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President's Column

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone had a wonderful and joyous Christmas season. I hope in this era of economic turmoil that Santa was good to all of us.

As the OFA prepares to start a new year we have several new and exciting things to look forward to. First, due to the great generosity of John Shinpaugh the OFA now has a web site. The address is <http://mysite.verizon.net/vzevgxav/ofa/>. Also our vice prez Dennis has informed me of a 300th Anniversary Bus trip on Saturday September 26th. You can tour the 1709 Native American and first German settlement of Lancaster County. Dennis will provide more information as well as reservation details. Our **2009 Reunion** will be **Aug 1st** with our traditional Yoder's dinner on Friday night.

I would like to report on Jack's mandate to provide a written Job description for the officers of the OFA . As I was cleaning up the displays at the end of the reunion I found a copy of just that. This was already done for us in the past!! I will have them available for the membership to review at the next reunion.

Friends, as I sat at the 2008 reunion I came to a shocking conclusion. I think I was one of the youngest people in attendance, a situation that we as a group cannot allow to continue. We simply will not survive going into the future. I heard a saying once "If you always do what you always did you will always get what you always got". We need everyone to ask themselves what can I do to help the organization grow? Why would a young person want to come to our reunion? How do other family reunions work? If we all put our heads together I am confident that we can grow and continue long into the future..

I hope everyone has a great spring and early summer

I look forward to seeing all of you at the 2009 reunion

Paul Weiler

OFA president

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Welcome New OFA Members!!!

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REUNION MINUTES, continued from page 6

President, Paul Weiler; 1st Vice President, Dennis Oberholtzer; 2nd Vice President, Jake Street; Secretary, Kim Weiler; Treasurer, Carolyn Kendall; Chaplin; John Weiler

The invitation to the group to meet in Oklahoma in 2011 was brought up. The membership was asked to provide their input on this.

Jack thanked the group for attending and adjourned the meeting. Rev. Weiler offered a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Carroll, Acting Secretary

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2008 REUNION

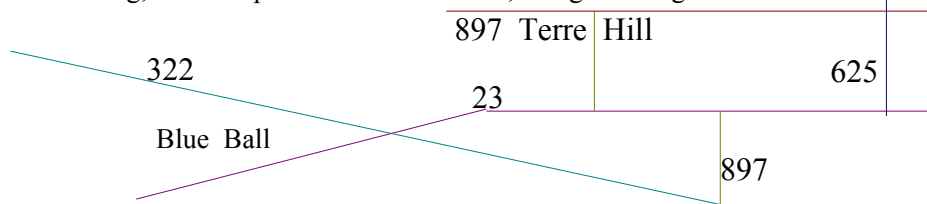
FRONT ROW: Darwin Overholt, John Weiler, Jack Sholl, Chuck Carroll, Spencer Overholser, Carolyn Kendall, Jim Overholser, Paul Weiler, Kathy Overholser, Naomi Pletcher **MIDDLE ROW:** Jean Overholt, Eleanor Weiler, Abe Ashby, Norman Landis, Nora Ashby, Pat Carroll, Carol Carroll (kneeling), Suzanne Street, Jake Street, Hazel Shinpaugh, Bea Patches, Christopher Weiler, Marlene Garner, Paul Pletcher **BACK ROW:** Eleanor Stevens, Dick Stevens, John J Oberholtzer, Karen Stevens, Ernie Weinhold, Chet Carroll, Harold Kilheffer, Tom Myers, John Shinpaugh, Gordon Gerhart III, Elaine Gerhart

2009 REUNION

The Reunion will be held **August 1st** at St. John's Center United Church of Christ, east of Terre Hill on Route 625 where it was held the previous two years. On Friday night, **July 31st**, we will meet at Yoder's between New Holland and Blue Ball for a 6:00PM buffet dinner and visiting. Be sure to notify Kim Weiler (address on back) in advance so they know how many to expect. On Saturday **August 1st**, we will gather at 10:30AM at the church.

How to get to the Reunion

From Lancaster: 15 mile NE via Rts. 222, 23 E, to 625 N on Reading Rd. @ 2 mi on Right
 From Reading: 15 mile SW via Rts. 222, 897, go straight through Terre Hill. L on 625
 From Gap on Rt. 30: 15 mile N via 897, R on 23, then L on 625. Go @ 2 mi on Right
 From Exit 21 Reading, PA Turnpike: 5 mile S via 897, straight through Terre Hill. L on 625



Obituaries

Sophia Florence Cervi April 8, 2008 - Funeral April 14, 2008
She is the daughter of [Douglas & Mary Oberholtzer Cervi](#), Lansdale, PA
- The Lansdale Reporter

Grace E Sweigart 84 of Reamstown died August 20, 2008 at Luther Acres Manor
Wife of Floyd W Sweigart, died Dec 14, 1999. She is daughter of [Harry B & Nettie Eberly Oberholtzer](#).
Floyd & Grace had seven children. Dr. T Neil Sweigart, Vincennes IN; Kurt A Sweigart, Edmond OK; Kent O
Sweigart, Ephrata PA; Eileem M Rios, Lancaster PA; Martha A Brunner, East Petersburg PA; Frieda J Schmidt,
Downingtown PA; and Karen J Buynak, Denver PA
- Lancaster Intelligencer

Jayne E Knopp d/o [Harry W Overholtzer & Gloria F Evans](#), Pottstown PA
Jane died at age 64 on August 28, 2008 at Daytona Beach Florida. She was the wife of Kenneth V Knopp
who died Oct 2007 at 43 years. She was a residence of Allentown PA. Her children are Kenneth Vincent Knopp,
Kevin John Knopp, and Kristine Jayne Knopp. 8 grandchildren

Earl Oberholtzer Quakertown PA, died May 24, 2008 at 96 years, son of the late
[Allen V and Mary M Long Oberholtzer](#). His wife, Evelyn E Roth preceded him in death. The couple owned and
operated B & O Food Market in Quakertown from 1945 to 1972. Earl was a WWII Veteran who served in Okinawa
Japan. He is survived by a son Barry E Oberholtzer of Vero Beach FL; three grandchildren: Michael B Oberholtzer of
Hudson FL; Matthew E Oberholtzer of Atlanta GA; and Tim Smith of Yuma AZ. Earl has four great grandchildren.
His brother Paul preceded him in passing.
- sent by Jennie Sperling

Grace R (Wood) Oberholtzer of Lansdale PA, died Nov 24, 2007 at 73. She is survived by
her husband [Charles Cresson Oberholtzer](#), Pamela Sue Douglas of Lansdale, Tina Lynn Brunone of Harleysville, and
Beth Ann Cornelius of Summerville SC; and a sister Caroline Erdman of Lansdale.
- The North Penn Reporter, Lansdale, sent by Jennie Sperling

Florence Mae Jameson 89, d/o [AS1533 Horace N Overholtzer & Margaret Eisele](#)
Passed away November 23, 2008 at home. She was the wife of the late Howard Keith Jameson, who died in
2006. Called "Meemom", she was born on a dairy farm in New Hanover Twp. Keith & Meemom established the
Florence & Keith Jameson Memorial Children's Homes near Bombay India.
- Pottstown newspaper obituary

Daythal Lee Kendall 67, husband of our dear OFA Treasurer [Carolyn O Kendall \(SL\)](#)
Died peacefully December 27, 2008 with his family present. Born Dec 19, 1941 St Louis MO, the s/o Charles
N Kendall & the late Velma (Stegall) Kendall, he was a retired software engineer & linguist, with a PhD in linguistics
in 1977 from the University of Pennsylvania. He was currently working on preserving rare recordings of endangered &
extinct Native American languages, and to improve access to photographs of Native American people & culture. He is
survived by his wife, father, and sons Charlie, Andy, & Lucas.
- Intelligencer Journal, Lancaster PA December 30, 2008

Blanche G Oberholtzer 95, of Whitehall, w/o late [Winfield R Oberholtzer](#), & brother Wm W
Gilbert. She died Dec 25, 2008. She is survived by niece Susan Beck of MI.

Additions/Corrections Jacob Overholt, Unclassified

The following is a correction thanks to Tom Myers:

This Jacob Overholt is JF151 in The Oberholtzer Book. Unfortunately, the author of the Groveland article made a mistake about the name of Jacob's daughter, who was the wife of Christian Myers. But the Moyer history and other sources confirm that Christian and Susanna (Overholt) Myers had the three children listed in the article. Jacob Overholt's obituary in the Bucks County Intelligencer indicates that he died 8/6/1847 in Plumstead Township at the home of his son-in-law Christian Myers. This date of death matches what is recorded in The Oberholtzer Book. The will of Jacob's sister Elizabeth bequeaths her estate to her niece Susanna, wife of Christian Meyers. This further proves that the family relationship as documented in The Oberholtzer Book is correct.

The Oberholtzer Book provides a reference of Will #8669 for Jacob Overholt himself. My book on Bucks County wills does not include any such will and in the Bucks County Estate index this is one of the rare listings that does not indicate whether or not there was a will. I suspect the Groveland article is correct and that there was no will but I'd have to go to Doylestown to check this. My books on Bucks County Miscellaneous Deeds don't include the DB 125/579 reference listed for Susanna and Christian. But that deed book would have covered 1864 and so this reference probably deals with the settlement of Christian's estate.

JF151 Jacob Overholt c1769 - Aug 6, 1847 bur Doylestown Mennonite
JF1511 Susanna Overholt Feb 27, 1798 - May 1, 1860
m Christian Myers July 22, 1799 - Jan 1, 1862 both bur Deep Run East
JF15111 Jacob Myers
JF15112 Sarah Myers m _____ Stover
JF15113 Hannah Myers m _____ Hough
Thank You Tom Myers for this update.

Additions/Corrections IB & IC Isaac Overholt

Charles Field has a correction to the will of Isaac Overholt: The will was written and dated on May 10, 1823. The will was later proved on November 5, 1825 at the Lincoln Co. Registry Office.

Thank You Charles Field for this clarification.

2008 OFA REUNION MEETING MINUTES

The 102nd reunion of the Overholser Family Association convened at St. John's Center United Church of Christ on Saturday, August 2, 2008. Thirty-seven people were in attendance.

The day began with a social time, group photo and catered lunch. Jack Sholl, President, welcomed the group and announced that Jim Ford had made a large donation to the association in memory of his mother, Barbara Ford. The purpose of Jim's generous gift is to fund reunion luncheons, including today's.

A basket was passed to receive donations to the association. Jack Sholl mentioned that books on the Overholser Mansion in Oklahoma City were available. A small donation is requested for the books.

Jack recognized Spencer Overholser's attendance, although his wife, Ruth, was unable to attend. He also mentioned that Daythal Kendall was present for the Friday evening dinner, but resting at home on Saturday.

The group joined in repeating the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by recognition of attendees traveling the furthest—the Ashby's from New Mexico; the closest—Paul and Naomi Pletcher from New Holland; the youngest—Chris Weiler; and the oldest—Norman Landis at 93 years.

The caterers were thanked for the excellent meal. Attendees then introduced themselves and their family line. Elaine Gerhart led the singing of the OFA Reunion Song.

Jack Sholl spoke about the Overholzers in Switzerland and showed slides of the village of Overholt and some of the residents. He also presented information about six lines of Overholzers and there was discussion about some research which is not yet completely verified. Jack offered to send copies of the information to anyone who wanted a copy.

Carolyn Kendall presented the Treasurer's Report. Balances include \$2,281.13 in savings; \$10,513.16 in the book fund; \$17.87 in checking; and \$5001.84 in the lunch fund. It should be noted that today's luncheon bill has not yet been paid.

Jack pointed out that Barbara Ford has in the past produced the newsletter and served as necrologist for the OFA. Help will be needed for these areas. Dennis Oberholtzer has done the most recent newsletter, but has other responsibilities as Vice President. Jack also discussed the need for the organization to have by-laws. He made the following motion:

“Be it resolved that the 2008-10 OFA officers initiate actions necessary to:

- 1) Structure the OFA organization in terms of officers required to manage the organization, and define their duties and responsibilities (president, vice president, etc.);
- 2) Draft a set of OFA Bylaws necessary to govern the operations and procedures of the OFA. These tasks to be completed by August 2010.”

The resolution was voted on and passed. The following individuals will serve on the Bylaws Committee: Paul Weiler, Tom Myers, John Shinpaugh and Carol Carroll. Spencer Overholzer will be consultant to the committee.

Jack Sholl thanked the group for the opportunity to serve as president and introduced the officers for 2008-10:

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UPDATE ON FUTURE EVENTS

The 2009 300th Anniversary of German Settlements in Lancaster County PA Bus Trips are being planned by the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society! Cost is \$65 per person. September 26 is confirmed, and they may be running a second trip. Please register early if you plan to go, for they will fill up fast. Phone 717-393-9745 or lmhs.org

The trip will take in the land along the East side of the Susquehanna River where several Indian villages were during 1710. They will end at the Hans Herr House, a stone house built in the first settlement of Swiss Mennonites. The Hans Herr House is having a special event on August 1st. You may want to work that into your weekend plans.

The 2010 events are still being planned. Several Native Americans are now participating in the planning.

DO NOT SEND MONEY

Dennis & Earline Oberholtzer went to visit the (CH) Christian & Magdalena Oberholtzer home built in 1769. The house is in excellent condition. It is the **HOPE** of some of our members to purchase "**a**" original O house in Lancaster County for a permanent residence of the Association. Our past president Will Overholtzer was to see this home in 1994. Do not send money, nor try to collect any for this idea. This is a very long term idea that would take years.

If you would like to see a permanent residence for the Association, drop us a line.

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The Great Gathering!!!

SIX OBERHOLZER EMIGRANTS FROM WALD, SWITZERLAND

There are several places in the district of Wald which the Oberholtzer families lived. But the original homestead was in the town of Oberholz; it is also called the Upper House typically by the Alemanni families.

The Upper House families stayed Catholic (at least till the 20th Century). The valley families became Protestant. The younger generation moved to the "unter" (or Lower) House. This was at the Aa (meaning Spring) in the valley. As time progressed, a village grew up on the lower side of the Aa, and it became Aathal. The town of Wald is north, down the thal or valley from Aathal.

The family of Oberholz worshiped in the Catholic Church of Eschenbach, on the west side of the ridge. Some church records still exist. This changed when there were enough people to build the Chapel in Oberholz.

Some moved to Goldingen, remaining Catholic; with its first chapel in 1667. And some moved to St Gallenkappel, both toward Lake Zürich. Some of the Catholic Oberholtzer family moved to Uznach, at the pass along the southern end of Lake Zürich.

- V--1 Mr & Mrs Oberholtzer Lived in Lower House, Aathal (Valley of the Spring), Wald, Switzerland
IV--1 Jacob Oberholtzer 1537 Wald - d aft 1568 6 children
m bef 1559 Anli Cuntz - d aft 1568
III--2 Matheus Oberholtzer Jan 1561 Wald - Living in Aa 1582 11 children
m Sept 11, 1580 in Wald to Anli Strehlerin Aathal, Wald, Zürich, SWI -
II--6 Marti Oberholtzer 1595 Wald, Zürich - Drowned by Zwinglians 1670 9 children
m bef 1633 Margaretha Schollenberger c1595 Zürich - Aa, Wald, Zürich, SWI

The following I generation is labeled with Capital alphabet letters for the 6 emigrants.

There were 3 other children not mentioned here.

- I--A Jacob Oberholtzer Feb 1, 1620 - bap Jan 23, 1625 - d aft 1683
Emigrated from Wald in 1657, aged 32 years
Jacob was the brother of Margaret's husband Marx Oberholtzer.
Jacob was a Wiedertaufer at Immelhausenhof in 1663
m Jan 27, 1646 Anna Buchman of Mettmenstetten c1626 -
d/o Casper (Anabaptist) and Vreni nee Wyss Buchman
1--1 Hans Jacob Oberholtzer Dec 20, 1646 - m Nov 7, 1676 Lisabet Nauer
1--2 Samuel Oberholtzer c1644 - bap Oct 27, 1647 - d Nov 12, 1705 Immelhausen Hoff
Wiedertaufer, aged 61 years
2--1 Maria Oberholtzer m Apr 22, 1704 Sinsheim to Jacob Kundig of Ittlingen
1--3 Regel Oberholtzer Mar 4, 1649 -
1--4 Barbara Oberholtzer c1656 - m Apr 26, 1674 by Weiler to Jacob Frey 1642 -
Jacob Frey is s/o Felix Frey c1614 - May 24, 1682
1--5 Johannes Oberholtzer c1660 - at least 3 sons
m May 13, 1683 at Immelhausenhoff to Ann Frey Feb 16, 1652 Ottenbach -
d/o Felix Frey c1614 - May 24, 1682
2--1? [AO] Anna Oberholtzer c1699 - 1st m Hans Heinrich Martin 1701EUR - Oct 1784
Immigrants with 4 children from near Heidelberg, Germany on Sept 21, 1731, with
parents Christian (not wrong name Andrew) & Elsbeth Martin to Brecknock Twp.
Anna & Hans Heinrich lived for two years beside JL Jacob's land, before moving to the
Conestoga Creek.
3--9 [AO9] Margaret Martin m Jacob Stauffer 1740 - Oct 1821
Jacob is s/o Matthew Stauffer c1700 - 1758 & [JF3] Anna Oberholtzer c1711 -
Anna Oberholtzer c1711 is d/o [JF] Jacob Oberholtzer of Franconia
4--1 [AO91] Catherine Stauffer Oct 30, 1771 - May 15, 1834
m 1795 Michael Weber 1772 - 1841
5-1 [AO911] Anna Weber 1799 - 1871
m Daniel Eby Martin 1798 - 1854
Great great great Grandparents of Dennis L Oberholtzer, ED
2--2 [JL] Jacob Oberholtzer c1704 - Late 1755 Brecknock Twp, PA
1732 immigrant on Samuel from Dirnheim near Sinsheim, GER
3--1 [JL1] Elisabeth Oberholtzer, Imm. m Christian Bauman, Bowmansville Line

3--2 [JL2] Samuel Oberholtzer, Imm. Virginia Line
 3--3 [JL3] Johannes Oberholtzer Lived on Homestead Farm
 3--4 [JL4] Christian Oberholtzer m Christina Musselman, Adams Co Line
 4--1 [JL41] Christian M Oberholtzer Taneytown MD Oberholtzers
 m Peter Good
 3--5 [JL5] Anna Oberholtzer m Johann Heucher/Heiger
 3--6 [JL6] Barbara Oberholtzer
 3--7 [JL7] Maria Oberholtzer m Abraham Martin , Red Run, East Earl Twp
 3--8 [JL8] Jacob Oberholtzer m Anna Lehman -1823 murdered 1 son
 3--9 [JL10] Veronica Oberholtzer c1753 - wpOct 1831 m Jacob Guth (Good) 1 son d s
 3-10 [JL9] Magdalena Oberholtzer c1755 - aft 1791 m Jacob Weaver, Somerset Co,PA
 2--3 Johannes Oberholtzer
 2--4 Samuel Oberholtzer Too young to be [SL] Samuel Oberholtzer

I--B Samuel Oberholtzer Jan 17, 1630 - m Mar 24, 1663 Elsbeth Streler

I--C Hans Jagli Oberholtzer Dec 25, 1631 -

1 of 6 sons who emigrated from Wald in 1657 to 1663, to the Pfalz in 1661 with wife & 4 children.
 Lived in Strassberg, Austria in 1663

I--D Marx Oberholzer (twin of Hans Heinrich) 1633 Aa, Wald, Zürich , bap July 2, 1634 - Sept 14, 1680

1657 emigrated to Buhenuerhof, near Sinsheim
 1660, lived at and 1661 Keeper of the Immelhauserhof Buried at the Buschenhoff in
 Hilsbach (today Baden, between Heidelberg & Heilbronn) without singing or bells.

m Margaret (Barbary) Dobler (Tobler)

Widow immigrated with sons Jacob, Martin, & Marcus.

?Margaretha & Barbary were interchangeable names.

1--1 Catherine Barbara Oberholtzer 1663 - 18 in 1682 Renounced Anabaptism, Essenz Reformed Ch.

1--2 [MC] Marcus Oberholtzer c1664 EUR - Dec 3, 1726 Coventry Twp, Chester Co

1st Party to leave Rotterdam; Arrived 1709 in England from Rotterdam at age 45, with wife & 5

children. Immigrated 1710 Mary Hope

m Elizabeth Ely Lived in Coventry Twp, Chester Co PA

2--1 [MC1] Jacob Oberholtzer c1699 Palatinate - wp 1760 Bucks Co 7 children

Part of Hans Herr Group Bought 300 a farm in Kenilworth; Executor of Marcus' will.

[MC15] Esther Oberholtzer m George Bachman d/o Jacob son of Marcus, Imm 1710.

2--2 [MC5] Samuel Oberholtzer 1701 - 1757 farmer

m Elizabeth Staats b Brooklyn NY - d c1758 d/o Peter Staats & ?Lysbet Middagh

Lived 103 acres on west side of Skullkill River in Coventry Twp. Sold Jan 13, 1755

3--1 [MT] Mark Overholt bef 1741 - 1754 Tincum, Bucks Co

buried Deep Run Mennonite East next to [MC7] Martin Oberholtzer

Mark d 1754 Tincum, Bucks Co & is buried beside MC7 Martin who died in 1744.

(if Mark died in 1754, this Mark cannot be MT, for the will was written in 1759)

3--2 [MT1] Magdalena Overholt c1741 - Feb 1816 bur Deep Run East

m Christian Hunsberger - wp Aug 29, 1814

3--3 [MT2] Staats Overholt c1743 - Aug 16, 1820 Clinton Twp, Lincoln, Ont, CAN

m Susannah Hunsberger c1750 - Feb 19, 1834

3--4 [MT3] Martin Overholt c1745 - wp Feb 18, 1817 Plumstead

m Elizabeth Nash Aug 3, 1751 - July 1, 1831

d/o William Nash & Agnes Kolb Oberholtzer (widow of MC7)

2--3 [MC3] Nancy Oberholtzer 1703 - aft 1787 m 1720 Jacob Wismer 1689 - 1787

Nancy was 6 yr old in London, May 6, 1709

-Letter of Michael Wismer, BC Canada, 1992

2--4 [MC4] Marcus Oberholtzer c1706 EUR - wp Feb 25, 1760 Chester Co single in 1737

Immigrated to PA with dad Marcus. Bought 103 acre farm in Coventry Twp, adjacent to

his father's property on the outskirts of Kenilworth, across the Skulkill River from

Pottstown.

?m c1758 Elizabeth Staats (her 2nd m)

Marcus will written 1759: "I do bequeath unto my brother Samuel his three children."

PROPOSED EXPLANATION: The Red Book page 149 shows MT Mark Overholt died in Tincum in 1754. This takes him out of the legal documents, for he is already passed away. Next, MC5 Samuel died in 1757. His wife Elizabeth either dies next, or married Samuel's brother MC4 Marcus Oberholtzer. She dies within a year or two.

Marcus has custody of Samuel's remaining three children, and bequeaths his estate to them in his will of 1759. He died in 1760.

-Dennis L Oberholtzer, April 20, 2008

- 2--5 [MC6] Elizabeth Oberholtzer c1708 EUR - m Peter Kolb
REF: Phila Co WB L/396, 1760 Elizabeth is sister to Marcus
- 2--6 [MC7] Martin Oberholtzer 1709 - 1744 Bedminster Twp, Bucks Co
[& Jacob] Oberholtzer, sons of 1709 immigrant Marcus, settled at Schuylkill,
m Nov 2, 1736 Agnes Kolb 1713 - 1786 - Oberholtzer & Nash Family Histories
The Nash family emigrated to America about 1730.
- 2--7 [MC2] Henry Oberholtzer 1713 - w Nov 1, 1759 - d aft 1763 m Elizabeth Killian
Henry is probably [HW] Henry Overholt of Worchester Twp. Both m Elizabeth's
- 1--3 Hans Jagli (Jacob) Oberholtzer c 1665 - Lived at Steinsfurt, GER Mennonite in 1690
?1st m prior to 1686 Since [JF] Jacob is born prior to the marriage of Maria Nussler
?2nd m Apr 15, 1690 by their "Lehrer", Steinsfurt Reformed KB Ch. to Maria Nussler
d/o Jacob Nussler
- 2--1 [JF] Jacob Oberholtzer c1686 EUR - dp Feb 11, 1755
Immigrant to Phila. (now Montgy) Co, PA Feb 22, 1702;
Settled Salford (now Franconia) Twp
m Catharine [?] - aft 1755 4 children
Naturalized with son Jacob Jr on April 11/13, 1729 Philadelphia Supreme Court
- 3--1 [JF1] Jacob Oberholtzer Jr p 1708? - Nat 1743 - wp Feb 11, 1759 Upper Salford T
m c 1728 Deborah Krey b c1711 - aft 1762 8 children
d/o Jan Krey & Sytge Up den Graeff Deb 2nd m aft 1759 Jacob Landis
- 3--3 [JF3] Anna Oberholtzer c1711 EUR -
m Matthias Stauffer c1704 GER - wp Apr 10, 1758 s/o Immigrant Christian
- 2--2 [SL] Samuel Oberholtzer b c1693 - bap Anabaptist c 1700 - May 2, 1748
Immigrant on Molly Sept 30, 1727, already married, sons Jacob & Martin 10 to 14 yrs
m Elizabeth Frick b c1693 - c1758 sister to Jacob Frick I of Neffsville

PROPOSED ASSUMPTION: The Schneider name comes from the Abraham Herr family, and is a new listing in the LMHS card file. Jacob Eby's will also has a witness on his will as Peter Schneider Sr. Assuming this is correct, through the process of elimination, mathematically [SL] Samuel 1727's wife Elizabeth can be the only remaining person available to carry the surname of Frick. Since Jacob Frick is

specifically called "Uncle" in one of the sale deeds of the property, one of the Elizabeths must be a Frick. Uncle and Grand Uncle were not differentiated in legal documents of the time.

Also, there were two Jacob Fricks living in Manheim Township at the time. It is not completely established which Jacob Frick the will is referring. Both Jacob Fricks, and rifle maker Christian Oberholtzer lived as neighbors, complicating the matter but also bringing to light the close knit ties of the four families.

- Dennis L Oberholtzer, April 2008

[SL1] Jacob Oberholtzer c1715 - 2nd m Catharine (Hershey) Bear

[SL2] Martin Oberholtzer c1717 - 1767 Manor Twp

m Elizabeth Schneider c1720/1730 - aft 1781

[SL25] Anna Schneider Oberholtzer c1760 -

m Jacob Eby c1761 - Aug 4, 1818 Manor

[SL252] Christian Eby Dec 20, 1790 - Dec 12, 1876

m c1839 Frances Herr Mar 14, 1803 - Oct 31, 1885

d/o Abraham Herr & Maria (Susanna) Funk - LMHS

2--3 Martin Oberholtzer c1695 - brother of [JF] Jacob of Franconia

1--4 [ML] Martin Oberholtzer c1667 EUR - dp 1733 Lancaster Co Imm 1710 Mary Hope

Lived on Bezaillon property in Bucks Co till 1717, moved to Lancaster Co (included Dauphin & Lebanon at that time)

1710 Warrant in Pequea, not on 1711 survey. 200 acres in 1725 Millersville

1733 sons Jacob & Martin sold land to Michael Kryter.

2--1 [ML1] Martin Oberholtzer - 1749 York Co PA ?In York Co due to fur trade?

POSSIBILITY: The following connection of Earhart Oberholtzer's mother and family is on the pretense of place and time only, and that all dates available do not conflict. It is hoped that with this info, others may be able to search for and find other clues as to these people.

- Dennis L Oberholtzer, April 2008

?m _____ Earhardt dau of Phillip Earhardt who lived beside Bezaillon in Bucks County

PA prior to 1719.

Peter Bizallion having purchased a small Improvement made by Nathaniel Christopher on the Susquehanna River, above Conestoga, desires to purchase 700 acres of Land, to include the said Improvement, the whole being for Martha

his Wife, daughter of John Coomb, late of Philadelphia. It is agreed that 700 acres be laid out to the said Martha, the Wife of the said Peter Bazillion, in the Place aforesaid, in a regular tract fronting on the said River and to include the said Improvement and to extend so far back into the Woods as the Place will bear, for which the said Peter agrees to pay L70 for the whole and on Shill. Sterling Quitrent for each 100 acres. The Warrant signed, dated ye 25th 1st Month, 1719.

- Pennsylvania Archives, Minute Book H, 2nd Series Vol 19, F146, Pg 41
Peter Bezallion moved to Paxtang in 1719 to grow his fur trade, including trade w/Canoy Indians.
Did Earhardt Oberholtzer's father follow Bezallion to Paxtang? Could he be Martin Oberholtzer who died in York Co?

3--1 ?Earhardt Oberholtzer On 1790 Dauphin Co Census, w/ 1 female, 4 male under 16
4--1 son _____ Oberholtzer
4--2 son _____ Oberholtzer
4--3 son _____ Oberholtzer
4--4 son _____ Oberholtzer
2--2 [ML2] Jacob Oberholtzer pos 1690/1700 -
1739 warrant 169 acres on Swatara Creek in Fox Hall, Bethel
169 acres patented by son Martin July 21, 1773
3--1 [ML21] Martin Oberholtzer c1733 - Apr 1815 Bethel Twp m Anna Frantz
1--5 Anna Barbara Oberholtzer b1670 - widow age 72 - d 1742 - John L Overholt, 1985

I--E Matheus Oberholtzer In ENG 1709 - 1 of 6 sons who emigrated from Wald in 1657 & 1663 Matheus is not listed in the usual list of children, but there supposedly were at least two more. He is listed as one of four brothers as emigrants from Frankfort-on-the-Rhine to England, according to Cheryl Wise. Matheus is listed in records in England, along with his children. That is all I know. If someone has time, it would be great to find who his children are; and any additional information that may be available.

I--F Martin Oberholtzer May 5, 1639 Aa - Jan 22, 1711 Palatinate, GER
1 of 6 sons who emigrated from Wald in 1657 & 1663
1st m Nov 11, 1662 Margaretha Reiman
2nd m Oct 26, 1669 Wald to Elsbeth Kindlimann c1641 -
Widow of Martin's brother Hans Heinrich

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Cheryl Wise, 4124 Woodhill Drive, Loretto, MN 55357
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This record was written 9/9/1899 at the time of the first Reunion.
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- John L Overholt, VA

- Records of Sinsheim Reformed KB Church
- MC4 Marcus Oberholtzer will language comprehended by Noah Oberholtzer Jr, Leola, PA. A special thanks to Noah for this key observation.

- Dennis L Oberholtzer, April 2008

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In the next OFA Bulletin: Irish Emigration by some O Families

OFA Treasurer's Report
7/19/07 - 7/23/08

	<u>Savings</u>	<u>Book Fund</u>	<u>Checking</u>
Balance 7/19/07	\$2,217.37	\$10,273.64	\$151.44
<i>SUMMARY</i>			
7/19/07-7/16/08			
<i>INCOME</i>			
Contributions	\$6,109.00		<i>Total</i>
Purchases		\$198.00	
Interest Credited	<u>13.60</u>	<u>63.04</u>	
	\$6122.60	\$261.04	<u>\$1381.80</u>
<i>EXPENSES</i>			
2 Bulletins '08 + postage	\$626.28		
Bulletin & Book of 2007	\$420.72	21.52	
Overholser Mansion	\$ 80.00		
2008 Reunion	\$100.00		
Sales Tax		<u>1.77</u>	
	<u>\$1,258.80</u>	<u>\$23.29</u>	\$1282.09
Transferred to checking to pay fund expenses	\$1,047.00		\$1813.11
ENDING BALANCE	\$7282.97	\$10,513.16	\$17.87
Current balance compared with 7/18/07	\$5097.23	\$641.43	\$110.05

Of interest:

31 contribution checks received beyond the Reunion collection (as compared with 43 in '05-'06), average contribution was about \$27.00

Average cost of Bulletin + postage = \$313.14, for 300 Bulletins, or \$1.04/Bulletin (last year, it averaged \$1.13/Bulletin)

33 people attended the 101st Reunion Celebration last year. The collection that day totaled \$244. Estimated expenses for '08 Reunion are \$581, including catered luncheon gift of Jim Ford, in memory of his Mother, Barbara B Ford, our longtime, faithful Bulletin editor & genealogist.

- Carolyn O Kendall, Treasurer

OUR BARBARIAN ROOTS

In the late 1990's, my neighbor Pastor Charles Stotsenburg was preparing to go to a nursing home and asked if I wanted to choose some books from his small library. One of the four I found to my liking was Edward Gibbon's famous *The End Of The Roman Empire In The West*, Harper & Brothers Publishers, New York ,Published 1958. It took a couple months until I had time to snoop through the pages. It documented the Alemanni Tribe from the land now called Germany and Alsace, and its brazen takeover of Roman towns and villages.

Meanwhile, my father gave me his collection of family tree letters, and several books handed down from my grandfather and great grandfather. One letter was from Richard E Oberholzer of Maugansville, Maryland. Richard was a member of the OFA for several years. It was in June of 1986 that he and his wife Lois spent two days in Oberholz, Switzerland as guests of Gottfried and Rosy Oberholzer. Gottfried was in the hospital with a blood clot at the time, so they did not get to see him.

That Sunday afternoon of June 22nd, a Reunion was held at the Oberholz Guesthouse and Restaurant. Richard Oberholzer wrote the following exert in his letter:

"As early as 700 A.D. people of the Alemanni tribe came from what is now Germany and settled in the area of Wald, Switzerland. They went to the top of the mountain and cleared land to sell lumber and then graze their cattle and farm the land they had cleared. They came to be known as "The farmers over the forest", which is literally what the name Oberholzer means. By the 13th and 14th centuries they were known as the "Oberholtzer Farmers". Somewhere around the end of the 14th century the plague hit the area and many died until there were only two families left."

One of the books I acquired from my father was *The Story of Switzerland*, by Lina Hug and Richard Stead, 1890 G P Putnum's Sons. This book documents the evidence that the earlier Rhatia and Helvetian Tribes only lived along the banks of the lakes and lower streams in Eastern Switzerland. That book and Gibbon's book document how it was not until the 5th Century A.D. that relocated Alemanni Tribal families from the Alsace area moved to the top of the mountains, cleared land and planted crops that had very short growing seasons.

This is the pretense upon which I plan to write a series of articles on Our Barbarian Roots. I have traced the Alemanni Tribe clear through its history from several families in the Canton of Zürich, way on back to the 23rd Century B.C., to Noah's grandson Ashkenazi. I hope you will enjoy reading and learning of our ancient past. - Editor

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To a genealogist, everything is relative. - Puzant Kevork Thomajan

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Overholtzer Publisher

In 1995, William Overholtzer was the publisher of the Bedford County Press, a weekly newspaper with a constituency of 4000. - The Pennsylvania Manual, Dec 1995, v112
Does anyone know what line he is from? ☪☪

ADDITIONAL OBITUARY

Sheryl O Bird Oldest daughter of **Darwin & Jean (Myers) Overholt**. She was 57, the wife of Steven W Bird. From Doylestown PA, living seven years in Florida and two in Saudi Arabia. She is survived by her husband and two daughters, Brittany and Monica of Doylestown; parents Darwin & Jean, and sisters Carol Levy of Melbourne FL, Susan Wilsey of Quakertown, & Cathy Overholt of Dublin.

- The Intelligencer, sent by Jennie Sperling

CONGRATULATIONS!

Daniel Wesley Oberholtzer married Holli Diana Nussbaum on June 7th, 2008 at Weaverland Mennonite Church, East Earl PA

The groom is the son of James & Marianne Oberholtzer, Bainbridge, Lancaster Co, PA
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