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By David Putnam

Hello again dear friends, welcome to the Fall Edition of the Old Broad Bay Family History Association Newsletter. Here in New England the Fall season is upon us. The beauty of a New England summer has only one rival, a New England fall. The OBBFHA had a busy summer highlighted by our annual meeting on August 5th. Our featured speaker, Nancy Milliken Mason, delivered a wonderful presentation on understanding the science of DNA and its application to the study of genealogy. We also presented plaques to longtime members Fred Snell and Helen Shaw in appreciation for their efforts on behalf of our group. Fred has been our webmaster for many years and during the last year has worked quite hard to update our website. Helen is a past president and vice-president of the OBBFHA, as well as our newsletter editor for many years. I am sure I speak on behalf of all our members in thanking both of them for their many years of service!

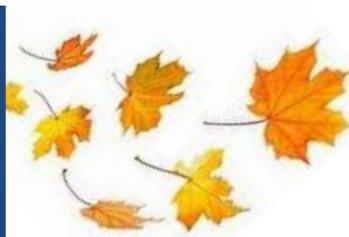
At the annual meeting we also held our biennial election for President, Vice President/Secretary, Treasurer, and Board of Directors. The body voted by acclimation to re-elect the current officers and Board of Directors. They are as follows: David Putnam-President, Ruth Riopell Vice President/Secretary, Treasurer-Deirdre Putnam, Board of Directors Dale Gunn, Barbara Rogers and Jean Lawrence. I hope that in the future some of you will consider running for an office.

We can always use new blood and new ideas! Treasurer Deirdre Putnam gave the annual financial report. As of 07/01/2017 she reports \$1221 dollars on hand; \$1095 raised; expenditures of \$718 dollars. The current balance is \$1598 dollars. It was also announced that the board has voted to increase the dues \$5 dollars for each category of membership. The dues increase will take effect on July 1st, 2018. I cannot recall if our dues have ever been increased in the past, however, I think they are still quite modest. The entire board was reluctant to take this action, but we realized that if we wish to keep doing projects in the community, and fund a scholarship or grant, we needed to take this action. The Stahl Fund Project: As I mentioned in the Summer edition, the board decided to use our 2017 Stahl Award to pay for the replacement of another historical marker that had fallen into disrepair. I am happy to report the project is now complete. The sign marking the the first land grant awarded to European immigrants in 1673 (picture below) has been erected in a field abutting Rte. 32 on the West bank of the Medomak River. The board felt that this sign, along with the Moravian Mission sign we

erected last year, are important historical markers in the community and valuable signposts for folks visiting to research their family history. Jean Lawrence advises me that she received several queries regarding the Moravian Mission sign from people visiting the area just this past summer. We are gratified that our work is so helpful to visitors.

Fort George Celebration: I had the pleasure of being invited to attend the 325th anniversary celebration of the arrival of Scottish and German Regiments to Fort George in Castine. These regiments were stationed there to protect the fort and surrounding loyalist community from colonial militia during our War for Independence. The event was presided over by one of our members, Anette Ruppel Rodrigues, who clothed herself in 18th century costume for the entire three day event. There were many historical reenactors present in the encampment inside the fort. Three reenactors, Eike Harstick and his wife Insa Harstick, and Victor Heyden, came from Germany. Eike and Victor and were dressed as Jaegers from the Braunschweiger regiment that was stationed at the fort. Insa was also in period costume. There was music, food and lots of fun, including a performance of the play “A Hessian Officer in America” by Johann Weppen, a lieutenant who was stationed at Fort George in 1783. Anette invited me to the event as a representative for the OBBHA, and because I am descended from Jaeger Blasius Welt who was stationed there and remained in this country, settling in Waldoboro, after the war. I was recruited into the regiment for some mock rifle drills and some marching. I am afraid I didn’t do justice to my ancestor! I also had the pleasure of attending a dinner hosted by the Helmut Landis, Deputy Consul General from the German Consulate in Boston. He presented Anette with a impressive medal in honor of her many efforts on behalf of German American Cultural Relations. Congratulations to Anette for her hard work and her well deserved honor! Deirdre and I also manned an informational table at the fort with Pamela Beveridge and Elizabeth Stevens of the Penobscot County Genealogical Society. We handed out literature about our respective groups and spoke with many people. We may have even recruited a few new members! Pam and Elizabeth were also kind enough to extend an invitation to me to speak to their group next September about the OBBFHA and my own genealogical journey.

OBBFHA Member Anette Ruppel Rodrigues, dressed in period costume, displaying her award from the German Deputy Consul General.



OBBFHA President David Putnam with Jaeger re-enactors from Germany.

RAISE THE SPITFIRE! As I am sure many of you recall, member Patricia Hubert authored a book entitled, “Major Philip M. Ulmer, A Hero of the American Revolution.” Patricia’s book recalled the life of Philip Ulmer, a Waldoboro native who rose to prominence during the American War for Independence. Philip was the captain of The Spitfire, a 54 foot gunboat built as part of Benedict Arnold’s fleet on Lake Champlain. The Spitfire was scuttled by her crew during the night of October 11, 1776, after the five and a half hour Battle of Valcour Island.

The battle is considered the first major naval battle of the American War for Independence. Although the battle was a defeat for the fledgling American Navy, the battle delayed the advance of the British Army and contributed to their eventual defeat at Saratoga. The Spitfire was located on the bottom of Lake Champlain in 1997. Her mast is still upright and bow guns still in place. Artifacts from the wreck are buried in the mud around the wreck. The invasion of quagga mussels into Lake Champlain has caused concern because these mussels will destroy the iron fittings holding the wreck together. The Lake Champlain Maritime Museum is attempting to start a public/private partnership to raise and restore the wreck. Let's hope they are successful!

I received a note from member Portia Thompson. Portia's late husband Leslie was descended from several Waldoboro families. Portia and Les' sister Nancy are researching Les' line in the Head Family. She sent along two photos that might be of interest to our readers. The first is a picture of Les' 3x great grandmother, Aroline Edith Head. She was married to Horace Welt. The next picture is of James Head of Warren Me. The caption

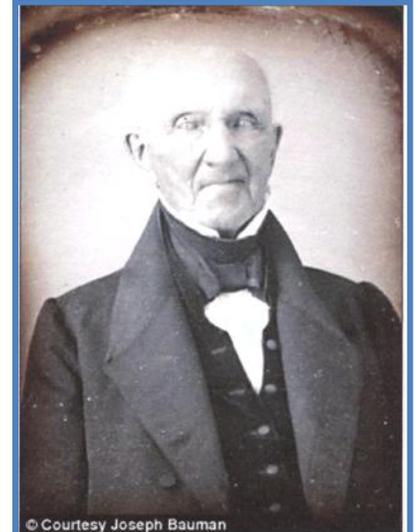


Aroline Edith Welt

was provided with the picture. James had two brothers living in Waldoboro and may have been born in Waldoboro. I also received a note from member Sara Crespi. Sara was born and raised in Waldoboro. She is currently researching her ancestor, John Andrew Genter, in order to have him placed in the DAR's Patriot List. She states that she has been unable to find a primary source to confirm that Jane Genter (b.10 Oct 1802, m. Captain John L. Kaler) is Andrew's daughter. If anyone has any information that could help Sara, please send it on to me and I will mail it to her.

I would like to take a moment and welcome some new members: Wendall Caler of Maine, a descendant of the Kaler/Kohler Family. Roger Creamer of California, a descendant of the Creamer Family. Daniel Sides of Texas, a descendant of the Sides (Seitz/Seider) Family. Welcome aboard folks! We are happy you have chosen to share your genealogical journey with us. Don't hesitate to email me with any questions you might have. The aforementioned Daniel Sides also sent me an intriguing question. He is looking for information regarding a tomahawk that was supposed to have been found beside, or in (!), his ancestor (identified as Grandfather Seitz) after he was murdered by Native Americans on his farm in 1757. He states that in 1963 a Roxie Sides reported that the tomahawk was in the collection of the Maine Historical Society in Portland. He contacted the society and they have no record of ever having such an artifact. If anyone has any knowledge of the artifact, its whereabouts, or the origin of this story, please contact Daniel Sides at dansides@earthlink.net

In closing, I would like to thank Walter Ulmer and Janet Feyler for their generous donations. I would also like to thank Ruth Riopell, June Hussiere, Dale Gunn, Barbara Rogers, Jean Lawrence and the descendants of Blasius Welt for their hard work and generosity in staging the annual meeting and providing lunch and snacks. Keep on searching and sharing.



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JAMES HEAD

Joined the Continental Navy at age 13 and served as a midshipman aboard the frigate Queen of France.

Taken as a prisoner of war, Head was released at Providence, Rhode Island and walked home.

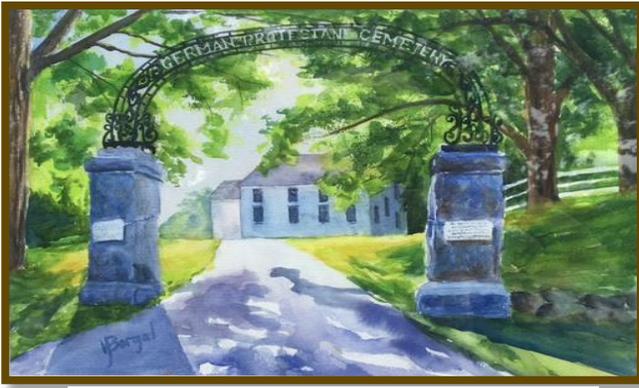
His brother wrote that when he arrived,

Head was deaf in one ear and had hearing loss in the other from the cannons' concussion.

Settling in a remote section of Massachusetts that later became Maine, he was elected a delegate to the Massachusetts convention in Boston that was called to ratify the Constitution.

When he died he was the richest man in Warren, Maine and stone deaf because of his war injuries.





Painting by Valerie Jeanne Borgal

Waldoboro Old German Church



The Annual Service at the Waldoboro Old German Church was held on Sunday, August 6. The day was sunshine-filled, and the breeze on the top of the cemetery hill made the reception, served by the Waldoboro Woman's Club, a delight. Everyone enjoyed taking photos, renewing old acquaintances, and enjoying the punch and sweets.

The church service was led by Pastor Tom Rawley assisted musically by Leroy Jones, and Bob Butler, who led in the German readings. Prayers were repeated in English and German and the opening hymn was very appropriately "Rock of Ages." The congregation was thrilled to take part in the baptism of Helena Charlotte Rueger, daughter of Jill Smith and Fabian Rueger of upstate New York. Pastor Scott Kavanaugh officiated at the baptism. It had been many years since a baptism had been held in the church, so it was a momentous experience for all involved. Several members of Helena's family were present and made the trip from Germany. Pastor Rawley gave a reflection on German history of the village and of the church itself. His message "Preparation to Meet God" was based on Amos 4:12 and was very well delivered. Several members of the OBBFHA were present, and I'm sure all would agree that the service was excellent! - Jean Lawrence

Watercolor painting (above) "Narrow is the Way."

Artist Valerie Jeanne Borgal lives in Tewksbury, MA and visits Waldoboro to paint in the summer. She wrote this on the back of the work, "The German Protestant Church entranceway with its granite pillars and wrought iron archway invites visitors to the graveyard beyond. I loved the shadows and sunshine – the Shadows of Death and the Sunshine Touching of Glory in 'The Narrow Way'." She gave the painting to the church early this spring and it is displayed in the entranceway to the church. Submitted by Jean Lawrence



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Route 32 Sign Commemorating Early Waldoboro Settlers

Sign: EARLIEST LAND GRANT - The West Bank of the Medomak is associated with the first names of immigrants by Waldoboro History. Humphrey Farrell and Morris Chalmers held titles to grants extending from Farrell's Marsh between Dutch Neck and Mainland to the great falls of the Medomak grants dated 1673.



OBBFHA, as a project this year, we replaced the sign on Route 32 South in Waldoboro which marked the earliest grants that were given in the area. The sign overlooks the view down the Medomak River with Dutch Neck on the right and Friendship Road on the left. We are grateful to Mrs. John Andrews for gaining permission from the landowners for the erection of the sign and for setting up the site for its erection with Adrian from Maine Printing Rte. 90, Warren. This is yet another visual showing the interest and support of our association for the history of Waldoboro and its earliest settlers. As I was taking this photo, a car stopped and folks got out to read the sign. I cheered! Thanks so much for showing that ancestry means a great deal to those of us in the organization! -Jean, your trustee in Waldoboro

Deborah and James Fellowes Visit Waldoboro

Many of us have known the joy of finding information on our ancestors. On September 24, I had the pleasure of taking James Fellowes and his wife Deborah of Wheaton, Illinois to the Goshen Road Cemetery where I was able to show him the stone for his ancestor John Vogler. Tears filled all our eyes as this man was able to see the site of his ancestor's farm, the Sidensparker Pond, and surrounding landscape. Before we got to the site, I took them to Settlers Cove and the Moravian sign on Friendship Road. His ancestor gave the land for the Moravian Mission that preceded the move of a number of Waldoboro's original immigrants and their family members to North Carolina. All of his family left Waldoboro, but John, the eldest son, returned to live out his life and raise a family here. When James and Deborah met me at the museum, I was able to put pieces of the Vogler family dishes in their hands. Needless to say they were thrilled to think that they held the same pieces of china that his ancestors had used. We had a grand morning together. How I love being - "Your trustee in Waldoboro." Jean Lawrence



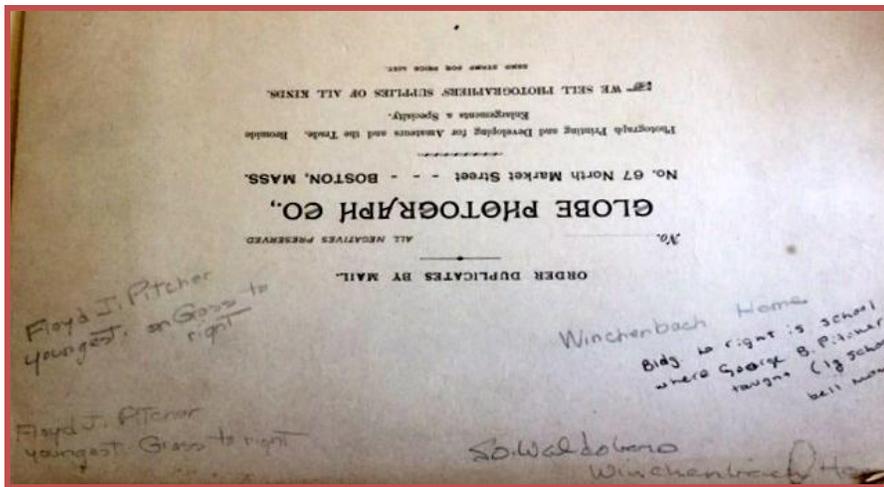
The Winchenbach Home



The Winchenbach home was a place where families gathered and visited from afar. Some of the family gathered for this picture while visiting their parents and grandparents in Waldoboro from Somerville, MA in about 1894.

Floyd Jacob Pitcher, our grandfather, at about age 6, is the child sitting on the right. We believe that the adults in the photo are Floyd's parents, George B. Pitcher born in Waldoboro in 1854-1939 and Flora J. Winchenbach 1858-1932. They were married in 1880 in Waldoboro, but moved to Somerville, MA. before 1900. The children are probably cousins. Floyd Jacob Pitcher born 1888-1961 in Somerville, MA, was an only child.

It is interesting to note that the school house next door was "run" by George B. Pitcher. We are fortunate to be in possession of the bell.



Based on Floyd's age, the Winchenbach home probably belonged to Flora's parents, Jacob G. Winchenbach 1812-1886 and Julia Ann Achorn 1830-1900 located on the Friendship Road in South Waldoboro.

Floyd married Mary Helena Osgood 1893-1986 in 1913, they had three children. Their son, our father is Donald Torrey Pitcher 1916-2006.

Submitted by Sue Haines and Steve Pitcher

Floyd Jacob Pitcher 1888-1961



South Waldoboro 1859 Map

This is a map from Donald Pitcher's moderate collection of the Waldoboro area. He was a professional cartographer most of his professional life, thus his interest in collecting and making maps. He was a free lancer, working for various companies, mostly in New York and Boston.

Donald Torrey Pitcher 1916-2006

Son of Floyd J. Pitcher 1888-1961 and Mary Helena Osgood 1893-1986

Son of George B. Pitcher 1854-1939 and Flora J. Winchenbach 1858-1932

Son of Herman F. Pitcher 1822-1879 and Lucinda Winchenbach 1830-1886



List of Names on South Waldoboro Map

Top:

(K) John Sharman Lot
 (L) Henry Vogh
 (M) Matthias Colby
 (N) Ludwig Castner

Top center:

John Weaver
 G. Light and Peter Light
 Jacob Ludwig
 Frederick Hahn
 John Hahn

Right side:

Heirs of Gen. Jackson
 J. Demuth
 Matthias Siden.....
 Fish
 C. Shanaman
 Levi Russell
 Abel Cole
 Fogler
 A. Fitzgerald
 W. Thomas
 John Labe
 Joshua Howard
 Malachi Ewell
 Robert Farnsworth
 Isa Howard
 Widow Haupt
 Isa Howard
 Wade
 John Haupt
 Henry Burkett
 John Burkett
 Thomas Pitcher (B)
 John Vannah (A)
 Charles Kaler*
 Henry Wallace
 Martin Benner
 Philip Mink
 Christian Hoffses*
 J. Winchenpaw*

Left Side:

Barnabas Sharman
 John Sheppard
 Thomas Willet
 George Kuhn
 John Kinsel
 John Paine
 George Demuth
 Paul Lash
 Widow Chapman
 Howard Matthews
 I. Cole
 Samuel Nash
 -- Andrews
 -- Sides
 Henry Knox
 Jacob –
 John Taylor
 -- Simmons
 Matthias & George Storer*
 Jacob Wade
 Jacob Winchenbach*
 Widow J. Winchenbach*
 Joseph Ludwig
 Nathaniel Pitcher*
 -- Achorn*
 -- Burns
 -- Burns
 John Wallace
 John Wallace, Jr.

Center Inside of Map:

(K) John Sharman Lot
 (L) Henry Vogh
 Bernard and Sproul
 Chas. Rasor
 (M) Matthias Colby
 (N) Ludwig Castner
 Chas. Ewell, John Burkett
 Paul Mink
 E. Manning
 Heirs of Chas. Sampson
 Widow Simmons
 (I) Henry Ewell
 (H) Henry Burkett
 (G) Heirs of Isaac Farnsworth
 (F) William and Robert Farnsworth
 (E) Waterman and Howard
 (D) John Haupt
 (C) Samuel
 Asa Hunt
 (B) Thomas Pitcher*
 (A) John Vannah



*Asterisks indicate possible family members
 Submitted by Sue Haines and Steve Pitcher

Correcting the Sidelinger-Eichorn Error

No Evidence that Martin's Wife was an Eichorn

At the time of Martin Sidelinger's death, his wife was named Mary, as shown in Lincoln County probate records. There is no evidence that Martin Sidelinger's wife was an Eichorn. This error about the maiden name of the wife of Martin Sidelinger has been spread widely and continues to be copied and propagated. I have been asked on many occasions by long-time Sidelinger researchers whether I had seen any evidence of Mary Sidelinger's maiden name. Currently, we do not know her maiden name, where she was from, where they were married, or even if she was the mother of all the Sidelinger children.

The error starts with an article in the March-April 1992 issue of Bund und Blatt, Volume 1, Number 3. In the article Langensteinbach by Gary Horlacher, on page 5 he states,

"The Eichhorn family was believed to have been from this town also, as Martin Seitlinger's wife was an Eichhorn; however, the Eichhorn family was living in a nearby town and not in Langensteinbach (we have that family very well documented)."

A correction to this error is published in the next issue of Bund und Blatt, Volume 1, Number 4, May 1992, but seems to be largely overlooked. On page 7 Wilford W Whitaker wrote the following corrections to the previous issue.

"Corrections"

In issue 3 (Mar-Apr), on the third page, 1st column, 5th line from the bottom, "reformation" should read "Reformation". On the 5th page, as part of Gary's article, "... as Martin Seitlinger's wife was an Eichorn ..." should read "... as Hans Georg Ried's wife was an Eichorn ..." Thanks to David Grindell for calling these to our attention, who said "I didn't know Seitlinger's wife was an Eichorn." I said I didn't know that either, but further checking shows that Gary meant Hans Georg Ried's wife. Thank you all out there for taking an interest in this project!"

Mary Magdalena Eichorn (daughter of Mattheuß & Elizabeth (Fell) Eichorn) married Hans Georg Ried about 1730 in Germany. Hans and Mary came to Broad Bay in 1752 with 4 children on the St Andrew, the same ship as Martin Sidelinger with his wife and 4 children.

The Bund und Blatt was a newsletter produced by Wilford W Whitaker & Gary T Horlacher during their research on the book, Broad Bay Pioneers. It was the precursor to the current day Old Broad Bay Family History Association Newsletter. With the recent upgrade of the OBBFHA website, these legacy newsletters have been placed online and are now accessible via the Internet. Kudos to Fred Snell and OBBFHA for constructing this long overdue website upgrade. There are many nuggets of useful information contained in these documents and such treasures are not present on Facebook. You just need to go digging!

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Submitted by Russell Gillis



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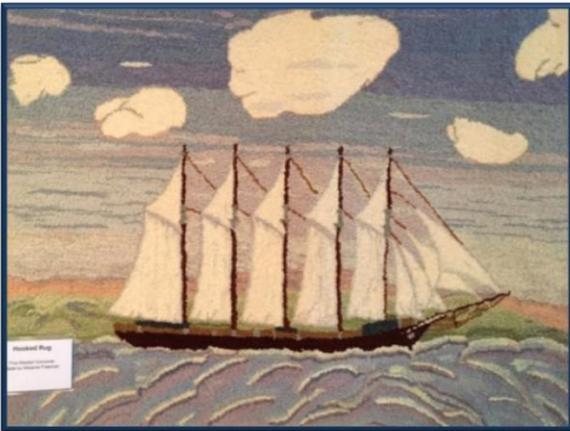
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Marjorie E. Freeman 1920-2017



The five masted schooner rug that is pictured in this newsletter was created by Marjorie Freeman. She was a founder of the Waldoborough Historical Society and made the rug in the 1970's to be raffled off to raise money for the fledgling organization. The gentleman who won the rug did not live in Waldoboro and gave the rug back to the Society for its rug collection. Marjorie passed away this spring at age 96. An avid and talented rug hooker, her work and her knowledge of the process of rug hooking was well known in the area. Her family donated one of her Waldoboro design rugs for the Society's collection.

For years, Marjorie was active in OBBFHA. She organized many of the early meetings that were held in the Old German Church when the book Broad Bay Pioneers was being compiled by Whittaker and Horlacher. She was very knowledgeable about Waldoboro history and was a great help to those seeking material on their ancestors. She was active in creating the Bicentennial History book in 1973 and was right up to the last year of her life interested in helping anyone who wanted to support either of the two organizations that she loved and had worked so diligently to support over the years. It goes without saying, that those of us who knew Marjorie loved her, and we miss her presence among us.

Dollena C. Prescott 1932-2017

Another charter member of the Old Broad Bay Family History Association and the Waldoborough Historical Society, Dollena Prescott passed away on August 13, in Arizona where she lived for health reasons since 2003. A direct descendant of Conrad Heyer, Dollena was very proud of her heritage. She is survived by her husband Edwin and her son Douglas. Dollena served in many positions in the town: secretary to the town manager, tax collector, bookkeeper, deputy treasurer and registrar of voters. She served on the Board of Selectmen for six years. She was also a charter member of the Orff's Corner Community Church where her memorial service was held on August 26, 2017. Known for her organizational skills and knowledge of Waldoboro, Dollena was one of Waldoboro's most gifted citizens, and she never stopped giving of her talents as long as she was able to tolerate the winter weather in her beloved state.





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