

Overholser Family Association



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Dear Members of the Overholser Clan:

This is perhaps early for an announcement of the Overholser Reunion which will be held at Terre Hill, Pa., on the 4th Saturday in August. However, there are two items that I want to bring to your attention at this time.

First of all, I want to try to get more of the members of the Overholser Clan involved in the work of the association. It has always been proven that many people working together make an organization thrive! We need this desperately or our family association will surely die. Is anyone interested in publishing a Newsletter; perhaps twice a year? How about someone to plan a program for the Reunion? We could surely use some help on gathering geneological information, especially concerning the descendants of Samuel Oberholtzer who arrived in 1727. Please contact me if you can give any kind of help. Robert M. Oberholser of R.D. 2, Ardena, Freehold, N.J. 07728 has already consented to be our necrologist, so please send him announcements of births, deaths, marriages, or any other items of interest that should be recorded in the archives of the Overholser Association.

The second matter concerns a seven page article that I wrote, which was published in the April 1978 issue of the "Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage." In the article I have covered the first four generations beginning with Samuel O. (arrived 1727) and, most importantly, are included numerous footnotes which document dates, papers etc. Copies of this magazine are available for \$2.50 from Lancaster Mennonite Conference Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, Penna. 17602. I believe this is the first article on Samuel (1727) and his descendants that has ever been published in a periodical.

SPECIAL NEWS! ! — — — — word was received yesterday from Frau Rosy Oberholzer and her daughter, Johanna, that they are arriving on May 16th for a three week visit with Ruth and me. Their home is the little village of Oberholz, east of Zurich, in Switzerland. This is presumed to be the area from which our clan originated.

Sincerely,

J. Spencer Overholser