

# Old Broad Bay Family History Association Newsletter

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The Schooner FANNIE PALMER leaving Waldoboro, Maine showing BAKER PALMER under construction, 1901, painted by Louis Dodd, British, 1943-2006

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## Presidential Musings

*By David Putnam*

Hello Dear Friends,

I hope that Spring is bringing all of you warm and sunny weather. Here in New England, we have endured a harsh winter and, thus far, a cold and wet spring. We are anxiously awaiting some warm and dry weather, while keeping a wary eye out for our ancient springtime nemesis, the April blizzard!

**The Old Broad Bay Family History Association Annual Meeting will be held this year on Saturday, August 4th 2018, in the conference room of the Knox-Lincoln County Extension (University of Maine), 377 Manktown Road, Waldoboro.** Our featured speaker this year will be **Liam Riordan**. Liam is a Professor of History at the University of Maine at Orono. He will speak about **Maine's Path to Statehood** and the upcoming bicentennial of Maine's statehood. The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM with a discussion of general business matters, and the speaker will begin at 10:00 AM. Lunch and snacks will be served, and there will be time after lunch to exchange genealogical information. A \$5.00 dollar donation will be accepted at the door. I hope to see all of you there!

The Board of Directors will hold their annual meeting on June 16th 2018, which is also Waldoboro Day. The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM in the conference room of the Waldoboro Public Library. After our meeting, we will be hosting an informational table

at the Waldoboro Historical Society.

Last weekend, I had the pleasure to represent our group at the National History Day competition at the University of Maine at Orono. I was invited to serve as a judge for students in grades 5 through 12 who were competing in the following categories: research paper, exhibit, group performance, website design, or a documentary. The desired theme for these various projects was Conflict and Compromise in History. The winners in each category will be eligible to compete in the national competition in June. Approximately 160 students competed and their efforts were impressive and educational. I think we should all be encouraged to see so many high school students demonstrate an interest in history!

**NEW MEMBERS:** I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following new members: **Leonetta Burns**, a descendant of the Muller/Miller family; **John Waltz-Rosewell**, a descendant of the Waltz and Welt families; **Sara Staples Holt**, a descendant of the Whitaker, Hyler, Robinson, Handley and Parsons families; **Susan Raymond**, a descendant of the Sidelinger and Miller families.

**QUERIES:** John Waltz Rosewell is interested in hearing from anyone with information about **Andrew J. Waltz (b.1839) and his parents George Waltz and Margaret Gross of Nobleboro**. John can be contacted at [jrosewell@gmail.com](mailto:jrosewell@gmail.com).

Wendell Caler is interested in hearing from anyone with information about **John Henry Kaler (Johann Hienrich Kohler)** who arrived on the St. Andrew in 1752, and any of his descendants. His wife **Elizabeth's** last name is unknown. Wendell can be contacted at [whcaler@yahoo.com](mailto:whcaler@yahoo.com).

I also received this query and note from **Corey Herbest**. I decided to share the entire note with you as it details how his genealogical journey started with a family reunion, a starting point for many of us: *“I am from Brownville Junction Maine. After attending a family reunion, I wanted to learn more about my family history and where we come from. My first stop was [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com). During my research I traced my family back to 1802 when my grandfather John Herbest was born in Albion, Maine. He is the first Herbest that I can find in the states and who his father is is unknown to me. I eventually found a possible connection with my family to the Hessians that come over to fight with the British in Maine, and his name Adam Herbst. In my research I found that he landed at Penobscot in the 1770's and shortly after landing he went AWOL. He is the first Herbst and only Herbst I can find in the states at that time, and only a short amount after his arrival did the first Herbest appear in the states.*

*The information I have about this possible relative is that his name is **Johann Adam Herbst** is as follows: He joined the Dragoner = Dragoons regiment of the Braunschweig (Brunswick) troops and appears on the muster roll on April 8, 1782. He was then 25 years old, born in Farnstadt in Sachsen (Saxony). His religion is Lutheran. He is a baker by occupation.*

*One of the researchers doing work with “Hessians”, Lion G. Miles, lists a Adam Herbst as deserting on May 22, 1783 from Fort George. My assumption is that Adam Herbst would have tried to make his way to Broad Bay - later known as Waldoboro. Waldoboro was the only German settlement in Maine. We know of several German deserters from Fort George who went there or near there.*

*After receiving some help from Anette Rodrigues, a professor at UMaine, we searched multiple censuses from 1790 and later, and was not able to find any trace of Adam nor track his whereabouts after he left his unit. So, for now it is only a theory that this Adam Herbst is my first ancestor to arrive in the states, until I can find some evidence that either confirms or disputes this. Any help would be appreciated!” Corey can be contacted at [herbestc@husson.edu](mailto:herbestc@husson.edu). Thanks Anette for assisting Corey and referring him to the OBBFHA.*

**DNA MATCHES:** I have had several matches in my DNA profiles come back for persons who share Waldoboro ancestors with me. I am sure many of you have had the same experience. I always contact these folks via email to say hello and offer some assistance with the Waldoboro branch of their family tree. I also inform them about the OBBFHA, share our website and facebook addresses with them, and try to recruit them as members. I hope you all will remember to do the same! Increasing our membership is a way everyone can participate in growing our group.

**WEBSITE UPDATE:** As you may already know, the Rootsweb platform where we post our website has been offline for several months as they upgrade and enhance their security measures. The Rootsweb folk say that they have nearly completed their upgrade and are now in the process of bringing everything back online. Let's hope we see it up again soon! In regard to our website, if you wish to be listed as a contact person for a family or families, please advise Fred Snell via email at [fredsnell@gmail.com](mailto:fredsnell@gmail.com) so he can make sure your name appears on the website after the family name.

In closing, I would like to thank Nancy Lecompte and Walter Ulmer for their generous donations. Their donations will go towards the scholarship we will be awarding this year to a student at Medomak Valley Regional High School. I would also like to thank everyone who submitted material for the newsletter. Please let us know if you have a query, news item, or article you would like to submit for the newsletter. As always, I want to especially thank sisters Becky Boyd and Pat Kriso whose hard work and generosity make our newsletter possible.

**KEEP ON SEARCHING AND SHARING!**



Membership dues for the upcoming membership year beginning July 1, 2018 are due now!



The dues help pay for the room/kitchen rental for our annual meeting, allow us to fund projects around the community, which have included the replacement of worn historic signs, library access to a genealogy website, preservation of a historic map of Waldoboro, the placement of a granite stone/plaque to commemorate early settlers, fund a school genealogy project, and more!

To allow the group to continue its good works, there has been a modest increase of \$5 in each category - the first increase in 25 years.

If you are not sure if you are up to date, just ask our Treasurer, Deirdre Putnam at [dhurleyputnam@gmail.com](mailto:dhurleyputnam@gmail.com)



**The Masthead:** The Schooner FANNIE PALMER leaving Waldoboro, Maine showing BAKER PALMER under construction, 1901, painted by Louis Dodd, British, 1943-2006. This outstanding oil on wood panel depicts the five mast white hulled schooner "Fannie Palmer" being pulled by a tug going left to right on a winter day. Flags and banners off each of the masts. In the foreground is the Baker Palmer in dry dock under construction with scaffolding and men surrounding it. A one-horse wagon with man and child is seen with houses and other figures. The background shows a street with houses, a large brick five story building and snow covered hill beyond, all under a blue and cloud sky.

## A Shocking Spectacle

Submitted by Mary and Mark Biscoe

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Alexander Young, a 25 year old ship maker, moved his wife Elmira and small children George and Ann to the booming town of Waldoboro in 1839. Settling into a small house on Pleasant Street, he went to work in the shipyard of his father - in - law John Lash. Young's skills at his trade attracted the attention of other shipyard owners, and he soon took the job of master builder or foreman with Mr. Edwin Achorn whose yard lay just south of the present day Town Landing. One of the incentives of Alexander's changing jobs was the opportunity to invest his own money in the vessels Mr. Achorn was building; times were high, and ships routinely realized large profits - sometimes even paying for themselves on the first voyage. Investors, particularly local men like Mr. Young, rarely carried insurance on their investments; larger investors from "away" often could pay for the extra coverage. At any rate, Alexander Young profited enormously from his investments and was able to build for his family another larger house, this time in brick, in his corner Pleasant Street lot.

Edwin Achorn (1809 - 1887) was somewhat of a gambler also - he was one of the very few Waldoboro shipbuilders to attempt the NEW type of full rigged ship - sharp, narrow, fast, tall. CLIPPERS people called them, and they were glamorous and profitable for a short time during the 1850's. Four clippers were built at the Achorn yard: Woodcock and Wings of the Morning in 1852, Spark of the Ocean in 1853, and Achorn in 1854.

It is the tragic story of the Achorn that lost Alexander Young's house to debt and Edwin Young's name to controversy.

The Achorn slid into the cold Medomak River in late fall 1854. As was customary, the ship was then towed by steam tug to Muscongus to be fitted out. She lay at anchor, about a mile from shore for the month of December. Edwin Achorn and his son Lincoln had hired watchmen to remain aboard the ship, and all seemed well. But on the night of January 3, 1855 the Achorn suddenly and unaccountably took fire and burned just before she was about to go to sea. Her two watchmen, Mr. Watson and Mr. Breen, claimed afterwards that they had awakened, saw the fire, put it out, went back to sleep, and woke once more about 4 A.M. to find the fire totally out of control and men rowing out from shore to assist. The Achorn had to be scuttled and sank next morning in the water off Muscongus, somewhere between Ram Island and Hockomock Point.

Larger investors recovered most of their money from this tragedy. Smaller, uninsured investors - like Alexander Young - did not. However, noting that the burning of the clipper occurred just hours before all insurance policies were to expire, several companies were suspicious and conducted later investigations to find whether or not skulduggery had taken place. In the trial that followed that one judge described as "a shocking spectacle full of impropriety and perjury from several witnesses" Edwin Achorn was accused of setting the fire himself, offering the watchmen \$5,000 to set it, and attending a dance that evening in Round Pond. Other supporters repudiated these claims by swearing that he was home at the time of the fire, seen driving his buggy at Kaler's Corner in Waldoboro, and definitely NOT at the dance in Round Pond!

In the end, the accusations against Achorn were declared false, and he was absolved of any guilt over the sinking of his vessel. However, because of the suspicious nature of the event and the crippling financial losses absorbed by several townsfolk, he seemed to lose his nerve in terms of shipbuilding. Waiting almost seven years before doing anything at all, he ended his career by constructing in partnership with his son Lincoln four small schooners, one each year, between 1871 and 1874. Ironically, his last schooner was named Achorn.

Alexander Young, the "small investor", was forced to mortgage his beautiful brick home on Pleasant Street.

June 17<sup>th</sup>



June 21st





Family Tree of  
**MATTHEUSS / MATTHIAS EYCHHORN / EICHORN, 1664–1732**  
6<sup>th</sup> great grandfather of John James Wynne-Acres 1941, adopted Shiels 1942

BIRTH ABT 1664 • Baden, Prussia, Germany.

BAPTISM 3 May 1664 • Schalkau, Sachsen, Deutschland.

BIRTH OF SISTER Anna Catharine Eychhorn/Eichorn 1666-1695 Zuzenhausen, Rhein-Neckar-Kreis, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.

DEATH OF FATHER 1644-1689 Jerg Eychhorn/Eichorn Schalkau, Coberg, Germany

MARRIAGE 10 Sept 1689 Barbara Hofsaess/Hoffsas 1655-1695, Gobrighen, Enzkreis, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.

BIRTH OF DAUGHTER 28 March 1692 Anna Marie Eychhorn/Eichorn 1692-1752 Gobrighen (Neulingen), Enzkreis, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany. Married Mr. Knoll Nov 29, 1718, Gobrighen.  
*"She was a 34 year old orphan and granddaughter of an earlier village mayor."*

DEATH OF SISTER 12 February 1695 Anna Catharina Eychhorn/Eichorn, Zuzenhausen, Rhein-Neckar-Kreis, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.

DEATH OF WIFE 24 November 1695 Barbara Hoffsaess/Hoffeess, Gobrighen, Baden, Germany.

MARRIAGE 3 May 1696 Elizabetha Fell/Hell 1670-1747 Gogrighen, Enkreis, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.  
*"He married his maidservant. They had nine children between 1697-1717, all born at Gogrighen. Five of them immigrated to America: Barbara Geiser, Eva Wust, Margaretha Pfisterer, Mattheus Eichorn and Maria Magdalena Reid."*

BIRTH AND DEATH OF SON 19 January 1697 Eychhorn/Eichorn 1697

BIRTH OF SON 18 May 1698 Johann Hans Jerg Georg Eychhorn/Eichorn 1698-1765 Göbrighen, Enzkreis, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany.  
*He was accused of being a "bad householder" 1698 Germany "By the new Village mayor, Hans Martin Hofass, during a church visit, of so tyrannizing his former wife, who everyone suspected died from his maltreatment. He was also treating his present wife equally badly with ...beatings and shoving... "*

BIRTH OF DAUGHTER 17 February 1701 Barbara Eychhorn/Eichorn, 1701-1742 Göbrighen, Enzkreis, Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany. Married Johann Geiser/Giess. Immigrant 1742- ship LYDIA.

*PROPERTY 1701 Göbrichen, Baden, Germany. "He had a house and barn, 9.2 ha land, 2 oxen and 2 cows. He was among the wealthier farmers of Gobrichen, only 7 of the 43 households owned more land than he."*  
[The hectare symbol: **ha** is an SI accepted metric system unit of area equal to 100 acres and primarily used in the measurement of land as a metric replacement for the imperial acre.]

BIRTH OF DAUGHTER bef 7 November 1702 Eva Eychhorn/Eichorn, Gobrichen, Baden, Germany.  
Immigrant 1752. Married G. Gies/Riess: J.G. Wust.

BIRTH OF DAUGHTER bef 17 March 1705 Elizabetha Eychhorn/Eichorn -dtr 1705–1705 Durach,  
Oberallgau, Bayern, Germany.

DEATH OF DAUGHTER bef 6 July 1705 Elizabetha Eychhorn/Eichorn -dtr 1705–1705 Göbrichen, Baden,  
Preußen.

BIRTH OF DAUGHTER bef 18 August 1706 Margaretha Eychhorn/Eichorn, Gobrichen, Enzkreis, Baden-  
Wuerttemberg, Germany. Immigrant 1750. Married Hannß Adam Pfisterer

BIRTH OF SON 27 April 1709 Mattheus/Matthiess Eychhorn/Eichorn II 1709-1777 Göbrichen, Baden-  
Württemberg, Germany. Immigrant 1742 - ship LYDIA.

BIRTH OF DAUGHTER 27 April 1712 Magdalena Eychhorn/Eichorn, 1712– Göbrichen, Baden, Germany.  
Immigrant. Married Hertzog (?)

BIRTH OF SON 2 November 1717 Gottfried Eychhorn/Eichorn 1717– Gobrichen, Baden, Germany.

*PROPERTY by 1718 Gobrichen, Baden, Germany. He accumulated 26.5 ha and with that he had become the 3<sup>rd</sup> richest farmer in the village of Grobrichen, Germany. By 1727 there was only one farmer richer than him. By 1732 he was a Law Administrator which was a position of authority. He died in that village in 1732.*

The complete information regarding the DESCENDANTS OF JERG EYCHHORN: Analysis of Broad Bay Pioneers – Eychhorn/Acorn/Achorn immigrants to Old Broad Bay in 1742 on the ship Lydia, is found in the **Broad Bay Pioneers** by Whitaker Wilford W. and Gary T Horlacker, Published 1998 & 2002, Picton Press, Rockport, Maine.

**Query:** Carol Anne Shiels is interested in hearing from others connected to the Old Broad Bay Eychhorn. Eichorn. Eachorn. Achorn, Acorn (various spellings) Families. Carol can be contacted at **[bluesma36@verizon.net](mailto:bluesma36@verizon.net)**

*Submitted by Carol Anne Shiels.*



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