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Annual meeting and reunion

The annual meeting and reunion of the Old Broad Bay Family History Association will be held Saturday, August 6th in the basement of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, Knox and Lincoln Counties Office, 377 Manktown Road in Waldoboro. Doors will open at 9:00 a.m.; coffee, juice, and muffins will be provided. Parking is available around the back of the building, allowing direct access to the meeting room. Those who do not need direct access may park up front and walk around the building or enter through the front door and proceed down the stairway to the right.

Lunch, to be served between noon and 1:30 p.m., will be a guided potluck. A sign up sheet for the lunch is printed on page 7 of this newsletter as part of the reunion registration form. The keynote speaker will be announced in the next newsletter.

Manktown Road is located on the Lincoln/Knox County & Waldoboro/Warren town line and makes a T intersection with Route 1. There is no street sign, but there is a new, very large sign for the Medomak Valley High School. There is a blue sign for the school along with a white

sign for the University of Maine Cooperative Extension Service on the right side of Route 1 about 500 feet before the intersection.

Fund raiser dance

Richard Castner is organizing an evening of square, round, and contra dancing with a local band of fiddlers that plays traditional music. This OBB fund raiser will be held at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, Knox and Lincoln Counties Office and will be open to the public. Details of the event will be published in the next newsletter and in local newspapers. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. with dancing beginning at 7:30. If you don't remember how to swing your partner, come at 7:00 for a quick lesson.

Annual Old German Church service

Services at the Old German Church will be at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, August 7th. The service will be in English and German. The church is located on state route 32 about two miles south of the intersection with Route 1. Parking is limited on the grounds of the church and many vehicles park on the road below. There is no electricity in the church so bring your hand-held fan if the weather is hot. Following the service, refreshments will be served outside under the trees by Becky Maxwell and members of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Update on the memorial

Richard Castner has been told by Mr. Fancy of the Waldoboro Utility Company that the Maine Department of Transportation put out to bid the contract for curbing from the bridge up the hill. As soon as the curbing is in, Mr. Fancy will get the drive in. This will most likely be after mud season. It can be anticipated that by May the basic work will be done and we can get started on the landscaping and plans for placing the boulder and memorial plaque.

When the time comes, we re looking for green thumbs

Sandy Stratton has taken on the task of landscaping around the boulder and plaque to be set for those unfortunates who lost their lives in the winter of 1753-54. She is going to donate part of her prized iris collection: German irises of course. She is looking for not only green thumbs to assist and help plan the flower bed but the donation of perennial plants and bulbs, small trees, and bark mulch. She has a truck to haul mulch and is willing to help dig up plants you may want to donate.

This project should be a combined effort, not the effort of one. Please contact Sandy thru the Association postal box or directly via e-mail at tomandsandy3@netzero.net. We have the chance to make this spot beautiful, but help is needed. See the Fall 2004 issue of the newsletter for details on the project and a map.

Finding our Waldoboro ships

by Sandy Stratton

Most of our ancestors worked in the shipping industry in one form or another. Whether they were builders, joiners, riggers, or mariners, they contributed to the building of more than 500 ships. At one time there were as many as twelve shipyards in Waldoboro employing almost everyone in town.

Those ships sailed the high seas for decades, sometimes finding themselves as far from home as Australia. For example, on 16 October 1845 the schooner *Piedmont* (built in 1844) arrived at Corpus Christi, Texas with supplies in aid of Zachary Taylor's encampment. Also, many of our ships are recorded as bringing immigrants to Boston from such far-flung places as Ireland, France, and Germany.

The ships were built by our ancestors buying shares in the ship to finance the venture. When the ships delivered their cargo, everyone shared in the wealth; everyone also shared in the loss when the

ships were damaged or sunk. Many of the ships, at one time or another, were struck by lightning, burning the sails to the deck. I guess we can say we had some courageous mariners in our families. It is a heritage we can all be proud of.

Lincoln County newspaper list, an update

The editor is pleased to be able to give credit to Nancy Giles, County Clerk for Lincoln County, for preparing the original list of newspapers on microfilm which was reproduced in our last newsletter.

Randy Gross has inventoried the original paper newspapers in the vault. As expected, all the newspapers available on microfilm, are present in original form; however, due to their fragile condition, only the microfilms may be used.

Lincoln County archival vault update

The general inventory of the vault was completed in late January and copies of the two reports were given to Marcia Silva, Lincoln County Registrar of Deeds, in early February. The next phase of the project, the detailed inventory, will require several volunteers both in the vault and later at home to do data entry and to check it. Persons interested in helping with this project should send a letter to the Association postal box or an e-mail to the editor at obbeditor@earthlink.net.

Work on the vault inventory has been reported in the Lincoln County News (20 January 2005, p. 12 B), and the Lincoln County Weekly (27 January 2005) as part of the annual report by the Registry of Deeds, and in Marlene Groves' genealogy column in the Rockland Courier-Gazette (3 February 2005). Editor Helen Shaw also presented information on the project as part of her talk on courthouse records at the 8th New England Regional Genealogical Conference in Portland on April 1st.

Waldoboro Day

The annual Waldoboro Day festival has been scheduled for Saturday, June 18th in the village center. There will be music, food, a petting zoo of farm animals, horse-drawn wagon rides, a parade, boating on the Medomak River, a jazz concert, and fireworks that night. The Waldoboro Day Committee is seeking donations to help offset costs of the event. Checks made out to Waldoboro Day should be sent to Jane M. Dagley, Treasurer, Union Trust, Box 589, Waldoboro, ME 04572. If you have questions, Ms. Dagley can be reached at 1-800-432-0271.

OBBFHA has permission to set up a table at the event. Members who are interested in helping to man the table should send a note to Richard Castner in care of the Association postal box.

NEHGS seminar

The New England Historic Genealogical Society is holding a one day seminar at its headquarters in Boston on May 14. Called *Digging for Your Roots in Northern New England*, this seminar investigates ...many of the distinct genealogical challenges of northern New England by reviewing

the history, migration, records, and repositories of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. You may download a registration form at: <http://www.newenglandancestors.org/download/diggingne.pdf>

Genealogy conference

The Silence Howard Hayden Chapter, NSDAR will host its 4th Annual Genealogy Conference at the Williams Elementary School in Oakland, ME on Saturday, May 21. For vendor table information or to register for attendance, contact Mrs. Leilani Stites at (207) 564-8739 or excal@midmaine.com. Registration is \$15 at the door with a sandwich lunch available for an additional fee.

Genealogy classes

Newsletter editor Helen Shaw will be offering four genealogy classes for the spring session (May-June) of the Adult Education program at Camden Hills Regional High School in Rockport. Persons interested in these and other programs should contact the Adult Education office to receive a brochure: (207) 236-7800, ext 275.

The classes are:

1. Introduction to Genealogy & Family History
2. Time, Place, & Sources: Moving your genealogy research to a new level
3. Federal Censuses: Mining the population schedules
4. Federal Censuses: Using the non-population and special schedules

Genealogy open house

President emeritus Randy Gross and Legacy Crafts owner Debbie Morehouse can be found at the Waldoboro Public Library on the second Monday of each month from 6-8 p.m. to answer questions about genealogy and to help with genealogy computer searches. For further information, please contact the library at (207) 832-4484 or by e-mail at wplstaff@waldoboro.lib.me.us.

Back issues of the newsletter

The Association has available for sale a limited number of copies of back issues of the *Old Broad Bay Bund und Blatt* and the *Old Broad Bay Family History Association Newsletter*. The Association also has a complete set of newsletters from which additional copies may be made to order.

Existing copies of *Old Broad Bay Bund und Blatt*

- vol 2 #2, March/April 1993 1 copy (14 pages)
- vol 2 #4, July/August 1993 1 copy (18 pages)
- vol 5 #3, July/September 1996 1 copy (18 pages)
- vol 6 #1, January/March 1997 1 copy (20 pages)
- vol 7 #2, October/December 1998 10 copies (9 pages)
- vol 8 #1, January/March 1999 2 copies (12 pages)
- vol 8 #3&4, April-September 1999 13 copies (6 pages)
- vol 9 #1&2, January-June 2000 many copies (8 pages)

Existing copies of *Old Broad Bay Family History Association Newsletter*

- vol 1 #2, December 2000 9 copies (14 pages)
- vol 1 #3, March 2001 5 copies (20 pages)
- vol 1 #4, June 2001 1 copy (18 pages)
- fall 2003 1 copy (8 pages)
- NS vol 1 #1, Winter 2004 5 copies (8 pages)
- NS vol 1 #2, Spring 2004 9 copies (8 pages)
- NS vol 2 #1, Winter 2005 8 copies (8 pages)

Those who wish to order back issues should contact the editor directly at obbeditor@earthlink.net or by letter to the Association postal box. Existing back issues are \$2 each; newly printed copies are \$3 each. Add \$0.50 for each 5 pages (please round up: 5 pages would be 50 cents, 6 pages would be \$1.00) to cover packing and postage.

Surname exchange

The surname exchange is a list of OBBFHA members and the surnames they are researching. All the details have not yet been worked out, but we will go ahead with the first submissions. If you would like to contact one of these researchers, please write in care of the Association and your letter will be forwarded.

OBBFHA Member	Old Broad Bay Ancestral Names	Other surnames being researched	Geographic location	Date range
Carol Shiels (desc. John V Shiels)	Eichhorn Dorsch	Acorn Acres Moore Moors Mutlow Sentner Williams Wynn/Wynne	P.E.I. MA MA ME England P.E.I. England P.E.I. Germany P.E.I. Nova Scotia New York New Brunswick ME MA	1782 1820 bef 1957 c. 1919-1933 1781 1808 1790 1823 1720 before 1799 1700 1700 before 1887 before 1913 about 1930
Nelson Hyler (desc. Simeon Heiler)	Hyler/Heiler	Gorton	Hampden, ME	1848-1938
Robert Welt	Welt Hoffses Benner Genthner Winchenbaugh	Maynard Frusher	CT England	

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Richard Black	Black/Schwartz Achorn Mank	Glines		
Ann Fluwelling	Leissner	Cole	ME	1762
Nancy Gavin	Bruce Wallis/Walch/ Walk Hilt Rawson Sprague Havner/Heavner	Cookingham Palmer	NY - CA MA - NH	1816-1920
Bernadine Frazier	Welt Lash Mero			
Bill Chapman	Sidelinger Heyer Bornheimer/Burns Gross Weber/Weaver Muller	Dow Brookings Chapman Hastings Frost	MA ME MA/ME MA ME MA ME ME	mid-1600s mid-1700s-1800s mid-1600s 1640s-1780s 1780's-present 1600s-1700s 1800s 1700s-1900
Patricia DeCiccio	Schwartz ?Hoch? ?Ulmer?	Taylor	Aroostook Co, ME	1840-1879

It has come to our attention that the surname form sent out with the newsletter was a bit more complicated and confusing than it needed to be. Members may submit instead four or five generation pedigree charts such as one finds in most genealogy software. Charts can be downloaded for free from Ancestry.com and from Familysearch.com or purchased from various genealogy supply companies and from vendors at genealogy conferences. Charts will also be available at the reunion.

Please type (or print very neatly) the information and use a highlighter to mark those surnames which are from Old Broad Bay. Documentation for the information on the chart(s) must be provided. It may be typed or printed on the back of the form using the number assigned to each person on the pedigree to link the documentation to the proper person or it may be generated by your software.

Correction

The editor regrets to report she forgot to change the footer on the Fall 2004 newsletter; it reads "vol. 1, no. 3, Summer 2004" when it should have read "vol. 1, no. 4, Fall 2004". You may wish to correct your copy by hand.

**Pre-Registration Form for Reunion & Meeting
Saturday, August 6, 2005**

Member s name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail address: _____

Reunion & Meeting cost: \$10.00 per person

(This fee covers the cost of renting the meeting hall, morning refreshments, and beverages, disposable plates, napkins, & flatware for the lunch.)

Number of people attending: _____ Total funds remitted: _____

Checks should be made out to the Old Broad Bay Family History Association and should be sent to: Annual Meeting Committee, OBBFHA, P.O. Box 1242, Waldoboro, ME 04572-1242.

Potluck Sign-up

This year we are having a potluck lunch to be held in the same building as the meeting for everyone s convenience. This should make it easier for folks who want to continue sharing family history information while enjoying their meal!

In order to ensure that we have a nice variety, the lunch committee will be assigning each family an item to bring. Please select THREE possible items from the list below and return this form to us ASAP. Someone will get in touch with you and let you know what you have been assigned. We will make every effort to accommodate you choices and give consideration to those who will be traveling the farthest. The Association will provide beverages. Being in August, we are planning a cold lunch, but there are outlets for crock pots if you have a hot dish you really want to share.

Check the items you would most like to bring by marking them 1,2,3:

Fruit or fruit salad	_____	Vegetables/dip	_____
Sliced cheeses	_____	Cold cuts	_____
Green salad	_____	Bread/rolls	_____
Macaroni salad	_____	Pie/cake	_____
Potato Salad	_____	Mayo/mustard/pickles	_____
Other (please specify)	_____		

There are local stores where much of this can be purchased and there is a refrigerator on the premises.

Membership

The Old Broad Bay Family History Association is a group of people interested in studying and maintaining the history of the German families who settled what is now Waldoboro, Maine in the mid-1700s.

If you are already a member, thank you for your support. We would ask that you please pass a photocopy of the membership form below on to others you know who have connections to Old Broad Bay or to Lincoln County.

If you are not a member, please photocopy the membership form and join us. (*Italicized portion for research facilities only.*)

Research facilities (libraries, archives, historical societies, etc.): We welcome the placement of this newsletter in your collection. Please fill out the lower portion of the form, beginning with *Name of research facility.*

Dues are \$10 a year per address. Mail application to O.B.B.F.H.A., P.O. Box 1242, Waldoboro, ME 04572-1242.

Old Broad Bay Family History Association Application for Membership

New Member _____ Renewal _____ Date _____

Name _____

Spouse/significant other: _____

Your Broad Bay Ancestors _____

Name of research facility _____

Contact person _____ *Title* _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Are you interested in obtaining back issues of the newsletter? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, you will be contacted for further information.