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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear OFA Members:

Well! - Here we are on the verge of making our summer plans. It is my wish that those plans will include the 109th OFA Reunion on Saturday, August 1st. Don't forget to schedule your time to meet for our buffet and visiting time (6PM) at Yoder's the night before. Visiting time is so important at these reunions because, as you know, time goes by so quickly at these gatherings.

This year we are putting together an Heirloom exhibit and we need your help. Anyone who has family items such as quilts, craft items or other historical objects, are welcome to display them. Please notify Dennis Oberholtzer, 717-687-6950, regarding what you would like to bring so he can deal with space issues. Do not worry if you can not get hold of him. Come Anyway. We have already several quilts to exhibit. One coverlet (1841) of Catherine Stouffer (daughter of Jacob Stouffer and SL223 Elizabeth Oberholtzer) is on loan to us from the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society.

We are proud to introduce Kristopher Overholt as our new website host. For clarity, our website address is <http://www.overholser.net>. Our newest additions to this site are all the bulletins back to Barbara Ford (1987 to the present). You can get to the Bulletins on <http://www.overholser.net/ofabulletin/>. Our heartfelt thanks to John Shinpaugh for his dedication to the creation of this website.

We look forward to seeing you this summer. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Yours truly,
Michael Martin
 OFA President

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Welcome New OFA Members!!!

Cathy Laughrey McKenna, New Fairfield CT

The OFA WEBSITE HAS CHANGED ADDRESS

Check out the NEW OFA Website:

overholser.net or www.overholser.net

To find the OFA Bulletins:

<http://www.overholser.net/ofa-bulletin/>

Kristopher Overholt is our new website host.

Kristopher Overholt has included OFA Bulletins back to 1979.

Also on FACEBOOK: Overholser Family Association

OFA OFFICERS


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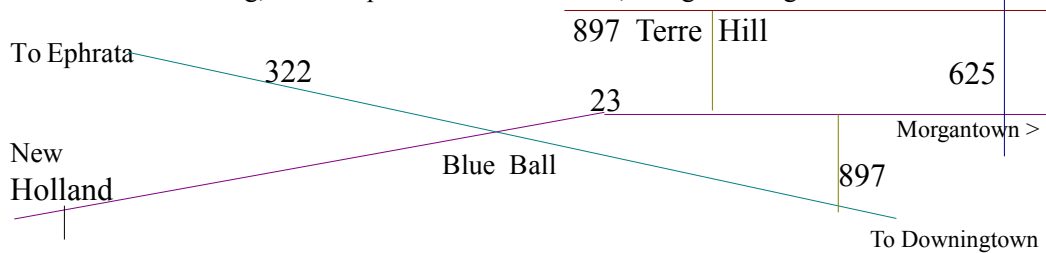
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2015 REUNION

The Reunion will be held **August 1st** at St. John's Center United Church of Christ, 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. Be sure to notify Carolyn Kendall (address on Officer's List) in advance so they know how many to expect. On **Saturday August 1st**, we will gather after 9:00 AM at the church. Lunch at Noon.

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



 Yoder's Restaurant

2015 Special Heritage Reunion

Come join us for our Special Heritage Reunion this year!

This year we are having a Show and Tell Heritage exhibit on Saturday in the rear of the Reunion hall. We hope you will help us by bringing a special home-made object you are planning to hand down in your family as an heirloom. We will have extra tables for displays, and extra half-high wall partitions to hang quilts, throws, coverlets, or other cloth items.

Exhibit from Franklin Co PA, SL Line:

We will have on exhibit a coverlet from 1841, made by George McKlean of Chambersburg PA for Catherine Stouffer, daughter of Jacob Stouffer (1773-1843) and Elizabeth Oberholtzer (1784-1835). The coverlet is hand-woven wool in pink, blue, green and natural colors with a bird border. She is SL223, d/o Rev Christian of E-town. A special Thank You to Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society for letting us display this from their Archives Collection.

Exhibits from the SL Line:

Earline will have her grandmother's quilt, along with one she has made. Jean Schaffer will have three of Suey Oberholtzer's quilts from the early 1900's, including an ivory whole cloth quilt.

We hope you will feel free to show some of your families handywork. It is always rewarding to see how others treasure God's gifts.

Earline works and gives quilting demonstrations at Village Quilts in Kitchen Kettle Village at Intercourse PA. She will be giving information on how to take care of hand-made quilts.

Hope to see you there!

O! Henry O!

In this study, I continue to compile certain names which repeat themselves in our family lines. By taking all known people from our American immigration time period, we can better notice connections in time and place.

Listed are the Henry O's from the 17th to early 19th Century.

By grouping the First Name ancestors together from the 17th to early 19th Century, it may be possible to find some of the early connections. It also allows a diminishing amount of loose ends. This gives a certain "finality" to the options that are left. There are updates from additional sources, and corrections by the editor.

The following are those who were born in Europe & as far as is known died there:

Catholic Henry's from Oberholz:

II--7 Hans Heinrich Oberholzer 6/25/1641 -

Protestant Henry's from Wald:

III--13 Hans Heinrich Oberholzer 3/9/1606 Aa -
s/o Matthew Oberholzer 1/1561 Aa -
1st m 5/15/1630 Anna Peter - bef 1639
2nd m 1/15/1639 Magdalena Reif

Ch of Marti the martyr

II--2 Henrich Oberholzer 12/9/1621 -
grd-s/o Jacob 1537 Aa - aft 1568, bro/o Marx

II--8 Hans Heinrich Oberholtzer 7/2/1634 Aathal - bef 1/22/1711
twin of Marx Oberholtzer
1st m Elsbeth Kindliman
her 2nd m Marti Oberholzer 5/5/1639 - 1/22/1711

Hans Heinrich Oberholzer m 3/15/1664 Barbel Honniger
Heinrich Oberholzer 12/4/1664 - m Katharina Fench
ch 1 Hans Jacob Oberholzer 11/30/1689 -
ch 2 #539 Bileter

Hans Heinrich Oberholzer 6/10/1666 - m Maria Brunner

Hans Heinrich Oberholzer 3/10/1667 -

Hans Heinrich Oberholzer 2/23/1673 -

Hans Heinrich Oberholzer 3/21/1675 - This entry is unproven as of 2013, possible dup
1st m Anna Sporri 2nd m Elsbeth Keyserin

Are the following two - brothers who married sisters?

Hans Heinrich Oberholzer 1/23/1677 - m Maria Brandli

Heinrich Oberholzer 6/24/1686 - m Anna Brandi

ch 1 Heinrich Oberholzer 3/9/1710 -
m 8/15/1734 Anna Oberholtzer

Hans Heinrich Oberholzer Nov 1681 -

Heinrich Oberholzer 10/25/1681 - Barbara Grof

These two Henry's may be the same person, the difference being in the Julian &
dating systems; or one a birth date and the other a baptized date.

Gregorian

Hans Heinrich Oberholzer 9/23/1685 -

Heinrich Oberholzer 10/4/1685 -

Heinrich Oberholzer 4/19/1691 -

Heinrich Oberholzer 12/26/1719 -

Hans Heinrich Oberholzer 1/28/1744 Wald - 12/7/1829

grands/o Marti Oberholzer 1693 - 1780

m 11/18/1770 Zürich SWI, Elsbeth Peter c1744 Zürich -

ch 1 Hans Jacob Oberholzer 8/7/1779 Wald - 12/23/1866

m c1819 Wald, Susanna Egli c1782 - of Klein Baretswil SWI

Most of these Henry O's are not connected to any family line. They could be Catholic from the upper house in Oberholz, or they could be Protestant from the under house in Aathal. Or they could be from those who moved to Wald, some of which would likely to have worked for the Oberholzer Corporation making church furniture. Any clues to who they connect with would come from additional documents in Switzerland. They would have to agree in place and time in order to properly connect, since so many Henrys lived in the same area at the same time.

The following are those who came or were born in America:

From the 1712 immigrant Marcus Oberholtzer Line:

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

MC72 Henry Overholt 2/5/1739 - 3/5/1813 Overton, Westmoreland Co PA 12 children

m 1/3/1765 **Anna Beitler** 3/24/1745 -4/5/1835

Rev War [EF]. Capt McHenry's Co Bedminster Twp, Bucks, both bur Alverton, Westmoreland Co PA

Henry on 1780 Tax List BD Twp, Bucks Co PA

Henry, Anna, children & their families (30 in all) went to Westmoreland Co by covered wagon 1800 where they settled in East Huntingdon Twp (area now known as West Overton)

REF: *PA Archives* S3 V6/83; Paul L *Along the Banks of Jacobs Creek* pg 76-84; *DAR Patriot* Vol1/509; Dale & Barbara Crites, FL; *The Oberholtzer Book* pg 29, Overholt Whiskey Distillery

MC7232 Henry D Overholt 4/19/1797-2/29/1856

m 1824 Elizabeth Sherrick bur Alte Menist

MC728 Henry Overholt 7/10/1779-4/10/1809 single bur Deep Run Menn Cem PA

From Hans Jacob Oberholtzer of Hatfield Twp:

HJ1 Henry Oberholtzer 2/5/1718 Europe - w 7/29/1791, wp 3/14/1794 cooper by trade

Immigrated with father Hans Jacob Overholtz at 12 years of age on ship Alexander and Ann of September 5, 1730 m **Barbara Godshalk**

grand-dau/o old Bishop Jacob Godshalk of Towamencin, and d/o John & Helena Godshalk of Hatfield, settled on Baltzer Stam property, adjoining Cassels' on SE

Henry received the Hatfield plantation for #500, of which he was to keep #250 for himself, and the other half to go to his sister Elizabeth Savacool, wife of Jacob of Bucks Co. Henry was named executor of the will.

REF: Montgy Co Misc DB 1/256, DB 6/72, WB 1/377, 1794; Bulletin of Hist Soc of Montgy Co, Apr 1953; 1769 tax return assessed on 150 acres; *The Oberholtzer Book* pg 99-100; PA Archives, 1932 Strassburger Vol3 p 545 & Vol39 #4 Lancaster County Historical Society; The Loomis Manuscript

HJ132 Henry Schlichter Oberholtzer 9/5/1780 - 1/14/1857 s/o HJ13 Joseph

m 5/21/1807 by Rev Jacob Senn, **Catherine Cassel** 4/24/1785 - 9/17/1860

d/o Yelles Cassel-Maria Benner both bur Towamencin Mennonite

REF: Montgy Co DB 29/312, RW # 14582, 1857

HJ143 Henry Oberholtzer 1785 PA - res of CAN - 75 yrs in 1860 census Omro Twp WI
liv w/son-in-law George Bear Winnebago Co WI 1860
m 4/4/1811 by Rev Jacob Senn, **Elizabeth Fisher** - Fisher will 1/3/1835
d/o Frederick Fisher of Hilltown Twp, Bucks Co
Came to Waterloo CAN 1821; Upper Canada 1/3/1835, appointed Daniel Overholtzer of Hatifeld att'y
Jacob Fisher since died and bequeathed to his sister & brother his share of the farm.
REF: Bucks Co Misc DB 4/35; Canadian Naturalization Records; 1820 Hatfield Census; Bucks Co Misc Deed Bk 7/188

From JG & JK Family Lines:

JG2 Henry Oberholtzer 1822 PA - OH or IN @ 15 yrs old - d 18__
REF: O Book pg 298

JK11 Henry Oberholtzer 1760-1824
m Hannah Detweiler bur Lower Salford Twp PA

From the JF Jacob of Franconia Twp Line:

JF1155 Henry Oberholtzer 1807-1876
m Elizabeth Baumann moved to Waterloo, Ontario CAN
REF: *The Oberholtzer Book* pg 47

JF14 Henry Oberholtzer 1746-1783 m Catherine Shoemaker bur Berks Co PA
On 1780 Tax List RS Twp, Berks Co PA
REF: *The Oberholtzer Book* pg 53, *OFA Bulletin* Summer 2011

JF1413 Henry Oberholtzer c1801 - m Mary _____ c1805 - res OH
REF: *The Oberholtzer Book* pg 53

JF1432 Henry Oberholtzer 1803-1898 m Juliann Ott bur Levering OH

JF1565 Henry Overholt 1813-1880 m Elizabeth Bachtel res Westmoreland Co PA
Made coverlets at Westmoreland
REF: *The Oberholtzer Book* pg 56, Kim Schrum, desc of Henry Overholt

From the JC Jacob Line:

JC131 Henry Oberholtzer 1818 OH-1861 m Anna Bickhart bur Allen Co IN

JC1d Henry W Oberholtzer 1817-1863 IL Civil War m Martha Tucker
REF: *The Oberholtzer Book* pg 270, 275, *OFA Bulletin* Feb 1996

From John Overholser of Adams Co Line:

JA32 Henry C Overholser 1809 PA - aft 1860 MO m Barbara Burkett

JA45 Henry Overholser 1812 PA-1867 IA m Mary McCormick 1840 Henry age 28
1840 posted bond with Benjamin & David Lime Henry s/o JA4 Jacob c1770-1850
REF: *The Oberholtzer Book* pg 174 note of JA3; Mrs Arthur Estes chart OFA files; 1840 Census
Twp pg 2; Adm of Estate; Early Montgomery Ohio O's, Charlene Aitken

Darke Co OH Adams

JA0 Henry Overholser 1786-1853 m Sarah ____ @1791-1877 Adams Co PA
both bur East Berlin Trinity Church
REF: *The Oberholtzer Book* pg 174 JA3 note, pg 193

JAa4 Henry Christian Overholser 1829 - ____ Christ Luth Ch, York Co
s/o Peter 1788- ____ who was taxed in German Twp Adams Co PA with "poor children"
REF: *The Oberholtzer Book* pg 193

From Abraham of Virginia Line:

AV1 [HO] Henry Overholt 1797 - 1859 OH 1st m Sarah ____
REF: *The Oberholtzer Book* pg 293, 339

AV5a Henry Overholt 1822 OH - 1905 OH - O Book pg 335

From Abraham of Springfield Twp Bucks Co PA:

AS14 Henry S Oberholtzer 3/18/1815 - 8/20/1817
REF: Lower Providence Meeting House records 15. 140

AS15 Henry Stauffer Oberholtzer 10/7/1818 - 2/1/1893
both bur E Coventry Menn*, Chester Co PA res in Telford PA
Barbara Ford says both bur Towamencin Menn Cem, Montgomery Co**
m **Susan Bunn** 9/12/1822 - 9/14/1914
d/o Nicholas & Elizabeth, & single sis Elizabeth
1880 census Henry 62 of E Coventry Twp worked for Sch. Nav. Co (ED 94/4)
At age 91 she walked from Fricks Locks to Kenilworth.; Henry was "very fussy with his clothes."
Henry changed his surname from Oberholtzer to Overholtzer ;
Foreman of Scrow on S Canal, driver 1860
An Ann Crosby age 11 resided with Henry & Susan in 1860
REF: *Cemetery records by Ruth E Ingham, Pottstown PA; Harley: *Desc of Hans Rudolf Herli*
OFA Files; 1860 E Coventry Twp census records

pp231-2, 280-2; **

AS4 Henry D Overholtzer c1790 - 11/1839 Fairfield Co OH
Colebrookville, Berks Co in 1819 to Leacock Twp, Lancaster Co PA,
to Lancaster, Fairfield Co OH c1835
Member of PA House of Representatives 1826 & JOP 1822-1830 in Leacock Twp PA
Henry D Oberholtzer, Justice of the Peace Mar. 7, 1822 to Dec. 13, 1830, Leacock
He is NOT the Senator from OH
Henry sold 10 acres in Leacock from Andrew & Eliza Kolb to Jacob Culb in 1835
m **Mary Bechtel** 8/30/1793 Colebrookville, Berks Co PA - 9/15/1861
bur E End Cem, Pottstown PA

REF: Berks Co DB 30/194, 31/616; Lancaster Co DB 17/508, F6/88; Bucks Co Misc DB 11/398; Ellis-Evans: *History of Lanc Co*
pp214, 219; Newspapers of Lancaster Co 1831 - 1840 Deaths; Ohio Wills & Estates to 1850, Henry D Overholser E1841 Fairfield Co
c1827 [1827 cannot be correct, for HD Overholtzer was still JOP in Leacock Twp 1822 to 1830 - Dennis L Oberholtzer 2009]

AS41? Elam Overholtzer c1819 - 2/23/1849 Pottstown
m 12/11/1847 Elizabeth Fretz of Pottstown PA

REF: Berks & Schuylkill Journal-Marriages; Der Neutralist Newspaper-Deaths

AS45 Henry Overholtzer c1835 - living with mother 1850 census Pottstown PA

NEW O LINE:

AU Alois & Ursala Oberholzer Immigrants @32 & 25 yrs of age in 1819

AU1 Henry Oberholzer c1814 EUR -
Imm 1819 with parents Alois & Ursala at 5yrs old

REF: Pass & Imm Lists Supp 1998 V1, Phila PA pg 545

From the MT and ML Lines:

MT225 Henry Overholt 1810 - 3/12/1873 m 6/17/1850 Hannah Butler 9 ch
both buried Vittoria Baptist, Norfolk Co CAN

REF: *The Oberholtzer Book*, pg 151

ML2117 Henry Funck Oberholtzer 6/1/1808 Fredericksburg PA - 1/11/1884
both bur Grove Mill Cemetery
m **Esther Fox** 11/15/1811 - 2/27/1896

Henry received 165a family homestead, in fam since 1739

"Henry given guardianship and tuition of the persons and estates of all my children during their minorities."

REF: Will of brother Jacob Oberholtzer of Bethel Twp; *The Oberholtzer Book*, pg 43

The following OW and HW Lines have additional information which helped to tie some loose ends together.

OW Hendrick Overholds

1705 - immigrant Jamaica Galley 2/7/1739 PA age 34 - d bet 1747/1767

add spellings Henry Owerwasser, Henry Ourwalt, Henry Overholds

Warrants of 3/2/1738 & 6/23/1747 - pat by son-in-law John Brubaker 5/1767

The immigrant list entry could be matched to this Hendrick because of the calender enigma during the Reformation Period. Warrant dates prior to 1752 were written with the Julian Calender still being used by the British. Ship records coming from Europe directly were being written with the new Gregorian Calender used in mainland Europe at various locations. Thus the warrant date of March 2, 1738 is likely the same as our March 2, 1739.

REF: *Pass & Imm List Index Supp* 1983 #1804 pg182, 184; *Warrant Book of Lanc Co PA*; *Genealogical Dates*, Kenneth L Smith, Picton Press 1994 Rockport Maine

HW Henry Overholds (Overholt) imm 1743 Phila PA - dp 12/1764 intestate

m Elizabeth _____ - w proved 2/23/1773 makes no mention of children

she was renounced as administrator & Wm Rittenhouse & Jacob Kolb were appointed. Sureties - Jacob Olmstead & Peter VanFossen

12/27/1743 Land purchase Worchester Twp, Montgomery Co PA

Henry was NOT immigrant on Jamaica Galley 1738/9 or MC2 Henry

REF: *The Oberholtzer Book* pg 284; *Pass & Imm List Supp* 1984 #2564, #6680 pg 361, Index pg 22; Phila Co DB H-1/679, Adm Bk G/429,1764, WB P/367,1773; Strassburger-Hinke: *PA German Pioneers* 252

From HA, HO (MV), and HR Family Lines:

HA Henry Overholser c1772 -

REF: O Book pg 286

HA Additions

REF: O Book pg 286; IEO Pap Comp Bk #2

HO [MV1] Henry Overholt c1797/8-1859 Licking & Fairfield Counties OH

HR Henry Oberholtzer 1771 Berks Co PA - 1827 m Maria Ziegler 131 acres

Henry Oberholtzer of Robeson Twp, Berks Co PA bought 131 acres in Robeson Twp 5/1/1771, the same land JL2 Samuel Overholtz lived on until 1765.

HR3 John Henry Oberholtzer 10/25/1786 -

REF: Berks Co Deed Book 10/107, 38/402; Schwarzwald Reformed Church, Exeter Twp, Berks Co PA pp5, 29,50, 59

From Jacob Oberholtzer of Berks Co Line:

JBsr5 Henry Oberholtzer ?????? c1845 -

Uncle of JB Jacob of Berks Co

REF: OFA Bull Summer 2011 pg 9-10

From Benjamin Oberholser of Welland Ontario Canada:

BC1 Henry Oberholser 1827 Markham Ontario CAN -
m Eliza _____ - 11/7/1857

The repetition of names in the IC, AC, and LC Lines give strong credence to a common father. Here we see William Henry, an uncommon use among other family lines.

LC131 W Henry Overholt c1843 -

AC37 William Henry Overholt 5/19/1824 - 4/29/1910 m aft 1861 Mary Hiles
AC371 Daughter Overholt 1871 -
REF: 1861 & 1871 census

IC321 William Henry Overholt 1/30/1829 - 1/30/1832 Eastwood, Oxford Co ONT CAN
REF: Michael Overholt, Ontario CAN 1893; The Ontario Register

IC343 William Henry Overholt res Kensett IA

Concerning the SL and JL and JM Lines:

JL Line No Henry's prior to the Civil War

JM Line No Henry's

SL Line No Henry's in the first four generations

UNNAMED children from the following:

4 sons of **Earhart Oberholtzer** unnamed in 1780 Tax List of Dauphin Co PA
He may be the father of HA Henry Overholser of Adams Co PA

possible 4 children of 1727 **Rev John Oberholtzer** - died at sea

Rev John died at sea on ship FRIENDSHIP which left port 10/16/1727. Tradition says he may have had four children, who may have been taken in by another family on the boat.

REF: *The Oberholtzer Book*, Pg xxi

4 children **KC Jacob Overholser** c1774 American Colonies – 3/14/1815 Kingston U CAN
of Kingston Ontario CAN, d of typhus fever - O Book pg 311
Migrated with wife Barbara & ch to Bertie Twp, and pos later to Cumberland Co PA

There are still many loose connections in Ontario Canada. Children of this Jacob would have to be connected by time and place.

1780 PA Tax Lists Index

Henry Overholtzer

Philadelphia : FN

Henry Overholzer

Philadelphia : HA

Henry Omhults

Lancaster Co: WD

is Henry Owerwasser

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Obituaries

John N Oberholtzer died August 13, 2014, son of Louise, brother of Peggy Ackley, Jo-Anna Bryce, Lynn Dolan, Kathy Valentine, and the late Paddy Mercurio. - Philadelphia Inquirer

Joyce M Jones 92 years, died September 15, 2014. Born in Telford PA to Erwin & Luella Oberholtzer Musselman. Survived by sister Millicent Trauger. Preceded by brother Kenneth L Mussleman. -Reporter

Frances A Piper 97 of Lansdale PA, died April 28th, 2015 Born in Colmar to John & Alma O Holly. Preceded by husband Allen R Piper. Two daughters: Kathleen F Piper & Patricia A Hanley, son Robert.

Patricia Ann Oberholtzer 84 died on March 26, 2015 Lansdale PA, wife of Herbert M Oberholtzer. Born Sept 21, 1930 to Russell & Mark Freed Meck. She helped develop PA Korean War Vet licence plate. Survived by daughter Patricia Heintz, 2 grd-ch, Fallon & Bryan. - Ross Gerhart III

Dr Alfred G Oberholtzer 73 of N Wildwood NJ, born 12/12/1941 – 2/18/2015 s/o Alfred & Martha Donley Oberholtzer. Helicopter Pilot in Vietnam War. Survived by wife Beverly, son Bret, siblings Bruce, Robert, Dawn, Donna, Starr Ross & grd-son Chris Swoyer. Preceded by brother Craig. Ob/Gyn Physician

Dr James E Oberholtzer 72 of Fairport NY, 6/18/1942 – Dec 7, 2014 s/o Menno & Edith BS in Chemistry from Elizabethtown College, Ph.D from Purdue U. Survived by wife Jennie, sons Chris and Scott, their wives and five grand-children. - Staff Writer

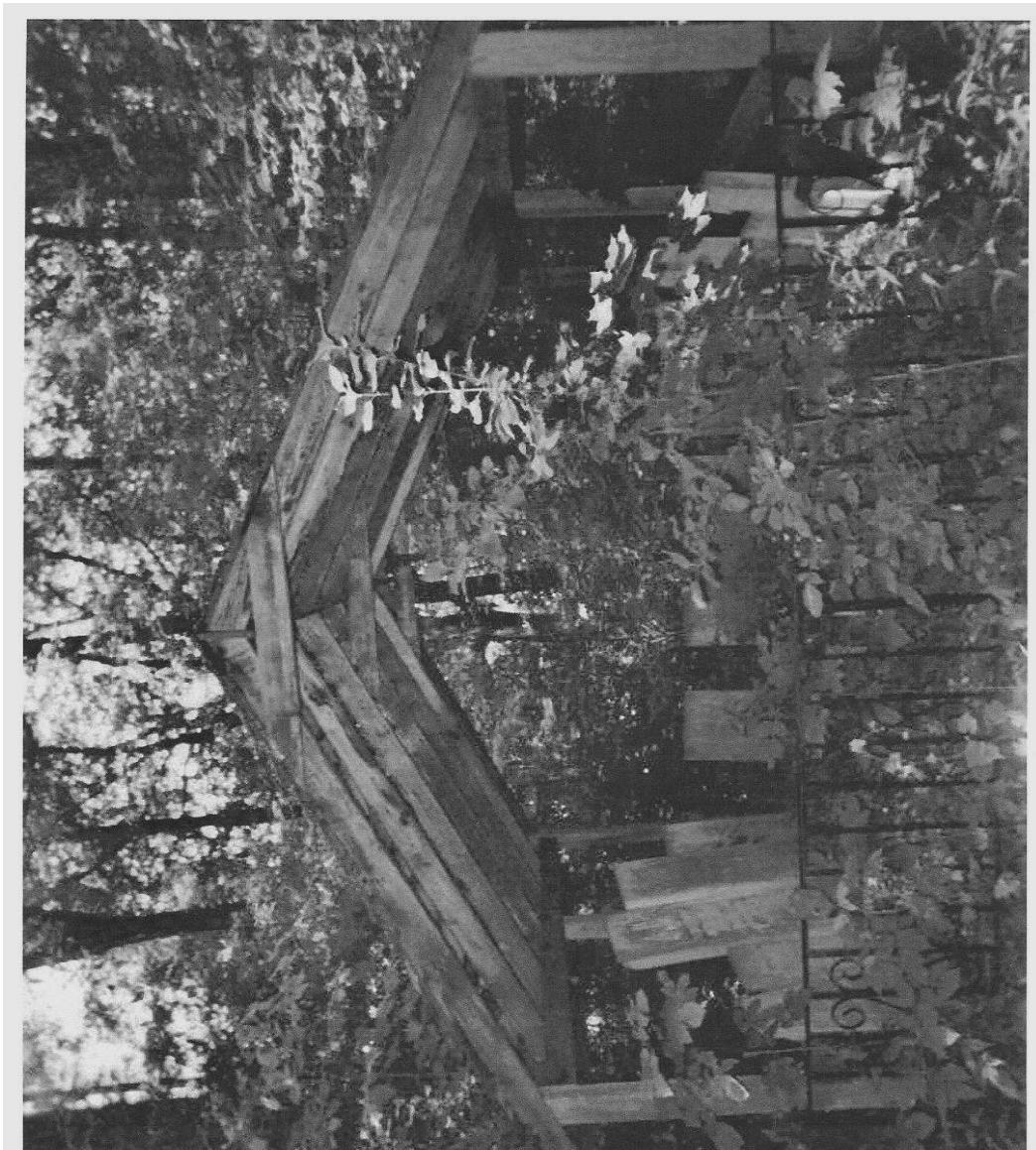
Marian R Oberholtzer Masser 85 Key West FL, 12/19/1928 – 11/30/2014 d/o Abraham H & Alice H Knockstead Oberholtzer. Daughter Jane L Gechter of Newmanstown PA - Ross Gerhart III

Elizabeth F Oberholtzer died August 19, 2014 wife of Harold W Oberholtzer, daughter Elizabeth Joan Yoder and the late Nancy Allison. Formerly of North Wales and Germantown PA - Kirk & Nice

Walter W Oberholtzer 76 Northfield NJ Feb 22, 1938 – Jun 10, 2014 s/o Clifford & Florence Wof Oberholtzer. Upholsterer for almost 50 years. Survived by his 4 children, Clifford of Mt Laurel NJ, Walter Scott of Raleigh NC, Lisa Serfling & children Jeremy & Zachary of Kitty Hawk NC, & Larissa. & children Emily, Sarah, Will & Cole of Clayton CA - Lisa Serfling, OFA Member

Lunch for this year's Reunion

This year's Reunion will feature Chicken Corn Soup from Bird-In-Hand Restaurant, and Sandwich trays from Shady Maple Smorgasbord. Attendees may bring a desert, or salad to add to the meal. Plates, utensils, coffee & drinks are provided.



Abraham and Elizabeth Overholt stones are standing on the right side of picture.

The stone of Charity Overholt is lying face up on the ground.

Christena Trebilcock believes that Martin Overholt ca. 1783 Bucks Co., PA - Jan. 29, 1864 Thorold, ONT. , buried at the Overholt burying grounds with his 1st wife Rebecca Disher, is the son of Abraham & Elizabeth.

– Christena Trebilcock, Hamilton, Ontario L8HJ4

Possible Trip Next Year 2016

Michael Martin & Dennis Oberholtzer took a trip to Wilmington Delaware and toured a Swedish Ship made in the Netherlands in the early 1600's. Well, an exact replica. It is just a little smaller than the first Immigrant ships which also came from Rotterdam, Netherlands.

We are interested in doing a Friday tour of the ship to start the Reunion next year, 2016. Cost is \$5 per person plus bus costs.

We are also considering a trip on the ship which would carry a max of 49 passengers. It is a two to four hour trip, depending on the direction to or from Lewes Delaware.

To experience being on a ship similar to the ones who brought our immigrant ancestors is a once in a life-time experience for most of us. Let us know your thoughts on this, and how many may be expecting to come along. It is not yet arranged, and we need to know some idea in order to schedule such a thing.

Steady those sea legs, and don't forget your ginger snaps!

HAPPY NEW WORLD!!!

Son [REDACTED], 7 Lbs on May 13th in Austin Texas. Born to parents
Kristopher & Kathryn Overholt

Upcoming OFA Bulletin articles:

JF Line Jacob Oberholtzer of Franconia Township came to America in 1702. He was the first O family here, and ironically the last family that has been separated into its proper order. The *Jacob Oberholtzer Genealogy*, published in 1931 by Elisha Scott Loomis was the first Oberholzer Family history book. Since then, a tremendous amount of research has been done, and we are now able to make corrections to Elisha's laborious and rewarding work.

What can be done to preserve our heritage? This is a topic that will not go away soon. Librarians are beginning to become very concerned about magnetic records, as the deterioration rate is much shorter than expected.

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OFA REUNION, Southeastern PA, Friday Night July 31st at Yoder's Rest., Reunion 1st Saturday in August

IOWA O's Meetings 1st Sunday in August in Tingley IA Community Building, 92nd Reunion in 2015
www.overholtzer.org

If you need more information, contact Dennis at 2008ofa.eeo@earthlink.net

Send us your O meeting place and date so we can post it here in our Bulletin.

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Update on available materials.

The OFA is finally beginning to come into the computer age. HA! But we have a long way to go. Here is a rundown on what we have to date.

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