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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear OFA Members,

The middle of the year 2016 is approaching fast and it is time to write the date of this year's Reunion on your summer calendar. Don't forget to include our Reunion Eve Dinner gathering on Friday at 6PM at Yoder's Resturant. That is always a special time for visiting and catching up with one another. I am looking forward to a lively and fruitful OFA business meeting on Saturday. Archival issues will again be an important topic of discussion.

Rhoda Stauffer Oberholtzer, one of our own, has written a book on her long life in business in Lancaster County PA (Stauffers of Kissel Hill stores), and will be our guest speaker. She will be displaying her famous flower arrangements. Her husband is Jay Oberholtzer who is from the SL Line.

Please take notice of Earline Oberholtzer's announcement concerning the lunch menu changes. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in August.

Sincerely,
Michael Martin, OFA President

MENU CHANGES

This year, a hot entree will be provided and drinks. If local, please bring a side dish, or dessert.

Thank You, Earline Oberholtzer

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Welcome New OFA Members!!!

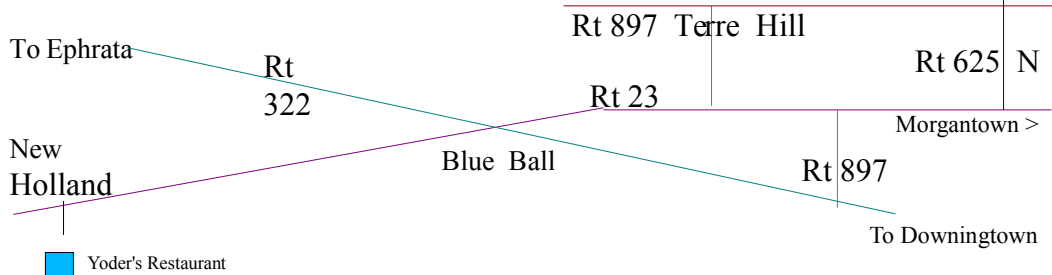
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- Nancy Shrader, Ab & Maggie Landis Line
- Cathy Henkle Cook – Freed & Geisinger Line

2016 REUNION

The Reunion will be held **August 6th** St. John's Center United Church of Christ, Phone # 717-445-5622, east of Terre Hill on Route 625 where it was held in 2009. On **Friday night, August 5th**, we will meet at Yoder's between New Holland and Blue Ball for a 6:00PM buffet dinner and visiting. On **Saturday August 6th** we will gather from 9:00 to 10:00AM at the church. Call Carol at 717-225-4808 if you need more information.

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 625



OUR BARBARIAN ROOTS

Culture & Dialect surrounding Oberholtz

“A few words may be given here respecting the famous monastery of St. Gall. The cloisters of St Gall shed a bright lustre on Swabian lands during its best period, from 800 to 1050 A.D. This famous religious-house was a centre of art and high culture, and was a blessing to the whole country. We can but allude to some of its famous monks, such as the Notkers, Ekkehard, Ratbert, and so forth; many famous as poets, musicians, savants, historians, and teachers of the very highest rank. In the noted school attached to the monastery there resided and were educated some three hundred sons of the German and Helvetic nobility. The discipline kept up was most severe. A story runs that King Conrad I [from the Stauffer family which some of us belong] on a visit to the institution, wished to put this to the test, and caused to be scattered under the school benches a basketful of fine apples. Not a single scholar touched the fruit, and, to reward them for this very remarkable self-restraint, Conrad gave the youths three holidays. But the number of anecdotes attaching to this magnificent institution is endless.”

- Story of Switzerland, by Lina Hug and Richard Stead, 1890 G P Putnum's Sons

The Alemanni people who populated the mountain tops of Eastern Switzerland speak a High German Dialect. “The Gallo-Romans and the Italians spoke with slight differences a similar language, derived from the Latin. But the Germans retained their Teutonic idiom. Charlemagne left to the Lombards and Saxons their own laws. The Salian and Ripuarian Franks, the Alemani and Bavarians, preserved theirs. Thus these peoples were not fused and welded in one. The will of Charlemagne was the only bond that held them together.”

- A History of the World, Vol.III, Duruy

“The greatest changes were effected by the growth of feudalism, which had arisen indeed under Charlemagne, but had to some extent been checked by him. Feudalism outgrew all other systems, and entirely disarranged the social scale. The free peasantry shrank to a small number, and there sprang up a martial nobility of high functionaries, who held offices in the army or courts of justice, and exerted much influence. On the native soil, on the very meeting-places where the old German people had assembled to deal with civil and judicial matters, eminent men founded families which grew into reigning houses. These men, combining political discernment with military ability and experience, rose above their fellows, and assumed the highest offices. The distresses, the dissensions, the intestine wars, and particularly the invasion by savage hordes drove people to seek the protection of powerful lords even at the risk of losing their own independence. In most cases the people became ‘unfree’, or serfs.”

- Story of Switzerland

OUR BARBARIAN ROOTS

Neighboring Growth

The following excerpts reveal a glimpse into the colonization of the lands surrounding the valley of Oberholtz:

"The pattern of colonization, the steady deterioration of imperial standards of civic life, and the rhythms of Mediterranean and pan-European trade ...bears comparison with the collapse of the Soviet Union into a mosaic of impoverished states.

"The chronology of the new towns is significant. They prospered ca. 670-720, suffered a recession in the 750's, experienced a boon when Charlemagne fused Europe's regions into a new Holy Roman Empire, ca 800, and fell into terminal decline in the 820's. The dendrochronological record... reveals a boom-and-bust rhythm to the trade before new inland market towns founded in the early to mid-ninth century eclipsed these coastal trading settlements in importance. Ironically, most of these early towns are first recorded at a time when they were in sharp decline and the target of Viking raids...."

- Richard Hodges, *Archaeology* Sept/Oct 1998

"But besides these farmer freemen, land was taken up by religious-houses, and by secular grandees, who claimed the soil cultivated by their serfs, bondsmen, and dependents of all kinds. By the bounty of Louis the German, the 'Gotteshausleute' (God's-house-people), had become of great importance in Uri; in 853 that monarch had bestowed his royal lands in Uri, with everything appertaining thereto, on the Abbey of our Lady at Zurich, an abbey founded for his daughters. Beneath the mild rule of these royal ladies the inhabitants had acquired great independence, and had shared with their mistress the high privilege of the 'Reichsfreiheit', which saved their lands from being mortgaged, or from falling under the power of vassal princes. Besides the Lady Abbess, there were other proprietors in Uri - the Maison Dieu of Wettingen, the barons of Rapperswyl, and other high-born or noble families, and lastly, a body of 'freemen'."

"This scattered and various society was knit into one close boundary-association by the possession of the 'Almend', a stretch of land common to all, according to the old German custom - to free and unfree, rich and poor, noble and serf, who were brought together in council for deliberation. These assemblies gave rise to the political gatherings of the 'Landsgemeinde'."

- *Story of Switzerland*, by Lina Hug and Richard Stead, 1890 G P Putnum's Sons

It may need qualifying to those of our younger generations that during the Middle Ages of Europe, and even in the times of the Reformation, the original homesteads stayed in the family for many generations. Unlike today in the United States, where we move every seven years on average.

Addressing the Small O Lines

In this issue I wish to bring some additional information to the small O lines.

MB Maria Oberholtzer

Of Northampton Co Pennsylvania (now Lehigh County)

This family can be found in *Descendants of Hans Jacob Bechtel*,
at Montgomery Co Historical Society

MB Maria Oberholtzer - 11/4/1807
m 1742 Rev Samuel Bechtel c1705/6 – 1/15/1802
Sam was a preacher and trustee of Saucon Mennonite and then to Rockhill Mennonite, Bucks Co
Both buried Rockhill Mennonite Cemetery
Samuel Bechtel's parental family:

Hans Jacob Bechtel - 1739 min at Hereford Mennonite Church
son 1 Rev Samuel Bechtel 1705/6 – 1/15/1802
son 2 Martin Bechtel 1710 – 1786 Menn Bishop

REF: Bower, Bechtel, Stauffer Families; Stanley W Nash to Barbara Ford, Oct 1, 1991, OFA Files; John Wenger's History of the Mennonites of the Franconia Conference 1937

MB1 Elisabeth Bechtel 1745 - m Abraham Gehman
They are the ancestors of Gladys F Swartley in the JF Jacob of Franconia O Line:
JF43243 Samuel Shoemaker Swartley 4/22/1843 - 1/31/1906
bur 38th & Lehigh, Phila PA: Good Fellows Cem, also called Mount Peace Cemetery
1st m Annie Bidel* 1840 - 1890
2nd m bef 12/1893 **Elizabeth Estella (Silberhorn) Hildebrandt** ^ 1858 - 1924
wid/o Ed A Hildebrandt
JF43243.1 Anna Elizabeth Swartley* 2/1/1879 - 1912 single
JF43243.2 Gladys Florence Swartley ^ 12/6/1893 - 1978
m 12/23/1920 Clarence Lewars Shollenberger Jr MD 1895 - 1973
JF43243.3 Beatrice E Swartley ^ 1896 – 1898

REF: Hugh Hamilton III, Cynwyd PA; Ancestry of Gladys F Swartley Chart, JF Files in OFA Records

MB2 Barbara Bechtel 1746 -

MB3 Anna Bechtel 1747 -

MB4 Catharine Bechtel 1749 -

MB5 Samuel Bechtel 1751 -

ES Elizabeth Oberholtzer

Of Macungie Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania

The Oberholtzer Book 1995, Barbara B Ford, Overholser Family Association
OFA Bulletin, Additions & Corrections Barbara B Ford, Overholser Family Association
Dennis L Oberholtzer, compiler Genealogist, Overholser Family Association

ES Elizabeth Oberholtzer 5/2/1791 - 2/13/1861 bur Solomon's Ref Ch, Macungie Lehigh Co PA
daughter of **Samuel Oberholtzer** – Tombstone inscriptions Lehigh County PA, Charles F Seng 1983
m **Jacob Schuler** c1790 – 69 in 1860 Census
REF: Tombstone Insc Lehigh Co PA, Charles F Seng 1983, p232

ES1 Rev Moses Schuler 8/12/1817 - 3/9/1892 Lehigh Co PA res L Macungie Lehigh Co PA
m 7/15/1855 **Mary Ann Crouthamel** 1/18/1827 - 9/15/1832 - 8/14/1911 res E Texas Lanc Co PA
d/o Joseph H Crouthamel 5/20/1801-1884 bur Hatfield Brethren
m Lydia Hunsberger 1801-1860
both bur Immanuel Church of the United Brethren in Christ, Lower Macungie Twp, Lehigh Co PA
All children born Lower Macungie, Lehigh Co PA
REF: *OFA Bulletin* Aug 2006, Barbara B Ford; 1880 PA Lower Macungie Twp Census; Hunsbergers 1995

ES11 Jacob Schuler 6/14/1856 - 8/23/1914 m **Trivilla Ruth** 1856 - 1925

ES12 Joseph A Schuler 2/14/1858 - 3/30/1920 m 1882 **Eliza M Rush** 12/10/1863 - 12/18/1921
carpenter, res Hilltown, Bucks Co PA 1900; 1920 undertaker in Dublin Bucks Co
bur Deep Run Menn E

ES121 Howard B Schuler 1883-1887

s/o Joseph & Lizzie

ES122 Hannah Schuler 1893 - 1983

d-i-l

ES123 Warren Schuler 3//19/1892 - 6/13/1980
Undertaker in Allentown PA

m 9/2/1914 Florence Bella Mae Egge 2/3/1894 -

ES1231 Dorothy Lois Schuler 3/16/1916 -

m Elwood Seasholtz

ES1232 Claire Gladys Schuler 6/28/1920 -

m Luther W Fritzinger

ES1233 Warren Joseph Schuler 8/17/1922 -

m Marion Mumbauer

ES124 William R Schuler 3/1898 - 1970

ES13 Samuel Schuler 5/14/1863 - 5/14/1932 m 1888 **Ida R Henry** 7/26/1865 - 11/17/1934
Roland S Dorney 30, servant in Sam's House in 1920, LE Lower Macungie Twp PA; St Paul's Cem

ES131 Elmeda Schuler 4/1890 -

ES132 Stanley A (or R) Schuler 1906 -

ES14 William F Schuler 8/23/1865 - 10/22/1921 m 1889 **Anna J Weaver** 4/27/1871 – 1/3/1919
Upper Macungie Twp PA, 1900 Ada M Kunkel b 2/1886 sister lived with William & Anna in 1900

ES141 Edna Schuler c1891 -

ES142 Lizzie Schuler 5/1892 -

ES143 Earl Schuler 2/1894 -

ES144 Thomas Schuler 10/1895 -

ES145 Radley Schuler 2/12/1897 -

ES2 Lydia Schuler c1828 -

ES3 Beata Schuler 7/8/1835 – 8/2/1885 consumption 50-0-24
bur Zion Evan Luth, Maxatawny, Berks Co PA
born Lower Macungie, baptised & confirmer in later years 6 sons, 5 daughters
m 2/25/1851 **John Beitelman** 3/15/1829 - (2nd m Fianna (Conrath) McKnabb)
REF: Zion Evan Luth Ch, Maxatawny, Berks Co PA; *Hist of Lehigh Co* Vol II p 72; children: *OFA Bulletin* Aug 2006, Barbara B Ford

ES31 Lydia Beitelman

ES32 Oliver John Beitelman 1/5/1855 – 4/7/1893 38-3-2 m 5/6/1880 **Emma Heitz**
REF: Zion Evangelical Luthern Church, Maxatawny, Berks Co XCH447 HSP

ES33 Amanda Beitelman c1856 -

ES34 Clinton Beitelman

ES35 Allen M Beitelman c1860 - m 10/22/1880 **Ellen J Nagle** of Breinigsville

ES36 Mary M Beitelman 1/7/1860 - 4/27/1902 m 10/22/1880 **Oscar B Layton** 8/1856 PA -
of Allentown PA Oscar's 2nd m Mary Artman 11/1864 - 3rd m Lillian A Layton b c 1905 -
ES361 Helen E Layton 9/1892 -
ES362 Estella M Layton 8/1895 -
ES363 Beata S Layton 1/1898 -

ES37 Leshar Beitelman 5/1864 - m **Ellie** _____

ES38 Sarah Beitelman m 4/2/1887 **Samuel Reifinger**

ES39 Irwin Beitelman c1872 -

ES30 Theodore Beitelman 7/30/1874 - m 1906 **Amelia Heller** (Keller?)

ES3a Daughter Beitelman c1877 -

BENJAMIN OBERHOLSER

Of Welland County, Ontario CANADA

The Oberholtzer Book

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BC Benjamin Oberholser 3/18/1806 PA - 7/8/1847 Humberstone, Welland Co Ontario CAN

1st m 9/11/1826 Stamford, Ontario **Elizabeth Miller ***

at time of marriage she was E. Miller of Willoughby

2nd m **Mary Lehman** - 1885 Albion NE NI d/o Abraham Lehman & Mary Stewig

Benj went to Markham Ont probably with his parents, then in 1840 to Humberstone

Overholts NE Lot18 CON 3 10 acres - Humberstone Twp ONT CAN

bur Overholt Cem, Humberstone Ontario

REF: Betty J Lam, Silverton OR; Nancy Myers Nustad, 12339 Mac Donald Drive, Ojai CA USA 93023

BC1 Henry Oberholser* 7/18/1827 Markham Ont - 11/1905 Nipissing Co Ont

1st m **Elizabeth Bears** 8/6/1827 - 11/7/1857

2nd m 1/20/1863 **Margaret A Wright** 1/2/1831 - d/o John & Eliza Wright

REF: Ontario Marriages, Lincoln

BC11 Mary Elizabeth Overholt 9/12/1850 - 3/1921 Rochester NY

m 9/22/1872 **Robert H Fose** 7/7/1848 - 6/24/1924

BC111 Clara A Fose 7/12/1875 - 4/27/1957

m **James T Denniston**

BC112 Henry Fose 4/1/1878 - 195_

m **Addie M Voss**

BC113 John Wm Fose 11/10/1880 - 5/1946

m **Flora Rosentreter**

BC114 Charles F Fose 5/10/1889 - 2/13/1955

m **Naomi Voss**

BC115 Mary E Fose 1/26/1893 - 1/1974

m **Itheil J Taft**

BC12 William Henry Overholt 1/2/1855 - 1/3/1935 Nipissing Co

single

BC13 John Benjamin Overholt 5/18/1865 - 3/24/1937 Nipissing Co

m **Jerusha Kinsella** 7/11/1865 -

BC131 Ralph Overholt 11/19/1892 -

BC132 Mary Overholt 11/29/1898 -

BC2 Jacob P Oberholser 1834 Markham Ont - 10/14/1882 Cleveland OH

m **Mary A _____** c1836 OH - 7/2/1881 Cleveland OH cancer

BC21 Samuel Webster Overholt c1859 CAN - 6/30/1881 Cleveland OH Riverside Cem, Cleveland OH

BC22 Elizabeth Overholt c1861 CAN - 1/6/1939 Cleveland OH Cleveland Hospital for the Insane

BC23 Ida E Overholt c1865 OH - 9/11/1953 Cleveland OH

BC24 Harvey Overholt c1868 OH – bef 1956 m **Bertha Minn** GER - 5/11/1956 Cleveland OH

BC25 May Overholt c1871 OH - 4/25/1957 m **Jacob T Henderson** - 11/13/1959

BC251 Harold Henderson

BC3 Martha Oberholser 1835 Markham Ont - m _____ **Cherry**

BC4 Abraham Overholts 3/15/1837 Markham Ont - 1/1/1916 Scio OR farmer
 m 12/24/1863 Thorold, Welland Ont, **Cordelia Bland** 4/2/1843 Toronto Ont - 5/31/1933 Scio OR
 d/o Matthew Bland 7/1819-6/5/1904 & Mary Jane Emmett 9/1817 – 8/30/1894 farmers
 both bur Weisner Cem, Stayton OR Moved from Marshall Co IA to Albion NE, then OR

BC41 Mary Jane Overholts 1/9/1865 Thorold, Welland Co - 8/21/1886 Albion NE

BC42 Ida Elizabeth Overholts 7/11/1866 Thorold - 4/3/1886 Albion NE

BC43 Florence Isabelle Overholts 10/5/1867 Thorold - 3/12/1948 Scio OR
 m 10/7/1903 **Thomas Fleming**

BC44 Arthur Smith Overholts 12/9/1863 Marshall IA - 3/11/1954 Portland OR
 m **Mary Reynolds**

BC45 Clarence Bland Overholts 5/25/1872 Marshall IA - 6/8/1968 single

BC46 Allura Grace Overholts 2/26/1875 Marshall IA - 1/11/1964 Albany OR
 both bur Weisner Cem, Stayton OR
 m 5/27/1899 Madera CA, **Gilbert Marshall Finley** 2/22/1875 Webster, Taylor WV - 4/15/1954
 Stayton OR
 s/o farmer Jasper Cather Finley 3/24/1851-6/15/1930 & Sarah Jane Hillyard 8/16/1849-11/26/1937

BC461 Gerald Lawrence Finley 11/25/1900 Marysville WA - 10/22/1991 Salem OR
 1st m **Frances Rhoads** 2nd m **Jennie Larsen**

BC462 Rera Violet Finley 6/2/1904 Castle Rock WA - 3/6/1956 Eugene OR
 m 10/4/1924 Albany OR **Frank Edward Weber** 6/10/1896 Salem OR 0 4/9/1977 Sweet Home OR
 s/o storekeeper James Franklin Weber 11/28/1849-8/7/1921 &
 Arlena Mae Harren 12/21/1869-9/7/1969
 farmer, logger both bur 100F Cem, Lebanon OR

BC4621 William Lyle Weber 10/11/1925 OR - m 6/9/1948 **Billie Virginia Riley**

BC4622 Betty Jean Weber 5/7/1928 OR - Lutheran Church; Real Estate Broker
m 7/25/1946 Burlington WA **Albert Lam** 3/26/1918 Oak Harbor WA - forestry
s/o John Lam 1883-1951 & Josephine Reinstra 1896-1955, Netherlands Canada WA, dairy farmer
REF: Betty J Lam, 12145 Evergreen Rd NE, Silverton OR 97381, 9/28/1984

BC46221 Randall Douglas Lam 8/6/1947 Oak Harbor WA - single

BC46222 Marilyn Sue Lam 4/19/1951 Lebanon OR - secretary, housewife; Lutheran Ch
m 8/23/1969 **Stuart E Knight** 8/22/1948 Myrtle Luth Ch, Silverton OR -
Meth Ch; Acct.

s/o English teacher Thomas Glen Knight & librarian Patricia Hurlbut of OR
BC46222.1 Daughter 4/13/1974 Gresham OR -
BC46222.2 Son 7/20/1977 Portland OR -

BC4623 Janice Mae Weber 7/25/1931 OR - m 2/9/1952 **Kenneth E Cardwell**

BC463 Gladys Finley 11/26/1912 Crabtree OR - m 10/15/1929 **Lester Quigley**

BC47 Leroy Earl Overholts 10/3/1881 Albion NE - 3/21/1965 Portland OR
m 10/30/1904 **Anna Amelia Schaeffer** 9/18/1884 -

BC471 Willard Overholtz c1906 -

BC472 Marvin Overholtz c1913 -

BC48 Vera Agnes Overholts 2/18/1888 - 9/10/1976 Salem OR m 12/21/1909 **John William Dart**

BC5 Elizabeth Overholtz 1/1840 Markham Ont - m **George Baer** c1840 Bavaria GER -

BC51 Mary C Bear 1863 NY - m **William Cox** 11/1856 -

BC6 Nancy Oberholser 1842 Humberstone -

BC7 Benjamin Overholtz 3/1845 Humberstone, Welland Co - 2/16/1922 CA
bur Blue Mound Cem, Milford NE
m c1869 **Lydia Neff** 5/6/1852 Ontario - 6/6/1926 Milford, Seward NE
d/o Abraham Neff & Marie Burger

BC71 Leffa Overholtz 1869 - m Oakland Co, **J Markley** - ?Pontiac MI

BC72 Orrin B Overholtz 1872 IA -

BC73 Anna Laticia Overholtz 2/17/1874 Marshall Co IA - 7/13/1941 Auburn, Nemaha NE
m 4/5/1896 Hiawatha, Brown KS, **Charles Sumner Myers** 1/16/1874 KS - 1/6/1947 NE

BC731 Homer Overholtz Myers 7/22/1912 NE - 1/5/1991 CA
m 8/17/1934 **Clara Viola Harpham** 12/25/1913 NE - 6/4/1992 Hacienda Heights, CA
d/o Joseph Harpham & Mary Jane Johnson buried June 7, 1992 Whittier, LA Co CA

BC7311 Larry Dean Myers 1/21/1937 NE - m **Dorothy Anderson**

BC7312 William Charles Myers 1/10/1944 CA -
m 1/18/1969 W Covina CA, **Frances Myrtle Dickson**

BC7313 Nancy Lou Myers 8/28/1947 CA -
m 9/25/1965 Monrovia, LA Co CA, **Roger Dean Nustad** 2/16/1945 Sioux Falls SD -

BC73131 Clinton Dean Nustad 5/7/1969 Garden Grove, Orange Co CA -

BC73132 Cynthia Jean Nustad 3/2/1971 W Covina, LA Co CA -

BC73133 Christine Deann Nustad 1/24/1974 W Covina CA -
m 6/8/1996 Ventura CA, **Matthew Jerome Tracy**

BC74 Mary Overholtz c1876 -

BC75 Eve Overholtz c1878 - m _____ **Markell**

BC76 Dollie Overholtz 1/21/1882 NE - 4/19/1950 CA
m **Caesar R Crabtree** 4/1877 NE - res/o Inglewood CA

BC761 Boyd Harold Crabtree 5/29/1912 NE - 3/6/1988 CA

BC77 George B Overholtz 1885 NE - ENGLAND res Manchester ENGLAND
married _____ Navy man, stayed in England after WWI

BC771 twin son

BC772 twin son

BC78 Grace G Overholtz 1890 NE -

BC79 Hattie Overholtz m _____ **Roker**

BC70 Francis B "Buddy" Overholtz 9/1898 NE - 6/20/1991 Ventura CA
m **Laura Sophrona "Frona" Hahn** 10/14/1899 -
REF: OFA Bulletin 8/2001, Barbara B Ford ; Nancy M Nustad, Ventura CA

BC71 Child Overholtz 1900 & 1910 Census says there were 11 children with 8 alive in 1900

BCR Elizabeth Oberholser **SISTER of Benjamin Oberholser**

BCR Elizabeth Oberholser c1800 USA - Welland Co Fort Erie Ont CAN
m 2/26/1824 **William Stockdale** ENG - dp 1871 Harvey Twp, Peterborough N farmer
Elizabeth is sister of Benjamin who was a witness to her marriage to Wm Stockdale. -Barbara Ford
Witnesses: John Lyon from William and Benjamin Oberholster for Elizabeth.

BCR1 John Stockdale c1825 -
m 10/17/1854 **Melinda Elizabeth Miller** 12/10/1828 -

BCR11 Wallace J Stockdale 5/16/1866 - m **Frances** _____ 11/29/1865 -
1901 census shows James Hopkin 10/29/1865 - adopted by Wallace & Frances.
All Stockdales bur McAfee Cem, Bertie, Welland Co Ontario CAN except Frances. - B Ford

Odds & Ends Corrections & Additions

HJ141 Jacob Schafer m Nov 17, 1808 **Barbara Overholz** - Tohickon Reformed Records, p227

Anna Oberholtzer Geboren 13 May 1816 - Watercolor & Pinprick Fractur, Jim Overholser Roanoke VA

CL Catharine Oberholtzer - 3/20/1817 m **Isaac Cassel Landis** - 4/26/1814
both buried Delps, Franconia, Montgy Co PA farmer, saw mill, Rev War 5 children
REF: Samuel E Wenger book p 136; #7 p2 Desc of *Jacob Landis*, Montgy Co, OFA Files

CY (is CAsr) Christian Oberholtzer m **Anna Meyin** (Mylin)

SW Susanna Overholtzer m 6/9/1818 **Jacob G Wenger** 4/26/1782 - 1825 Leacock, Lanc Co
Jacob is s/o Michael Wenger & Eve Good (C7)
Children can be found in the Wenger Book pages 217-218, available at Lancaster Menn Hist Soc
REF: Orphans Court Misc Bk 1820-1831 p134, 1822-1825 p13-14; Deed 24-436, 1823 Deed 20-58 1819; The Wenger Book p180

Agnes Kolb Corrections by Karen Critchfield

1st Generation Dielman Kolb from Germany

2nd Generation Henry Kolb

3rd Generation Agnes Kolb

1st m MC7 Martin Oberholtzer

2nd m William Nash 11/24/1696 - c11/18/1760

2nd Generation Ann Kolb 1676-2/26/1738 Wolfsheim GER

m Balthaser Kolb

Couple did not come to America

3rd Generation Agnes Kolb 1713 - m Michael Dirstein immigrant, 11 children

- *Kolb, Kulp, or Culp Family*, Daniel Kolb Cassel, 1895

Record Keeping

Just last week my wife hands me a 3 inch disk negative. Neither of us have a machine to put the disk into to see what is on it. The person did make note that print numbers 1, 4, 7,8, and 9 were made into 8 X 10s, wherever they may be.

There is a widespread problem only beginning to creep into archival files. **Digital files of any kind are magnetic in structure.** Files that have been made 30 to 50 years ago are beginning to deteriorate, some to the point of non-recovery. Talking with Carolyn Wenger at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society about the digital dilemma happening today has caused me to do an overview of the OFA records.

Most of our records are on paper. Thank God! The ones that are on CD's, on computer, and flash drives are not all on paper, but are a small amount. But there are other records which can or will be problematic. These are magnetic tapes such as cassette, VCR, Reel to Reel, and the 5 inch floppy disks. Oh and 3 inch disks. In my personal family files I have micro cassettes, mini video disks, thousands of slides, and I am certain I missed a few other formats.

The problem is that all these magnetic formats, and outdated equipment, is going to cause the loss of family records. How much time have you spent on putting together your family records? I spent 17 years of research to create my 400 page family tree. I am well aware of the easy loss of records. I am in the middle of recreating the JB Jacob Oberholtzer of Brecknock Township line, because when my last computer crashed from someone infiltrating it with malware, I lost it. But I did make a paper copy, which is being again put into the computer. This is nothing new to me, for Barbara Ford lost all her computer floppy disks when a neighbor offered to make CD copies of them. He destroyed them. So Barbara had nothing on magnetic retrieval systems when I took over as genealogist.

What do we do? **First Make A Paper Copy!** I know, I don't have room to store a paper copy. Well, see if someone else does. Secondly, the young guys that are now OFA officers have suggested to change over to flash drives. Flash Drives operate from a USB port on your computer. USB ports have always been part of a personal computer system, and will remain so. This way you do not need a special "player" (CD Player, Floppy Disk player, etc) to operate the flash drive. Just plug it in. The only problem you may have is the size. They are so small, it will be easy to lose them. Or, *Where did I put that?*

But REMEMBER, even Flash Drives can disintegrate over time. So every 20 years you will need to make a new copy and throw away the old one. Better yet make two, in case the one fails, you will have a backup. But a paper copy is still the best!

Obituaries

Mildred Smith Oberholtzer died March 8, 2016 at 91 years of age from Lancaster PA. formerly of Harrisburg PA. d/o David & Lila (Ramsey) Smith, and wife of William Oberholtzer for 69 years. Survived by William, and son Michael of Lititz PA. Preceded in death by grandson Scott Oberholtzer. - LNP

William Jay Oberholtzer died February 15, 2016 82 years from Adamstown PA. Son of John B Oberholtzer and Maggie (Lausch), and an Army Corporal in the Korean War. Survived by daughters Ruby L Goshert of Carlisle, Rita L Ruoss of Denver, son William Jr of Zephyrhills FL
- LNP & Ross Gerhart III

Earl Bartman 89 of Pottstown, son of Earl R Bartman and Dorothy Overholtzer Bartman of Linfield PA. Earl served in Army during WWII, member Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Pottstown. Survived by 2 sons, Emmett and Mark, both of Frazer Park CA, brother Thurman of Lewes DE, preceded in death by daughter Marlene. Wife Lorraine A Mest Bartman passed away March 9, 2016. - Reading Eagle

Keith B Oberholtzer died September 10, 2015, son of Edward and Cass (Easter) Oberholtzer. Wife of Donielle (Davalos), and children Keith Jr, Karl, and Ivan. - Philly.com by Ross Gerhart III

Esther E Blocher 96 of Flora IN 1/28/1920 Howard Co IN - 3/29/2016 Kokomo IN
d/o John O Blocher & Elizabeth Snavelly Oyler
m 4/4/1942 Carroll Co, Joseph Wise Blocher - 12/25/2003

Vanice Sue Flora 7/21/1948 Montgomery Co OH - 3/6/2016
m 6/25/1967 Ronald Eugene Flora Old German Baptist Church

Virginia Alice Flory 82 of Camden Old German Baptist Church
11/9/1933 Miami Co OH - 3/2/2016 survived by husband m 12/19/1954 Elmer L Flory of MD

Glenna Parker 73 of Silver Lake IN died 1/31/2016 Ft Wayne IN First Brethren Church

Rosemary Sue Mead of Gettysburg PA 5/28/1953 Troy - 1/24/2016 Dayton OH

Glenn H Brewer 5/3/1921 - 1/16/2016 m 10/11/1941 Norma Waggoner

*In Ten Generations (about 300 years)
it takes 1003 people
to make YOU!*

Name Modifications

In today's society, many places and names have been synthesized into a standard English version of the place and/or name. But the old records are not so easy to decipher. For instance, northeast of the village of Oberholz is the town of Baretswil. The people originated from the Alemanni tribe living in the Winterthur area of Switzerland. Here are the years and name changes to the same location of Baretswil:

	<u>Year</u> <u>Name</u>
Baretswil heisst	1150 noch Perolteswilare
	1275 Beroltswile
	1321 Beroltswiler
	1429 Beretswil
	2000 Baretswil

Reference: *Unser Baretswil*, A Sierszyn 1983, in German Language

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Is a culture worth fighting for?

I recently watched a movie called *The Monuments Men*. It is about a group of American artists who went to Europe during the Second World War to find and return the millions (not a typo) of works of art, written books, and thousands of Torahs (Moses Books of the Bible), to their rightful owners. It is a stunning glimpse of the jealous greed Hitler had for art; no doubt brought about by his lack of ability to create such dynamic works, which have been and still are the greatest collection of creative works the world has ever known! Much of it is Judeo-Christian based. Those works represent the culture and way of life for not only the past millenium of Europe, but is the basis for our Christian world view here in America.

The movie proclaims that *"you can wipe out a generation of people and somehow they still come back. But if you destroy their achievements and their history, then its like they never existed."* This is a profound truth, in that many of the ancient Mideast cultures - Amalakites, Amorites, Midianites, Hurrians, Philistines, and such have disappeared from history, without barely a thread of recognition left of who they were as a culture.

A Human Life is far more valuable than a piece of art, or a book. And yet the loss of a life to help preserve a culture has many benefits. Our Christian heritage is not to be thrown aside. Today's generation of Americans often wish to discard our Christian heritage for the sake of a latest cell-phone, or an overhead passing droid which spies on our naked-to-electronics world. But the Creator of the Universe is not mocked! In the future all of humanities electronic toys will be of no use when a person comes before the Judge of humanity, and Jesus Christ asks to give account of our actions! **YOU THINK ABOUT THAT!**