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Association elections

This is an election year. All officers and directors are up for re-election or replacement. You must be a member to run for an office or for director. You must also be a member to vote so be sure to fill out and return the membership form on page 8 of this newsletter ASAP.

Bill Conary, who has served in the past as treasurer, has agreed to run for that office again. Bill would also maintain the master membership list. Helen Shaw has agreed to run again for the office of secretary. We need folks to step up for the president and vice president offices as well as the three directorships.

It is not necessary for officers or directors to live in or near Waldoboro. Most association business is conducted via the internet. We do need at least one officer or director to live in the area and who can make frequent visits to the post office to gather the mail and pass it on to the appropriate person in a timely manner.

If you would like to run for an office or directorship, please send a letter or e-mail with your name, snail mail and e-mail addresses, and the position for which you want to be considered, to editor Helen Shaw before July 31st

so ballots can be prepared for the annual reunion and meeting. You do not have to be present at the meeting to run for an office. Nominations from the floor will be accepted.

Annual reunion & meeting change of venue

The annual reunion and meeting of the Old Broad Bay Family History Association will be held Saturday, August 4th in the basement of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, Knox and Lincoln Counties Office, 377 Manktown Road in Waldoboro. Doors will open at 9:00 a.m. Please bring a bag lunch. We will have use of the kitchen should you need to keep something cold or heat

something up.

Manktown Road is located on the Lincoln/Knox County & Waldoboro/Warren town line and makes a T intersection with Route 1. There is a very large sign for the Medomak Valley High School. There is a blue sign for the school along with a white sign for the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service on the right side of Route 1 about 500 feet before the intersection as you approach from Waldoboro.

Parking is available around the back of the building, allowing direct access to the meeting room. Those who do not need direct access may park up front and walk around the building or enter through the front door and proceed down the stairway to the right.

Genealogy help available at the reunion

Have you filled out and turned in your 5-generation pedigree for the Association archives? Have you begun your ancestor's sketch for *Maine Families in 1790*? If not, bring your data (including source references) to the reunion. Genealogists will be available to help you get started. Instructions for *Maine Families* can be found on page 7 of the Spring newsletter. A list of Waldoborough heads of household in 1790 appears later in this newsletter.

OBBFHA objectives and membership criteria

Being unable to locate a final copy of the OBBFHA documents, the following draft of the constitution and by-laws was found in the April-May 1994 & April-May-June 1996 issues of *Broad Bay Bund und Blatt*.

Constitution, Article 3 Objectives: to acquire, preserve, restore, maintain and support land, cemeteries, etc. of historic interest or related to the German families and their neighbors, etc...to encourage genealogical and historical research relating to the early settlers...and disseminate and publish such data...to bring descendants of the German settlers and the families with whom they intermarried together via reunions, seminars, workshops, and such gatherings in order to enhance relationships and preserve and promote their German-Yankee heritage...educate the descendants concerning their heritage and encourage them to foster an appreciation thereof...to support whatever efforts may be identified in the future which may further the aforementioned purposes of the OBBFHA, and co-operate with other organizations, including (but not limited to) Waldoboro Historical Society, Waldoboro Public Library, German Protestant Society.

By-Laws, Article 1 Membership...open to all who can prove descent from at least one of the German families who immigrated to Broad Bay on the coast of Maine during the 18th century, provided subscribe to purposes & dues paid.

These will be the starting point for a discussion of the direction in which OBBFHA should go in the future. Do we want to open membership to a wider group of people? If yes, then who should be included and how do we attract these people?

The OBBFHA officers have exchanged e-mail on some ideas for membership expansion, but the

membership at large needs to be part of the discussion as any change would require a change in the by-laws. Depending on if, or how, membership is expanded, the objectives of the association would most likely also need to be changed, so the first decision needed is that of membership.

Some suggestions for a new membership criteria are:

1. anyone descended from a person living in Old Broad Bay / Waldoboro prior to the commencement of Maine statehood in 1820.
2. anyone descended from a person listed in the 1790 census for Waldoborough (mis-identified as Nobleborough)
3. anyone descended from a person who lived in Waldoboro prior to 1900
4. anyone interested in Waldoboro genealogy and history.
5. anyone interested in exploring and protecting the history of Waldoboro.

As you can see, these become more open as you go down the list. The first two suggestions would maintain the essential objectives of the Association as expressed in the Constitution. They also reflect the ethnic diversity of early Waldoboro and the reality of intermarriage. Option three keeps the lineage society flavor of the Association, while options 4 & 5 turn the Association into a more general genealogy group. In these latter cases, the Constitution would need to be amended to reflect different objectives.

Please think about these suggestions; they will be discussed at the reunion. If you cannot attend the reunion (or if you want your comments on the record) please send your comments to the Association PO Box or to the editor via e-mail. [Both addresses are on the newsletter masthead.]

Annual service at Old German Church

The annual service at the Old German Church on Route 32, Waldoboro, will be held on Sunday, August 5th, beginning at 3:00 p.m. For those who have not attended in the past, please be advised that there are no fans and no sanitary facilities. Parking on the church and cemetery grounds is limited; please be particularly careful if you have to park down on the road. Refreshments will be served outside under the trees by the ladies of the German Protestant Society.

German Protestant Society to acquire land

By a vote of 791 to 171, the residents of Waldoboro agreed to sell approximately 6.5 acres of the Waldoboro Town Forest to the German Protestant Society. The land, adjacent to the Old German church and cemetery, will be used for burials.

About 90% of the current church & cemetery property (10.5 acres) is being utilized. The request by the Society to the town was first made at the Board of Selectman's meeting on January 9, 2007 and was approved by the Board at its April meeting. The Board decision needed to be approved by town residents which was done at the June 12th referendum. Persons wanting additional information may contact the town office or Fred Storer, president of the German Protestant Society.

Up-coming genealogy conferences

The **Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)** will hold its Conference **August 15-18** in Fort Wayne, IN. Visit their website <www.fgs.org> for details. Fort Wayne is a small city with a very big genealogical presence. It is home of the Allen County Public Library, which has one of the premier genealogical collections in the country and is the source of PERSI (Periodic Source Index).

The **Maine Genealogical Society** conference: *Footprints in Time: Discovering Your Ancestors Lives* to be held **Saturday, September 22** at the **Bangor Civic Center**. The featured speakers will be George Morgan and Maureen A. Taylor. There will also be a Research Room where conference attendees can look at books and other material on Maine towns, counties, and ethnic populations.

To stay informed about conference activities, visit the society's website at <www.maineroots.org> or contact chairperson Dale W. Mower, 185 Norfolk St, Bangor, ME 04401 (phone: 207-942-9375; e-mail: dale@mower-family.com). If you are not a member of MGS, join and send in your conference registration before August 31st to save \$10 on the registration fee. Membership and conference brochures will be available at the OBB reunion.

Portrait of Conrad Heyer

Those of you who are not members of NEHGS and do not receive their journals should visit a library to take a look at the Spring 2007 issue of *New England Ancestors* for the article "Germans in New England" (pp. 26-30) by Leslie Albrecht Huber and Lynn Betlock. Besides being very informative of why Germans came to the colonies, it mentions Broad Bay and includes a photo of Conrad Heyer. This is a very nice, formal portrait of Conrad copied from a daguerreotype in the collection of the Maine Historical Society (item 13423). A copy of the portrait may be ordered from the MHS by contacting Gabrielle Daniello, Image Services Coordinator, either by mail at Maine Historical Society, 489 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04101, by phone at (207) 879-0427, ext. 217, or by e-mail at <gdaniello@mainehistory.org>. An 8x10 copy costs \$36.50 for Maine residents and \$35 for non-residents. The cost includes tax and shipping.

News from NERGC and the NGS conference

This editor attended both the New England Regional Genealogical Conference in Hartford and the National Genealogical Society Conference in Richmond this spring. The latter, of course, had more presentations and events for Mainers, but nothing beats the NGS conference for networking and information gathering.

Maine's presence at NERGC was in the form of a booth for the Maine Genealogical Society, manned by Celeste and David Hyer with help from several other MGS board members. The Maine Old Cemetery Association also had a booth, manned by president Emily Quint.

On Thursday evening there was a Maine special interest session run by Helen Shaw with assistance from fellow MGS board member Joe Anderson who arrived from sunny Texas just before the session began. Almost 20 people attended the session and a lively exchange of information ensued. Joe also gave a presentation detailing Maine research resources on Saturday.

While the NGS Conference was heavily into Virginia research, New England was well represented with a large booth by the NEHGS. It was here your intrepid editor learned that a book is being prepared on the last Revolutionary War veterans in New England, to include Waldoboro s very own Conrad Heyer. [See article below.]

Searching for the Revolutionary War generation

by Maureen Taylor

Did you know that many of the men, women and children that experienced the Revolutionary War first hand lived into the age of photography (1839)?

Several veterans appeared in Reverend Elias Hillard s *Last Men of the Revolution* in the 1860s. Photo Historian Maureen Taylor and David Lambert (of the New England Historic Genealogical Society) are trying to locate other photos of the Revolutionary War generation for a book project to be published by Kent State University.

If an image in your photo collection fits the following criteria, it might depict a member of the Revolutionary War generation.

The Subjects: Are the people in your pictures old enough to be part of the Revolutionary War generation?

Patriots, soldiers and loyalist adults: Anyone who was an adult during the American Revolution would have been at least 80 years old by the advent of photography.

Children: Anyone who was a child during the American Revolution would have been in his late 50s or older when he had his picture taken.

Wives and widows: The last surviving widow of a Revolutionary soldier died in 1906! Esther Sumner married Noah Damon when she was 21 and he was 75. Finding pictures of wives and widows means looking at pictures taken anywhere from 1840 to the early 1900s.

Submission Guidelines

300 dpi tiff color images scanned at 100% scale
Send to Maureen at mtaylor@taylorandstrong.com
Or upload them to www.photodetective.com

You can learn more by reading their blog www.lastmuster.blogspot.com.

Maine Historical Society Library Renovation

Those of you who may be planning to visit the library of the Maine Historical Society during your summer trip to Maine should check their website (www.mainehistory.org) for news of the major renovation currently underway. The library has been moved to a temporary facility just up and across the street at 510 Congress Street (next to the CVS Pharmacy).

1790 heads-of-household, Waldoborough

To encourage members to write a sketch of their OBB ancestors who appeared in the 1790 census, an alphabetical list of the heads of household for Waldoborough is presented here. Lists for other towns will appear in later newsletters. Note: names in bold type already have a sketch in Maine Families or have one in the works.

National Archives microfilm M637, roll 2. It is difficult to determine the page numbers for the Waldoborough listing. Portions of the town list were microfilmed twice, which was helpful in deciphering the names, but added to the confusion of pagination. As best as this editor can tell, the page numbers are 294-295.

It is easy to see how the confusion about which town was which when a transcript of the census was first published in 1908. The name of the town appears at the bottom of the enumeration with the summary statistics immediately followed by the enumeration of the next town. Since Nobleborough preceded Waldoborough, that is the name appearing at the head of the Waldoborough census.

Spelling and capitalization kept as originally written though the names have been arranged as surname then given name to facilitate alphabetizing.

abraham, Susman
andres, Stephen
andrew, michel
beckler, daniel
benner, widow
benner, Jacob
benner, John
benner, John charles
benner, John, Jun
benner, martin
benner, mathias
bornheimer, godfried
bornheimer, Jacob
boseman, Godlieb
bracht, John
bracht, peter
bradex, John
brodman, Charles
brow, Joseph
brown, benjamin
burghart, henry
burghart, John
burns, cornelius
chapman, widow
chapman, abraham
chwarts, Jacob
Claus, george
cole, Jabish
cole, Josephus
Cole, Isaack

coles, ables
cramer, charles
cramer, cristoph
cramer, fridrich
cramer, Jacob
cramer, John
Cramer, peter
cumerer, Joseph
demut, george
demut, henry
drawbridge, John
Eichorn, daniel
Eichorn, george
Eichorn, Jacob
Eichorn, John
Eichorn, michel
ewell, henry
farnswort, Isaac
farnswort, Robert
farnswort, william
farnswort, william, jun
feiler, jasper
feller, Charles
feller, Stofel
fielhauer, daniel
filor, John
fitch, william
fitchgearald, John
fogler, John
freeman, barnabas

Gentner, andrew
Gentner, Jacob
gros, widow
gros, John
gros, peter
haupt, John
heabner, george
heat, John
heavener, charles
hedwic, Joseph
heisler, martin
hevener, mathias
hilt, widow
hilt, widow
hines, Conelis
hoch, george
hoch, martin
hoch, michel
hofses, anton
hofses, george
hofses, mathias
horn, frederich
hossies, christian
hossies, godfried
houpe, Joseph
howard, caleb
howard, Joshua
huier, conrad
hunt, John
Isley, michel

Jones, luke
kaastner, ludwig
kalor, charles
keen, widow
keen, abner
keen, niclas
keen, philip
keiser, francis
keler, Jacob
keller, charles
keller, Jacob, jun
keller, william
kesler, John
kintzel, John
kohn, paul
koon, george, jun
lach, asmus
lasse, John
lear, peter
leicht, widow
leicht, george
leicht, peter
leisner, george
levenzeler, adam
lincoln, Joshua
lish, paul
loring, judah
ludwig, Jacob
maning, Edward
martin, John
Mcgayer, thomas
miler, peter
miller, francis
miller, frank
miller, frank, jun
miller, henry
mink, pacel
mink, philip
Mink, valantin
morgin, James
morphi, widow
nash, Church
newbert, John
newbert, Stophal
oberlach, charles
oberlach, frank
oberlach, John henry
oberloch, John
oldham, peleg
orf, fridrich
orf, nicolas
orf, Stophel
payson, Samuel

Payson, John
pilcher, abner
pitcher, widow
pitcher, nath^l
prior, John
Razor, charles
Reed, Jacob
Reed, michel
Remly, mathias
Rota, widow
Russell, Lewis
Samson, charles, jun
Samson, charles
Sarius, Isaac
Schwartz, widow
Schwartz, friderich
Schwartz, peter
Shanemar, christian
Shenck, Andrew
Shenk, widow
Shmit, christian
Shuman, John
Shuman, philip
Sidelinger, charles
Sidelinger, daniel
Sidelinger, martin
Sidenspire, widow
Sidenspire, charles
Sidenspire, george
Sidenspire, John
Sider, cornelius
Sides, loring
Simons, widow
Simons, barnabas
Simons, Eckiel (Hungh Island)
Simons, Isaac (Hungh Island)
Simons, Joab (Hungh Island)
Simons, Joseph
Simons, Stephen
Simons, Zebede
Snaudel, william
Snouteigler, John
Sole, widow
Sprague, michel
Sprague, nathan
Stall, henry
Stall, phillip
Starow, andrew
Starow, mathias
Sterer, christian
Studley, John
Swatland, Samuel
talheim, george

thomas, Joshua
thomas, waterman
turner, alexander
turner, cornelius
ulmer, John
wade, jacob
wagner, andrew
wagner, william
waliser, John
walk, henry
walk, peter
walter, peter
warner, george
warner, John, Jun
weber, george
welch, Charles
welch, Christopher
welch, John, jun
welt, pleosus
werner, andrew
werner, charles
werner, george
werner, John
werner, John, jun
werner, John
wewer, John
wickly, bernhard
wihal, francis
wilman, benjamin
wilman, Samuel
winal, david
winal, ezechial
winchafsaw, henry
winchapaw, John
winkenbach, Jacob
wolfgruber, Stofel
wolts, andrew

Membership

The Old Broad Bay Family History Association is a group of people interested in studying and maintaining the history of the German families who settled what is now Waldoboro, Maine in the mid-1700s.

Research facilities (libraries, archives, historical societies, etc.): We welcome the placement of this newsletter in your collection. Please fill out the form except for Name and the list of ancestors, but including the italicized portion. Once you are on our subscription list you will receive a renewal form by mail each year.

Dues for individuals/families receiving the newsletter via e-mail are \$10 a year. Dues for those requiring a hard copy newsletter are \$15 per year. Checks should be made out to OBBFHA and mailed, along with this form, to O.B.B.F.H.A., P.O. Box 1242, Waldoboro, ME 04572.

Be sure to include your e-mail address and let us know if you can receive the newsletter via e-mail. Sending the newsletter via e-mail will help us keep down expenses.

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Your Broad Bay Ancestors _____

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