



# O.B.B.F.H.A.



## News

The Old Broad Bay Family History Association, P.O. Box 1242, Waldoboro, ME 04572

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### GRAND REUNION PLANNED –

To commemorate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival at Broad Bay by that brave group of Germans settlers, plans are being made for a very special O.B.B.F.H.A. reunion this year which will be held on Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August 2003. Mark this date on your calender and make your plans early. You won't want to miss out.

### NEWSLETTER EDITOR WANTED –

We are still hoping someone will come forward to volunteer as newsletter editor. Here's your chance to become another Randolph Hearst. This would be an excellent opportunity for a high school junior or senior to gain experience with computers, graphic software and journalism all rolled into one.

### O.B.B.F.H.A. NEWS HAS E-MAIL –

You may now send your queries, articles, letters and comments by E-mail. Our address on line is [obbfanews@attbi.com](mailto:obbfanews@attbi.com). It is preferred, but not required, that articles for the newsletter be in Microsoft WORD format and sent as attachments to your E-mail message.

### BACK ISSUES OF NEWSLETTER NEEDED –

We have a request from a major genealogical library for copies of our newsletter for their holdings. If anyone has copies that they would care to donate, or issues they would loan us for copying, please contact any Association officer.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR –

Dear Editor -I would subscribe to a plaque for victims of "the first winter." I sometimes think of those poor souls. They placed a lot of faith and hope in the opportunity to get out of feudal conditions in Germany – recruiters painted a pretty picture of a land where there was opportunity to get ahead, where there was a school and church, where homes were prepared for them. Then, when they got there – wilderness and only one big air conditioned shed to shelter ALL OF THEM. My Vannahs and Mellens were lucky that they were cheated by the ship captain and kept at German Town (Braintree, Mass) and forced to work off their passage. Conditions at Broad Bay had improved by the time they got to Maine.—D.E., Aberdeen, NC

### QUERIES

**PITCHER** – If anyone has any information on any of the three **PITCHER** brothers, **ABNER**, **EZRA**, and **NATHANIEL** that they would be willing to share, I would greatly appreciate it. My mother was **CLARA E. (PITCHER) AUSTIN** the daughter of **LESLIE** and **JULIA (DUNLAP) PITCHER**. I have much information I would be willing to share. I have located many of the grave sites for many **PITCHERS** after they came to Maine. I have found that the first **PITCHER (ANDREW)** came to America from England aboard the ship **MARY and JOHN** in 1630. I still have some missing info on some of the ancestors from my line and any help would be welcome. – Beverly Austin, RR7, Box 2843, Augusta, ME 04330-9127, E-mail: [beverly533@aol.com](mailto:beverly533@aol.com)

**HAGERMAN** – I am interested in the family of **VAN BUREN** and **EMMA (MORGAN MASON) HAGERMAN** who rented a house on Friendship Street, Waldoboro before buying a house on the same street in 1926. Van Buren worked at various jobs, including real estate and, possibly lumber. Their 3 children, **MARTHA**, **EDGAR** and **LOIS** grew up in Waldoboro before moving away in the 1920's and 1930's. Van Buren and Emma eventually divorced and Emma moved to Bath in 1943. Seek any business and social relationships that Van Buren may have had, any children's Waldoboro High School records, or any relevant newspaper articles mentioning the family. Where did Edgar and Emma (and Lois) live after Emma sold her interest in the Friendship Street house in 1934? Where and when did Lois marry a man named **FLETT**? – Laurence N. Wesson, 625 Cranstone Lane, Blue Bell, PA 19422 or Oar Island, Bremen, ME 04551

**ACHORN/SIDELINGER** – Seek parents of **BERTHA MAE ACHORN** who was b. February 1833; she m. 9 October 1852 **EZRA MARTIN SIDELINGER**. – William R. Conary, E-mail: [ConaryWmRb@attbi.com](mailto:ConaryWmRb@attbi.com)

**BRUCE/WALLIS** – Seek gravesite of **CHARLES BRUCE** 1782-1852. His wife **SALLY (WALLIS) BRUCE** 1793-1839 is reported to be buried in Waldoboro. They also had two young children, **SARAH JANE BRUCE** (1825- ) and **WILLIAM NORRIS BRUCE** (1828-1831), should also be buried in Waldoboro. – Nancy Gavin, E-mail: [themom@dubelyoo.com](mailto:themom@dubelyoo.com)

**WINCHENBACH/LUDWIG** -- Hi, I'm a descendant of the Winchenbachs and Ludwigs and I would like to know if anyone knows where they originated in Germany. I'm a native Mainer married to a German. I split my time between Maine and the Rhineland, so we're very interested in finding out exactly where my ancestors came from. Can anyone help me? – Bethany Sargent-Schossler, E-mail: [Mainesnowflake@earthlink.net](mailto:Mainesnowflake@earthlink.net).

### LOCAL SCENES

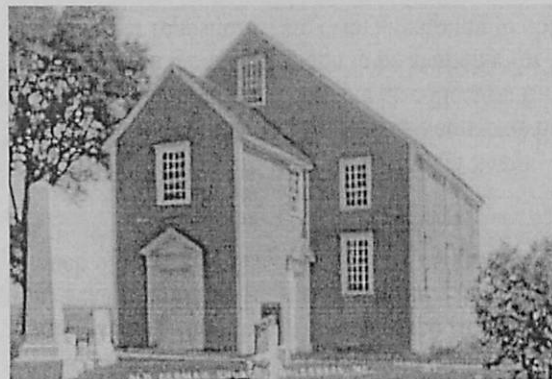


**Main Street, Waldoboro**

(showing the U.S. Post Office, the Hall Funeral Home,  
and the Broad Bay Congregational Church)



**The Reid Mansion, Waldoboro**



**The Old German Church, Waldoboro**

**OLD BROAD BAY FAMILY HISTORY ASSOCIATION**  
**THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL REUNION**  
**WALDOBORO, MAINE**  
**2 AUGUST 2003**

The reunion will held be at a new location this year. We will be meeting at the Broad Bay Congregational Church on Main Street in downtown Waldoboro. This building is across the street from the Waldoboro Public Library and adjacent to Hall's Funeral Home. There is parking on the street as well as in the parking lot of the funeral home, provided there isn't a funeral in progress. It is also handicapped accessible.

**Saturday:**

- 8:00 a.m.** Registration followed by social hour. Time for sharing genealogies and fellowship. Refreshments and coffee will be provided. There will also be a copying machine available.  
 The Waldoboro Public Library will be open at 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for research purposes. We will also be able to provide access for members to the Nobleboro Historical Society.
- 10:00 a.m.** Speaker. Our speaker will be Rebecca Maxwell. Her subject will be the old German Church in Waldoboro.
- 10:30 a.m.** Business Meeting.
- 12:00 p.m.** Luncheon.\* The luncheon will be held at the Pine View Restaurant, Route 1, Damariscotta.  
 \***IMPORTANT. Attendance at the luncheon requires pre-registration by July 10<sup>st</sup>.**
- 1:00 p.m.** House Tour. The Association will be the guest of Mark and Liz Ferriero who are renovating the Mathias Benner homestead in Nobleboro.

**Sunday**

- 10:00 a.m.** Cemetery Tours. Participants will meet at the Waldoboro Town Office's Parking Lot.
- 3.00 p.m.** German and English language services at the Old German Church in Waldoboro. Refreshments will follow the service.

**Old Broad Bay Family History Association**  
**Pre-registration and Membership Renewal**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

All reunion activities are free to members. It is required that membership dues be paid prior to July 10<sup>th</sup> in order to be participate in the free luncheon. If you haven't already paid your dues for this year, you should include them with this application. To determine your membership status, refer to the date following the name on the address label. The membership dues are \$10 per family. Only one person per membership is eligible for the free luncheon. The cost for spouses and guests is \$8.00 per person. Please include the total amount with this form.

Member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_

Dues Paid? \_\_\_\_\_

Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Guests \_\_\_\_\_ X \$8.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form and check to: O.B.B.F.H.A., P.O. Box 1242, Waldoboro, ME 04572



The Mathias Benner Homestead, Nobleboro



Henry Sidelinger Family Cemetery, Wagner Bridge Road, Waldoboro