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## Residents trace German History

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The Old Broad Bay Family History Association's newly elected officers are: front row, left to right: Randy Gross, Waldoboro; Esther Dawson, Waldoboro; Arlene Stetson, Whitman, Mass., Planning Committee Members; and Joyce Ball Brown, Nobleboro, vice president; Back Row: Richard Lyon Castner, Rochester, NY, archivist; Renee Seiders, Bristol, secretary/treasurer; Mark Benner, Edgecomb, president; and (not shown) Douglas Prescott, Rockland, Registrar.

WALDOBORO - Horse thieves, deacons, pirates, priests, farmers and deep water sea captains were present (symbolically, at least) Aug 2, 1998, when the Old Broad Bay Family History Association held its seventh annual meeting.

Founded in 1992 at the instigation of Richard Lyon Castner of The State University of New York and Will W. Whitaker of the Latter-Day Saint (Mormon) Family History Center in Utah, the organization is dedicated to discovering, tracing and preserving the history of the German immigrants who

settled in Lincoln County in the mid-18th century, at the invitation of General Samuel Waldo.

Part of the attraction of such meetings is the opportunity to trace one's ancestors and compile a personal pedigree or family genealogy by exchanging data with other attendees.

This year's weekend meetings featured two presentations. One was given by Clayton Adams, president of the Maine Genealogical Society, who explained the "1790 project," an attempt to document all the 18,000 or so families listed as being residents in the district of Maine at the time of the

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first Federal census.

The other presentation dealt with the analysis of the construction of old buildings with an eye to dating them or facilitating their restoration. Its leader was Les Fossel of Alna, a contractor specializing in the restoration and preservation of early homes for over two decades.

Other activities included tours of Waldoboro area burying grounds and graveyards, examination of the structure of the Old German Church (with Mr. Fossel), a luncheon organized by the Waldoboro Historical Society under the aegis of Beverly Slye, and attendance at the annual service at the old church sponsored by the German Protestant Society. This year's ritual was led by the Reverend Mr. Michael Murphy, pastor of the Waldoboro Community Church, who preached in both English and German. He was assisted by Pastor William Luger of the Water of Life Lutheran Church, Newcastle.

The weekend concluded with a reception on the grounds of the church, hosted by its Ladies Auxiliary under the leadership of Rebecca Maxwell, Waldoboro town clerk.

Membership in the Old Broad Bay Family History Association is open to any and all having interest in the history of the area and its people. For more information write to OBBFHA, Box 1242, Waldoboro, ME 04572-1242.

### Did You Know ...

"Waldoboro Day" is now an annual event ...

Save the third weekend in June for fun and games, parades, auctions, food booths, and crafts galore, etc. For more information call Beverly Slye, at 207-832-4713.

ALSO:

According to a friend of the OBBFHA, a genealogy of the Gross Family exists, BUT ... it has never been edited, proofread, or prepared for publication. Anyone out there willing to help? or maybe contribute to the costs of printing? If so, write OBBFHA archivist, Richard Castner, at Box 10, Waldoboro, ME 05472-0010

### \* Letter from the President \*

Mark Benner

Our friend, historian, researcher, genealogist, writer of the "Bund und Blatt," and co-author of the new book, "Broad Bay Pioneers," has retired. He is healthy, happy, and working on other non-related projects of his own. Personally, I will miss him and we wish him well.

The new book on Waldoboro German Families is still available from Picton Press, P. O. Box 250, Rockport, ME 04856 or 1-207-236-6565. "Broad Bay Pioneers," by Gary T. Horlacher and Wilford W. Whitaker, order # 1550, cost \$64.95 plus tax and 4.00 postage.

The day of our annual cemetery tour, August 2, 1989, I led Mr. & Mrs. Shuman of Dover-Foxcroft to a recently found "lost" cemetery in No Waldoboro. Sad and deplorable condition from decades of neglect, imagine their surprise when collecting data from the two dozen stones that they were all early Shuman's! I hope this find is useful in their genealogy.

Please note that cemeteries like this one are what I am looking for to fix up, map, and record for the upcoming book, and to put back "on the map," so to speak. There are many more such burial places as this, and clues to help me find them would be greatly appreciated.

We now have a vault, a very large old safe! Computer disks, papers, genealogies, and manuscripts can be stored safely. One of our members won it in a contest.

It seems a bank no longer had use for a large old safe. They didn't even have the combination for it, nor did they have any use for it. It was in their way. They, the bank, figured that the best (and cheapest) way to dispose of it was to have a contest. Guess the combination, open it, and it was yours! Soon it will be located in a safe place and ready for use in Waldoboro.

Our German ancestors arrived in Broad Bay in 1751, 1752 and 1753. Tentatively, the year 2002 is thought to be the year that we should celebrate the 250th anniversary of their arrival, AND that we should try to make this event "BIG"!

We now, as of June 1998, have begun to participate in the town's "Waldoboro Days," an annual celebration of the town's incorporation. Now is not too late to prepare for this grand event. Your ideas are solicited - drop us a line.

Lastly, and in closing, we have started a list of people who would be interested in taking a trip to Germany in July or August, 2000. One of our members contacted Globus Tours, Inc. and got a rough price quote. It works something like this: 35 to 40 people in the group, airfare, lodging, tours, some meals, 6 to 8 days for about \$100 per person per day. A valid U. S. passport would be required. I don't know if the scheduling would allow stops at libraries or archives, but personally I'd go just for the sightseeing, food and "atmosphere."

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Secretary/Treasurer's Report

November 16, 1998

Dear Members:

Happy Holidays !! Please accept my apologies for not getting material for newsletter together in as timely a fashion as I had hoped. I started a new job just after Labor Day. I was hired as a full time teacher in Special Education. It is unreal how much paperwork is involved. I love the job, but it requires travel time. I take a class one night a week, and I still babysit two nights a week. It doesn't leave much time for other things. I am looking forward to some snow days this winter - what a gift they will be! I can use the time to finally get stuff in order and hopefully assemble newsletter material for January issue.

Meeting Minutes:

1. Our meeting on Sunday, August 2, 1998, was called to order at 1:45 at the Old German Church in Waldoboro, Maine, by President Mark Benner.
  2. Comments were ask for and received:
    - wanted a list of members to be printed in newsletter
    - cemeteries were good side trips
    - Newsletter: Will has ended his term as editor. Dexter Eustis will be typist of material from officers.
    - dues are still \$20 (\$5 for membership plus \$15 for newsletter)
- grounds of church looked good
  - comments were given on how well Saturday went
  - open for ideas

Meeting Minutes - cont'd

3. Ideas for newsletter:

- print corrections to Will's book if errors are found or additional information surfaces.
- build Query Section. Reprint the ones from this weekend, and add more to each issue.
- if anyone wants to contribute an article, or material for an article, it will be welcome. Just be sure to cite sources.

4. Projects that we can be involved in:

- make a map that highlights historic places to visit in Waldoboro and vicinity
- a tour of the old homes of Waldoboro / booklet listing them / pictures & stories of owners
- Celebration: 250th anniversary of our ancestors' arrival in Broad Bay / Should we observe comprehensive anniversary at one collective occasion OR celebrate each anniversary singly - 1751, 1752, and 1753
- Publicity: we need to make sure our group gets publicized through articles about our meetings, articles involving Waldoboro that can mention our group.

5. Finances: By December 31, 1997, after bills were paid, newsletter money sent to Will, our balance was \$1,038.14. Our expenses for 1998 up to August were:

\$245.43, for printing;

80.98, for postage;

and 63.83 for miscellaneous, which included items such as tablecloths, camera, film, film developing, coffee maker, and another camera.

This totals \$390.24 paid out for expenses. We still had outstanding bills for ads placed in newspapers, and rental of grange for \$40. I will have accounting for balance of the year in the January newsletter.

6. We had the following turnout for the weekend 1998:

[ NOTE - SOMETHING MISSING HERE ? ] We had between 70-80 people. We gained about 5-10 new members.

7. There was some discussion for possible excursion/trip to Germany, maybe in year 2000. Could include World's Fair in Hanover. Could include a play. The currency in Europe is stabilized thru Jan 1999. Forty people would fill a tour bus and get expenses down to about \$100 a day. Valid U. S. Passport needed; costs about \$68 and is good for ten years. Commitment needed by August of 1999. Information will need to be gathered into newsletter article.

8. Motion to adjourn, seconded, voted. Meeting adjourned.

9. Then we attended wonderful church services in the ancestral church - Old German Meeting House.

Submitted by Renee Seiders, Sec./Treasurer

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### Waldoboro Parsonage to be Demolished

by David Grima (reprinted from Lincoln County Weekly of August 20, 1998)

WALDOBORO - The congregation of North Waldoboro Church of the Nazarene voted last month to tear down the house which has served as the parsonage, on old Augusta Road.

Church Treasurer Gertrude Pratt said the house is believed to be some 200 years old, and is in very poor condition. The floor sags, the sills and foundation need work, and the structure is generally in poor repair.

According to Marilyn Dever, a member of the church, the house is known as the Warren Burnheimer house, and some people believe it to be the oldest house in Waldoboro. She said the vote to tear the house down was 6-5.

Four years ago, the congregation built a new church on Route 220 by the parsonage. Presently they are without a pastor, as Art Roxby left in June, and they are seeking another pastor.

## Looking for the Forgotten Shed and Burial Place

contributed by Richard Castner

In Samuel Miller's "History of the Town of Waldoboro" (1910) on page 41 it states the colonists "arrived in September (1753) and, according to Waldo's circular, should have received six months support. Yet they were left wholly unprovided for during the winter. A few found shelter among their contrymen who came in 1748; others crowded into a house near the present town house; but the greatest number were lodged in a shed erected for that purpose. This shed was west of the street running from the location of the late canning factory. It was sixty feet long, without chimneys, and utterly unfit for human habitation. Here the destitute people, deserted by their patron, dragged out a winter or inconceivable suffering. Seventeen died from exposure and starvation, or from diseases induced by their privations, and were buried on a knoll in the field west of the shed. This spot, which can be easily identified, should be enclosed and marked with a suitable monument by the descendants of the early settlers whose remains rest there."

It is now some 88 years later, and no one has yet come forward to fulfill Miller's hope for a suitable marker. Unfortunately, the spot can no longer be "easily identified." Does anyone among our readers know where the canning factory was located, presumably about the turn of the century? The OBBFHA needs all the help we can get firstly, to identify the location, then secondly, to raise funds for a suitable monument.

### Seiders Family Holds Reunion

The sixth annual Seiders Family Reunion was held at the Duck Puddle Campground in Nobleboro on Sunday, July 12 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It was a time to strengthen family ties, remember those no longer with us, and welcome the new additions to the family circle. There was a small admission fee and prizes. Prizes were given for the oldest - won by Nathalie (Seiders) Knight at age 89; the youngest - Logan Martin at about six months; the farthest by air - Clyde E. Knight and family; and the farthest by car/vehicle - Mr. & Mrs. Clayton Knight.

The Seiders family came to Maine in the 1750's and settled in Waldoboro. Conrad and Elizabeth (Leistner) Seiders were the founding heads of the family as far as can be documented. They had a family of eleven children.

This reunion represented the descendants of Conrad and Elizabeth's greatgrandson, Daniel and his wife, Abbie (Jordan) Seiders. Daniel and Abbie had six children. Of these six children - five married and had families. The children were: Susan Emma who married Ralph Holbrook, Grace Ella who married (1) Melville Greenlaw and (2) George L. Crowley, Wilmot A. who married Mabel E. Pease, Daniel C. (Jr.) who married Lulu M. Mervine, Sanford K. who married Laura E. Dodge, and Jesse R. Seiders who did not marry.

Of these children, Daniel and Sanford's descendants have attended the reunion. All other descendants of Daniel and Abbie are invited to attend, and the intent is to open the reunion to all those descended from Conrad and Elizabeth.

Renee Seiders is in the process of tracing all lines of descent from Conrad and Elizabeth and would appreciate hearing from anyone who has information about the family or photos they are willing to let her have copied. Write to her at P. O. Box 1221, Damariscotta, ME 04543.

### TRANSITIONS

Whether this column is short, or long, or appears at all is largely up to you readers. If you know of a birth, marriage, death, divorce, change of job, or any other substantial change in the life of someone whose surname appears as one of the Old Broad Bay families (whether or not they belong to the association) do please let us know, and we will print the data here for future reference. **NOTA BENE:** we will not be able to print anything unless its source is given by the way of documentation. Send your information to our archivist, Richard Castner, P. O. Box 10, Waldoboro, ME 04572-0010

A1. SNOWDEAL, Lester E.; 02 Sep 1928 - 14 Aug 1998; of Camden; son of Lester & Gertrude (CHANDLER) SNOWDEAL; obit - Lincoln County Weekly 20 Aug 1998 issue.

A2. WINCHENBACH, Eleanor Frances, Mrs. Kenneth; died 24 Aug 1998, aged 81; of Friendship; dau of William O. & Fannie E. POTTLE; obit - Portland Press Herald 26 Aug 1998; obit - Lincoln County Weekly 03 Sep 1998.

A3. WALTZ, Carolyn Jean "Tammy," Mrs. Abrey; died 07 Dec 1997, aged 60; of Damariscotta; dau of Charles & Stella (THOMPSON) REAY; obit - Lincoln County Weekly 11 Dec 1997.

A4. BENNER, Goldie May, Mrs. Myron; died 29 Oct 1997, aged 83; of Waldoboro & So Thomaston; dau of Frank & Elizabeth (KALER) YATTAW; obit - Lincoln County Weekly 06 Nov 1997.

## TRANSITIONS

CONTINUED ...

A5. OLSON, Ethel Ludwig, Mrs. Martin; died 31 Oct 1997, aged 72; of Waldoboro; dau of Leon & Edith (FULLERTON) WOTTON; obit - Lincoln County Weekly 06 Nov 1977.

A6. NEWHALL, Bernice Marion, Mrs. John; died 01 Nov 1997, aged 86; of Waldoboro; dau of Cecil & Flora (ORFF) NEWBURT; obit - Lincoln County Weekly 06 Nov 1997.

A7. WEAVER, Edna Achorn, Mrs. Alva; died 01 Nov 1997, aged 102; of Waldoboro; dau of Lincoln & Seba (BENNER) ORFF; obit - Lincoln County Weekly 27 Nov 1997.

A8. CREAMER, Brooke Paige; born 13 Nov 1997 at Damariscotta; dau of Christopher and Marcie CREAMER of Warren; announced in Lincoln County Weekly 20 Nov 1997.

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## CEMETERY NOTES ---

submitted by Randy Gross  
(Any questions about these cemeteries, please write to Randy at 130 Depot Street, Waldoboro, ME 04572)

The Hoch Cemetery is located on Rte 32, Waldoboro. It has some stones that need to be cleaned and small brush and trees need to be cleared out.

### List of Burials:

Caroline, wife of Jacob CREAMER,  
Died 10 Oct 1825 ae. 68 years, 8 months

Jacob CREAMER  
Died 28 Dec 1873 ae. 71 years 2 months  
(off the base)

Samuel F. HUSSEY  
Died 29 Mar 1884 ae. 70 years 7 months

The 2nd Hoch Cemetery is located on the left of the Henry Post Home on Rte 32.

### List of Burials:

Michael HOCH]  
Died 10 Oct 1848 ae. 85 years

Susan HOCH, his wife  
Died 27 Feb 1816

John HOCH 1803 - 1871

Lucy, his wife 1800 - 1875

John W. HOCH 1830 - 1858

Augustus HOCH 1836 - 1859

Lorenzo HOCH, Jenny W., Lucy A., Benj. HOCH  
(isted)

Gideon HOCH  
15 Nov 1825 - 22 Feb 1899  
Co A 21st Maine Volunteers

Weaver Cemetery - located on the Reef Road in Waldoboro. Some grass needs to be cut and bushes or trees need to be cleared to find other graves. The following are the stones I found:

Henry WEAVER  
Died 11 Feb 1877 ae. 92 years

Henry WEAVER  
Died 15 Sep 1862 ae. 49 years

Elizabeth, his wife  
Died 03 Mar 1890 ae. 64 years 6 months

Alexander WEAVER  
Died 10 Jun 1901 ae. 82 years 5 months

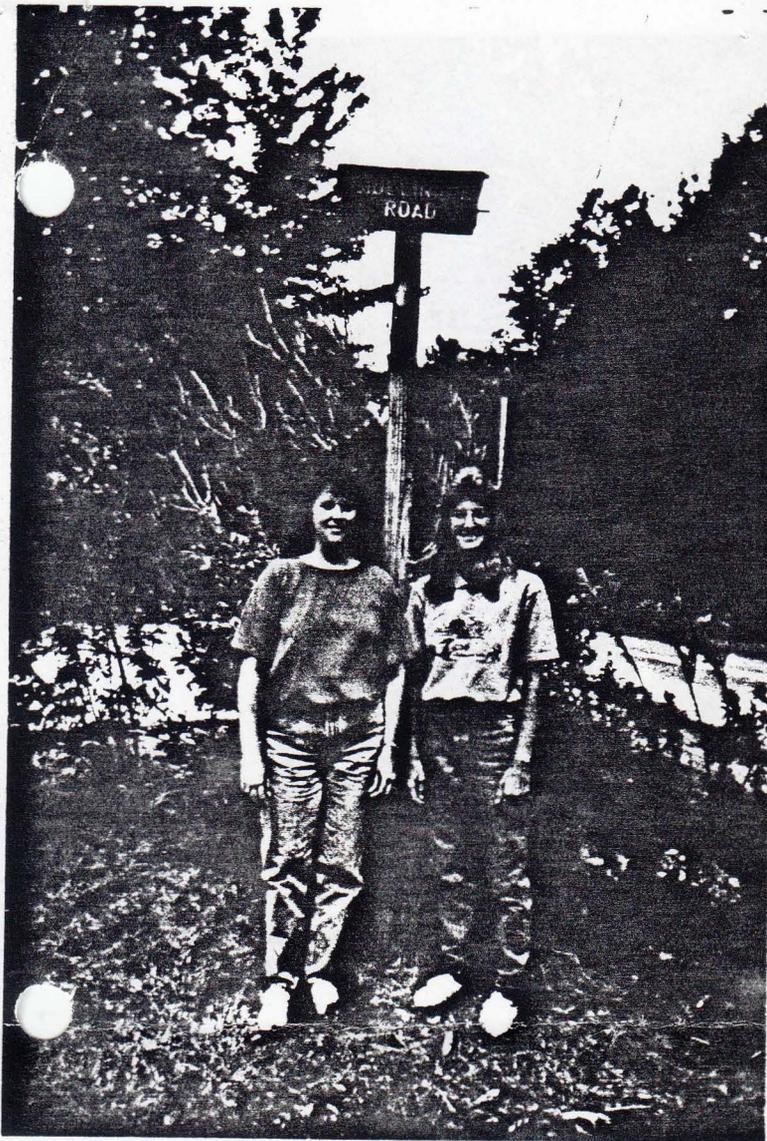
Belinda, his wife  
Died 26 Oct 1901 ae. 84 years 6 months

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## IDEAS ?

Do you have some ideas, some suggestions, some information to share, some questions, some comments ... ? Let us hear from you. Complaints go to Mark, Joyce, or Renee. Compliments go to Dexter.

Anyone have a better selection of fonts, scanner, better quality printer? Want to get involved in producing the newsletter?



Adventuring to Union, Maine, these intrepid OBBFHA members explored SIDELINGER points of interest.

Photo above:

*Sidlinger*

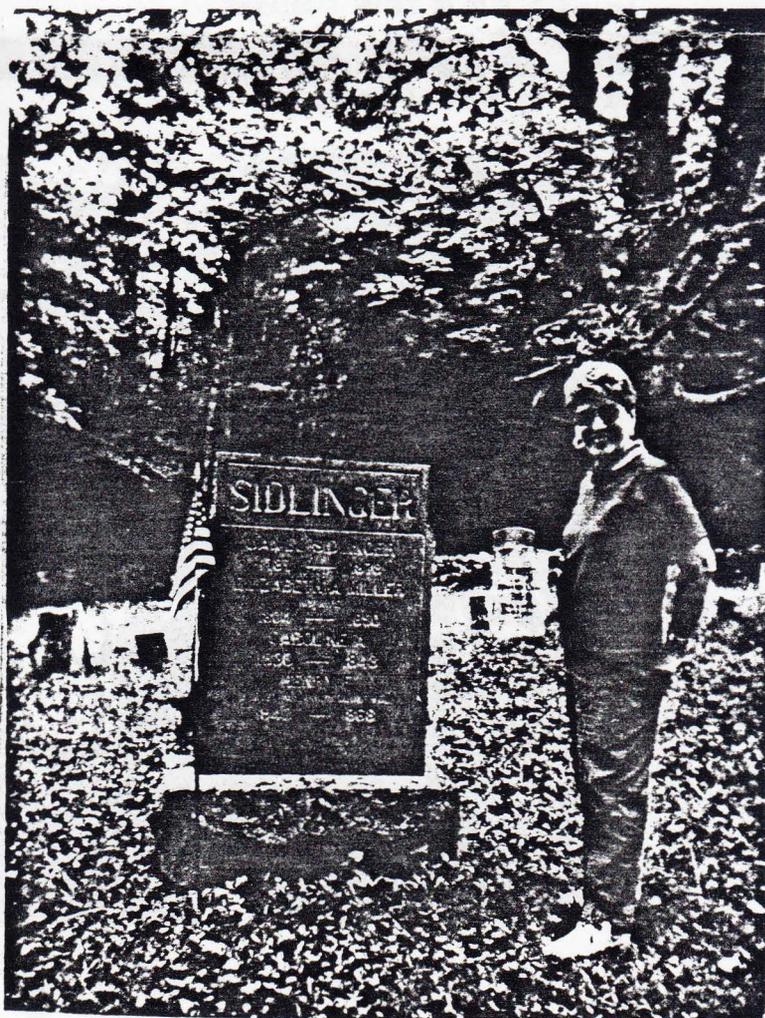
Kathy Sidlinger (left) and her friend, Denise pose in front of their favorite street sign.

*Sidlinger Road*

Upper Right: same street sign - but that looks like June Lufkin steadying the sign post.

Lower Right: June Lufkin at graves of Daniel, Elizabeth (MILLER), Caroline, and Henry E. SIDELINGER

*Sidlinger*





Views of OBBFHA members visiting Sidelinger Cemetery, Union, Maine July 1998

Above: That is Kathy Sidelinger in the center, with the video camera. Her friend, Denise, is standing behind the intricately carved headstone of Daniel Sidelinger. June Lufkin stands behind the stone of Elizabeth, wife of Daniel Sidelinger.

Below: Marilyn and Jean Pierre Henneveau pose with June. If Kathy is trying to find them with her video camera, she needs to turn around.



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### Old Broad Bay Roots

Antoni\* (Anton), Bausser\*, Becker, Beckler\*, Beisch, Beller, Benner\*, BirkenbaueI\*, Bornemann, Bornheimer\*, Brodtmann\* (Broadman), Burkhardt\* (Burkett), Christ, Daurenheim\*, Demuth\*, Dickendorff, Dies/Theis\* (Dice), Derhinger, Dochtermann\* (Tochtermann), Doerfler\* (Doerflinger), Eichorn\* (Achorn), Eisele, Elflein\*, Engel\*, Engelbert, Feiler\* (Feyler), Feilhauer\*, Flenderick\*, Genthner\*, Georg\* (George), Getsinger, Grimmer, Grob, Gross\*, Hahn\*, Heidenheim\* (Huettenheim), Heiler\*\* (Hyler), Heun\* (Hein), Heisler\*, Heyer, Hild\* (Hilt), Hoch\*, Hoffses\*, Holzapfel, Huebner\* (Heavener), Iselen, Janson, Jung\* (Young), Kammerer\* (Comery), Kastner\* (Castner), Keizer, Kintzel\* (Kinsel), Claus\*, Klein\* (Cline), Koehler\* (Kaler), Korr/Korrss, Kraemer\* (Creamer, Crammer), Krebs (Crapes), Kroehn\*, Kuebler\*, Kueblinger\* (Kiblinger), Kuhn (Coon, Cone), Kumaler (Comler), Lagenauer\*, Lang\* (Long), Lauer\* (Lowry, Lowery), Leben Zelner\* (Levensaler), Leight\* (Light), Leissner\*, Loesch\* (Lash), Low, Ludwig\*, Martin\*, May\*, Mellen\*, Mueller\* (Miller), Mink\* (Mank), Moser, Neubert\* (Newbert), Neuhaus\* (Newhouse), Orff\*, Oberlach\* (Overlock), Pracht\* (Prack), Rapp, Reich\* (Rich), Ried\* (Reed, Reid), Refhuss (Refuse), Reisser (Razor), Riegner, Roemele (Remily), Rodner, Rominger\*, Roth\* (Rode, Rhodes), Rost\*\*, Schaeffer/Schoefner (Shephard), Schencks\* (Shanks), Schmaus\* (Smouse), Schmidt\* (Smith), Schnaudiel\* (Snowdeal), Schneider\* (Snider, Snyder), Schotts (Shoats), Schumacher\*, Schuhmann\* (Shuman), Schwartz (Black), Siegrist\* (Sechrist), Seitensberger\* (S: idensparker), Seiter\* (Seiders), Seitlinger\* (Sidelinger), Seitz\* (Sides), Stahl\* (Stall, Stoll), Storer\*, Treible\* (Treupel, Dribble), Ukele\* (Ukley, Eugley), Uhlman\*\*, ULMER\*, Unbehend (Umberhine), Vogler\*\* (Fogler), Wagner\*, Walch\* (Walck), Wallis (Wallace), Walter, Waltz\*/Woltz, Weber\* (Weaver), Wier/Weier, Welt, Wiest\*, Weyel\* (Weyl), Weller\* (Willard), Werner\* (Warner, Vannah), Winchenbach\* (Wincapaw, Wink), Wolfahrt\*, Wolfsgruber\* (Wolsgrover), Wunderer\*, Ziegler, Zuberbueler\*

\* - found in Germany \*\* - found in Switzerland

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