



THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Do you have an anecdote of any of your ancestors that would be interesting reading and would provide information suitable for including in the Overholser Family Association permanent files for review by present and future genealogists and historians? Some could be printed in this BULLETIN. As I now see the situation of our Association, one phase connected with genealogy that we could concentrate on is to collect these interesting anecdotes of our ancestors or even of our contemporaries. How should we go about this? The first step, I believe, is for me to make a plea (this is it) for each one of you out there to think about this and then write something or copy something that someone else in the past has related or written.

Here is an example from an account written by VI Charles Elmore Overholser (great-grandson of III Martin) read at the first Overholser reunion at Terre Hill, Penna. in 1906 concerning John Overholser (son of III Martin), born Oberholtzer:

"It seems that John Overholser was a famous teamster and an exceptional man in several particulars. He had a team of six horses with which he hauled products from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh. He was a violinist and took his violin with him in a box on his wagon; he sometimes played along the road and entertained his fellow teamsters in the evening. The Blue Ball hotel was a famous hostelry in those days; sometimes sixteen six-horse teams stopped there at one time. We can imagine that at such times John's violin contributed

77th ANNUAL REUNION

Date: Saturday, August 23, 1986

Place: Terre Hill Fire Hall,
Terre Hill, PA

Details (including map) in the August BULLETIN. Keep the date open and plan to come!

EUROPEAN TOUR STILL OPEN

Response to the Oberholtzer/Overholser Family Tour of Europe, scheduled for June 14-27, has been lighter than anticipated, in spite of several mailings to different groups of related individuals. As of this writing, there have been 10 reservations.

As the time needed to nail down air and hotel reservations becomes shorter, serious thought must be given to whether enough further reservations will be received.

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a great deal to the entertainment of the evening. Besides he was especially gifted in mathematics, although he had no education except that of the district schools, and by his own efforts, he became very proficient in mathematical astronomy and calculated eclipses with great accuracy."

Send your anecdotes to VII Jim Kehew, great-great-grandson of Abraham Overholt, the rye whiskey distiller, whose address is on page 2. Be sure to include the name and generation identification of the originator of the anecdote.

VII J. SPENCER OVERHOLSER
Great-grandson of III Martin



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EUROPEAN TOUR (Cont)

ed to make the venture a viable undertak-
ing. If you are thinking of signing up,
we strenuously urge you to do so immediate-
ly by writing or calling Wastler Escorted
Travel, Inc., which is arranging the Tour
(P.O. Box 775, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055,
717/697-6368).

The careful planning that went into
designing the Tour practically guarantees
that it will be a fun-filled and valuable
experience from a genealogical as well as
a vacation standpoint. This is a custom-
designed tour planned to fulfill the an-
ticipated desires and needs of our members,
their friends and relatives -- not the
usual packaged trip.

The absolute final deadline for res-
ervations is Mar. 15. If enough reserva-
tions are not received by that time to
make the trip practical, it will be can-
celled and money refunded. Let us hope
that will not be necessary.

AN OFFER WE
COULDN'T REFUSE

One of our active members, EUGENE
SINGER, has made us an offer that is just
too good to ignore. He will enter in his
computer the O.F.A. membership list and
furnish us with mailing labels (sorted by
zip code) for each issue of the BULLETIN,
all at no cost to the Association! We
certainly appreciate his thoughtfulness
and help. Gene, a management consultant
in Palm Springs, Calif, is an avid family
history researcher and is having a lot
of fun using the computer to cut down on
the amount of time and work involved.
His key ancestor is Staats Overholt, one
of a group of Mennonite Loyalists or Tor-
ies who migrated to Canada at the time of
the Revolutionary War. Thanks so much,
Gene!

GENEALOGICAL QUERY

HUNSBERGER -- Looking for a record of
SUSANNAH HUNSBERGER. She married STAATS
OVERHOLT of Tinicum Township, Bucks County,
Pa. about 1770, placing her birthdate ca.
1750. She died in Canada in 1834. EUGENE
SINGER, 2444 Palo Fierro, Palm Springs,
Calif. 92262.

ANOTHER LINEAGE CHART AVAILABLE

A new lineage chart is now available to our members. It is of the descendants of III Martin Oberholtzer/IV Daniel Overholser and was compiled by President Spencer Overholser.

Gradually we are getting charts assembled for the 4th generation of I Samuel. The basic chart is the one-page LINEAGE OF SAMUEL OBERHOLTZER which shows in diagram form the 6 children of Samuel and Elizabeth; the children of two of them, Jacob and Martin (13 children in all); and 33 children in the 4th generation, of whom all are grandchildren of II Martin (the 8 children of III Christian, the 6 children of III Maria, the 10 of III Samuel, and the 9 of III Martin).

Of the 33 4th generation children, all but 3 married and can be presumed to have had children. We now have lineage outlines of 5 of them, as follows:

III Christian/IV John	compiled by Debra Oberholtzer Clay (1 page)
JII Martin/IV Anna	compiled by Spencer Overholser (5 pages)
III Martin/IV John	also compiled by Spencer (5 pages)
*III Martin/IV Christian	compiled by Robert M. Oberholser
III Martin/IV Daniel	mentioned above (3 pages)

We have members who are descended from 8 other of the 33 4th generation children so we will make an attempt to get more charts.

Copies of these charts are available at copying cost (10¢ a page) from Editor Jim Kehew (address on p. 2). Send remittance and a long stamped envelope for copies.

*This is an 86-page booklet, THE SALISBURY TOWNSHIP OBERHOLSERS. For information, contact Robert M. Oberholser, RD 2, Ardena, Freehold, NJ 07728).

DEVELOPING THE HACKMAN-
OBERHOLTZER CONNECTION

Note from J. Wesley Hackman, Box 1008, Merchantville, NJ 08109:

I have become interested in the Oberholtzer family because two generations of Hackmans married into the Oberholtzer family.

My great-great-grandmother, Hannah Oberholtzer, was married to Abraham C. Hackman and my great-great-great-great-grandmother was Elizabeth Oberholtzer, who was the daughter of Jacob Oberholtzer. She was married to Jacob Hackman of Franconia Township, Pa.

I am looking forward to receiving any other information of the Oberholtzer connections to the Hackman family.

MICHELLE SKILES RODGERS is an Extension Home Economist for Berks County, Pa. and mentions the Association and the BULLETIN in her column in the Reading Eagle from time to time.

DESCENDANTS OF JACOB
OBERHOLTZER WANTED

A note from Mary Alice (Mrs. F. L.) Farnsworth, 2065 Fletcher Park Rd., Wheatland, Wyo. 82201:

Please include my name on the Overholser Family mailing list. I am not a descendant of Samuel who seems to be the ancestor your group is most interested in. However, I'm hoping there may be an opportunity to reach people who may share my line.

I descend from Jacob Oberholtzer who came to America ca. 1709, and settled in what is now Franconia Twp., Montgomery County, Pa. Most of the information on the oldest generations come from Jacob Oberholtzer Genealogy by Elisha Scott Loomis, published in 1931. His documentation is very convincing.

*Blessed is he who expects no gratitude,
for he shall not be disappointed.*

GOOD TURN-OUT AT 76th REUNION

The 76th annual reunion of the Overholser Family Association was held on Saturday, Aug. 24, 1985 in the Terre Hill Fire Hall. A total of 72 family members and visitors were in attendance, the largest group since 1981. After a delicious covered dish luncheon, President Spencer Overholser called the meeting to order.

The Rev. John Weiler offered the invocation, and the 1984-85 officers were introduced. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was given as follows:

Balance August 24, 1984	\$385.01
Receipts	
Reunion donations	149.00
Sale of note pads	18.00
Contributions 8/31/84-8/23/85	349.00
Interest	21.80
Total Receipts	\$922.81
Expenses	
Rental of hall	\$ 25.00
Note pad printing	102.00
BULLETIN printing	238.63
Postage	287.88
Publications	5.00
Prizes for Reunion	13.83
Total Expenses	\$672.34
Balance August 23, 1985	\$250.47

It was moved and approved that the Treasurer's report be filed for audit.

The Necrologist's report, distributed by Robert M. Oberholser in written form, included the following information:

Births

- NATHAN ISAAC ROBINSON to Mark and Janice Vierthaler Robinson (III Martin, IV Christian line) Feb. 24, 1982
- ANGELA IRENE ROBINSON to Mark and Janice Vierthaler Robinson, Oct. 28, 1978
- ALYSON BETH STEWART to Tony and Mary Louise Robinson Stewart, Apr. 23, 1976
- TAMMI JOHNSTON to Mike and Terri Rae DeMarco Johnston (III Martin, IV Christian line) Jan. 28, 1978
- SHAWN JOHNSTON to Mike and Terri Rae DeMarco Johnston, July 1, 1984
- VALERIE DEMARCO to Steven Lee and Mary DeMarco (III Martin, IV Christian line), Dec. 19, 1983
- JOSHUA JAMES DAVEY to Thomas and Lori Oberholser Davey (III Martin, IV Christian line), Feb. 2, 1985
- ANGELA PEARL SUGGS to Gerald and Vonnie Ferguson Suggs (III Martin, IV Christian line), Sept. 30, 1981
- NATHAN RAYMOND SUGGS to Gerald and Vonnie Ferguson Suggs, Oct. 24, 1984
- KATHRYN LOCKAMY LaBARRE to David Q. L. and Kay Lockamy LaBarre (III Martin, IV Christian line), Apr. 11, 1984
- DREW CHRISTOPHER ECKMAN to Dr. Gregory and Cheryl Lynn Ferguson Eckman (III Martin, IV Christian line), Feb. 18, 1985
- DAVID McCAIN CAHILL to Dr. James and Peggy Kehew Cahill (Overholt line), Dec. 18, 1985

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The cheapest way to have your family tree traced is to run for office.

A modest girl never pursues a man; nor does a mousetrap pursue a mouse.

OFFICIAL 1985 REUNION PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN BY JAMES POWELL



1st row (l to r): John Oswald, Ruth Overholser, Nancy Kunze, Terreann Overholser, Robert C. Overholser, Arthur Kendall, Ashley Powell, Charlie Kendall, Whitaker Powell, Mary Powell, Spencer Overholser, John H. Overholt

2nd row: Walter Rydzewski, Vera Savary, Rachel Oberholtzer, Elsie Kurtz, Christian Kurtz, Robert M. Oberholser, Alma Stutzman, Mildred Ohlinger, Pauline Oswald, Eva Snyder, Esta Herr, Peg Overholt, John L. Overholt

Last row: Mel Brinton, Barbara Ford, Mary Brinton, Harry Overholtzer, Denise Jones, Gloria Overholtzer, Lawrence Richmond, Agnes Robinson, Kenneth Robinson (partially hidden), Evaleen Weinhold, Ernest Weinhold, Miriam Morton, Arlene Fretz, John Fretz (partially hidden), Harold Kilheffer, Nora Mae Kilheffer, Jean Stevens, Dick Stevens, Elizabeth Kurtz, Ellen Livingood, Marian Livingood, Daythal Kendall, Eleanor Bray, Claud Bray, Marcia Meredith, Frank Livingood, Ruth Runyon, James Runyon, Shirley Kantner, Paul Kantner, Carolyn Kendall (dark glasses, partially hidden), John Weiler, Eleanor Weiler, John Frey, Beth Cooper, Herb Frey, Elizabeth Frey, Robert Frey, Sara Milgram

Deaths

FRED S. OBERHOLSER (III Martin, IV Christian line), Apr. 1985, Honey Brook, PA
IONA OBERHOLTZER, wife of Joseph W. Oberholtzer (III Samuel, IV Samuel line), Feb. 2, 1985, Bath, PA
ROBERT L. OBERHOLTZER, son of Joseph and Iona Oberholtzer, July 2, 1984
NELLIE A. ROBINSON, wife of Isaac W. Robinson (III Martin, IV Christian line), Sep. 25, 1984
WARREN H. BOYER (III Martin, IV Christian line), Jan. 21, 1985, Lancaster, PA
STELLA SCHULTZ SKILES, wife of Samuel R. Skiles (III Martin, IV Christian line), June 1985, Topeka, Kans.
ELOIS BINKLEY EMRICH, wife of S. Daniel Emrich (III Martin, IV Christian line) June, 1985, Topeka, Kans.
WEBER D. MEREDITH, husband of Marcia Bray Meredith (III Martin, IV Christian line), Mar. 28, 1985, Shawnee, Kans.
CELIA SHORTISS OBERHOLSER, widow of Elwood Overholser (III Martin, IV John line), brother of Dr. Winfred Overholser, former Pres. of O.F.A., Apr. 12, 1985, Framingham, Mass.
NOX McCAIN KEHEW (Overholt line), Oct. 1, 1985, Bradford Woods, PA
DR. DONALD MYERS HAMILTON, widower of Julia Kehew Hamilton (Overholt line), Oct. 15, 1985, Falls Church, VA

Marriages

SARA SKILES (III Martin, IV Christian line) to WILLIAM KEPNER, June 1985
LYNN ANN EBERT (III Martin, IV Christian line) to THOMAS W. HEARN, June 19, 1983
DENISE CARR (III Martin, IV Christian line) to CRAIG MICHAEL JONES, Oct. 6, 1984

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Robert M. Oberholser then shared an anecdotal report of several earlier members of the Oberholser family.

Spencer Overholser briefly introduced the new Task Force which has been established to improve and expand the activities of the Association. They include: Jim Kehew (chairman), Ernest Weinhold, Mildred B. Pettigrew, John Oswald, Robert C. Wenger, Charles Carroll, Daythal Kendall and Spencer Overholser. Suggestions should be sent to Jim Kehew for consideration by the Task Force.

Mervin Miller, President of the Westmoreland-Fayette Historical Society presented several items for sale from the museum in West Overton.

Prizes were given to:

Nancy Kunze - the person traveling the greatest distance (Arizona)
Robert M. Oberholser - the oldest (born in 1891)
Ashley Powell - the youngest (born March, 1982)
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Robinson - married the longest (52 years)

There was no old nor new business.

Daythal Kendall gave the Nominating Committee report. John Oswald was nominated for the presently vacant office of First Vice President. The current slate of officers was renominated for next year's slate. They include:

President	J. Spencer Overholser
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Recording Secretary	Ellen Livingood
Treasurer	Marjorie Carroll
Chaplain	Rev. John R. Weiler
Honorary Vice President	Esta Buch Herr
Necrologist	Robert M. Oberholser
Genealogist	J. Spencer Overholser
Editor	Jim Kehew

It was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. The Secretary cast a unanimous vote.

In light of recommendations by the Task Force, Daythal Kendall moved that beginning in 1986, the term of office for all officers be extended from one year to two years. The motion was seconded and passed. In response to another Task Force recommendation, it was moved, seconded and passed that the First Vice President automatically succeed the President at such time as he/she declines to run for the office of president again.

John L. Overholt announced that he had brought some Swiss records from 1535. Greetings were brought from the Fretz Family Assn. by John Fretz, from Spencer Overholser's daughter in Denmark, from the daughter of Winfred Overholser, Jane Overholser Elliott, and others.

Spencer Overholser announced that the 77th reunion would be held the fourth Saturday of August, 1986.

The meeting was closed with a benediction by Chaplain John Weiler.

Respectfully submitted,
ELLEN J. LIVINGOOD
Recording Secretary

Whatever women do, they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good. Luckily, this is not difficult.

There are so many English films being shown on PBS we call it the English Channel.

THESE 70 PEOPLE
attended the 1985 Reunion

CLAUD J./ELEANOR BRAY	Bull Shoals, Ark.
*MEL/MARY BRINTON	Wilmington, Del.
LYNN ANN CATANESE	West Chester, Pa.
ANNA EABY	Blue Ball, Pa.
BARBARA FORD	Wallingford, Pa.
*JOHN/ARLENE FRETZ	Lansdale, Pa.
HERB/ELIZABETH FREY	Freehold, N.J.
JOHN FREY/BETH COOPER	Newark, Del.
ROBERT FREY/SARA MILGRAM	Wilmington, Del.
ESTA HERR	RD, Lititz, Pa.
DENISE S. JONES	Reading, Pa.
PAUL/SHIRLEY KANTNER	RD, Reading, Pa.
DAYTHAL/CAROLYN/CHARLIE/ ANDREW KENDALL	Glenside, PA
HAROLD/NORA MAE KILHEFFER	Lancaster, PA
NANCY KUNZE	Tucson, Ariz.
C.J./ELSIE KURTZ	Elverson, Pa.
ELIZABETH KURTZ	Terre Hill, Pa.
FRANK/MARIAN/ELLEN LIVINGOOD	Langhorne, Pa.
RAY E. MARTIN	New Holland, Pa.
MARCIA BRAY MEREDITH	Shawnee, Kans.
*MERVIN MILLER	Scottsdale, Pa.
MIRIAM H. MORTON	Honey Brook, Pa.
ROBERT M. OBERHOLSER	Freehold, N.J.
RACHEL OBERHOLTZER	Clarksville, Md.
MILDRED OHLINGER	Brooklyn, N.Y.
JOHN OSWALD	Conshohocken, Pa.
PAULINE OSWALD	Philadelphia, Pa.
ROBERT/TERRY OVERHOLSER	Glen Allen, Va.
SPENCER/RUTH OVERHOLSER	Oley, Pa.
JOHN H. OVERHOLT	Arlington, Va.
JOHN L./PEG OVERHOLT	Kilmarnock, Va.
HARRY/GLORIA OVERHOLTZER	Pottstown, Pa.
JIM/MARY/ASHLEY/WHITAKER POWELL	Pottstown, Pa.
KENNETH/AGNES ROBINSON	Coatesville, Pa.
JAMES/RUTH RUNYON	Reading, Pa.
DR. WALTER/ELLA RYD- ZEWSKI	Clarksville, Md.
VERA SAVARY	Clarksville, Md.
EVA M. SNYDER	Reading, Pa.
DICK/JEAN STEVENS	Lititz, Pa.
ALMA STUTZMAN	Shoemakersville, Pa.
ARTHUR T. SULATTO	West Chester, Pa.
JOHN/ELEANOR WEILER	Easton, Pa.
ERNEST/EVALEEN WEINHOLD	Manheim, Pa.

*We were especially glad to have as visitors the Brintons representing the Brinton Family Assn. and the Fretz's of the Fretz Family Assn., both of southeastern Penna., and Mervin Miller of the Westmoreland-Fayette Historical Society of western Penna.

INFORMATION WANTED ON
OHIO OVERHOLSERS

Theresa (Mrs. William) Overholser, 144 Beechwood Drive, Granville, Ohio 43023 writes:

My husband is one of the many descendants of the Overholsters who came from Bedford-Somerset Counties, Pennsylvania to Montgomery County, Ohio. I have corresponded with some of the others whom I have found through your newsletter, and have found that most are as "in the dark" as I am. You see, as was the case in many branches of the family, the same given names were used over and over. In early Montgomery County (1815-1825) there were 3 Jacobs, 2 or 3 Johns, and at least one Abraham, with more of each name in adjacent counties!

What I would like to do is ask that any member connected to Montgomery County, Ohio in any way please write to me with what information you have. I will get it all together and make up a list of who we are and what we know, which I will send to anyone who contributes information of any sort.

I realize this could be a long-term project, but unless someone already has the complete picture, it's very necessary. In addition, I am sure we would all like to hear about one another anyway.

I would also like to write to someone who has done research in York County, Pa. as our Jacob (1770-1850) had some strong ties to York County families. I wonder if he could be tied into any of the Overholsters there.

GENEALOGICAL QUERY

OBER-OBERHOLTZER -- Granddaughters of Samuel Oberholtzer, the immigrant, married into the Ober family, namely ANN OBERHOLTZER married JACOB OBER, and CATHERINE OBERHOLTZER married MICHAEL OBER. Wish to know parents and children of these Obers whom I believe to be first cousins. JEAN WOODS, Route 2, Box 223, Clear Spring, MD 21722.

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HI THERE AND WELCOME!

Let's hear it for these 12 new members who have joined our ranks since the last BULLETIN!

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