

OVERHOLSER FAMILY ASSOCIATION
109th Annual Reunion
August 1, 2015

The 109th reunion of the Overholser Family Association convened at St. John's Center United Church of Christ on Saturday, August 1, 2015. Twenty-five people were in attendance.

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

Michael Martin, President, welcomed the group and introduced Cathy and Fred McKenna, who are new members from Connecticut. It was noted that Jim and Kathy Overholser could not attend due to illness. John Shinpaugh was congratulated on his return to good health and welcomed back after missing last year's meeting. The passing of Ernest Winehold was announced and Dennis Oberholtzer spoke about his extensive genealogical work on the Brubacker lines.

Carolyn Kendall, Treasurer, reported a balance in the savings account of \$3,054.87, book account \$12,381.52, checking account \$80 and special account (luncheon) \$2736. These balances do not reflect expenses from this weekend. Sixteen donations have been received since the last reunion. A basket was passed to receive donations. There are five OFA books remaining in stock.

Carol Carroll reported that the OFA Facebook site has 92 followers who have "liked" the page. Every time a posting is made to the page, those people see it. She urged members who are on Facebook to share OFA postings to increase the audience for our Facebook page and draw in younger people to the organization.

In the absence of Kris Overholt, John Shinpaugh reported news on the website. He said that the website was established to share family information among relatives. Recently, a request was received from a non-profit organization asking that we post a link to their website. John felt that the association should have a policy of not allowing links to other websites unless they are another Overholser group. Carolyn made a motion; Dennis seconded and the motion was passed. If individuals making such a request are not satisfied by being told the OFA policy prohibits such links, they can be referred to an association officer.

Dennis asked the group to consider making a donation to the Mennonite Historical Society to thank them for loaning us the 1841 Oberholtzer coverlet on display at the reunion. After discussion, Dennis moved and Scott Fisher seconded a donation of \$200 to the society. We will ask that the donation be used for preservation of Overholser family materials housed at the society's headquarters.

New Business

Carolyn Kendall said that, having been treasurer since 2001, she has been looking for someone to pass the job on to. She nominated Geoffrey Martin to serve as treasurer. Scott Fisher seconded the motion and all approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned and a program on heirloom crafts and their care was presented by Earline Oberholtzer and other family association members.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Carroll, Secretary

Following the business meeting, a program on Overholser family heirlooms was presented by Earline Oberholtzer. Earline thanked family members who brought quilts and other items to display at the reunion. One coverlet was loaned to the group by the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. From the family of Kathryn Stauffer, it was made in 1841.

Barbara Barnhart brought a coverlet that her parents had used on their bed. It was not dated, but had belonged to Barbara's grandparents.

Suzanne Street displayed a Bonnet Sue quilt which had belonged to her grandmother, Ella Oberholtzer. No other information was known about it.

Several items were shared by Jean Schaffer. One quilt was made by her grandmother for her parents as a wedding gift in 1941. A second Jean's grandmother made for her from feed bags and scraps in the late 50's or early 60's. Another similar quilt was made in the late 60's or early 70's. The collection also included the first afghan Jean ever made and a redwork quilt she made for her grandson.

Earline showed a book containing pictures of Overholser quilts, one a "crazy quilt" from 1892 and another made for a dowry. Earline's mother's first quilt was a sampler, with each block a different pattern. The names of family members have been embroidered onto the quilt over time.

Earline demonstrated the correct way of folding and storing a quilt: fold in half with the pattern side in, then in thirds length-wise. The quilt should then be rolled and stored in a pillowcase, never in plastic. Quilts that are coming apart can be saved by cutting out the intact portion and binding the edges.

A final item shown was a crocheted piece by Lizzi Wittmer of the Lord's prayer.

OFA REUNION ATTENDANCE AUGUST 1, 2015

Dennis and Earline Oberholtzer	49 Paradise Lane Paradise, PA
Michael Martin	832 Richard Boulevard Rahway, NJ 07065
Geoffrey Martin	139 North 9 th Street, #2L Brooklyn, NY 11249
Cathy and Fred McKenna	141 Warwick Road New Fairfield, CT
Carol and Chet Carroll	31 Kelly Drive Wheeling, WV 26003
Bob Molitor	67D Sunset Road Whiting, NJ
Noah L. Oberholtzer, Jr.	202 East Eby Road Leola, PA 17540
Jake and Suzanne Street	2059 Noss Road York, PA 17408
Carolyn O. Kendall	1001 East Oregon Road Lititz, PA 17543
Scott and Pam Fischer	8564 Valley Road Lancaster, PA 17601
Elaine and Gordon Gerhart	231 Forest Avenue Ambler, PA 19002-5903
Jean O. Schaffer	1344 Parkland Road Coopersburg, PA 18036
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