of Oberholz

The original Alemanni Families who were moved from the Alsace region to eastern Switzerland moved to the tops of the mountains in order to clear the land and raise quick growing crops such as oats. Farmer Oberholtzer in the Fourteen Century was the first recorded person with the O surname. The following family derived from this "Upper House".

VI-1 Mr and Mrs Oberholzer Lived on der Hof Oberholz (Upper Farm House, Oberholz)
V--1 alt Christen Oberholzer *c1530 - 3/23/1610 Oberholz
 1st m c1556 Anna Morgin - d vor 1602
 2nd m Ehe vor 1602 Margretha Hoffner - d 12/1625
IV-1 Hans Oberholzer genannt Gratze *c1557 Oberholz - 7/3/1617 Oberholz
 m Anna Schmuchi *c1567 - 5/18/1639 Oberholz
III-1 Hans Oberholzer *c1587 Oberholtz - 4/30/1658 Goldingen
 m 7/2/1617 Eschenbach to Barbara Furerin *c1597 Freudwil - 2/2/1671 Oberholz
II--1 Hans Jakle Oberholzer * 1/22/1622 -
II--2 Maria Oberholzer * 5/30/1624 -
II--3 Anna Oberholzer * 11/15/1626 -
II--4 Anna Maria Oberholzer * 4/3/1629 -
II--5 Hans Oberholzer *c1632 Oberholz - 5/29/1691 Oberholz
 m 9/16/1657 Eschenbach to Anna Vettiger *3/7/1634 St Gallenkappel - 2/21/1704 Goldingen
I---1 Katharina Oberholzer * 8/28/1658 -
I---2 Johannes Melchior Oberholzer * 12/30/1659 -
I---3 Anna Maria Oberholzer * 3/27/1662 -
I---4 Maria Jacobea Oberholzer * 9/23/1665 -
I---5 Jakob Oberholzer * 10/25/1668 -
I---6 Johannes Oberholzer * c1670 Oberholz - 9/8/1754 Goldingen
 m 5/3/1698 Einsiedeln to Anna Ricklin * 3/30/1680 Uznach?- 2/28/1748 Goldingen, in der Au
I---7 Joseph Oberholzer
I---8 Vinzenz Oberholzer
I---9 Katharina Oberholzer
I--10 Franziskus Oberholzer * 3/13/1678 -
II--6 Balthasar Oberholzer * 9/19/1638 -
II--7 Hans Heinrich Oberholzer * 6/25/1641 -
II--8 Elisabetha Oberholzer * 2/21/1642 -
IV-2 Christa Oberholzer Jr * vor 1602 -
IV-3 Jakle Oberholzer * vor 1602 -
IV-4 eine Tochter * vor 1602 - m Gommiswald
IV-5 Adam Oberholzer * vor 1602 - 5/14/1658 Oberholz
 m 5/2/1621 Eschenbach to Cleophea Honeggerin *c1600 Ferrach b.Ruti - 7/2/1639 Oberholz
III-1 Melchior Oberholzer * 9/23/1622
III-2 Lienhart Oberholzer * 6/14/1637
III-3 Barthli Oberholzer *zw1629 u. 1636 m Eschenbach 6/22/1659 Anna Fischerin * ~
 II--1 Johann Jacob Oberholzer * 9/21/1670 Uznach - 6/15/1703 Uznach alt Fruhmesser

* bezeichnet vor einfuehrung der zivilstandsregister das datum der taufe & hernach das datum der geburn.

- Families are from a transparency by John L Overholt in the OFA files, reformatted by the Editor

CEMETARY INSIGHTS

Over the past winter, my distant cousin Noah Oberholtzer Jr and I have been searching cemeteries in the Lancaster County area. I have found several of my ancestors, and some others I believe I can connect in the future. But as we went from one graveyard to the next, a striking non-resemblance began to take view. I believe by sharing our thoughts on the various finds, and missing finds, you may find answers to some of the problems in searching for ancestors. Or there may be some helpful hints to use to preserve your local graveyard sites.

In future Bulletins I am planning a series I will call Cemetery Insights. For now though, I leave you with a most compelling puzzle:

𐎗 𐎎 𐎍 + (Akkadian)
P L S T (in Egyptian)
𐤐 𐤋 𐤑 𐤒 (in Hebrew)
Π Λ Σ Τ (in Greek)
P l s t (in English)

Can you name the word these letters represent, without changing the order of the letters? The first three words are spelt in reverse order of the way they are written in their original texts, so that you can notice all five words have the same letters. Answers are on page 9.

LIONVILLE FIRE CO, CHESTER CO PA

The first fire engine in Lionville was a hand pumper purchased in 1911. In 1915, it was moved to a one story frame building on ground rented from C H Oberholser (the first Lionville Fire Chief) for \$.25 a year. The fire company at that time was known as the Uwchlan Fire Co.

(Christian H Oberholser 1858-1940 was the s/o SL2742 Martin Oberholser and Anna Mary Frances Haines of Cains PA)

- Barbara Ford

[JT] John & [IB] & [IC] Isaac Overholt

1-1 Nicholas Wyker June 24, 1731 - May 22, 1808; probate Jun 20, 1808
Immigrated Sept 16, 1748 on the Paliena
m Apr 28, 1757 Susanna Killian May 29, 1736 - Dec 11, 1822 Bap Apr 28, 1757
m St Michaels & Zion Church, Phila., PA Nicholas is Peter Draess' sister's son
witness of marriage: Peter Draess & wife, Heinrich Breduke & wife Elizabeth
d/o Henry d bef Apr 24, 1792 & Elizabeth Killian, immigrated Nov 30, 1730 on ship Joyce
Henry settled in Perkiomen, then moved to Tincum Twp & built 1st gristmill c1740.
Susanna's sister Elizabeth Killian m [JT] "Tory" John Overholt 1738 - 1780 New York
Elizabeth Killian 1734/8 - d in Canada. Her children:
[JT1] Abraham Overholt c1757 - 1813 Canada wp 1815
Abraham Overholt wrote a petition in 1787 while in Canada, concerning Tory John leaving his wife and son John who
was about 16 years old, and Abraham's son, all in Bucks Co. on Tory John's farm.
[JT11] Abraham Overholt 1780/90 - bef 1819 Canada
m c1810-13 Charlotte Hill/Hilts c1790 - 1829
6 children to 2nd m
2nd m Mar 2, 1819 Samuel T Moyer 1797 - Oct 4, 1874
[JT2] John Overholt Jr. c1771 - to Canada in 1786/7
[JT3] Sally Overholt
Nicholas was assessed in Tincum Twp 230 acres in 1779
*Nicholas appointed guardian of Abraham & Mary Nov 3, 1794 - Bucks Co Orphan's Ct Bk 2/241
2-1 George Wyker Nov 30, 1766 - Apr 1, 1850 83-4-26 Repurchased Nicholas Wyker farm 1796
m Mary _____ 1778 - Apr 8, 1844 65-10-19 (wrong dates somewhere)
*Abraham & Mary being of age choose George Wiker - Bk 3/191 May 1805
3-1 Elizabeth Wyker m Abraham Youngkin - by 1791 s/o Harmon
Abraham Youngkin was taxed in 1788 for 100 acres in Tincum Twp.
Elizabeth Youngkin was taxed in 1791 for 100 acres in Tincum Twp.
2nd w Mary Moyer
2nd m 1812 Bucks Co. [IB & IC] Isaac Overholt
Isaac Overholt Tax Records:
1775 Plumstead Twp., 1 cattle, no land, no rent
1778 Bedminster Twp., 5 pounds, 10 shillings
1779 Bedminster Twp., 100 acres
1780 Capt McHenry's Co EF & Cif
1781 Bedminster Twp., estate 100 acres
1782 Plumstead Twp., 50 acres; 1784 50 acres & 6 inhabitants
1785-87 Plumstead Twp 55 acres
1790 Maryland Census, 2 male, 2 female, 6; and 1 male, 2 female, 5
1825 November 5th, will written, Surrogate Court, District of Niagara, Upper Canada
Isaac Overholt - d 1825 CAN
4-1 Abraham Youngkin*
4-2 Mary Youngkin* (*see above)
Abraham & Mary received money from Harmon Youngkin's estate in 1788
3-2 Samuel Wyker 1803 - Living 1887 of Erwinna, bought father's farm; single
Record states that Samuel Wyker is the great-grandson of Henry Killian.
2-2 Henry Wyker Henry & Anthony executors of Nicholas will
2-3 Catherine Wyker
2-4 Elizabeth Wyker

2-5 Mary Wyker
2-6 Dina Wyker m Susannah
2-7 Anthony Wyker

KILLIAN FAMILY:

Andreas Killian 1702 - 1788
George W Killian
Henry Killian m Elizabeth

YOUNGKIN FAMILY (some Lancaster County families spell Yunkin):

Harmen Youngkin
Abraham Youngkin - by 1791 m Mary Moyer of Bucks Co
 her 2nd m 1812/3 [IB] Isaac Overholt
Henry Youngkin
 m Catharine _____ 1726 - 1825 in her 99th year - Keller's Graveyard

- References:
- Barbara Ford, OFA Genealogist; -Letters to Della M Shafer, Haysvills KS, 1991
 - OFA Book, Page 281, 299, 355, 149
 - History of Bucks County Battle of 1887
 - Bucks Co Historical Society Vol III Pg 303
 - Wyker Bible
 - PA German Pioneers, Strassburger & Hinke
 - Sundry Family Genealogies, Dr B F Fackenthal Jr, 929.2 FAC Pg 235
 - Letter from a Killian Relative
 - PA German Society BK 14/66
 - Bucks Co Wills Bk 7/349
 - Youngkin Family News Bulletin, Thurmont, MD
 - Pennsylvania Tax Lists
 - The Ontario Register, Page 54, OFA Files
 - Charles H Field, Jr
 - Paul & Elwood Overholt, both from IC Line
 - Mennonite Petition of 1787, E. Reginald Good, Menn. Historical Soc. of Ontario
 - Bucks County Tax Lists
 - Hillpot Graveyard, Tincum Twp., Bucks Co., Pa

Answers to Cemetery Insights

Answers from Page 7: Akkadian PLST is פלשת; Egyptian is Peleset; Hebrew is Philistine; Greek is Palastina; all of which mean the land of Palestine in English. The ancient language of Akkadian had no vowels, and so the other ancient languages added vowel sounds between the consonants to suit themselves. But the consonant word remained the same. Some of the ancestral names also have vowel changes when a German name was written by an Englishman.

Additions/Corrections

Update on Krey & Op den Graeff Families

At this time there is no definitive proof that Wilhelm Kreynen is the father of Wilhelm Krey. But the circumstantial evidence is fairly solid concerning place and time.

- II--1 Peter Krey 1580-1671 father of Wilhelm Krey.
- ?I--1 Wilhelm Kreynen - probably Germany
- Signed the 1632 Dortrecht Confession of Faith with Herman op den Graeff, both from Creveldt
- ?1--1 Wilhelm Krey Settled Germantown between 1683-1709
- 2--1 Jan (John) Krey born ca.1660 Will proved Mar.18,1720 at Philadelphia, PA

Notes on the Op den Graeff family have been found in Barbara Ford's files, as well as in two of her books given the OFA by Jim Ford. The following corrections are definitive:

Gerhard Hendricks, of Kreigsheim, a little village on the Rhine, with Sytie, sons Wilhelm and Lendert, daughter Sarah [who married Isaac Shoemaker] and servant Heinrich Frey, came to Pennsylvania in the "Frances and Dorothy" October 12, 1685, with Peter Shoemaker and a number of others who became prominent in the affairs of not only the German settlement on the Schuylkill, but of the Province of Pennsylvania. Prior to the organization of the Mennonite congregation many of those who were later Mennonites, affiliated with the Friends and took part in their religious meetings. Among those were Gerhard Hendricks, the Op den Graf brothers from Crefeld.

- History of Bucks County, 1905, page 494

- 1. Herman Op den Graff b. Nov. 26, 1585 Aldekerk - Dec 27, 1642 Crefeld
 - Signed Dortrecht Confession of Faith, Apr. 21, 1632
 - m Aug 16, Kempen, Aldenkirk to Greitjen Pletjes
 - 1. Isaac Op den Graff c Feb 28, 1615 Krefeld - bet Jan 17, 1679 to 1683
 - m Grieten Margaret Pieters
 - 1. Abraham Isaac Op den Graff - ____ Germantown, PA
 - On1688 Protest as Mennonite, signed Abraham op Den graef
 - 2. Dirk Op den Graff On 1688 protest of Slavery as a Quaker
 - signed Derick op de graeff
 - 3. Herman Op den Graff m Deborah Van Bebber
 - 1. Margaret Op den Graef ____ - July 14, 1748 10 children
 - m Feb 6, 1697 Peter Shoemaker Jr. b Crefeld - d Apr 1, 1741
 - 2. Sytge Updegraff
 - 1st m Jan Krey c 1660 - wp Mar 18, 1720 Philadelphia
 - 2nd m Hubert Cassel
- 2. Hester Op den Graff Nov 5, 1609 Krefeld - Dec 11, 1657

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- Jeanne Trump
- History of Bucks County, 1905, William W H Davis
- Family Origins./ Laura-L-Koehn

Aderhold/Atherholt

The following excerpts from the Ruth Genealogy show a close connection with the Schumacher families tied to the early Oberholtzer immigrants; as well as a Christian Aderhold, which is very likely tied to the [MC172 Frederick Artherholt](#) family, though I have no direct connection.

"Ruth Genealogy" comp by Warren R Kriebel , 1st Edition (Fountain Press, Freeport PA 1972)
p 42 Fronica Ruth April 22,1778 - Dec 22, 1844
m Michael Shoemaker Feb 28, 1788 - Oct 3, 1852 bu Franconia Mennonites
issue - Catherine Shoemaker
Allied Families - immigrants p 448 [Christian Aderhold](#) m Sept 18, 1814 Elizabeth Ruth

SOUTH AFRICAN OBERHOLZERS

I had a request for information about the South African Oberholzers and I was able to give the person the names of two people who had ties to different lines of Oberholzers. The person inquiring wrote back that her mother and father were both Oberholzers and that they each belonged to the two separate lines. One line was from Johann Oberholzer, born 1680 in Switzerland, who at age 16 was a member of a contingent of soldiers who were sent to Cape Town, South Africa. The other line came from Namibia and entered the country from the north and settled on a farm in northern Transvaal, long before the great trek from the cape to the north of South Africa started. Hopefully the three Oberholzer descendants are comparing notes and exchanging information about their families.

-Barbara Ford

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SL27 Overholser Woolen Mill Families

- SL Samuel Oberholtzer EUR - wp May 2, 1748 Immigrant 1727 ship "Molly"
 m. Elizabeth EUR - 1758?
- SL2 Martin Oberholtzer EUR - 1767 Manor Twp Immigrated with father, mother, & brother Jacob
 m. Elizabeth - aft 1781
 Received the majority of Samuel's 207 acre homestead in Manor Twp., Lanc. Co., PA
- SL27 Martin Oberholtzer Mar 25, 1764 Millersville - Oct 2, 1833 Moved to Terre Hill, Lanc.Co., PA
 m. Elizabeth Frantz Feb 8, 1766 - Aug 8, 1854 d/o of Jacob Frantz & Maria
 1795 built house in Terre Hill "MO 1795" Both buried Weaverland Mennonite Cemetery
- SL278 Rev Isaac Overholser May 22, 1807 - Jan 31, 1875 farmer & preacher
 1st m. 1831 Mary Landis May 25, 1812 - June 5, 1848
 2nd m. Mary Spatts Zern June 3, 1823 - Aug 25, 1897 Her 1st m. May 8, 1883 Rev. Jacob Zern
 Mary Spatts is buried by Isaac at Terre Hill, PA
- SL2781 Matilda Overholser Dec 3, 1831 - May 28, 1848
- SL2782 Levi L. Overholser June 3, 1833 - Dec 7, 1923 buried at Russell Cem., Kansas
 1st m Dec 18, 1856 Maria Catherine Pleam Oct 24, 1833Terre Hill - Jan 30, 1893 Russell KS
 Levi was a missionary with Rev Frederick Kreckler in Japan. Ran Overholser's Woolen Mill, 1880
 married & moved to Will County, Illinois to farm. Later sold the farm and moved to Lancaster County, ran a
 woolen mill just north of the mouth of the Pequea Creek. He made "yarns, carpets, blankets, coverlets, bed spreads,
 cashmeres, and various kinds of cloths."* The mill, owned by uncle Daniel, is on the Lancaster County map of 1880.
 After that failed, he moved from Millersville to Hahnstown, Ephrata, then Lincoln, Lanc.Co., and later to Russell
 County Kansas. He outlived his second wife, and died on his son Frank's farm at 91.
 2nd m Rachel J Hudson 1849 - Jan 9, 1911
- SL27821 Milton Pleam Overholser, M.D. b. June 19, 1859 farm in Will Co., IL - Harrisonville, MO
 Graduate Kansas City Medical College 1884; practiced in Simpson, Mitchell Co., KS 1885
 Moved to 204 west Mechanic St.,Harrisonville, MO 1889
 Served as local Missouri Pacific Railway surgeon for 35 years, his office at 101 Wall Street
 1st m. Aug 19, 1886 Fannie Elizabeth Long Lebanon, PA - Mar 8, 1919 Harrisonville
 2nd m. Aug. 27, 1921 Leila Britt of Harrisonville
- SL278211 Dr. Earle Long Overholser, Ph.D Dec. 19, 1888 Kansas City, MO -
 Head of Horticultural Dept. Washington State College at Pulman
 m. Grace McCleary of California,PA
- SL278212 Milton David Overholser, M.D. Dec 18, 1900 Harrisonville -
 Missouri State U., Medical Dept. faculty
 1423 Bouchelle Avenue, Columbia, MO married, no children
 m. Virnelle Metz of Columbia, MO
- SL27822 I. F. Overholser Zurich, Kansas
- SL27823 Jesse Overholser Russell, Kansas
- SL27824 _____ Overholser m. Ed Marsh only living sister in 1932
 Living at: Rural Route, Topeka, Kansas
- SL278241 Mable Marsh m. _____ Ledger She lived in China several years.
 Mr. Ledger was an instructor at University at Foochow, China
 On leave (1932) at Mrs. R C . Ahlestrom, 4920 Euclid Avenue, Kansas City, MO
- SL27825 Alice Overholser - dead for a few years m. Albert Yoxall, banker in Russell, KS
 SL278251 Ethel Mohler m. Frank Mohler, International Sec. of Y.M.C.A. at Hong Kong
- SL27826 brother of M. P. O. deceased m. Bertha _____, Texarkana, TX

SL278261 son & SL278262 son

SL2783 Dr. Daniel L. Overholser Dec 9, 1835 - Apr 18, 1907 IN dentist in Naperville IL & IN
 1st m. Oct 1859 Mary Ann Redd c 1837 - May 5, 1874
 2nd m. July 1875 Kate (Teter) Livesay Hetherington Sept 19, 1840 IN - May 14, 1924 IN
 Daniel was nominated Governor of Indiana on the Prohibition Ticket.

SL2786 William L. Overholser July 22, 1841 Terre Hill - Mar 20, 1927 Sioux City, IA
 m. Nov 7, 1866 Julia Ann Harting July 26, 1845 Ephrata, PA - May 12, 1936 Sioux City, IA

SL279 Daniel Overholser Feb 13, 1811 - June 15, 1875
 Moved to Belleville, Mifflin Co.; returned to Terre Hill
 about 1848 after his first wife Anna S. Landis Feb 19, 1818 - Jan 3, 1845 died.
 "Daniel purchased a woolen & grist mill at Wabank, Lancaster Twp, and conducted these interests until his death. Son Martin L. Overholser, 1st President of the OFA, took over the management of the woolen mill at Wabank for a number of years. Still later he became independently active in the wool and yarn business at Rock Hill, but his plant was destroyed by fire and he removed to Safe Harbor. Conditions became uncertain, and Martin retired from the field. Martin lived on a farm at Slackwater, PA from 1892 to 1903; and in the winter of 1917-1918 ran trucking and market-gardening at Safe Harbor.

SL2794 Martin L. Oberholtzer Sept 30, 1843 Mifflin Co. - Sept 23, 1930
 m. Feb 2, 1869 Barbara (Hess) McAllister - May 25, 1921
 d/o of Amos & Fannie Hess McAllister

SL27941 Daniel A. Overholser Dec 10, 1869 - June 23, 1897

SL27942 Charles Elmore Overholser 1872 - aft Mar 5, 1962
 1st m. Mabel McKean - d with the birth of Donald
 2nd m. Helen Truslow Miles 1888 - 1966 from Brooklin, NY

SL279421 Donald Overholser m. Helen of Lakewood, NJ
 Donald had a d/o Barbara, and son Donald, Jr.

SL279422 Charles Elmore Overholser, Jr. 1926 -
 m. Renee Value 1930 -

SL27943 George Whitefield Overholser May 25, 1875 - July 10, 1947 Physician at Reading, PA
 m. Bessie Kathryn Frantz Jan 10, 1882 - Jan 12, 1918 Reading

SL279431 Elizabeth Overholser

SL279432 Barbara Overholser

SL279433 Mary Louise Overholser Jan 22, 1916 Reading - Nov 27, 1942 Houtzdale, PA
 m. Thomas Patton West Mar 1, 1916 Elwood City, PA - Jan 20, 1984 Millville, NJ
 son of Gusty P. West & Mary S. Patton

SL2794331 Thomas Patton West, Jr. May 4, 1946 Littleton, New Hampshire -
 m. Sept. 13, 1969 in Pittsburgh to Toinette M. Thompson June 19, 1947 Audubon, NJ -

SL27944 Anna M. Overholser b. Safe Harbor - Mar 5, 1962
 Joined the Methodist Episcopal Church of Millersville
 Anna lived with her father in Millersville in 1924 single

SL27945 Howard Overholser May 1921 - 1926 accidental drowning
 - The Oberholtzer Book, Barbara Ford, 1995, Page 74, 89, 94-95
 - Rev. Isaiah E. Oberholtzer Papers, 1932
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 - Doug Overholser, Chadwick, MO
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 - Mary Louise West, Vineland, NJ; & Thomas P. West, Jr., Norwalk, CT
 - Spencer Overholser, Oley, PA
 - Renee Overholser

A NEW OVERHOLT FAMILY FOUND! Jacob Overholt, unclassified

From Old Bucks Co Magazine, Vol Issue 8, Apr 1993:

Groveland, by Jeffrey L Marshall

".....After owning the Groveland property for almost a quarter century, the Stewart's ran into financial difficulty and entered into a deed of assignment with Casper Hinkle and Anthony Fretz. The two men sold the property to satisfy creditors. The main portion of the farm, totaling over 131 1/2 acres was bought at public auction by Jacob Overholt for \$1579.50 on April 8, 1825.

"Jacob Overholt did not own the property for long. He died without a will and the property descended to his daughter Sarah and her husband Christian Myers. [Sarah had a new house built on another part of the property.]

"Sarah retained ownership of the farm for the remainder of her life. When she died the property descended to her three children: Jacob Myers, Sarah Stover, and Hannah Hough."

COMMENT:

There is no Jacob Overholt that matches this description in the Oberholtzer Book, or the Moyer Books. But there is one very likely possibility:

Will Overholtzer wrote on page xvi of the Oberholtzer Book about Preacher John Oberholtzer who died at sea. This John, German *Hans*, brought a group down the Rhine to Rotterdam. He and "six other heads of family died in the crossing. Most of the survivors became members of the Salford Meeting House".

Could there have been a son Jacob who grew to become this Jacob Overholt? Possible.

Could this Jacob Overholt be the father of one of the Oberholtzer Lines? Possible.

INVESTIGATION:

There may be orphan records of the children in the Philadelphia Courthouse, or in Salford Township records. There may be additional records of Sarah & Christian Myers. Happy hunting!

References: - Willard E Overholtzer, Introduction to the Oberholtzer Book
 - Moyer Family History, Vol I & II, Fretz Family Association
 - Bucks County Magazine article, Barbara Ford's files

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