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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I reported to you in the last issue of our Association Bulletin about two concerns. The first dealt with depleted financial operating reserves, and the fact that less than one third of our membership had made a membership contribution during the last year.

I am very pleased to report that a great number of you responded to my appeal and that we have replenished our financial reserves so as to be assured that this years budgeted expenditures will be covered. Many thanks to each of you who responded with a check.

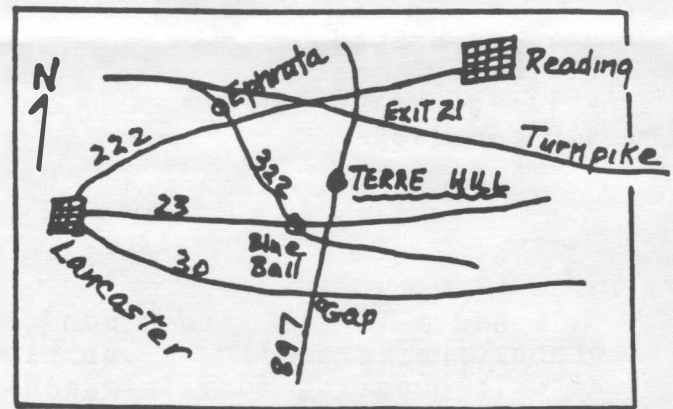
The second issue dealt with a lack of volunteers for various Association officer duties. Our Association by-laws require the president to rotate out of office every two years. Each of our current officers have already served multiple terms. To date, I have not heard from any new volunteers who are willing to be nominated for office.

For the last ten years I have been honored to serve in various capacities. At the end of this years term in August 1998, I will step down as president. The office of 2nd vice president and treasurer will be vacant. It is totally unfair to those who have already served multiple terms to expect them to be willing to continue without a full staff. Our situation is critical. Without the help of additional volunteers, we run the risk of the total collapse of our Overholser Association. Please help, if you can, by calling me at 916-366-1443 so that your name is placed in nomination to fill one of the vacancies.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the Reunion, Saturday August 15th at the Terre Hill Community Center, Terre Hill PA (Old Fire Hall) which starts at 10:30. We will have a covered dish lunch at noon. Please bring a hot or cold dish for the buffet table and your own beverage and tableware but if you are traveling a distance, we will furnish the food, etc. After the Reunion picture is taken, we will have a brief business meeting.

Parents of small children are reminded that there is a community playground just below the Center that their off-spring will enjoy.

Until then, may God bless us all.



See specific directions on page 10

Will Overholtzer
June 1998

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE,
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REUNIONS

The 110th Fretz Family Reunion
will be held 8/8/1998 at the Camp
Men-O-Lan, 1415 Doerr Rd, Quaker-
town PA.

The Kolb, Kulp, Culp Family
Reunion will be held 8/8/1998 at
the Chapel in Kriebel Hall on the
campus of Perkiomen School in
Pennsburg PA.

NEW BOOK

Longtime member Carol Constance
Yunker Boyer of Denver CO recent-
ly published DESCENDANTS OF JACOB
YUNKER OF WAYNE COUNTY, OHIO,
ALSO SMITH FAMILY DESCENDANTS.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
January-June 1998

Bob Boeckner, Macon MS
George Reed, Ada OH
Betty Venables, Haines AK

PLEASE NOTE

John Weiler turned over the
Necrologist job to your editor
at the last Reunion. Please
send Birth, Marriage and
Death notices to Barbara Ford.

I AM NOT PSYCHIC!

I had a letter from a man asking for help in finding his great
grandmother's family. I was given her name but no dates or location.
After requesting more information, I was able to take his family back
five generations. I told him that I had alot of information on the
family which I would be glad to send to him but it is now many months
later and I have yet to hear from him. It would have been nice to
have had at least a thank you.

OBERHOLTZER COAT-OF-ARMS LAPEL PINS

Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, the Association received Oberholtzer Coat-of-Arms lapel pins which can be purchased from Barbara Ford at \$4 plus \$.50 S/H. The colors in the pin are gray, green, blue and yellow.



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THE OBERHOLTZER BOOK

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SCHUYLER BROSSMAN

Schuyler Brossman, who wrote a column "Our Keystone Families" for over 31 years, died 5/16/1998 age 71 at Rehrersburg PA. His genealogy column appeared weekly in two Pennsylvania newspapers and was read by people around the world who were interested in Pennsylvania genealogy. I had a note from him shortly before he died about printing information on one of our families. His funeral service was held at Altalaha Lutheran Church for which he wrote the 200th anniversary history in 1957. Our deepest sympathy to his wife Gladys, son Mark, daughters Mary Ann Brossman and Diane Bell.
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NECROLOGIST REPORT

DEATHS

Harold Troutman died 6/29/1997 age 76. Survived by his wife Mary, d/o Charles & Mary (Schaeffer) Kantner.  
(Jacob Oberholtzer of Brecknock Twp, Lancaster Co PA line) [JL]

Ronald Lawrence Oberholtzer 11/14/1912-7/21/1997 North Cape May NJ. Survived by his wife Alice, children Ronald, Claude, Barbara Hunt, Mary J O'Ryan. his sister Mildred O Poley, 13 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.  
(Hans Jacob Oberholtzer of Hatfield, Montgomery Co PA line) [HJ]

Daniel W Wagoner 1/23/1916 KS-1/19/1998 La Grange IL. He is survived by his wife Pauline, children Linda Lygrisse, Stephen, Thomas, James, John D, 9 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.  
(Abraham Overholts & Anna Whitmore of VA line) [AV]

James Runyon 8/31/1916-3/5/1998. Survived by his wife Ruth, d/o of Charles & Mary (Schaeffer) Kantner.  
(Jacob Oberholtzer of Brecknock Twp, Lancaster Co PA line) [JL]

Charles Stauffer Jr 3/11/1911-3/8/1998 Homestead Village, Lancaster Co PA, husband of the late Dorothy Diller and brother of the late Sarah Ann Stauffer. He is survived by son Andrew D and daughter Judith Sandt.  
(IV Daniel Overholser & Anna Landis line) [SL279]

Barbara B Ford, Necrologist

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THE OBERHOLTZER BOOK CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS

AS75 Lydia O Shimmel 5/21/1833-9/7/1928 m Reuben Z Shelly
2/11/1826-7/31/1894 (his 2nd marriage), both buried East Swamp
Mennonite, Bucks Co PA

AS751 Amanda Shelly b c1855 m Jonas Schestz
REF: Elayne Alexander, Hawthorne CA

MT3649 Anna Leatherman-her birthdate should read 1842, not 1852.
REF: ALL LEATHERMAN KIN HISTORY, John Leatherman & Emma Leatherman
Candler. Betty Hansen of Missoula MT.

SL2714 Maria Stirk 1/5/1827-9/19/1905 m Jonathan Loose
REF: Michele Trump Miller, Baltimore MD (While researching churches
and cemeteries in Berks Co PA March 1998, Michele located the house
that her ancestor Johann George Loos (Loose), 1753 immigrant, built)

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ASSOCIATION ARE NOT ONLY APPRECIATED BUT  
NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE COST OF PRINTING AND MAILING THE  
BULLETIN. HAVE YOU SENT YOUR CONTRIBUTION FOR 1998?

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ELDER PETER OVERHOLTZER

s/o Jacob A Overholtzer (JF1316)

Jacob Oberholtzer Genealogy, Elisha S Loomis, Pages 99 & 100

Copy of an original letter from D J Overholtzer, Covina CA 12/2/1910

Brother Peter Overholtzer was born in Pennsylvania 1831. He was married to Hannah Mohler in 1852 and moved to Ashland, Ohio soon thereafter, where the first child was born. He was there eighteen months and then moved to Mount Morris, Illinois in the Hickory Grove congregation. The churchhouse was built on one corner of his land. While living here he was elected to the ministry under the eldership of Elder David Rittenhouse Sr. Here three children were born and one died. He lived here ten years.

In 1864 he sold his farm and invested the money in horses and wagons and, with his wife and five children, the youngest only four months old, started across the plains for the Golden West. His main object was to seek a mild climate. There were two other families, with some neighbors, in company with them. They started April 27th and were four and a half months on the way. I remember of his preaching twice on the way. One was the funeral service of a young lady. There was no chance for holding services, for many times we traveled on Sunday, for the reason that if the grass was short we would travel on where the feed was more plentiful for the horses, and then lay over a day. We stopped a few days in Salt Lake City and saw Brigham Young taking a drive with one of his wives and a bodyguard of fifty or more.

The journey was a long, dusty, wearisome one, but we were greatly blessed. We had no sickness in the family and lost no horses. We were not molested by the Indians and had plenty of food with us, so did not suffer from hunger.

When we arrived at Stockton, we found an organized church. Elder George Wolfe was in charge. Daniel Houser, Henry Haines and Jonathan Myers were some of the members here. We located on the Sacramento River. Some of the members moved from Stockton and others came across the plains, so we had enough for a congregation. We held services in a schoolhouse.

On account of malaria and other sickness, we only stayed two years. We went East via the Isthmus of Panama and finally located in Ray County, Missouri. A few members were there and they soon assembled and held services in private houses and later on in schoolhouses. Elder Overholtzer had charge of the church here for seven years and then left it in charge of Elder C C Root. Here the youngest child was born.

Then they came to the coast again and located at Myrtle Point, Oregon. I did not go with them to Oregon. Some of the younger members of the family will finish this sketch. This was written entirely from memory by Mrs Anna Wolfe and from what she was told by her parents.

Upon arriving at Myrtle Point, we found a few members (of the Church of the Brethren). There were three Barklow families, among them one elder, one minister in the first degree and one lay member with their wives. This constituted the membership when we arrived. There were a number of Barklow children but no members among them. The members here were much discouraged but took courage on our

arrival. The country was heavily timbered. There were no wagon roads. We loaded our wagon on a flat boat and sent it up the river and sent the team over the trail.

It required three of us three days to open up a road to get our wagon one-fourth mile from the river to a building sight on high ground. Here were spent ten years of hard work, opening up a farm and helping to establish a church and a good foundation for a congregation to be laid.

In 1885, father, mother and the youngest daughter (the rest all having been married) moved to Covina, California. A few weeks after this the first church in Southern California was organized. The care of the church soon fell upon him, over which he had charge until his death April 3, 1896, aged 64 years, 8 months and 12 days.

Father and mother were both conscientious in regard to having photographs taken, father having had only one taken when he was a young man, and afterwards destroyed it, so we have no photograph of either of them.

Father's first spiritual experience was with the M.E. Church. Later he came in contact with the Brethren and has earnestly contended for the faith. He never wavered though having passed through the disturbance caused by the Progressive and the Old Order elements.

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Mrs Anna Wolfe 6/1854-1/1926, d/o Peter & Hannah Overholtzer, m John Wolfe. They had 5 children and lived in Covina CA.

D J (David Jay) Overholtzer 6/11/1860 IL-8/5/1932 Covina CA, chiropractor and orange grove farmer, was the s/o Peter Overholtzer (1831-1896) and Hannah Mohler. He married Francina Lewellen and their children were Jacob P, Jennie M, Harvey B, Enoch E, Bertie, Daisy, infant, and Elmer. The Association has a pamphlet written by Dr D J Overholtzer, D.C., 116 E Center St, Covina CA which tells of his own discovery, the Anti-Cancer Diet. He states that he had experience with an exclusive grape diet and in using this and other treatments he had not failed in a single case of internal cancer so far. The pamphlet is not dated but a testimonial by Rev C W Guthrie says that he began the grape diet in 1929 for cancer of the stomach which was so bad that he had to give up his work entirely. Rev Guthrie said that he was cured of his cancer in about two and a half months and he took nothing but grapes and water for six weeks. No seeds were to be swallowed and he rarely swallowed the hulls, except in the seedless varieties. (Note: We have no further information on this "cure" for cancer so we assume that the grape diet was not the success that Dr Overholtzer thought it would be)

REF: SUPPLEMENT TO JACOB OBERHOLTZER GENEALOGY by Arthur C Morrison and Durand Overholtzer 1985. This supplement is a record only of the family of Jacob A Overholtzer.  
Records of Rev I E Oberholtzer who visited Dr Overholtzer  
March 1931

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CHECK THE RECORDS CAREFULLY

Valerie Miller of Navarre OH wrote asking if I knew the parents of Barbara Fretz who married Jacob Oberholtzer (MC1) of Bucks Co. I wrote back saying that if she had proof of the marriage, then she was the first person to find the Fretz connection. I was suspicious of her source and when she responded that she found it in LDS records on microfiche, I knew where the information came from. In his article Marcus Oberholtzer 1664-1726 and his family, John L Overholt had Jacob Oberholtzer marrying c1722 Barbara (Fretz?). Someone has removed the parenthesis and question mark which would certainly confuse many people. Please pay careful attention to question marks and parenthesis.

I have had some letters which state that Agnes Kolb (1713-1786) married first William Nash (1696-1760) and second Martin Oberholtzer (1709-1744 Bucks Co PA) [MC7]. This is not true as the first child of Martin and Agnes was Barbara born 1737. Agnes was the third wife of William Nash. The correspondents were from different areas in the States so somewhere this misinformation is recorded.
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THANKS KATE & MARGIE

Kate Stirk of Winter Park FL sent me printouts of the Social Security Death Index for Oberholtzers, Overholtzers, Overholzers and Oberholzers which I really appreciate. She also sent her latest write-up on the Stirk family (Anna Oberholtzer [SL271] married Hetzel Stirk) and numerous obituaries, one of which was of particular interest. Wayne D Overholser 9/4/1906 WA-8/27/1996 Boulder CO was a writer of Western novels, publishing under pen names Dan J Stevens, Joseph Wayne, John S Daniels and Lee Leighton. In 1953 he received the Western Writers Spur Award and in 1969 the Saddleman Trophy. Wayne was the s/o Stephen Overholser [AV5227] and Emily Jane Powell. (Abraham Overholts & Anna Whitmore of Virginia line). I immediately wrote to thank Kate and a few days later she called to say she got my envelope but the letter was missing! Please notify me at once if you get an empty envelope from me.

Margie Koutroulis of Spring TX sent copies of records for variations of the Overholtz name from the LDS Library in Salt Lake City UT that she obtained in 1983. Among the records were early Oberholzers in Switzerland but the most interesting were records of a family in Norway. I would love to find out if they originated in Norway or did they come from Switzerland.

Tarald Jensen Overholdt b 1726 Sparbu, n Trondelag, Norway,  
d 12/1806 Sparbu. His father was Jens Overholdt.

Tarald m1 Barbro Amundsen Overholdt 1728-4/16/1765

Her father was Amund Overholdt

Tarald m2 Gunhild Larsen Okstad b c1734  
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The Law of heredity is that all undesirable traits come from the other parent

Anonymous

1727 IMMIGRANT SAMUEL OBERHOLTZER OF LANCASTER CO PA

Harold M Kilheffer of Lancaster Co sent the Association a 102 year history of the Samuel Oberholtzer [SL] homestead in Manor Twp, Lancaster Co. On 5/26/1746 Samuel purchased 207 acres from Michael Baughman. After Samuel's death, his heirs sold their shares to Martin Oberholtzer [SL2], son of Samuel, on 6/10/1758. In 1782 Martin's heirs sold the homestead to Jacob & Maria Kilheffer [SL23], daughter of Martin and great, great, great grandmother of Harold Kilheffer. The homestead stayed in the Kilheffer family until 1848 when David Kilheffer sold the remaining 100 acres to his father-in-law Jacob Brenner. This deed mentions a family graveyard that Jacob Brenner was "to keep up the fences enclosing the graveyard". When David Kilheffer sold the land, it had two log cabins on it. It also had a never failing spring of water under one of the dwelling houses, which flowed from thence near the other dwellings. Jacob Brenner sold the homestead to Abraham Miller the same year and Abraham built a large brick house in 1858. Harold sent pictures of it that were taken in the 1940's. Harold believes that immigrant Samuel, his wife Elizabeth, son Martin and his wife Elizabeth, Jacob and Maria Kilheffer, their son Christian Kilheffer and his wife Catharine are buried there. Unfortunately, the graveyard was destroyed sometime in the 1800's and the inscriptions on the gravestones were not recorded. Today a housing development is on the land.

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5/2/1748 Inventory of Samuel Overholser dec'd his goods  
Lancaster Co PA [SL]

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|---------------------------------------------|-------|----|---|
| To Horn Cattels                             | 17    | 0  | 0 |
| To Sheeps                                   | 3     | 0  | 0 |
| To Shiveins                                 | 29    | 0  | 0 |
| To Horses                                   | 4     | 0  | 0 |
| To Code rye                                 | 2     | 0  | 0 |
| To Grains upon the land                     | 15    | 0  | 0 |
| To Wheat in the field                       | 6     | 0  | 0 |
| To a Wagon                                  | 5     | 10 | 0 |
| To ots in the field                         | 1     | 10 | 0 |
| To two plows                                | 2     | 0  | 0 |
| To Horse gears                              | 2     | 5  | 0 |
| To Hooxed and other casks                   | 2     | 0  | 0 |
| To droy meet                                | 2     | 0  | 0 |
| To the mans cloths betts & all other cloths | 10    | 1  | 0 |
| To several sords of house hold goods        | 2     | 0  | 0 |
| To chains and several sord of iron          | 2     | 0  | 0 |
| To several sord of keetgen wears            | 2     | 11 | 0 |
| To several sord of iron toolls              | 2     | 0  | 0 |
| To books                                    | 4     | 0  | 0 |
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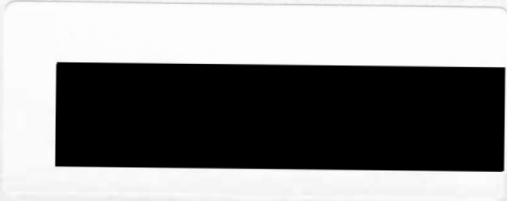
Terre Hill is a town of 1,200 located in the Pennsylvania Dutch country of Lancaster County, midway between Lancaster and Reading. The Terre Hill Community Center (Old Fire Hall) is on the main street, with plenty of parking at the rear.

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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