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## Final reminder: dues are due for 2009-2010

Dues are due! If you haven't already sent in your dues, please do so. You cannot vote at the annual meeting if your dues are not paid. Also, your last newsletter will be the fall issue.

The 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 ASAP. The membership year is July 1 to June 30. Thank you for your prompt attention to this.

As editor, I should point out that with the rising cost of printing and postage, the cost of sending a printed copy of the newsletter is almost exactly the \$5 extra charged to those who receive their newsletter in that format. If you can receive the newsletter by e-mail it saves both you and the association money.

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.Nobleborohistoricalsociety.org)>.

## **Election of officers & directors**

At the annual meeting on August 1, the Association will elect officers and directors for 2009-2011 terms. Officers are president, vice president & secretary, and treasurer. There are a maximum of 3 directors. Directors can be elected to more than one term. Officers can also be elected to more than one term, but no more than two of those terms may be consecutive. According to part IV.A of the Constitution and Bylaws, *Persons wishing to pursue election to the Board of Directors or as an officer in the association must have been a member of the association for at least six months prior to the date of their nomination.*

The nominating committee (William Chapman, June Hussiere, & Deirdre Putnam) submitted a slate of officers and directors to the Board of Directors at its meeting on June 20 in Waldoboro. The slate represents the current officers and directors: president, David Putnam; vice-president & secretary, Helen Shaw; treasurer, William Conary; and directors Ruth Riopell & Randall Gross. There is one director position vacant.

According to part VI.E2 of the Constitution and Bylaws nominations may be made by an association members from the floor at the annual meeting. Also, per part VI.E3: *Additional nominations can be made in writing by any three qualified members of the Association, said nominations to be signed by the nominators along with the written acceptance of the nomination by the nominee, and must be in the hands of the Secretary five weeks before the date of the Annual Reunion and Membership Meeting. All nominees must meet the eligibility criteria specified in Item IV-A of these by-laws.*

## **Old German Church**

The annual service at the Old German Church will be held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please be advised there are no fans and no sanitary facilities on the premises. Parking on the church and cemetery grounds is limited; please be particularly careful if you park down on the road. Following the service, refreshments will be served outside under the trees by the ladies of the German Protestant Society. With the retirement of Reverend Murphy last year, the service this year will be conducted by the Reverend Beverly Blaisdell, pastor of the Waldoboro United Methodist Church.

Please also note that the church is open daily during July and August from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. with volunteers from the German Protestant Ladies Auxiliary and the Waldoboro Women's Club present to answer questions. Donations to support the church are accepted.

Mark Benner provided the following sketch about the Old German Church:

The Reformed Lutheran Church and cemetery was built, on the east side of the Medomak River, in 1772 on lot number 10, the next property north of the Moravian lot, after the last of the Moravians left for North Carolina. This was to replace the Lutheran Church at Meetinghouse

Cove which dissolved a few years previous and was to provide many members of the growing Lutheran faith a new and larger place of worship that was more centrally located to the population center. Later still, this church was disassembled, moved, and reassembled on the west side of the Medomak River in the winter of 1794/1795. It was finished off where it still stands today.

## **Board of directors meeting**

The association board of directors met on Waldoboro Day to take action on business assigned during the 2008 annual meeting. The most important discussion was around the memorial fund voted on by association members at the 2008 annual meeting. William Conary drafted wording for how the memorial fund would work. This was reviewed and accepted by the board. What to call the fund was also discussed and the Jasper J. Stahl Memorial Fund was selected. See the following article for details.

One item to be brought to the membership at the annual meeting is a proposed first project for the Jasper J. Stahl Memorial Fund: assistance in the restoration of the 1815 Robinson map of Waldoboro. This editor will be talking with Lincoln County Registrar of Deeds Marcia Silva about the projected cost of the restoration and how the Association can best help the county. A report will be presented at the annual meeting.

In the past there have been discussions about OBBFHA becoming a chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society. In order to achieve that status we need to have ten of our members also be members of MGS. The board voted to send a copy of our membership list to the membership secretary of MGS to determine how many are MGS members. The results will be announced at the annual meeting. MGS is presently investigating how it interacts with its chapters and what benefits accrue to both by the arrangement.

As a point of clarification, all queries submitted to the association are published in the newsletter, although president David Putnam does respond with information wherever possible. It was decided that anything he discovers will be added to the query publication so that other readers could benefit.

## **Jasper J. Stahl Memorial Fund**

### **Establishment**

On August 2, 2008 the membership of The Old Broad Bay Family History Association (The Association) voted to authorize the Board of Directors (The Board) to establish a memorial fund for the benefit of genealogy research in Waldoboro and surrounding towns.

### **Funding**

The Fund will be financed by The Association with periodical contributions to the fund from its general fund. The Association may solicit contributions from members and non-members. Individual contributors may specify a particular purpose for their contributions.

### **Administration**

The Board shall have exclusive authority to administer by majority vote the allocation of all

grants except for those grants specified by the donor for a particular purpose.

The Board is not required to make a grant.

The Board at their semi-annual meeting shall review the financial status of the Association to determine if a contribution should be made to the Fund.

The Board at their semi-annual meeting shall review all applications for grants and rule on their qualifications.

#### Dissolution

In the case that The Old Broad Bay Family History Association should be dissolved, the uncommitted resources of the fund shall be donated to the Waldoboro History Society, Waldoboro, Maine.

Resources of the Jasper J. Stahl Memorial Fund shall be used for the following purposes:

To finance the preservation and restoration of genealogical artifacts.

To finance the storage and maintenance of genealogical material. (Books, manuscripts, bibles, diaries, etc.)

To finance the beautification and rehabilitation of local burial sites of Old Broad Bay settlers.

To finance the identification and maintenance of the burial sites of Old Broad Bay war veterans.

To finance educational projects dealing with the history and genealogy of Old Broad Bay.

To finance the publication of material dealing with the history and genealogy of Old Broad Bay.

To finance libraries and historical societies for the betterment of genealogical research.

## Maine Genealogical Society annual conference

Maine Genealogical Society invites you to its 2009 Annual Conference Saturday, September 26, at the Bangor Civic Center. Remember, MGS members receive a discounted registration fee and discounts on MGS special publications.

Featured speaker: Marcia Melnyk, the author of *The Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research*, *The Weekend Genealogist: Timesaving techniques for effective research*, *The Genealogist's Question and Answer Book* and *Family History 101*.

A Query Board will be available in the lobby for anyone interested in posting a query. MGS Special Publications will also be available for purchase & pre-order and there will also be a number of vendors of genealogical books and materials on hand for your shopping enjoyment.

For more information, visit the MGS website: [http://www.maineroots.org/area\\_info/area\\_info.htm](http://www.maineroots.org/area_info/area_info.htm)

#### The Conference Program

8:00 AM - Conference Registration (refreshments served)

8:30 AM - MGS Annual Meeting

Election of officers

9:00 AM - Welcome & Keynote Address

Presentation of 2009 awards

11:00 AM - Breakout Sessions

1. Widowed Mothers, Metes and Bounds, Marks and Dowers, Witnesses and Executions:

- Getting the Most Out of Deed Research by Joe Anderson
2. Handle with Care: Getting the Most From Your Library Visits by Betsy Paradis
3. Tracing Your French-Canadian Roots by Bob Chenard
4. The Immigrant's Experience: Sailing to America by Jack Battick

12:15 PM - Luncheon

Getting the Whole Family Involved in the Search by Marcia Melnyk

1:30 PM - Vendor Time

2:15 PM - Breakout Sessions

1. Forms, Forms and More Forms by Marcia Melnyk
2. Maine's Early Churches and the Location of Their Records, with Research Case Studies by Joseph C. Anderson
3. Let's Google The Family Tree by Dale W. Mower
4. Unearthing the Genealogical Treasures at the University of Maine's Fogler Library by Melvin Johnson

3:30 PM - Breakout Sessions

1. Immigrant Research Strategies by Marcia Melnyk
2. Breaking Through Brickwalls, a panel discussion with Joseph C. Anderson, Marlene A. Groves and Jerry Gower
3. Native American Genealogy in the Northeast by Nancy Lecompte
4. The Great Irish Potato Famine by Janet TeBrake

4:40 PM - Closing Remarks

Door prizes!

## **Waldoboro 1815 map project**

As mentioned in the Spring newsletter, it is now possible to purchase a full size copy of the 1815 map of Waldoboro prepared by James Robinson. To enhance the value of this wonderful map, OBB President David Putnam and Treasurer Bill Conary have joined forces to prepare a list of property owners on the map. The end result will be published in a future OBB newsletter.

## **Query**

New member Suzanne Hanson is seeking help in locating the parents of Washington Wallace (1833-1910). He married Mary C. Cross; they had a daughter Augusta L. in 1869. Washington's mother may have been named Catherine. The family lived near the Old German Church.

She is also looking for the burial place of the three babies of Walter Hewes and Augusta Brown Boggs of Friendship Street in Waldoboro: Helen Merle (born 27 August 1895; died 30 December 1895), Francis Perry (born 4 January 1895; died 30 January 1903), and Charles Walter (born 14 October 1902; died 17 January 1903)

She is also looking for any information on, and the burial site of, her ancestor Dr. Life William Boggs (1798-1861), son of William Samuel and Sarah (Jameson) Boggs.

Suzanne may be contacted at 339 Griswold St., Glastonbury, CT 06033 or by e-mail at [sadieandmom@yahoo.com](mailto:sadieandmom@yahoo.com).

## **Daniel Sidelinger will**

*by Helen A. Shaw*

The following is a transcription of the will of Daniel Sidelinger (son of Martin & Mary) found in Lincoln County, Maine Probate Court (county courthouse in Wiscasset) vol 57, pp. 553-555, signed 13 December 1843, proved in court 5 November 1844.

### State of Maine

Seal. Lincoln fr. To John Sidelinger of Waldoborough

Greeting.

Whereas at a Court of Probate this day held at Waldoborough within and for said County of Lincoln the last Will and Testament of Daniel Sidelinger late of Waldoborough in said County deceased, has been proved, approved, and allowed, a copy of which and of the Probate thereof is herunto annexed: And whereas you are therein named and appointed by the testator, Executor of said Will, and have taken upon you that trust and given bond as the law directs: I do therefore, by virtue of the power and authority given to me by the law of said State, commit unto you the execution of the same, and the administration of all the estate of said deceased, wereof he died seized and possessed; and you are to return upon oath a true and perfect Inventory of said estate into the Probate office in said County, within three months, and also to render a just and true account of your proceedings, upon oath, within one year from the date hereof, and in all things according to law and in fulfilment of the trust reposed in you, faithfully to discharge the duties of an Executor of said Will.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of office, at a Court of Probate held at Waldoborough within and for said County, on the fifth day of November in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty four.

Nath Groton, Judge of Probate

I Daniel Seidlinger of Waldoborough in the County of Lincoln, yeoman, knowing the uncertainty of life and being desirous of controlling [sic] the distribution of my property, do make, publish and declare the following as my last will and testament.

First I give and bequeath to my son Daniel all the notes and demands I hold against him and the sum of fifty Dollars.

Secondly I give and bequeath to my son Charles all the notes and demands I hold against him and the sum of one dollar.

Thirdly I give and bequeath to my son Ebenezer all the notes and demands I hold against him and the sum of fifty Dollars.

Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary the wife of Church Nash the sum of one dollar.

Fifthly I give and bequeath to my daughter Margaret wife of James Miller the sum of one dollar.

Sixthly I give and bequeath to my daughter Eliza wife of Christian Borneman the sum of one dollar.

Seventhly I give and bequeath to my daughter Esther wife of George Spear the sum of one

dollar.

Eighthly, I give and bequeath to my grandchildren Elijah, Jeremiah, Albert, John W<sup>m</sup>, Margaret, Susan, Eliza, Ezra, and Edward children of my deceased son Martin Seidlinger, the sum of one dollar each, also twenty five dollars due me from said John W. and sixteen dollars due me from said Albert, and said John W. when collected to be equally divided among the above named grandchildren.

Ninthly I give and bequeath to my grandchildren, Ellis, Reuben, Esther, Emeline, Sarah & William children of my deceased daughter Rachel the sum of one dollar each.

Tenthly I give and bequeath to my Grandson Orchard Sylvanus, son of John Seidlinger, my musket.

Eleventhly I give and bequeath to my Granddaughter Esther Elizabeth my bed, and bedding, looking glass and low blue chest.

Twelfthly I give and bequeath to my daughter in law Margaret wife of my son John my clock.

Thirteenthly I give and bequeath to my son John all the Notes and demands I hold against him, and all my farming utensils, and all my household furniture not heretofore disposed of, and the sum of fifty dollars.

Fourteenthly I give and bequeath to my sons Daniel, John, and Ebenezer, all the residue of my property to be equally divided between them after paying all my just debts, funeral expenses, and suitable grave stone, and the expenses of the Probate of this my last will and testament.

Lastly I do constitute and appoint my son John sole executor of this my last will and testament.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty three.

Daniel (his mark) Seidlinger Seal

Signed and sealed by the said Daniel Seidlinger, and by him declared to be his last Will and testament in our presence, and we, and each of us, in his presence, and in the presence of each other at the same time subscribed our names as witnesses.

Thomas Simmons

Christian Walter

James M. Storer

State of Maine

Seal. Lincoln fr. Whereas the Instrument hereto annexed has been presented to me as the last Will and Testament of Daniel Seidlinger late of Waldoboro by John Seidlinger the Executor therein named, and due notice thereof, and the time and place appointed by me for taking the Probate of the same has been given to the heirs of said deceased, and to all persons, interested therein, pursuant to the Order of Court: And whereas it is proved to me by the testimony of Thomas Simmons, Christian Walter and James M. Storer, the three subscribing witnesses (there being no objection to the Probate of the same) that the said Instrument was signed, sealed, and published by the said Daniel Seidlinger as his last will and testament, and that at the time of executing the same the said Daniel Seidlinger was of sane mind: And it further appearing to me that the same was attested in his presence by three credible witnesses whose names are therunto subscribed: I do therefore, by the virtue of the power and authority given to me, in and by the laws of the State aforesaid, hereby approve and allow the said Instrument as the last Will and Testament of said deceased, and order the same to be recorded.

Given under my hand and seal official, at the Court of Probate holden at Waldoboro on the fifth day of November in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

Nath Groton, Judge

Lincoln fr. At a Probate Court held at Waldoborough on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November AD 1844. John Seidlinger the Executor within named appears in Court accepts the trust, whereupon ordered that he be appointed Executor, he first to give Bond with sureties in the sum of five hundred dollars & thereupon letters testamentary with the will annexed issue to him.

Recorded by George W. Nichols, Reg s

## 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.

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### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_