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Dues are overdue for 2011-2012

Dues are overdue! 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 Deirdre Putnam ASAP. The membership year is July 1 to June 30. Thank you for your prompt attention to this.

Jasper Stahl Memorial Fund

by David Putnam

The Jasper J. Stahl Memorial Fund was established in August 2008 as a way for the OBBFHA to endow individuals and organizations that are working to promote the preservation of the genealogy and history of the Waldoboro area. Since 2008 money from the Stahl Fund has been donated for the restoration of the 1816 Robinson Map of Waldoboro and, this year, \$300 dollars was donated to the Waldoboro Public Library for a two year membership to the New England Historic Genealogical Society which will allow library patrons to have free access to the AmericanAncestors.org research database.

We would welcome any suggestions from our readers regarding a worthy individual or group who might benefit from the Stahl Fund. Additionally, we would like to urge our readers to make a donation to the Stahl Fund. A check to the OBBFHA can be sent to our treasurer. Please specify on the check that the money is a donation for the Stahl Fund.

Annual meeting and reunion

The annual meeting and reunion of the Old Broad Bay Family History Association will be held Saturday, August 6 at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, Knox and Lincoln Counties (lower level), 377 Manktown Road, Waldoboro. A \$5 donation is requested. Coffee and snacks are provided.

The business meeting will begin at 9:00 followed by the speaker at 10:00; both are open to the public. The speaker will be Peg Kearney who will present *An Imperfect Union: The Eighteenth Century Origins of the Two Maines*, which covers the Charter of 1691, the Waldo Patent, and the political, social, and legal controversies arising from these documents in Waldoboro and throughout Maine. Ms Kearney holds a bachelors degree in history from the University of Southern Maine and a masters in history from the University of Maine.

Those staying for the reunion and genealogy discussions should bring a bag lunch. There is a refrigerator and microwave available.

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 (paid by July 1, 2011) to vote. The election will be by ballot.

The nominating committee presented its report at the June 18 Board meeting. The nominations for officers are as follows: president, Helen Shaw, vice-president and secretary David Putnam, and treasurer Deirdre Putnam. Bill Conary, Ruth Riopell, and June Hussiere agreed to run again as directors. Nominations may also be made from the floor during the business meeting.

Old German Church service

The annual service at the Old German Church (Route 32 South, Waldoboro) will be held on Sunday, August 7, 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. Following the service, refreshments will be served outside under the trees by the ladies of the German Protestant Society.

Newsletter cuts

Due to problems with obtaining articles for publication in the newsletter, the OBBFHA Board of Directors, at its meeting in Waldoboro on June 18, decided to cut back on newsletter publication. Starting immediately, the newsletter will be published three times a year, in April (Spring), July (Summer), and October (Fall). Further, the Summer issue will be four pages rather than eight. Of course, should sufficient articles be received, the Summer issue can be increased to eight pages.

MGS 2011 Family History Conference

The Maine Genealogical Society's annual conference will be held Saturday, September 24, at the Spectacular Event Center in Bangor. The featured speaker will be Meldon "Mel" Wolfgang, III, the founder and owner of Jonathan Shepard Books. Mr. Wolfgang will present the keynote address (*Uncommon Research Tools That Can Lead to Uncommonly Good Results*) and two additional talks, *Beyond the Basics: Tips & Techniques for Using Newspapers in Genealogical Research* and *More Than Almshouses and Cold Charity: Exploring Family History in the Records of Public and Private Assistance in New England*.

Other speakers are Lynda Sudlow (*The Role of Women in the Civil War*), Helen Shaw (*Often*

Overlooked: What the Census Tells You Beyond Name & Age), Brian Bouchard (*Using Social Media in Genealogical Research*), and Susan Almy (*More Than Wills: Using Probate Records in Genealogical Research*).

Registration for MGS members is \$40 (\$50 for non-members) and lunch is \$15. The Fairfield Inn, 300 Odlin Rd, is offering a special rate of \$99/night for conference attendees (mention MGS conference); reservations must be made by August 24. Complete conference information is available on the conference website <www.maineroots.org> or call Celeste Hyer at (207) 627-7147.

New Waldoboro book available

Citizens Who Heard the Call to Political Service: Waldoboro, Maine 1773-2010 by Jean M. B. Lawrence. This book celebrates the lives of Waldoboro citizens who served in the U.S. Senate or House of Representatives, the Maine legislature, three Maine Governors, and five representatives to the General Court of Massachusetts in Boston prior to 1820. Researched images and original photos enhance the accounts of public service commitment from early migrant inhabitants to current elected legislators. The book is being sold at the Waldoborough Historical Society and copies will be on sale at our meeting: \$15.70, tax included. All proceeds go to the Waldoborough Historical Society.

Correction: Overlock book

The book *Overlock-Petersen History: A Union of the Daring Danes and the Gutsy Germans* by Isabelle Overlock Hallam may be ordered via the web site www.Overlock-Petersen.com. The announcement in the Winter 2011 newsletter indicated the book was available for download. This was in error. The book is a printed, 192 page publication with many photos, most in color. The cost is \$30.

Newsletter surname index updated

The surname index to the OBBFHA newsletter has been updated and posted on the Association website; it covers 2004 to 2010. Check out the index on www.rootsweb.com/~meobbfha/ to see what you may have missed.

This editor hopes to have the table of contents list for *Bund und Blatt* through 2000 completed by the annual meeting. The list covering 1992-1997 can be found in the Fall 2009 newsletter. Once the list is completed it will be posted on the Association website.

We are still looking for the rumored every name index for the 1992 through 1994 issues of *Bund und Blatt* and the rumored compiled table of contents. If anyone has a copy of the every name index or the bound set with the index, please contact Helen Shaw at obbeditor@earthlink.net or at 77 Pascal Avenue, Rockport, ME 04856.

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.

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Membership checks should be made out to OBBFHA and mailed, along with this form, to: Deirdre Putnam, OBB Treasurer, 17 Bush Hill Rd, Ipswich, MA 01938.

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 _____

Research facilities (libraries, archives, historical societies, etc.): We welcome the placement of this newsletter in your collection. Please fill out this portion of the membership form. Once you are on our subscription list you will receive a renewal invoice by mail each year. **Subscription: \$15 per year.**

Name of research facility: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact person: _____