

# Old Broad Bay Family History Association Newsletter

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## **Annual meeting and reunion**

The annual meeting of the Old Broad Bay Family History Association will be held Saturday, July 31 at the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, Knox and Lincoln Counties Office, 377 Manktown Road in Waldoboro. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. Helen Shaw will give a talk on the federal census schedules found in the vault at the Lincoln County Court House. Richard Castner will present an update on the 1790 project. Randy Gross will have his collection of Lincoln County reference books available for use.

Lunch will be on your own, but you are encouraged to bring a bag lunch and spend the time visiting with others. We have full use of the kitchen.

Dinner at Morse's Sauerkraut will be preceded by a tour of the facility. Please plan to arrive at Morse's between 5:00 and 5:15 p.m. Morse's is located on Route 220 about eight miles north of the intersection with Route 1 (at Moody's Diner). The owner of Morse's is David Swetnam, a descendant of the Broad Bay Ludwig family. He and his wife Jacquelyn Sawyer are looking forward to hosting this special event.

On page 7 of this newsletter is a pre-registration form for the reunion which includes sign up information for the dinner. Space is limited to twenty people so return the registration form as soon as possible and no later than July 24<sup>th</sup> to guarantee your place. Persons who indicated they would attend with the spring newsletter insert will have first call on reservations. The cost is \$15 per person.

Services at the Old German Church will be at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, August 1.

Manktown Road is located on the Lincoln/Knox County and Waldoboro/Warren town line and makes a T intersection with Route 1. There is no street sign. When traveling north from Waldoboro, turn left on the first road past the Wooden Screen Door Company (on the left side of the road) and just as you see the large green sign for the county and town line. This is the road on which the Medomak Valley High School is located and 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 the road about 500 feet before the intersection.

## **Thank you**

A big thank you is due Lucille Walker for lending the editor her collection of association newsletters. Hers was the only known complete set of The Broad Bay Bund und Blatt and the Old Broad Bay Family History Association Newsletter. Photocopies were made of newsletters missing from the Association's collection. Lucille's patience in waiting to get her collection back is greatly appreciated; it took many weeks of sorting and sifting to determine which newsletters were missing from which sets. In the end, the Association, the Waldoboro Public Library, and the Waldoborough Historical Society had complete sets in new binders.

## **A Helpful Book Series for German Research**

A series of books carrying the subtitled *Atlantic Bridge to Germany* is being published by Origins of Janesville, Wisconsin. The second book of the series, *Baden Atlantic Bridge to Germany*, has recently been published and is available for \$20.00 plus \$3.00 for shipping and handling. The book includes historical information about Baden, maps covering 1886-1913, information on records available from the Family History Center, and websites of interest. Other books in the series cover Alsace-Lorraine, Nordrhein-Westfalen, and Saxony-Anhalt and Thuringia.

You may visit Origins on-line at [www.OriginsBooks.com](http://www.OriginsBooks.com) or call them at 608-757-2777; their address is 1521 East Racine Street, Janesville, WI 53545.

## **Coming Events in the area**

July 24: Maine Old Cemetery Association's summer meeting in Caribou. For more information see [www.rootsweb.com/~memoca/meetings.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~memoca/meetings.html)

August 7-8: Revolutionary encampment at Montpelier, the home of General Knox in Thomaston

August 8-15: Come Home to New England, a research workshop at the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston. For more information e-mail [tours@nehgs.org](mailto:tours@nehgs.org)

August 17: *The Building of Montpelier*, 6:30 p.m. at Montpelier in Thomaston

Sept. 22: *New England Coastal Mansions and Their China Trade Treasures*, 6:30 p.m. at Montpelier in Thomaston

## **Conrad Heyer's children as documented by land records**

*by Helen A. Shaw*

On 28 July 1853, Conrad Heyer, then the oldest and one of the most respected men in Waldoboro, signed two deeds transferring land to two of his children. In both deeds Conrad was described as a yeoman of Waldoboro. These sales came with conditions in which Conrad named other children. From these two deeds, nine people can be documented as the sons and daughters of Conrad Heyer.

The first deed (Lincoln County Deeds, vol. 201, pp. 272-574) was for the sale of a lot in Waldoboro of about fifty acres for a consideration of \$200 to ...my daughter Lucy Shuman, Mary E. Schuman, & Daniel Boggs all of Waldoboro... The sale was ...on condition that the said Lucy, Mary & Daniel pay to my daughter Eliza Herriman fifteen dollars and to my daughter Catherine Teague one dollar & my son Charles Heyer one dollar to be paid on my decease.

The second deed (Lincoln County Deeds, vol. 201, pp. 274-575) was for the sale of a lot in Waldoboro of about one hundred acres for a consideration of \$500 to Cornelius Heyer, Jr., yeoman of Waldoboro. This sale was on condition that said Cornelius my son shall pay to my son George Heyer five dollars & my daughter Sally Sidelinger five dollars & my daughter Margaret Gross five dollars & my daughter Mary Sidelinger one dollar to be paid after my decease.

Both these deeds were recorded on 6 March 1854 along with two other deeds which shed further light on Conrad Heyer s daughter Catherine. In the first deed (Lincoln County Deeds, vol. 201, pp. 270-571) signed 29 March 1828, Catherine is described as the wife of Daniel Teague. She bought about thirty acres of land in Waldoboro from Charles Kuhn, said land being adjacent to land of Cornelius Heyer which he had purchased from Artemus Ward, Esqr. The second deed (Lincoln County Deeds, vol. 201, pp. 271-572) between Conrad Heyer and Catherine Teague (of Waldoboro) was signed 10 September 1831. Again Catherine is described as the wife of Daniel. In this deed Conrad transferred to Catherine a lot in Waldoboro of about fifty acres for a consideration of \$1 ...and divers kinds services rendered by her...

From these deeds the following are documented as children of Conrad Heyer:

Catherine Teague (wife of Daniel)	Margaret Gross
Lucy Shuman	Mary Sidelinger
Cornelius Heyer, Jr.	Eliza Herriman
George Heyer	Charles Heyer
Sally Sidelinger	

## **Alfred Sidelinger Bible**

*transcribed by Helen A. Shaw*

A photocopy of the title page and family record pages for this Bible is in the possession of Alfred s great-grandson, William Chapman of Rockport, Maine. The Bible itself is in the possession of Alfred s grandson, Lloyd Cunningham of Chelsea, Maine.

*The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ translated out of The Original Greek; and with The Former Translations Diligently Compared and Revised, New York: American Bible Society, 1889.*

Family Record, Marriages:

Parents of Alfred F. Sidelinger

Isaac S. Sidelinger	B. Mar. 6, 1832 Nobleboro
	D. 21, 1909 Boothbay
Margaret L. Heyer	B. Jan. 7, 1835 Waldoboro
	D. July 22, 1903 Edgecomb

Married Aug. 16, 1856 Waldoboro Ruben Orff Esq.

Parents of Clara E. Huff

Chas W. Huff            B. Edgecomb  
                                 D.                    84 yrs.  
Emily J. Lewis        B. Boothbay  
                                 D. Edgecomb 81 yrs.

Married at Boothbay

Alfred F. Sidelinger    B. Nobleboro Oct. 16, 1857  
                                 D. Boothbay Jan. 1928  
Clara E. Huff            B. Edgecomb July 9, 1865  
                                 D. Boothbay Apr. 10, 1917

Married Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> 1885 at Mr. & Mrs. Frank M. Wade s NewCastle by Rev. Charles D. Crane

Family Record, Births (first page):

Emily M. Sidelinger Born Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> 1886, Edgecomb    Died 10-29 60  
Thurman H.                    June 5<sup>th</sup> 1888, Boothbay  
N. Lena                        Mar. 3 1890,  
Lottie J.                      Sept. 27, 1895  
Tressa A.                     Apr. 13, 1907

N. Lena Married Ray J. Tyler of West Peru, Me. Sept. 28, 1911

Children: Clara, Barbara, Philip, Rachel and Junior, Evelyn, Rosalie, Carl and Merle.

Married by Rev. C. A. Baker at her home in Boothbay, reside W. Peru

Emily M. married Alonzo F. Chapman of Bethel, Me. Aug. 12, 1912 at her home in Boothbay  
by Rev. C. A. Baker, reside in Bethel Maine.

Children: Paul, Sallie and Junior

Family Record, Births (second page):

Thurman H. married Grace A. Knight of Boothbay Oct. 19, 1914 at Boothbay Harbor. Reside at  
South Windham            Died Dec. 2, 1952 at Auburn  
Children: Alfred C., Phyllis & Winniefred, ?Thun? & Erwin & Blanche

Lottie J. married Chas. A. Herrin of Boothbay Harbor, married at Kennebunck Maine Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>  
1914 (Rev. Mr. Burton) and he died at Portland Me. Oct. 3, 1918 of influenza.

Children: Belle Gwendolyn Born May 30<sup>th</sup> 1918 at Portland Maine

Lottie J. H. second marriage to Walter K. Butler of Holliston Mass. at Boothbay Harbor Sept.  
20, 1921 by Rev. Walter Bradford

Died Nov. 25, 1960

They reside at Holliston Mass.

Children: Beryl Frances & Mina

Family Record, Deaths:

Tresa A. married Clinton W. Cunningham of Gardiner by Rev. A. W. Brown of Gardiner Sept.  
24, 1927

Children

Virginia    [date not printed here for privacy]

Clinton W. Junior [date not printed here for privacy]  
Kenneth Ellsworth [date not printed here for privacy]  
Arlene Cora [date not printed here for privacy]  
Claire Frances [date not printed here for privacy]  
Lloyd Irwin [date not printed here for privacy]  
Tresa April 13 1907 Jan 20 1960

## **The estate of Peter Gross of Waldoboro**

*by Helen A. Shaw*

The will of Peter Gross of Waldoborough was presented for probate 7 January 1814 by his sons John Peter Gross and Jacob Frederick Gross, executors [Lincoln County, Maine probate records, vol. 17, pp. 188-189]. According to *Broad Bay Pioneers* [Whitaker & Horlacher, Picton Press, 1998, pp. 542-544] Peter was born in 1745 the son of Johan Georg Gross and his wife Anna Catherina. A transcription of Johan Georg's will appears in *Broad Bay Pioneers* [pp. 542-543] and names his children and wife.

Peter's will was dated 16 October 1804 and named his wife and children:

In the name of God amen, I Peter Gross of Waldoborough in the county of Lincoln yeoman, considering the uncertainty of this mortal life, & being of sound & perfect mind & memory, blessed be almighty God for the same, do make & publish this my last will & testament, in manner & form, following that is to say.

First. I do give & bequeath unto my son John Peter Gross & Jacob Frederick Gross, my home stead & the lot of land I bought of the heirs of John Hittenham, & all the farming utensils thereunto belonging forever.

I do also give unto my beloved wife Anna Mariah, one third part of all my real & personal estate according to law, or otherwise to be maintained by my son John Peter & Jacob Frederick aforesaid, during her natural life to be at her pleasure. I also give & bequeath to my son John Gross fifty dollars, also to my son Bertram Gross one hundred dollars & to them only/ also to my son Conrad Gross or his heirs one hundred dollars. Also to my daughter Catharina or her heirs fifty dollars also to her children fifty dollars not to be paid till said children arrives to their age also to my grand-daughter Polly Burnheimer fifty dollars if my grand-daughter stays with me till she is of age also a cow. It is also my will that my son John Peter & Jacob Frederick four years after my decease & my wives they shall give to my son John, Bertram, Conrad, & my daughter Catharina each one, a two & a half year old horn creature out of my estate. It is also my will, that my son John Peter & Jacob Frederick, are to pay the above mentioned legacies in manner following /vis/ to pay ten Dollars a year to each of my children till the whole is paid, and I do hereby appoint my son John Peter Gross & Jacob Frederick Gross my sole Executors of this my last will & testament hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the sixteenth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & four.

Signed by Peter Gross and witnessed by Charles Miller, Charles Ewell, and Jacob Ludwig.

The executors presented their account in court on Thursday, 22 May 1817 [Lincoln County probate

records, vol. 19, pp. 283-284]. This account notes that Peter was a blacksmith. Payments of particular interest were \$50 to Charles Heyer and his wife Mary, \$100 to Cornelius Burns and his wife Catharine (\$50 legacy & \$50 balance of personal estate), \$150 to Bertram Gross (\$100 legacy & \$50 balance of personal estate), \$170.80 to John Gross (\$50 legacy & \$120.80 balance of personal estate), and \$219.24 to Cornelius Gross (\$100 legacy & \$119 balance of personal estate). The widow received \$260.24 as her one-third part of the personal estate. Further, The s<sup>d</sup> Extors. charge themselves with the amount of the personal estate as of Inventory, \$1766.20 and also for a part of an old silver watch, \$1.50 and the wooden runners of a sleigh, \$3.00" for a total of \$1,770.70.

## **The Building of Fort George**

The May 2004 issue of *The Maine Genealogist* (vol. 26 number 2) contained an article by Robert Carver Brooks (pp. 51-64) titled The Artificers and Inhabitants Who Built Fort George, Penobscot, 1779-1780. This fascinating article tells the story of a pivotal time in Maine history and lists the names of eighteen men from Broad Bay (p. 63) who worked getting Lyme Stone and Loading the Brig<sup>t</sup> *Molly* Transport & Cutting wood. Mr. Brooks found this list of names in the Duplicate Accounts of the Engineer Department archived at the UK Public Records Office; he kindly sent this editor a scan of the original page which will be brought to the annual reunion for all to see.

Geo. Hock	Hen. Isense	Jn <sup>o</sup> Obertag	Gotlieb Ahlstein
Jn <sup>o</sup> Schnaudigel	Geo. Schmuax	Geo. Stilkey	Peter Lehr
John Pratch	John Pratch j <sup>r</sup>	Cha. Seidlinger	Geo. Seidlinger
Dan. Seidlinger	Martin Binnet	Martin Brodman	Gotfried Millar
Mitch. Hock	Jacob Eichorn		

## **Notice of Upcoming election**

With the resignation of Joyce Bell Brown as secretary, a revision of responsibilities has become necessary. Therefore it is important that all members make sure that their dues are paid so they can vote during the business section of the July 31<sup>st</sup> meeting.

All offices are open and any interested member may be placed on the ballot via a written self-nomination received by Helen Shaw at 77 Pascal Avenue, Rockport, ME 04856, on or before 5 p.m. July 26<sup>th</sup>.

The following individuals have formed a ticket and are running as a group:

president: Richard Castner	treasurer: Jan Rickermann
vice president: Rob Clark	director: Marjorie Freeman
secretary: Helen Shaw	

Others are free to do likewise or to run as individuals, not only for any one of the offices above, but for one of the three available directorships. A total of seven people will be elected on July 31<sup>st</sup> and will take office for the coming year.

## Pre-Registration Form for Reunion & Meeting Saturday, July 31, 2004

Member s name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest s name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reunion cost:    Members \$3.00        Non-members: \$6.00

### Dinner at Morse s Sauerkraut

There is a limit of 20 people for the German dinner at Morse s. So far twelve people have signed up. To reserve your space, please check the appropriate line below.

\_\_\_\_ I/we submitted my/our intent to attend with the spring insert

\_\_\_\_ I/we will attend; indicate number attending \_\_\_\_\_

All persons: please indicate the number of entrees needed:

\_\_\_\_\_ Sauerbraten with choice of dumplings or spaetzel

\_\_\_\_\_ Beef rouladen with choice of dumplings or spaetzel

\_\_\_\_\_ Choucroute garni [sausages & a smoked pork chop on a bed of sauerkraut]

Coffee, tea, iced tea, or a soft drink are included. Dessert is not included, but may be purchased separately.

Dinner cost including tax and tip: \$15 per person.

Number of members attending (\$3 each): \_\_\_\_\_ funds remitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of non-members attending (\$6 each): \_\_\_\_\_ funds remitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Total funds remitted for pre-registration: \_\_\_\_\_

Total funds remitted for dinner (\$15 each): \_\_\_\_\_

**Total funds remitted:** \_\_\_\_\_

Checks should be made out to the Old Broad Bay Family History Association and should be sent to: Richard Castner, PO Box 10, Waldoboro, ME 04572.

## 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 form except for Name and the list of ancestors, but including the italicized portion.

Dues for both individuals/families and research facilities is \$10 a year. Checks should be made out to the Old Broad Bay Family History Association. Mail application & check to O.B.B.F.H.A., P.O. Box 1242, Waldoboro, ME 04572.

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### 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.