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Annual meeting and reunion report

The annual meeting and reunion of the Old Broad Bay Family History Association was held Saturday, August 6, with 17 members attending. The treasurer's report showed an ending balance on June 30 of \$1,423.44. Expenditures for the fiscal year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 were the donation to help restore the 1815 Waldoboro map (\$400), newsletter printing & mailing (\$229.33), rental of the hall for the 2010 reunion (\$125), the 2010 speaker's fee (\$50), and purchase of a brick inscribed with the Association name for the Waldoboro Library sidewalk (\$50).

There was a discussion about increasing public awareness for the Association. Web master Fred Snell explained what keywords he uses for our website to gather in web surfers. There was a brief discussion as to whether a change of the Association name might help. A closer exchange of information and cross-linking web sites with the Waldoboro Historical Society was discussed and will be acted upon by the respective web masters.

Our speaker, Peg Kearney, presented a talk based on her master's thesis, *An Imperfect Union: The Eighteenth Century Origins of the Two Maines*. She will be preparing a summary article for a future newsletter focusing on

the how & why General Knox was able to make the German settlers pay again for the land they thought they had purchased from General Waldo.

Jean M. B. Lawrence of the Waldoboro Historical Society also spoke about her book *Citizens Who Heard the Call to Political Service: Waldoboro, Maine 1773-2010*. Copies were available for purchase. Those who were not present and would like to buy a copy may contact the Waldoborough Historical Society; the cost is \$15.70, tax included. All proceeds go to the Waldoborough Historical Society.

Association elections results

The election of officers was held with one person (Dale Gunn) nominated from the floor to serve as director. The results were: president, Helen Shaw, vice-president and secretary David Putnam, and treasurer Deirdre Putnam. Bill Conary, Ruth Riopell, June Hussiere, and Dale Gunn were elected directors.

President's Message

by Helen Shaw, CGsm

My thanks to all who attended the annual meeting and elected me president. I have big shoes to fill and I hope to be worthy of your trust.

The Old Broad Bay Family History Association started with the Broad Bay Roots Project of Wilford Whitaker and Gary Horlacher in late 1991 with the first newsletter (*Old Broad Bay Bund und Blatt*) published in January 1992.

In reading the old newsletters it appears Whitaker & Horlacher were in touch with about forty persons doing research on Waldoboro's German families. The summer 1992 issue (vol. 1 #5) tells of the meeting called by Richard Castner on 27 August 1992 at the Friendship Community Center ...to discuss the possibility of having a three day convention/seminar/reunion as an offshoot of the upcoming fourth annual Oktoberfest celebration...built around the annual service at the Old German Church. The summer 1993 newsletter (vol. 2 #4) is the first to be noted as the Official Publication of Old Broad Bay Family History Project and the winter 1995 (vol. 4 #1) issue is the first to be noted as the Official Publication of Old Broad Bay Family History Association.

Mr. Whitaker and Mr. Horlacher published their research as *Broad Bay Pioneers* in 1998. A second book with source documents was reported to be in the works, but never made an appearance. What happened to the raw research material is unknown and attempts by several people since 1998 to contact (or even locate) Mr. Whitaker and Mr. Horlacher have been unsuccessful.

All this is background to saying that 2012 is the 20th anniversary of the Old Broad Family History Association. Since its inception membership has fluctuated widely from a high of over 100 members to a low of about 30. There are many reasons for this, but I would like to make 2012 a special year with lapsed members returning to the fold and new members brought in to join us.

To that end, a major membership recruitment effort is being launched. If you know someone who is descended from a founding Waldoboro family (German or otherwise) please pass this newsletter on to them and tell them they can get a membership form on our website or they can contact me directly at 77 Pascal Avenue, Rockport, ME 04856. The Board of Directors is also looking in to putting the complete run of newsletters from January 1992 to Fall 2003 on a CD along with the complete article index. We hope making the newsletter more easily available to the public will bring new members to our group.

Another topic of discussion for the Board of Directors was whether our Constitution allows us to appeal to the broadest range of persons while remaining true to the original purpose of the group. According to the OBBFHA Constitution, Article II: *The purpose of the Association shall be to unite people who are descended from the founders of Old Broad Bay (now known as Waldoboro), Maine*

to:

- (1) *preserve the memory of the German founders of the community*
- (2) *work with the town, county, and state to preserve the original records of the area*
- (3) *undertake research on the founding families and the community in general*

Further, under Article V Membership: *Membership in the Association shall be open to anyone interested in Waldoboro genealogy and history.* The question is, are we getting our message out? How can we increase membership? I mentioned two courses of action we will be taking in the coming months. If you have any other ideas, please contact me.

Newsletter Index project continues

Below you will find two articles which complete the article index (table of contents) for the *Old Broad Bay Bund und Blatt* and the *Old Broad Bay Family History Association Newsletter* from 2000 to 2003 when the New Series began. These indexes, along with the index covering *Bund und Blatt* from 1992 to 1997 found in the Fall 2009 newsletter, will be posted on the Association website.

A cumulative every name index for the OBBFHA Newsletter New Series through 2010 exists and is posted on our website. For those without computer access, annual indexes can be found in the winter issue of the newsletter. The compilation of an article index for the new series is this editor's next major project.

Article list for the *Old Broad Bay Bund und Blatt*

continued from Fall 2009 newsletter

1998, volume 7

No copy of issue 1 exists; it is not known if one ever existed. If anyone does know, please contact the editor at obbeditor@earthlink.net or at 77 Pascal Avenue, Rockport, ME 04856.

Issue 2, October-December 1998

Residents trace German History (reprint from Lincoln County Weekly), pp. 1-2

Did You Know [note about Waldoboro Day], p. 2

Also [about the Gross family genealogy], p. 2

Letter from the President, Mark Benner, p. 2

List of Officers, p. 3

Secretary/Treasurer's report, p. 3

Meeting Minutes [for August 2, 1998], pp. 3-4

Waldoboro Parsonage to be Demolished, p. 4

Looking for the Forgotten Shed and Burial Place, p. 5

Seiders Family Holds Reunion, p. 5

Transitions [births, deaths, marriages, etc], pp. 5-6

Cemetery notes (Hoch, Weaver), p. 6

Ideas? [request for input on the newsletter], p. 6

Photos of members visiting the Sidelinger Cemetery in Union, pp. 7-8

1999, volume 8

Issue 1, January, February, March [pages numbered by hand]

- Dear members [a note from editor Renee Seiders], p. 1
- Reunion weekend, [notice of upcoming reunion], p. 1
- Reunion news [request for news about upcoming events], p. 1
- Waldoboro Day [announcement], p. 1
- Waldoboro Loyalists (reprinted from the Lincoln County News), pp. 1-2
- From the President, Mark Benner, p. 2
- Miller Family Genealogy (excerpt), p. 2
- Notice! Notice! [request to bring copies of original documents to the annual meeting], p. 2
- Additions to the Family [Creamer birth announcement], p. 2
- Transitions [births, deaths, marriages, etc], p. 3
- A Christmas Pie (reprinted from the Lincoln County News), pp. 3-4
- Cemetery Records (Eugley, Gross Neck, Newbert), p. 4
- Riddle of the Rittals [Rittal family genealogy], pp. 5-6
- Further Gleanings from the Lincoln County Court House Records, p. 6
- Mink Family, p. 6
- Overlock Family, p. 7
- What does this mean? Topic: Going in Circles [German place names], p. 7
- Thoughts to Ponder, What make a person German?, p. 8
- Old Broad Bay Family Association Queries, p. 9
- List of Officers for 1998-1999, p. 11

No copy labeled issue 2 exists; it is not known if one ever existed.

Issue 3&4, April - September (not paginated)

- From the President
- Meeting Minutes
- Resignation [of Joyce Ball Brown]
- Memorial Marker [for the original settlers of Broad Bay]
- Lost Grave Located? [mass grave of 1753/54 dead]
- Rominger, Ruminger, Rummer family
- Away Happens
- Old Broad Bay Family Association Queries

2000, volume 9 (not paginated)

Issue 1 & 2, January - June

- Cemetery Project of Waldoboro, Maine
- Waldoboro Public Library [German family information found there]
- Annual German Church Service [announcement]
- Randy Gross' Collection of Genealogies
- A Genealogy Prayer
- Federal Census Records [description, 1790-1850]
- Preservation of Records, Books, and Photographs Section [how to]
- Germans in Waldoborough [reprint of an article by John W. Starman in the Collections of the Maine Historical Society, v. 5, 1857]
- Old Broad Bay Family Association Queries
- Sprague's Journal of Maine History [letter with 1797 Waldoborough muster roll]
- Genealogy on Computer [announcement of a German roots website]

Articles in the *Old Broad Bay Family History Association Newsletter*, 2000-2003

In mid-2000 the name of the newsletter for the Old Broad Bay Family History Association was changed from *Old Broad Bay Bund und Blatt* to *Old Broad Bay Family History Association Newsletter*. Nine issues were published between 2000 and 2003.

2000, volume 1

Number 1 (August)

- Photo of Conrad Heyer, p. 1 (front cover)
- Photos from the annual meeting, p. 2
- A Portion of Conrad Heyer's Life, p. 3
- Announcement of death of Charles Heavener, 1857, p. 3
- Eugley says Miller School will desecrate historic site, p. 4
- Notice of article about German Church service, August 5 & 6, in the Bangor Daily News, section H, H-1, H-2, p. 4
- Wanted: Info on these Ancestors, pp. 5-6
- Where to write for Maine Vital Records, p. 6
- Tips from Joyce Ball Brown, p. 6
- FYI [various announcements], p. 7
- Letter from the President, Randy Gross, p. 8
- The Water Power of Maine (1869), p. 9
- Web Addresses for the Computer Literate, p. 9
- A Letter from June Lufkin to Joyce Ball Brown [regarding Henry Frank Sidelinger], p. 10
- Excerpts from *Stand Firm Ye Boys From Maine* [roster & info. on 20th Maine], p. 11
- Town of Waldoboro Cemetery List, p. 12
- Queries, pp. 13-14
- Name Exchange, p. 15
- In memory of Charter Member Percy Ivan Lang, 1918-1995, p. 16

Number 2 (December)

- Photo of Addie Chapman & her sister, p. 1 (cover), p. 2
- Descendants of Robert Chapman, pp. 2-3
- FYI [about the Maine State Seal], pp. 4-5
- Waldoboro Shipbuilding, pp. 6-10
- Wanted: Info on these Ancestors, pp. 11-13
- Seal and Arms [Maine state seal & poem], p. 14

2001, volume 1

Number 3 (March)

- Photos of Mink & Sproul family members, p. 1 (cover)
- Descendants of Hans Jorg Storer, pp. 2-4
- Descendants of Johann Georg Mink, p. 5
- Mink/Mank Family, pp. 6-8
- Descendants of Peter Mink, pp. 9-16
- List of Genealogys [sic] at the Waldoboro Library as of Feb. 2001, p. 10 (side bar)
- Query, pp. 11-14 (side boxes)
- Wanted: Info on these Ancestors, pp. 17-18
- Death notice, Elmer Hoffses, July 14, 2000 & memories from his niece, p. 20

Number 4 (June) (paginated by hand)

Photos of Mank family members, p. 1 (cover)
Info obtained from Vivian Mank Freeman, pp. 2-16
Wanted: Info on these Ancestors, pp. 11, 18
Letter from the publisher Ann Hart, p. 18

2001, volume 2

Number 1 (September)

Photos, Storer family, p. 1 (cover)
Two events from the *Chronicle of Events*, p. 2
The Newbert Family Reunion from the *Rockland Opinion*, Sept. 3, 1880, p. 2
Wanted: Info on these Ancestors, pp. 3-6
Latest Family History Breakthrough! Philipp Christop Vogler's Younger Sister's
German and American Descendants now Known to Us, p. 7
Minutes of the August Annual Meeting 2001, p. 8

2002, volume 2

Number 2 (January)

Site of Moravian Mission, p. 1 (cover)
An Interview with Edgar Schwartz of Waldoboro, p. 2
Wanted: Info on these Ancestors, pp. 3-5
Where North Meets South (Could this be Waldoboro's Col. Waldo's descendant?), pp. 6, 8
Folding the Flag, p. 7

Number 2 [sic] (May)

Photo & information, 1925 South Bristol School children, pp. 1 (cover), 5
Announcement of annual meeting, p. 2
Wanted: Info on these Ancestors, pp. 2, 6-10
Descendants of Heinrich Seiter, pp. 3-5

2003, volume 2

Number 1 (spring) (not paginated)

Reunion announcement (first & last pages)
Recruitment for new newsletter editor
Announcement that OBBFHA has e-mail
Request for copies of back issues of the newsletter
Letters to the editor
Queries
OBBFHA News
Photos, local scenes
Announcement of 2003 annual meeting

Fall

Annual Meeting & Reunion [report on], pp. 1-2
The Old Mathias Benner Homestead in Eastern Nobleboro, pp. 2-3
The Old Benner Saw Mill, Eastern Nobleboro, p. 3
The Old Joshua Benner Homestead in Eastern Nobleboro, pp. 3-4
Waldboro Historical Society and Waldboro Library [resources], p. 4
Information Exchange [queries, new data, etc.], pp. 4-5

Vannah Bible, p. 6
Shuman Bible, p. 6
Mink - Newbert Bible, pp. 6-7
Maine Families in 1790 [the lack of Waldoboro coverage], p. 7
New editor announced, p. 7

New vital records law takes effect

On September 28, 2011, a new law regulating access to vital records took effect in Maine. Under the new law vital records fall into three categories, each with its own regulations and rules for access. For complete information on the law and how to access vital records, please go to the Maine Genealogical Society website [<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~megs/index.html>] and click on the link to the document *Accessing Vital Records in Maine*. If you do not have access to a computer and would like a copy of this document, please send a self addressed stamped business envelop to the editor at 77 Pascal Avenue, Rockport, ME 04856.

German researcher seeks help

Dieter Alt, a local historian in Nieder-Florstadt, Germany, is researching family history of his home town and is now trying to trace immigrants. He can be reached at AirForce0815@aol.com.

He is interested in the family of Johann Georg Hubner, born 1712 in Nieder-Florstadt and died 1797 in Waldoboro. His first wife was Anna Margaretha Naumann (born 1744 & died 1753 in Nieder-Florstadt); he married his second wife, Elisabeth Frizwell, in 1757. He immigrated with his sister Agnesa and her family to America in 1753. Agnesa was born 1719 and married Caspar Claus in 1742; both died in Maine.

He is looking for the families of Johann Georg Roth (son Conrad, wife Anna Elisabeth, brother Johann Christoph), Caspar Claus (wife Agnesa, sons Johann Conrad, Johannes, Georg Philipp, and Johann Conrad II) and Johann Peter Dauernheim.

Member Query

Does anyone know the parents of Samuel Kaler, b. abt. 1795 (estimated date) who m. Sophronia (Pease) Ludwig 23 Feb 1833 (widow of John b. 1796, d. abt 1833)? Samuel and Sophronia had a daughter, Margaret, b. 1834 who m. James R. Smith 12 Apr 1852 (he was b. 1830 Rockland, d. 1906). Samuel Kaler died before 1840. Camden, ME census 1840 lists Sophronia Kaler household with 2 males under 15-20, 1 female under 5 & 1 female 30-40.

If you have any information on this family, please contact Cynthia McCausland, (757) 464-6804 or at cynmc2@cox.net.

Guardian account, Martha Feyler

by Helen Shaw, CGsm

The following is a transcription of an account of funds distributed for the care of the minor Martha Feyler: Lincoln County Probate Court, vol. 57, pp. 555-556.

The account of Frederic Castner, Guardian to Martha Feyler a minor child of Godfrey Feyler late of Waldoboro deceased.

Said accountant charges himself with the following sum, viz:

Balance of former account settled in Probate Court Nov. 2, 1841	659.96
To note of Philip Demuth in favor of minor rec ^d since settlement	<u>76.02</u>
	\$736.02

And prays allowances for the following charges & payments, viz:

To Bills & clothing furnished from Nov. 20, 1841 to April 18, 1842	24.28
From April 26, 1842 to Aug. 4, 1842	24.32
From Aug. 28, 1842 to Jan. 21, 1843	23.83
From March 1, 1843 to July 30, 1843	35.84
From Aug. 1843 to Nov. 7, 1843	43.43
From Jan. 4, 1844 to March 30, 1844	11.10
From Ap. 1, 1844 to June 4, 1844	15.23
From June 5, 1844 to Sept. 1844	<u>17.81</u>
	195.84

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A true account

Frederic Castner

Lincoln, p. At a Probate Court holden at Waldoboro on the fifth day of November 1844. Personally appeared Frederic Castner aforesaid, and made oath to the truth of the foregoing accounts and the same having been ?-----mind? is hereby allowed and accepted, after proof of notice having been given as ordered by the County, and ordered that the balance of \$540.18 due ?loan? be carried to new account.

Nath. Groton, Judge of Probate

Recorded by George W. Nichols, Regr.

Martha's name does not head an index card in the Probate Court files, rather one must search all the Feyler index cards to find she appears on two:

Feyler, Catherine A., Louisa, Gardiner & Martha Appt. Nov. 3, 1829 / July 1, 1832
of Waldoboro Gnd: minors
children of Godfrey Feyler

[vol 29, p 609; vol. 31, p 220-1; vol 33, p 359; vol 38, p 170; vol 41, p 313-4; vol 34, p 388]

Feyler, Gardner, Martha Appt. Nov. 3, 1829
of Waldoboro Gnd: minors

[vol 29, p 476; vol. 31, p 220-1; vol 39, p 519; vol 42, p 531-2; vol 45, p 146-422; vol 51, p 254;
vol 53, p 16; vol 54, p 200; vol 57, p 555; vol 65, pp 405-06]

There is also an index card for Feyler, Godfrey, late of Waldoboro, intestate, Appt. Nov 3, 1829.

[vol 29, p 151; vol 29(2), p 251; vol 31, p 234; vol 32, p 507; vol 34, p 298; vol 37, p 135; vol 41, p 535; vol 42, p 531]