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Dues are due for 2009-2010

Dues are due! The next-to-last page of the newsletter has the renewal form. Please cut it out, print it out, or make a copy and send it with your check to treasurer Bill Conary before July 1st. The membership year is July 1 to June 30. Thank you for your prompt attention to this.

NERGC: April 22-26

The biennial New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC) is fast approaching. This year's conference will be held in Manchester, New Hampshire, 22-26 April 2009 at the Expo Center of New Hampshire. Note that the genealogy part of the conference starts the afternoon of April 23 and ends late on April 25.

Participant lodging will be at the adjacent Radisson Hotel. Full information about the conference is available at www.nergc.org to include an online registration link and the full conference brochure

OBBFHA will be participating in the Society Fair on Thursday, April 23, from 5:15 - 7:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for smaller genealogical and historical societies to distribute information about themselves and to attract potential new members.

Come Spring Conference: May 9

The Come Spring Conference is a gathering of mid-coast Maine historical societies and museums which first came together in 1996 at the Old Town House in Union. Participants include not only societies from Knox County, but also many organizations from Lincoln and Waldo counties.

This year the conference will be held on Saturday, May 9 at the Camden Public Library from 9:30

a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Registration (limited to 75 people) is \$12.50 per person, which includes lunch. Payment may be made to the Camden Public Library and sent to Come Spring Conference Registration c/o Heather Bilodeau, Camden Public Library, 55 Main St, Camden, ME 04843. For more information, call 207-236-3440, ext. 21. If you would like to receive the e-newsletter for the conference, send a message to Jackie Watts at history7@midcoast.com.

This year's featured speaker will be genealogist Carol McCoy who will speak on Creative Ways to Solve Genealogical Problems. Other speakers include Helen Shaw, Regent of the Lady Knox Chapter NSDAR, who will discuss the chapter's work to locate and document all Revolutionary War patriot graves in Knox County, Candace Kanen, curator of the Maine Memory Network, who will give an update of the Network's activities, and Kevin Johnson, photo archivist for the Penobscot Marine Museum, who will talk about the 40,000 glass plate archives of the Eastern Illustrating and Publishing Company of Belfast. His talk will focus on glass plates pertaining to the towns in Knox, Waldo, and Lincoln County that are represented at the conference.

Waldoboro Day: June 20

Waldoboro Day this year will be celebrated on Saturday, June 20. Details will, at some point, be posted on the Waldoboro town website. Further information can also be had by calling Ed Fisher at 207-832-0633.

OBBFHA will have a table set up outside at the Waldoboro Public Library at 958 Main Street from 9:00 a.m. to about 2:00 p.m. The library itself is open from 10:00 a.m. to noon that day. In the case of rain, the OBB table will be inside during library hours and under the portico when the library is closed if the weather is not too wet. Do stop by and say hello and take the opportunity to look over the library's excellent collection of genealogical material.

OBBFHA annual meeting and reunion: August 1

The annual meeting and reunion of the Old Broad Bay Family History Association will be held Saturday, August 1, in the basement of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, Knox and Lincoln Counties Office, 377 Manktown Road, 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.

Our speaker this year will be archeologist Timothy Dinsmore, who will give a slide presentation Early Shipwrights Along the Damariscotta Their History and Archeology. His talk will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will last about one hour. Mr. Dinsmore holds a BA in anthropology and has nearly completed his MA in anthropology (emphasis on historical archaeology). His research focuses on 17th & 18th century colonial sites in mid-coast Maine.

As usual in the summer, the Waldoboro Historical Society and the Nobleboro Historical Society will be open Saturdays. For further information on times or to make other arrangements, please contact the societies directly. The Waldoboro Historical Society's website is <http://waldoborohistory.us>; the Nobleboro Historical Society's website is www.Nobleborohistoricalsociety.org.

Queries Received

The following queries have been received in the past months. If you can respond to them, but do not have internet access, please send your material to OBBFHA President David Putnam at 28 Union St, Hamilton, MA 01982; he will pass your information on to the appropriate person.

Victor Gallo of Lisbon, Portugal, contacted OBBFHA regarding the **Hahn family** of Fabrikschleichach in the Steigerwald area of Bavaria. He is a descendant of Hans Michael Hahn who emigrated to Portugal between 1740-1750. [Gallo is the Portugese translation of Hahn.] He believes that other members of the Hahn family came to Waldoboro, as they came from the same region. Any information would be appreciated! e-mail: np79ac@mail.telepac.pt

Bob Saquet wrote inquiring about the burial place of **Elizabeth Kinsell (Kinsel or Kuentzel) Noble** who was born in Waldoboro and died in Mansfield, MA. Her parents are interred in the churchyard of the Old German Church and upon her death her remains were supposed to be transported to Waldoboro for burial. Mr. Saquet is inquiring if anyone knows of her burial place. Additionally, he is seeking any information about the "**Fennelly Fund**" which was created by Elizabeth Fennelly Kinsell for the relief of descendants of the original German settlers, preference given to widows. She also donated \$5000 dollars to a fund dedicated to constructing a new wall around the "Old German Cemetery." Anyone with information about these two ladies please contact Mr. Saquet at bobjansaquet@yahoo.com

Alex Clavarie is a descendant of **Philip Christoph Vogler** and his son **John Fogler Sr.** She is in possession of a complete genealogy of the Fogler Family. She is looking for any information about the Vogler Family of Waldoboro and the Moravian Protestants of Waldoboro. She can be contacted at Alex.Clavarie@versopaper.com

Maps, maps, maps

One can never have enough maps for the area(s) in which one's ancestors lived. Early in the second decade of the nineteenth century, surveyors fanned out across Lincoln County to prepare maps of land holders as part of the process of settling land claims. Maps from this era of particular interest to OBBFHA members are for the towns of Waldoborough, Nobleborough, Jefferson, and Bristol. Maps for Edgecomb, Boothbay, and Newcastle were also prepared during the same time period. All these maps show the names of settlers and their lots.

You can now purchase a full size copy of the 1815 map of Waldoboro (about 2' x 6'). The original map (prepared by James Robinson) is in the archival vault in Wiscasset and has been digitally scanned by the county. To purchase a copy of this map, send your request to the Lincoln County Registry of Deeds, PO Box 249, 32 High St, Wiscasset, ME 04578. Include a check for \$8.00 (\$5 for the map and \$3 for postage & handling) made out to the Registry of Deeds. Map copies are sent folded in a large envelope. You may also stop by the courthouse to purchase a map, but be aware that it may take some time to make the copy. The office is open Monday through Friday, except holidays, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The phone numbers are 207-882-7431 and 207-882-7515.

Maps of settlers lots for other Lincoln County towns are in the special collections of the Massachusetts State Archives. Four of the maps are oversized:

Jefferson (#1766) surveyed by James Robinson
Bristol (#1768) surveyed by William McClintock
Edgecomb (#1772) surveyed by Stepehn Parsons
Boothbay (#1773) surveyed by Daniel Rose

Settlers lots for Newcastle were surveyed in 1811 (#1739; plan located in 3rd series, vol. 21, p 6). Lots in Nobleborough were surveyed in 1813 by Ephriam Rollings (#1758; plan located in 3rd series, vol. 48, p. 5). These maps are smaller and have been microfilmed.

Unfortunately, due to their fragile condition, only the map for Newcastle can be scanned. It may be possible to scan the maps for Jefferson and Nobleborough, but the suggestion from the archivist was to have people come to the Historical Society and take (non-flash) photos of the maps. If several people want scans of the maps, the suggestion was to make one disc and have prints made by an outside agency from that disc. Anyone interested in following-up on this matter may contact Helen Shaw at obbeditor@earthlink.net or at 77 Pascal Ave, Rockport, ME 04856 for more information.

Another source for Nobleboro maps is the Nobleboro Historical Society which has both the 1813 map and an 1857 map available in a 19" x 25" format for \$5.00 each. Postage & handling for one or both maps is \$2.50. [Note: this cost will be going up later this year.] For further information contact Mary K. Sheldon at 207-563-5376 or at sheldon@tidewater.net.

Eastern Lands Papers, Massachusetts State Archives

The above mentioned maps in the collection of the Massachusetts State Archives are companion pieces to the Eastern Lands Papers, a collection of some 30 cubic feet, covering the sale and development of land in Maine and the settlement of land disputes in Maine between 1717-1860.

Detailed information about this collection can be seen on the state archives website at: <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/arc/arcpdf/eastland.pdf>. The forty pages of descriptive text covers history (pp. 3-8), chronology (pp. 8-9), and records. The records section is divided into three parts:

- I. Sale and Development of Public Lands in Maine (pp. 10-20)
- II. Disputed Lands in Maine (pp. 21-31)
- III. Separation of Maine (pp. 32-40)

Of particular interest to OBBFHA members are several collections within part II of the records. Specifically:

EA 5 Commissioners to Quiet Settlers on the Waldo Claim, 1797-1800

This deals with the dispute between settlers brought by General Samuel Waldo to the Waldo Patent (Claim) between the east side of the Muscongus River and Penobscot Bay and his son-in-law General Henry Knox after the Revolutionary War. The disputes were largely settled by 1796. *The Commissioners went to the patent in 1797, received references from settlers, and appointed James Malcolm, John Harkness, and Robert Huston as surveyors to identify settler lots and note land conditions.*

Series with this agency:

83x Certificates of agreement for quieting settlers, 1797-1800 (2 vols): legal documents between Henry Knox and settlers without title in the Waldo Patent. Arranged by town and then by individual (name index at the beginning of each volume). *Information*

includes the name of the settler, date moved onto land, town where land was located, and whether the property had been transferred to another person.

854x Commission Files 1763 - 1799 (1 document box): includes depositions regarding the arrival of certain settlers.

EA9 Commissioners to Investigate Disturbances in Lincoln County, 1803-1811

This deals with disputes near the Damariscotta River between settlers and non-resident proprietors. The commissioners met first in Wiscasset in 1 May 1811 and later in Newcastle, Bristol, and Nobleborough through 10 May. To avoid lengthy court proceedings, the non-resident proprietors relinquished their claims in exchange for land elsewhere in Maine.

Of particular interest here is the series:

90x Evidence Presented to Commissioners, 1803-1811 (1 document box): Sub-series 2 includes *Deeds, patents, wills and depositions presented before the commissioners by attorneys on behalf of various claimants*. [Apparently copies were made of these documents which were then held by the commissioners; *in 1885-1886 they were removed from this collection and incorporated into the Massachusetts Archives Collection, series 45x.*]

EA10 Commissioners for Determining Rights of Claimants to Lands in Lincoln County, 1811-1813

Commissioners here *...authorized a survey showing nonresident claims; received testimony from nonresident proprietors and town settlers; received submission, deeds of release, and accompanying powers of attorney from nonresident proprietors....*

Of particular interest in this series:

91x Administrative files, 1810-1813 (2 document boxes): files presented to the commissioners documenting claims to lands in Bristol, Edgecomb, New Castle, Nobleborough, Waldoborough, Jefferson, and Boothbay. There are four sub-series in this collection of which two are noted here:

Sub-series 3: *Claims of nonresident proprietors, which include copies of wills and deeds, genealogies, title abstracts, and other papers to substantiate rights to lands under Brown, Tappen, Drowne, Brown/Pierce and Pemaquid claims.*

Sub-series 4: *Claims of settlers, records proving title to contested lands and showing length of residency, including lists of settlers in the towns of Palermo, Putnam, and Jefferson.*

92x Deeds of Release to the Commonwealth, 1812 (1 document box): deeds transferring title from the nonresident proprietors to the Commonwealth. Towns included were Boothbay, Bristol, Edgecomb, Jefferson, Newcastle, Nobleborough, and Waldoborough.

EA 11 Commissioners Appointed to Give Deeds to Settlers in Lincoln County, 1813-1819

These commissioners followed up on the work done by the commissioners under EA 9 and EA 10. Under these commissioners, each settler received a clear title for up to 200 acres of his property (including improvements) *for a nominal amount of money. Settlers were divided into two groups: those who resided on their property prior to January 1, 1789, and all other*

settlers. The first group was allowed to purchase their land for \$5.00 per one hundred acres. The second group paid \$.30 per acre.

Maps created under this commission were those for Boothbay, Bristol, Edgecomb, Jefferson, Newcastle, Nobleborough, and Waldoborough.

EA 13 Commissioners to Quiet Settlers in Waldoborough

This deals with the settlement of land of the Plymouth Company.

Series 86x Certificates of agreement for quieting settlers, 1803-1804 (1 vol): contains legal documents completing the process of land sales between Henry Knox and settlers. Includes name of the settler, exact description of the land, name of the surveyor, amount owed the proprietor and the date paid.

Series 853 x Commission files, 1803-1804 (2 folder): contains the *November 1803 petition from Waldoborough settlers to the commissioners asking to be deemed eligible for quieting.*

Waldoboro article

Leslie Albrecht Huber has written a wonderful article about pre-Revolutionary Waldoboro for the Daughters of the American Revolution magazine *American Spirit*. The article is titled *The Town that Wouldn't Give Up, The German Settlement of Waldoboro, Maine*. It appears in the May/June 2009 issue of *American Spirit* on pages 34-37.

The article includes several lovely photos by Vince DeLisle and quotes by OBBFHA president David Putnam and Thomas Jordan, president of the Waldoboro Historical Society.

Past president Richard Castner is no longer able to use the computer, but would appreciate letters and cards from his friends in OBBFHA. These may be sent to him at 25 Lida Lane, Rochester, NY 14616.

Membership

The Old Broad Bay Family History Association is a group of people interested in studying and maintaining the history of the founding families, and in particular the founding German families, of what is now Waldoboro, Lincoln County, Maine.

There are three types of membership: individual, family, and library. An individual membership confers the right to one vote. A family membership confers the right to two votes. A library membership is solely for the purpose of allowing distribution of the newsletter to libraries and historical societies and confers no right to vote.

The membership year is July 1 to June 30. The newsletter is issued quarterly in January (Winter), April (Spring), July (Summer), and October (Fall).

Membership checks should be made out to OBBFHA and mailed, along with this form, to: William Conary, OBB Treasurer, 9 Hilltop Rd, Plaistow, NH 03865.

Old Broad Bay Family History Association Application for Membership

New Member _____ Renewal _____ Date _____

Name _____

Second member in the household: _____

Please attach a list of your Broad Bay Ancestors or write a list on the back of this form.

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

How do you want to receive the newsletter?

Individual membership: e-mail (pdf format) \$10 _____ US mail \$15 _____
Family membership: e-mail (pdf format) \$15 _____ US mail \$20 _____

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Contact person: _____