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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

First of all, I would like to say hello to everyone and hope that all are well at this time. It's hard to believe that winter is behind us now and the Spring that we've all waited for is here. This is a busy time for those of us that are cleaning out flower beds and preparing the ground for summer gardens!

Our next Overholser family Reunion will be here before we know it. Remember to mark your calendar for August 3rd, the first Saturday in August. There will be a dinner the evening before at Yoder's Restaurant for those that are able to come. It is located on Route 23 in New Holland. The mealtime is 6:00 PM. Saturday's Reunion location is at St John's Church in Terre Hill on Route 625. The time is from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

This year we have been invited to **visit the Christian Oberholtzer House** for a tour. The home is now owned by Nancy Gingerich, and still remains as it looked in 1769 when the Oberholtzers enlarged the original section of the home. It is located in East Petersburg, which is a short drive from the church. I was told that this is a beautiful homestead and a delight to see. This was one of the first [Oberholtzer] homes in Lancaster County.

Our **guest speaker** this year will be **Paul Zander** from Heritage Baptist Church in Loganville PA. Many of our relatives, including the Oberholzers came to this country because of religious persecution. This was noted in one of our family books that is still available. He will be speaking on this subject.

This should be an interesting reunion, especially with the tour afterwards. We hope to see all of you this year. Please urge some family members to come that may not have been with us before. until then, may God bless you.

Jake Street

Wecome New OFA Members!!!

Mike & Diane Runkel, SL Line
 Brian & Jennifer Runkel, SL Line
 Charlotte & Matt Kulp, SL Line
 Philip A Longenecker, SL Line
 Joel & Virginia Landis, SL Line

Check out the OFA Website:

<http://myusite.verizon.net/vzevgxav/ofa>

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Obituaries

Sarah V Haldeman Rose born Bedminster Twp, Bucks Co PA - died May 11, 2012

d/o [Evan Diehl & Elizabeth Overholt](#), Sarah calledcGinny married Justur A Haldeman 1935, and Charles A Rose in 1980. Jut and Sarah had 2 children: Gerald A Haldeman and Dorothy E Rimmer. Ginny was the longest living member of New Britain Baptist Church, for over 82 years. Survived by her sister Catherine Nagurny & 3 step ch. Preceded in death by brothers Daniel & Evan, & sister Dorothy.
- Intelligencer, sent by Jennie Sperling

Elaine M Serok born Colmar PA - died Jan 4, 2012 at 83 Milford Twp PA, d/o the late [John F Holly &](#)

[Alma V Oberholtzer](#). She married the late Fark J Serok who died 12/18/1985. Also preceded in death by son Mark in 1965, 3 brothers & 4 sisters. Survived by sister Frances Piper, & brother Bert Holly, also 4 daughters: Donna M, Karen A, Lynn H Salverio, & Beborra J Noecker; plus 3 sons: Steven, Gary L, & David F Serok. Elaine was member of St Isidore's Catholic Ch, Quakertown PA.
- Morning Call

Leroy T Hartman Dec 14,1918 Hatfield PA - April 13, 2012 s/o Vemon Hartman & Daisy Gerhart, & **Anne**

Overholtzer Hartman 93 years, died April 20, 2012 d/o [Justus Overholtzer & Sallie Boorse](#). Anne passed away just a week later than Leroy. The couple were married May 18th, 66 years earlier. Leroy was superintendant in Hanson Textile Co, Hatfield PA. Members of Heidelberg U Ch of Christ, Hatfield Chamber of Commerce, Hatfield Hist Soc, & American Dowsers. Survived by 2 brothers: Kenneth & Floyd, sister Shirley Stover. Preceded in death by sister Arlene Young, borther Willard Hartman, & infant Lester.
- Reporter, sent in by Jennie Sperling

Herbert Henry Brensinger b Huffs Church - Nov 25, 2011 Hereford at 68 yrs. He was s/o the late [Earl Brensinger](#)

& [Etta Lizzie Overholtzer](#). Herbert worked 33 years as mechanic at Palm Legion, and later 32 years for Merck & Co. Survived by his wife Diane Kriebel Brensinger, daughters Cheryl of Macungie PA, & Amanda of Chester Springs PA. Also sisters Marie Bower of Barto, & Shirley Cressman of Pennsburg.
- Morning Call, Allentown PA

Henry E Oberholtzer died December 13, 2012 aged 102. s/o the late Harry Linford Oberholtzer & Mabel Clemens.

Henry worked for the U S Navy in Lakehurst NJ. Member of Christ Lutheran Ch of Kulpsville PA. Survived by daughter Judith G. Lucente of Lansdale, Jennifer Raquet, Diana J Vit, & Sondra G Goettelmann. Preceded in death by wife Naomi Stauffer Oberholtzer.
- North Penn Reporter, Lansdale PA

Irene Y Oberholtzer died Feb 19, 2013 at 97 years at home in Holland, Southampton Co PA.

Wife of the late John George Oberholtzer, born in Acworth NH to Paul Brieer & Elizabeth Osupak. Moved from Bensalem to Holland in 1984. Survived by Benjamin C & Lynn Oberholtzer of Germantown TN, Anna Mae & Charles Funk of Bristol TN, Brian J at home, & Callista Oberholtzer of Bucks Co. Also a brother Rudy Brieer of Woodbury NJ. - Courier Times, Bucks Co PA

Florence G Oberholtzer 99 Years Old, died April 9, 2013, wife of the late [Nathan B Oberholtzer](#),

daughter of Frances B Earhart & Eleanora S Good. She was member of Ruhl's United Methodist Church, Manheim Fire Co Ladies Aux, & Steigel Roses Senior Citizens. Florence is survived by five children: Darlene E Redcay of Lititz PA (Our own former OFA Secretary for several years), Nathan E Oberholtzer Jr of Mountville PA, Joyce Hoffer of Mastersonville, Wilber E Oberholtzer of Manheim, and Kenneth E Oberholtzer of Gilbert AZ; along with 12 grandchildren & 21 great-grandchildren. Her sister Dorothy E Hunt preceded her.
- Tuesday, April 16, 2013 Lancaster Inter

All seven pictures by Nelson LaFon are on the website.

Cost made it prohibitive to print all seven.

[Welcome to our new 2nd Vice President](#)

SL Line 2nd Vice President Michael Martin 832 Richard Blvd, Rahway NJ 07065-1833

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Many Thanks to those who contributed works for the OFA Files. Large contributors recently are:

Karen Critchfield, descendant of Overholt Whiskey family, PDF files on her family including Henry Clay Frick

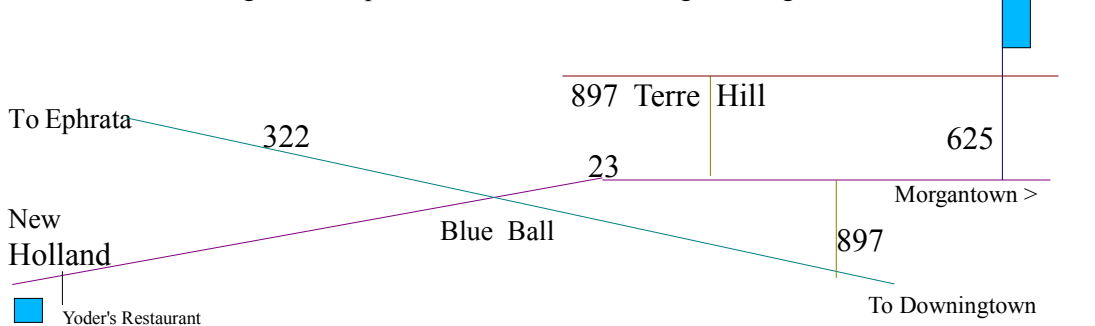
2013 REUNION

The Reunion will be held **August 3rd** at St. John's Center United Church of Christ, east of Terre Hill on Route 625 where it was held in 2009. On Friday night, **August 2nd**, we will meet at Yoder's between New Holland and Blue Ball for a 6:00PM buffet dinner and visiting. Be sure to notify Carolyn Kendall (address on Officer's List) in advance so they know how many to expect. On Saturday **August 3rd**, we will gather at 10:30AM at the church.

Like last year, there will be a catered luncheon. If you wish, you may bring along some condiments (pickles, chips, etc) or desserts for the sweet tooth.

How to get to the OFA 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



*Directions to Nancy Gingerich's Christian Oberholtzer House will be made available at the Reunion.
 We will begin arriving there between 3:30PM and 4:00PM*

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