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85TH OVERHOLSER FAMILY ASSOCIATION REUNION

The 85th Overholser Family Association Reunion will be held Saturday, August 20th at the Terre Hill Fire Hall, Terre Hill, PA.

Plan to get there around 10:30 for registration and to greet old and new friends. At noon we will have a covered-dish lunch consisting of the usual tasty dishes brought by those attending. Please bring a hot or cold dish for the buffet table. If you are traveling a distance, we will furnish the food, etc.

After lunch, those present will introduce themselves and then we will go outside to have the Reunion picture taken by Chuck Carroll.

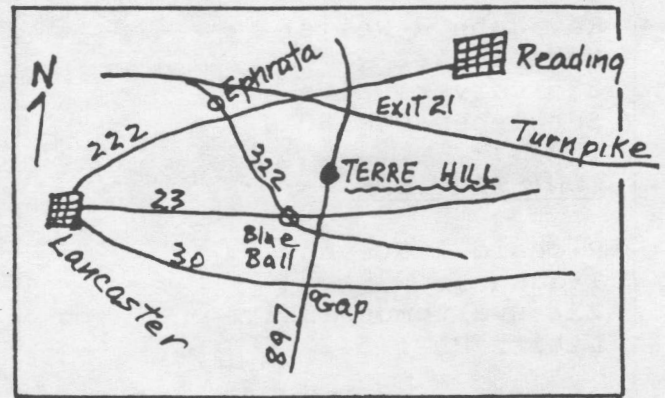
A brief business meeting will follow, presided over by President Chuck Carroll with reports by the secretary, necrologist, treasurer and the book committee.

There will be plenty of time for exchanging information on family lines and checking various books. We have experts who are more than willing to help if you are "stuck" on your family.

Of interest in the area are the Weaverland Mennonite and Terre Hill Cemeteries. Also, two of III Martin Oberholtzer's houses are nearby. Ask Spencer Overholser to direct you to them.

Parents of small children are reminded that there is a community playground just below the fire hall that their offspring might enjoy. Plan to bring balls and bats or other game paraphernalia.

We hope to see you there on August 20th.



See specific directions on page 10

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Brian/Sally Frekot
Columbia MD
Alice J Henderson
Bradfordwoods PA
Vonda Lee Heverly
Mitchell IN
Ralph Smith
Delta OH

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ASSOCIATION ARE NOT ONLY APPRECIATED BUT NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE COST OF PRINTING AND MAILING THE BULLETIN. HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR CONTRIBUTION FOR 1994?

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contributions of the members)

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INCLUDING CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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"BREAK UPDATE"

A special thank you to those who
wrote expressing their concern over
my broken leg. I finally got to Phila-
delphia in late March to do research
and I found that when I had my cane,
I got alot of respect. When I went
back to check the sidewalk that caused
my fall, I found they had replaced it
with new cement!

NEWS FROM THE CENSUS

I have spent many hours going over
census records and I found a record that
was a little different (fortunately)
from the ones I had seen.

1880 PA Adams Co, Straban Twp
Caroline Myers 48, Sonora 14, Jacob
Overholtzer 63, James B Cust 22 (there
was a line drawn through James' name
and then it said "in Penitentiary")

FROM THE 1880 CENSUS

Mary Beitelman, age 2, servant, doing
housework
(Obviously, the census taker made a
mistake!)

310TH REUNION

The Brinton Family Association held
their 310th Anniversary Reunion 7/2/1994
in Mendenhall PA. They maintain the
Brinton 1704 House which was designated
as a National Historic Landmark.

The Bucks Co Genealogical Society will sponsor their 3rd
Annual Family Ancestry Fair Sept 24th 10-6 and Sept 25th 10-5
at the Delaware Valley College of Science & Agriculture, Rt
202, Doylestown PA. Admission is free. For further informa-
tion contact the Society, PO Box 1092, Doylestown PA 18901

BOOK PROGRESS REPORT

Many thanks to those who have sent in pre-publication book orders, loans and contributions. During the last six months our Overholser Family History Book Publication Fund has grown from \$6,800 to \$8,500.

Barbara Ford has done a tremendous job compiling our various immigrant and unconnected lines of family history. We cannot go ahead with a publisher until we are assured of reaching our book budget goal of \$10,000.

Those who have made loans, and/or contributions since the last BULLETIN:

Mrs J P. Arnold	James/Katherine Overholser
Naomi Howard	Nola Overholser
William/Mary Wagner	

We need to receive the remaining \$1,500 by the time of our August Reunion if we are to remain on target. We need your help NOW! For your convenience, we have created the following order form. Many Thanks!!!!!!

W.E. Overholtzer

ORDER FORM

From: Name - _____
Address - _____

To: Overholser Family Association
c/o Will Overholtzer
2440 El Pavo Way
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Book Quantity _____ x \$24.00	= \$ _____
PA. Tax if applicable (\$1.44 per book)	\$ _____
Shipping & Handling	\$ 2.50
Book Fund contribution	\$ _____
Book Fund loan	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

OUR CONTRIBUTORS

Our deep thanks to the members who have contributed to the OFA from January 1st to June 13, 1994. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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JACOB OBERHOLTZER OF BRECKNOCK, LANCASTER CO PA

Karen Zach has found her Oberholtzer family for a dime! She had purchased an old copy of the Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage for that dime over 3 years ago and finally got around to looking at it last year. There was Jerry Stahly's article on Jacob Oberholtzer 1704-1755 and her search was over. Her ancestor is Veronica (Franey) Oberholtzer c1775-1842, d/o Samuel & Eve (Hauswirth) Oberholtzer of Shenandoah Co VA. Franey married John Darst c1772-1860. Helen Turn's book gave very little information on this family so we are delighted to have Karen's family added to Samuel's line. She would love to hear from anyone who is connected to her Darst line or who would like information on the family. Karen B Zach, R.R. 7, Box 43, Crawfordsville IN 47933

JOHN OVERHOLSER C1764-1842 MONTGOMERY CO OHIO
ORIGINALLY FROM SOMERSET CO PA

Last September, Bruce McCrea of Lansing MI wrote asking about the parents of Susannah Overholser 1798-1880 who married Jacob Martin 1797-1871. In a library, he had seen the article "The Terre Hill Oberholtzer Family" by J Spencer Overholser in the Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage 4/1978 and wrote to the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society for the present address for the Association. After I told him they were John & Susanna, he made trips to Ohio to check out court records and the results are that the family of John has been changed with some children deleted or added and he found that the maiden name of John's wife is possibly Snider/Snyder. He even found the approximate death date of Susanna.

Susanna Overholser's maiden name was suspected to be Stutzman but Bruce found that there is a possibility that she may be the d/o Jacob and Margaret Snyder who had property in Frederick Co MD and Bedford Co PA.(1) We can only hope some documentation will turn up that will help solve this puzzle. In checking the probate records of John Overholser (d 1842), Bruce found that the executors of his estate paid 3/15/1850 "five dollars and 50c in full for makin the coffin for Susannah Overholser Dec 9". Therefore, Susannah died early December 1849. Susanna is said to have been born c1775 which would make her 12 at her first son's birth. In reviewing the 1830 & 1840 census, it has been determined that she was born c1769/1770. The burial place for John and Susannah has not been found.

For many years the lineage of John Overholser recorded 13 children but we find that Samuel Overholser who married Susannah Earhart and Henry Overholser who married Mary McCormick are from other lines. Absalom c1804-c1840, another recorded son, is also taken off the list. Bruce copied the will of John Overholser and part of it read "the lawful heirs of my son Abraham dec'd".(2) The abstractor had misread the name Abraham.

Also on the list of children was Barbara b c1796 who in 1814 had a child by David Brumbaugh.(3) It is said that she probably never married. This was another Barbara as John's Barbara 1807-1882 lived with her parents until their deaths and in 1857 married Philip Filbrun 1797-1873 (his 2nd wife). This is proved by the estate papers of John Overholser, Barbara's will (4) and the book "A Fillbrunn Family History".(5) She is buried next to her brother Jacob and his wife Catherine in Bethel Cem, Randolph Twp, Montgomery Co OH.

From the estate papers, another daughter has been added. Catharine Overholser 4/20/1796-1856 married Jacob Shover 1783-1863. There is a mistake in her birthdate on her tombstone because in the 1850 census she was 57 and her sister Margaret was born 10/4/1795. Catharine should be placed before Margaret on the family list of children.

Margaret Overholser is on the list of children as having married Joseph Waggoman. Bruce met with Don Bowman of Brook-

ville OH and found the name should read Wagner. Her dates are 1795-1847 and his 1779/80-1855.

In the settlement of John Overholser's estate, there were 25 heirs (children and deceased childrens' heirs) who have all been identified, thanks to Bruce. The vendue sale for the estate was held 3/8/1850 and it brought \$32.21. Of interest-a rocking cradle sold for \$.05, a large Bible \$.50, a large Bible \$1.00, clock & case \$3.55 (grandfathers clock), spinning wheel \$.55, doughtray \$.05 and 2 beds & bedding \$3.05.

We have tried to tie in John Overholser (d 1842) with Abraham Overholser c1740?-1798 Bedford Co PA. They both were living in Woodberry Twp, Bedford Co 1789 and Abraham is said to have left a will (it hasn't been located) naming 4 children, one of whom was Susanna b c1762 who married John Snyder, s/o Jacob and Margaret Snyder who might be the parents of John Overholser's wife Susanna. The other two children of Abraham have been identified as Jacob Overholser c1770-1795 married Susannah Ulrich and Mary Overholser c1773-1845 married David Stutzman. All information we have points to Abraham Overholser as the father of John but the final proof lies in finding the will. We have just learned that the will of John Snyder, husband of Susanna Overholser, was found in a file drawer in Bedford Co many years after it was probated in 1793 and finally recorded in Will Book 21. Don Bowman told Bruce that he saw the will of Abraham Overholser which was translated from German to English but he doesn't have a copy.

Jacob & Susannah (Overholser) Martin donated part of their land to the county for a cemetery and in 1866 they sold about two acres plus the buildings on the land to the German Baptist Church for \$5. This land is now Oakland Cemetery and Oakland Church of the Brethren where many of the family are buried.

We are very grateful to Bruce for his fine research which completed the family of John and Susanna Overholser.

References-

- Bruce McCrea, 1614 Peppertree La, Lansing MI 48912
- (1) Ruth Epler Studebaker & Emmert Studebaker, Editors: The Studebaker Family in America 1736-1986 (The Studebaker Family National Assoc, 6555 S State Rt 202, Tipp City OH) pp 677-9
 - (2) John Overholser will & probate (#1738) Montgomery Co OH
 - (3) Montgomery Co OH Court Records 1/1/1814 Barbara Overholser vs David Brombaugh. Suit discontinued 5/1815
 - (4) Montgomery Co estate records (#13404) Barbara Filbrun
 - (5) Jerry Allen Filbrun, Jeanette Filbrun Howell, Phyllis Filbrun McNelly: A Fillbrunn Family History 1570-1985 (1985) pp 15, 20-1

ROBERT MARTIN OBERHOLSER
1891-1994

Robert M Oberholser, our oldest member, died 4/1/1994 at age 102. He will be remembered as a kind gentleman and for his loyal interest in the Association, having served as treasurer, editor and necrologist. He never missed a Reunion and at 101 attended last August. He was a lifelong educator-teacher, principal and for 37 years Superintendent of Schools, Bordertown NJ. In retirement, he was active in many areas. His interest in his family history resulted in a 85 page booklet "The Salisbury Township Oberholsters". He also did booklets on his Baldwin and Haines lines. An avid gardener, each year he would send me a long list of vegetables in his garden. His wife, Grace Johnson, died in 1975. He is survived by daughter Elizabeth Frey, son-in-law Herbert Frey, grandsons Robert and John Frey and great grandchildren Jessica Elizabeth and Steven John. The Association sent a contribution in his memory to the Ardena Baptist Church.

(IV Christian Oberholser & Susanna Kurtz line)

QUERY

Would like information on two of the children of Jacob & Susanna (Ulrich) Overholser of Bedford Co PA. Barbara (1791-1838 Clinton IN) married Jacob Deal (1791-1863 Carroll Co IN). Need names of their children. Jacob Overholser (c1795-1818 Montgy Co OH) married Nancy Deal (1796-1873). Did they have any children?

(Abraham Overholser c1740-1798 Bedford Co PA line)

Theresa Janczak, 1007 Bertrand, Conroe TX 77301-4361

THANKS FOR SHARING

Many members will remember Virgie Walker of New Wilmington OH who spent years researching various Overholser lines. With her eyesight failing, she sent her records to the Association. Her son Gene Rak has her family records in his computer and she wanted to have a "home" for the other records. We are most grateful to her for the opportunity to share her research with others. Thank you Virgie!

(Ed.-Virgie had been looking for the marriage of her John Overholser and Hannah Cooper. I recently found they married 1/7/1845 in Clark Co OH. With this information, I am wondering about a possible connection to John Overholser of Adams Co PA whose son John disappears from that area and we think died 1840 in Dark Co OH. Her John could be the s/o this John)

NECROLOGIST'S REPORT

BIRTHS

Winfred Overholser b 3/7/1994 NY, NY s/o Adrian & Elizabeth Overholser, grandson of Winfred Overholser Jr (IV John Overholser & Margaret Kurtz line)

Steven John Frey b 2/28/1994 s/o John & Beth Frey, grandson of Herbert & Elizabeth Frey, great grandson of Robert M Oberholser (IV Christian Oberholser & Susanna Kurtz line)

DEATHS

Lorraine E Neikirk 12/14/1901-9/18/1993 Frostburg MD, d/o Wesley Brown & Alice Wolfe, wido/o Deleth Mellinger and Henry Neikirk. Survived by daughter Alice Shupe, 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren (IV Daniel Overholser & Anna Landis line)

Nancy Overholt Willis d 12/20/1993 Atlanta GA, d/o Harold S & Donna Overholt. Survived by 2 daughters & 1 grandchild (Marcus Oberholtzer of Chester Co line)

Anna Toth Bunn, age 75, died recently at Lawrenceville NJ. She is survived by her husband Benjamin F Bunn (IV Christian Oberholser & Susanna Kurtz line)

John R Weiler, Necrologist

ANOTHER MEMBER VISITS OBERHOLZ, SWITZERLAND

Juanita Brown of Cookeville TN visited with Rosey Oberholzer in Oberholz last summer. Daughter Johanna was in the US at the time so conversing was a bit challenging since Juanita spoke no German and Rosey speaks very little English. They taped the conversation and had it translated when they got home. They met 4 of Rosey's children-Gottfried who runs the farm and lives in the 300 year old house, Elois, Julianne and Rosemary. She enjoyed the trip immensely and would love to go back sometime.

MARCUS OBERHOLTZER C1664-1726 CHESTER CO PA
Martin Overholt & Esther Fretz children

Barbara Overholt married Mathias Burchfield, Mary Overholt married Christian Noffzinger and Abraham Overholt married Susan Crites. They were early pioneers of Dover Twp Tuscarawas Co Ohio prior to 1813. One winter they lost 11 members of their families from typhoid fever.

JACOB OBERHOLTZER OF BRECKNOCK, LANCASTER CO PA
REV SAMUEL PETER OVERHOLTZ 1845-1927

HEAD QUARTERS CAVALRY MIDDLE MILITARY DIVISION
OFFICE PROVOST MARSHAL, WINCHESTER VA 4/19/1865

I, Samuel P Overholtz private of Co K, 7th VA Cavalry C. S. Army, do hereby give this my parole of Honor, that I will not take up arms against the US Government until I am regularly exchanged. And that if I am permitted to remain at my home I will conduct myself as a good and peaceable citizen and will respect the laws in force where I reside, and will do nothing to the detriment of, or in opposition to the US Government. Signed Samuel P Overholtz, age 19, height 5'10", fair complexion, brown hair, blue eyes.
Sworn and subscribed before me this 19 day of April 1865
Simon Snyder, Capt Provost Marshal

(Samuel P Overholtz enlisted 12/31/1863 in Timberville VA for 3 years in the 7th Virginia Cavalry (Confederate). He was on the list of prisoners of war which were paroled in Winchester VA)

From Fred and Betty Cook, Grosse Pointe Woods MI

FROM ARLENE MARTIN, MISHAWAKA IN

Walkerton Indiana Independent 10/29/1898
Mt Vernon, Indiana-Mr & Mrs Chris Overholser from Chambersburg PA visited with the latter's brother Samuel Wenger and family a short time since. Mr Wenger and his sister had not met for 30 years.

April 13, 1901 Walkerton
Married by the Rev Good, April 4th, Wesley Bradley to Mrs Amanda Overholtz. They have purchased the home of Eli Miller near Blissville and will soon go to housekeeping.

July 1, 1905
M H Broughton, assistant train master of the Baltimore & Ohio R R at Newark, Ohio has purchased the lease and furniture of the Ross house in Garrett, of George Oberholtzer and has assumed possession.

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HOW TO GET TO THE REUNION

Terre Hill is a town of 1,200 located in the Pennsylvania Dutch country of Lancaster County, midway between Lancaster and Reading. The Fire Hall is on the main street, with plenty of parking at the rear.

From Lancaster: 15 mi NE via Rts 222, 23, 897

From Reading: 15 mi SW via Rts 222, 897

From Gap on Rt 30: 15 mi N via Rt 897

From Exit 21 (Reading), PA Turnpike: 5 mi S via Rt 897

Many motels are in the area with Ephrata and New Holland nearby.

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