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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear OFA Members,

We have reached the mid point of 2017 and it is time for the OFA Bulletin #2. Time goes by quickly! In two months, we will be meeting again in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania for our annual dinner gathering at Yoder's Restaurant on Friday Night at 6:00; and our Saturday meeting, luncheon, and social event starting at 9AM to 4PM (see directions on page 15).

I always look forward to these events where we have the opportunity to renew and celebrate our ties, and together help the association grow and prosper. It is particularly exciting to meet new members and feel that we are expanding the association's reach. This year, we will explore expand our understanding of the journey our earliest settlers took into the Lancaster County area. We will also hear from our member Ella Rydzewski who has just completed a new book, *Starting Over in the Past*. We love to encourage our authors!

Hope to see you there!
Michael Martin, OFA President

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Problems with Phone Service?

Since the recent deluge of Robo Calls,

Earline & Dennis Oberholtzer

no longer pick up the phone when we

do not recognize the number.

Please leave a message on voice mail

and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your patience.

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You can support the OFA by visiting our website as overholser.net and clicking the Donate button. Please e-mail gmartin@overholser.net if you have any questions. We have added PAY PAL to help keep things secure for you and the OFA.

DATE CORRECTION

***In the Winter Bulletin, Reunion dates were incorrectly given as
August 5th & 6th.***

***The Friday night dinner at Yoder's is on Friday, August 4th 2017,
and the Reunion Saturday August 5th 2017.***

***Meat & Drink will be provided. You are encouraged to bring
entrees or dessert.***

IOWA - Crossroads of O Migrations West

Most of us who have learned of the great western migrations of peoples onward to the Pacific Coast, have been taught that the wagon trains went through Independence Missouri. And this is true for the majority. But for us O's, and several other German speaking, and mostly Anabaptist families, the majority criss-crossed their way by way of Iowa. And with the lack of help in defining all the similar names, five Jacob's become one or two, and six Henry's become two or three. So we will explore here the different families who came and settled, or ventured through the heartland of America.

Meriwether Lewis and William Clark made their famous expedition of the northwest passage to the Pacific Ocean from May 1804 to September 1806. During this trip, they traveled up the Missouri River just 80 mile west from what would become Tingley Iowa. Less than 20 years later, the first O family came and left Iowa.

The JL Line had several families in the Taneytown MD area. JL4 Christian Oberholtzer and wife Christina Mussleman are buried just north in Carrollsburg PA. Their grandson JL413 John E Overholtzer was born in Liberty Twp PA but died on Jan 13, 1825 at the age of 3 in Tingley IA. (Rev I E Oberholtzer papers) Sister Mary Ann Overholtzer (JL414) and husband John Hoover were both born in Liberty Twp, Adams Co PA as well. (Abstracts, Republican Compiler, Stover Vol 2) Mary was born in April of 1825, and thus JL41 Christian and his wife must have returned to PA just after John E died.

One of the early migrations were AV57 Nancy Overholser and Jacob Earhart. Both born in Virginia, they married in 1831. In 1833 they had their first child in Ohio, AV571 Abraham born 1833 OH and died 1852 CA. By August 1835, they were having their second child in Iowa. He moved to California by 1852, where Nancy lost both her husband and eighteen year old son near Sacramento. They were divorced by the time of his death, and it is not known if she moved to California with him. The tragedy allowed her to remarry in 1858 to John Melow of Ohio. They continued to live in Iowa, and are buried there.

AV59 Joel Overholser was born and married in Ohio. The next year the couple moved from Preble Co OH to Johnson Co IA. Both are buried in Cenenary Cemetary, Jefferson Twp, Ringgold Co IA. Granddaughter Iva moved to California.

One of the mysteries of the origin of the IC Line is found in IC4 Anna Overholt. She was born in August 1781 in Bucks Co PA, and married in September 1801 in Lincoln Co ONTARIO. The daughter IC4a Martha Swartz resided in Michigan, and her descendants are also in Oregon and Montana. They would have passed through Iowa.

Descendants of BC Benjamin Oberholser of Canada resided in Marshall Co, IA, Nebraska, and Oregon.

Like so many families who moved to the Plains States in the Midwest part of our country, most of these families were farmers. Their crops were important for the survival of those living in the growing cities. It was not unusual to have grasshoppers coming in and devouring some crops in mid-summer. But the nation was not prepared for the massive sweep of Rocky Mountain locust which destroyed nearly everything in its path during the first half of the 1870's. Some of the following O families were caught up in this devastation, which left farmers without food, crops, or even seed for planting the next year. The reports of people dying of starvation in the outer areas were uneven, and their never was a proper count of deaths.

The devastation stretched from Kansas in the south to Minnesota, and even up into Manitoba Canada, westward to the Rocky Mountains. Utah was not spared either from these huge locusts which had up to a six inch wingspan! They would even eat the clothes off a person that was caught off-guard in the field. - Locust, 2004 Jeffrey A Lockwood

JA45 Henry Overholser was born in PA in 1812. He married Mary McCormick from VA in 1832, and they moved to Jefferson Co IA in 1844. Both are buried there in Union Cemetery, at Lockridge Twp. His descendants went to VA, Idaho, Iowa and CA.

Early on we find the JF Line in Clinton Co IA. Jacob P and Barbara Ziegler were both O descendants. Their third child Jacob Z was married in Manyunk PA about 1844. Their first daughter Eliza was born about 1845 in OH, and their second daughter Mary was born about 1846 in Woodbury Co IA. So JF14123 Jacob Z Oberholtzer moved to IA between 1845 and 1846.

JF1321 Barbara Ziegler 8/6/1795 - 8/1867 Clinton Co IA
m 2/6/1820 New Hanover Luth Ch, Montgy Co PA,

Jacob Poff Oberholtzer 7/5/1798 - 1880 Clinton Co I

JF14123 Jacob Z Oberholtzer 11/2/1824 - 2/16/1899 Woodbury Co IA farmer & carpenter 9 ch
m c1844 Manayunk PA, **Sarah Cassel** 4/1826 PA - d/o Jacob Cassel

One correspondent says there were more than 9 children but no info on them.

REF: *Jacob Oberholtzer Genealogy*, p 114 Loomis; picture of tombstone, IA GenWeb, OFA files

JF14123.1 **Eliza Oberholtzer** c1845 Medina Co OH - m _____ **Isentrou**

JF14123.2 **Mary Oberholtzer** c1846 Woodbury Co IA - m _____ **Hyde**

JF14125 Abraham Z Oberholtzer 1/30/1831Phila PA - 2/24/1916

8 ch, 1st b Clinton Co IA & res in Medina Co OH

m 5/1/1859 Clinton IA, **Susanna Hendricks** 3/27/1840 Medina Co OH - 8/18/1911 Medina OH

d/o Amos Hendricks & Elizabeth Means

Abraham moved in with his daughter Catherine after Susanna died.

Brothers Dillman Oberholtzer Sr and Abraham Z Oberholtzer were married in Clinton Co IA 1857 & 1859 respectively.

JA32 Henry C Overholser moved to Farmington Twp in Van Buren Co Iowa before 1850. Some of the children moved to Missouri, but daughters Margaret and Emily remained in Iowa. Some of JA431 Samuel Scott Overholser's children moved west from Illinois to Nebraska and Washington State.

JA430 Henry Overholser had a son Edward in 1869 at Sullivan Co, Indiana. He divorced his wife and moved west through Iowa, getting wealthy buying and selling land. When he heard that Oklahoma would be parceled out to settlers, he prepared train loads of lumber and supplies to be on hand at what would become Oklahoma City. His mansion is now an historical site. Son Edward would become Mayor of Oklahoma City.

Joseph Overholt (originally Oberholtzer) died at River Styx, Medina Co OH. He was a farmer and an Indian Scout with the wagon trains heading west. Wife Anna died in Iowa.

MT345 Joseph Overholt 2/17/1803 PA - 10/16/1854 bur Maple Hill, Wadsworth farmer, Indian Scout
 m 11/8/1827 Columbiana OH **Anna Tintzman** 1808 Westmoreland Co - 1895 IA
 d/o Matthias Tintzman & Judith Fretz Her 2nd m after 1854 Joshua Beers

REF: Descendants of Joseph Overholt; The Genealogy and History of the Drotts Family; Carol Sievers, handwritten note in the back

MT3451 Jonas Overholt married Anna Tinstman in 1827. They moved to Jones Co Iowa to farm between 1852 and 1862. Descendant John L Overholt of VA did a large amount of research on the O families, including in Europe.

MT3451 Jonas Overholt 10/2/1828 - 3/9/1889 farmer, Jones Co IA
 1st m 5/19/1850 **Sarah A Means*** c1821 PA - 1865 2nd m **Minerva Watson** - 1871

REF: For Children see John L Overholt line, Kilmarnock, VA 22482

MT34511 Benjamin Franklin Overholt 12/3/1851 OH - trapper
 m 3/6/1877 Guthrie IA, **Mary A Morgan** 12/1857 IA -

MT34512 Eli Sigel Overholt* 5/5/1862 Oxford, Jones Co IA - 12/25/1956 Boulder CO
 m 1/1/1895 IA, **Phoebe Mitchell** 10/23/1863 Wyoming, Jones Co IA - 7/22/1913 Independence St Hospital, IA

REF: Daughters of the American Revolution membership 11/15/1982

MT3455 Henry Overholt 1/12/1846 OH - 6/25/1915 Denver CO Crown Hill Cem teamster
 m 5/16/1867 Jackson Co IA, **Rebecca Stoop** 5/23/1847 IA - 1/27/1937 Rifle CO,
 d/o Wm & Rebecca Stoop

REF: Carol Sievers, granddaughter;

MT34552 Henry Overholt Jr c5/1870 IA -



MT3455

Henry and
 wife
 Rebecca
 Overholt

Child on left

picture

Unknown



Henry & Rebecca Overholt 1906
 sent in by Carol Seivers, OFA Files

JF1316 Jacob A Oberholtzer did not move west, but many of his descendants live in California. \

- Enlalia Overholtzer, Corina CA

After the death of his wife Margaret C Clark in 1860, JL416 Jacob S Overholtzer left Emmitsburg MD for the Midwest. He married Mary E McDowell between 1861 and 1866, and both are buried in Grand River Cemetery in Iowa. Their daughter Margaret J Overholtzer was born in 1866, and married Darley G Northey in 1884. They lived in Beaconfield IA, and are buried in Grand River. Margaret's siblings John J, Harriet C, William F and Charley C are also buried in the Grand River vicinity.

JL417 Christian S Overholtzer and wife Harriet J Eiker moved to Iowa in 1865. The first three children remained in Iowa, while the fourth, Nora, moved to California. JL419 William S Overholtzer and wife Mary Jane Long moved to Iowa, and these two families operate the Oberholtzer Reunion in Tingley Iowa.

In 1870, Noah Overholser and wife Sarah Hoff moved from Logansport IN to Lebanon Co OR. Noah passed away in November the next year. His daughter Nancy lived in Washington State.

SL2739 Martin K Oberholtzer died in 1912, but his wife Elizabeth Stirk died in 1894 in Mountain Lake MN. They would have crossed through Iowa on their journey.

In 1900 William & Julia resided in Woodbury IA. Both are buried in Sioux City.
SL2786 William Landis Overholser 7/22/1841 Terre Hill PA - 3/20/1927 in Sioux City IA
m 11/7/1866 Julia Ann Harting (~~Harding~~) 7/26/1845 Ephrata PA - 5/12/1936 IA
- Doug Overholser, Chadwick MO

SL2463 Henry H Oberholtzer and wife Lavina Reist died in 1904 at Council Bluffs IA, after raising their family in Pennsylvania. The children remained in PA.

SL2463 Henry Hess Oberholtzer 7/23/1825 - 10/7/1904 IA res Council Bluffs IA

Arrived at Council Bluffs, Iowa April 6, 1856 6:00A.M.

Henry Hess Oberholtzer moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa - rumor says he moved to get away from the law.

m 10/23/1855 **Lavina Reist** 8/13/1834 - 3/9/1904 IA

Buried: in Iowa Father: Jacob Reist/Oregon, Manheim Twp, PA

REF: A K Stauffer: *Stauffer Family* p196

The sister of Poet and Author JJ24 John Oberholtzer was Almira Oberholtzer born 10/18/1841 and married in 1871 to Lewis Beitler. Their daughter Leila was born the following year in Dakota City Nebraska. The family would have traveled back and forth from Pennsylvania to Nebraska via Iowa. John's brother, JJ27 George W Oberholtzer died in Sioux City IA in 1893.

IC31 Isaac Overholt was born in 1805 in Canada. He married Elizabeth Bentley from Ohio, and they both died in Harlan, Shelby Co IA in the late 19th century. Isaac's father John died in the War of 1812 and is buried in Old Schram, Louth Twp, Lincoln Co Canada.

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JF1311 Line of Rebecca Oberholtzer

The Following Letter by Rebecca Oberholtzer of Long Beach California was sent to Rev I E Oberholtzer while in China as a missionary. Rebecca is of the JF Jacob Oberholtzer of Franconia Township family coded as JF1311 and JF13114. The Date of the letter is November 13, 1927.

II

III Jacob Oberholtzer, Nov 27, 1822 - Jan 31, 1911
 Harriet Willbroam Jan 27, 1915.
 Buried at Sunnyside Church - Montgomery Co.

IV Joshua Oberholtzer, 701 W 179 St. New York City.

IV J. O. Oberholtzer, West Main St. Independence, Kas,
 310 W. Broadway, Long Beach, Calif.

IV Joseph Oberholtzer Joliet, Ill.

IV Charlie Oberholtzer - Kansas City, Mo.
 V Ross Oberholtzer, Wakefield Road Norristown Pa.
 wife Feb 20, 1842. same kin + blood.

IV Mrs Harry Fink - 701 W 179 St. New York City.

IV Mrs Frank Barrett.
one child that died

III ← Samuel Oberholtzer - died in Norristown, Pa.
 IV John + Sella died.

III ← Charlotte Bartholomas - dead.
 IV Harry Bartholomas lives in Phoenixville Pa.
White-twin

This is the second page of the letter, which gives the family in sequence.

There are three pages to the letter, the first and third follow.

Long Beach Calif.

Nov 13 - 27

Mr J. E. Oberholzer
Pientsin China.

Dear Mr. Oberholzer.

Your letter of July 15-27 received
just a few days before we started to N.Y. by
Auto, via Chicago, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, New York City
visiting in and around Norristown, Philadelphia
Washington D.C. Gettysburg and Home.

since coming home we straightened up business
and are now located in Long Beach Calif.
for the winter to evade the zero weather in
Kansas. Now I will try to answer your
questions as nearly as possible.

1st who was Great Grand Father: Do not know.

2nd who was your Grand Father:

all can say is Three Bros came to America.

3rd My Fathers name was Jacob. Born Nov. 27-1822

My Mothers name was Harriet Wilbraham
Died Jan 31 1911

Buried at Green Tree Church Montgomery Co. Pa.
Died Jan 27. 1915.

My Living Bros. Joshua Oberholzer. 701 W. 179th St. N.Y.

Joseph Oberholzer. Joliet Ill.

Charlie Oberholzer Kansas City Mo.

Sisters

Mrs Harry Fisk 701 W. 179th St N.Y. N.Y.

Mrs Frank Barrett

4th the Fathers Brother, Samuel Oberholtzer died in
Norristown Pa. leaving two children John &
Ella. dead.

Fathers Sister Charlotte Bartholomew dead.
A son Harry Bartholomew lives in
Phoenixville Penn. from whom quite
a field of information might be
obtained.

also from Ross Oberholtzer Wakefield Road,
Norristown Penn. who is a son of
Charlie Oberholtzer

A very wealthy Oberholtzer lives in Oklahoma City.
also

Another Oberholtzer Superintendent of Schools
in Tulsa Oklahoma for a period of years
but later we learned he was in Houston Texas.

Hoping we have added a bit
of family history and that we may
hear from you soon again as we plan
to be here until perhaps May when we
will again go to Independence Kans.

now that we are near Mr & Mrs Brubaker
we plan to see them in the near future.

Very Respectfully Yours.

O. D. & Rebecca Oberholtzer.

310 W. Broadway Long Beach
California.

OUR BARBARIAN ROOTS

Migration and relocation into Eastern Switzerland

“The Alamanni fell the first victims (of Clovis). ... Clovis had vowed that he would embrace Christianity if he should prevail against the Alamanni Odin. Victory falling to his side, Clovis and his nobles were baptized. His conversion was a great triumph for the Church, and furnished the Merovingian kings with a pretext for the conquest of the Arian Germans, who had been led astray from the orthodox faith. To crown the work and enhance his greatness in the eyes of his Roman and German subjects, the imperial purple, and the title of Roman Patricius was bestowed on Clovis by the Greek emperor.”

- The Story of Switzerland,

Upon the defeat of the Alemanni, "some of their tribes settled in Rhaetia, under the protection of Theodoric; whose successors ceded the colony and their country to the grandson of Clovis." - *The End Of The Roman Empire In The West, Page 114*

Edward Gibbon, Harper & Brothers Publishers, New York ,Published 1958.

"The Alemanni tribe occupied territories along the Rhine River (presently Alsace, Baden, and Northeast Switzerland) in the 5th century A.D."

- Columbia Viking Desk Encyclopedia , 1953 Viking Press

Up to the beginning of the 6th century, we find the Alemanni (also called Suevi Tribe) living between the Mainz in central Germany to the Palatinate along the Rhine River during 100 b.c. to 200 A.D.; pushing its borders west & south into Gaul and Helvetia till 495 A.D.

Then through slow migration they pushed onto the west bank of the Rhine , as well as occupying the land between the Rhine & the Danube. The Oberholtzer lands were most likely uninhabited during this time; the present-day northeast Switzerland territories being occupied by the original Rhatian peoples as well as the Burgundians. In same fashion as the former occupants, the people settled around lakes and major waterways, thereby not being many in number, had no purpose to explore the upper mountain areas for use as residential land. Since the latter were friendly with the Alamanni, I perceive they gave way to the Alamanni without fighting in the 6th century. The Burgundians were in the process of pushing westward into western Switzerland and eastern Gaul during this time. During the beginning of the 6th century is when the Alemanni began settling into the northeast Alps of what would become Switzerland. The way normal progression would take place, the first settlements would have been on the banks of the lakes and streams. Evidence of this is very prevalent around Lake Zurich. As families grew and the necessity of clearing fields for farming grew, families moved to the mountain tops to clear the tops of the Black Forest to grow oats and hay and millet as well as other crops with a short growing season. The timber they cleared was first used to build their homes and barns, and for fuel for cooking and heat.

As time progressed, the need for additional income, as well as something to do on those long, snow-bound winter days, wood was fashioned into furniture for themselves, and made to be sold in the towns and to the roving salespeople. This is the most likely way, in light of the political scope of the times, that the Alemanni ancestors who came to be known as 'Farmers Over The Forest' procured the land now known as the town of Oberholtz and its surrounding lands.

Living Quarters

"Unlike classical monuments, Dark Age structures, built as they were of wood and wattle and daub, were ephemeral, and their remains are rather unappealing to tourists."

- Richard Hodges, Archaeology Sept/Oct 1998

"In Switzerland, the snow-capped mountains are called pilate (mount), referring to the hatted mountain."

- The Historic Note-book, by E. Cobham Brewer LL.D., J.B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia

Prior to the 5th Century A.D.: "The Germans cultivated the soil but little. They possessed no domain as private property, and every year the magistrates distributed to each village and each family the plot which they were to cultivate. They had no towns but scattered earthen huts far distant from each other, each surrounded by the plot which the proprietor cultivated. Their habits were tolerably pure. Polygamy was authorized only for the kings and the nobles. But drunkenness and bloody quarrels generally terminated their Homeric feasts, and they had a passion for gambling."

- A History of the World, Vol.III, Duruy

It is most interesting how the common folk began to adopt Christian principles into their lives, to the point of being "law for them" by the kings of the tribes, but the nobility still had free license to live immoral life-styles. Does this sound like Washington DC today?

"In his history of the German tribes, Tacitus gives us a picture of a day's toil for one of the forest children. Moving to the banks of some new stream, the rude man peels the bark from the tree and bends it over the tent pole; with a club he beats down the nuts from the branches; with a round stone he knocks the squirrel from the bough; another hour suffices for cutting a line from the ox's hide and, hastily making a hook out of the wishbone of the bird, he draws the trout from its stream. But if for savage man a day suffices for building and provisioning the tent, the accumulated wisdom of centuries is required for the home of today. One century offers an arch for the door, another century offers glass windows, another century offers wrought nails and hinges, another plaster that will receive and hold the warm colors, another offers the marble, tapestry, picture and piano, the thousand conveniences for use and beauty."

- The Investment of Influence by Newell Dwight Hillis, Fleming H. Revell Co. 1897

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Those who gave at the OFA Reunion 2016

A special Thank You to Jay & Rhoda Oberholtzer for copies of her book.

Bruce McCrea

To those we forgot and missed while being in transition with the treasurer.

This Year's Speakers

Ella Rydzewski, long-time member of the OFA will be giving a talk on her book, *Starting Over in the Past*. She will tell of how it came about, and how she came to place the setting of the novel in Juniata County PA. The story concerns a woman who gives up her position as professor, to teach at the small Midland Bible College. The book is published in hardback, paperback, and e-book from Westbow Press.

Also, Dennis Oberholtzer will give a quick overview, with pictures, of the original route the first settlers to Lancaster County took in 1710. There is some controversy as to the actual route taken, and Dennis plans to give evidence and reasons why the settlers did not travel from New Castle Delaware to Lancaster County.

Continued from Page 6:

Isaac's granddaughter resided in Omaha Nebraska.

IC316 Martha Overholt was born about 1836 in Canada, and married John Courtnage. They resided in Iowa.

IC34 Jacob Overholt was born 1811 in Canada and died 1877 in IA. Many of his grandchildren live in Minnesota.

From the MC Line, David Alter and his wife MC75b1 Esther Welty died in the 1880's in Fairfield Co IA. Esther was d/o Philip Welty & Sarah Overholt of Stark Co OH.

JC1j Margaret Oberholtzer married James Richards in 1846 in Ohio. Her husband died 1892 in Geneva Nebraska. Margaret and some of her children lived or returned to OH.

The Rocky Mountain locust, with their 6 inch wingspan, were found by Lockwood and his team in the glacial ice in Yellowstone Park. They died out in mass during snowstorms which added to the glacial ice. The loss of buffalo, Indians being moved to reservations, and the plowing and planting of the Midwest created a banquet for these huge insects.

While several of these families stayed in Iowa, some of the future generations moved west, south, and north.

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Locust, 2004 Jeffrey A Lockwood, Basic Books, New York

Medallion World Atlas, Hammond, Maplewood New Jersey

Journals of Lewis and Clark, 2002 National Geographic Adventure Classics

Some of the JC Line has likely been identified:

JC2 John Oberholtzer is possibly JJ born 1782 PA moved to Juniata Co

No other John fits the time frame.

JC3 Abraham Oberholtzer born + or - 1767

JC4 Ursula Oberholtzer on 1780 PA Tax List, US Twp, Philadelphia Co PA

There are only two known O females with the name Ursula.

JC5 Catherine Oberholtzer is probably CL on page 355 of *Oberholtzer Book*

Catherine died 3/20/1817 m Isaac Cassel Landis who died 4/26/1814

Isaac was a farmer, had a saw mill, and was in the Revolutionary War. They had 5 children. - #7 pg 2

Desc of Jacob Landis, Montgy Co; Samuel S Wenger Book pg 136

Obituaries

Robert E Overholt at 92 years on June 27, 2016. Married 65 years in August 2015 to Lois R Overholt.

"Bob was in 5 battles of WWII and held 5 battle stars in the European theater." Long-time OFA Member from Elida OH.

- Lois R Overholt

Lewis P Schrack August 22, 1932 Cambridge PA - May 24, 2016 Pottstown, s/o Paul Skiles & Francis A (Davis) Schrack. Worked as a mechanic for Boeing before retiring in 1995. Member Brownback's United Church of Christ. Wife Anna May of 58 years, also survived by 2 daughters, Lorey a Wiand of Woodbury PA and Lisa A Blair of Pottstown PA.; 1 grand-daughter & 1 grandson, 2 great-grandchildren. OFA members who came regularly on Friday Nights at Yoder's Restaurant.

Sent in from Jennie R Sperling:

Lloyd E Overholt 95 of Huntington IN on October 2, 2016. Formerly of Markle IN, served in WWII at the Battle of the Bulge. 35 years at Sear Roebuck, he was a member of Markle Church of Christ.

Born Feb 1, 1921 Wabash Co to Milward & Mary (Rupley) Overholt. Married Dec 24, 1941 Mary Lund, who preceded him in death on Aug 19, 2016. Surviving are a son Dennis of Markle, daughter Linda Hensley of New Haven, 3 sisters, 4 grandchildren & 9 great-grandchildren.

- Huntington County Tab

Ward E Oberholtzer Oct 15, 1923 Flint MI - Nov 3, 2016 MI, 93 of Comstock Park, s/o Isaac & Mynette Oberholtzer. Wife of 65 years Vivian May (Earle) died March 2010. Survived by son William Oberholtzer, Carolyn Wheeler, Kenneth Oberholtzer. Served as President of Civil War Round Table.

Anne Oberholtzer Aug 21, 1936 - Aug 22, 2016 of Ashland OH, wife of Kenneth Oberholtzer who married Dec 30, 1954. Anne directed Children's Choir & Bell Choir at Christ United Methodist Church. Survived by husband Kenneth, son Kenneth of Ashland, Kelley Workman of Rutherfordton NC, Kevin of Ashland, Karen Cole of Ashland, Kim Halblaub, Kurt of Ashland, Amy Irias of Fredricksburg, and Florence of Ashland.

- Ashland Times-Gazette

Ellen Marcella Overholt Dec 30, 1917 Logan Co KS farm - Oct 1, 2016 Aurora CO. Married Homer Overholt Jan 31, 1949 in Winona KS, now desc. Survived by daughter Susan Mumm, 2 grand-daughters.

Eleanor Oberholtzer Feb 18, 1924 - Jan 22, 2017 Knoxville TN Late Husband of 60 years Howard Sr

Surviving are daughter Edith Creek, Howard Jr, Mary Gray, and Nancy Oberholtzer

Earle M Oberholtzer Jr Nov 2, 1944 - Dec 18, 2016 Jeffersonville PA s/o late Earle M & Ruth (Tallis) Oberholtzer. He was owner of Oberholtzer Associates Real Estate & Insurance since 1965. Longtime member Jeffersonville Presbyterian Church, life mem of Jeffersonville Fire Co. Surviving is wife Joanna (Showalter) who married June 21st 47 years ago. also daughter Laura Ziemba of Clarkston MI, Curtis J of Glenmoore. Earle Jr was a 32nd degree mason with Lehigh Consistory

Corey J Oberholtzer 28 years died Sept 5, 2016 Langhorne PA. Born Bristol to Brian & Callista (Tomlin) Oberholtzer and brother of Ryan Oberholtzer.

- Joseph A Fluehr III Funeral Home

Darla (Diller) Oberholtzer died April 13, 2017 Former wife of Michael Oberholtzer, she is survived by Michael, and 3 children: Crystal, Michael Jr, and Matthew, and 2 grandchildren: Conner and Axl.

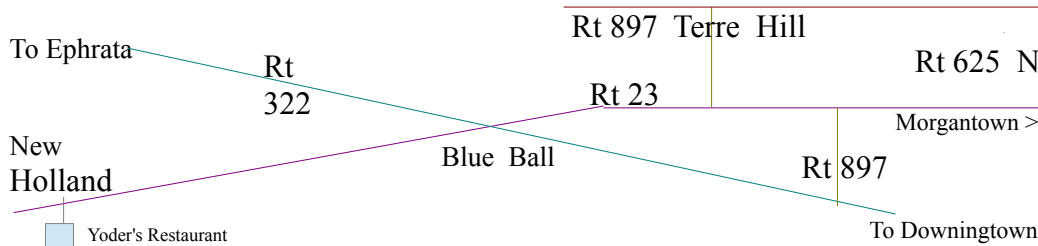
2017 REUNION August 4th and 5th

On **Friday night, August 4th**, we will meet at Yoder's between New Holland and Blue Ball for a 6:00PM buffet dinner and visiting.

The Reunion will be held **August 5th** 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 **Saturday August 5h** 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



Yoder's Restaurant & Buffet - 14 Tower Rd, New Holland PA 17557
 St John's Center United Church - 432 Reading Rd, East Earl, PA 17519

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OFA REUNION, Southeastern PA, Friday Night August 4th at Yoder's Restaurant in New Holland, 111th Reunion 1st Saturday in August the 5th, 2017 at St John's UCC Details Page 15

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www.overholtzer.org

FRETZ FAMILY REUNION, Saturday August 5th, 2017 at Deep Run West,
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If you need more information, contact one of the OFA Websites, or one of the OFA Officers.

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

REPRINTING OF *The Oberholtzer Book*

*The OFA Officers have committed to a reprint of the original 1995 *The Oberholtzer Book*. This book includes the first five generations of Oberholtzer, Overholser, Overholt, Overholtzer, etc. in the United States and Canada.*

While there are some changes to the original families of some of these lines, it is felt we leave the book as originally published, and any changes and corrections can be found in the OFA Bulletins on our website.

The Following OFA Lines are on CD for \$8 donation to cover S&H:
MC Marcus Oberholtzer of Chester County, now includes the MT Line.

JF Jacob of Franconia Twp

ML Martin Michael Oberholtzer of Lebanon County

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More Lines will be added as the introductory materials are completed.