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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Hello OFA members! I hope all of you are well at this time, after many months of digging out of snow storms. We are certainly delighted to see trees in bloom and tulips popping up in York and Lancaster counties!

We thank everyone that came to last year's Reunion, and we're looking forward to seeing even more family this year. As you remember, we took a tour of the Christian Oberholtzer home (circa 1769). We are told that this property will be for sale in the near future. This could be turned into a beautiful Bed & Breakfast resort or possibly a museum. If anyone is interested in being an investor in this desirable property, please notify Dennis Oberholtzer.

This year Dennis will be our guest speaker and he will be making a presentation of Oberholtzer family history going back [an additional] five generations. This should be of great interest to all of us! Again, we will meet at Yoder's Family Restaurant on Route 23 in New Holland the Friday night before the Reunion. Come if you can. The food is great, and the fellowship too. The following day, we meet at St. John's Church in Terre Hill on Route 625. Michael Martin is soon to become our next President. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Yours Respectfully,  
Jake Street

### Loss of OFA member Robert H Stirk

Jan 8, 1939 Orlando FL - Apr 21, 2010 Marietta GA, eldest s/o Robert L Stirk & Ruth B Wood, Robert m Oct 28, 1972 Maitland to Kathryn London and leaves 2 sons: Robert Benjamin Stirk of Orlando FL, and John Daniel Stirk of Winter Park FL. Brother of Ruth Stirk Crowell, Winter Park FL. Worked 33 yrs at WFTV in Orlando, and was former chapter president of Sons of American Revolution. Kate sent along new info on Beulah Amanda Overholser 1881-1975

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2007 there were 308 Household/Libraries mailings

2014 there are 439 Household/Libraries mailings

***Check out the OFA Website:***

[\*\*www.Overholser.org\*\*](http://www.Overholser.org)

***And now on Facebook at***

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**Additional Obituaries**

**Rob Overholt Jr** May 23, 1966 HI - Nov 2, 2013 s/o Robert Sr & Sharon Overholt  
Wife of Ester Krizman, who he married May 13, 2013. Born into a military family, he grew up in CO, later a heavy equipment operator & truck driver. Previous marriage to Marcia Romero leaves 3 surviving children: Christopher, Brittany, & April. OFA member, Grand Junction CO - Esther

**Daisy B Frantz** Mar 30, 1919 Long Beach CA - Feb 14, 2014 Hickman CA at home.  
Daughter of Noah and Ethel (Kendrich) Bowman, the 9th of 19 children. Bap Sept 1939 at Old German Baptist Church. She married Dec 24, 1938 John Markey Frantz. 5 children: Michael, Jan, Timothy, Dennis & Dale. Preceded in death by husband John & son Michael in 1957. - Patrick McGarry

**Leroy Landis** Oct 10, 1925 Darke Co OH - Feb 14, 2014 Greenville OH s/o late  
Roy & Ruth (Byers) Landis. Preceded in death by wife Betty Sleppy, dau Elizabeth Landis, brothers Clyde & Carol Landis, Wayne Landis, sister Irene & Rush Light, and nephew Robert Light. He was mem St John Lutheran Ch in Greenville OH. - Patrick McGarry

**Helen Etta (Rapp) Hill** - Feb 6, 2014 aged 98 of Clayton OH Preceded in death  
by husband H Chalmer Hill, her parents William Leroy & Lucy Jane (Yoder) Rapp, and gr dau Chantelle Hill. Survived by ch: Herbert & Linda Hill of FL, Donna & Mark Mattix of Clayton, Dean Hill of MT, Tom & Stella Hill of Piqua, Larry & Roxanne Hill of TN, 13 grd ch & 33 grt grd ch. - Patrick McGarry

## *Obituaries*

**Jean M (Heier) Flory** May 14, 1937 Sioux Falls SD - April 2, 2014 w/o Doyle E Flory  
Married 48 till Doyle died in Sept 21, 2007. Survived by 4 sons, Rand & Donna Flory of Cody WY, Dan & Sally Flory of Knoxville TN, Richard & Hope Flory of Washington DC, & Marc & Lesley Flory of Dayton OH; 2 daughters Jan & Kent Hummel of Loveland CO, Kay & Dale Brown of Louisville TN. Preceded in death by 1 grd-d Christine Eads & 1 grt-grd-s Denver Wormald. - P McGarry

**Lois Flora** November 6, 1934 - January 7, 2014 of Manteca CA at age 79, wife of the late Donald Flora died 1989. Survived by 3 sons: Stephen, Gary, and Greg, and 4 grd-ch: Christina, Donald, Susanna, and Emily. active mem Northgate Church of Manteca, homeless charities, & band boosters.  
- Patrick McGarry

**Ruth Flora** October 28, 1923 Gettysburg OH - January 10, 2014 of Arcanum OH  
She m the late Clyde Marion Flora on April 6, 1947, d/o Solomon Lavy & Margaret Mote. mem Old Brethren Church. Survived by 3 ch: Clavin & Linda Flora of Greenville OH, Irene Pyle of Delphi IN, & Terry & Adela Flora of Greenville OH. Buried Wise Cem, Delphi IN - Patrick McGarry

**Kathryn J Miller Snyder** Mar 18, 1914 Clinton Co - Nov 2, 2013 m April 12, 1941 to the late Gilbert Snyder who died Dec 21, 1988. Teacher for 29 years, elder & ss teacher at Pleasant Hill Presby Ch. She is survived by 2 sons: Dr Lynn E & Dana Snyder of Brownsburg, & Dr Philip H & Nancy Snyder of Avon; 6 grd ch & 7 grt grd ch. She was d/o Russell M & Ruth Flora Miller.  
- Patrick McGarry

**Charles B Shafer** Oct 20, 1929 Cutler - Nov 26, 2013 at 84 years, s/o the late Hal & Anna Maurine Flora Shafer. Married to Norma B Dunkin in Flora Jan 15, 1956, she survives him. US Navy Veteran, served aboard USS LST 279. Retired from Eller Fertilizer after over 30 years. Mem Flora Presby Ch, & on Flora Vol Fire Dept. Loved square dancing. Also surviving: DeEtta & Sam Balsler of N Manchester, Danita & Peter Such of Lafayette, Diana & Tim Redding of Flora, & son Chuck M Shafer of Flora. 6 grd ch & 6 grt grd ch.  
- Patrick McGarry

**Robert J Flory** Jan 1, 1943 Dayton OH - Dec 15, 2013 of Beavercreek, s/o the late Edward Joseph & Naomi Zelma (Baker) Flory. Retired Hyland Machine Co, mem Spring Valley Alumni Asso. Preceded in death by wife Linda, brother Lee Flory, & step-son Darin Long. Survived by son Robert M & Peggy of Dayton, 2 dau Robin M & Tony Gearhart of AZ, Andrea Hobart & Richard of CA, step-son Bryan Long of Dayton; 2 step-dau Tammy Garland of Greenville, & Shannon Smith of New Paris.  
- Patrick McGarry

**Jerry D Simmons Flora** Nov 22, 1943 - Nov 1, 2013 Wakarusa Survived by his mother Elsie Flora of Nappanee, sister Mary Ellen (Levon) Brubacher of Nappanee, brothers Wayne & Sharon Flora of Flora IN, Stanley & Denise Flora of Elkhart IN. 11 nieces & nephews.  
- Patrick McGarry

**Floyd Emerson Overholtzer** Feb 17, 1921 Shoemaker Ave, Modesto CA - Jan 18, 2014  
S/o Enoch & Martha (Garber) Overholtzer. Floyd started building houses at age 14 due to the untimely death of his father. Started a small dairy farm till losing a hand in 1970. Helped in building of Sierra Pines Ch in Twain Harte, & Brethren Heritage School. Bap at Old German Bap Ch Apr 17, 1938. Survived by wife Vertrilla Ford who m Nov 6, 1940, & 3 sons: Marqueta Overholtzer, Marleta Boone & Lyndall Overholtzer. Preceded in death by 2 sons: Deryl aged 15, Drexel aged 47. - Patrick McGarry

**Clarence E "Gene" Flory Sr** s/o Waldo Clarence Flory, OH

## Minutes of August 2013 Reunion

Greetings: to: Bonnie Anderson

Old Overholt Distillery Reunion took place July 2013

Lyndon Overholser of AV Chain, daughters Cindi & Lisa present also

Ida Musser, born Lancaster County, sister Ellen Martin with her, They live Terre Hill nearby.

Also present: Barbara Bernhart , Phila PA. Samuel Line; Paul Fletcher, husband of late Naomi Kurtz, SL Line; Noah Oberholtzer Jr of Leala PA, SL Line; Jim & Kathy Overholser, Roanoke VA, SL Line; Lynne Oberholtzer, JB Line; Dennis & Earline Oberholtzer - likes close interaction rather than regimented thought today was good. Today managed to connect himself with Barbara Bernhardt. ; Michael Martin from the San Louis Oberholzers of CA, resides in NJ. Usually brings son. Has a lot of old pictures & is computer savvy. ; Lots of Overholtzers got hooked when they went to Terre Hill. Linda Nitterauer - Inherited Oberholtzer books, resides in NJ. ; Carolyn O Kendall - started coming when little. Now Treasurer. Requesting volunteers to help. Need current family info & updates. ; Charlotte Jean Schaffer of Coopersburg PA, Dennis' sister.; Earline handed out gifts of spice mats. Dennis noted Gwen & Dick Lucas of Canada. Dick called and said Gwen had passed away. They were avid Reunion friends. ; Juanita Brown sends Best Wishes.

John Shinpugh of JL Line is Webmaster of OFA Website. We have had 1770 website visitors, and Carol Carroll now has OFA on Facebook. E-mail pictures & descriptions from TN are online.

Ruth Overholser is in a home @ 95 years. Not doing well. Mifflin Center, 500 Phila Ave.

Guest Speaker was Pastor Paul Zanders

Offering taken. Treasurers Report as of 7/30/13 \$2328.32 Savings, 11,714.04 Book Fund. Remaining copies of *The Oberholtzer Book* will have price raised to \$40. (We do not plan to reprint due to the explosion of information available. - ED)

- Thank You to Bonnie Anderson for being our acting secretary.

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- Maps of 1875, 1864, and wall maps splices are from Nancy Gingerich's collection.
- Additional drawings of property sales from Nancy Gingerich's private collection
- Deed Book BB 625, Oct 8, 1773, Recorded Feb 28, 1785 Christian Oberholtzer May 7, 1765 to Oct 8, 1773 to John Huber, Lancaster County Courthouse, Lancaster PA
- Deed L, \_\_, 164 on May 7, 1765 Martin Bealer Jr to Christian Oberholtzer 181 acres for 1500lbs

The large amount implies a house already on the property. This is evidence to support the knowledge that the NW corner of the Graystone House was originally built by Bealer.

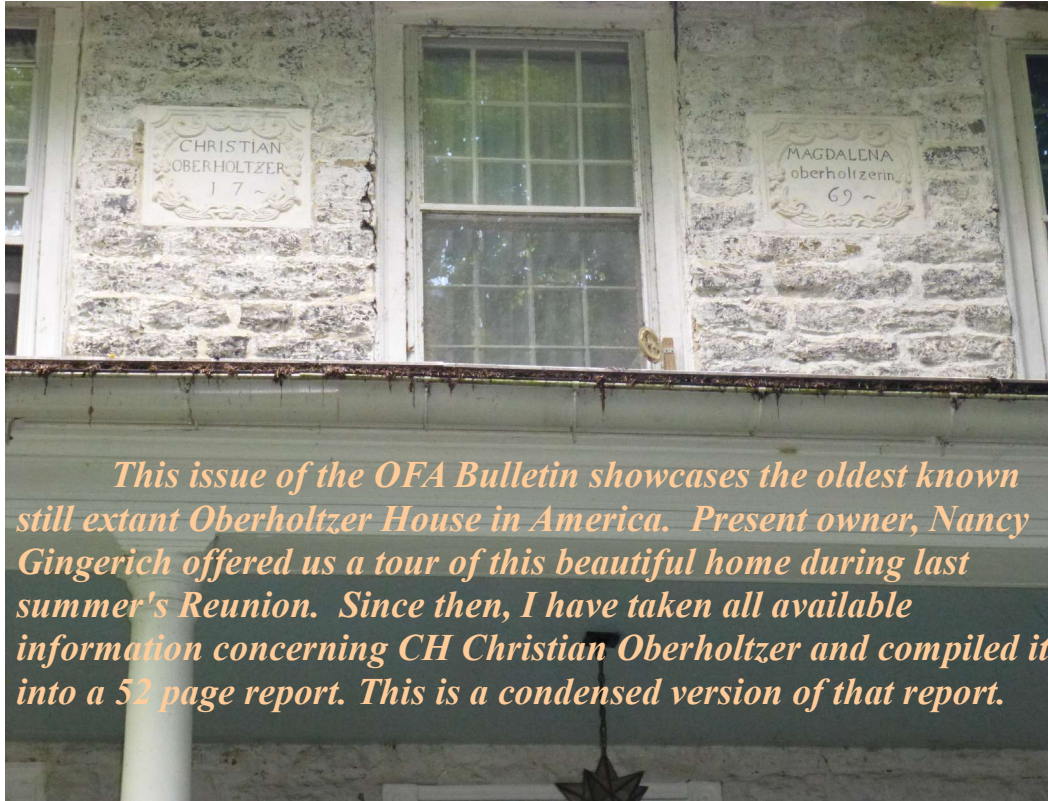
The original room size of the Bealer house was 12' 8" by 16' 4" on the interior. It still retains its dirt floor under the wooden existing beams. The stone headers above the windows are also of a different time period. The original house sits 28 feet away from the arched cold cellar, and the front door sits at a 90 degree angle from the cold cellar. The arched cellar is 11 feet wide by 23 feet long, with a 7 foot ceiling. The editor believes the two windows were added sometime after its original build. The cistern on the SE side is from an 19th Century change. - Dennis L Oberholtzer

- Bible of Christian Strenger

- Bible of Anna Huber Stamen

## 1769 Christian Oberholtzer House of East Petersburg PA

- 2014 by Dennis L Oberholtzer,  
includes Nancy Gingerich papers, pictures by the editor



### CH Christian Oberholtzer prior to 1769

On the Manor Township Assessments, 1751, Wolnick Rode (Ulrich Rudy) tax collector, there were two O families being assessed. One was Martin Overholser @ 7 s. 6d. There is no doubt that this is SL Samuel's son.

The other was Christian Oberholser @ 9 s. This could not be SL Samuel's grandson Christian, for he was not born until 1753, and never owned land in Manor Township. But Matthew Oberholtzer bought land after 1735 in Conestoga Manor, Manor Twp, which was later sold by his wife Elizabeth in 1772. Matthew must have died, or was invalid by 1751. His son, which is evidently CH Christian Oberholtzer worked the land until he went out on his own living in Hempfield Twp by 1758. But Christian paid the taxes on both the Manor Twp and his Hempfield Twp property.

**CH Christian Oberholtzer** - w 6/18/1785; wp 8/17/1789 Hempfield Twp Living in Hemp. by 1751  
m. **Magdalena (Witmer) Eshleman** dp 4/13/1785

Magdalena (Witmer) Eshleman was the 6th child of immigrant Benjamin Witmer, dp 4/13/1785, widow of Daniel Eshleman (-d.1749), whom descends a son Benedict.

Christian & Magdalena owned properties in two different locations of East Hempfield Twp.

***The first property was purchased from the Nissley family as two parcels:***

Christian appears on the first existing tax list for Hempfield Twp, Lancaster County PA 1751. By 1756 he owned 250 acres (25 acres in grain, 4 horses, 1 mare, 6 cows & 10 sheep.) In 1758, 80 acres were cleared. In 1759 he had 200 acres with only 50 acres cleared, meaning 30 acres of cleared land had been sold with the 50 acres.

Tract G 1760/62 421 acres Patent to Christian Oberholtzer Pat. BK-AA-1-Pg 62 & Pat. BK-AA-3-Pg 37

Guardians of Peter, Christian, & Joseph Nissley, sons of late Hans Nissley, deeded 56 1/4 acres to Christian Oberholtzer Aug 16, 1760, recorded AA-2:21 Aug 23, 1760.

David Johnson made these comments: "*Historical records state that some Conestoga Indians were selling goods near Peter Swarr's mill in 1763. They escaped the Paxtang Boys that day, to be massacred days later in the jail. Ellis & Evans erroneously identify Swarr's Mill as being this one, which we now know to have been Oberholtzer's Mill at the time. The error is probably due to the fact that a John Swarr owned the mill here in the early 1800's.*" (Ellis & Evans p869) There are other errors in the Ellis & Evans statement. The Paxtang Boys came nowhere near East Petersburg. They were looking for Native Americans along the Susquehanna River, and at Indiantown. The fact that these natives were selling goods at CH Christian Oberholtzer's Mill is in accord with the good relations between the Mennonite settlers and the natives. We do know that the Hershey family took in some natives at this time, and gave them shelter for the remainder of their lives. The Hershey family lived close by CH Christian's land.

On September 28, 1764 Christian & Magdalena sold these two properties, the western part for 50 lbs to John Wagoner, and the eastern part to Jacob Neff (spelled Neave) for 4500 lbs, which included a grist mill, saw mill, and shelling mill. (Deed H, \_\_,283; Deed K, \_\_,194; Deed SS, \_\_,211)

This property was later used in 1778 to build a brick mill, using defeated Hessian mercenary soldiers. Thus it acquired the name of Hessians Mill. It still stands in 1976, but no buildings from the time of C Oberholtzer are standing.

## The Graystone House

***The following second property had many additions and sales. It is called the Graystone House on Graystone Rd on the east side of East Petersburg.***

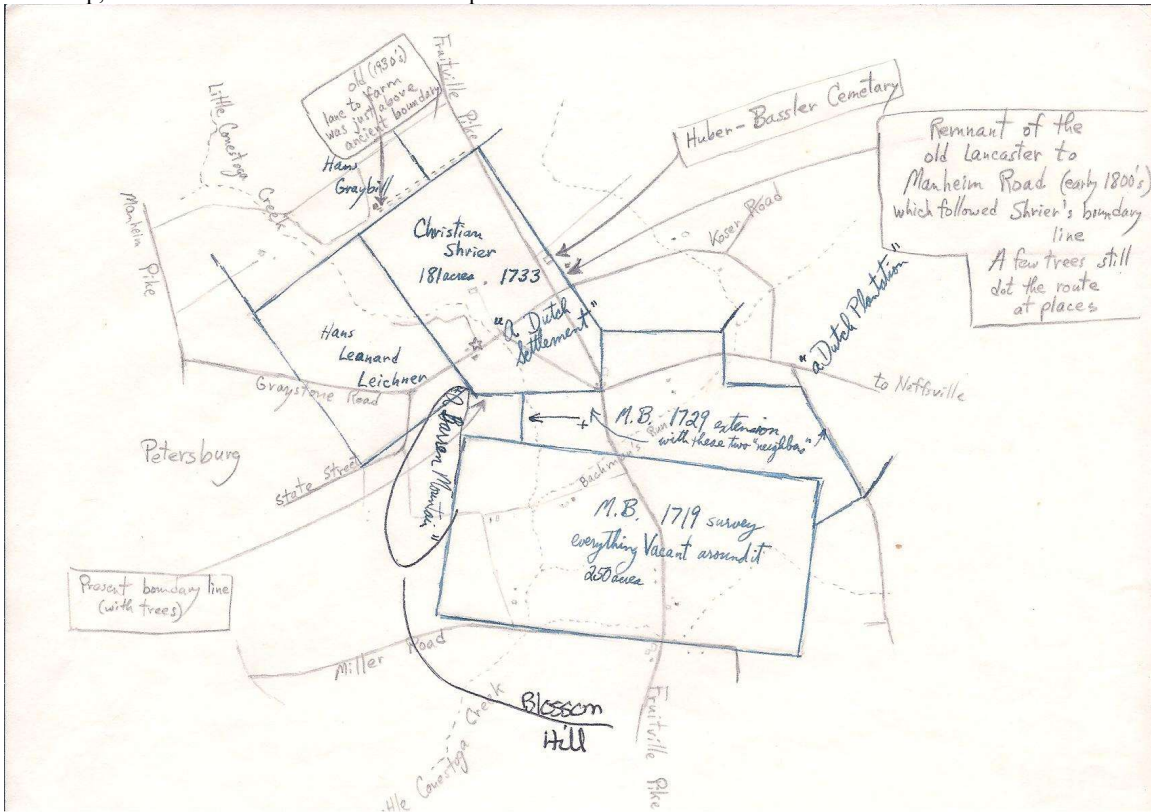
Property ownership prior to the survey and warrant found in the Lancaster County Land Warrant book:

The first land owner in the region was Swiss real estate mogul Michael Baughman. He had purchased over 17 huge tracts of land in Lancaster County for the purpose of splitting them into smaller farms which the poor Swiss immigrants could afford to purchase. The first at this area was Survey D-102-4 consisting of 250 acres, dated November 21, 1719. On October 17, 1729 Survey D-82-30 added 160 acres to the original, totalling 410 acres.

Survey A-84-89 included 181 acres for Christian Shrier on October 20, 1733. The warrant was written August 9, 1734 to Christian Shrier for 100 acres for the price of 15 lbs, 10 shillings. (Warrant S.65 Lancaster) This warrant was later voided due to non-compliance with the conditions of the sale; which would have been a failure to pay. (Patent A-12-523) David Johnson states in his research, "*It may well be that C Shrier was un-naturalized. Other than neighboring property boundaries using his name as the owner of the land in the 1730's, I have found no other mention of him.*"

A warrant was issued for the same land on December 10, 1740 to John Martin Bealer Jr. It called for acceptance of the original Shrier survey in Bealer's name. Patent A-12-523 was issued to John Martin

Bealer Jr on July 14, 1747 for the amount of 28 lbs, 1 shilling. This property was considered to be in Manheim Township, but sometimes was listed on the Hempfield tax lists.



The original land grants are superimposed on a modern map of roads & streams, by David Johnson, 1976

Property of Christian Oberholtzer at time of purchase, changes during, and afterward.

In 1760 Christian owed the mill he used to build the 1769 house, and earn a living. ~~A stone of the Oberholtzer mill on the Conestoga, 1 mile east of Petersburg read "Who Trusts in God has builded well in heaven and on earth. 1792"~~ and immediately below, another stone "Jacob Oberholtzer Catherine Oberholtzer 1792" not here -ed.

On May 7, 1765 John Martin & Esther Bealer sold their 181 acres to Christian Oberholtzer for 1500 lbs. The signature is recorded as "Martin Behler". No new land description is given. (DJohnson; Deed L, \_\_,164; Patent A-9-286, A-12-523) The room on the far northwest corner of the Graystone House was built prior to the 1769 mansion addition. It has no basement, and only a ground floor with which the floor joists originally rested. This most likely had been the Bealer residence. The date of its construction is unknown, but taxes were not paid on a property until a structure was built. (Wm Penn's requirements to the Free Society of Traders)

On August 1, 1765 Christian Oberholtzer bought the remaining portion of Leonard Leicher's property. (Deed L, \_\_,162)

About 1767, Christian sold 100 acres to John Bassler. They also sell about 20 acres to Jacob

Sherrick. (Deed FF, \_\_,476) This deed mentions Christian Oberholtzer as being a miller, revealing the state of a mill in use on the property. About the same year he also buys water rights from John Graybill Jr, who owned land just to the northwest, upstream from Christian.

In 1769 he bought 36 acres from Jacob Grobb. Hempfield tax records reveal his ownership of 70 cleared acres, and 110 uncleared acres, 5 horses, 6 cattle & a mill.



This arched cold cellar is in the basement of the 1769 Graystone House. It predates the house built by the Oberholtzer's. These cellars have a pattern of being on a 90 degree angle from the original log house, and 25 to 125 feet away. The early single room on the NW corner of the house was likely built by the Bealer's, along with the cold cellar. All known (by the editor) arched cellars pre-date 1760, and were also used as protection from the Native Americans.

Other known existing sites like this are:

Original cellar used as a house in Germantown PA by the earliest settlers.

Martin Meylin Jr's house in Willow Street PA

Brian Runkel House in Hamlin, Lebanon County PA (present owners)

Some houses built in Massachusetts prior to the Revolution.

The Hans Herr House cold cellar likely predates the 1719 stone structure, and belonged to a wooden structure nearby, which may have been on a 90 degree angle from the cellar.



1770. Christian bought back some of land from John Bassler. (Deed BB, \_\_,611) On July 1770 he also bought a corner of Peter & Maria Baughman property in what appears to be a small boundary dispute. (Deed BB, \_\_,609)

*"Perhaps he overextended himself financially by all the land deals and building the mill and mansion house. For in 1770 [Christian Oberholtzer] mortgages his land to George Graff of Lancaster. But apparently that was not enough, for on October 8, 1773 Christian & Magdalena sell .. property to John Huber (Hempfield Twp yeoman) for 3,050 lbs. (Deed M, \_\_,498; Deed BB, \_\_,625) The property consists of six pieces of land and includes the dwelling house, grist mill and saw mill. At the same time George Graff acknowledges satisfaction on the mortgage."*

- David Johnson research, February 22, 1976 for Bruce & Nancy Gingerich

*On the 1773 Hempfield Tax List, Christian owns no land, but has a horse and two cows. In 1775 he is renting land from Henry Schwitzer for 12 lbs per year. At that time I believe Henry Schwitzer owned approximately what is now Hodecker's celery farm. Christian's name appears on the 1776 & 1777 lists.*

Christian Oberholtzer and his son Christian Jr made muskets for the Revolutionary War, contracted through the Joel Ferree Gunshop in Paradise, PA. The Oberholtzer Kentucky Flintlock had calipers of 45, 54, and others. It had a 40 inch round or octagonal barrel, with a full-length curly maple stock, and weighed 9 lbs. They included brass fittings, and were produced from 1775 to 1778 in Hempfield, Lancaster County.

Below, the Northwest corner originally built by Bealer's before 1765.





The Christian Oberholtzer House south side during Overholser Family Reunion invitation, August 3, 2013

*In 1782, Christian was listed as an 'inmate'. He made his will in 1785, and was likely somewhat incapacitated until his death in 1789.*

John Huber had bought the mill property from CH Christian Oberholtzer. Hempfield tax records immediately reflect the real estate transaction: 1773, John Hoover, miller by trade, 150 acres, 50 cleared, 1 servant (indentured)

In 1792 the mill was owned by Christian Huber, and was 44 feet by 27 feet. ~~It burned in 1797 and was rebuilt by his son, Christopher.~~ About 1798 John Huber built a 40 X 60 stone and brick grist mill on the Little Conestoga Creek, across the road from the Graystone House. It came to be known as the Spring Dale Mill. There was a road built in 1812 from Columbia to Huber's Mill on the Little Conestoga.

1797 Mill burns down. 1798 Mill rebuilt by John Huber's son Christian Huber.

John Huber's sister married \_\_\_\_\_ Bossler

Aug 1802 \$.50 reward for apprentice to mill trade who ran away. - Lancaster Journal

1803 John Huber died. His wife was Anna Hershey 1732-1822

Christian Huber takes over the farm.

In John's Will it states that Anna lived in the two southernmost rooms on the 1st floor.

1818 Christian Huber died

1824 Henry & Elizabeth M Reigart took over the mill.

They were from Lancaster, buried Lancaster Cemetary.

1850 The property was split: House went to D Hamaker Jr; the other land to D Hamaker Sr.

1853 Bridgen Map 107 acres Daniel L Hamaker Sr & wife Anna Musser

142 acres includes mill Daniel L Hamaker Jr & wife Elizabeth Brandt

7 acres Manheim Twp by Daniel L Hamaker G & S

1857 Daniel Hamaker in debt, sells to Daniel Sr.

1862 Daniel Hamaker Sr died.

1864 Bridgen Atlas Estate of Daniel Hamaker Jr; E B Bomberger at Hamaker Mills

1st wife Eliz Hamaker, d/o Daniel Hamaker Jr

2nd wife Maria Hamaker

In 1864, the Graystone House & mill were owned by David Hamaker Jr, and by 1875 by Mary & Barbara Hamaker. (Water-Powered Grist Mills, Lancaster County PA, 1996 Arthur C Lord p38; Everts & Stewart Atlas 1875)

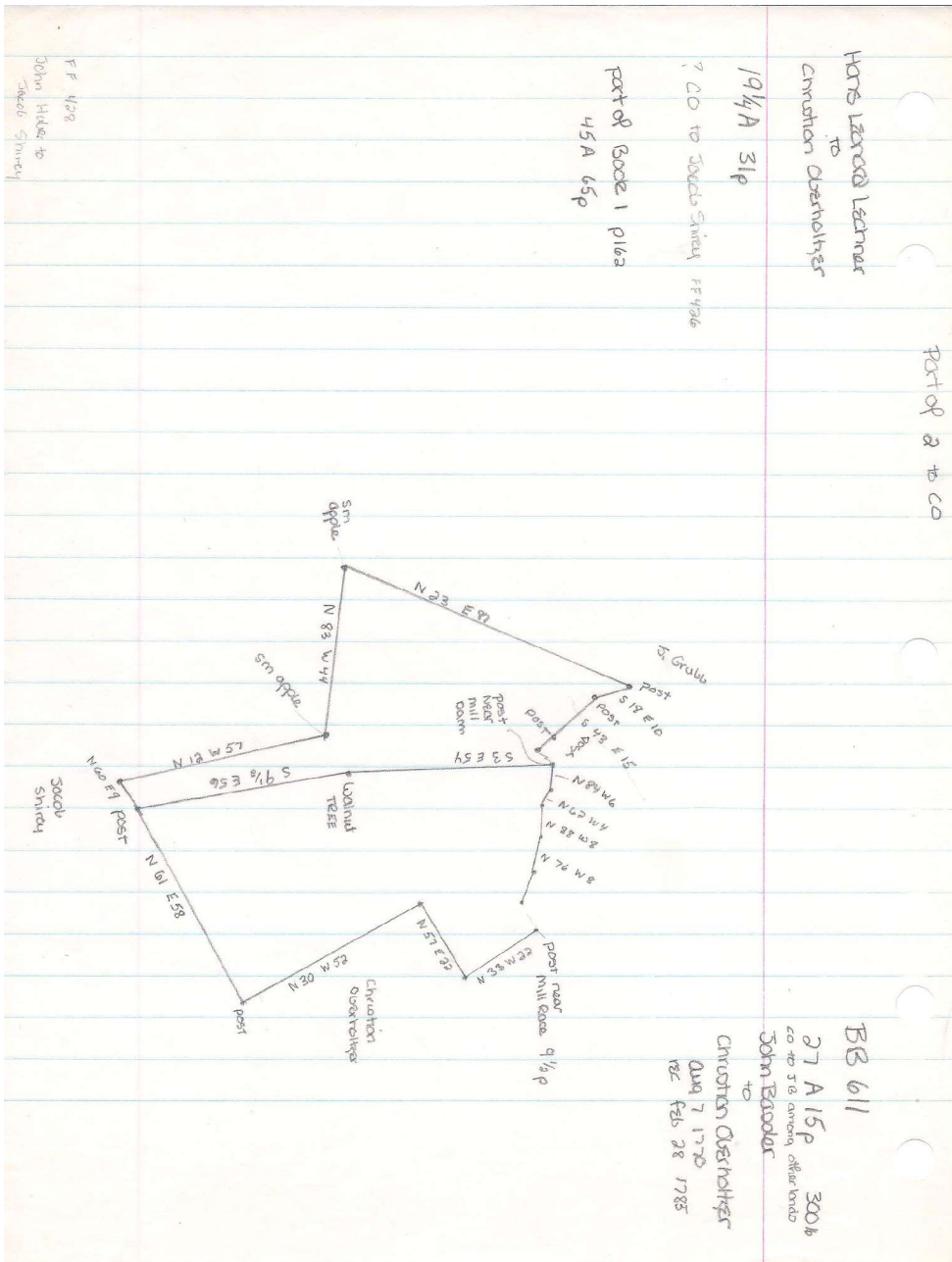
In 1899 the property was co-owned by David Miller & Abe L Groff. (80 ac, 1899 Atlas of Lancaster County)

On Friday, November 1st, 1929 Mrs Bertha Forney Groff opened The Graystones Tea House. It was advertised as being used during the Revolutionary War as a hospital for both Continental and English officers. After the Revolution, a Bible was said to have been sent to England with the names of all the officers nursed in the mansion.

Graystone sustained a fire in the upper story which altered the roof line in the rear of the building. The house was whitewashed at this time, during the mid 1900's.

The house in East Petersburg is presently owned (1960's - 2013) by Nancy Gingerich, husband Bruce passed away in the 1990's. On the house two stones record "Christian Oberholtzer 1769 Magdalena Oberholtzer 1769" - Bucks Co Historical Society Vol 6 p77; House Mottoes in Eastern PA, Rev John B Soudt 1927

REF: Register of Wills, Lanc Co Will Bk F 1/155 Christian Oberholtzer pr 8/17/1789; GSP LA 11A:2, Lanc Co Cem Rec, Union Cem E Petersburg; PA Menn Heritage Vol 7 #4 OC 1884 pg 31 (Eby); PA Menn Heritage Vol 14 #3 7/1991, Desc of Benj Witmer of Lampeter Twp pt 2 Phillip Bedient p18-22; Lancaster Heritage Outlook, Histirc Preservation Trust of Lancaster County, Winter 2007/2008; *Antique Guns, The Collector's Guide*, John E Traister; Hempfield Tax Records; *Journal of Lanc Historical Society*, Winter 1963 p 30; Deed M,\_, 13 Mayhill; Deed M,\_, 4 Mayhill; Deed K,\_,241 Mayhill; Deed F,\_,416; Hession Mills, Landisville PA



Drawing 1, Nancy Gingerich Collection

## Property survey details, Nancy Gingerich Collection

Tract One, A Vol 12, p523, May 14, 1760

Patent to John Martin Bealer Jr & Esther to Christian Oberholtzer  
Lancaster Book L p 164

land, CH Christian Oberholtzer to John Bossler (& water race)

corner post S 30° E 82p  
to post S 62 p  
to post W 130 p  
to post N 30° W 50p  
N 57° E 30p  
N 53° W 6p  
N 76° W 6p  
S 80° W 26p  
N 32° W 3½p  
N 80° E 28p  
S 76° E 6p  
S 56° E 8p  
N 57° E 107p

79 A 2 roads 34 perches

### Tract Two

Hempfield Twp, Christian Oberholtzer to John Shirey

Part of 100 A 37p, Vol 19-A-537 to Hans Leonard Sechner

Deeded 3/12/1762 2½ acres, 5/2/1764 2¾ acres 2p,

both to Jacob & Mary Shirey, indentured 5/12/1767 both to Christian Oberholtzer

N 40° 82p S 18° E 10p  
N 32° W 78p S 43° E 15p  
3½p S 74° E 6½p  
W 8p S 30° E 54p  
N 72° W 7½p S 9½° E 56p  
N 78° W 5½p  
N 26° W 17p  
S 72° W 4p  
N 56° W 10p  
N 25° W 12p  
S 70° W 18p  
S 23° W 2½p

39 Acres, 1 road, 2 perches

Hans L Secher & Appadoria, Indentures August 31, 1765 to Christian Oberholtzer

45 acres 65 perches (39 A part of 45-2 1/4- 2 3/4)

27 acres 15 perches CH Christian Oberholtzer to JB (among other lands)

JB to CH Christian Oberholtzer August 7, 1770

Peter Baughman & Maria to Christian Oberholtzer, indentured July 23, 1770  
S 80° W 41 7/10p  
N 60° E 26 1/10p  
SE 20p  
S SW 2½p total 1 acre 29 perches

The water race ran through lands of  
John Graybill, Andrew Borks, Jacob Shirey, John Bossler

Deeds & Surveys:

H L Leichner FF 424 A Vol 19 p527 100A 37p  
to Jacob Shirey 12 1/2 A, Mar 12, 1762 cost 48lbs  
to Jacob Shirey FF424 2 1/4A (whole of 16 3/4A) Recorded Apr 4, 1789  
beginning line of Charles Helmerick  
S 3E 80p black oak  
bylands Paul Albert N 6 E 16p post  
N 8½ W by Leo Leichner  
65p to post  
S 86° W 45p to beginning total 12 ½ Acres  
Leonard Lechner et all to Jacob Shyrich BB 599 May 2, 1764, MT February 28, 1785

BB 601 Jacob Shyrich to John Huber dig race December 11, 1773

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List of lands, lots of ground, with their improvements and dwellinghouses, owned by Christian Hoover on the 1st day of April, 1815, lying and being within the 6th collection district of Pennsylvania, viz.

In Hempfield Township, Lancaster County, adjoining land of Martin Maniowuek containing two hundred fifty acres, having thereon one dwellinghouse of stone of two stories, 44 feet in length, by 30 feet in depth, one barn of stone on mill...

Valued at thirty five thousand dollars \$35,000.00

BB 621 Dec 25, 1767 Deed John Hershey & Magdalena Hooper, d/o Christian Hooper  
October 20, 1768 John Huber Jr, John Huber Sr & Anna May

October 20, 1733 Christian Shryer warrant voided

December 10, 1740 John Martin Bealer Jr patent granted, July 14, 1747 28 lbs 1 sh

May 7, 1765 John Martin Bealer Jr & Esther 181 acres to Christian Oberholtzer 1500lbs  
August 1, 1765 Christian Oberholtzer purchase from H L Leichner

1767 Christian Oberholtzer sale of 100 acres to John Bassler  
1767-1768 Christian Oberholtzer built mill  
1770 Christian Oberholtzer purchase from John Bassler  
1770 Christian Oberholtzer mortgaged property to George Graff of Lancaster PA

October 8, 1773 Christian Oberholtzer sale to John Huber for 3,050 lbs, 6 pieces of land, dwelling, grist & saw mill. mortgage is satisfied.

John Grebill to Christian Oberholtzer for 85 lbs

The liberty priviledge right to take the water out of the Little Conestoga Creek upon the upper end of John Grebills land in Hempfield Township where he now lives from the line of Peter Grebills land from thence the same to be led by a water

course of 12 feet broad through his the said John Grebills land or swamp or at any place on the said land where Christian Oberholtzer shall think most fit and convenient to dig, into the line of lands formerly of Jacob Grubb but now of Peter Weiland.

Right to water his or their meadows 2 weeks in April and 2 weeks in May, 1 week in June yearly, but only in the night time and no more than is necessary.

Right to make a water course out of the Little Conestoga on the west side for watering his meadows 8 days in April and 8 days in May, only at night, and no more than in necessary.

July 20, 1769 Christian Oberholtzer sold some of his property to John Huber for 5 shillings, October 8, 1773 the rest.

James Webb & Hannah of Lancaster Twp,  
adjacent to land of Christian Oberholtzer, Feb 12, 1762  
This is the Nissley Lands bought by Christian Oberholtzer in center of Hempfield Township.  
Patent AA Vol 3 p17, November 20, 1761 to James Webb, 200 acres in Lanc.Co, 4 tracts

Christian Oberholtzer to Jacob Neave (Neff), mill in Hempfield Twp  
Y 147, Indentured Sept 28, 1764, Recorded April 4, 1765

3 tracts of land: 85 acres; 148 acres 128 perches; 15 1/2 acres and all for water races, etc.; K 194 mistake in 85 acres  
begin chestnut tree in line of land of Christian Oberholtzer but now Jacob Neave

S 3E 91p to hickory tree  
S 88 W 85½p post by John Waggoner  
N 11 W 192½ to post in land of Jacob Getz  
N 54½ E 30p to chestnut tree by land of Peter Baughman  
N 87½ E 56p to beginning

Water Course in land of Christian Oberholtzer 30 Acres by indenture Sept 10, 1760  
same as Christian Killhaver

Christian Killhaver et all to Christian Oberholtzer, land of his watercourse

Whereas Christian Killhaver possesses certain tract in Hempfield Twp through upon which runs & is dug a water course mill race of the width of 8 feet. Whereas Christian Oberholtzer possesses tract in Hempfield Twp which is erected & built sundry mills & other water works.

Christian Killhaver for 10 shillings all certain race or ditch land cut and running through the land of Christian Killhaver and as the same now runs for more easy and convenient turning the mill of Christian Oberholtzer which are situated below the said water course.

Tag with race and ground in which it runs and all pathways and waterways and free access as necessary and other necessary liberties for repairing the water courses or millrace and banks and ditches.

### Additional Obituaries

**Henry Flora** s/o Nancy Oberholtzer <http://coffmanfh.com/fh/obituary>

**Norman Eldean Flory** 84 years of Ponca AK died Mar 21, 2014 Shiloh AK, s/o Jesse & Ida  
(Hufford) Flory. Born May 4, 1929 n Modesto CA

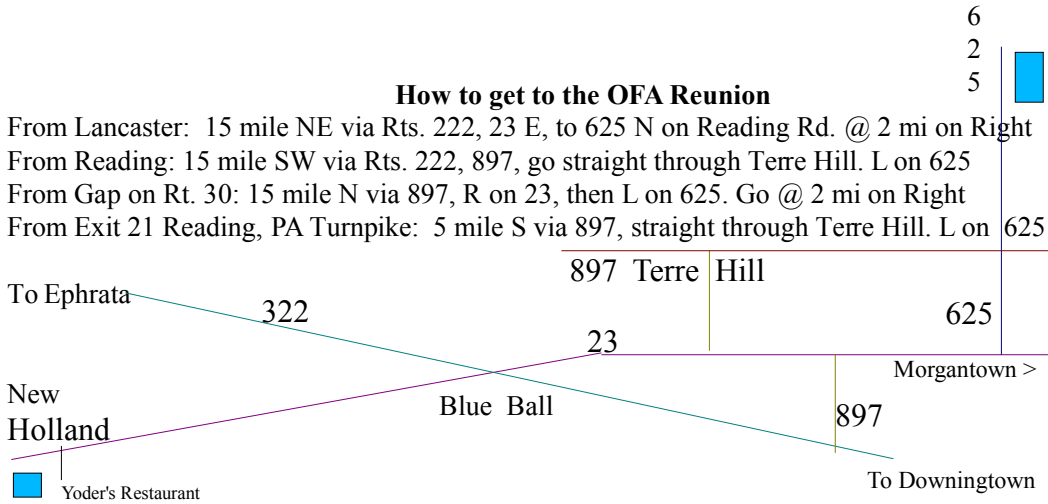
**Harley A Sides** June 4, 1929 Arcanum OH - Mar 1, 2014 Marion IN, s/o late Owen & Susie  
(Miller) Sides. Survived by 2 brothers, Joe & Walter, 2 sisters Ethel & Eunice

**Shirley (Elliott) Martin** Sept 11, 1923 Springfield OH - Mar 8, 2014 Dayton OH  
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/Dayton/obituary.aspx?n=sirley-martin-elliott&pid>

**Pauline Moist Brumbaugh** Sug 7, 1916 Dayton OH - Mar 1, 2014  
[http://www.bakerhazelsnider.com/book\\_of\\_memories/1816807/Brumbaugh-Pauline](http://www.bakerhazelsnider.com/book_of_memories/1816807/Brumbaugh-Pauline)

## 2014 REUNION

The Reunion will be held **August 2nd** at St. John's Center United Church of Christ, east of Terre Hill on Route 625. 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. Please notify Carolyn Kendall (address on Officer's List) in advance so they know how many to expect. On Saturday **August 2nd**, we will begin to gather at 9:00AM at the church. For Lunch we will have catered sandwiches. You may bring appetizers, and or deserts if you like. Beverages and coffee will be supplied.



*Did you happen to notice the spelling of Magdalena's surname on the datestone?*

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