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Dear OFA Members,

We hope you all have had a warm Spring! As the officers prepare for the coming OFA Reunion, we wish to take a moment to prod you all to plan for a visit to our group. We have people from all over North America who plan even years ahead, so they may enjoy the landscape, food, and friendship. It is family, even more distant family, that ties the boundaries of our lives together, and give each of us a sense of belonging to life that is bigger than ourselves. Life that is filled with meaning and purpose.

This year our Reunion would like to return to a potluck luncheon. While there will be a luncheon tray of meats from Shady Maple, we ask that others more local bring a dish of their favorite to share. Food is the great binder of fellowship!

The speaker this year will be Beth Oberholtzer, from Beth Oberholtzer Design. She is a really good story teller, and has written a new book on Mennonite Meetinghouses of Lancaster County. There is more to it than one may expect!

Also, Tina Anderson is bringing some relatives from Tennessee. They have some time blocked out to share. And the Shraders MC Line is planning to come from the west coast.

Hope to see you at our 2018 Reunion!

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Just type in Facebook: Overholser Family Association**

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Communication Problems for
Dennis & Earline Oberholtzer
seem to not end.

Just before sending the Winter OFA Bulletin,
our IBM Compatible computer
died. AGAIN!

My first computer was an Apple,
and it lasted ten years plus!

I have had four new IBM Compatibles in the last
16 years. What junk they make today.

Until we can find a better way,
we will be temporarily offline.

Sorry for the inconvenience, but I just cannot
justify that kind of cost and harrassment.

New Way to CONTRIBUTE!

You can support the OFA by visiting our website as overholser.net and clicking the Donate button. We have PayPal for your convenience. Please e-mail gmartin@overholser.net if you have any questions.

While we may have a good amount in our financial reserves, the OFA is planning to do several Book & CD (or flash drive) combos for some of our most interested libraries. This is an expensive task, but also one that is most important for library usage. Not everyone is computer friendly, especially the Amish and Old Order Mennonite family members. So please consider contributing during the upcoming year.

Family Lines are now on the WEBSITE

<http://www.overholser.net>

Additions sent in to the OFA are not yet included.

Each year updates will be added.

Did Rev William go to Canada?

In a letter written November 3, 1985, John L Overholt of Virginia wrote to Barbara Ford concerning a Reverend William Oberholtzer. It goes like this:

Medina Mennonite Cemetary Record:

*Henry Geisinger died Apr 28, 1872 at age 86 yr 1 mo,
son of Jacob Geisinger and Barbara Kulp (d/o Michael Kulp [Sr])*

Michael Kulp [Jr] born 3/15/1786 Northampton Co PA m Elizabeth Kurtz

Local accounts consider the Henry Kurtz family the first Mennonites to arrive in Medina Co OH. They migrated from the vicinity of Toronto Ontario.

Henry is said to have gone personally back to Northampton Co to bring back William Oberholtzer (who we believe was his uncle) to help start the new church. From various sources we laboriously put together about Henry's children which was later verified and supplemented and the order corrected by a descendant John A Fields of Morrison CO.

Rev William Oberholtzer's daughter Lydia Overholt had 9 children and reside in Missouri.

Rev William's grandfather MT Mark Overholt did not go to Canada. But he died in Tinicum, Bucks Co, which was the same township "Tory" John Overholt lived in, who died on Statten Island NY. We now know that Mark was born in Brooklin NY. Is it possible that JT John, IC Isaac, and MT Mark were closely related? Many of their children went to Canada. Did William? Probably not. Being a grandson, he likely went straight out to Medina Co OH from Bucks Co. But he did know many relatives in Canada.

MC51 (MT) Mark Overholt bef 1723 Brooklin NY - 1754 Tinicum, Bucks Co

m bef 1750 **Elizabeth Staats** of Bensalem, Bucks Co PA

Elizabeth is d/o Peter Staats whose will written 1745, wid/o Abraham Staats. Peter had 8 children:

1 Lucretia Staats 1693 - m c1718 Jacob Strickler of Bucks Co PA 1699 -

dau Susanna Strickler 2/16/1719 -

2-7 Not documented here

8 Elizabeth Staats

m bef 1750 Mark Overholt

bur Deep Run Mennonite East next to [MC7] Martin Oberholtzer.

Mark d 1754 Tinicum, Bucks Co & is buried beside MC7 Martin who died in 1744.

(since Mark died in 1754, this Mark cannot be father to MT1 to 3, for the will was written in 1759)

REF: Six O Emigrants from Wald, Dennis L Oberholtzer, Apr 20, 2008; Bucks Co Adm #945, OC Term 12/1754 p 69, DB 9/233; Dale Crites, FL; The wife of Mark was listed on the Administrator's Bond with John Crawford of New Britain Twp, John Overholt of Bedminster Twp, & Peter Staats of Bensalem Twp; Mildred O Poley, Souderton PA; Letter by Barbara Ford to John L Overholt 5/7/1981; John L Overholt of Kilmarnock VA to Barbara B Ford on March 29, 1981, OFA Files; Bucks Co Bk 9, pg 233; Phila Co Will file #252 of 1760, Will Bk L pg 396; Marcus will is Phila Co Adm Bk 6, Pg 65, file #25

MT32 Rev William Overholt 8/27/1768 - 9/18/1838 OH

m **Gertrude Kulp** 12/28/1769 Bucks Co - 7/27/1827

m Bucks Co PA, both bur Maple Hill, Wadsworth, Medina OH Gertrude d/o Michael Kulp Sr

REF: Note in OFA BULLETIN Aug 2007

MT32a Lydia Overholt 11/17/1813 - 1/26/1899 Putnam MO 85-2-9
m 10/30/1831 **John Geisinger** 6/22/1812 CAN - 10/22/1894 Putnam MO 82-5-7
both bur Unionville, Putnam Co MO
John Geisinger was a nurseryman & came from Canada to Medina Co OH about 1830.
REF: John A Fields, Morrison CO 1992; Letter to Spencer Overholser 1983 by Robert L McKinley, Pleasant Hill TN

Additional Family Members that did go to Canada:

MC53 (MT2) Staats Overholt 1742 PA - wp 8/16/1820 Clinton Twp, Lincoln Co, Ontario, CAN
m c1769 **Susannah Hunsberger** 1748 - 2/19/1834 Ontario CAN
Staats in Rev War, Capt Patterson's Co, Bucks Co [EF]. He & his family, along with 3 other families, were the first Mennonites to settle in Canada in 1786. He received 476 acres of land on the shore of Lake Ontario as U.E.L. and was naturalized there in 1796. He later became Baptist. Naturalized in 1796
REF: PA Archives S5, V5/358; Bucks Co Misc DB 4/109; MHEP 9/1984 Newsletter pg 3-4; Ruth: Maintaining the Right Fellowship pg 162, 171-2; The Loyalists in Ontario Sons and Daughters of the American Loyalists of U.C. pg 241-2; Gary M Culp, Niagra Fall, Canada; Bob & Bev Shaffer

MT21 Isaac Overholt c1770 Bucks Co - 1833 Rainham Twp m 1813 widow **Mary Moyer**
Isaac moved to Upper Canada 1786 and lived with his father. Had four children in 10/20/1796 and Petitioned for land #O 5/7b, granted 1/14/1797 lot 14 con 7. About 1823, Isaac & family moved from Clinton Twp to Rainham Twp, bought & held by obligatory bond 7/5/1823 Lot 14, Concession 1, Rainham Twp. Isaac & Jacob received crown points of 200 acres each in Townsend Twp. Isaac lived at Bayham at that time.
REF: Gwen Overholt, Ontario CAN ; Upper Canada Land Petitions; Gary Culp

MT22 Jacob Overholt 1772 Bucks Co - wp 8/20/1849 Charlotteville Twp, Norfolk Co ONT
m **Susannah** _____ 1788 - dp 1851 Clinton Twp
Jacob & brother Isaac moved from Clinton Twp to Townsend Twp & bought land side by side in 1802. Jacob moved to Charlotteville Twp in 1828. Land left to youngest son Henry.

MT23 Susannah Overholt 1774 Bucks Co - 2/19/1838 Niagra, CAN
m 4/3/1803 Grimsley, Newark, by R Nelles JP,
John Singer 1766 Pownal VT - 3/14/1842 Julian Calender
Beamsville Baptist Church res Clinton Twp, Lincoln Co ONT
REF: Eugene Singer, Lahaina HI; Dale Crites has some mis-information; Desc of Staats Overholt U E
Caution: two separate lists have some children different

MT24 Christopher Overholt c1776 Bucks Co - c1853 Clinton Twp, Lincoln Co ONT Baptist
m c1800 **Parmellia "Anna" Lambert** 1785 of Clinton Twp - dp 1851 4 sons 4 dau

MT26 Mary Overholt 1/1/1782 Bucks Co - 1/20/1840 Bemsville ONT res in the Guelph, ONT
m 4/3/1800 Bedminster, Bucks Co, **Henry Rott** 9/3/1778 USA - 7/31/1874 Pilot Mound, Manitoba, Canada
Ancestor Henry Ruth arrived in America 1717. The Henry Rott family moved to the Niagara Peninsula as U E L's in 1799. There were 12 children.
farmer, res Beamsville ONT (2nd m Susannah Hunsberger), all 3 bur Beansville Baptist Church
8 children listed with dates in Genealogy Root Family, copy in Lanc Menn Hist Soc
a Henry Rott 35 in 1871 Wel Erin Twp, Rel BA . b o , carpenter was living with MT26 Henry Rott 92 bUSA farmer, in NLN Clinton Twp ONT. This could have been MT2618 or the s/o MT265
REF: Kriebel Ruth Families pg 380-1; Dale Crites, Tampa Bay FL; Barbara Ford

MT27 Mark Overholt 1804 Upper Canada - 5/11/1888

m 4/15/1834 Beamsvilleby Rev Thomas Hill, **Catharine Gilmore** c1818 -

Mark's name "was first in the will [Staats] and that was the first thing that made me think he was adopted. There was a law at one time that stated that an adopted child had to come first in a Will before natural children. I don't know if that is still true."

7 children, see OFA Bull 8/2001

REF: OFA Bulletin Aug 2003; Letter to Barbara Ford from Gwen , Jan 23, 2001

Martha Oberholzer

1--1 **Henry Strickler** of Rapho Twp Immigrant 1723
2--1 **John Strickler** m Catharine Bixter
3--1 Ulrich Strickler Dec 19, 1791 - Dec 20, 1861
m Dec 21, 1815 Anna Maria Shallenberger Sept 5, 1799 - 1854
3--2 Catharine Strickler 1794 - single
3--3 **John Strickler** Nov 1796 - Feb 8, 1857 s/o John & Catharine [Bixter] Strickler
m Lydia _____ 1802 - Mar 11, 1882 Springettsbury Twp, York Co PA
4--1 **Reuben Strickler** Nov 22, 1822 - Aug 27, 1837
3rd m **Martha Oberholzer** May 27, 1837 -
3--4 Michael Strickler
2--2 Ulrich Strickler - 1804 150 Acres Rapho in 1772, a family of 7 in 1790
2--3 Abraham Strickler m Elizabeth
2--4 Henry Strickler - 1830
3--1 Barbara Strickler m John Leamen
4--1 Elizabeth Leamen Mar 4, 1789 - Nov 25, 1832
m Peter Hernley Mar 5, 1789 - July 8, 1842
5-1 Mary Hernley Sept 2, 1815 - Oct 21, 1867 m John Cassel
2--5 Ann Strickler 1755 - 1832 d/o Henry Strickler
m John Horst May 16, 1750 - Jan 30, 1813

References: - Stricklers of PA Pg 195
- Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society
- Horst Family, Dennis L Oberholtzer

Another Typo

Our new officer Michael Shrader was mistakenly noted as from the SL Samuel Line. However, he is from the MC Marcus Line, and his 5th gr grandmother is MC1621 Magdalena Gross.

Obituaries

Dorothy M Oberholzer April 29, 1924 Ruchsville, N Whitehall Twp - Feb 19, 2018 at home
d/o Russell I & Annie M (Easterday) Shiffert. Wife of the late Walter F Oberholzer. They were members of Cedar Union Lutheran Church of Cetronia. Worked at Cedarbrook Nursing Home. Survived by son Dennis W & wife Mary of Allentown, daughter Diane L O'Sullivan & Robert of Allentown. Preceded in death by sisters Marie Schaffer & Lena Handwerk.

- sent in by John R Weiler, 634 E Broad St Bethlehem PA

Agnes O Greene 1921 Lake City FL - Feb 8, 2018 Wife of the late Lynn W Greene
d/o Elmer Overholts & Lula Ketchum Overholts. Taught at Pembroke State U in NC, also a USA representative in vocational edu to Europe and the Soviet Union in 1976. Member of the National Home Economics Association, local Board of Realtors, Newcomers Club, and the Genealogical Society. She was a regular supporting member of the OFA, and a congenial letter writer to the OFA staff. She leaves behind a daughter, Mary (Eugene) Finkbeiner of Sumter, son Lynn "Sony" Greene, grd-d Bethany. preceded by brother Clayton Overholts, sister Edna Renfroe, and son-in-law Jon C Call.
- Mary Finkbeiner

Janice E Overholser July 3, 1925 Grant City MO - March 4, 2018 Longmont MO
wife/o Robert M Overholser - 2013, and d/o Harry & Marian (Fisher) , were Motsinger
Founding members of Central Christian Church, now Boulder Valley Christian; survived by daughter Sharon Pacheck of Pueblo CO, her son Duane Overholser of Mead CO, bro-in-law Lyndon Overholser of Olathe KS.

Leonard E Overholser Sr Sept 11, 1927 Jefferson Twp OH - March 14, 2018 Dayton VA
s/o Everett A & Helen (Stephen) Overholser, he was a U S Marine Corp, worked for Overholser Trucking in Preble County, Miami Dade Co fireman, and Line supervisor for GM.
Preceded by siblings Carl Everett Overholser, Catherine Helen Overholser, Margaret H Hicks, Howard L Overholser & Reed I Overholser, and his wife Bernice Overholser . Survived by son Leonard Jr, Dolores Mattes, Carl D Overholser, sisters Clara Hutchins & Ruth Thomas.

Sent in by Ross Gordon Gerhart III:

Anna Oberholtzer-Weisbrod June 26, 1938 New Castile IN - Feb 4, 2018 Plymouth MI
Exec at William H Brocks Department Store & involved in American Business Women's Assn. Owned & managed Her Friends Closet consignment shop. Preceded by husband Melvin, son Barry Ray, and adoptive parents James Clarence & Millie Rains. Survived by 2nd husband Wm Dale Weisbrod, Mark Oberholtzer of Indianapolis IN & 3 step-ch. - Indianapolis Star

Barbara R Gnau February 18, 1936 - April 6, 2018 Wife of Kenneth L Gnau 62 years
Born in Phila PA fo Martin Andrew & Marion Elizabeth (Overholt) Diernback. She was the chairperson of the Centennial Celebration of Perkasio Park in 1982. Survived by husband and 4 ch: Donna M Bonar of Zionsville PA, Kenneth C Gnau of Quakertown PA, Carrie Gnau Cafiero of Gulph Mills PA, & Daniel L Gnau of Perkasio PA.

- *Obits continued Page 14*

CONTRIBUTIONS

A THANK YOU to all those who contributed the past year to the OFA:

OVER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS:

Agnes O Greene

Will & Kathy Overholtzer (in assets)

REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS:

Claire Hinsey Warren, Washington State

Others we have missed due to my computer problems will be listed next year.

Please feel free to send us your ideas for articles in the Bulletins, any future book and design helps. This is your way to share the love and interesting stories your close family ties have to offer.

The OFA does have quite an extensive library. One of the options for the future is to have a once a year full blown magazine. There are more than enough people in our lines to do this. But in order to do so, we will need photos and stories which can be added. Our goal is to add more pictures, especially of our ties in Europe. We will also need your financial support to continue on a regular basis.

Letter to Rev I E Oberholtzer of JL21 Peter Overholser Family

The following two sides of a rice paper reveal the JL21 Peter Overholser family, as it was given to Rev I E Oberholtzer while in missionary service in China. His correspondence with O families across America in the 1920's and 1930's is the foundation upon which others were able to put together our present family lines. The family lines are now available on the Overholser website, along with all the OFA Bulletins. Check them out. Each year we will provide updates with the materials which have been sent to us. As you can see, Peter was incorrectly thought to have been born in Switzerland.

Notice the writing on the reverse side



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II Peter Overholser - Came from Switzerland. Settled in Va.

III Christian Overholser

Wife: Rebecca Getts in 1819.

Clark Co. C
River.

IV Jonas, Rebecca, Hannah, Samuel, Jacob.

IV Peter Overholser { Samuel - living
still living = 96 yrs. { Alden - living
in 1917 { Bill - living

IV Moses { Abram - dead { Elizabeth - living
Susan - dead { Jane - "
Moses - living { Martha - "
William - "

IV John { Oscar - dead
Clarke - living
Albert - "

IV Jonas { Jonas - living Amanda - dead.
Garret - dead Emily - dead.
Jesse - dead

IV Jacob { Fred - living
Lou - "
Edith - "

IV Sarah = still living.

IV Anna, Rebecca, Hannah, Rebecca, Mary, Susan, Elizabeth

IV Samuel,

IV Isaac

IV Christopher

IV Joseph Overholser

Wife: Anna Baricat.

Jacob

Mary

Martin

George

Daniel

Mary

Ribbit

Sarah

Riza

Manda

IV Levi

V Samuel A.

Geo H.

Wm. R.

Minerva

Alice

Anna

Hattie.

Bradford O

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came from Maryland & settled in
Summit Co. Pa. Then had his first 2 c
from his 1st wife to Montgomery Co. O.

II Abram

II Jacob

II John

II Emanuel & twins

II Nathaniel

II Israel

II Rebecca

II Susan

II Mary

II Catherine

II Elizabeth

II Barbara

II David

Mr Morothy Sala about 1835

III Abraham

III Elizabeth

III John

III David

III Moses

III Mary

III Daniel

III George

Jan 1849 moved to Randolph Co
and 1858 to Elkhart Co.

IV Rev. William E. O.

F Floyd E.

Rev. Wm E O.
River

OUR BARBARIAN ROOTS

Culture & Dialect surrounding Oberholtz at the end of the 1st Millennium CE

“A few words may be given here respecting the famous monastery of St. Gall. The cloisters of St Gall shed a bright luster on Swabian lands during its best period, from 800 to 1050 A.D. This famous religious-house was a centre of art and high culture, and was a blessing to the whole country. We can but allude to some of its famous monks, such as the Notkers, Ekkehard, Ratbert, and so forth; many famous as poets, musicians, savants, historians, and teachers of the very highest rank. In the noted school attached to the monastery there resided and were educated some three hundred sons of the German and Helvetic nobility. The discipline kept up was most severe. A story runs that King Conrad I [from the Stauffer family which some of us belong] on a visit to the institution, wished to put this to the test, and caused to be scattered under the school benches a basket full of fine apples. Not a single scholar touched the fruit, and, to reward them for this very remarkable self-restraint, Conrad gave the youths three holidays. But the number of anecdotes attaching to this magnificent institution is endless.”

- Story of Switzerland, by Lina Hug and Richard Stead, 1890 G P Putnum's Sons

For those of us who have a high percentage of Swiss blood, it is most interesting to note the beginnings of change from the Dark Ages to the Medieval Age. Charlemagne was not the total tyrant today's media makes him appear. Much more on this will come, as this editor is tracing his kingly ancestral beginnings across the European landscape. - DLO

The Alemanni people who populated the mountain tops of Eastern Switzerland speak a High German Dialect. “The Gallo-Romans and the Italians spoke with slight differences a similar language, derived from the Latin. But the Germans retained their Teutonic idiom. Charlemagne left to the Lombards and Saxons their own laws. The Salian and Riparian Franks, the Alemani and Bavarians, preserved theirs. Thus these peoples were not fused and welded in one. The will of Charlemagne was the only bond that held them together.” - A History of the World, Vol.III, Duruy

“The greatest changes were effected by the growth of feudalism, which had arisen indeed under Charlemagne, but had to some extent been checked by him. Feudalism outgrew all other systems, and entirely disarranged the social scale. The free peasantry shrank to a small number, and there sprang up a martial nobility of high functionaries, who held offices in the army or courts of justice, and exerted much influence. On the native soil, on the very meeting-places where the old German people had assembled to deal with civil and judicial matters, eminent men founded families which grew into reigning houses. These men, combining political discernment with military ability and experience, rose above their

fellows, and assumed the highest offices. The distresses, the dissensions, the intestine wars, and particularly the invasion by savage hordes drove people to seek the protection of powerful lords even at the risk of losing their own independence. In most cases the people became 'unfree', or serfs." - Story of Switzerland

What about the Almosts?

What does one do when they find a person who almost fits their info, but not exactly? One may not assume it is the same person. That is how the internet has become so unreliable.

Having an Association is a big help, in that they may be able to weed out the misinformation. For instance, there was a question concerning an Abraham Martin who married a Barbara Oberholtzer. Abraham was listed as living 1748 to 1850. While some do live that long, it is usually a sign to suspect a mistake. It turns out that Abraham lived only until 1815, and is JL7 in the Jacob of Brecknock line.

Minor variations may be due to the differences in the calendar used. During early immigrations in the 18th Century, England was still using the Julian Calendar, while most, but not all, of mainland Europe had changed to the Gregorian Calendar. From ten days to 13 months difference in dates could still be the same person.

Older information is often a problem, in that death dates are often given from legal documents, such as inventory, or Orphan's Court records. The person may have died as much as a couple years earlier.

Birth dates could actually be a church christening date, as much as years after the birth of a child. Children by another mother may not even be recorded.

Do not discard some info just because it does not match perfectly. But also do not assume it to be the same person. More investigation is needed. By learning the little variations in why dates are not identical can lead to a better understanding of how people thought in the past, and may help to locate a lost connection to a family who wishes to tell their story.

Child Disposal Onboard

During 17 years of searching my family tree, the most shocking revelation came as I was nearing completion of my search. The Mann family was residing in Germany when the father died. The mother and one year old son picked up and left on a hopeful voyage to America to start anew. But the three month journey was too much for the mother, and she died enroute.

The rule of seafaring is a tough one to swallow. For thousands of years, it was law to throw the deceased overboard, so as to not cause any disease to spread. If the person had any children under the age of fourteen, a request was made for anyone on the boat to take on the child, or children of the deceased as guardian. The rule of the sea untill almost the 19th century was that if no one on the ship would take the child or children on as guardian, the child would be thrown overboard alive with the deceased, putting it into the "hands of God".

Fortunately for me, the Stehman family raised the Mann child, and I am here as living proof.

- editor

Editorial Note

It has been noted by one of our past officers that the editor(s) occasionally forgot to mention who wrote what. All un-noted writings are by the editor of the OFA Bulletins. The editor claims responsibility for any and all mistakes, as well as all points of opinions. The Overholser Family Association is not responsible for any ill opinions by the editor.

Corrections/Additions

I was pleasantly surprised of the feature *An Amish Overholt Family*. The John S Overholt descendants reunite every two to three years as the Overholt-Stuckey Reunion and the last reunion was in June 2017 in Abbeville South Carolina at Cold Springs Mennonite Church with over three hundred in attendance. John and Veronica's last grandchild died 10 November 2016 and only three grandchildren in law are living.

With thought in mind, Lena Overholt Miller and Harris D Overholt compiled a volume of history and descendants of the John Overholt and Veronica Stuckey family to debut at the reunion. Each grandchild is featured in a chapter of memories; their known descendants, dates, marriages, and etc concludes each chapter. Because of the scope of the Overholt family, chapters are included with known descendants of John and Anna Drissel Overholt with dates, marriages, etc but not the memories.

Veronica Stuckey arrived from France with her father and her two daughters Caroline and Catherine Stuckey (newsletter incorrectly lists as Overholt, page 8) and a chapter is included for each with their known descendants. .. The first chapter is history of the Overholt family in Europe and also includes pictures of the Overholt area in Pennsylvania as well as the Overholt family tour reunion to Oberholz Switzerland in September 2002.

As the volume grew, we became keenly aware that it was more than we had perceived but profit was not a factor in publishing. The hard-bound, over 700 page *John and Veronica Overholt - Mine, Yours, & Ours* volume is available from the above address for \$50.00 pick up or \$60.00 U S Postal Service. We have a limited supply but are able to have reprints for future needs. Just this week another forty pages has been documented of a Drissel descendant line that was not known during the compiling of the volume, so while it is not a complete family history, we are grateful for the amount of information that is published.

There have been other books published in relation to John Overholt family such as:

Conestoga Wagon to Modern Times by Will Overholt

Catherine Overholt Wagler

Autobiography: A Tale That is Told by Abner Overholt

Joe M and Mary Ann Hershberger Overholt Family

The next Overholt-Stuckey Reunion is being planned for 2019 in the Franklin/Auburn Kentucky area.

Sincerely Yours,

H D Overholt
Adolphus Kentucky

Obituaries Continued:

Janice (Neff) Oberholtzer May 2, 1926 - March 31, 2018 Carlisle PA

Georgene Marie (Oberholtzer) McGovern died March 11, 2018 w/o late James McGovern

Survived by dau Geanie Page, Patricia Hunter, JoAnne Evanick, James Jr, Shawn, and preceded by son George, and her sister Joan Dillon. - Philly.com

Robert M Oberholzer February 13, 2018 age 78 of Haddonfield NJ with pancreatic cancer

Husband of Pat (Chadwick), son Chris Oberholtzer of Loveland OH, Regina of Haddonfield, Mark Oberholtzer of Louisville CO, Kate of London ENG. Succeeded his father in family business of Single & Gibb Co till 2008. Interned Baptist Cem, Haddonfield NJ

Robert Charles Gerhart February 14, 1952 Germantown Hosp - January 28, 2018

Son of Robert Wallace Gerhart & Margaret Ellen "Mickey" McGrath Gerhart

Buried at Whitmarsh Memorial Park, Prospectville, Horsham Twp Montgomery Co PA with parents. He was divorced with no issue.

Doris Kane February 26, 1931 - pub Feb 13, 2018 at age 86 of Pottstown PA Dau of Bryon & Ida (Thomas) Oberholtzer. Preceded by 1st husband William Edwards & 2nd Charles Kane. Survived by son William Edwards of Manasquasn NJ, Gary Edwards of Pottsgrove PA

Joseph S Oberholtzer June 25, 1933 Lebanon PA - January 17, 2018 Moore Twp s/o Joseph W & Iona (Hull) Oberholtzer; Jehovah Witnesses Nazareth Congr., survived by wife Erma, niece Beverly Harrington of Quarryville PA, nephew Ben Wolbach of Allentown. Preceded by brother Robert L Oberholtzer, sister Barbara Wolbach. - Express Times

John G Pfeiffer January 3, 2018 at 95 years, husband of late Beatrice Overholtzer Pfeiffer of Fegleysville PA. Son/o Alexander & Martha (Greismer) Pfeiffer, a machinist for Dana Corp, member of New Apostolic Church, Limerick PA. Survived by son Dennis Pfeiffer, Randy Pfeiffer, and Keith Pfeiffer. - The Mercury

Sent in by Patrick McGarry:

Angela Kay Young April 14, 1965 Miami Co OH - April 6, 2018 Dayton OH dau/o John and Barbara (Sampson) Laughman of Covington OH. Wife of Duane C Young of Piqua, and seven children: Jon Basye of Covington, Brandon Basye of Covington, Roxanne Martinez of Troy, Isaiah Winston, Elijah Laughman, Brandi Young, and Duane Young II, all of Piqua

Ella Irene (Graybill) Cook October 10, 1943 Brookville OH - April 6, 2018 of Silver Lake IN

Dau/o Henry & Nannie (Huffman) Graybill, member of Eel River Old German Baptist Brethern Church, Silver Lake IN. Married July 6, 1968 Melvin Cook. Survived by Michaela (Arlen) Bower of Keota IA, Dorinda (Jesse) Bowman of Rocky Mount VA, and Jenny (Randy) Moore of Silver Lake IN.

Cathryn K Oberholtzer died April 24, 2018 at 81 years resided in Denver, Lancaster Co, PA

Richard L Oberholtzer died May 8, 2018 at 79 years. resided in Elizabethtown PA - LNP

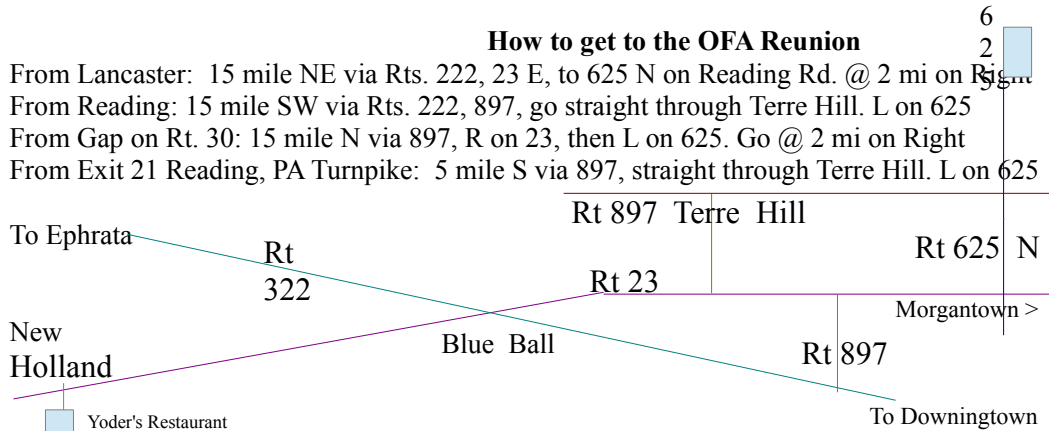
2018 REUNION August 3rd and 4th

On **Friday night, August 3rd**, 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 4th** 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 4th** 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 3rd at Yoder's Restaurant** in New Holland,
112th Reunion 1st Saturday in August the 4th, 2018 at St John's UCC Details Page 15
Please Note: The Association members are not affiliated with St John's UCC.

IOWA O's Meetings 1st Sunday in August in Tingley IA Community Building, Reunion in **2018**
www.overholtzer.org

FRETZ FAMILY REUNION, Saturday August 4th, 2018 at Deep Run West,
1008 Deep Run Rd Perkasio PA

The next **Overholt-Stuckey** Reunion is being planned for **2019** in the Franklin/Auburn Kentucky area.

Check out the OFA Website: <http://www.overholser.net> or Contact Us at
info@overholser.net

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.

Democracy is only practical when there is a relatively high state of development.

- Henry Clay, by Howard W Caldwell, 1899

Why then, is our government trying to dumb us down?