

# Old Broad Bay Family History Association Newsletter

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## To Search and To Share

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### Annual meeting and reunion

The annual meeting and reunion of the Old Broad Bay Family History Association was held Saturday, August 6th in the basement of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, Knox and Lincoln Counties Office; about 25 Association members attended. The minutes of the 2004 meeting were read and approved.

President Richard Castner announced a new motto for the Association, To Search and To Share which will appear on the masthead of the newsletter starting with this edition. He reported that a primary topic at the fall board of directors meeting will be the need to raise dues.

President Castner also updated members regarding the Waldoboro Utility District property which the Association will be using for the Memorial Park in honor of those who died the winter of 1753-54. The property is now ready for landscaping. The town of Waldoboro has offered the use of a back how to move a boulder from the old Conrad Heyer property to the Memorial Park. There is currently \$455 in the treasury to help pay the cost of the plaque. The estimate for a bronze plaque is \$300-350. Contact Sandy Stratton to assist with labor or to donate plants for the landscaping. [[tomandsandy3@netzero.net](mailto:tomandsandy3@netzero.net) or by letter to the Association postal box].

Vice President Rob Clark reported on efforts to write a new constitution and by-laws for the Association. If the Association is to receive grants, these documents must include specific wording to make the Association eligible for not-for-profit (501C3) status.

Treasurer Janice Rickerman gave a summary of the Association's financial status. In addition to the sum reserved for the memorial, we have enough to cover current expenses and one more newsletter. In a close review of the membership list it has been discovered that many people have not paid dues in over a year. Those people will find an insert in their newsletter and will be dropped from the membership roll unless their dues are paid immediately.

Darcy Coffin has agreed to be the Association's registrar. She will make sure the membership list is up to date and will compile the pedigree charts which members have or will submit. She may be reached directly at ----- or via the Association's postal box.

Sandy Stratton presented a talk titled "Waldoboro Shipyards and Sea Captains" which provided directions on how to find information on seafaring ancestors and their ships. She has found and followed the lives of 457 ships built in Waldoboro. INSERT PHOTOS

## **Old German Church service**

The annual service at the Old German Church was held on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>; it was a Good Friday service. The German liturgist was the Reverend Michael Murphy, pastor of the West Waldoboro Community Church. The English sermon was presented by the Reverend Frederick Wedemeyer, a retired pastor from Worcester, Massachusetts. INSERT PHOTOS

The German lecturer was Ruth Cleaves, a member of the Water for Life Church; the lessons were read in English by Alan Cleaves. Following the service, an all German communion service was celebrated.

Refreshments were provided outside under the shady trees by the Ladies Auxiliary of the German Protestant Society.

## **Fundraiser Dance**

*Richard Castner*

RICHARD WILL SEND TEXT

## **Serendipity at Work, Again...**

*Richard Castner*

Your president, long known to be an insomniac of the first order, was browsing the internet during the doldrums of an early, muggy, July morning when, lo and behold, he discovered on E-Bay a veritable treasure. It seems that an ephemera dealer in Hillsboro, New Hampshire, had discovered a Victorian (1874-1875) autograph album and was offering it up for auction.

So what? you say. Well, this particular item came from Waldoborough, Maine and contained some \_\_\_\_\_ signatures inscribed by local residents. Names in the album are:

INSERT NAMES Sandy will send this

Sandy Stratton and her husband Tom immediately took up the challenge of obtaining the album.

Tom, being quite sophisticated concerning the ins and outs of on-line bidding, ultimately won the album for \$41.77, a real bargain, considering its provenance.

Sandy brought the package to the annual meeting and, to much anticipation as to what was in the box, opened it to the surprise and delight of those present. Then, with little urging, many members stepped forward to donate \$1 each to help cover the cost of the album.

So a true treasure is now housed in our burgeoning archives, at very little expense to the treasury and Sandy is insisting (quite rightly) that it be handled only with clean white gloves. So, next time you visit Waldoboro, be sure to ask to view this wonderful autograph album.

INSERT PHOTO(S) OF ALBUM

### ***Lincoln County News* obituary file**

There is a looseleaf file of obituaries published in the *Lincoln County News* which has been compiled by newspaper personnel. The newspaper is headquartered in New Castle and is looking for someone to come to the office to review the file, make sure it is complete, and make a computer index to the obituaries. If you are interested in taking on or assisting with this endeavor, please contact Richard Castner at the Association postal box or send an e-mail to [obbeditor@earthlink.net](mailto:obbeditor@earthlink.net).

### **An Experiment: Newsletter to be sent via the internet**

In an effort to cut costs, this will be the last issue of the newsletter to appear only in a print format. Starting with the Winter 2006 (January) issue, those of you with e-mail addresses will receive the newsletter as a PDF file which you may choose to print out on your own printer. If you wish to continue receiving the newsletter in print form, please send a letter to Janice Rickerman at the Association postal box or an e-mail to [obbeditor@earthlink.net](mailto:obbeditor@earthlink.net).

### **Association dues to go up**

Due to the lack of membership renewals, it will be necessary to raise dues for the Association starting with the 2006-2007 fiscal year. The Board of Directors will discuss the amount of the increase at its fall meeting. If the experiment to send the newsletter via the internet is successful, the increase will not be hefty as printing and mailing the newsletter are the largest costs faced by the Association.