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The President's Column

It is already five days before Christmas and the time to gather material for the BULLETIN. Those of you who attended the Overholser Reunion recall how hot it was outside when the picture was taken last year. Well, last week here in Lancaster County the weather was above normal and this week it has become very cold.

I believe we all enjoyed this past Reunion. One observation I made was that we did have room for a few more people. Having said that, what might we do to invite additional folks to be interested enough to attend? This newsletter goes out to you folks who have attended once or more but how might we be able to let others know, other than the notice in the newspapers. We thank you who come from near and far to make this Reunion "work".

Secondly, as in many organizations, we need more younger "blood" to take an interest AND hold office.

God has blessed the many Oberholtzers/Overholser/Overholts across the nation and Canada from the boundaries of Switzerland to the shores of North America, allowing us the freedom of worship as we feel led by the Lord.

Beginning, if I may say so, here in East Earl Township, where at least some of the immigrants settled and, of course, those in Bucks and Montgomery Counties as well. From there our ancestors have spread from ocean to ocean, of which each of you are representatives thereof. We thank them for our Godly heritage.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you, Lord willing, in the new year. With that in mind, what ideas might you have for the year 2000?

We were given some new ideas for 1999, and we have not forgotten them. We remember the suggestion that it would be nice to have something to do on Friday night before the Reunion for those who come a distance. We could pass that along to others. If that works out, perhaps we might be able to plan something extra for Friday night.

And don't forget that on August 21st we will celebrate our 90th Reunion. The only Reunions not held since 1906 were the World War II years.

D Ernest Weinhold

90th ANNUAL REUNION

Date: Saturday, August 21, 1999

Place: Terre Hill Community
Center, Terre Hill PA
(Old Fire Hall)

Details (including map) in the
August BULLETIN. Keep the date
and plan to come! You can't beat
the Lancaster-Berks County area
for beauty, so come and enjoy the
Reunion and the countryside.

We hope to see you.

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BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES
ALL CORRESPONDENCE,
INCLUDING CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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THESE 43 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE 1998 OFA REUNION

- Carolyn Brandon, Celina OH
- Benjamin Bunn, Jr, Lawrenceville NJ
- Barbara Ford, Wallingford PA
- Jim/Esther Kehew, Mechanicsburg PA
- Norman/Mary Landis, Souderton PA
- Gwen/Dick Lucas, Caledonia, Ont. CAN
- John/Kathern Maine, Lancaster PA
- Dennis/Earlene Oberholtzer, Paradise PA
- Helen/Bill Oberholtzer, Bethlehem PA
- Noah L Oberholtzer, Leola PA
- Bob/Helen Overholser, Baltimore MD
- Chris/Jody/Terry/Robert Overholser, Richmond VA
- Spencer/Ruth Overholser, Wyomissing Hills PA
- Darwin Overholt, Doylestown PA
- Will/Kathy Overholtzer, Rancho Cordova CA
- Darlene O Redcay, Goodville PA
- Hunter/Barbara Reed, Wilmington DE
- Barney/Darlene Roll, Bellefontaine OH
- Richard Stevens, Lititz PA
- Gladys/Carl Taylor, Hamilton, Ont. CAN
- John/Eleanor Weiler, Bethlehem PA
- Paul/Kim/Christopher Weiler,
Ashley/Shawn McChesney, Boonsboro MD
- D Ernest Weinhold, Manheim PA

THE MOYER FAMILY HISTORY

**A Genealogical Record of the descendants of
Christian and Hans Meyer and other Pioneers** has
been reprinted by Clarence M Myers, Elmer NJ.
This is the 739 page book compiled by Rev A J
Fretz in 1896.

A GOOD QUESTION

My granddaughter Laura Ford of Omaha NE asked why births and marriages are included with the Necrologist report which means "a list of the recently dead". When the OFA was first organized, a report of deaths in the past year were given at the Reunion and many years later it was decided to add births and marriages with no change in the title Necrologist. By the way, she is the first person to bring up the subject. They grow them smart in Omaha.

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 and yellow.



Exact size

THE OBERHOLTZER BOOK

A Foundation book of Oberholtzer Immigrants and Unestablished Lines

BOOK ORDER FORM

From: Name _____

Address _____

To: Overholser Family Association
 c/o Barbara Ford, 313 Henry Lane, Wallingford PA 19086

Book Quantity _____ x \$29.50 \$ _____

PA Residents, add 6% Sales Tax (\$1.77 per book) \$ _____

Shipping & Handling \$3.50 \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Please make checks for the book and pins out to Overholser Family Association

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

June 1998-January 1999

Carolyn Brandon, Celina OH
 Mary Ellen Friday, Norristown PA
 Suzanne Jolly, Panama City FL
 Glenn Miller, Carlisle PA
 Karen Overholt, Denver CO
 Lova H Overholts, Glendale AZ
 Mary Ellen Payne, Nampa ID
 Charles J Peterson, Columbia MO

Barbara O Reed, Wilmington DE
 Ronald Reynolds, Metamora IL
 Barney Roll, Bellefontaine OH
 Jack Sholl, Palm Desert CA
 Billie O Stewart, Beaver creek OH
 Paul/Kim Weiler, Boonsboro MD
 Sue Wiscombe, Salmon ID

NECROLOGIST'S REPORT

DEATHS

Grace (Emrich) Ernsbarger 5/20/1906 KS-5/7/1998 CO. Survived by son Loren, daughter Carolyn DeMarco, brothers John Emrich, George Emrich, Paul Emrich and Frank Emrich, sisters Eleanor Bray, Ruth Breningstall and Mary Smead, 12 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. (IV Christian Oberholser & Susanna Kurtz line) [SL274]

Robert P Oberholtzer died 8/9/1998 age 49. A pastor of Grace United Methodist Church, Pen Argyl PA, he was killed by a hit-and-run driver. Surviving are his wife Sandra L Shanaman, daughters Melissa Cancro, Joy M Oberholtzer, sister Susan L and brother Alan. (Jacob Oberholtzer & Esther Blehm line) [JB]

Evelyn Enoch 4/30/1908-8/27/1998 Wyomissing PA, wife of the late Elam A Enoch. Survived by foster daughter Pauline Weller and brother Laurence Richmond. (IV John Overholser & Margaret Kurtz line) [SL273]

Harold Overholtzer of Pottstown c1917-9/18/1998, husband of the late Martha Hetrick, survived by sons Monte, Daniel and Timothy, daughter Dixie Sladek, sister Beatrice Pfeiffer, 9 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. (Abraham Overholtzer & Johanna Derstine line) [AS]

Warren T Nagle 1/18/1905-12/9/1998, husband of Elizabeth Overholser whose father Dr George H Overholser was president of the OFA 1920-1937. Also survived by son Rev George O Nagle, three grandchildren and two great grandsons. (IV Daniel Overholser & Anna Landis line) [SL279]

Barbara B Ford, Necrologist

PLEASE NOTE

Dick Stevens, our treasurer for the last 10 years, has resigned because of eye problems. I think our members in the USA (including Hawaii), Canada, England, Switzerland and South Africa should give Dick a round of applause for his contribution, especially during the time of the book fund raising. Kathern Maine has volunteered to be our new treasurer. See her address on page 2.

THANK YOU!!



At the August 1998 Reunion, I was authorized to buy a new printer to replace my 10 year old one. It was not as simple as it sounded because you can't connect a new printer with an old computer. I decided that I would have to buy a package deal which included a computer, monitor and printer. I now have Windows 98 and it will take me a long time to get used to it. The printer cost \$149.99. The biggest help with the computer is that I will be able to print my labels instead of doing them on my typewriter twice a year and, of course, the printing in the BULLETIN looks 100% better. I then decided to go into e-mail since many people have wondered why I wasn't. That led me me to going on America On Line and this all started with the need for a new printer!

THE OBERHOLTZER BOOK ADDITIONS & CORRECTIONS

MC7590 Isaac Overholt 10/12/1839 OH-10/1906 KS m1 Susan Putt 6/1/1841-12/29/1865
m2 11/18/1866 Maria A Price 1/14/1848 OH-4/20/1883 KS
m3 1/11/1885 Sarah E Sink 6/1855 VA-9/1846

REF: Sue Wiscombe, Salmon ID

HA13 Daniel Overholser d 4/26/1919 OH m2 Rachel Gettard 4/15/1818-6/25/1901 OH
REF: Billie O Thompson, Beaver creek OH

ML2115 Buried Burkholder Cem. near Pleasant Hall, Franklin Co, not Lebanon Co
REF: Noah L Oberholtzer Jr, Leola PA

MC7262 Abraham Durstine died 3/9/1878, not 1898 Wayne Co OH
MC7263 Martin Durstine 11/9/1801-9/20/1877 IL m 2/28/1828 Mary Ann Harvey
MC7264 John Durstine 2/10/1815-1/31/1840 IL
MC7266 Jacob Durstine 1808-Genesee Co IL
MC7267 Catherine Durstine 4/24/1806-1879 Owen Co IN m Bean Bauer
MC7269 Samuel Durstine b 4/24/1818 m 6/1/1845 OH Catharine Ziegler
REF: Becki Watters, Fresno CA

ON HER ANCESTOR'S LAND

When Billie Thompson of Beaver creek OH called me, she said she would love to find out where the farm of her great grandfather Daniel Overholser was. I sent her what information I had on the location and I was surprised when she called again to say she found that she is living on the land! Daniel Overholser (HA13) went from York County PA to Xenia OH in 1853 and he later bought a farm near Alpha OH on the Dayton-Xenia Pike.

ANOTHER LANGUAGE

Spencer and Ruth Overholser had guests from Germany for 12 days in September and Ruth spoke German with them the whole time. Shortly after they left, Ruth visited her doctor and when he asked her a question, she answered in German! I can imagine what was going through his mind when he heard her.

A CORRECTION

On page 115 of Loomis' **JACOB OBERHOLTZER GENEALOGY**, #269 Henry Oberholtzer is said to have married Mary McMier. Family records show that her name was Mary Catherine McGuire.

REF: Ronald Reynolds, Metamora IL and Flora Ost, Canyon Dam CA

OUR CONTRIBUTORS

Our deep thanks to the members who contributed to the OFA from July to January. Let us not forget those who contributed at the Reunion, who must remain anonymous. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Milton/Neva Blanding
Grand Rapids MI
Carolyn Brandon
Celina OH
Claud/Eleanor Bray
Bull Shoals AR
Benjamin J Bunn
Lawrenceville NJ
Paul H Calhoun
Port Clinton OH
Dale/Barbara Crites
Spring Hill FL
Jean E Crom
Beatrice NE
Retta Cunningham
Canyon TX
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Paragonah UT
Eldon/Sue Field
Zionsville IN

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Mary Ellen Friday
Norristown PA
J Wesley/Lucy Hackman
Greenwich OH
Paul/Shirley Kantner
Reading PA
Norman Landis
Souderton PA
Vivian B Lewis
Grosse Ile MI
Robert/Carolyn Lowum
Chicago IL
Dick/Gwen Lucas
Caledonia, Ont. CAN
C Dorothy McLean
Feasterville PA
Paul/Barbara Munson
Cambria CA
Buell W Oberholser
San Luis Obispo CA
Gwen Overholt
Amherstburg, Ont. CAN

Lloyd/Mildred Overholt
Northampton PA
Gloria F Overholtzer
Gilbertsville PA
John/Mary Overholtzer
Tingley IA
Bertram J Overholtz
Baton Rouge LA
Jodi O Ring
Plymouth MI
M/M Robert Robson
Abilene KS
Bryon H Roll
Bellefontaine OH
John E Sholl
Palm Desert CA
Billie O Stewart
Beavercreek OH
Carl/Gladys Taylor
Hamilton, Ont. CAN
Sue Wiscombe
Salmon ID

A REUNION

The 75th annual Overholtzer Reunion was held August 2, 1998 in Tingley, IA. This group of people are descendants of the four brothers, Jacob, Christian, William and Samuel, who migrated to Decatur County IA in the mid 1800's. The brothers are sons of Christian M Overholtzer (JL41) born 3/7/1797 in York County PA. There were 111 people in attendance with each of the four brothers represented. This reunion is held annually in Tingley on the 1st Saturday in August.

Contact: John & Mary Overholtzer, RR1, Box 35, Tingley IA 50863

A HELPFUL TIP BEFORE YOU GO ON VACATION

Do you turn off the water in your house before going on vacation? Ralph Smith of Delta OH strongly urges you to do so because he didn't and when he came home from a trip, he found the pipe in his dishwasher had broken. The damage to his house was \$46,000!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

The first issue of the BULLETIN was edited by Spencer Overholser February 1979.

ANNUAL OFA TREASURER'S REPORT

August 15, 1998

Balance 8/16/97 \$869.38

RECEIPTS

Reunion Collection	\$162.00	
Interest Savings Acc't 8/31/97-7/31/98	27.85	
Note pads	.75	
Contributions by mail	1222.23	
Coat-of-Arms pins	<u>130.80</u>	
	Total Receipts	<u>1544.23</u>
	Total Balance	<u>2413.61</u>

EXPENSES

Penn Valley Printing Inc	\$429.47	
Jim Kehew, Postage		
Mailing Bulletin	234.93	
Barbara Ford, General expenses	98.63	
Rental Fee, Terre Hill Community Cen.	60.00	
Richard I Stevens, Treas. Postage	<u>25.60</u>	
	Total expenses	<u>848.63</u>
	Total Balance	<u>1564.98</u>

<u>Summary:</u> Savings Acc't	\$1564.98	General Fund	\$1595.20
Checking Acc't	<u>30.22</u>	Book Fund	<u>4506.60</u>
Total assets	\$1595.20		\$6101.80

OFA BOOK FUND-ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 8/16/97 \$3412.34

RECEIPTS

Book Sales (38) 8/16/97-8/14/98	\$1079.87	
Interest 7/1/97-6/30/98	<u>80.26</u>	
	Total Receipts	<u>1160.13</u>
	Total Balance	<u>\$4572.47</u>

EXPENSES

Barbara B Ford		
Postage & mailing supplies for books		<u>65.87</u>
	Total Balance	<u>\$4506.60</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Richard I Stevens Sr, Treasurer OFA

The Printer doesn't like to do financial reports!

MINUTES OF THE 89TH OFA REUNION

The Overholser Family Association met at the Terre Hill Community Center on August 15, 1998 with people arriving about 10:30 from as far away as Canada. On display were old Reunion pictures dating back to 1912.

Rev John Weiler gave the blessing before a delicious lunch which was followed by a group picture taken by Spencer Overholser and Dick Lucas.

THE PROGRAM: Invocation was given by Rev Weiler. Faith of Our Fathers was sung. The meeting was dedicated to retiring treasurer Dick Stevens for his 10 years of service. After people in the attendance introduced themselves and their lines, a collection was taken to be used for the expenses of the Association.

Awards: Youngest in attendance-Christopher Weiler

Oldest in attendance-Benjamin Bunn and Norman Landis

Traveled the farthest-Darlene and Barney Roll

Business meeting: Presided over by President Will Overholtzer.

Pennsylvania Dutch Stories in dialect were told by-Norman Landis, Ernest Weinhold, Noah Oberholtzer and Ruth Overholser.

Dick Lucas suggested a Friday night get-to-gether for those traveling a distance.

Chris Overholser said that selling Overholser T-shirts might be considered and that possibly we could make home-made ice cream at the Reunion.

Barbara Ford was recognized for her service to the Association.

The purchase of a new printer by Barbara Ford was approved and the funds are to be taken out of the Book Fund. It was suggested a top figure of \$500 but she said it should be closer to \$300.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the 1997 Reunion were approved as printed in the February 1998 BULLETIN.

Treasurer's Report: Approved as read by Dick Stevens.

Necrologist's Report: Read by Barbara Ford

Genealogist's Report: Barbara Ford reported that 404 Oberholtzer Books have been sold and 48 Coat-of-Arms pins.

The slate of officers for 1998-2000

President: D Ernest Weinhold

1st Vice President: Darwin Overholt

2nd Vice President: Dennis Oberholtzer

Treasurer: Kathern Maine

Secretary: Darlene O Redcay

Outgoing president Will Overholtzer turned the gavel over to new president D Ernest Weinhold.

The 90th Reunion will be held August 21, 1999.

Rev Weiler gave the Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

D Ernest Weinhold, Acting Secretary



**OFFICIAL 1998 REUNION PICTURE
PHOTOGRAPHERS SPENCER OVERHOLSER AND DICK LUCAS**

Front Row

Ashley and Shaun McChesney

Sitted-1st Row

John Weiler holding Christopher Weiler, Barbara Ford, Dick Stevens, Will Overholtzer, D Ernest Weinhold, Darwin Overholt, Spencer Overholser

2nd Row

Eleanor Weiler, Kim Weiler, Gwen Lucas, Gladys Taylor, Carl Taylor, Mary Landis, Ruth Overholser, Helen Overholser, Carolyn Roll Brandon, Darlene Roll

3rd Row

Dick Lucas, John Maine, Kathern Maine, Earlene Oberholtzer, Esther Kehew, Jim Kehew, Helen Oberholtzer, Chris Overholser, Norman Landis, Terry Overholser, Bob Overholser, Barney Roll

4th Row

Paul Weiler, Dennis Oberholtzer, Bill Oberholtzer, Robert Overholser, Jody Overholser, Kathy Overholtzer, Benjamin Bunn Jr

OFFICERS

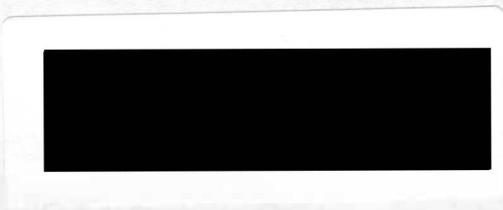
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Genealogist, Editor Necrologist	Barbara B Ford, 313 Henry Lane Wallingford PA 19086

WHOSE CHILD WAS SHE?

On November 26, 1898, Sarah Mae Oberholtzer was born to indentified parents. In 1900 she was found in the Faith House in Lancaster Co with Susanna Barr as matron and Violetta and Martha Barr as nurses. Also in the Faith House, at that time, were Margaret Campbell b 10/1887, Eva and Sarah Eisenhauer b 3/1898, Charles Fisher b 8/1899, Ruth Hall b 11/1898, Dorothy Auser b 1/1899 and Edna Keller b 3/1899. Sarah Mae was taken into the home of Violetta Barr when she married Ezra B Engle but was never adopted. The Engles were River Brethren and I suspect that the Faith House was run by that faith. Sarah Mae's grandson is trying to find her parents and his only clues are that she was born in the Terre Hill area and that her father's name was Steffy. Sarah Mae married Joseph Andrew Harrison Yohn. If anyone has a clue as to who her parents were, I would appreciate hearing from you.



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