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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear OFA Members,

This is my chance to wish everyone a "Happy and Healthy 2015. Its the end of January already as I write to you. Time is passing quickly. I'm reflecting back on our 2014 Reunion, at the beginning of August, with a pleasant glow. We met a new (first time attending) line of the family and our genealogist presented us with some interesting new research information (see article in this Bulletin). It is not too early to think about joining us this coming August. Work it into your Summer plans! Our dinner event Friday 6:00PM at Yoder's is a particular favorite of mine. It gives us a little extra time to visit before the Saturday Reunion. We never get enough visit time and the Saturday event is so busy. I hope to see you all this Summer.

Dennis Oberholtzer and I have been toying with an idea for a Family Heirloom exhibit this year. Start your wheels turning - we'll need your help. Stay tuned. We will have more information in the next Bulletin.

Yours truly,  
Michael Martin  
OFA President

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**Welcome New OFA Members!!!**

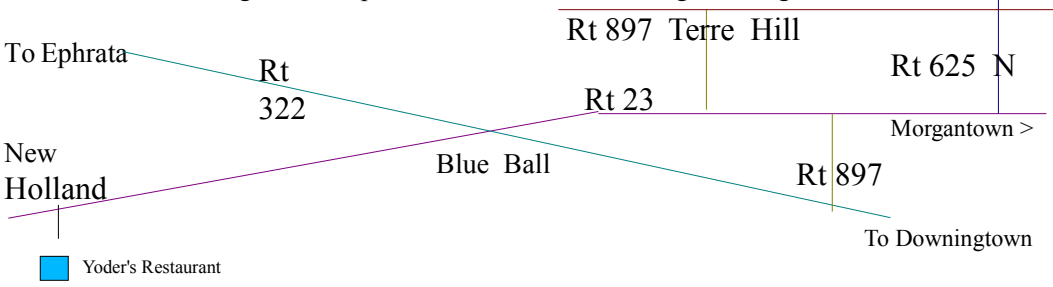
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**2015 REUNION**

The Reunion will be held **August 1st** St. John's Center United Church of Christ, Phone # 717-445-5622, east of Terre Hill on Route 625 where it was held in **2009**. On Friday night, **July 31st**, we will meet at Yoder's between New Holland and Blue Ball for a 6:00PM buffet dinner and visiting. On Saturday **August 1st** we will gather from 9:00 to 10:00AM at the church. Call **Carol** at **717-225-4808** if you need more information.

**How to get to the OFA 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*

sent in by Ross Gordon Gerhart III:

**Gloria F Overholtzer** 92 formerly of Pottstown PA died May 30, 2014 Boyertown PA  
d/o Horace V Evans & Alma May Harner, predeceased by husband Harry W Overholtzer in  
October 1995, and daughter Jayne E Knopp. 2 dau & 1 son survive.

**Annabelle Overholtzer** 83 Pottstown PA, died May 1, 2014, wid /o Clarence H Overholtzer  
d/o Harold & Hannah (Bartman) Robenolt. Son Horace T of Pottstown, dau Kay A Reitnauer  
of Boyertown, and Beth Ann Boyer of Pottstown survive. - Mercury, 5/3/2014

**Walter W Oberholtzer** 76 Northfield NJ died June 10, 2014, s/o Clifford, & Florence Wolf  
Survived by 4 children & 6 grand-children - obit by daughter Lisa Serfling

**Margaret E Dry** 84 Pottstown PA, d/o Earl R Bartman & Dorothy A Overholtzer

**Dennis R Oberholtzer** 73 Macungie PA, died December 9, 2012, survived by Carol Lanz O  
s/o Roscoe R Oberholtzer & Sara Stoneback - Marning Call, Dec 11, 2012

**Charles E Overholser** 87 Kennet Square PA, SL Samuel Line, born Brooklin NY  
12/3/1925 - died 4/2/2013, survived by wife Renee Value, son Charles E, dau Margaret V Fox, son  
George M - Phila Inquirer, 4/7/2013

**Kenneth L Musselman** 88 Perkasio PA, formerly Reading PA, died June 12, 2013  
s/o Erwin Musselman & Luella Oberholtzer survived by Scott K & Susan C Hazel

**William E Overholtzer Jr** 81 Lansdale PA, died @ Mar 4, 2014, survived by Beverly J  
Radcliff O, dau Wendy Yerkes of Quakertown PA, preceded by son Scott S

**Grace M Detweiler** 100 New Holland PA, formerly of Phoenixville PA, d Jan 17, 2012  
wife/o late Ralph A Detweiler, d/o Christian Brinton Oberholser & Hannah E S

**Cindy L Gerhart** 54 Reading PA, d/o William Krow & Phyllis Oberholtzer of Columbia  
Survived by Nichole Laboy, Mary Gerhart, and William Gerhart

**W John Oswald** 75 of Landis Homes, Lancaster Co PA, brother of OFA Treasurer  
Carolyn O Kendall, died Feb 19, 2014. single, John was past President of the OFA. He graduated from  
Palmerton High School & U of Penna. Pres of Sigma Phi Epsilon & the Christian Asso there.  
Employed by U of Penna, Penn State Abington, & retired Bloomingdales in King of Prussia. SL  
Samuel, IV Elizabeth Line - Carolyn Kendall

**Obituaries from Patrick McGarry,**

for more info on the following goto [hawkwind275@yahoo.com](mailto:hawkwind275@yahoo.com)

**John J Skiles** 79 died May 5, 2014 of Delphi,s/o John A Skiles & Amanda Flora

**Maurice E Brubaker** 80 of Greenville O, May 4, 2014, s/o Elmer A & Bertha (Norris)

**Wesley Brubaker** 66 of W Alexzandria O, April 12, 2014, s/o Arthur & Helen (Metzger)

**Betty L Magoto** 72, Bradford O, died April 8, 2014, d/o Maurice & Opal (Rhoades)

**Michelle D Burns** 14 Covington O, died April 23, 2014 truck acc, d/o Tim & Tammy  
member Old Order German Baptist Church, Covington OH

**Lloyd H Miller** 98 of Flora, died April 16, 2014, s/o Jesse & Rosa (Wagoner) Miller

**Leonard Wm Wray** 80 of Pomona KS, died April 26, 2014, s/o Covy & Edna (Flory) Wray

**Esther L Boyd** 101 of N Manchester IN, May 16, 2014, d/o D C & Flossie (Brower) Wolf  
Husband Delmar E Boyd preceded her on May 5, 1998

**Wayne W Kinzie** 1931-May 20 2014, s/o Lester Ray Kinzie AB Abraham Overholser Line

**Ruth A Landis** October 28, 1921 N Manchester IN - January 18, 2015 New Carlisle OH

**Dorothy L (Besecker) Landis** January 1, 1924 Dayton OH - Jan 18, 2015 of Greenville OH

**Nina L Garber, Boyd, Miller** Dec 13, 1922 Miami Co OH - Dec 21, 2014 Kokomo IN

**F. Daun Peterseim** 1921 - Dec 16, 2014 [grandfather of Patrick McGarry](#)

**Sylvia E Lavy** Mar 10, 1923 Goshen IN - Nov 14, 2014 Greenville OH

**Wm Benjamin Bowman** Nov 3, 1923 Franklin Co VA- Oct 18, 2014at home in Wirtz VA

**Lester Guy Wray** 73, died Oct 19, 2014 at home in Laura. mem Salem Old German Bapt

**Kathryn Lemin-West** Sept 24, 1928 - Sept 18, 2014

**Ethel R (Sides) Jamison** 95 years, died Oct 13, 2014 Pendleton

**Kevin D Miller** April 4, 1960 - Sept 28, 2014 Bradford OH

**Mary Ann Markley** Oct 17, 1924 Flora IN - Aug 28, 2014 Fairfax VA

**Marge Catherine Yoder** 1907-1970 previously m to radio broadcaster George Fisher  
(who has a star on Hollywood walk of fame.) [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com)

**Martha I Wolf** Aug 19, 1924 Flora IN - July 4, 2014 Member Middlefork Old German Bap

**Mark F Peters** Mar 30, 1955 Lima OH - June 29, 2014 at home

**John C Brumbaugh** July 4, 1930 Greenville OH - June 16, 2014 vet Korean War

**Joanne Louise Wray** Mar 19, 1956 - June 9, 2014 Modesto CA

**Darlene Redcay** June 25, 1932 - Jan 2, 2015 wife of late Edwin Redcay. Former OFA Secretary, she was d/o Nathan and Florence Oberholtzer of Manheim PA. Siblings Nathan Jr, Joyce Hoffer, Wilbur O, & Kenneth O. Four ch survive: Bob Redcay, Brenda Strausser, Sharon Miller of Dayton OH, Jerry Redcay of New Holland. - Lanc Newspaper

**Thomas Lee Duke** October 22, 1941 - August 12, 2013, s/o Edward Cecil & Ann Duke  
resided at Muhlenburg Co KY, Tom & Ann are longtime friends of the OFA, AV Line

**Elizabeth F Oberholtzer** of North Wales & Germantown PA, wife of late Harold W Oberholtzer. d/o E Joan Yoder & preceded by daughter Nancy Allison.  
- 8/19/2014 Inquirer

**Grant David Frederick** died April 5, 2014, husband of Deborah Ann Overholt. Born in Kitchener ONT, CAN. member Bally Mennonite Ch, worked Canadian oil Co, MAX Insurance Co, Canada. Survived by daughter Jennifer Frederick of Canada

### **What's Coming Up**

**2015 Reunion Heirloom Exhibit** Think of an old heirloom you may have to show & tell. Or something new you plan to leave as an heirloom.

**2015 Winter Bulletin O Henry O** All known Henry's of the 16th to 19th centuries, and who they connect to if any.

**2016 Bulletin** Correcting the many mistakes from the Loomis 1931 book.

## Connecting the Protestant Families to the Oberholz Homestead

By Dennis L Oberholtzer, 2014

The Overholser Family Association began in 1906 as a family gathering in Terre Hill, here in Lancaster County Pennsylvania. Within the first decade there were people from several distant states coming to the Reunion in hope of finding their root origins. It was not until the 1980's that we were able to connect our heritage across the Atlantic Ocean to Germany, and then to Switzerland. Our first published book, *The Oberholtzer Book*, written by Barbara B Ford, with an introduction by Will Overholtzer, tabulated the first five generations in America, with ties to the Oberholz Homestead in the Canton of Zurich. But the only true connection was through name association. We had no direct family line connecting the Protestant Family living across the valley with the earlier homestead in the village of Oberholz.

This has now been resolved! Over the past four decades, with the help of Rosy Oberholz from the Inn at Oberholz, and especially John L Overholt of Virginia, along with many others, I have been able to confirm direct ties. The Swiss family line is not shown here, but we have them connected to this same lineage. Barbara B Ford organized *The Oberholtzer Book* by using a two letter code for each immigrant, or earliest known member of a family line. The lines which can be directly connected to the European families are shown here with their corresponding code.

The European lines are designated by Roman numerals going back in time from the immigrant families. The American lines go forward with Arabic numbers. The number after the hyphen is the number of the child in the generational family.

### AATHAL, Wald Oberholzer Families

The following estimates are by Dennis L Oberholtzer and colored brown:

- X--1 Farmer Oberholzer est b 1390 - Der Hof Oberholz und Der Bauer Oberholzer in 1438.  
The farm of Oberholz was documented March 5, 1438. (Kilger)  
He was an adult when persecuted by Zurich officials in 1438, being a wealthy & successful farmer.  
Fall 1438 Oberholz becomes part of Canton Uznach, breaking from Canton of Zurich
- IX-1 Uly Oberholzer est b 1418 - at Oberholz First recorded person with Oberholz surname in 1452.  
Lived on the Oberholz Hof (farm), son of Farmer Oberholzer.  
1452 Various Oberholzers were in Wald Church, some went to church in Canton Uznach

REF: *Das Alte Oberholz und die Familie Oberholzer*, 1999 Robert S Oberholtzer

VIII-1 Son of Uly Oberholzer est b 1448 - Likely to have been the eldest son of the family.

VII--1 Elder and Mrs Oberholzer est b 1475 - Lived on der Hof Oberholz (Upper Farm House, Oberholz)  
 One of two brothers, this one is the eldest and remained Catholic, the younger became Protestant

VII--2 Younger Oberholzer est b 1485 - Born on der Hof Oberholz (Upper Farm House, Oberholz)  
 One of two brothers, this one the younger became Protestant in Wald, married by 1508  
 The father of most American Protestant lines, and a direct connection to the family in Oberholz  
 By 1520 Oberholz became a village.  
 1523 Uznach remained firm in Catholicism  
 1532 the Catholic & Protestant Church split, Catholics stayed on top of the mountains, Protestants in valleys.

REF: *Das Alte Oberholz und die Familie Oberholzer*, 9/1999 Robert S Oberholtzer

VI-1 Heinrich Oberholzer Sr c1510 - Lived in Aathal (valley of the spring), Wald, Switzerland  
 m \_\_\_\_\_ Children are possibly the 6 in 1559 Wald Baptismal records

V--1 Niklaus Oberholzer b 1530 -

V--2 Heinrich Oberholzer b 1531 - bef 1838 Died before next son Heinrich was born.

V--3 Heini Oberholzer b 1532 -

V--4 Hans Oberholzer b 1533 -

V--5 **Jacob Oberholzer** *erster bekannter Vorfahre (1st well-known ancestor)*  
 Geb. ca. 1537 in Aa,Wald (east of Lake Zurich) - d aft 1568 Lived in Aa, Wald, SWI  
 Burger (Lower house,middle class resident) & bauer (Husbandman, small farmer)  
 Jacob is the descendant of the Alemanni Tribe. This is a branch of the original Suevi tribes. The Suevi are the desendants of Ashkenaz in the Bible. Thus through the Oberholzer Family, the Alemanni Tribe, and the Suevi tribe, we are able to trace our heritage directly back to Adam and Eve of the Bible, and the Creator, God Himself.

m. bef 1559 Annli Cuntz (Anna Kunz) Died after 1568 6 children  
 Jacob & Annli were living in Aathal by 1560 after their wedding. - Line of Abraham Oberholtzer

IV--1 Anli Oberholzer Geb. 19 Marz 1559 Wald SWI - Wald SWI

IV--2 **Mattheus Cuntz Oberholzer, Burger & bauer in der Aa/Wald**  
 Jan 1561 Wald SWI - 1610 Wald SWI Lived in Aa in 1582. called Anabaptist  
 Baptized on January 19,1561 in Wald  
 m. Sept 11, 1580 in Wald to Anna Strehlerin (Stroler) 1/1/1566 Wald - 9/11/1608 14 ch  
 Birth Place: of Aathal, Zurich, Switzerland In 1583 called Anabaptist

III--1 Elisabetha Geb. 13 Okt 1583 East of Lake Zurich in Wald -  
 REF: Excerpt from Penna. Mennonite Hertiage, April 1990 :

III--2 Annli(Heini) Geb. 17 Okt 1585 - Wald m. June 12, 1608 Christian Brunner

III--3 Elsbeth Geb. 21 Sept 1589 Wald -  
 ? m Jorg Hitz 1600 - mariage is unconfirmed, but likely

II--1 Anna Hitz 1625 SWI - m Hans Heinrich Rife (Reif)  
 - Laura L Tasset Koehn, P O Box 1872 Dodge City KS, JF Loomis File

III--4 Barbara bap Mar 8, 1592 Wald -

III--5 Jacobus Geb. 13 Mai 1593 Wald -

III--6 **Marti(n) Oberholzer** Geb. 23 Marz 1595, Burger & bauer in der Aa -  
 Christen Date: Baptized March 23, 1595 in Wald, Zurich, Switzerland  
 In 1634 lived in Aa, Wald,SWI Martyred 1670 drowning  
 m 1618, k.m. to Margaret Shollenberger c1595 Zurich - 1650 Aathal, Wald  
 d/o Hans Jakob Schollenberger & Ursula Christen Margaret 1633 in Wald  
 REF: Ancestry.com via John Shinpaugh & his sister  
 Excerpt from Penna. Mennonite Hertiage, April 1990

\*6 sons emigrated from Wald - emigrant lists of 1657 & 1663 11 children  
 II--1 Hans Jacob Oberholzer Sr\* Jan 23, 1620 - aft 1683 bap Jan 23, 1625  
 Emigrated from Wald 1657, age 32 years. In 1663 Hans is listed as a Anabaptist  
 in the Palatinate. In 1674 he is a farmer in Immelhausen Hof (farm). 5 children  
 m. 1/27/1646 Anna Buchman of Mettmensstetten bc 1626 - 7/17/1689  
 dau of Casper (Anabaptist) and Vreni nee Wyss Buchman  
 I--1 Hans Jacob Oberholzer Jr Dec 20, 1646 -  
 m. Nov 7, 1676 Lisabet Nauer  
 I--2 Samuel Oct 27, 1647 - Nov 12, 1705 Immelhausen Hof  
 REF: *wiedertaufer, aged 61 years - Kraichau Church books, J L Overholt 1984*  
 I--1 Maria Oberholzer  
 m 4/22/1704 Sinsheim -Jacob Kundig of Ittlingen  
*The wiedertauferischen Leher at the Immelhausen Hoff (farm) - Records of Sinsheim Reformed KB*  
 I--3 Regel Mar 4, 1649 Wald SWI - Germany  
 I--4 Barbara c 1656 Wald SWI -  
 m Apr 26, 1674 by Weiler to Jacob Frey 1642 -  
 s/o Felix Frey c 1614 - May 24, 1682 & Eliazbeth Strehlin  
 Felix Frey was a wiedertaufer farmer at the Burkenhoff (today Birkenhoff)  
 I--5 Johannes c 1660 Pfalz - at least 3 sons  
 Johannes was a wiedertaufer at the Immelhausen Hoff  
 m. May 13, 1683 Immelhausen Hof to Anna Frey d/o Felix  
 born Feb 16, 1652 Ottenbach -  
 sister of Jacob Frey m. Barbara Oberholtzer  
 [AO in OFA Book] I--1 Anna Oberholtzer b.ca.1699 -  
 1m Hans Heinrich Martin 1701 EUR - Oct 1784  
 Immigrants with 4 children from near Heidelberg, Germany on Sept 21, 1731, with parents Christian (not wrong name  
 Andrew) & Elsbeth Martin to Brecknock Twp. Anna & Hans Heinrich lived for two years beside JL Jacob's land,  
 before moving to the Conestoga Creek.  
 REF: PMH Apr 2000, Pg 47; OFA Bulletin Feb 2009, pg 7  
 2--9 Margaret Martin m Jacob Stauffer 1740-1821  
 Jacob is s/o Matthew Stauffer c1700-1758 & JF3 Anna Oberholtzer c1711 -  
 Anna Oberholtzer c1711 is d/o JF Jacob Oberholtzer of Franconia  
 [JL] I--2 Jacob Oberholtzer c 1704 - Late 1755 Brecknock., PA  
 Estate Inventory Dec 22, 1755  
 Ship list: Jacob Oberholtzer widower, age 28 of Duhren near Sinsheim, Elizabeth age 6[JL1], Samuel 3 [JL2] arrived  
 on ship Samuel on Aug 11, 1732. In America he had 8 more children, to total 10 in all.  
 Jacob Oberholtzer, widowed with 2 children finds himself thus with the fortune of 60 florins, additional from his  
 brother and friends as reported. - The Palatine Immigrant, Vol VII, No 4  
 [JL] Jacob Oberholtzer c 1704 Dirnsheim, Upper Palatinate - Late 1755 Brecknock Twp., Lanc.Co., PA  
 1st m ? Barbara Fretz 6/7/1706 Hagenau, Bas-Rhin, Alsace - This person is unverified  
 Immigrant 1732 on Samuel from Sinsheim Southwest, age 28 widower  
 [JL1] Elizabeth 1724/26EUR - 1791 m. Christian Bauman son of Wendel-Ann



Moved to Lanc.Co., PA

[JL2] Samuel c 1729EUR - 1783 m. Sept 8, 1765 Maria Eva Hauswirth  
Purchased 215 acres in Frederick County, Virginia died in Shenandoah Co, VA  
- Book: Samuel Overholtzer of Virginia, 1981 by Helen O Turn, Centex Press, Belton TX

JL21 Peter Overholtzer bef 1770 - m Ann Bougman

JL22 Barbara Overholtzer bef 1770 -

JL23 Eva Overholtzer bef 1770 - m John Riser

JL24 Samuel Overholtzer bet 1770/72 - m Nancy Eagle

JL25 Ann Overholtzer aft 1772 - m Andrew Griner

JL26 Veronica Overholtzer aft 1772 - m John Durst

JL27 Jacob Overholtzer July 2, 1777 - m Hannah Iles

JL28 Susannah Overholtzer m Joseph Foltz

2nd m Barbara [ ? ] pos Kilheffer?

[JL3] Johannes c 1739 - 1801 m. Elizabeth Brand  
Martindale Oberholtzers

[JL4] Christian Aug 10, 1740 - Feb 15, 1819 m. aft 1793 Christina Musselman  
Carrollsburg, Liberty Twp, Adams Co, PA

[JL5] Anna c 1743 - 1825 m. Peter Good  
Brecknock Twp.

[JL6] Barbara Jan 14, 1746 - July 4, 1808 m. Oct 1766 Johann Heucher/Heiger  
Lower Paxton ( now Lower Swatara) Daulphin Co, PA

[JL7] Maria June 25, 1750 - 1816 m. 1770 Abraham Martin  
Red Run, East Earl Twp son of 1727 imm. David Martin & Anna Groff

[JL8] Jacob c 1751 - c 1805 m. Anna Lehman - 1823 murdered 1 son

[JL0] Veronica c 1753 - wp Oct 1831 m. Jacob Good (Guth) 1 son died single

[JL9] Magdalena c 1755 - aft 1791 m. Jacob Weaver Somerset County, PA

1--3 John (Johannes) Oberholzer

1--4 Samuel This is NOT SL Samuel Oberholtzer

II--2 Heinrich Geb. 9 December 1621

II--3 Hans Cunrat(Conrad) Geb. 11 April 1624

II--4 Barbel (twin) Geb. 12 Febr 1626 (Julian) -

II--5 Jacob (twin) Geb. Feb 1, 1626 (Gregorian) - bef 1634 Census

II--6 Samuel Geb. 17 Jan 1630 -  
m. Mar 24, 1663 Elsbeth Streler  
Swiss exit permit says "went to Odenwald (Palatinate)" by 1663

II--7 Hans Jagli \* Geb. 25 Dez 1631- m w/4 children  
Lived in Strassberg, Austria in 1663  
\*II-5 Hans Jacob Oberholtzer was the brother of Marx. II-9

1 of 6 sons who emigrated from Wald between 1657 and 1663, to the Pfalz in 1661 with wife & 4 children.

II--8 Hans Heinrich (twin) Geb. 2 Juli 1633 Aa Wald SWI -  
m. Elsbeth Kindliman

II--9 Marx Oberholtzer \* Geb. 2 Juli 1633 Aa, Wald, SWI - Sept 14, 1680  
Birth Date: 1633, twin of Hans Heinrich  
Birth Place: in 1634 aged 1 in Aa, Wald, in 1641 age 6  
Christen Date: February 9, 1634  
Moved in 1657 from Aa, Wald to Sinsheim, Palatinate  
Marx is son of Martin from Wald in 1661 to the Pfalz.  
m. aft May 21, 1660, prob bet 1661 & 1663 Margaret Dobler  
Birth Place: of Wald, Zurich, Switzerland

In 1657 Margaret emigrated as servant of Hans Jacob O  
 I--1 Catherina Barbara Oberholtzer b. 1663 - bap April 8, 1681,  
 Renounced Anabaptism, and was  
 confirmed 1682 at age 18 at the Elsenz Reformed KB CH

[MC] I--2 [MC] **Marcus Oberholtzer** c1664 EUR - Dec 3, 1726  
 1st Party to leave Rotterdam, Arrived 1709 in England from  
 Rotterdam at age 45, with wife & 5 children. Immigrated to Philadelphia in 1712 (not 1710).  
 m Elizabeth Ely Lived in Coventry Twp, Chester Co PA  
 1--1 [MC1] Jacob Oberholtzer c1699 Palatinate - wp 1760  
 Part of Hans Herr Group. Bought a 300 acre farm in Kenilworth; Executor of Marcus' will  
 2--1 [MC15] Esther Oberholtzer  
 m George Bachman  
 d/o Jacob son of Marcus immigrant 1712  
 1--2 [MC5] Samuel Oberholtzer 1701-1757 farmer  
 m Elizabeth Staats b Brooklin NY - d c1758  
 d/o Peter Staats & ?Lysbet Middagh  
 Lived on 103 acres W side of Skullkill River. Sold 1/13/1755  
 2--1 [MT] Mark Overholt bef 1741 - 1754 Tincum, Bucks  
 bur Deep Run Menn East next to [MC7] Martin O  
 Mark died 1754 Tincum Twp, Bucks Co PA & is buried beside MC7 Martin who died in 1744. Since Mark died in  
 1754, he cannot be MT, for the will was written in 1759.  
 2--2 [MT1] Magdalena Overholt c1741 - 2/ 1816  
 m Christian Hunsberger - wp 8/29/1814  
 3--1 [MT2] Staats Overholt c1743-1820  
 Staats died in Clinton Twp, Lincoln, Ontario CANADA. He married Susannah Hunsberger c1750 - 1834  
 3--2 [MT3] Martin Overholt c1745-1817  
 Martin m Elizabeth Nash 8/3/1751 -7/1/1831, d/o William Nash & Agnes Kolb Oberholtzer (widow of MC7)  
 1--3 [MC3] Nancy Oberholtzer 1730 - aft 1787  
 Nancy was 6 years old in London, May 6, 1709. - Letter of Michael Wismer, BC Canada, 1992  
 m 1720 Jacob Wismer 1689 - 1787  
 1--4 [MC4] Marcus Oberholtzer Jr c 1706 EUR - wp 2/25/1760  
 Chester County PA. He was single in 1737. Immigrated to PA with dad Marcus. Bought 103 acre farm in Coventry Twp  
 adjacent to his father's property on the outskirts of Kenilworth, across the Skullkill River from Pottstown.  
 ?m c1758 Elizabeth Staats (her 2nd m)  
 Marcus Jr's will written 1759: "I do bequeath unto my brother Samuel his three children." Explanation: *The  
 Oberholtzer Book*, 1995 by Barbara Ford page 149 shows MT Mark overholt died in Tincum in 1754. This takes him  
 out of the legal documents, for he is already passed away. Next, MC5 Samuel died in 1757. His wife Elizabeth either  
 dies next, or married Samuel's brother MC4 Marcus Jr. She dies within a year or two. Marcus had custody of Samuel's  
 remaining three children, and bequeaths his estate to them in his will of 1759. He died in 1760. - DLO 2009  
 1--5 [MC6] Elizabeth Oberholtzer c1708 EUR -  
 m Peter Kolb Elizabeth is sister to Marcus Jr.

REF: Phila Co WB L/396, 1760

1--6 [MC7] Martin Oberholtzer 1709 - 1744 Bucks Co  
Martin with Jacob Oberholtzer, are sons of 1709 immigrant to London, Marcus Oberholtzer (Sr), settled at Skullkill  
m 11/2/1736 Agnes Kolb 1713-1786

The Nash family emigrated to America about 1730. - Oberholtzer & Nash Family Histories

1--7 [MC2] Henry Oberholtzer 1713 -w 1759 -d aft 1763

**MC2 Henry Oberholtzer** 1713 Europe - w Nov 1, 1759 - aft 1763 Overhold in tax list

landholder with Martin & Jacob 1729 m **Elizabeth Killian**

Henry first appears on the tax list of Coventry Twp, Chester Co in 1729. He disappears from the tax list 1740-47 (the lists are missing between those dates). His land was patented to Jacob Bauch 1743. "Brother Marcus, in his will written 11/1/1759 leaves 2LB, 15 shillings to 'my brother Henry Overholdser' and in the settlement of the estate 1/19/1770 it shows Henry received his legacy." This Henry is NOT HW in *The Oberholtzer Book*

REF: Barbara Ford; *Six Oberholtzer emigrants from Wald, Switzerland*, Dennis L Oberholtzer, OFA Bulletin 2/2009; Chester County Tax List, *The Oberholtzer Book* pg 21

I--3 Hans Jagli (Jacob) Oberholtzer b c 1665 -

Lived at Steinsfurt GER Mennonite in 1690

1st m prior to 1686,

since JF Jacob was born prior to the m of Maria Nussler

2nd m. Apr 15, 1690 Steinsfurt Reformed KB, Germany

to Maria Nussler c 1665 - d/o Jacob Nussler *These*

*Monisten were married by their " Lehrer " at Steinsfurt Reformed KB Church to Maria Nussler, d/o Jacob Nussler - Kraichau Church books, John L Overholt, VA 1984*

[JF] **I--1 Jacob Oberholtzer** c1686 EUR - dp 2/11/1755

Jacob was an immigrant to Philadelphia (now Montgomery County) PA on Feb 22, 1702. He settled in Salford (now Franconia) Twp. m Catherine \_\_\_\_\_ - aft 1755 4 ch

Jacob was naturalized with his son Jacob Jr on April 11/13, 1729 Philadelphia Supreme Court.

2--1 [JF1] Jacob Oberholtzer Jr

born p 1708? - Nat 1743 - wp 2/11/1759 in Upper Salford Twp m c1728 Deborah Krey bc1711-aft 1762

8 ch, d/o Jan Krey & Sytge Up den Graef

Deb 2nd m aft 1759 Jacob Landis

2--3 [JF3] Anna Oberholtzer c1711 EUR -

m Matthias Stauffer c1704GER- wp/1758

1--2 Martin Oberholtzer c1695 - bro/o {JF} Jacob

[SL]

**I--3 Samuel Oberholtzer** bap c 1700 - d May 2, 1748

[ML]

**I--4 [ML] Martin Michael Oberholtzer** c1667 EUR - dp 1733PA

Immigrant 1710 Mary Hope, Lived on Peter Bezaillion property in Bucks Co till 1717, moved to Lancaster Co (included Dauphin & Lebanon at that time.) 1710 Warrant in Pequea, not on 1711 survey. 200 acres in 1725 Millersville PA. In 1733 sons Jacob and Martin sold their father's land to Michael Kryter.

I--5 Maria Oberholtzer Lived in Bembach, Alsace

Maria was a brother to MC Marcus Oberholtzer.

1--1 Elsa Oberholtzer Mother lived in Bembach, Alsace

m 11/17/1706 Christian Fretz

- 1749 Hagenau, Alsace

REF: OFA Bk Pg 1, Barbara Ford, 1995; John L Overholt Letters, OFA Files

I--6 Anna Barbara Oberholtzer 1670 SWI - 1742 widow 72 years old

m \_\_\_\_\_  
 II--10 Barbara (Barbeli) Geb. 20 Dez 1636  
 II--11 Martin \* Geb. 5 Mai 1639 - Jan 22, 1711  
 c May 5, 1639 **Aa** - Jan 22, 1711 Palatinate, GER  
 1st m Nov 11, 1662 Margaretha Reiman  
 2nd m Oct 26, 1669 Wald to wid Elsbeth Kindliman (#8 wife) c1641 -

III--7 Hans Jacob Geb. 22 Aug 1596 -  
 III--8 Babel bap July 2, 1597 -  
 III--9 Ulrich Heinrich bap Dec 23, 1599 -  
 III--10 Jorg Geb. 10 Marz 1601 - m. Katharina Hitz  
 III--11 Barbara Geb. 26 Juni 1603 - bef 1609  
 III--12 Matheus Streler Oberholzer Geb. 2 Sept 1604 - m. Adelheid Furrer  
 III--13 Hans Heinrich Geb. 9 Marz 1606 -  
 1st m. June 15, 1630 Anna Peter - bef 1639  
 2nd m. Jan 15, 1639 Magdalena Reiff  
 III--14 Barbara Geb. 5 Feb. 1609  
 IV--3 Dorothea Oberholtzer Geb. 8 Aug 1563 - bef 1571  
 IV--4 Elisabetha Oberholtzer Geb. 7 Jan 1565  
 IV--5 Adelheit Oberholtzer Feb 1, 1568 -  
 IV--6 Dorothea Oberholtzer Apr 12, 1571 -

V--6 Ulrich Oberholtzer 1538 -  
 V--7 Heinrich Oberholtzer Jr c 1540 -  
 V--8 Christian Oberholtzer c 1542 -

Generation VI, uncertain of who is the father:

a certain Jacob Oberholtzer m 1540 at Leipsigerthor to wid Gretchen (Offerman) Fretz, of late Jacob Fretz.  
 Johannes Oberholtzer witnessed marriage of Jacob Fretz & Maragaret Kratz at Michelstadt, Hesse in 1587.  
 - John L. Overholt, Kilmarnock, VA letter to Elmer Zink III, July 23, 1984

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Dennis L Oberholtzer can be reached at e-mail address [2008OFA.eeo@earthlink.net](mailto:2008OFA.eeo@earthlink.net). Please e-mail any new memberships to the website. I will continue to do genealogical connections and compiling. Paper or CD lineage can be sent to my 49 Paradise Lane address, or you can call me at 717-687-6950. We have a new laptop computer for OFA usage. Earline is the person to contact e-mail people. She will be my right-hand lady for family contacts, so I may continue my writing.

My most important mission from hence forth will be to create computer formatted - individually coded - family lines. The lines have become so large that they will not be able to be compiled altogether. Making each family coded CD is my top priority.

OFA Treasurer's Report  
7/9/13 - 7/16/14

	Savings	Book Fund	Checking	Catered Lunch
Balance 8/15/13	\$2,930.42	\$11,830.53	\$ 90.74	\$3,004.61
Contributions	\$1,127.60			
Purchases		\$339.00		
*Interest Credited*	<u>\$1.43</u>	<u>\$ 9.92</u>		<u>\$1.51</u>
2 Bulletins - printing	\$197.13			
Postage	\$450.00			
Envelopes				
Book Fund shipping & postage		\$55.27		
PA Dept of Rev. Sales Tax		\$ 1.25		
Reunion expenses				
Yoder's	\$37.10			
Speaker	\$50.00			
Sat Luncheon				\$220.19
St John's UCC	\$125.00			
Ending Balance	\$2,657.35	\$12,083.00	\$ 74.14	\$3,005.99

Of interest:

14 contribution checks received beyond the '13 Reunion collection of \$702.00.

Average cost of Bulletin + postage = \$323.57,

(in '13 it was 318.23; '12 - \$386.99; '09 - \$377.90)

Cost of OFA Book is \$40.00 + PA tax \$2.40 = \$42.40.

Nine books were purchased this past year, and 2 CD's.

Costs to mail OFA Book: mailing envelope - \$1.24/per, postage - \$3.16; total = \$4.40.

- Respectfully submitted, Carolyn O Kendall, Treasurer

## Overholser Family Association Reunion 2014

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109th Reunion 1st Saturday in August, **2015** Details Page 2

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[www.overholtzer.org](http://www.overholtzer.org)

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### **Tribute to Jack Sholl 1925 - 2014**

One of our prominent OFA past presidents passed away. Wife Joan wrote to Rev James Shelly that the day before his death, he was holding tightly to the sheet. "I asked him why, he replied that God was holding his hand."

"I learned from Chris Modlin that Jack Sholl passed away in early morning on May 18, 2014, peacefully and in his sleep with his wife and son by his side. Jack served in WWII, rowed at the University of Washington after serving, and most recently was a member of the Golden Eight as well as an extremely well-known and well liked member of the international masters rowing community". - Ed Hewitt, row 2k.com

Jack is a descendant of AS Abraham Overholtzer & Johanna Dirstine. He is survived by his wife Joan, sister Grace DeSimone, son Jay m to Karin Elder, son Jack III, and Jays children Tyler Emma & Alice Whitney, niece Lori Schiavo & her 2 sons Mark & Stephen.

Jack retired as one of the top salesmen for IBM, was a guide at the Liberty Bell, a speaker for many organizations, and rubbed elbows with the elite in the U.S. government, including U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sam Alito. He will greatly be missed.