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THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Our editor needs help. Yes, Jim Kehew is desperately waiting for some of you to send him material for this BULLETIN. At the time that he took on the job he said that he would be willing to edit the BULLETIN on a long-term basis if he would be furnished copy by some members of our association. Jim has had experience as editor of several newsletters and he has done a fine job on the BULLETIN when supplied with material.

When I started the BULLETIN four years ago I had no experience as an editor and if you saw those first issues you know well that such was the case. Since I have the genealogical files here in our house I had some material that was suitable for those issues. Then Robert M. Overholser edited two issues and he did a very good job of it using much of the material he had available re his IV Christian line along with other material that he obtained from others of our association. Jim does not have genealogical files at his house and is dependent on others to furnish him copy.

Many members of our association have written to me that they would like to see the BULLETIN continued so I hope you will cooperate with Jim to see that this is accomplished.

Just one note about the reunion last August. I was a little disappointed in the total attendance but those present were an enthusiastic group. The year 1985 will be our 75th reunion and I think we should be looking forward with something special in mind. Let us keep up the tradition started in 1906 (no reunion 1941 through 1944).

J. Spencer Overholser

When you are sure you're right, you have a moral duty to impose your will upon anyone who disagrees with you.

73RD ANNUAL REUNION

Date: Saturday, August 20, 1983*
Place: Terre Hill Fire Hall, Terre Hill, Pa.

Details in the August issue of THE BULLETIN. See you there!

*Note that this is the 3rd Saturday rather than the customary Reunion date of the 4th Saturday.

Looking Back

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL O.F.A. REUNION

The seventh annual reunion of the Overholser family was held in Band Hall Park, Terre Hill, Pa. August 1, 1912.

The attendance was larger than it had been the year previous. There were about 180 people present. This increase was probably due to the fact that the reunion was held near the old Overholser homestead.

The program of exercises was as follows:

Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
Prayer -- The Rev. Tomas Krick
Words of Welcome -- Pres. Martin L. Overholser
Report of Committee on Necrology
Points of Local Historical Interest -- Mrs. Catharine Watts Chubb ("Aunt Kate")
Piano Duet -- Misses Kurtz
Reunion Song
Report of Memorial Committee -- Mr. S. S. Watts
Song: "In the Sweet Bye and Bye"
Transaction of Business
Song: "When the Roll is Called up Yonder"
Mizpah Benediction

Anna M. Overholser, Sec.

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS & NEWSLETTER ITEMS

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The Better Business Bureaus of Pennsylvania and other states are warning persons of business firms known as BEATRICE BAYLEY in Pennsylvania, Sharon Taylor in Ohio, and Polly in California. They send personal letters to persons with a specific surname inviting them to purchase a genealogy on their family. The cost of the book is high and all you receive is some introductory data on collecting family information and a list of names and addresses of other persons with your same surname. These lists are compiled primarily from city telephone directories. This is a gimmick by some printing company who does not have any interest or knowledge of genealogy.---
Mennonite Family History, July 1982

1913 REUNION

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL O.F.A. REUNION

The eighth annual reunion of the Overholser family was held on Aug. 7, 1913 in Band Hall Park, Terre Hill, Pa. The attendance was good, there being about 160 people present. The program of exercises was as follows:

- Hymn - "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
- Prayer - The Rev. W. S. Rehrer
- Words of Welcome - Pres. Martin L. Overholser
- Report of Historian - The Rev. Thomas H. Krick
- Reunion Song
- Report of Memorial Committee - Mr. S. S. Watts
- Song - "Friends We Love"
- Transaction of Business
- Song - "When the Roll is Called up Yonder"
- Benediction - The Rev. S. H. Chubb

During the day the company was favored with recitations by Miss Leila Overholser and Mr. John Overholser.

A telegraphic greeting was received from Mr. Ed Overholser of Wellseley, Mass. A resolution to answer the telegram was passed.

Greetings were also received from the following people: Mr. Sam Overholser, Glenham, S. Dakota; Anna Hull Cannon, Clara Hull Wilson, Ida Hull Overholser, and Cousin Isaac Hull, G.A.R., all of Russel, Kansas. A motion was passed that acknowledgment of these greetings be made.

Anna M. Overholser
Secretary

ABOUT OUR MEMBERSHIP---We are sending 380 copies of this issue of THE BULLETIN to 460 members of the Association. As you know, there is no charge; however, we do appreciate contributions from our members to help cover the costs of printing and postage. If you know of anyone in the Overholser connection (including all the various spellings), send us their name and address and we will be glad to add them to the list. By the same token, if you do not wish to continue receiving THE BULLETIN, we would appreciate knowing that too. (Write to the Editor, Jim Kehew, whose address is in column 1.)

We are making an informal survey of the membership to see what lines of descent from Immigrant Samuel are most and least represented. So far we have been able to identify the lines of 230 members, 60% of the total membership.

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SAMUEL OVERHOLTZER OF VIRGINIA

In 1981, MRS. HELEN OVERHOLSER TURN of San Angelo, Texas published the book, Samuel Overholtzer of Virginia and Some of his Descendants (Centex Press, Belton, Tex., 365 pp.) based on her research on her ancestor. She is still trying to locate his connections in Pennsylvania and would appreciate any information that anyone has. (Her address is Mrs. Wayne Turn, 2310 Rio Grande, San Angelo, TX 76901.)

The only Pennsylvania record she has been able to find is Samuel's marriage record as found in the Rev. Waldschmidt's baptismal and marriage records of 1751-1786 in Cocalico, Lancaster County:

"Samuel Overholss, s. of late Jacob Overholss, m. Maria Eva Hauswirth, dau. of late Christian Hauswirth, Sept. 8, 1765."

Samuel and Maria had 8 children, some born before they moved to what is now Shenandoah County, Va., where he bought 215 acres on Nov. 4, 1771 on the drain of Mill Creek near Mt. Jackson. In his will of May 29, 1772, he named as children Peter, Barbara, Eva, and Samuel. Four more children were born before he died in 1783: Ann, Veronica, Jacob, and Susannah. The will was probated Dec. 5, 1783 and estate inventory dated Jan. 31, 1784.

The book concerns the 3 sons, Peter, Samuel, and Jacob, the latter being Mrs. Turn's forebear. Peter remained in Virginia and raised his family, but his children moved to Ohio. Samuel stayed in Virginia, married and had several children before moving to Washington County, Tenn., then to Greene County, Tenn. where he died. Jacob was the first to move to Tennessee, first in Washington County and then Carter County where he married and had his family. He died young in 1825.

Jacob Oberholtzer who came to America on the ship Samuel in 1732 had with him a son, Samuel, age 3, and a daughter, Elizabeth, age 6. That Samuel could be the Samuel of Virginia but Mrs. Turn has been unable to document this.

Mrs. Turn has received help from some members of the Association, including Pres. Spencer Overholser, Grace Overholtzer Milligan of Kansas City, Mo.,

OVERHOLTZERS IN IOWA

Every August there is an Overholtzer Reunion in Tingley, Iowa (Decatur County) that has been meeting since 1925. It was started by John E. Overholtzer and consists of descendants of CHRISTIAN OVERHOLTZER (1741-1819) who lived in Adams County, Pa. and is buried in the Zimmerman Cemetery in Liberty Township in that county near the Maryland line. (According to the Adams County Historical Society, there are 9 gravestones covering 17 Overholtzers in that cemetery and 11 stones covering 23 more Overholtzers in other Adams County cemeteries.)

Attendance at the Tingley reunion runs from 50 to 75, whereas years ago 150-200 attended. JOHN F. OVERHOLTZER of Tingley, who has volunteered to serve as a contact for their group, writes that they have never been able to find out anything about Christian. John and his wife visited the village of Oberholz in Switzerland in 1981 where they met ROSY OBERHOLTZER, a member of our Association, who lives there. Another of our members who has done considerable research on the Overholtzers is Grace Overholtzer Milligan, 7511 Oak St., Kansas City, MO 64114.

WE WANT TO THANK ---

Dan Pettigrew for serving as unofficial photographer at the Reunions. If you've ever tried to get a large group of people out of a meeting hall and lined up in some kind of order to have their picture taken, you can appreciate the miracle Dan performs every year. And he does it without getting flustered or peevish -- he's totally unflappable. He not only takes beautiful pictures, he also donates full-color copies to the Association each year -- one 8x10 enlargement and 15 postcard-size copies.

That isn't all. Dan also furnishes the wireless microphone (like all the big stars use on television!) and loudspeakers so that President Spencer and anyone else who talks at the Reunions can be heard clearly.

Our get-togethers wouldn't be nearly as well run and as much fun were it not for the services Dan provides voluntarily. Our hat's off to you, Dan -- thank you SO MUCH!

and John L. Overholt of Kilmarnock, Va. The lines she is especially interested in are that of Samuel Overholtzer of Va. and the Christian Hauswirth line.

59 ATTEND 72ND ANNUAL REUNION

The 72nd annual reunion of the Association was held on August 28, 1982 at the Terre Hill Fire Hall with 59 present. After renewing old acquaintances and enjoying a bounteous covered dish luncheon, the President, SPENCER OVERHOLSER, called the meeting to order. The meeting was opened with prayer by the REV. JOHN WEILER, Chaplain, after which Spencer introduced the officers. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. MARJORIE CARROLL then gave the Treasurer's Report:

Opening Balance 8/21/81		\$135.64
Collection (1981 Reunion)	\$216.00	
Contributions during year	190.50	
Interest	<u>15.65</u>	
Balance		<u>557.79</u>
<u>Expenses</u>		
Rental of Fire Hall	25.00	
Printing of BULLETIN	221.24	
Postage	141.63	
Augury Press	<u>5.00</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>392.87</u>
Balance 8/28/82		\$164.92

ERNEST WEINHOLD gave a short talk on genealogical research and informed us that the Mennonite Historical Society was conducting genealogical seminars in Oct. and Nov. which were open to the public.

The Necrologist, ROBERT M. OBERHOLSER, reported the following:

Marriages

- CATHERINE LaBARRE (daughter of Richard & Vera Montagna LaBarre) to PETER JOHN KARAGIANIS, Sept. 5, 1982
- ELIZABETH SMITH FLEMING (daughter of Margan Day & Elizabeth LaBarre Smith) to HERBERT FIERNEY, Sept. 10, 1982
- DOUGLAS BELOOF (son of Robert & Ruth LaBarre Beloof) to CHRISTINE JOAN PIERATTI, Aug. 21, 1982
- SUSAN SKILES (daughter of Kenneth & Anna Skiles) to CLIFFORD MARTIN, May 1, 1982

Births

- AMANDA LYNN DeLOS REYES to David DeLos & Brenda Bechtold Reyes, Apr. 4, 1980
- HEATHER SUE BECHTOLD to David L. & Tammy Bechtold, July 27, 1980
- JOSEPH PATRICK CARROLL, adopted by Charles E. & Patricia A. Carroll, July 7, 1981
- PATTI LEE SCOFIELD to Stephen & Diane Oberholser Scofield, Oct. 21, 1981
- JONATHAN DAVID BECHTOLD to David L. & Tammy Bechtold, Dec. 25, 1981
- ANDREW DAYTHAL KENDALL to Daythal L. & Carolyn Oswald Kendall, Jan. 17, 1982
- JACQUELINE RENEE ECKMAN to Dr. Gregory & Cheryl Ferguson Eckman, Feb. 6, 1982
- ASHLEY BROOKE PORRELL, granddaughter of Dan & Mildred Pettigrew, Mar. 15, 1982
- JOSHUA JOHN ALBRIGHT to James W. & Susan Ferguson Albright, July 15, 1982

Deaths

- MRS. DOROTHY O'MEARA, daughter of the late Dr. Winfred Overholser and Dorothy Overholser, July 10, 1982
- CATHERINE RAHN, age 85, widow of the Rev. Clarence Rahn, descendant of III Martin Oberholtzer
- ORVAL HARRIES OVERHOLSER, age 88, husband of Nola Cooper, grandson of III Martin Oberholtzer, Dec. 21, 1980

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OFFICIAL 1982 REUNION PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY DAN PETTIGREW



Left to right: Front row - Kenneth LaBarre, Dan Pettigrew, Pat Carroll, Jonathan Browne, Douglas Browne (front), Kate Browne, Joe Carroll (front), Chuck Carroll, Walter Knauff.

Middle row - Robert Oberholser (Necrologist), Joseph Oberholtzer, Iona Oberholtzer, Dina LaBarre, Jim Kehew (Editor), Ruth Overholser, Spencer Overholser (Pres.), Agnes Robinson, Pauline Oswald, Vivian Shepard, Marjorie Carroll (Treas.), Martha Oberholtzer, Esther Kehew.

Back row - Unknown, Paul Pletcher (Rec. Secy.), Naomi Pletcher, Ernest Weinhold, Gertrude Haines, William Goshen, next 3 unknown, Elizabeth Kurtz, next 2 unknown, Richard Stevens (2nd Vice Pres.), unknown, Jean Stevens, Rev. John Weiler (Chaplain), Eleanor Weiler, Kenneth Robinson, Jean Skillman, John Oswald, Fred Skillman, Sally Carroll, Anita Richmond, Larry Richmond, John Oberholtzer, Harry Overholtzer, Gloria Overholtzer, Mildred Pettigrew.

(We regret that we were unable to identify some of those in the picture.)

REUNION (cont)

The President then asked each one present to give his name and genealogical background. Following this there were several letters read from relatives who were unable to attend. Two couples were recognized for long marriages. JOE and IONA OBERHOLTZER of Womelsdorf have been married for 54 years and JOHN and MARTHA OBERHOLTZER of RD Manheim for 53 years. There was no old or new business.

DAYTHAL KENDALL, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, asked the current officers to continue for another year and placed their names in nomination. It was recommended and carried that the office of Corresponding Secretary be abolished. The nominations were then closed and the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot.

It was decided to hold the next Reunion on the 3rd Saturday of August, 1983 (Aug. 20) at the Terre Hill Fire Hall.

The meeting was closed with the benediction by the REV. JOHN WEILER.

Respectfully submitted,
PAUL J. PLETCHER
Recording Secretary

WELCOME TO THE ASSOCIATION!

We extend a warm welcome to these 23 new members who have joined us recently.

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CHUCK CARROLL	322 Edge Hill Road, North Hills, PA 19038
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Delbert Gratz, Librarian of the Mennonite Historical Library at Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio checked the Archives of Switzerland for Overholter information and has kindly sent us the following items:

In a list of Anabaptists living in Wädenswil, Switzerland in 1634, ELSI OBERHOLTZER, Jorg Hirzen, a widow with 9 children, is listed.

In the parish of Wald at the same time lived Caterina Furer, wife of BURKHART OBERHOLTZER, and in the same parish lived Margaretha Schollenberger, wife of MARTIN OBERHOLTZER. Apparently only the wives were Anabaptist. The husbands at that time were not.

The Association has no dues or assessments. It depends for support solely on the voluntary contributions of its members, either at the annual Reunion or by mail. Our membership now stands at 460. Most of these are not contributing to the support of the Association in a material way. If you are one, we invite you to send a contribution to the Treasurer, Mrs. Marjorie Carroll, 319 Monroe Ave., North Hills, Pa. 19038.

Our congratulations to DANIEL H. FOOTE of Portland, Me., son of Mrs. Henry Foote and a 9th generation descendant of Immigrant Samuel through the III Martin, IV John line, who assumed his new duties last summer as law clerk to Chief Justice Warren Burger of the U.S. Supreme Court. A magna cum laude graduate of Harvard Law School, Dan, 27, served a year as clerk to U.S. District Judge Edward T. Gignoux in Portland. His new assignment is the most prestigious law clerkship in the country.

The Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society will hold its fifth annual GENEALOGY CONFERENCE on Sat., March 26, at the Lancaster Mennonite High School on Route 30 east of Lancaster. Well-known experts in the genealogy field will conduct over 20 workshops for beginners as well as advanced genealogists. In addition private consultations with experts will be available. Registration is due by Mar. 12 and is \$14.00 for Society members and \$18.00 for non-members. Lunch and dinner are extra as is the pre-conference historical field trip to Philadelphia the preceding day. For further information, contact David Smucker at the Society, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, PA 17602, (717) 393-9745.

THANK YOU!

The following members have made donations to the Association since the list in the last issue. Our sincere thanks to:

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MATILDA & RAY ZACKEY	Easton, Pa.

ANOTHER ANNIVERSARY -- Remember the Bicentennial back in 1976, marking 200 years since America had declared its independence of Britain in 1776? Get ready for a Tricentennial this year -- it's been 300 years (1683) since Mennonites came to this continent, and you can be sure the various Mennonite societies will be making much of this anniversary.

Glenn Lehman, editor of the 1981 Annual Report of the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, put it in a different perspective in that report.

"The history of Christianity can soon be described as bimillennial, that is, as being two thousand years old. And in the year 2000, if that bimillennial span were proportionately described by a single hour, Christ would have been born one hour ago, America found by Columbus 15½ minutes ago, the Mennonite Church founded 14½ minutes ago, (and) the Amish begun 9½ minutes ago. . . And if you will be 66 years old in the year 2000, you will have been around for two minutes . . . , just missing being a contemporary of Christ's by 57 minutes."

O Lord, grant that we may always be right, for Thou knowest we will never change our minds.---
Old Scottish prayer

Need parents, brothers and sisters of MAGDALENA OVERHOLSER, born ?. Married JACOB WEAVER 1779-80? Born June 8, 1748, Zurich, Switzerland, died Somerset County, Pa. Oct. 6, 1820.

Emery Shetler
R.R. 1
Chesley, Ont., Canada

KATE STIRK of Florida is doing research in the STIRK branch of the family. "I would be delighted to share what I have with any other descendants of ANNA, daughter of III MARTIN, who married HETZEL STIRK. Admittedly, I don't have much yet but I'm diligently pursuing the Stirks. They seem to be an elusive bunch." Her address is: Mrs. R. H. Stirk, 2840 Euston Road, Winter Park, FL 32789.

THESE 59 PEOPLE
attended the August 28, 1982 Reunion

MRS. ELIZABETH BRAAS	New Holland, Pa.
KATE, JONATHAN & DOUGLAS BROWNE	Langhorne, Pa.
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ABOUT OUR MEMBERSHIP (cont)

The most numerous line represented, by far, is that of III Martin--IV Christian. A total of 139 of our members (37% of the total) are in that line. The other lines with more than 10 members are III Martin--IV John 29, III Martin--IV Elizabeth 23, and III Martin--IV Daniel 19.

We also have several descendants of III Martin--IV Jacob and IV Isaac, as well as III Christian--IV Samuel, IV John and IV Elizabeth, and III Maria--IV Christian, and III Samuel--IV Samuel. Some of our members, of course, have not been able to determine their linkage to the main Overholser lines.

These designations might be confusing to some, especially new members. A word of explanation might be in order. Members of the Association trace their lineage from Immigrant Samuel Oberholtzer who came to

America in 1727. The second generation consists of his 6 children, designated as II Jacob, II Martin, II Elizabeth, II Ann, II Magdalena, and II Veronica. The main lines in the 3rd generation are the 8 children of II Martin with those of his sons, III Christian, III Samuel, and III Martin being the most thoroughly developed.

A chart depicting the first four generations is presently undergoing revision by President Spencer Overholser and will be available to members at some time in the future.

A woman's declining years are before 30. She seldom declines later.

Some minds are like concrete, all mixed up and permanently set.

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