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President's Column

MEETING MYSELF ON TELEVISION?

Hello, and many blessings from your Association officers. On the evening of October 19th, I sat down to watch what was expected to be helpful information on the Discovery Channel. With all the talk of war with Iraq, and in the midst of a sniper attack within an hour from home, watching a TV show about Stealth Planes seemed both calming and secure. It was to my joyful surprise to watch several interviews with the former Head of Special Technology at Lockheed Martin. Denys Overholser discussed how his team developed the original F117 Stealth Bomber Plane. These planes were used to destroy about 40% of Iraqi targets during the 1992 war. Later in the 1990's, they also were used in Serbia. The show mentioned a target accuracy within inches! This brought a great sense of pride, satisfaction, and comfort. I realized that not only did our family help liberate this great nation during the Revolutionary War, but some are also helping to keep America strong and free.

Join us as we continue to tie our family together. We would love to see you in August 2003. On Friday August 15th, we will meet at Yoders Family Restaurant in New Holland at 6:00 P.M. for dinner and a welcome reception. And on Saturday the 16th at Terre Hill's Community Center from 10:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Dennis Oberholtzer

Overholt is the 15,388th most popular last name in the USA
Overholser is the 39,670th
Overhulser is the 69,386th
Overholtzer is the 69,387th

Every man is his own ancestor, and every man is his own heir. He devises his own future, and he inherits his own past.

H. F. Hedge

94th ANNUAL REUNION

Date: Saturday, August 16, 2003

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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ALL CORRESPONDENCE,
INCLUDING CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

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THESE 36 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE 2002 OFA REUNION

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Shaun/Ashley McChesney, Gapland MD*
D Ernest Weinhold, Manheim PA

*Attended the Friday night dinner at Yoders

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
AUGUST-DECEMBER 2002**

Ludwig Berndt, Clovis CA
Susan Overholser, Santa Clara CA

TWO LEVI OVERHOLTS

In **THE OBERHOLTZER BOOK**, there is a Levi Overholts (AV273) listed as son of Mark Overholts. He was married to Abby Randal and resided in Huntingdon Co IN 1880. I recently found that this is the wrong Levi. In the 1850 census, Mark Overholts has two sons Levi and Eli age 10 who would be twins. In researching the cemetery records of Grant County IN, I found that Eli Overholts of Marion is buried in Thrailkill Cemetery and he was a private in the 101st IN Reg, Co I. Levi Overholts of Marion is buried in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Marion. He was a private in the 101st IN Reg, Co I and was killed at Vaughts Hill, Tennessee 3/20/1863 at age 24 yrs, 11 mo, 8 ds. This would be the twin brother of Eli and son of Mark. Who does the other Levi Overholts belong to? I also have just learned that this (AV273) Levi's father was born in Virginia as was Mark Overholts!

THE OBERHOLTZER BOOK
A Foundation book of Oberholtzer Immigrants and Unestablished Lines

BOOK ORDER FORM

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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 out to Overholser Family Association

NECROLOGIST'S REPORT

DEATHS

Kenneth W Robinson 5/26/1910-4/1/2001 Coatesville PA. Survived by wife Agnes Walter and daughter Naomi Robinson Catanese.

(IV Christian Oberholser & Susanna Kurtz line) [SL274]

Anna Kurtz Eaby, sister of Naomi Pletcher, died 2002

(IV Anna Oberholtzer & Hetzel Shirk [SL271]

Richard A Kehew 8/27/1914-10/20/2002. Survived by wife Betty Ogilvie, son Dr Alan E Kehew, daughter Barbara DiDonato, brothers James and David and cousin Barbara Ford.

(Marcus Oberholtzer & Elizabeth) [MC]

Anyone who stops learning is old, whether 20 or 80. Anyone who keeps learning today is young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.

Henry Ford

OUR CONTRIBUTORS

Our deep thanks to the members who contributed to the OFA from July to December 2002. Let us not forget those who contributed at the Reunion who must remain anonymous. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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VISITING THEIR ANCESTOR'S CEMETERY

John and Mary Overholtzer along with Dwayne and Rosemary Overholtzer came from Iowa to the reunion. The next day they drove to Emmitsburg, Maryland and located the cemetery where their ancestor [JL41] Christian Overholtzer and his son Christian are buried. Mary wrote that the cemetery is in the middle of a pasture and not well cared for.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT AT THE NEXT REUNION

Charlie Kendall, the son of our treasurer Carolyn, was in Taiwan last November on business and returned with his interesting food experience which included pig's ears, octopus lips, and fish eggs in a stew. We wonder if that would be a good addition to our buffet table at the next reunion.

HAVING SONS VS HAVING DAUGHTERS

A study in Finland analyzing centuries-old family records found that having sons shortened the life span of mothers there by about 34 weeks per son. Having daughters helped prolong the life of the mother. Aren't these studies helpful!

TONY JOHN OVERHOLT

I was very surprised to see the name Tony John Overholt, born 1738 Bucks County, PA and died 1780 Staten Island, NY, on a Home Page. I had never seen a Tony Overholt, especially in the 1700's, but the dates sounded very familiar. This was [JT] John Overholt, a traitor in the Revolutionary War, who we had named Tory John. I wrote to the person who had the Home Page and explained that this was "Tory", not Tony and she replied that it wasn't her line, but her aunt's. Shouldn't you be responsible for the content of your Home Page? It also gives the parents of "Tony" John as Henry Overholt and Elizabeth Killian. We don't know the parents of "Tony" John but we do know that he married Elizabeth Killian. And so the name Tony is still there on the Home Page which I am sure alot of people will believe because they saw it on the Internet!

Note: From the list of 449 traitors in the Revolutionary War, John Overholt was the only Overholt/Oberholtzer.

FROM GOOD STOCK

This past summer I had 35 radiation treatments for cancer. When I finished them, the nurse said I must come from good stock because I tolerated the treatments so well. My reply was that I owe my good stock to my grandmother Annie Overholt Law. The treatments were successful and I have been given the green light but I will be watched monthly for the next two years. The nurse said they should clone me and make me their poster person.

Unfortunately, I wasn't the only one in the OFA who was found to have this disease. A week after I started treatment, Ruth Overholser was found to have cancer and several weeks after that, Spencer was diagnosed with cancer. They are both taking chemotherapy.

THE ORIGINAL GENEALOGY PHOTO ARCHIVE

There is a Web Site devoted to old photos dating back to before 1960 which can be found at www.deadfred.com. I decided to see if I could find any Oberholtzers/Overholser/Overholts and the only one was a Mabel E Overholt who was in a University of Iowa 1902 yearbook. In checking my records, I found that she was the daughter of Henry D Overholt and Isabella Newmyer who went from Fayette County PA to Iowa City IA in 1867. I also realized that Mabel was a first cousin of my grandmother Annie Overholt Law. Years ago my grandmother took my sister and me on a trip West and we visited Mabel, her brother and sister on their farm in Spokane, Washington. This Web Site honors Archivist Joe Bott's own lineage and provides a venue by which to tie the living present with the quiet past.

DID YOU KNOW?

That years ago the dead were laid in their graves with their feet towards the East so that the face would be towards the sun on the morning of resurrection.

THE OBERHOLTZER BOOK ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS

JL121 Christian Bowman m Barbara Wanner, not Warner. Both bur Diller Mennonite Cem.
Cumberland Co PA

REF: Glenn Miller, Carlisle PA

SL2281 Christian N Oberholtzer m2 Barbara Hamaker 3/12/1832-6/4/1855

SL2254 Peter Oberholtzer d 9/5/1890 m Fannie Witmer d 9/15/1894

All three bur Mt Tunnel Cem, Elizabethtown PA

SL2783 Daniel L Overholser d 4/18/1907 IN

m Catherine (Teter) Livesay Hetherington 9/19/1840 IN-5/14/1924 IN

JF1152 Abraham Oberholtzer d 2/24/1855, not 11/12/1894

JF1416 Lydia Oberholtzer m Elias Moyer 6/5/1812-1854 Lehigh Co PA

REF: Alice L Cyphers, Henryville PA

JC1812 William J Overholser m Mary Della Wittup (m2 4/15/1908 Refine A McQuiety)

JC1e25 Dr Edward J Oberholtzer d 1973, not 1873, (correct Feb 2002 Bulletin)

JA459 Silas Overhulser d 6/3/1875 28 y-3 m-25 d, m Mollie E [-?-] d 10/28/1877 36 y-11 m-22 d

Both bur Fairview Cem, Madison Twp, Madison Co IA

IC46 Charlotte Swarts 5/6/1817 ON-6/4/1886 Elkhart Co IN

m 1834 Isaac Hoover 9/15/1812 ON-4/24/1855 Elkhart Co IN

JL2116 Jesse Overhulse m1 12/2/1849 Harriet Stockton

m2 11/26/1856 Rebecca Anspaugh 2/26/1837-1921

JL3733 Abraham D Oberholtzer 11/19/1861-10/18/1935

m Susanna Brossman 12/14/1862-4/10/1951, both bur Muddy Creek Cem, Lancaster Co PA

AV2372 George W Overholtz 3/22/1868-6/5/1938 m Anna Meeks 9/2/1878-4/5/1930

REF: Jo Kester, Bonita Springs FL

JJ6 Jacob W Oberholtzer 8/2/1822 PA-12/8/1906 Latah ID

m 5/5/1868 Brown Co KS Martha Bremer 4/2/1850 IA-4/1/1887 Whitman, WA Territory

JJ61 Ora Ovenia Oberholtzer 5/5/1869-4/22/1929 ID, m1 Joseph Senter c1859-1897,

m2 Thomas A Prout b c1865 (D), m3 Minter De Young

JJ62 Otis Orenzo Oberholtzer 2/7/1871-11/7/1890

JJ63 Mollie Elsie Oberholtzer b 9/14/1873

JJ64 Hattie Lillian Oberholtzer b 1/11/1876 m Harry Miller

JJ65 Sarah Belle Oberholtzer b 8/22/1878 m Grant Doty

JJ66 Carl Ira Loyd Oberholtzer 2/23/1883-11/9/1969 WA m Maude Este b c1887 ID

JJ661 Darlene Oberholtzer b c1910

JJ662 Muriel Oberholtzer b c1914

JJ663 Daughter b c1915

**OVERHOLSER FAMILY ASSOCIATION
Treasurer's Report 8/13/01-8/2/02**

**Account Balances Report
(includes unrealized gains)
As of 8/2/02**

<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Bank Accounts	
Overholser Family Association Checking	136.88
Overholser Family Association Book Fund	7,840.78
Overholser Family Association Statement Savings	<u>2,101.11</u>
Total Bank Accounts	10,078.77
 OVERALL TOTAL	 10,078.77

**Cash Flow Report
8/8/01 through 8/5/02**

Category Description

INFLOWS

Book Sale	1,065.74
Gift Received	1,392.39
Interest Inc	<u>18.18</u>
TOTAL INFLOWS	2,476.31

OUTFLOWS

AOL - 2001 & 2002	480.00
Book Expenses	110.63
Bulletin Expenses (2 issues)	774.96
General Expenses	<u>309.48</u>
	1,761.57
OVERALL TOTAL	714.74

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn O Kendall, Treasurer, OFA

MINUTES OF THE 93RD OVERHOLSER FAMILY ASSOCIATION REUNION

The Overholser Family Association met at the Terre Hill Community Center on August 17, 2002. People started to arrive at 10:30 A.M. bringing covered dishes for lunch. Genealogy charts, books and photos were on display.

Rev. John Weiler gave a prayer before lunch at noon and after eating a delicious meal, we went outside for the group picture.

President Darwin Overholt called the meeting to order and Rev. Weiler led us in prayer which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Earline Oberholtzer led the singing of the Overholser Reunion Song.

All those in attendance introduced themselves and identified their lines and a collection was taken to be used for Association expenses.

AWARDS: Youngest person: Christopher Weiler

Oldest person: Spencer Overholser

Traveled the farthest: Will & Kathy Overholtzer from California

Jack Sholl from California

Dick and Gwen Lucas from Canada

First time at a OFA Reunion: Phares Hurst from Bowmansville PA

Secretary's report by Darlene Redcay-the Minutes of the 2001 meeting were approved as printed in the February 2002 Bulletin.

Treasurer's report by Carolyn Kendall-approved as read.

Spencer Overholser spoke on books.

Dennis Oberholtzer and Noah Oberholtzer spoke about Anti-Baptists and their beliefs.

Jack Sholl showed slides of Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia where he has been a volunteer.

Slate of officers for 2002-2004

President: Dennis Oberholtzer, Paradise PA

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2nd Vice President: Jack Sholl, Palm Desert CA

Recording Secretary: Darlene O Redcay, Goodville PA

Treasurer: Carolyn O Kendall, Glenside PA

The 94th Reunion will be hold August 16, 2003 at the Terre Hill Community Center with a dinner at Yoders Restaurant held Friday August 15th at 6 P.M. for a get-to-gether with out-of-towners.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Rev. Weiler.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene O Redcay, Secretary



**OFFICIAL OVERHOLSER FAMILY REUNION PICTURE TAKEN BY DICK LUCAS
AUGUST 17, 2002**

FRONT ROW

Dick Lucas, Darlene O Redcay, Jim Overholser, Darwin Overholt, Spencer Overholser, Barbara Ford, John Weiler

2ND ROW

Mary Overholtzer, Rosemary Overholtzer, Gwen Lucas, Kathy Overholser, Jean Overholt, Carolyn Kendell, Ashley McChesney, Kim Weiler, Eleanor Weiler

3RD ROW

Jim Ford, Shaun McChesney, Carolyn Kendall, Kathy Overholtzer, Fred Oberholtzer, Lynn Oberholtzer, Dwayne Overholtzer, John Overholtzer

4TH ROW

John Oswald, Greg Overholser, D, Ernest Weinhold, Will Overholtzer, Jack Sholl, Christopher Weiler with Paul Weiler

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A PET PEEVE

I saw a Homepage on the Internet that said "reproduction of copyrighted material will require permission of the copyright owner. All rights are reserved by the submitter". In looking over the material, it was quite obvious that some of it came from **THE OBERHOLTZER BOOK**. What is the reason for my peeve? Although the submitter guards her material, she has neglected to give our book as a reference.

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