

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 Oberholzer 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-1/1679, 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.

Hendrick Overholds age 34

SS Jamaica Galley. Rob Harrison commander from Rotterdam Qualified Feb 7, 1739
- PA Archives Vol 17 2nd 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

OS111215.27665.111 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 2nd 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 > INHERITANCE
1/2 of 100 acres warrantee Henry Ourwalt
Warrant Date March 2, 1738 Lanc.Co PA

PA Archives, Commission Book A - # 4, 176, October 1776 George 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.

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 Gibble 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 Overholders, 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 (Zetty 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 Twp no wife or ch known

OW12	3--2 Abraham Brubaker	1760 - 1831	Leacock & East Lampeter Twp
	1st m Esther Lehn		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 Salibury 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	
OW13	3--3 Martin Brubaker	10/1764 - 1835	Strasburg Twp, Lanc Co PA
	m Mary Bowman	d/o Johannes	d 1738

OW131	Elizabeth Brubaker	1788 - 1853	m Adam Rowe	Strasburg Twp	7 ch
OW132	Francis Brubaker	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	<i>Ida Sue Zander</i>				
OW13421.11	<i>Janet May</i>		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 Brubaker	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	Julian Brubaker	1821 - 1857			
OW1362	Elizabeth Brubaker	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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Janet May

Dennis L Oberholtzer Family Lines

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