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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear OFA Members,

Hope this finds everyone well, avoiding colds and other potential ailments.

To start my tenure as President, I thought maybe some basic information about family tree research would be useful. Here is a simple basic outline to get started.

- * Chart your family tree.
- * Make duplicates of primary documents.
- * Make folders or binders for different branches of your family tree.
- * Make a database on your computer just for genealogical work.
- * Setup a log to help remember what you searched and what resources were used such as birth/death records and census data.

After getting started and to expand the work, the following items about resources might even save time. (1) Work backwards in time - it's easier to work from a fact that you know about, such as the date of birth or a marriage of a relative, than to try and trace a person you don't know much about. (2) Ask family relatives what they remember about their family history, especially name changes. Ask them to tell you any family stories, what their ancestors did for a living or what they looked like. Find out what was happening at the time they lived. (3) Check out the Internet. (4) Meet other researchers, even family members, who may have information that complements your work. (5) Find out what's already been accomplished. It's worth checking if anyone else is doing research into your family history. Some people publish their family history on the Internet, so start by putting a name into an internet search engine. (6) Much of this work is about answering questions - Who are we dealing with? Where did your ancestors live? When were they alive? What did your ancestors do in their lives which may affect available what information can be found. (7) Family history will be drawn from a myriad of records and sources throughout history in which your ancestors will be mentioned. Birth, marriage, and death records, censuses, wills, church records, newspapers, trade directories, ecclesiastical documents, church records, tombstones etc. might all throw up valuable information.

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Marriages

*Carolyn Beth Oberholtzer of Manheim Lancaster Co PA d/o Kevin D & Faith B Oberholtzer
married Jeremy Lee Hershey of Lititz, s/o Barry L & Marilyn M Hershey.
- July 21, 2019 LNP*

New Borns

Greg Overholser, s/o Jim & Kathy Overholser of Roanoke VA, and wife have a baby boy

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Family history is fun and thoroughly absorbing. If you like detective stories and have a mind of solving puzzles, then it may turn into a lifetime of enjoyable work.

Michael Shrader, OFA President

OVERHOLSER FAMILY ASSOCIATION
113th Annual Reunion
August 3, 2019

The 113th Reunion of the Overholser Family Association convened at St John's Center United Church of Christ on Saturday August 3, 2019. Thirty-one people were in attendance.

The day began with a social time, officer's meeting and lunch.

Kris Overholt, President, welcomed the group to the 113th Reunion. Those present introduced themselves.

A card was available for attendees to sign to send to Johanna and son Fredy Oberholzer in Switzerland in sympathy for the loss of our patron mother Rosy Oberholzer who ran the Inn at Oberholz. She was 99 years old when she passed away in February 2019. Rosy came to America twice to visit the American families. She was the greatest help in establishing the European connections to six of our O lines in America. She will be greatly missed.

On a happy note, Rosy's daughter Johanna send Dennis a letter with Rosy's picture, and gave additional information. Dennis has begun translating the oldest known information about the land and family in Switzerland. How the homestead was created in written in German, and continues back from Farmer Oberholzer into the 13th century.

Dennis Oberholtzer gave a talk on the Oberholzer Coat-of- Arms. He gave out a copy of his work to each attendee family. A surprise was noted on the coat-of-arms from Riestrap's Armory which reveals a Crusader one which does not have markings like our present one.

The Reunion picture photo was taken, and we said our goodbyes for another year.

Additional Obituaries: For more info on these people, see hawkwind275@yahoo.com
Norman Eiser 75 of Arcanum on Nov 26, 2019

Ernest G Barr Sept 7, 1926 Chicago IL - Nov 24, 2019 North Manchester IN

Thelma E Studebaker Dec 10, 1919 Pitsburg OH - Oct 26, 2019 New Carlisle at 100 years

Wayne E Burns July 18, 1940 Bradford OH - Sept 18, 2019 Greenville OH

Eloise E Brubaker Oct 28, 1921 Wabash Co IN - Sept 17, 2019 N Manchester

Naomi Marie Flora Jenkins Dec 17, 1928 Flora - Aug 29, 2019 Flora

Oberholzer Coat - of - Arms: History & Change

- 2019 Dennis L Oberholtzer, Overholser Family Association

The Oberholzers in Switzerland have multiplied since 1400 CE. They now have multiple family crests, which vary in location. From 1500 there is a crest from Goldingen, SG. From 1700 is a crest from Uznach, SG. There is a crest from Abbey, and an "original" crest from Wald, ZH. Einsidlen also has a round crest. Johanna Oberholzer from Oberholz mentions the oldest crest is the one from Goldingen, then the Wald crest, Uznach, and lastly Abbey. The Abbey was founded about 1200 CE. Nikolaus of the 13th century was not the first Oberholzer. Johanna knows of much older ones, but he was the first in the Zwinglian Church, which at the time was Catholic.

REF: Letter from Johanna Oberholzer at Oberholzer's Inn in Oberholz SWI to Will Overholtzer of CA, 4/26/1989

Even earlier there is a crest from the Crusader era. Here is an embellished replica of the actual O Crusader Coat-of-Arms:



This is a plastic representation of an Oberholzer coat-of-arms purchased by Christian Stauffer Oberholtzer. The crest is similar to the one in a book from Halberts in 1983, but with some striking differences.

The book has an oak leaf vail instead of the cloth vail (called a lambrequin) seen here and used during battle to protect the back of the neck.

The Oberholzer Coat-of-Arms is officially documented in Rietstap Armorial General. The description of the escutcheon, or shield, is written in an archaic Norman/French dialect, typical of most all Crusader Era shields.

Divided Vertically (Party Per Pale), left side: Black (Sable) with a silver chain of three links.

Right half of the crest: Red (Gules) with a naissant (birthing or issuing) black bull .

There was a crowned helmet on the crest, which carried a volume of two wings conjoined at the base, one side Gules and the other side Sable. Each wing was charged with a chain. This would not have been used in battle.



The Party Per Pale would have had solid colors in the original shield. The silver chain would have made a striking contrast in a black background. The black bull is represented as issuing from the blood. From a Crusader's spiritual standpoint, the bull would be coming forth in strength from the blood of Christ.

There would not have been a decorative border on a Crusader's shield, nor would it come to points at the top and bottom. These are all later embellishments which would not be advantageous in a battle.

Other symbolisms used on this crest are the red or gules, which represented fortitude. The black bull represented creative power. The black or sable color represented repentance. The silver chain for vengeance.

There is some misunderstanding about this coat-of-arms because it is featured in Burke's Armorial General as the Oberholzer crest from an Oberholzer knight of Lower Austria that was involved in a land transaction in the year 1455. The same person was a mayor of the town of Molk in Austria. The farm of Oberholz is located at 5204 Strabwalchen, Austria. It is in a valley surrounded on three sides by trees. It lays in the Canton of Salzburg, but protrudes into the Alps of Upper Austria. This person may have been an Oberholzer from the village of Oberholz, who moved to Austria. This person was alive at the same time as the wealthy Farmer Oberholzer from the village of Oberholz; the one who was arrested in 1438 and put in prison. It is even possible that he was none other than Farmer Oberholzer. He may have moved to Austria after his imprisonment to escape persecution. It would be interesting to know if there is a family of Oberholzers in Austria which know of the village of Oberholz in Switzerland.

An alternative view of this crest and coat-of-arms is that it is a completely different family, originating in Austria. Only a DNA sampling of both families would help answer this question. But one thing is for certain. The crest spoken about above is definitely one which went on the Crusades. Very few non-Crusaders would know about the cloth headress worn in the mideast from such an early time.

What we know of the very first Oberholzers:

We have learned that the Oberholzer family came out of the Germanic Suevi Tribe. They were part of the group of Suevi which entered into what is today eastern France*, mainly

in the Alsace and Palatinate areas. After defeat in the 5th century CE, they were moved to the eastern portion of present day Switzerland. We know that by about the 7th century CE the family had taken up residence "above the grove of trees", wherein the village of Oberholz rests today.

From Clark's Introduction to Heraldry, plate 21, the Crown of Lorraine is like the one in the Oberholz arms (page 62). The rest is noted in *Deutsche Familiennamen* von Wilhelm Tabler Meyer printed in Zurich 1894 it reads:

Full-faced helmet with six bars all of gold, for the sovereign or princes of the blood (page 63). That the Oberholz coat-of-arms resembles Lorraine could give a clue as to where the Alemanni family came from in France.

We have also learned that between the 5th and 11th centuries some of the family had established themselves at Konstance, on Lake Constance. According to a Swiss Professor, there are still records of the family at that town. I can only guess those records are in the government records, or a local university.

The crest was not included with the shield until the 13th Century CE. It is most likely that the above Oberholzer crest came from the family at Oberholz. Otherwise, the crest would carry a different surname. Reason being, the farm of Oberholz in Austria is not "above the grove of trees" but rather below them. Thus the name must refer to a person from a different location which was "above the grove of trees", and moved to the Austrian location.

Regardless, it most assuredly was used by the Oberholzers that went on at least one of the Crusades to the Holy Lands. That the shield insignia did not continue can only be conjectured. It is possible, and highly probable, that the Oberholzer(s) that went on the Crusade never returned. The very high percentage of Crusaders that lost their lives in the mideast is well established. An alternative to this can be as follows. A crest can only be used by the eldest son. If the eldest son left the village Hof in Switzerland, he would have taken the coat-of-arms with him. The family was then left without a coat-of-arms until years later.

The Oberholzer Corporation began in the 11th Century. It primarily made church furniture. It is highly unlikely that the Oberholzer families which began and operated this company had any involvement in the Crusades. There are no indications of a Crusader crest or shield, which would certainly have had some designation on the shield.

Early shields of Europe:

The ancient Roman shields were mainly made round and of leather. King Charlemagne (742-814) was one of the early rulers of Europe to begin using insignias on his flags, and shields. Two primary insignias for him were the eagle and the *fleur de lis*. In 920 CE, Henry the Fowler began regulating tournaments in Germany, which became a pastime sport for army personel. The bearer of a Coat-of-Arms which then only incorporated the shield, was called an Arminger.

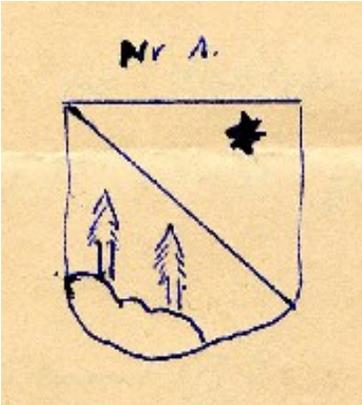
Originally, a Coat-of-Arms was issued to and registered for individuals. But during

* Incorrectly called western France in the hand-out at the 2019 Overholser Reunion

12th Century CE, the whole family used the Coat-of-Arms on their shields. People only had one name, as surnames were not applied until after the 13th century, except for some of the kingly hierarchy. In early battles it was almost impossible to distinguish which side a person was fighting for. By putting an emblem on the shield, a fellow fighter could distinguish who the person or persons were during battle. This helped to cut down on collateral casualties.

As time went on, only firstborn sons would receive the right to carry the coat-of-arms in its original form. Younger sons are permitted to use a variant of their parents' insignia. A daughter may combine her father's insignia with her husband's. There is one instance this may have happened in the Oberholzer family. Our present day American Overholser Family Association crest has plumes on the top, instead of the two wings. These plumes are said to be from the Sporry family which married into the Oberholzers. There is also a three feathered plume on the top of the Meili family crest. The Meilie's homestead during the 13th century was in the territory of Baretswil, just north of Oberholz.

Johanna Oberholzer from the Inn at Oberholz, Switzerland states this: *"Every Abbey has its own Crest and he can change it. {they usually} put more into the crest."* The following crests were drawn by Johanna in her letter to Will Overholzer of California. Each of these four drawings reveal a major change from the Crusader period crest. The field, or surface of the shield, changed its partition line from a Party Per Pale vertical line, to a Per Bend partition line which goes from the upper left (dexter) to the lower right (sinister). The hillside with trees are to the left (dexter flank), with the star(s) on the right (sinister flank).



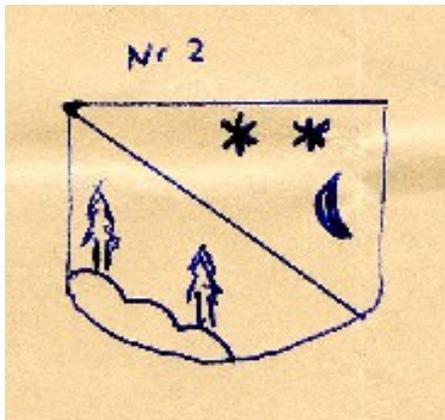
Sometime between 1500 and 1600 CE the Oberholzer shield took on this appearance in Goldingen, Canton of St Gallen. This is a most simple style of shield, and may be the first representation of the Oberholzer Crest during the Reformation Period.

The single star is the mark of the third son of the generation. This implies that the generation which inherited the family farm in Goldingen was the third son.

Below is the coat-of-arms on a kitchen cabinet door at Rosie Oberholzer's Inn in Oberholz Switzerland. Courtesy of Adrian Overholser, Hong Kong



Picture courtesy of Adrian Overholser, Hong Kong



Sometime between 1700 and 1800 CE the Oberholzer shield took on this appearance in Uznach, Canton of St Gallen.

The addition of a crescent moon was a mark of the second son. As too which generation this refers is unknown. It can be noted that the trees on the hill are conifers, whereas the trees in the valley below the Oberholz village were deciduous, mostly oak.

The following family lived at Uznach, and would have used the above shield:

Alois Oberholzer m. Anna Bochsle

Alois was a farmer in Uznach

1. Basilius Alois Oberholzer Dec 28, 1821 - Nov 28, 1895

Moved to Einsidlen 1843, Pastor 1843, Professor School of Einsidlen 1846 - 1859

Governor of Pfaffikon, Schwyz 1859 - 1875

Moved from Abbey to Einsidlen on 1/13/1875 till 11/28/1895

2. Johann Fidelis Oberholzer 1/13/1833 - 12/8/1889 he was Rector in Rapperswil and Deacon von Uznach

3. Maria Alvina Oberholzer Nov 10, 1834 - Nov 18, 1924

She was in a convent in 1887, *Priorin at the Kloster Fahn* from 1894 - 1921

REF: Letter from Johanna Oberholzer at Oberholzer's Inn in Oberholz SWI to Will Overholtzer of CA, 4/26/1989

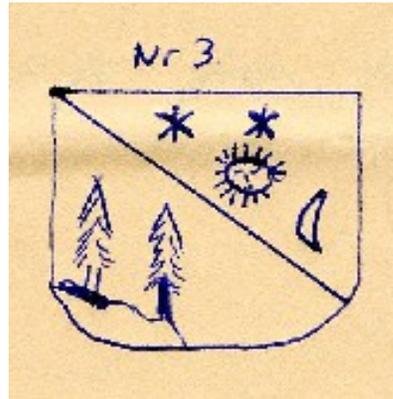
Basilius called himself Basel in the crest on the floor of the Einseideln Church.

As a genealogical research note, those searching for family members must keep in mind name variations. Many people use name cuts as their principle name. Pat for Patricia, Chris for Christian or Christopher, John for Jonathan. These name cuts can be overlooked when searching endlessly through files. Don't be dogmatic when searching, but be certain you have the correct person.



In the Year 1542 there was a coat-of-arms made for another son of the Oberholz family. The historical-biographical dictionary describes this as a “*Branch of the Commune Wald, to be there and stemming from the neighboring Oberholz (Upper Wood).*”

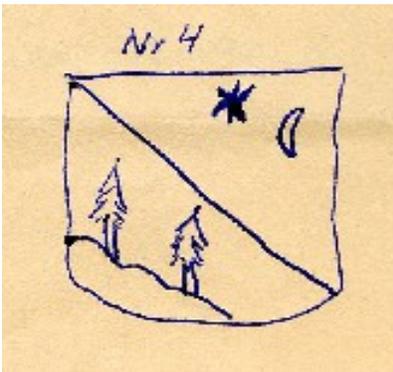
Dr of Philosophy Hans Klaui, of the Genealogical Investigation Office, Ober-Winterthur ZH stated that the year 1542 cannot be relied on, in that the family goes back further. This coming from Wald, it may be one of the younger children which moved to Wald, and a later generation put the 1542 on it as a remembrance.



The third of Johanna's drawings to Will Overholtzer is this, the Oberholzer Shield from the Abbey Oberholz. The Abbey was named Oberholz by around 1200 CE. While that is the case, the shield shown here did not come about until centuries later. It would be most valuable to know if there are some documents there about the Crusades.



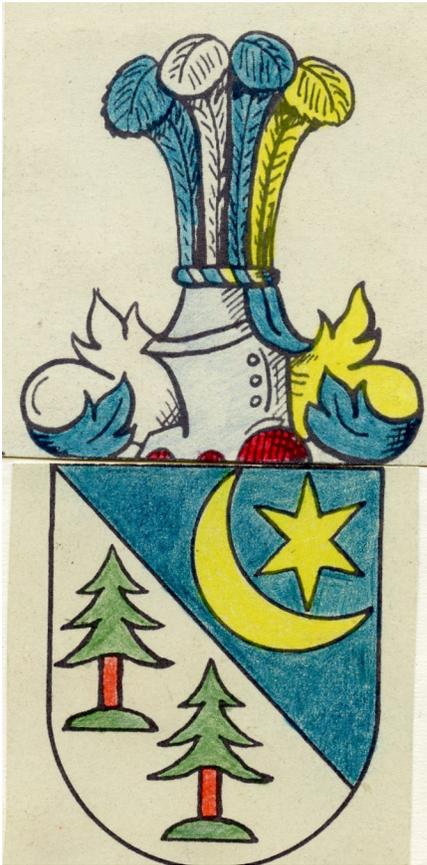
Coat of Arms from Einsidlen, by Basil Oberholzer, laid in the entrance floor to the Chapel of Einsidlen in 1884. Note the round shape, as though it was a leather shield.



This fourth shield has been used in Wald, Canton of Zurich. It is interesting to note the conifer trees on the hillside. Being in the valley where the oak and other deciduous trees grew, one would not expect the trees to be conifers. This may be the way the people of Wald still acknowledged their roots with the family that lives *Over the Grove of Trees*. Johanna says that this shield was the second to be created, and was made in Wald. This would mean that it was created in the 1600's.



An example of a non-authentic coat-of-arms is this one made up one by Halberts in 1972 to be used for the name Overholser. It has some symbols which can be interpreted as the description states. But it has no historical parallel, and therefore should not be used without noting that it is a modern interpretation.



The late former Overholser Association President

Dr Winfred Overholser of Washington DC raised the question with Dr Hans Klaui of the Genealogical Investigation Office of Ober-Winterthur, Switzerland as to what would be an appropriate and accurate version of the Oberholz Crest.

Past President Spencer Overholser corresponded with Dr Klaui, who came up with this version of the crest.

The plume on top the helmet is four ostrich feathers.

This is the Overholser Family Association crest we use today without the colors.

It is with much gratitude to our past presidents and officers that we are able to share such a rich heritage with our readers. Understanding the Coat-of-Arms helps us to comprehend the beautiful and varied history of our ancient Swiss family.

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Obituaries

Darwin Overholt 1929 - Oct 24, 2019 90 years of Doylestown PA s/o Horace & Margaret Schmell Overholt. Husband of Jean Myers, was a real estate broker for 40 years, member Gideons International, Grace Gospel Chapel & on board of German Baptist Church. He was past president of our OFA, and survived by daughters Carol Levy, Susan Wilsey, & Cathy Overholt. Predeceased by daughter Sheryl Bird. Memorial contributions can be made to Heifer Project International, Gideons Internations, or Camp Iroquoia (iroquoia.org)

The following sent in by Ross Gordon Gehart III:

Daniel L Keeler Sept 3, 1938 - May 13, 2019 of West Chester PA, husband of Priscilla Oberholser Keeler 59 years. Elder at Spring Mount Mennonite Church

Clarence Oberholtzer Standhardt 87 years on April 18, 2019 Frederick PA 4th generation farmer of Albert Standhardt & May Oberholtzer Casket Maker

Nancy Lee Oberholtzer 5/3/1932 Harrisburg PA - July 24, 2018, d/o Frank & Ruth Stouffer Henne. Wife of late Wilmer S Oberholtzer who died August 1955

Ella Mabel Overholtzer Aug 16, 1926 - Aug 11, 2018 Lansdale PA, d/o Harvey & Ella Mabel Felty Overholtzer

John N Oberholtzer Mar 3, 1926 W Earl Twp - Mar 14, 2019 Richland, husband of late Esther Gingerich Weaver. S/o Joseph Risser Oberholtzer & Lizzie Musselman Nolt. Retired farmer, mem of Martin's Mennonite Church.

Justin Oberholtzer Martin, infant of Bethel PA died May 8, 2019 of natural causes

Verna M Oberholtzer Oct 24, 1933 Mt Nebo - Sept 15, 2019 Lancaster PA, wife/o Kermit Survived by children Barry Wenrich, Barbara Haffnew Panik of Slatington PA, Bonnie Gill of Strasburg PA

Charlotte H Overholtzer June 26, 1925 - Nov 26, 2018 of Souderton PA, wife/o the late Nathaniel Overholtzer who passed in 1995. She was d/o Hiram & Florence Cressman.

Titus M Oberholtzer 82 at Mount Joy PA died Dec 13, 2018. Born in Upper Leacock Twp to Noah L & Emma Groff Oberholtzer. survived by Eva S Martin Oberholtzer, 3 sons - Alvin, Lester, 7 leon, 3 dau Lucy, Ada, Ellen. Preceded by brother Amos & and infant bro.

Norman G Oberholtzer 55 years Lebanon died April 14, 2019

Additional Obituaries:

William Oberholtzer Jr 59 years of Zephyrhills FL, formerly of Denver PA died June 10, 2019. survived by wife Kathryn, dau Alicia O, sons Dennis M & Matthew J Burns, sis Rita Ruoss & Ruby Goshert. - 7/7/2019 LNP

Leon M Oberholtzer 61 of East Earl Twp PA died Aug 13, 2019, s/o Adam Oberholtzer & Ella Martin of East Earl. Member Hinkletown Mennonite Ch, dairy farmer. Survived by two siblings, Edwin married to Lucy Oberholtzer, & Ella Mae Zimmerman of Lebanon. - LNP

R Hunter Matthews 79 years, of Pottstown PA. S/o Russell P Matthews and Eleanor Oberholtzer. Survived by wife Deborah Zearfoss Matthews, and children Jeremy H, Marissa C. Predeceased by sisters Laura smith and Dorothy Reinhart. - The Mercury

Randall S Overholtzer Sept 21, 1965 Norristown PA - Sept 30, 2019 Upper Salford Twp s/o Willard Overholtzer & Jeanne Ziegler, Survived by mother & two brothers, Michael Tadley & Terry Tadley

Cynthia M Oberholtzer Dec 10, 1958 Lebanon PA - Oct 7, 2019 Myerstown PA, wife/o Clinton J Oberholtzer. She is d/o Wilmer Sweigart & Alma Weaver. Survived by husband and children Amy Eshleman of Sayre PA, David Oberholtzer of Dornsife PA, Merle Oberholtzer of Lancaster, Rachel Oberholtzer & Rebecca Oberholtzer, Jonathan Oberholtzer of Womelsdorf, Hannah Oberholtzer, Micah Oberholtzer, Daniel & Nathan Oberholtzer, all at home. Preceded in death by sons Jay Paul & Timothy Oberholtzer. Member Harmony Christian Fellowship.

Gloria (Weihe) Anderson - Sept 6, 2019 Ovando MT, mother of Tina Anderson , Bonnie Anderson, Holly Anderson, Savannah Anderson, and James Anderson. She was 74 years old, born Connellsville; preceded by daughter April Anderson - Tina

John Jacob Oberholtzer died Dec 16, 2019 at 97 years, from Upper Leacock Township, was Supervisor of the township many years. Survived by four children. SL Line

Glenn H Oberholtzer died Dec 4, 2019 at 88 years SL Line

Sent inby Patrick McGarry: For more info on these people, see hawkwind275@yahoo.com

Gary Duane Frey 70 of North Manchester IN

Robert Lee Wilkerson 1934 - 2019 New Carlisle OH

Robert L Keiser 98 on Nov 6, 2019 Dayton OH

Thelma Mae Harley 104 on Nov 21, 2019 Goshen IN, born Honeybrook PA

M Lois Reed (Keiser, nee Fisher) 87 on Aug 6, 2019, w/o Hugh Keiser 1935 - 2016

OFA REUNION, Southeastern PA, **Friday Night July 31st 2020 at Yoder's Restaurant** in New Holland,
1st **Saturday in August, the 1st, 2020 at St John's UCC** on Rt 625 North of Rt 23

Fretz Reunion Saturday August 1st., 2020 see mbishop@fretzassociation.org

Brubaker Reunion August 1st, 2020

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at info@overholser.net

If you need more information, contact one of the OFA Websites, or one of the OFA Officers.

Send us your O meeting place and date so we can post it here in our Bulletin.

The Second printing of
The Oberholtzer Book, 1995 by Barbara Ford

is now available. Price of \$40.00 includes shipping. It includes the first five known generations of
Oberholzers in America and Canada.
Contact Geoffrey Martin, Treasurer for purchase information.

Joint Reunions in the Future?

*We are looking for feedback concerning the possibility of joining with other families for a
combined Reunion. This would occur every other year, and each time would be with a different
family which has many ties to the Oberholzers. While nothing is being worked on at this time,
examples would be the Brubakers, Kolb, and Fretz families.
The goal is to boost interest in family reunions, as well as getting to know our cousins better. If
you have an opinion, please contact any of our officers.
We appreciate any advice, and hope to see you at a Reunion in the future.*

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