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Happy New Year Friends! I hope you all are safe and well. Even in the depths of winter here in Massachusetts, Maine is on my mind. The loons have returned to Plum Island Sound from their summer nesting grounds on northern lakes. The low angle of the winter sun makes Mt. Agamenticus and the Isle of Shoals quite visible on the northern horizon. As I look out over the sea, I feel a rush of anticipation for summertime in Maine. The Board of Directors is already planning for our annual meeting. We are in the process of deciding on a speaker and venue. The meeting will be held on Saturday, August 6, 2022. The meeting will commence at 9:00 AM and speaker will begin at 10:00 AM. The speaker and venue will be announced in the Spring edition of the newsletter.

In the Fall edition of the newsletter, I announced that a new book of historical fiction set in Broad Bay/Waldoboro was to be published in November. I have read the book and here is my review. **The New Land: The Overstreet Saga, by David O. Stewart:** As a life-long reader of history, phrases like “Based on a True Story” and “Historical Fiction” cause me a lot of anxiety. Well written historical fiction can entertain and enlighten the reader if the author is careful not to take too much license with the words, thoughts and deeds of historical figures. Often, writers of this genre project their own thoughts and beliefs onto historical figures without any evidence to support their assumptions. The results can be a factually incorrect, sentimental mishmash that bears little or no relation to the actual persons and events portrayed. So, I experienced some trepidation, along with some pride, when I received an announcement from David O. Stewart, an author of historical fiction and a

descendant of the **Overlock** family of Waldoboro, that his soon to be released work is set in 18th century Broad Bay and Waldoboro. **The New Land: The Overstreet Saga**, is the first book in a trilogy telling the story of the fictional Overstreet family of Germany and Maine. I have long thought that there is a great story to be written about the lives and struggles of our Waldoboro ancestors, and Mr. Stewart’s new book makes a fine start. The only caveat I will offer is that this book is a work of fiction and should be read as such.

This first book tells the story of the first two generations of the Overstreet family in Broad Bay, later Waldoboro. Johann Oberstrasse (later Americanized to Overstreet), an immigrant and former soldier from Hesse,

is journeying to new world with his young family. Their sea passage is grueling and traumatic, and their landing in Broad Bay finds them cast into a dangerous wilderness with only the most rudimentary shelter and provisions. Regardless, the prospect of owning land and starting a new life beyond the grasp of petty German princes, fills them with hope and courage as they struggle to survive and prosper. Johann's military training and no-nonsense bearing quickly establishes him as one of the leaders of the nascent settlement. Readers knowledgeable about the history of Broad Bay/Waldoboro will notice the plot loosely follows actual events in the first decades of Waldoboro history. Johann is called upon to serve as a militiaman with the British forces during the 1758 siege of the French Fortress of Louisbourg in Nova Scotia. While Johann and others are away fighting, all of the families of Broad Bay are living in garrison barracks within stockades, due to the depredations of Native American tribes from Northern Maine in service to the French. They must endeavor to farm and fish while under the watchful eye of armed guards and lurking Native Americans. After the fall of Louisbourg and the defeat of the French and their Native American allies at Quebec, Johann returns and resumes building his American story. The final chapters of the book involve Johann's son Franklin and his participation in the early battles of the American Revolution.

This book is a fine read and I recommend it to all lovers of Maine history. The author stays true to the broad outline of Waldoboro history. His characters and descriptions vividly bring those often-desperate days to life. As with all historical fiction, the reader must remember that even the best researched fiction is still fiction. Mr. Stewart has done a fine job of bringing that era to life, and he has been careful not to model his main characters too closely to any actual persons; the result is an entertaining story about the courage and perseverance of our remarkable ancestors. Mr. Stewart's book is available through Amazon and your local bookstore.

Query: Ms. Linda Bolen contacted me with a request for help in finding information and records for the following individuals. Linda can be contacted via email at lckuber@comcast.net.

- 1 Birth record for Mary Levensaler, b. on or abt. 15 July 1796, possibly daughter of John Jacob and Hannah Levensaler.
- 2 Marriage of John Levenseller to Catharina Achorn on 8 Jan 1799. Birth of Mary Leonora Levensaler, 8 Mar 1809, possibly daughter of John Levensaler and Catharina Achorn.
- 3 Births of daughters of Godfrey Levensaler and Christina Schnaudeal: Elizabeth b. 1796, Margaret b. 5 Apr 1798, a third name unknown daughter b. between 1790-1800.
- 4 Birth of Hezekiah Levensaler, possible son of John Jacob Levensaler and Hannah Jane Maropat Barter, b. 5 January 1801, possibly in Lincolnville, Maine
- 5 Birth of Anna Levensailor, possible daughter of Stephen Levensailor and Jemima Young, possible b. 24 December 1800.

New/Former Member: I would like to welcome back Isabelle Hallam, a descendant of the Overlock family, to our group after a brief hiatus. Welcome back Isabelle! If Mr. Stewart has his way, the Overlocks are about to become famous far beyond Maine.

Deirdre Joins a Special Club! If you are acquainted with my wife Deirdre then you know she has some branches of her maternal line that reached into Maine, but not Waldoboro. Recently, I was assisting Linda Bolen with a query about some descendants of the Levenseller/Levensailor family of Broad Bay/Waldoboro. Much to my surprise I learned that Anna Levensailor b. abt 1800 in Camden later married a Jacob K. Jenks. The Jenks name caught my eye because Deirdre is a direct descendant of the Jenks/Jencks family of New England. A brief check of Jacobs Jenks' background revealed, that like Deirdre, he was a direct descendant of Joseph Jencks Sr. b.1599 in England, d. 1679 in Lynn MA. I agree that Deirdre's connection may seem a bit attenuated, but it is genuine and well documented. Congratulations Deirdre!

In closing, I would like to thank Walt and Martha Ulmer for the very generous donation, and of course, all the people who make this newsletter possible. **Keep on Searching and Sharing!**



Meyer Family Snippets

By Marjorie (Meyer) Snell



In the Fall 2021 newsletter, I was delighted to learn about Lucille Walker's family line and see photographs of large Benner reunions and other occasions that took place in Waldoboro. She has inspired me to write a few details about my Meyer family because I may never get around to writing a longer version!

Addie Benner m. Albion Achorn and had two daughters:

Lilla Achorn m. Cecil Ludwig and had one daughter: Grethel

Nellie Achorn m. Henry Meyer and had four children:

Vernon (my father, buried in North Beverly Cemetery, Beverly, Massachusetts)

Mildred

Leonard (buried in Orffs Corner Cemetery, Waldoboro, Maine)

Floyd

Leonard Meyer had sleeping sickness/encephalitis at age 12 with effects that lingered until his death at age 42.

The Nellie and Henry Meyer family lived in Dorchester, Massachusetts, and summered at Nellie's childhood home on Route 32 (off Route 1), Waldoboro. This house now has a street address of 2388 Winslows Mills Road. The property at this address abuts Orffs Corner Cemetery.

Doris Meyer (my mother) is in the last two group photos of Lucille's article; I would date them as taken in 1935 or later.

- In *The Girls and Vernon*, Mildred Meyer (Vernon's sister) is on the left. Vernon Meyer is behind Nellie Maude Benner, Doris Meyer (Vernon's wife) is behind Gertie Smith and next to Nellie Meyer (Vernon's mother and my grandmother).
- In *The Myer/Smith Family*, Meyer is the name to research and identify my family line.

From what I remember hearing about early Meyer family gatherings at the Route 32 house, two large white canvas tents for sleeping were set up between two rows of apple trees, people played croquet and archery, carried countless pails of water from the well to the house, and ate!

Please note: The Membership year started on July 1, 2021, and ends on June 30, 2022



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MASTHEAD: Photo and note sent to us from Ken Gross, Assistant Director of the Walsh History Center, Camden Public Library, Camden, ME.: I was given this photo of the four-masted schooner Hattie B. Simpson, built in Waldoboro. I have always wondered how such enormous ships were built in such a small harbor – and here is a photo! The photo is from the estate of Roderick Hook, photo archivist, who passed away two years ago. Thanks to Ken's note, I found the painting of the Hattie P. Simpson. The schooner, a 1,265-ton vessel, built in Waldoboro, Maine in 1891, and owned by A.R. Reed, of Boston, which was its home port. In 1914, she was lost at sea with Captain Strong and five other members of the crew.

Direct Ancestral Line from our Original German Settlers

Welt Family ancestors of David Putnam

The 18th century years of the first generation of the Welt Family in Broad Bay/Waldoboro Maine are hard to accurately define in a strict genealogical manner. There are few vital records to show any of the births, marriages, deaths, and immigration dates. Much of what is known of the first generation was compiled by Wilford Whitaker and Gary Horlacher during the Old Broad Bay Family History Projects. They used oral family histories, family bibles and records, land transactions and some speculation to make up for the lack of vital records. Their findings are presented in their oft maligned book **Broad Bay Pioneers**.¹ I will submit my theory on the first generation of my family based on what I have found in **Broad Bay Pioneers**, as well as other sources. Please be advised that this is only a guess based on circumstantial evidence and inference. The subsequent generations are based on primary source documents, and I believe they are all accurate.

Johann and Blasius Welt: According to Jasper Stahl,² Welt Family oral tradition said that they were brothers who arrived in Broad Bay in 1748. The first mention of John (Johann) Welt (b. abt 1731, d. abt 1779) is found on the 1760 list of Broad Bay residents compiled by Samuel Miller in his book *The History of Waldoboro*, published in 1910.³ A John Welt is also listed on a 1760 passenger list of immigrants to New England.⁴ John doesn't appear on any other record until he appears on a 1779 list of militia men in Ulmer's Company of McCobb's Regiment⁵ of the Continental Army. John fought with the regiment during the Penobscot Campaign, but at some point, during the campaign deserted with another soldier. They later returned to their regiment and John died while being flogged for his desertion.⁶ There is no record of John marrying, however, in **Broad Bay Pioneers** a Sedona Benner (b. abt 1756 in Broad Bay, d. 6 Aug 1841 in Waldoboro, d/o Jost Henrich Benner and Margareta Keyser) is listed as marrying a John Welt abt 1780.⁷ Where this information came from is unknown and I can only assume the authors heard it as part of Welt or Benner family oral tradition, or family bible notations. There were no other John Welts listed in Waldoboro at this time, so if the information is correct, it is relevant to the first generation of the Welt Family.

First Generation: Blasius Welt (b. abt 1755 in Germany, d. abt 1793 in Waldoboro) arrived in Castine ME in the fall of 1782⁸ as a replacement Jaeger for the Ansbach Beyruth Regiment stationed at Fort George in Castine. He was listed as absent from the regiment in the summer of 1783 when they departed for Germany.⁹ In **Broad Bay Pioneers** Blasius is listed as having married Sedona Benner (d/o Jost Henrich Benner and Margareta Keyser),¹⁰ apparently the same woman that was married to John Welt. Once again, there is no record of this marriage, just the unattributed notation by the authors. Where did this information come from? Again, it must have come from the oral tradition or family bible notations of the Welt or Benner families.

Sedona Benner Welt gave birth to a daughter, **Susanna Catherine** (b.1780 d.1852). Prior to her marriage to Phillip Newbert, Susanna was never listed with any surname other than Welt and was born prior to Blasius' arrival in Maine (1782). It is my belief, based only on inference and the unattributed information in the books by Stahl, and Whitaker and Horlacher, that Susanna Catherine's father was John Welt. After the marriage of her widowed mother to Blasius Welt, she was raised in their household as their oldest child. Blasius and Sedona had four more children:

John William Welt b.1783, d. 5 July 1871.

Charles b. 19 Nov 1786, d. 28 Nov 1860.

Elizabeth b. abt 1789, d. 10 Jan 1869. Elizabeth married a Jonas Cushman.

Mathias b. abt 1793, d. Apr 1880.

A final word on Blasius Welt. His name first appears in Lincoln County land transactions records in 1786, when he purchases a parcel of land that his descendants would occupy for over 150 years. In various land transactions his name was spelled as Blasius, Pleosus, and Passa. In the 1790 census he appears living in Waldoboro. There are five persons listed within the age brackets on the census, and these ages correspond with the ages of Blasius, Sedona and their four oldest children. Their youngest son Mathias had not been born yet. There were no other Welts listed as living in Waldoboro at that time. Blasius disappears from the records after 1790. His last son is born in 1793, and a 1793 legal document lists Sedona as the "widow Welt." I surmise that Blasius died sometime late in 1782, or 1783. Sedona Welt never remarried.



The house and barn are located on the land originally purchased by Blasius and Sedona (Benner) Welt in 1786. The barn was built in circa 1900.

I am descended through the line of Blasius' and Sedona's oldest son **John William Welt** and his first wife, **Catherine (Dolheim) Talhiem** b. 1784, d.1825. I am descended through their seventh child, a son named Allen.

Allen Welt b. 1824, d. 1895 was married to **Eliza Ann Benner** b.1829, d.1882. I am descended through their last son, Herman Herbert Welt.

Herman Herbert Welt b. 1873, d. 1927 was married to **Anna Louisa Waitte** b. 1876, d. 1958. I am descended through their oldest daughter, Gladys Porter Welt.

Gladys Porter Welt b. 1897, d. 1975, was married to **Earl Joseph Putnam Sr.** b. 1894, d. 1950. I am descended through their third child, a son named Earl Joseph Putnam Jr.

Earl Joseph Putnam Jr. b. 1921, d. 1987, was married to **Mary Ruth Ryan** b.1923, d. 2010. I am their third son.

Great grandfather Herman Herbert Welt and his wife (my Nana!) Anna Louisa (Waitte) Welt. The date of the picture is unknown.



¹ Broad Bay Pioneers, Whitaker and Horlacher.

² History of Old Broad Bay and Waldoboro, volume 1, Stahl, Jasper, pg. 297

³ The History of Waldoboro, Samuel Miller, pg. 52

⁴ Immigrants to New England, 1700-1775, compiled by Bolton, Ethel Stanwood; The Essex Institute Historical Collections, vols 63-67.

⁵ Broad Bay Pioneers, Whitaker and Horlacher, pg. 134

⁶ *ibid.* pg. 128

⁷ *ibid.* pg. 355

⁸ The Ansbach Beyruth Army in America, exulanten.com, also AMREV-HESSIAN, by Jochen Seidel, freepages.rootsweb.com

⁹ *ibid.*

¹⁰ Broad Bay Pioneers, Whitaker and Horlacher, pg. 607.

Kohler, Sukeforth, Werner, Keen, Eichorn, Feiler, Genthner, Mank/Mink, Hoffses, Benner, Newbert ancestors of Joan P. Holbrook Baillie

Johannes Kohler (Kaler) m Anna Eva Schwartz

Son: Charles Ludwig Kaler 1758-1841 m. Mary Genthner 1761-1847

Daughter: Elizabeth Kaler 1798-1850 m. George Overlock 1789-1888

Daughter: Mary Jane Overlock 1814-1897 m. Miles Sukeforth 1816-1901

Daughter: Mary Elizabeth Sukeforth 1836-1920 m. James Y. Keene 1839-1915

Daughter: Myrtle Mae Keene 1873-1843 m. Herbert Orff 1872-1952

Daughter: Beatrice P. Orff 1912-1999 m. Robert James McNeilly 1901-1962

Daughter: Joan Elizabeth McNeilly 1938 m. Clifton R. Holbrook.

Daughter: Joan P. Holbrook Baillie

Andreas (Suchfort) Sukeforth abt 1755- ? m. Catherine (Neubert) Newbert 1764-1852

Son: Robert Sukeforth 1780-1850 m. Mary "Polly" Miller 1775-1850

Son: Miles Sukeforth 1816-1901 m. Mary Jane Overlock 1814-1897

Same as above

Johannes Heinrich Werner (Vannah) 1728-1789 m. Anna E. Möhlin 1733-1790

Daughter: Mary Vannah 1759-1834 m. Charles Feyler 1759-1841

Daughter: Margaret Feyler 1803-1869 m. Charles Keen Jr 1810-?

Son: James Y. Keene 1839-1915 m. Mary Elizabeth Sukeforth

Same as above

Charles Keen Sr. 1782-1860 m. Mary Kaler 1784-1859

Son: Charles Keen Jr. 1810 m. Margaret Feyler 1803-1869

Son: James Y. Keene 1839-1915 m. Mary Elizabeth Sukeforth 1836-1920

Same as above

Mathias Eichorn (Achorn) m. Anna Maria Dorsch

Son: John Bernard Achorn m. Mary Elizabeth Wagner

Daughter: Mary Ann Achorn 1794-1873 m. John Mink 1788

Daughter: Rachael Matilda Mink 1833-1919 m Elisha H. Orff

Son: Herbert E. Orff 1872-1952 m. Myrtle Mae Keene 1873-1943

Same as above

Gottfried Feiler (Feyler) 1721-1784 m Maria Regia Fahs

Son: Charles Feyler 1759-1841 m. Mary Vannah

Daughter: Margaret Feyler 1803-1869 m. Charles Keen

Same as above

John Andrew Genthner 1759 m. Catherine Miller

Daughter: Mary Genthner 1761-1847 m. Charles Ludwig Kaler 1758-1842

Same as above

Johann George Mank/Mink 1713-1748 m. Gertraud Ziegler 1730-1807
 Son: Johann Philip Mink 1749 m. Anna Marie Susanna Hoffses 1795-1820
 Son: John Mink 1788 m. Mary Ann Achorn 1794-1873
 Daughter: Rachael Matilda Mink 1833-1919 m. Elisha H. Orff 1833-1878
 Same as above

Mathias Hoffses 1724-1811 m. Margaretha Wustin 1727-1805
 Daughter: Anna Marie Susanna Hoffses 1795-1820 m. Johann Phillip Mink 1749
 Same as above

Jost Henrich Benner m. Maria Margretha Hermanni
 Daughter: Maria Elizabeth Benner 1744-? m. John (Neubert) Newbert
 Daughter: Catherine Neubert 1764-1852 m. Andreas Sukeforth 1750-1830
 Same as above

John (Neubert) Newbert 1740-1836 m. Maria Elizabeth Benner 1744-?
 Daughter: Catherine Neubert 1764-1852 m. Andreas Sukeforth 1750-1830
 Same as above

Sukeforth, Newbert, Benner, Muller ancestors of Kathleen Kirk McCracken

Andreas (Andrew) Suchfort abt 1755-bet 1840, 1850 m. Catherine Newbert abt 1761-bet 1840, 1850
 Son: Robert Suckforth 1785-bet 1860, 1870 m. Polly Miller 1775-bet 1850, 1860
 Son: Simon Sukeforth 1813-1874 m. Jane Miller 1810-1879
 Daughter: Sarah C. Sukeforth 1838-1905 m. Silas Kirk
 Son: Chester F. Kirk 1857-1939 m. Mary Milliken Hodsdon 1882-1965
 Son: Roger M. Kirk Sr. 1919-1979 m. Kathleen M. Murphy 1921-1993
 Daughter: Kathleen E. Kirk McCracken

Johannes (John) Neubert 1740-1836 m. Maria Elisabetha Benner 1744-?
 Daughter: Catherine Newbert abt 1761-bet 1840, 1850 m. Andreas (Andrew) Suchfort abt 1755-bet 1840, 1850
 Same as above

Jost Henrich (John Henry) Benner 1715-1783 m. Maria Margaretha Herman ?-1753
 Daughter: Maria Elisabetha Benner 1744-? m. Johannes (John) Neubert 1740-1836
 Same as above

Johannes Wilhelm (William) Müller 1752-1817 m. Eve ____ aft 1802
 Daughter: Polly Miller 1775-bet 1850, 1860 m. Robert Suckforth 1785-bet 1860, 1870
 Same as above

Johannes Wilhelm (William) Müller 1752-1817 m. Eve ____ aft 1802
 Son: William Miller Jr. est 1794-aft 1837 m. Unknown
 Daughter: Jane Miller 1810-1879 m. Simon Sukeforth 1813-1874
 Same as above

Johann Gottfriedt Oberlach ancestor of Isabelle Louise Overlock Hallam

Johann Gottfriedt Oberlach 1717-1778 m. Maria Susanna Benner 1720-1765
 Son: John Joseph (Johan Jost) Oberlach 1748-1830 m. unknown
 Son: Godfrey Oberlach Jr. 1778-1876 m. 1815 Lydia Clark 1791-1868
 Son: Henry 1833- 1908 m. Josephine Staples 1837-1915
 Son: Hartley Gilmore 1860-1921 m. Sarah Louisa Reynolds 1872-1915
 Son: Clarence Edward 1905-1985 m. Evelyn Florence Peters 1909-1969
 Daughter: Isabelle Louise Overlock Hallam

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Johannes Philipp Kinzel ancestor of Jeff Kinsell & Sey Kinsell

Johannes Sebastian Kinzel 1672-1749 m. Anna Catherina Bopp 1680-1730

Johannes Philipp Kinzel 1709-1748 m. Maria Elisabetha Barbara Jung 1714-1784

Son: Johanne Bernhardt Kinzel 1741-1827 m. Susannah Eugley 1741-1827

Son: John Kinsell 1774-1844 m. Catherine Hilt 1781-1867

Son: Benjamin Kinsell 1800-1883 m. Catherine Alyea 1805-1876

Son: George Benjamin Kinsell 1830-1901 m. Mary Ann Searing 1843-1920

Son: Henry Searing Kinsell 1866-1905 m. Elizabeth J Smyth 1868-1952

Son: Henry Smyth Kinsell 1895-1977 m. Grace Seybert Clift 1898-1958

Son: Clift Seybert Kinsell 1923 m. Shirlee Grace Burwash 1923-1978

Son: Jeffrey Clift Kinsell 1951 m. Sherry Ann Majerus 1948

Son: Seybert Kirk Kinsell 1955 m. Caryl "Carrie" Elizabeth Cannis 1956

Gottlieb Freiderich Jung 1673 m. Anna Barbara (unknown) 1678

Daughter: Maria Elisabetha Barbara Jung 1714-1784 m. Johannes Philipp Kinzel 1709-1748

Same as above

Bernhardt Uckele 1708-1772 m. Regina (unknown) 1705

Daughter: Susannah Eugley 1741-1827 m. Johanne Bernhardt Kinzel 1741-1827

Same as above

Captain John Peter Hilt 1748-1786 m. Polly Maria Albertina Clause/Klaus 1745-1800

Daughter: Catherine Hilt 1781-1867 m. John Kinsell 1774-1844

Same as above

Four Generations of the Kinzel / Kinsell Family

Clift Seybert Kinsell 1923

Jeffrey Clift Kinsell 1951 & Seybert Kirk Kinsell 1955

Kyle Jeffrey Kinsell 1985 (m. Jaclyn Rae Hirneise 1987)

Theodore Jeffrey Kinsell 2016 and Calvin Clift Kinsell 2019



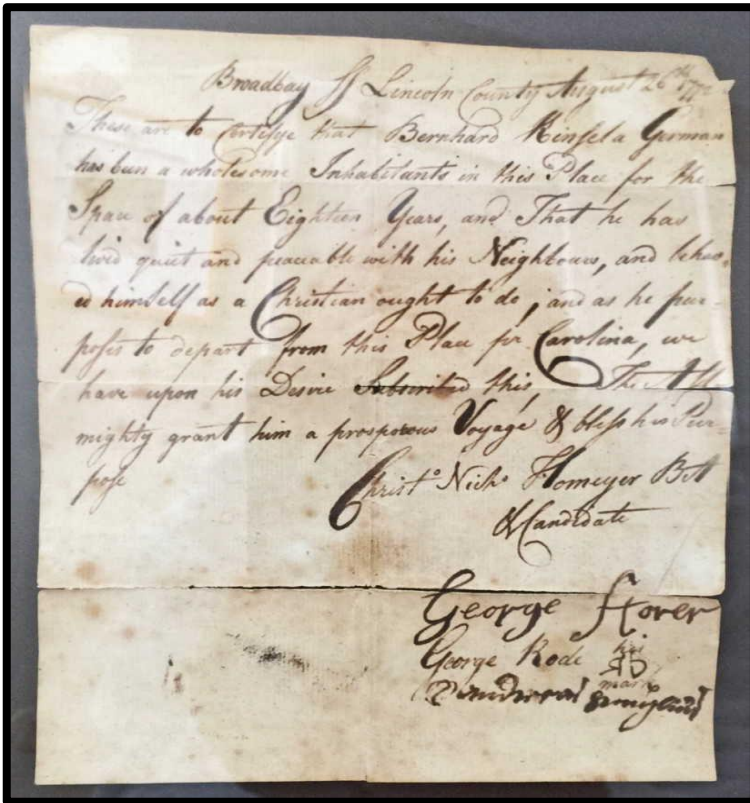
Gravestone of John Kinsell and Catherine Hilt

It is interesting in its placement and size relative to the rest of Old German Cemetery. This marker of John Kinsell and Catherine Hilt is I believe the tallest (stands nearly 7 ft) in the cemetery, separated and marked off prominently in placement close to the church.



Bernard Kinsel Travel Passports

The following passports issued to Bernhard Kinsel in 1772 and 1773 are presently in the possession of descendant Jeff Kinsell. An earlier transcription of the passports was published in the 1910 History of Waldoboro (pp. 67-70) by A. R. Reed who owned them at that time. Jeff Kinsell has done his own transcriptions offered below, which reflect some changes in spelling from the earlier version. The transcriptions maintain the original line format.



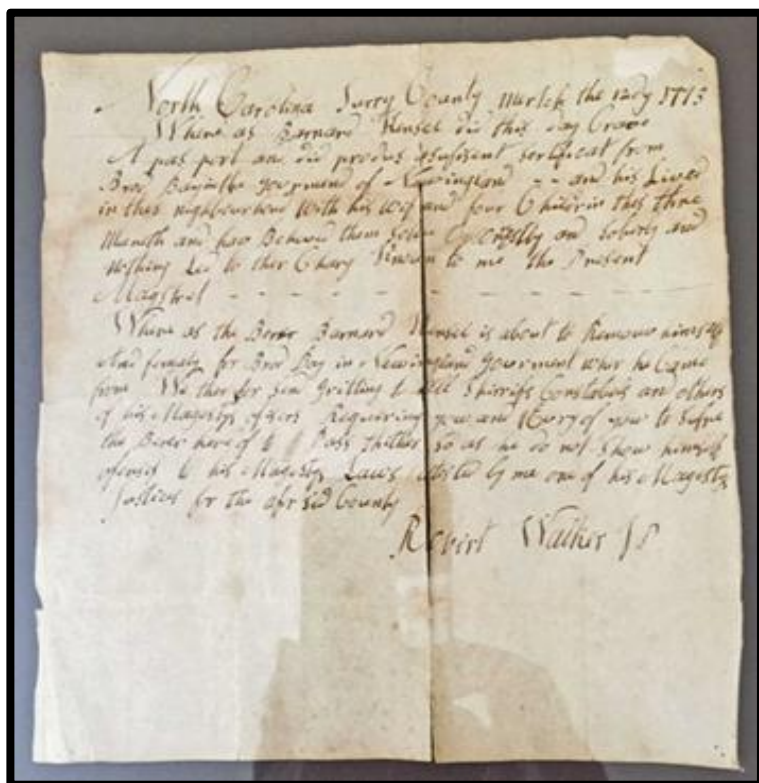
For travel from Broadbay to North Carolina:

Broadbay ss Lincoln County August 26th 1772
These are to certifye that Bernhard Kinsel a German has been a wholesome Inhabitant in this Place for the Space of about Eighteen Years, and That he has lived quiet and peaceable with his Neighbours, and behaved himself as a Christian ought to do, and as he pur poses to depart from this Place for Carolina, we have upon his Desire Subscribed this, The All mighty grant him a prosperous Voyage & bless his Pur pose

Christo Nicho. Homeyer B A
& Candidate

George Storer his George Rode X mark
[Another name not legible]





The return from North Carolina to Broad Bay:

North Carolina Surry County Mertch the 12th 1773
Where as Barnard Kinsel did this day Crave A pas
port and did produs a sufisent sertificat from Brod
Bay in the Govrment of New ingland - - and his
Lived in thes nighbourhood With his Wif and four
Childrin in thes thre Moneth and hav Beheved them
selve Onestly and soberly and nothing Led to ther
Charg Known to me the Present Magstret- - - Where
as the Berer Barnard Kinsel is about to Remove
himself And famaly for Brod Bay in New ingland
Govrment wher he Came from We therfor Send
Gritting to All Shirrifs Constabels and others of his
Magestys ofisers Requiring you and Evry of you to
sufre the Berer- here of to Pass thither so as he do
not Show himself ofensef to his Magestys Laws
Atested by me one of his Magistys Justices for the
aforsed County Robert Walker J P

Submitted by Jeff Kinsel Previously printed: OBBFHA Newsletter: NS, Vol. 7, No. 1, Pgs. 1-2 Winter 2010 without photos.

Johann Mertin Grosz ancestor of Tracie Gross Ott

*The history of the area known as the German Empire (1871) is complex and the origin of my GROSZ/S line is unknown so, I will state "Unk" Germany for place of birth. Broad Bay=Waldoborough=Waldoboro in records.

1. **JOHANN MERTIN GROSZ**; B. 1 Feb 1679 Unk Germany – D. 11 Feb 1768 Broad Bay (Below: Photos of inscription & headstone in Old German Church) *Occupation Unk. Spouse Unknown*



2. **JOHANN GEORG "JOHN" GROSS** B. abt. 1706 Unk Germany – D. bef. 26 June 1781 (Probate) Waldoboro; *Blacksmith*
Anna Catharina Unk B. abt. 1707 Unk Germany – D. aft. 1795 (Receipt for legacies) Waldoboro

3. **JOHANN "PETER" GROSS** B. abt. 1745 Unk Germany – D. bef. 7 Jan 1814 (probate) Waldoboro; *Blacksmith*
ANNA MARIA BORNHEIMER, (d/o Joachim Jacob **BORNHEIMER** & Anna Margaretha **LEONHARD**) B. 30 Jan 1743 Sinn – Hessen, Germany – D. aft. 22 May 1817 (Estate distribution) Waldoboro

4. **JOHANNES PETER "JOHN P" GROSS** B. 22 Mar 1781 Waldoboro – D. 18 Nov 1869 Waldoboro; *Farmer*
1st wf MARY WALCH (d/o Jost Henrich **WALCH** & Margaretha **Unk**) B. 13 Feb 1778 Waldoboro – D. abt. 1829 (-Tracie's line-) Waldoboro
[2^d wf Mary WALTHER/WALTER, of Waldoboro]



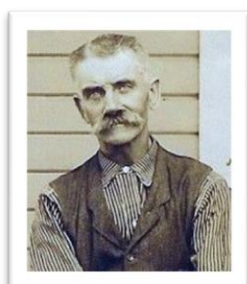
Headstone inside Old German Church

5. **CHRISTIAN B. "C.B." GROSS** B. abt. 14 Jan 1812 Waldoboro – D. 26 Oct 1887 **Geneva, Van Buren Co., Michigan** (*Death record "Goss" & State of MI will not correct it!*); *First generation to leave Waldoboro (bet. 1842 – 1844) becoming a Pioneer in the part of South Haven later to become Bangor, Michigan and C.B. very likely helped name the town -- common lore 'it was someone from Maine'. One of 16 to participate in the "Historic Grand Celebration at South Haven" on the shores of Lake Michigan, July 4th, 1849 (www.familysearch.org FHL film # 0927696); Farmer*

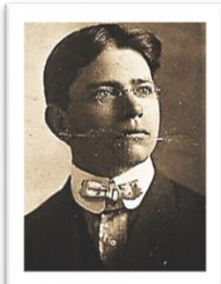
[1st wf **Sophia MINK**, of Waldoboro who m. 2^d William Wilson]

2^d wf **Elizabeth Helen Wilson** married 1845 Arlington, MI; B. bet. 1826-1827 Unk England – D. 2 Mar 1899 Michigan (-Tracie's line--)

6. **SPENCER BRYANT GROSS** B. 22 Apr 1850 **Bangor** (Est. Apr 1853) **Van Buren, Michigan** – D. 27 Aug 1932 Michigan; *My Gross family photos begin with Spencer. I'd love to see more images of any early Old Broad Bay descendants. The English too; Farmer*
Sarah Jane Gregory B. 6 Nov 1856 New York – D. 12 May 1928 MI



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7.



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10.



8. Louis "Edwin" Gross, 1926 Bangor MI

7. **GALE GARFIELD "GG" GROSS** B. 18 Jun 1881 Michigan – D. 21 Mar 1958 **Seattle, King, Washington**
Salesman

Hazel Bessie Smiley B. 11 May 1885 Michigan – D. 1 Nov 1959 Washington

8. **LOUIS "EDWIN" GROSS** B. 19 Dec 1904 Michigan – D. 15 Apr 1969 Washington; *Nash Ambassador Dealer in Kirkland, WA; Chrysler New Car Sales, Seattle.*

Myrtle Marie "Cleo" LuC Williams B. 7 Oct 1905 Michigan – D. 28 Oct 1994 Washington

9. **RICHARD LOUIS GROSS** B. 19 Aug 1932 Michigan – D. 20 May 2015 North Dakota; *U.S. Navy, 1951-1955. Todd Shipyards Pacific Division, Program Manager*
Beatrice Ann Sommerfeld=Summerfield

10. **TRACIE E. GROSS & Doug Ott**

Benner and Watts ancestors of Lucille Walker

John Henry Benner m. Maria Margaretha (died on shipboard in 1753)

John Henry Benner m. Margaret Smouse

Son: Jacob Benner 1757 m. Annie Mary Schuman 1757

Son: Charles Benner II m. Mary Jane Achorn 1793

Son: Warren Benner 1819-1879 m. Nancy Watts 1816-1879 (Photo Below)

(In 1879 they each caught pneumonia and died within days of each other. There was a double funeral, and both are buried in Blake Cemetery in Warren, Maine)

Son: Charles Henry Benner 1857-1921 m. Nellie Maude Benner 1871-1964

Daughter: Nancy Jewel Benner 1891-1955 m. Alfred Bruce Higgs 1887-1956

Daughter: Lucille Higgs 1921 m. Paul Thibault 1920-1999

Their children: Philip Thibault and Pauline Thibault Ecklund

Philip Thibault m. Pat Inman

Sons: Paul Nelson Thibault

and Kevin Thibault

Daughter: Aimee Thibault

Son: Max Payer

Max Payer's 4th Great Grandmother

Pauline Thibault m. Roger Dumont

Pauline Thibault Dumont m. Dan Ecklund

Daughter: Lena Dumont m. Garrett Mercer



Nancy Watts 1816-1879

The lace collar is Waldoboro lace, notable because of the raised knotted pattern which identifies it as such.

William Watts, Born near Casco, Scotland, about 1700 and married Margaret McLellan there. They came to Massachusetts about 1719. Their children were John 1742-1774, Samuel d, 1772, and Elizabeth.

Son: John Watts 1742-1774 m. Elizabeth McNeil

Son: Samuel Watts m. Nancy Jones

Daughter: Nancy S. Watts 1816-1879 m. Warren Benner 1819-1879

Same as above

Beautiful Benner Crane Heirlooms

Submitted by Philip Thibault



This bureau, made by James P. Crane, husband of Emily Benner Crane who was Charles Benner's sister.

Emily N. Benner Crane 1843-1920 m. James P. Crane 1839-1909

Emily's parents are Nancy S. Watts and Warren Benner. Emily was a schoolteacher at age 17. Married in 1860 to James P. Crane. Emily lived in Waldoboro and James lived in Warren. James' parents are David Crane born 1797 and Jane W. Watts Crane born 1805.

In 1863, James is on a Civil War Draft Registration, listed as a Joiner by profession. Later listed as a farmer in Lake, California in 1900. Their nephew William H. Crane was living with them. Emily and James were married for 49 years when he died in San Mateo, California in 1909.

Ada E. Benner Blankets



Ada's mother was expecting a child out of wedlock and sent to California to secretly have Ada. Lucille says, "After a certain period of time they came back to Waldoboro." The story was that Ada was "the adopted daughter" and those words are inscribed on the tombstone in Blake Cemetery in Warren.

Blankets spun and woven by Ada E. Benner



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