

## CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS

### OW & HW Henry Overholt

#### With Ties to HJ & SL

In 2022, former Representative Thomas Armstrong and Doug Brubaker contacted me concerning a Barbara Oberholtzer (?1733 - \_\_\_\_ ) who married John H Brubaker. I was in no position at the time to study this, but now I finally put my mind to it after our 2023 Reunion.

Who is this Barbara Oberholtzer? And who is John H Brubaker? We had no such persons in our OFA Family Lines. Now it is important to understand that people born prior to 1750 in America have very slim information files, if any. So being able to properly connect some on these people require a process of elimination, and if possible, matching place and time. One of the things I do NOT do is accept info from internet family tree resources, unless there is some kind of reference which can validate some aspect of the connections.

Hunting a Barbara O prior to 1750 takes the time to look through all the O lines. Still, there are only a small amount of Barbara's from that time period. BB Barbara Schuler Oberholtzer was born 1737 - 1823 and married Christian Bretz 1737 - 1813 from the JB line. BG Barbara O 1/20/1754 is too young. And then there is an Unknown O who married a John Brubaker. She was the daughter of OW Henry Owerwasser. This is the only known lady who married a Brubaker early on outside of the MC Line. According to known documents, she was not a Maria, as suggested from earlier conversations.

#### WHO IS OW HENRY O?

OW Henry has been established as the same person as Henry Omhults of Lancaster County on the 1780 PA Tax List Index. This list includes people who paid taxes even years prior to 1780. So we cannot get exact living dates from this list.

Henry Overholt, known as HW Henry Overholt on page 284 of *The Oberholtzer Book* by Barbara Ford, has long been on our minds. HW has been proved not to be MC2 Henry, as seen on the online MC line on our website. We know he was not HR Henry Oberholtzer of Robeson Township, Berks Co PA. HR would have only been born around 1738. And HW bought land in 1743. We also know HA Henry Overholser of Adams Co PA is too young, being born after Henry died. Also, HW Henry CANNOT be OW Henry, because we have approximate death dates for both. HW Henry died without a will, and OW left both his daughter and her husband John Brubaker half of his estate.

As to the Henry Overholds who came on the Jamaica Galley in 1738/9 at age 32, he would have been born about 1706. This coincides with OS11215.27665 Heinrich II Oberholzer, a candidate for immigration listed on the OS Line on our website. And so this is highly probable a match, since no other Henrys are that close in time and eligible for immigration. **So we now have a new connection to the OS Line!** And from the OFA Bulletin of Summer 2015

we learned that OW Henry is highly likely Immigrant Henry on the Jamaica Galley. OW Henry Owerwasser is one and the same as Henry Overholds.

**What about HW?** There are several candidates for this Henry:

OS11215.27668 Hans Heinrich Oberholzer c1712 -

OS11215.85272 Heinrich Oberholzer 12/26/1719 Wald -

OS11215.2a37 Hans Heinrich Oberholzer Jr 11/6/1681 -

**OS11215.2a412 Heinrich Oberholzer Jr 4/19/1691 Wald -**

The high-lighted fellow is a brother of HJ Hans Jacob Oberholzer. **Highly likely.** While HJ settled in Hatfield Twp, Montgomery Co; HW settled in Worcester Twp, Montgomery Co. PA. This is a very likely match.

I cannot verify that John H Brubaker has a middle name of Herr. I also cannot verify that John's wife had the name of either Maria or Barbara. But it is certain she was an Oberholzer, and her father Henry was Immigrant Henry of the Jamaica Galley in 1738/9. It is also interesting to know the people connected to their will is of the Zetty family, married into the SL Samuel Oberholtzer 1727 line. These families must have stayed closely tied after leaving Switzerland.

**OW Henry Oberholzer**  
**Of Lancaster County,**  
**Known as Hendrick Overholds, Henry Ourwalt, Henry Owerwasser**

OS11215.27665 Heinrich II Oberholzer c1706 - d bet 1747/1767 m Unknown

Henry Overholds immigrated on the Jamaica Galley in 1738/9 at age 32 This coincides with OS11215.27665 Heinrich II Oberholzer, a candidate for immigration listed on the OS Line on our website. His wife is unknown.

Warrants of 100 acres on 3/2/1738 & 111 acres from Henry Brindle 6/23/1747 - patented by son-in-law John Brubaker 5/1767. The property, known as *Shrewsbury*, was in Cocalico. That was the original name. The warrant was written later, then called Elizabeth Township, and still is. John Brubaker;s uncle was married and living in Elizabeth Township. It is most likely John met Miss Oberholtzer in that area. Part of Henry's land is presently the A-1 Brubaker farm on the South side of Brubaker Valley Road. The cemetery where Henry O and his daughter are buried is on the corner of the T-road, across the road from the uncle's Brubaker farm.

The immigrant list entry could be matched to this Hendrick because of the calender enigma during the Reformation Period. Warrant dates prior to 1752 were written with the Julian Calender still being used by the British. Ship records coming from Europe directly were being written with the new Gregorian Calender used in mainland Europe at various locations. Thus the warrant date of March 2, 1738 is likely the same as our March 2, 1739.

The reason for all the mis-spellings is two-fold. The people documenting the German immigrants were British or Irish. Since many of the Germans could not write, the authority would write what they heard. Also, Henry may have had a speech impediment. This is likely why there are such wide variations in the spellings.

OS11215.27665.1 Unknown Oberholtzer 1733 - 1804

Possibly Maria or Barbara, but unsubstantiated. Known as OW1 Daughter

m (*E2--3 Gibble*) John H Brubaker 1732/3 - 1792

The couple moved to Strasburg Twp, where son Martin later lived

Ancestor of PA Rep. Thomas Armstrong

See OFA Bulletin Winter 2012 for continued family line as OW

REF: *Pass & Imm List Index Supp* 1983 #1804 pg 184; *Warrant Book of Lanc Co PA*; *Genealogical Dates*, Kenneth L Smith, Picton Press 1994 Rockport Maine; *OFA Bulletin Summer 2015* pgs 5-12; *OFA Bulletin Winter 2012* pgs 7-10; *Brubaker Book*, Gibble, Brubaker Family Association; Dennis L Oberholtzer; Lancaster County Warrant Book; 1899 Atlas of Lancaster County; PA Archives online; Metro Street Atlas of Lancaster County, 3rd Edition; 1780 PA Tax List; *The Oberholtzer Book*, Barbara Ford 1995; OS Line, Overholser.net; Emma Oberholzer, heir to the Oberholzer records in Europe; Bileter's compilation from Emma; Phila Co DB H-1/1679, Adm Bk G/429, 1764; WB P/367, 1773; Strassburger-Hinke: *PA German Pioneers* p 252

## HW Henry Overholt Jr

### Of Worcester Township, Montgomery Co, PA

OS11215.2a412 Heinrich Oberholzer Jr 4/19/1691 Wald -

Brother to HJ Hans Jacob Oberholtzer of Hatfield Twp PA

Immigrated 1743 Philadelphia PA; Known as **HW Henry Overholt**

Purchased land in Worcester Twp 12/27/1743 and dp 12/1764 intestate.

m Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ - will proved 2/23/1773 makes no mention of children.

She was renounced as administrator & William Rittenhouse and Jacob Kolb were

appointed surities. - Jacob Olmstead & Peter VanFossen

REF: *The Oberholtzer Book* pg 284; *Pass & Imm List Supp* 1984 #2564, #6680 pg 361, Index pg 22; Phila Co DB H-1/679, Adm Bk G/429, 1764, WB P/367, 1773; Strassburger-Hinke: *PA German Pioneers* pg 252; OS Line on Overholser.net website

## OS Oberholzer in Switzerland

OS11215.27664. Barbel Oberholzer 12/25/1704 -

*Candidate for Immigration*

OS11215.27665. Heinrich II Oberholzer 12/19/1706 -

*Candidate for Immigration*

THIS IS [OW] HENRY OBERHOLZER Immigrant 1738/39; also known as Hendrick Overholds, Henry Ourwalt, and Henry Owerwasser.

Hendrich Overholds age 34

SS Jamaica Galley. Rob Harrison commander from Rotterdam Qualified Feb 7, 1739

- PA Archives Vol 17 2<sup>nd</sup> Series

Ref: OFA Bulletins, Winter 2024, Winter 2012 *OW Line in OFA Family Lines*

OS11215.27665.1 \_\_\_\_\_ Oberholtzer 1733 - 1805 Possibly Maria or Barbara, but unsubstantiated.

m (*E2--3 Gibble*) John H Brubaker 1732/3 - 1792

The couple moved to Strasburg Township, where son Martin later lived.

Ancestor of Pennsylvania Representative Thomas Armstrong

OS11215.27665.111 Martin Brubaker

## Henry Owerwasser Family

Hendrich Overholds age 34, SS Jamaica Galley. Rob Harrison commander from Rotterdam  
Qualified Feb 7, 1739 - PA Archives Vol 17 2<sup>nd</sup> Series

The following are details from coinciding documents:

Elizabeth Township, Lanc Co PA Warrant 100 acres Mar 2, 1738, surveyed Apr 24, 1739  
Patented May 11, 1767 John Brubaker - Lancaster County Warrant Book

PA Archives, Patent Book AA - # 10 - 236 Nov 1766 - Nov 1768 Henry Brindle 111 acres  
Warrant to Henry Ourwasser, June 23, 1747 Lancaster Co PA, name of tract is *Shrewsbury*

PA Archives, Patent Book B Page 28, AA - # 7 - 339, May 1767 John Brubaker

1/2 of 100 acres warrantee Henry Ourwalt  
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Warrant Date March 2, 1738 Lanc.Co PA

PA Archives, Commission Book A - # 4, 176, October 1776 Geroge Brendle 309 acres  
Warrant Date Oct 3, 1776 Cumberland Co PA, name of tract is *Brendleton*

Janet May Pedigree Chart: John Brubaker 1733 - m \_\_\_\_\_ Oberholtzer  
I cannot substantiate a first name of "Maria" Oberholtzer.

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When Janet May asked me to look into who the father of John Brubaker's wife could be, I had little confidence of finding anything to confirm a match. But I found Henry's last name has been misspelled as Ourwalt and Owerwasser. The Brubaker family genealogy by Gible correctly called his daughter an Oberholtzer. Both Ourwalt & Owerwasser are not any European family names. Henry most likely had a speech impediment, and the documentors wrote what they heard coming from a different language.

The Brubaker family also has two other Overholzers, though not closely connected. They are from the AV5 Line of Oberholzers.

Henry Owerwasser's property was in Cocalico. That was the original name. The warrant was written later, then called Elizabeth Township, and still is. John Brubaker's uncle was married and living in Elizabeth Township. It is most likely John met Miss Oberholtzer in that area. Part of Henry's land is presently the A-1 Brubaker farm on the S side of the road.

E1--1 John Jacob Brubaker - 1755 Providence Twp, Lanc Co PA 5 ch  
m Barbara \_\_\_\_\_ Ulrich Yetty (Zety or Cety) is 3rd executor  
- John Jacob's will 6/24/1754; a Zetty is married to SL6 Veronica Oberholtzer  
E2--1 John Jacob Brubaker Jr 1725 - 1802 Providence Twp 5 ch  
m Unknown

E2--2 Ann Brubaker in Germany in 1754

**OW Henry Owerwasser (Ourwalt)** Elizabeth Township, Lanc Co PA

Warrant 100 acres Mar 2, 1738, surveyed Apr 24, 1739; Patented May 11, 1767 to John Brubaker Henry's property went to only one daughter and her husband, each getting half. She must have died by 1767, for husband John Brubaker inherited the entire 100 acres.

**OW1 Daughter Oberholtzer** Strasburg Twp, Lanc.Co

m E2--3 John Brubaker 1733 -

The couple moved to Strasburg Twp, where son Martin later lived

**OW11 3--1 Isaac Brubaker** Martic & Drumore Twps no wife or ch known

|             |                              |                     |                              |                      |
|-------------|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>OW12</b> | <b>3--2 Abraham Brubaker</b> | 1760 - 1831         | Leacock & East Lampeter Twps |                      |
|             |                              | 1st m Esther Lehn   | 2nd m Ann Kreider            | 7 ch                 |
| OW121       | Ann Brubaker                 | 1795 - 1861         | m Christian Hartman          | Manor Twp & OH 8 ch  |
| OW122       | Abraham K Brubaker           | 1797 - 1887         | Providence Twp               |                      |
|             |                              | 1st m Nancy Develin | 2nd m Veronica Heller        |                      |
| OW1221      | George Brubaker              | 1817 - 1885         |                              |                      |
| OW1222      | John H Brubaker              | 1822 - 1892         |                              |                      |
| OW1223      | Abraham Brubaker             | 1826 - 1892         |                              |                      |
| OW1224      | Jacob Brubaker               | 1828 - 1850         |                              |                      |
| OW1225      | Frany Brubaker               | 1833 -              |                              |                      |
| OW1226      | Barbara Brubaker             | 1835 -              |                              |                      |
| OW123       | Jacob K Brubaker             | 1799 - 1887         | W Earl Twp, Lanc.Co          | 7 ch                 |
|             |                              | 1st m Rachael _____ | 2nd m Sarah _____            |                      |
| OW1231      | Abraham Brubaker             | 1828 - 1903         |                              |                      |
| OW1232      | Angeline Brubaker            | 1831 -              |                              |                      |
| OW1233      | Jacob Brubaker               | 1834 -              |                              |                      |
| OW1234      | George Edwin Brubaker        | 1836 -              |                              |                      |
| OW1235      | Emma E Brubaker              | 1841 -              |                              |                      |
| OW1236      | Henry Brubaker               | 1847 - infancy      |                              |                      |
| OW1237      | Samuel Brubaker              | 1849 -              |                              |                      |
| OW124       | John K Brubaker              | 1801 - 1886         | m Eliza Ranck                | Salisbury Twp 9 ch   |
| OW1241      | Benjamin Brubaker            | 1823 - 1846         |                              |                      |
| OW1242      | Louise R Brubaker            |                     |                              |                      |
| OW1243      | Hettie Brubaker              |                     |                              |                      |
| OW1244      | Lizzie Brubaker              | 1830 - 1886         |                              |                      |
| OW1245      | Annie Brubaker               |                     |                              |                      |
| OW1246      | Abraham Brubaker             | 1841 - 1898         |                              |                      |
| OW1247      | Barbara Brubaker             | 1841 - 1874         |                              |                      |
| OW1248      | John R Brubaker              | 1842 - 1863         |                              |                      |
| OW1249      | Mary R Brubaker              | 1844 - 1932         |                              |                      |
| OW125       | Elizabeth Brubaker           | 1803 - 1883         | m Frederick Bloyer           | Manor Twp            |
| OW126       | Tobias Brubaker              | 1806 - 1876         | m Esther Miller              | Providence Twp 11 ch |
| OW1261      | Anna Brubaker                | 1831 - 1890         |                              |                      |
| OW1262      | Jacob Brubaker               | 1833 - 1835         |                              |                      |
| OW1263      | Barbara Brubaker             | 1835 - 1838         |                              |                      |
| OW1264      | Elizabeth Brubaker           | 1838 - 187          |                              |                      |
| OW1265      | Benjamin Brubaker            | 1840 - 1901         |                              |                      |
| OW1266      | Tobias Brubaker Jr           | 1842 - 1906         |                              |                      |
| OW1267      | Esther Brubaker              | 1842 - 1851         |                              |                      |
| OW1268      | Christian Brubaker           | 1845 - 185          |                              |                      |
| OW1269      | Magdalena Brubaker           | 1847 - 185          |                              |                      |
| OW1260      | Naomi Brubaker               | 1849 - 1947         |                              |                      |
| OW126a      | Aaron Brubaker               | 1852 - 1873         | single                       |                      |
| OW127       | Henry K Brubaker             | 1808 - 1893         | m Hannah Kurtz               | E Lampeter Twp 9 ch  |
| OW1271      | Benjamin Brubaker            | 1831 - 1857         |                              |                      |
| OW1272      | John Brubaker                | 1833 - 1860         | single                       |                      |
| OW1273      | Anna Brubaker                | 1835 - 1837         |                              |                      |
| OW1274      | Elizabeth Brubaker           | 1837 -              |                              |                      |
| OW1275      | Mary Brubaker                | 1838 -              |                              |                      |
| OW1276      | Sarah Brubaker               | 1839 - 1866         |                              |                      |
| OW1277      | Lydia Brubaker               | 1843 -              |                              |                      |
| OW1278      | Frances Brubaker             | 1846 - 1922         |                              |                      |
| OW1279      | Leah Brubaker                | 1848 - 1920         |                              |                      |
| <b>OW13</b> | <b>3--3 Martin Brubaker</b>  | 10/1764 - 1835      | Strasburg Twp, Lanc Co PA    | 9 ch                 |
|             |                              | m Mary Bowman       | d/o Johannes d 1738          |                      |

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| OW131      | Elizabeth Brubaker 1788 - 1853     | m Adam Rowe             | Strasburg Twp | 7 ch  |
| OW132      | Francis Bruabker 1791 - 1870       | m Anna _____            | Strasburg Twp | 5 ch  |
| OW1321     | Martin Brubaker 1817 - 1878        |                         |               |       |
| OW1322     | Lydia Brubaker 1819 -              |                         |               |       |
| OW1323     | Simon Brubaker 1836 - 1907         |                         |               |       |
| OW1324     | Ann Brubaker                       |                         |               |       |
| OW1325     | Francis Brubaker 1831 -            |                         |               |       |
| OW133      | Jacob Brubaker 1793 - 1839         | Strasburg Twp           |               | 6 ch  |
|            | 1st m Lydia Witmer                 | 2nd m Elizabeth Forrer  |               |       |
| OW1331     | John Brubaker 1822 - 1850          |                         |               |       |
| OW1332     | Anna Brubaker 1824 -               |                         |               |       |
| OW1333     | Hannah Brubaker 1826 -             |                         |               |       |
| OW1334     | Abraham Brubaker 1828 - 1876       |                         |               |       |
| OW1335     | Benjamin Brubaker 1833 - 1906      |                         |               |       |
| OW1336     | Samuel F Brubaker 1835 - 1910      |                         |               |       |
| OW134      | Martin Brubaker 1795 - 1872        | m Susan Goodhart        | Strasburg Twp |       |
| OW1341     | Mary Ann Brubaker 1820 - 1824      | single                  |               |       |
| OW1342     | Magdalena Brubaker 1823 - 1901     |                         |               |       |
|            | m Samuel Bomberger Herr            | (See Herr family below) |               |       |
| OW13421    | Alice Elmira Herr                  |                         |               |       |
|            | m John Zander                      |                         |               |       |
| OW13421.1  | <a href="#">Ida Sue Zander</a>     |                         |               |       |
| OW13421.11 | <a href="#">Janet May</a>          | OFA Member              |               |       |
| OW1343     | David Brubaker 1825 -              |                         |               |       |
| OW1344     | Catharine Brubaker 1826 - 1893     |                         |               |       |
| OW1345     | Eliza Brubaker 1828 - Infancy      |                         |               |       |
| OW1346     | Annie Brubaker 1830 - Infancy      |                         |               |       |
| OW1347     | Susan Brubaker 1836 -              |                         |               |       |
| OW1348     | Ann Eliza Brubaker 1839 - 1889     |                         |               |       |
| OW135      | Daniel Bruabaker 1797 - 1853       | m Magdalena Goodhart    | Strasburg Twp | 10 ch |
| OW1351     | Jacob Brubaker 1823 - 1901         |                         |               |       |
| OW1352     | Elizabeth Brubaker 1825 -          |                         |               |       |
| OW1353     | Tobias G Brubaker 1827 -           |                         |               |       |
| OW1354     | Benjamin Brubaker 1830 - 1832      |                         |               |       |
| OW1355     | Daniel Brubaker 1832 - 1910        |                         |               |       |
| OW1356     | Caroline A Brubaker 1835 - 1862    | single                  |               |       |
| OW1357     | Mary M Brubaker 1837 -             |                         |               |       |
| OW1358     | Anna Brubaker 1839 - 1961          | single                  |               |       |
| OW1359     | John G Brubaker 1841 - 1845        |                         |               |       |
| OW1350     | Joseph Brubaker 1843 - 1925        |                         |               |       |
| OW136      | Adam Brubaker 1799 - 1858          | Strasburg Twp           |               | 5 ch  |
|            | 1st m Barbara Rowe                 | 2nd m Catharine _____   |               |       |
| OW1361     | Juliann Brubaker 1821 - 1857       |                         |               |       |
| OW1362     | Elizabeth Bruabker 1826 -          |                         |               |       |
| OW1363     | Adam D Brubaker Jr 1828 - 1865     |                         |               |       |
| OW1364     | Chriatiana Brubaker 1832 - 1871    |                         |               |       |
| OW1365     | Kate Brubaker 1836 -               |                         |               |       |
| OW137      | Benjamin Brubaker 1801 - 1829      | m Mary Weaver           | Strasburg Twp |       |
| OW1371     | Ann Brubaker                       |                         |               |       |
| OW138      | Samuel Brubaker 1802 - 1837        | m Esther Stehman        | Strasburg Twp | 5 ch  |
| OW1381     | Josiah Brubaker 1830 - 1831        |                         |               |       |
| OW1382     | John Brubaker 1833 - 1834          |                         |               |       |
| OW1383     | Ann Elizabeth Brubaker 1834 - 1918 |                         |               |       |
| OW1384     | Naomi Brubaker 1837 - 1840         |                         |               |       |
| OW1385     | Rebecca Brubaker 1831 -            |                         |               |       |

OW139 Ann Brubaker 1804 - 1883 Providence Twp 4 son 6 dau  
1st m John Witmer all his ch 2nd m John Strohm  
**OW14 3--4 Frances Brubaker** 1767 - 1850 single

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