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Annual reunion

Richard Castner

The annual reunion of the Old Broad Bay Family History Association will be held Saturday, August 4th at the public landing on Pine Street or at the Marine Park in Waldoboro. The event will be in the form of a picnic and will begin at 10:00 a.m., continuing on an open ended basis until such time as people have had their fill of data-exchanging, munching, and socializing. A formal business meeting will be held at a later date; details on that event will appear in the next issue of the newsletter.

Be sure to bring your own portable chair or a blanket to place on the grass and a card table if you want. Also hand lines for fishing, sun screen, mosquito dope (although it'll be late in the season for them) and whatever outdoor equipage you feel you might need (ie: canoe or kayak).

Bring your own lunch and if you want to bring something to share, that would be great. OBBFHA will furnish beverages. There are no grills on the premises.

Registration fee to be determined, also location in case of rain, probably the Meenahga Grange Hall which we have used before. Look for final details in the July newsletter, or e-mail your long-suffering president.

Association elections

This is an election year. All officers and directors are up for re-election or replacement. You must be a member to run for an office or for director. You must also be a member to vote so be sure to fill out and return the membership form on page 8 of this newsletter by July 1st. The election will be by ballot to be included in either the summer or fall issue of the newsletter.

Members running for a place on the board will be profiled in the next newsletter. If you would like to run for an office or directorship, please send a letter or e-mail with your name, snail mail and e-mail addresses, the position for which you want to be considered, and a very brief biography to editor Helen Shaw before June 14th for inclusion in the next newsletter. Please also include why you want to join the board or be an officer and what you hope to accomplish during your term.

President s Message

Richard Castner

Dear Genealogy addicts (or should that be 'genialogy?'), "Spring has sprung / the grass has riz / I wonder where da boidies iz?" I really wish I'd said that. But it was Ogden Nash...and so he achieved immortality. Isn't that what we're all looking for? Spring has a way of stimulating those old brain cells that have been in hibernation; at least I find it so. Thus certain questions have crawled out of my ganglia and are looking about for answers. Here they are.

Should you want to help me answer them by sharing your feelings about OBBFHA, I'd be pleased. (Don't bother our all-too-busy editor. Send me a note directly via <richercastner@aol.com>). Our original intent was to create some kind of memorial stone or plaque to honor our German ancestors. That one is still on the books, but it's over a decade later...still a viable objective?

We seem to have evolved/devolved into a group of people who want nothing more than to fill out their five generation charts - if that. In fact, doing so was at one time a requirement for membership. My fault for being lax about enforcement when I resumed the chair. But so far, only three or four people have sent in charts, none of them accurately filled out ("sigh!"). While doing such is certainly a worthwhile goal, is it enough simply to stop there...with our own private archive? The Mayflower and DAR/SAR people clearly have gone far beyond that point. Should we emulate? Why or why not?

We began by focusing on the Germans, but quickly discovered that almost three centuries of association and intermarriage mean that almost everyone is or might be involved. Where/how to draw the line...in terms of blood or descent or name or geography (local/county/regional/national) or a generalist club without specific lines or goals?

Perhaps it's time to revise our so-called mission statement. What reasons for existence would you like to see included? Any brainstorming ideas you'd like to see considered or discussed (or ignored in good old-fashioned Yankee style!)

Maine Families 1790 update

Bill Conary and Helen Shaw have taken up the challenge of increasing Waldoboro s coverage in *Maine Families of 1790* and are preparing submissions for Martin Sidelinger and his offspring. Martin and sons Daniel and Charles, and sons-in-law Andrew Storer, Charles Brodman, and John Braddock were in Waldoboro while sons George and Peter were in Nobleboro. Helen is also working on a sketch for Conrad Heyer and for Peter Gross, his son John, and his mother, Widow Anna Gross of Waldoboro.

Isabelle Hallem has submitted sketches for her Overlock relatives. John Joseph and Henry will be in

the next volume, while Charles and Frank are in the pipeline for a future volume. Unfortunately, no other Waldoboro or Nobleboro families have been submitted or are known to be in preparation. Do let the editor know if you have begun a sketch so it can be noted in a future newsletter. There may be an OBB member out there who will see the notice and who can help you with additional information or documentation.

With the expectation that Picton Press will be publishing Waldoboro's vital records later this year, the excuse that the records could not be found or were too hard to access will be gone. And don't forget that you can get help with your sketch by contacting editor Helen Shaw or president Richard Castner through the OBB post office box. Helen can be contacted via e-mail as well. E-mail and PO addresses are on the newsletter header.

If you would like to know which of your ancestors was a head-of-household in the 1790 census, contact Helen. If you will be attending the reunion, read the instruction on page 7 of this newsletter and bring your material with you. Help will be provided to get you started on your sketch.

Waldoboro vital records update

Marlene Groves of Picton Press expects to complete the transcription of the Waldoboro vital records later this summer. She is still tracking down additional information about births, deaths, and marriages in Waldoboro from sources outside the official town records. If you have any church records, Bibles for area families, diaries, or any other documentation for Waldoboro births, deaths, or marriages, please contact Marlene at Picton Press (207-596-7766 or at marlene@pictonpress.com) as soon as possible.

Sorting out men of the same name

Helen A. Shaw

Errors in *Broad Bay Pioneers* illustrate the need to carefully sort out men of the same name, especially when they live in the same or adjacent towns. On page 287, Daniel Sidelinger (son of Daniel and Elizabeth) is confused with his older cousin Daniel (son of Peter and Mary). The result is a wife was killed off well before her time and a second wife assigned to the wrong husband. Confusion continues on p. 579 where Mary Polly Borneman is listed as married to Daniel who is mis-identified as the son of Peter and Mary. Still more confusion arises when Daniel, the son of Peter and Mary, is placed in the family of his uncle Charles on p. 287 rather than with his parents on p. 288.

When sorting out men with the same name, one needs to be aware of the traditional way to distinguish such men in local records. The eldest man was usually designated senior or his name simply stood alone. The next down in age, no matter his relationship (if any) to senior was designated junior or second, while the next younger man was designated third and so on.

To increase the confusion, the researcher must also determine what happened when one of the men died. Did the designations shift or did they remain the same? How did the designations shift when youths of the same name were coming of age at a time when the older men were dying off?

To overcome these problems, or at least to lessen them, it is helpful to prepare a time line showing

each man, when he was born, when he reached the age of majority, and when he died. The year he came of age is important because it points to when a man could reasonably be expected to start buying property and appearing in deed books. A young man might also be expected to buy property (or receive it as a gift from his father or father-in-law) around the time of his marriage so that date should be added to the time line. In Maine, the age of majority during the 17th - late 20th centuries was 21 for both men and women. Young men often began to appear in the censuses as a head of household when they reached their majority or married.

In the case of the three Daniel Sidelingers, Daniel (born about 1753/1760 - 1844) the son of Martin and Mary was clearly the eldest. His name appears without a designation in county deeds and in censuses. The next younger Daniel, the son of Peter and Mary, was born in 1781, came of age in 1802, and appears in deeds and censuses as Daniel 2nd or Daniel Jr. In fact, in one deed (Lincoln County Deeds vol. 98, p. 218) he is referred to as both junior and second. The youngest of the three Daniels was the son of the first Daniel and his wife Elizabeth. This Daniel was born in 1787 and came of age in 1808. He appears in deeds, censuses, and probate records as Daniel 3rd or Daniel III.

Daniel, Sr. married Elizabeth Umberhind and left a will which named his wife, all of his children, and several of his grandchildren (Lincoln County Probate Court, vol. 57, pp. 553-555).

Daniel, Jr. married Mary Polly Heyer, daughter of Conrad and Mary (Weaver) Heyer. She is listed as Mary Sidelinger in deeds distributing her father s property in 1853 and 1854 (Lincoln County Deeds, vol 201, pp. 572-575) and appears with Daniel in the 1850 & 1860 censuses for Nobleboro (1850: M432, roll 260, p. 446B; 1860: M653, roll 442, p. 518) thus she did not die before 1812 as stated on page 287 of *Broad Bay Pioneers*.

Daniel III married first Mary Borneman, daughter of John Godfrey and Catherine (Benner) Borneman, and second, in 1831, Elizabeth A. Miller, daughter of Frank and Jane (Stahl) Miller. Guardianship papers for Daniel and Mary s children (Lincoln County Probate Court, vol. 41, pp. 318-319) call him Daniel III, confirm Mary s death, and name her father. Her headstone in West Union Cemetery (Union, ME) states she died 19 May 1830. Children of Daniel 3 and Elizabeth (born between 1832 and 1845) are recorded in Union (Vital Records of Union, pt. 1, 1789-1876, p. 80, LDS microfilm 001 1573, at the Family History Library in Rockport, ME).

***Broad Bay Pioneers* some questions**

As noted in the above article, there are errors in Whitaker and Horlacher s book, *Broad Bay Pioneers*, something that many OBBFHA members have been aware of for some time. In preparing the above article, it was thought that the problem was only one of mixing up men of the same name, however, on closer inspection, it became apparent that the family composition assigned to the four Sidelinger brothers by Whitaker and Horlacher varies widely from that assigned by Sidelinger & Dow in their 1984 manuscript. Unfortunately, neither work cites sources and the working notes for both are not available. On that issue, if anyone knows where the notes are for the Sidelinger & Dow manuscript, please contact the editor ASAP.

It would be beneficial to the membership and others researching Waldoboro families, to bring out errors found in *Broad Bay Pioneers*, showing the correct information with proper documentation. To that end, if you have found such an error, please send the details to the editor for inclusion in a future issue of this newsletter. Please include the page number(s), what *Broad Bay Pioneers* says,

what the correct information is, and the source for that correct information. In the same vein, if you have documentation for information given in the book, please send that to the editor as well, along with the page number where the person or family is discussed. For example, you might have a deed or will that names the children of a couple, but *Broad Bay Pioneers* supplies no documentation.

Another example of an error: page 536 lists a son (Capt.) Stephen Boardman b 1782 Waldoboro for Charles Broadman and Elizabeth Catherine Sidelinger, going on to say he married a lady named Olive about 1817 and died in Hope, ME in 1855. First, there is no evidence that Catherine Sidelinger's name included Elizabeth. All references to her in deeds and censuses are as Catherine. Second, while there is a Stephen Boardman in Hope, Anna Simpson Hardy's book *History of Hope, Maine* (Penobscot Press, Camden, 1990, p. 45) clearly identifies him, and his older brother William, as being from Islesboro. This assertion is supported by census records which show Boardman families in Islesboro to include a William in 1810 who drops out of the Islesboro census to appear in the Hope censuses starting in 1820. So we have three possibilities. (1) Stephen did not exist as a son of Charles & Catherine, (2) Stephen did exist, but died young, or (3) Stephen did exist, but moved out of the area. This editor did not find any deeds in Lincoln County or any census records in the entire country for a Stephen Broadman or any spelling variation which implies that possibilities 1 or 2 are the most likely with possibility 1 being the prime suspect.

General Henry Knox papers available

Ellen Dyer, Director of Education & The Center for the Study of Early American History, Montpelier, the General Henry Knox Museum

The General Henry Knox Museum has many collections available for research that may be of use to genealogists or those interested in the history of mid-coast Maine or local DAR chapters. The museum has three collections of Knox papers on microfilm:

1. Henry Knox Papers, 1715-1839, which are mostly financial papers documenting Knox's many businesses and land dealings in Maine, including lists of inhabitants on the Waldo Patent and employees
2. Henry Knox Papers, 1716-1841, which mostly consists of correspondence dating from Knox's Revolutionary War career through his activities in Maine, including a number of documents related to the settling of the Waldo Patent
3. Henry Knox Papers II, 1763-1803, which deals primarily with Knox's military career, including the diary of his trek to Fort Ticonderoga.

More information about these collections may be found at http://www.knoxmuseum.org/education_resources.html, and a finding aid for each collection is available at the museum. The Knox Museum also has a collection of records and scrapbooks from the General Knox Chapter, NSDAR, dating from the late nineteenth century to the 1980s.

Access to all of the collections is by appointment. Please contact the museum at (207) 354-0180 or archivist@knoxmuseum.org to check availability.

Why you should be interested in Henry Knox papers

For those of you who have a copy of *Broad Bay Pioneers*, take a look at page 681 where Whitaker and Horlacher list fifteen documents relating to the settlement of Broad Bay they found in the papers

of General Henry Knox. This editor has obtained photocopies of the List of People sent to Broad Bay October 1752 from the ship at Germantown (vol. 50, p. 113) and the list of Provisions sent to Broad Bay from Isaac Winslow, Nov. 1752" (vol. 50, . 114). A visit will be made to Montpelier later this year to obtain photocopies of other documents relating to Broad Bay and to closely inspect the finding aids to see what other documents might be of interest to Association members. Stay tuned for updates.

Up-coming genealogy conferences

There is still time to register for the **New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC)** to be held in Hartford, CT, **April 26-29**. Check their web site <www.NERGC.org> for details or see the last issue of this newsletter. Editor Helen Shaw will be hosting the Maine Special Interest Group on Thursday evening and will be a consultant, along with Joseph Anderson, editor of *The Maine Genealogist*, for the Ancestors Road Show on Friday and Saturday. Joe will also be the official representative for the Maine Genealogical Society, presenting a talk, *Genealogical Resources in Maine: Downeast Resources and Tools*.

Next up is the **National Genealogical Society (NGS) Conference** in Richmond, VA **May 16-19**. For details, visit their website at <www.ngsgenealogy.org>. While Virginia may seem far from Maine, remember that many of Broad Bay's early German settlers went with the Moravians to North Carolina, just a hop, skip, and a jump from Richmond. John Humphrey will be giving a talk *Researching Eighteenth-Century Germans* while Chuck Knuthson will be talking on *German Migration to America*. A. B. Pruitt will be giving a talk *Land Grants in North Carolina 1663-1960* and Penny Secord will be giving a talk *North Carolina Land Grants in Tennessee*. Jeff Haines will be talking on *People Finders for North Carolina*. These are just a few of the presentations which may be of interest to OBB members.

The **Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS)** will hold its Conference **August 15-18** in Fort Wayne, IN. Visit their website <www.fgs.org> for details. Fort Wayne is a small city with a very big genealogical presence. It is home of the Allen County Public Library, which has one of the premier genealogical collections in the country and is the source of PERSI (Periodic Source Index). Editor Helen Shaw will be presenting three talks on federal censuses: *Black, White, and In-Between: Racial Classification in the Federal Census*, *Census Analysis*, and *Exploring the Federal Non-Population Censuses*.

Finally, there is the **Maine Genealogical Society** conference: *Footprints in Time: Discovering Your Ancestors Lives* to be held **Saturday, September 22** at the **Bangor Civic Center**. The featured speakers will be George Morgan, author and Genealogy Guy podcaster and Maureen A. Taylor, author and photography expert. There will also be a Research Room where conference attendees can look at books and other material on Maine towns, counties, and ethnic populations lent by MGS board members. To stay informed about conference activities, visit the society's website at <www.maineroots.org> or contact chairperson Dale W. Mower, 185 Norfolk St, Bangor, ME 04401 (phone: 207-942-9375; e-mail: dale@mower-family.com). If you are not a member of MGS, join and send in your conference registration before August 31st to save \$10 on the registration fee. Membership and conference brochures will be available at the OBB annual meeting.

MAINE FAMILIES IN 1790 Now Accepting Families for Volume 10

Submissions of families may be made in any format, but please include as much of the following information listed below as possible. Please cite your sources and include photocopies of your sources with your submission.

1. 1790 Census Information - as enumerated on the printed census including (a) name of the head-of-household, (b) page and column number, (c) household statistics, and (d) name of town and county of residence in 1790.
2. Head of Household - name, place and date of birth, parents' names (include documentation for the mother's maiden name), place and date of death, place and date of marriage.
3. Spouse(s) of Head of Household - name, place and date of birth, parents' names (include documentation for the mother's maiden name), place and date of death.
4. Biographical Information on the Family - At least two or three sentences are requested, although longer accounts are acceptable. Information in this section might include occupations, places of residences, civil or military service, persons mentioned in probate or land records, discussion of research problems, and anything else of particular interest regarding the family.
5. List of Children - with dates and places of birth, death, and marriage; names of spouses with their dates and places of birth and death and names of parents (including documentation for the mothers' maiden names).

It is recognized that all the facts listed above will not be found for every family. However, a conscientious effort should be made to locate as much of this information as is available in original (particularly deeds, probates and town vital records) and reliable published sources for the area and family in question.

Every fact must be cited to the source where the information is found. Primary sources should be sought wherever possible. Citations to primary sources should include the repository where the record was found, volume/page numbers, record numbers or file numbers as applicable. A manuscript or typescript source should state the repository where it is found and should be cited exactly as given in the card catalog including author, date, and page number. Published sources should include the author, the exact name of the book, date of publication, and page number. Please include photocopies of your sources with your submissions.

See sample Maine Families in 1790 sketch for an example of the format, level of information, and documentation requested. For more information, please write to the editor. Submissions of families may be sent directly to the editor. Receipt will be promptly acknowledged in writing.

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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.

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