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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

GREETINGS TO OVERHOLSERS, OBERHOLTZERS, OVERHOLTS, ETC

Greetings from the Overholser Family Association. I'm the newly elected president and my wife Kathy and I live in Roanoke, Virginia. I am from the immigrant Samuel Oberholtzer 1727 line. Some of you know my aunt and uncle, Ruth and Spencer Overholser, our President Emeritus who was president from 1956 to 1986.

Thanks to our out-going president, Dennis Oberholtzer whose efforts the last two years are greatly appreciated.

The heart and soul of the Overholser Family Association for many years has been Barbara Ford. She is the Bulletin Editor, Genealogist and Necrologist. She answers many inquiries a year. Thanks for all you do Barbara.

In recent years attendance at the annual reunion, held in Lancaster County, has been falling. This past year we had 22 attendees at the Friday night dinner and 31 at the Saturday meeting. The reunion has been held the weekend of the third Saturday in August for several years. As was mentioned to me, many teachers and students are either back in or preparing for school and cannot attend unless they are from the immediate area. After discussion among the officers and others, we have decided to move the reunion two weeks earlier in August, to the 5th and 6th. Some people will have a conflict but we felt we needed to try to improve reunion attendance and so will give this date change a try. We want to encourage young people to attend, because if they don't have an interest in their heritage, there will be no replacements for us in the Association.

This year plan to attend the 96th annual Overholser Family Association reunion. Friday night will be the great buffet dinner and visiting at Yoder's Restaurant between New Holland and Blue Ball. This event was started as an activity for reunion attendees from out of town but is open to everyone. Some people have conflicts on Saturday and attend the Friday night dinner instead. On Saturday we will begin gathering in the morning at the Terre Hill Community Center, have our pot luck meal at noon and a short program followed by a business meeting. There is plenty of time for visiting and researching your line. Afterward, our Chaplain John Weiler will lead us on a walking tour of the town and cemetery, where Overholsers are buried. Late in the afternoon, we will gather at the home of Dennis and Earline Oberholtzer in Paradise (!) for a cookout and more visiting. If you have never been to a reunion or its been a while, this is the year to make your plans! The Lancaster County area is a great place for a family vacation.

Feel free to contact us. In the officer listing on page 10 are postal and many of our email addresses. We look forward to hearing from you.

Jim Overholser

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THESE 31 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE 95TH OVERHOLSER REUNION

John/Grace Ball Lititz, PA Don Felts* Marathon, FL Barbara Ford Wallingford, PA Herbert/Elizabeth Frey Freehold, NJ Beth Gehman Lititz, PA Daythal/Carolyn Kendall* Lancaster, PA Dennis/Earline Oberholtzer* Paradise, PA Noah L Oberholtzer, Jr Leola, PA Jim/Kathy Overholser* Roanoke, VA

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*Attended Friday night at Yoder's along with John/Faye Oberholser, Narvon, PA Darlene O. Redcay, Goodville, PA Lewis/Anna May Schrack, Pottstown, PA

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mark Finlay, Fort McMurray, Alberta, CAN F. Martin Overholt, Springfield, VA Jill Overhuls, Tulsa, OK

JACOB W OBERHOLTZER [JJ6]

Jacob W Oberholtzer married 10/9/1851 Centre PA Phoebe Caroline McCalmont 12/24/1831-7/25/1857. Three children were born to them-Phoebe Caroline 11/14/1852-5/14/1887, Jacob Franklin 9/6/1854-1/14/1855 and Laura Belle Oberholtzer 7/6/1856-1/5/1861. After the death of his wife, he moved on to Iowa where he married the second time 3/22/1858 Jasper Co IA Arabella J McCalmont 4/20/1840-10/4/1865 KS. Three children were born to them-Walter Scott 10/1/1865 Brown Co KS-2/9/1866 KS, Mary Cora 10/25/1860 KS-6/1865 KS and Dela May 12/5/1862 KS-7/25/1863 KS. Jacob moved to Hawatha, Brown Co KS where he was a prominient physician, merchant and politician. He married the third time 5/5/1868 Martha Bremer and, fortunately, they had 19 years of marriage and 6 children who outlived the children of the first two marriages. See February 2003 BULLETIN for the family of the third marriage.

OUR CONTRIBUTORS

Our deep thanks to the members who have contributed to the OFA from July to December 2004. Let us not forget those who contributed at the Reunion who must remain anonymous. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Juanita Brown Cookeville, TN Bruce L. Coffey Freeport, ME Jane Elliott Sacramento, CA Arlene M. Fitzgerald Pottstown, PA Janet R. Goodrich Cashiers, NC Wendell/Naomi Howard Marthasville, MO William/Barbara Hubbard Kingwood, TX Albert A. Johnson Stanton, TX

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Beavercreek, OH
Paul/Kim Weiler
Waynesboro, PA

MOVING OBJECTS

Darwin Overholt, twice our past president, was mowing his front lawn in Doylestown, PA in July when a truck, coming down the street, lost its tire which rolled and hit Darwin. Among his injuries was a leg that was broken in 4 places which required a long time in the hospital and then rehab. When I heard from him last, there was an infection in his leg and he was to receive treatment at a hospital every day for 90 days. If you care to send a card to Darwin, his address is 3727 Cold Spring Creamery Road, Doylestown, PA 18901.

A LONG TIME MEMBER

Norman R Landis of Souderton, PA has been a member of the Association for many years and he has been attending reunions when he could get a ride. Darwin Overholt usually picked him up, but due to his accident, he wasn't able to in 2004. Norman just had his 90th birthday in December and because of health problems of his and his wife Mary, he said how true is God's word in the Psalms. Three score and ten are the measure of a man's days, if by reason of man's strength it is four score, yet it is sorrow and trouble. Up until recently, he had volunteered as a bagger at the Landis Super Market for an hour a week.

THE OBERHOLTZER BOOK ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

JA3253 Nora A Overhulser 9/20/1880-1/29/1970 m Eugene Sisson 1877-1945

JA4251 Aneas Ullery 4/18/1858-2/22/1957 m Rosella Landis 12/20/1860-5/5/1933

JA4252 M Raymond Ullery b c1858

JA4283 Luella (Lisha) Overholser

JA429 Sarah Overholser m Cyrus M Baker b c1843

JA4291 Chalmer Baker b c1865

JA4292 Oscar Baker b c1868

JA4293 Chester Baker b c1879

JA4201 John Bowser b c1871

JA4202 Samuel Bowser b c1877

JA4331 Noah W Heistand/Hiestand 5/8/1863 OH-9/6/1943 CA

JA4336 Sallie A Heistand 12/18/1863 OH-12/17/1951 CA m Milton Carmony d 5/22/1941 CA

JA451 wife #2 Ellen Carter 12/25/1841-9/12/1923 ID

JA4513 Minnie B Overholser 11/1/1870-1/8/1935 ID m John W Edwards 12/26/1864-2/20/1912 ID

JA4522 William H Overhulser m 1/9/1901 Diana Compton c1877-8/26/1952, both bur Mitchell, SD

JA4523 Larkin Frebitus (Free) Overholser m Josephine [-?-]

JA454 Jacob L Overhulser m1 Mary E Weaver dp 1877

JA4541 Elmer C Overhulser 10/1/1863 IA-2/6/1942 CA

[JA454] m2 3/12/1878 Mary N Harrah b 5/16/1850 IA

JA4542 Lawrence E Overhulser b c1876 IA

JA4543 Ernest J Overhulser 12/1/1879 IA-3/8/1962 CA m Olive Burk 4/14/1882 CAN-7/15/1939

JA4544 Maude Overhulser b c1886 m Frank B Larmer? b c1871

JA4545 Lydia Overhulser b c1888 m Charles S White c1874 IL-dp 1920 CA

JA4561 John H Parsons b c1862 IA

JA4562 George B Parsons b c1865 IA

JA4563 Truman E Parsons b c1867 IA

JA4564 Mary E Parsons b c1869 IA

JA4565 James E Parsons b c1871 IA

JA4566 Silas D Parsons b c1874 IA

JA457 Henry C Overhulser - living in King Co, CA alone 1890-1920

JA45a Levi John Overhulser b 9/1854 m 10/3/1878 Anne Mariah Harrah 1855-c1931 IA

JA45a1 Lottie May Overhulser 1/1880-c1932 m Fred Rebbien

JA45a2 Harry Overhulser 1881-1949

JA45a3 Mary Ethel Overhulser b1884 m 3/29/1905 James L Creswell b c1875

JA45a4 Una Pearl Overhulser b 9/1888 IA

JA45a5 Nellie Jane Overhulser b 2/1892 IA

JA45a6 Ada Blanche Overhulser b 3/1894 IA

JA45a7 Fay Marie Overhulser b 1/1897 IA

JA45b4 Otto J Overholser d 12/1981 MN, m2 4/7/1928 Edith M Harman 11/11/1898-4/2/1979

JA45b6 Elsie M Overholser d 5/24/1962 Hubband Co. MN

JA45b7 Eva M Larson 11/16/1895-4/1980 IA

REF: Minnesota Death Index; Madison Co, IA Marriages; Social Security Death Index; 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910 IA census; Graceland Cem, Davison Co, SD

OBERHOLTZERS IN ALBERTA, CANADA

I saw a query about a John Henry Oberholtzer who was a son of James Zelote Oberholtzer and Loretta Steele. The author, Mark Finlay, said the family emigrated to Alberta, Canada in 1905 from Illinois and he goes on with dates and locations which were very helpful in identifying the family. Sometimes I see queries that have no dates or locations and I am left to use my imagination which means I have difficulty helping them. Mark was delighted to hear from me as he had just returned from an Oberholtzer reunion in Alberta where he was appointed "official" genealogist for his branch of Oberholtzers. I was glad to tell him that his ancestor was Jacob Oberholtzer (JC1) who was married twice and had 21 children. Mark filled in some blanks for me as I didn't have a list of the children of John Henry and his wife Mary Louise Weeks.

This is how the family fits into THE OBERHOLTZER BOOK.

JC1d4 James Zelote Oberholtzer 2/1854 IL-10/20/1923 IL (Cooley James in the marriage record) m 6/19/1873 Loretta Jane Steele 7/29/1854-12/2/1935 Gilson, IL (her obit said she left 15 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren)

JC1d41 Ollin Oberholtzer c1875-6/5/1913 m Bertha [-?-] b c1888

JC1d42 Belle Oberholtzer b 6/1876 m 8/14/1895 Elmer C Woolsey b 8/1876

JC1d43 John Henry Oberholtzer 8/1879 IA-2/2/1957 Calgary, Alberta m 9/2/1899 Mary Louise Weeks 10/1880 IL-11/28/1972 Calgary They had 9 children.

Mark, his wife Kristen and son Oliver welcomed another Oberholtzer descendant October 3, 2004 with the arrival of Gibson Parker.

UNUSUAL NAMES

I remarked to a correspondent in Tennessee that it was interesting that America Ritter Overholser named two of her children Napoleon and Caesar. Her reply was that her great grand mother had 15 children and that most of them had unusual names-Carrennar, Theburchus, Vica and Mareda. Her grandmother tried to match those with Rella, Conard, Nelda, Cassa and Coy.

In the Utah 1910 census there were two what I would call "different" names. Tabbyweep White and Baco White. The 1880 Augustus, Virginia census has a Payfyditious Swartz, s/o Jacob. *******

SLEEPING IN THE WHITE HOUSE

I corrected information about an Overholt family on the Internet and the lady asked if I could give her the source of someone else who disputed her work. I was so sure of myself that I said if she could prove she was right, I would make sure she slept one night in the White House. She came back with "No thank you. I am not interested because President Bush reminds me of my father!" P.S. I live in a white house.

NECROLOGIST'S REPORT

MARRIAGE

Charles A. Kendall 8/30/2003 to Trisha Bentz in Bella Vista, AR. Now living in Denver, CO. He is the s/o Daythal & Carolyn Kendall.

(Carolyn Watts/Dr John L Shober line) [SL2728]

RENEWING VOWS

Gene and Jane Overholt of Plymouth, MI celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary by restating their vows. Their children gave them a wedding that they could witness.

(Abraham Overholt/Magdalena Shank line) [MC75c1]

DEATHS

Charles E.-Koons 5/15/1918-2/27/2003 Enon, OH. Survived by his wife Geneva, daughters Jennifer J. Hawks and Robin C Barry.

(George Overholser/Martha Griest line) [JL2153]

Mary Alice Overholser Stanley 1/30/1919-6/25/2004 Elkhart, IN. Survived by her husband Charles, sons David and Timothy.

(Willard J Overholser/Adaline Myers line) [JC1811]

Helen Overholser 10/18/1918-6/16/2004 Whitemarsh, MD. Survived by husband Bob and children Robert G Overholser, Sharon M Overholser, and Linda J. Thomas. She was predeceased by daughter Carol L Borig. Helen and Bob attended the Reunions regularly until a few years ago. (Ora Overholser/Marie Wood Peckover line) [AV5121]

Barbara B Ford

MY FAMILY HEALTH PORTRAIT

Medical officials are urging families to talk about their medical history and to catalog the information. Knowing your families medical history could save your life because this often means power to predict and perhaps head off diseases prevalent in families even before they appear. There is a free Internet-based computer program that compiles information about six common diseases that often pass through generations. Software can be downloaded at www.hhs.gov/familyhistory or a print version of "My Family Health Portriat" can be obtained from the Federal Citizen Information Center at 888-878-3256.

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

\$29.50 + \$3.50 S/H. PA residents add \$1.77 Sales Tax. Make check out to Overholser Family Association and send to Barbara Ford, 313 Henry Lane, Wallingford, PA 19086

OVERHOLSER FAMILY ASSOCIATION Treasurer's Report 8/18/04

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CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE 7/15/03		\$231.08
INFLOW		
Transfer from Savings acc't	\$1831.17	
Contributions	312.00	
Transfer from Book Fund acc't	63.12	
	\$2206.29	2,206.29
		2,437.37
OUTFLOW		
AOL 2003, 2004	480.00	
Terre Hill Comm. Center 2 yrs	160.00	
Yoder's - reserve Friday night room	26.50	
General expense	242.04	
Book expense	99.61	
Bulletin expense - 3 issues	1237.68	
	2245.83	2,245.83
Total checking	account	191.54
SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE 7/22/03		\$2334.27
INFLOW		
Contributions	1027.50	
Misc.	18.50	
Interest	5.17	
Interest		1081 18
	1051.17	1051.17
		3385.44
OUTFLOW		
Transfer to checking acc't	1831.27	<u>1831.27</u>
Total savings a	ccount	1554.17
BOOK FUND ACCOUNT BALANCE 7/22/03		8545.37
INFLOW		00 10.07
Book Sale	667.14	
Interest	24.18	
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OUTFLOW	J) 1.J2	
	(2.12	
Mailing books, etc.	63.12	(20.20
	628.20	<u>628.20</u>
Total Book Fund Acc't		\$9173.57

ACCOUNT BALANCES REPORT 7/23/03-8/18/04

 Savings Account
 \$1,554.27

 Book Fund
 9,173.57

 Checking Account
 191.54

 Total 8/18/04
 \$10,919.38

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn O. Kendall, Treasurer 8/29/04

MINUTES OF THE 95TH OVERHOLSER FAMILY ASSOCIATION REUNION

We began the rainy day with a lovely meal and fellowship in the Terre Hill Community Center and catching up with old friends and making new ones.

After our annual picture was taken, Reverend John Weiler opened the meeting with prayer. President Dennis Oberholtzer began our meeting with a review of the brief job descriptions that he created. They will provide guidelines for each of the officers as well as assist them in understanding the specific duties they perform.

Ruth Overholser led us in singing our Reunion Song. Thank you so much Ruth. A reunion just wouldn't be the same for many of us without you leading the Reunion Song.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Approved as printed in the February 2004 Bulletin.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Carolyn Kendall read the Treasurer's report which showed total accounts-savings \$1,554.27, checking \$191.54 and Book Fund \$9,173.57. [see page 7]

NECROLOGIST'S REPORT - Barbara Ford

Helen Overholser, wife of Bob, died June 16, 2004 at age 85.in Baltimore, Maryland. They came to the reunion for many years, the last time was 2001.

BOOK REPORT-Barbara Ford

Since the last reunion, 19 books were sold. To date we have sold 570 books which means I am probably the most popular customer in our tiny post office. We have 180 books left out of the original 750. The Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society has purchased 60 books and the Mastof Book Store 74.

Missing this year at the reunion was Darwin Overholt who was hit by a tire that had come off a truck. We send our thoughts and prayers out to Darwin for a speedy recovery and we hope to see him again next year.

Greetings were sent from Dick and Gwen Lucas of Caledonia, Canada. My son Christopher was looking forward to seeing Dick and we hope to see you both next year. Juniata Brown of Cookeville, was sorry to miss the reunion but she is caring for her 92 year old parents. Ruth and Wendell Howard who came from Missouri last year with their dog Bridget were sorry to miss the reunion but Ruth said Wendell was having surgery for cancer. We will keep him in our prayers for a speedy recovery.

We would like to thank Billie Stewart for all of the goodies on Overholser families that she has found for Barbara. She has also been working hard trying to round people up to attend the reunion. One gal emailed that she was sorry to miss it as she lived in Oregon.

Paul Weiler was nominated for 2nd vice-president with Kathy Overholser making the motion and Ruth Overholser seconding it. With all in favor, Paul Weiler became the 2nd vice-president.

Jim Overholser provided an overview of some of the documentation that was on the table for everyone's review. As he took over as president, he thanked Dennis Oberholtzer for all of his work and efforts. Jim is open to any and all suggestions for the organization.

Kathy Overholser gave an overview of the extra activities that will take place following the reunion. We will be visiting several cemeteries that have Oberholtzers buried there, we will be taking a walking tour of Terre Hill, provided by Rev. John Weiler who had spent much of his childhood in Terre Hill and remembers many of the people and their homes that lived here, we also will gather at the campground for more fellowship and fun. It is a great extension to the reunion. We will be working on a map of Terre Hill that will depict some of the information.

Spencer Overholser told us about golfer Arron Oberholser who once beat Tiger Woods. He is listed in the Salisbury Township Oberholser book which was compiled and published by Robert Oberholser.

Rev. John Weiler gave a talk pertaining to the walk he will lead in Terre Hill. The talk depicted what life was like when he was a child in Terre Hill and all of the different people that lived here and how they were related He also gave us a brief overview of Martin Oberholtzer.

We then closed our meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Kim Weiler, Secretary



OFFICIAL OVERHOLSER FAMILY REUNION PICTURE TAKEN BY DENNIS OBERHOLTZER, AUGUST 21, 2004

FRONT ROW

Robert Wenger, Spencer Overholser, Christopher Weiler, Jim Overholser, Dennis Oberholtzer, Kim Weiler, Carolyn Kendall, Barbara Ford, John Weiler

2ND ROW

Carolyn Wenger, Ruth Overholser, Kathy Overholser, Earline Oberholtzer, Lorraine Shirk, Beth Gehman, Erma Trupe, Eleanor Weiler

3RD ROW

Billie Stewart, Bob Stewart, Grace Ball, Daythal Kendall, Walter Shirk, John Ball, Herbert Frey, Elizabeth Frey, Dorothy Schmidt, Ashley McChesney, Paul Weiler, Don Felts

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DO YOU LABEL YOUR PICTURES?

Kate Stirk of Acworth, GA sent me a reference to an article "Why Label Your Photographs" by George G Morgan that is a reminder of the importance of labeling photos and snap shots. How many of you have old photos that are not labeled and you wonder who they are. Your discendants would really appreciate you if you leave them labeled photos. <u>Please</u> never mark the back of a snap shot with a pencil or pen! A book that will help in dating and identifying old photographs is *Unlocking the Secrets in Photographs* by Karen Frisch. As Kate said, it's a project that will touch the future!

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