

OVERHOLSER FAMILY ASSOCIATION
108th Annual Reunion
August 2, 2014

The 108th reunion of the Overholser Family Association convened at St. John's Center United Church of Christ on Saturday, August 2, 2014. Thirty-six people were in attendance.

The day began with a social time and lunch and a group photograph.

Jake Street, President, welcomed the group and members introduced themselves. It was noted that John Shinpaugh, First Vice President and Website Sponsor, was not in attendance due to illness. Since the last meeting, two past presidents have passed away, Jack Scholl and John Oswald (Carolyn Kendall's brother). In addition, Paul Fletcher, an active OFA member and chaplain, also died.

Jake asked about members having traveled to Overholt, Switzerland. Kris Overholt reported that he and his wife had visited there last July. They met Johanna and Rosa Overholtzer and Johanna's son Freddy at the Guess House Inn. Rosa was 93 at that time and had lived there for 71 years.

Door prizes were given out to those traveling the furthest to attend the reunion, the oldest and youngest attendees, the longest married and the person having attended the most reunions.

Jake announced that next year's reunion will be held at the same location on August 1, 2015, with the Friday evening dinner at Yoder's on July 31st.

Carolyn Kendall, Treasurer, reported a balance in the savings account of \$2657, book account \$12,083, checking account \$74 and special account (luncheon) \$2005. These balances do not reflect expenses from this weekend. A basket was passed to receive donations to the OFA.

Earline Oberholtzer asked members to bring a craft item or quilt made by an Overholser family member to the next meeting for display. She attended a quilt show where a quilt made by an Overholser was displayed and thought it would be interesting for members to share some of our ancestors' handiwork.

Michael Martin will be OFA President for the coming year, leaving a vacancy in the Vice President position. Kris Overholt has agreed to accept that position and will be working with John Shinpaugh on maintaining the website.

Dennis Oberholtzer presented a program on his research on five additional generations in Switzerland and attempts to link the Athol and Catholic lines. Details of his research will be published in the Winter OFA Bulletin.

Jake thanked Dennis for his presentation and the extensive work he has done for the OFA. Dennis said he is attempting to find a way to put all of the material from the family line notebooks together in one place. He is considering using flash drives, CDs or posting it on the internet. Individuals could purchase these for libraries and other sites housing genealogical information. He asked that anyone having input on what media to use should contact him.

Michael Martin was then introduced as the new President. He said that he attended his first OFA reunion in the late 1970s and met Robert and Spencer Oberholtzer at that time. From then on he was "hooked." Michael reported that John Shinpaugh is undergoing treatment for cancer, but is doing well and asked members to keep him in their thoughts.

Michael discussed goals for his term as president including adding more material to the website, using the bulletin to call more attention to ourselves and increase attendance, and making the Friday evening and Saturday reunion events a unit for all to attend. He encouraged members to bring items for the heirloom craft exhibit next year and to share information on OFA with other relatives and invite them to attend. Finally, Michael asked members to submit suggestions for a speaker for the next reunion in 2015.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Carroll, Secretary