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Hello Again Dear Friends, Happy Autumn to all of you! Fall is once again upon us here in New England. Autumn is the only season that rivals Summer for beauty in New England. The Fall weather arrived early around the middle of August this year, and it has been sunny but unseasonably cool since then.

We held our annual meeting on August 2nd, and it went off without a hitch. The weather was lovely, and there was good attendance. Our speaker, **Kelly Page**, a curator at the Maine Maritime Museum, gave a fine presentation on Researching our Seafaring Ancestors and their Vessels. After her presentation, Kelly stayed and chatted with our members until the end of the meeting.



Kelly Page

During the business portion of the meeting, we heard a financial report from **Deirdre**, as well as a report from **Fred Snell** on the number of visitations to our website, and our activity on social media. I asked the membership for suggestions for projects that our group can get involved in. The membership recommended that we explore a restoration project for various cemeteries around Waldoboro. Regarding that project, sometime this month I will be meeting with **Bill Maxwell** from the Waldoboro

Historical Society, **Michael Amico** from the Open House of History, as well as other interested individuals to see if we can come up with a plan.

We were thrilled to have some new members in attendance at the annual meeting: **Alice Cooney Frelinghuysen** of New York, and **Irene Hawes** of Union, ME. We have four new members: **Robert Merrill** of Iowa, **Maria and David Farragher** of Massachusetts, and the aforementioned **Irene Hawes** and **Alice Cooney Frelinghuysen**.

I would like to extend a special thanks to **Bill Maxwell** and **Daniel Vannah** for broadcasting our meeting on the OBBFHA Facebook page, as well as the Facebook page for the Waldoboro Historical Society. Thanks for joining the OBBFHA and sharing your genealogical journey with us! Many thanks to Randy Welfare and to Tracie and Doug Ott for their donations!

Caught having a good time ~



Irene Hawkes



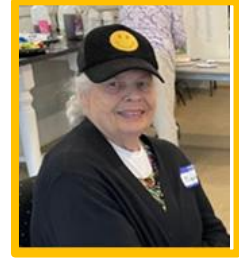
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Leslie Gatcombe-Hynes



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Final Thought: If you don't know your history, then you don't know anything. You are a leaf that doesn't know it is part of a tree. Michael Crichton

Remember to Keep on Searching and Sharing

Direct Ancestral Lines from our Original German Settlers

Reverend Johann Jacob Winchenbach ancestor of
Maria Elena Winchenbach Farragher

Reverend Johann Jacob Winchenbach 1658-1737 m. Johanna Margretha Elisabetha Herminghausen

Son: Johan Freiderich Philip Winchenbach 1712-1790 m. Maria Catharina Kohler 1720-1772

Son: John Winchenbach 1754-1847 m. Elizabeth Elvira Walch 1757-1858

Son: Captain James Winchenbach Sr. 1803-1883 m. Sarah "Sally" Ludwig 1804-1873

Son: William Jordan Winchenbach 1839-1919 m. Clara Jane Benner 1841-1919

Son: James Alton Winchenbach Sr. 1874-1939 m. Mary Etta Murphy 1873-1956

Son: Walter Benner Winchenbach Sr. 1908-1978 m. Mary Elizabeth Sinclair 1908-2003

Son: Walter B. Winchenbach 1937-2022 m. Ann Elizabeth Barrett 1937

Daughter: Maria Elena (Winchenbach) Farragher 1968 m. David John Farragher 1968

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Son: Cullen Durkin Farragher 1997

Son: Kaelan Barrett Farragher 1999

Daughter: Kerri Christopher Farragher 2001

November 11th



Memoriam of Lowell Burns age 94 Predeceased by his wife Louise of 73 years

Lowell Burns retired from the US Air Force where he served as a flight engineer. Afterwards he attended Midlands Technical college and received degrees in Mechanical, Electrical and HVAC. Lowell went on to work in the Charleston Naval Shipyard in the Calibration Shop. Lowell was born in Jefferson, Maine, he and his wife Louise made South Carolina their home.

Time for Coffee and Cake

Submitted by Anette Ruppel Rodrigues

At the bake sales at our university the Käsesahnetorten are always a hit. Since members of our OBBFHA are of German descent I assume they still deep down feel a need for afternoon cake. In Germany, dessert after a meal is usually pudding or fruit, and then around 3:00pm there is a need for coffee and cake.

When you go to a restaurant in Germany for lunch or supper, and you look at the menu (Speisekarte) don't expect to find fancy cakes (Torten) to eat for dessert. For that purpose, you go to a Café in the afternoon. They specialize in all kinds of calorie-laden cream cakes. Most likely, you will find a form of Käse-Sahne-Torte in almost every Café.

Remember - not every place that serves food serves all foods. In Germany you eat your hearty meals in restaurants, in the afternoon you go to a Café for cakes, and if you want a delicious ice cream concoction you go to an Eisdiele or Eiscafé. "

Käse-Sahne-Torte = German Cheesecake

Recipe modified by **Anette Ruppel Rodrigues**

The ingredients make two cakes. After you bake the cake, cool and slice horizontally into two cakes. Place these cakes - cut side up - on two plates and place a spring form ring or a ring of aluminum foil around each cake to contain the "cheese" mixture, which you pour on those cakes.

Cake

4 eggs, separated
4 Tablespoons cold water
3/4 - 1 cup sugar
1/2 cup + 1 tablespoon flour *(you can substitute gluten free flour)
1/2 cup + 1 tablespoon cornstarch
1 level teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon vanilla

Grease only bottom of 10" springform pan.

Sift flour, cornstarch and baking powder and put aside.

Beat egg whites and water until stiff. Beat in sugar. At slow speed add egg yolks and vanilla. Gently fold sifted flour mix and into egg mixture. Pour batter into springform and bake for 30 - 40 minutes at 325 - 350°F. Cool cake. Cake can be baked a day ahead.

Cheesecake topping

1 Whipping Crème (16 oz)
1 Sour crème (16 oz)
1 Crème cheese (8 oz) room temperature
Juice of 1 or 2 Lemons
1/2 to 3/4 cup Sugar
1 teaspoon Vanilla
2 envelopes Gelatin

1 small can Mandarins or other canned fruit like pineapple

Whip the whipping crème and refrigerate. Drain liquid from mandarins or pineapple into a small bowl, sprinkle gelatin over liquid and let stand for a few minutes. Mix crème cheese until soft, add sour crème, sugar, lemon juice and vanilla and mix well.

Microwave gelatin until dissolved, c. 30 or more seconds. Add a little of the crème mixture to the dissolved gelatin and mix. Add this mixture to the crème mixture while mixing. Place in refrigerator until slightly thickened. (c.10 minutes or more). Add whipped crème to cheese mixture and mix well. Pour half of this mixture on each of the cake

layers which are surrounded by the springform rim, or a rim made of aluminum foil. Decorate with mandarin slices or pieces of pineapple. Refrigerate, if possible, overnight.

Direct Ancestral Line from our Original German Settlers

Jacob Charles Umberhend/Umberhind ancestor of Rebecca Lindell Waters

Jacob Charles Umberhend/Umberhind 1720-1785 m. Margaret Elisabeth Prock 1745-1777

(They immigrated from Germany to Maine approximately 1755)

Son: Charles Umberhind 1767-1855 m. **Catherine Werner/Vannah** 1769-1835

Son: John B. Umberhind 1796-1869 m. Mary Randall 1804-1879

Son: John W. Umberhind/Umberhine 1841-1903 m. Mary Howard Beebe 1844-1917

Daughter: Fanny Adeline Umberhine 1869-1948 m. Julius Matthew Hell 1865-1956

Daughter: Mary Clementine Hell/Hill 1901-1965 m. John J Lindell Sr. 1897-1980

Son: John Joseph Lindell Jr. 1924-1988 m. Joy Carol St John 1936-2021

Daughter: Rebecca Lindell Waters

Johannes Heinrich Werner 1728-1789 m. Anna Elizabetha Mellen 1733-?

Daughter: Catherine Werner/Vannah 1769-1835 m. Charles Umberhind 1767-1855

Direct Ancestral Lines from our Original German Settlers

Andrew Schenck ancestor of Alice Cooney Frelinghuysen

Andrew Schenck 1726-1799 m. Sarah (maiden name, birth, death unknown)

Daughter: Jane Schenck 1780-1873 m. Daniel Sampson 1782-1868

Daughter: James A. Sampson 1818-1903 m. Caroline Trowbridge 1828-1908

Daughter: Laura Sampson 1852-1934 m. John Joseph Cooney 1852-1924

Son: Russell Schenck Cooney 1891-1945 m. Mae Evelyn Bossert 1889-1974

Son: Daniel Russell Cooney 1924-2017 m. Alice Clara Knotts 1923-2016

Daughter: Alice Cooney Frelinghuysen

Nathan Soule and Sarah Southward ancestors of Alice Cooney Frelinghuysen

Nathan Soule 1726-1782 m. **Sarah Southworth** 1729-1796

Daughter: Sarah Soule 1765-1847 m. John Trowbridge 1762-1828

Son: John Trowbridge 1788-1863 m. Lucretia Goodwin Davis 1800-1851

Daughter: Caroline Trowbridge 1828-1908 m. James A. Sampson 1818-1903

Daughter: Laura Sampson 1852-1934 m. John Joseph Cooney 1852-1924

Son: Russell Schenck Cooney 1891-1945 m. Mae Evelyn Bossert 1889-1974

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Daughter: Alice Cooney Frelinghuysen

Charles Sampson ancestor of Alice Cooney Frelinghuysen

Charles Sampson 1744-1804 m. Elizabeth Sprague 1752-1833

Son: Daniel Sampson 1783-1868 m. Jane Schenck 1760-1847

Son: James A. Sampson 1818-1903 m. Caroline Trowbridge 1828-1908

Daughter: Laura Sampson 1852-1934 m. John Joseph Cooney 1852-1924

Son: Russell Schenck Cooney 1891-1945 m. Mae Evelyn Bossert 1889-1974

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November 27th



December 21st

Membership Dues are always due on July 1st

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Correction: Direct Line of Cynthia Kaler. Changed birth/death dates – Barbara Elizabeth Schwartz Genthner d. 1836, Charles F. Genthner b. 1855, Eugene Lewis Genthner b. 1875, and Nancy Willey b. 1960.

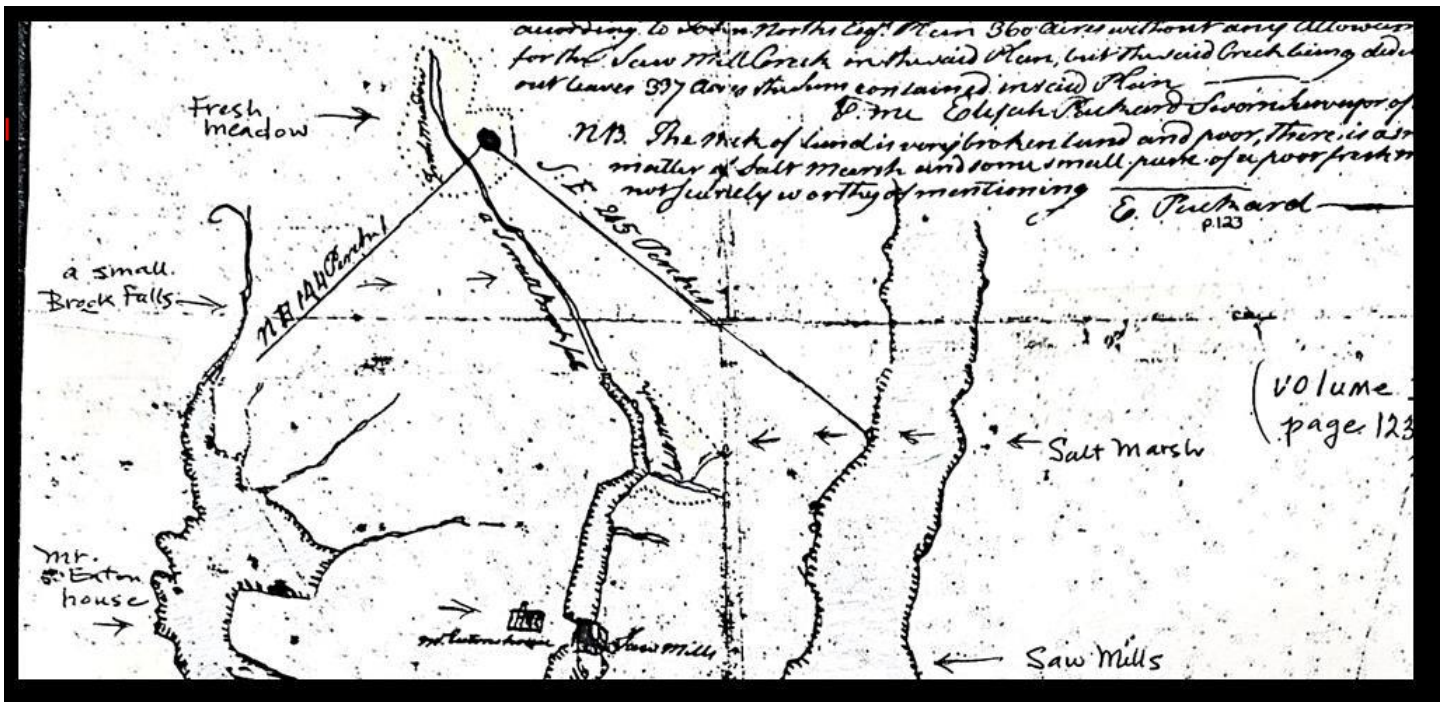
Masthead: Annual OBBFHA August Meeting – Front Row: Sandra Andrews (red blouse), Leslie Gatcombe-Hynes, Anette Ruppel Rodrigues, Kelly Page (Speaker) Marsha Carlson, Don Carlson.

Back Row: Dierdre Putnam, Eva Homes, Daniel Vannah, Steve Beverage, Joanne Richards, Marilyn Burrill, Peter Achorn, Renee Seiders, Ruth Riopell, David Putnam, June Hussiere. Attended but not

FREDERICK HAHN AND THE GEELE FARM PRESERVE BY TRACIE GROSS OTT, OCT. 2025 TRACOTT@COMCAST.NET

The July 2025 edition of the OBBFHA newsletter included an article by me about Jacob Eaton's land. As of 2006 & 2011, part of his land was formerly owned by Frederick Hahn now the Geele Farm Preserve, a nature reserve at 828 Gross Neck Road, protected by the 2019 merger of Medomak Valley-Midcoast Conservancy. During Waldoboro Days in June, my son Maxwell and I parked along the road and entered the Preserve and soon began quickly walking the interior part of the "Saltmarsh Woods Loop" to the "Marsh Spur" all while avoiding the mud, warding off mosquitos, and hoping for no tick stowaways. Given these obstacles, our brisk walk proved rewarding. Its natural beauty displayed an array of twisted old ground roots, ferns, tiny yellow flowers, soft light green moss, boulders, tall beech, red oak [looks to me], and fir, and ending at a tranquil flowing stream scattered with rocks of all sizes bordered by wispy marsh grass. I felt gratified in living for a brief time on Jacob Eaton's land. Unfortunately, we did not possess the time to explore more. We give thanks to the Geele family for granting and gifting this piece of Bremen-Waldoboro history for perpetual preservation, for the good of nature, its creatures, and public enjoyment.

Historically, a county road traversed the northern end of the trail system, and part of the trail follows this old road. The stone remains of an old bridge can still be seen at the head of the marsh. Please respect private property, and carry out what you carry in. For more information, please visit (<https://www.midcoastconservancy.org/preserves-directory/geele-farm-preserve>).



3: 123] Elijah Packards 1763 survey of Jacob Eaton's 336A parcel and its respective northern section of land helps to visualize the **Geele Farm Preserve trail**. At the large dot point ^ in Eaton's survey a fresh [water] meadow [area with tiny dots] flows down from the north thus forming a small brook falls, a salt marsh, and the mill cove, dividing the land mass.

[Bk 278: Page 497] Hudson SIDES to Charles A. GEELE \$1000 ~100A Aug 26. 1886

Know All Men By These Presents That I Hudson Sides of Waldoboro in the County of Lincoln and State of Maine in consideration of the sum on \$1000 paid by Charles A. Geele of Waldoboro in the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said Charles A. Geele his heirs and assigns forever a certain lot or parcel of Real Estate situate in said **Waldoboro** containing about 100A and bounded and described as follows – viz –

Northerly by land of **Jos. Creamer 3d**: Easterly by the Medomak River; Southerly by land of Jno. Gross and **Wesley Simmons** and Westerly by land of **Augustus Heyer**.

Said land is situate on both sides of Gross Road, so-called, **and is Known as the Frederick Hahn farm**; being the same prevides described in deed of said Fredk Hahn to my father the late **John Sides** dated September 14th A.D. 1865 and recorded in the Lincoln County – of Deeds Book 236 Page 34 to which said deed and the record thereof reference is hereby made for a more perfect description of the premises hereby conveyed. ...

In Witness Whereof I the said Hudson Sides and **Susan F. Sides** wife of said Hudson in testament of her relinquishment in her right to dower in the above described premises, have hereunto set our hands and seals this 23rd day of August 1886. In presence of **Ozro D. Castner, Henry B. Howard**.

Ozro D. Castner Justice of the Peace. Received Oct 27. 1886, at 10 o'clock 15 M A.M., and recorded from the original. Attest: **James H. Varney**, Register.

[236: 34] Frederick HAHN to John SIDES \$1900 100A+/- Sept 14. 1865

Land description identical as written in Bk 188: Page 49, with exception listing of previous owners / grantors.

... In Witness Whereof, I the said Frederick Hahn and **Mary A. [Greene] Hahn**, wife of said Frederick in token of her relinquishment of all right of dower in said premises, have hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of September 1865. Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of **S.W. Jackson** and **Mary E. Overlock**.

S.W. Jackson Justice of the Peace. Received September 15. 1865 at 10 o'clock 20 M A. M. and recorded from the original. Attest: **C. R. Haraden**.

[188: 49] Mary HAHN to Frederick HAHN [NO LONGER JR.] \$1500 100A+/- Dec 21. 1847

Know All Men By These Presents that I Mary Hahn of Waldoboro in Lincoln County, Widow in consideration of the sum of \$1500 paid by Frederick Hahn of Waldoboro (the receipt where of I do hereby acknowledge) do hereby give, grant, sell & convey unto the said Frederick Hahn his heirs & assigns forever, a certain lot of land situated in the towns of **Bremen & Waldoboro** & described as follows, to wit, beginning on the North west corner of the lot, where a beach tree formerly stood, at the shore on the **Eastern branch** of broad Cove, thence, Westwardly by land of **Jacob F. Gross** & land of **Geo Hyer** to **Eatons Falls**” so called, thence Southerly by the **Marsh brook** to land in possession of **Andrew Gross**, thence Easterly by said Andrew Gross land at land formerly owned by **Cornelius Gross** to the road, thence Northerly by the road & Easterly & Northerly by land of **John Gross** to the **Eastern branch** first mentioned, thence Northerly by the Eastern branch aforesaid to the boundary began at containing 100A +/- being the homestead farm & the same which was deeded to my late husband Fred Hahn [who died 1844] by

[79: 61] John Miller [66A & 33 sq rods],

[37: 200] Robert Turner [101: 148], Samuel Cunningham [31A & 61 rods], John Gross [prior to 1844], Reserving from the above described premises, one undivided half part of the same & one half of the buildings thereon during my life time, & after my decease, it is to revert to said Fred Hahn, To Have & To Hold the aforegranted & bargained premises, with all the privileges & appurtenances there of to the said Fred Hahn his heirs & assigns to his use & benefit forever. And I do covenant with the

[←F Hahn (note the Road)] said Fred Hahn, his heirs & assigns, that I am lawfully seized in fee of the premises that they are free of all incumbrances that I have good right to sell & convey the same to ... In Witness whereof, I the said Mary Hahn, have hereunto set my hand & seal this 21st of December 1847 Mary x her mark Hahn Signed sealed& delivered in presence of **John H. Kennedy** ...

[←1857 Map (<https://obbfha.org/maps.html>)]

Recd March 27, 1848. 7 Oclock AM & entered & examined by **Asa F Hall** Regr

I realize deed transfers can be confusing; some deeds were never recorded, recorded as much as 40 years later, land was temporarily claimed to repay deed, and/or borrow against your own land. At this point, I have not found the deed transfer **John Gross to Frederick Hahn**. Unless same as **[86: 51]** Robert Turner to John Gross 15A on June 16th, 1806, and never recorded. [?]. More research and analysis needed.

Deed Chronology of the 31A & 61 rods

[37: 200A] Robert TURNER to John SHEPPARD

31A & 61 rods

May 25. 1795

SAME AS BELOW ↓

Signed Sealed & Delivered in the presence of **Peter Groos**. **John Groos** his X mark

[45: 93] Samuel KINACOM to John SHEPARD

\$315 31A & 61 rods

June 12. 1800

SAMUEL KINACOM OF BRISTOL – 1790 CENSUS THERE’S A DANIEL & EDWARD KINNICUM

Samuel Kinacom of Bristol paid to me by John Sheppard of Waldoborough

SAME AS BELOW ↓

the full & just sum of \$285 on or before June 12. 1802 with lawfull interest for the same untill paid

Is this instrument like a bond? Like Samuel Kinacom owns the land but doesn’t.... John Sheppard is borrowing \$ against his own land and if it’s **not** repaid, then Kinacom owns the land.

Is that why I can’t find Kinacom buying it from someone else before John Sheppard? Now look--... on the same day John Shepard sells the land to James Cunningham. **John found someone to pay Kinacom back?**

[46: 157] John SHEPARD to Samuel CUNINGHAM \$315 31A & 61 rods June 12. 1800

I John Shepard of Waldoborough [listed in the 1800 census of Bristol name next to John Gross] paid to me by James Cuningham of Bristol ...

a tract of Land lying in Bristol aforesaid, bounded as follows. to wit. Beginning at the **Eastern bank of Broad Cove** so called in the said Town of **Bristol** at a stake & stones,
 thence running west northwest 118 rods to the **Saw Mill Creek** to a **spruce tree** marked on four sides,
 thence Southerly by said **Creek** 55 rods to a **spruce tree** marked on four sides,
 thence East southeast to a **spruce Stake** marked on four sides then running north northeast John Groos his corner 14 rods, thence running East southeast 53 rods to said **Gross his line** to the **Eastern branch** aforesaid, thence running northly by said **branch** to the bound first mentioned, containing 31A & 61 rods. ...
Barbary my wife in token or her relinquishment of her right of Dower have hereunto set our hands & seals
 June 12. 1800 Recd January 14, 1800 & entered & examined by **Tho Rice Regr**

[101: 148A] Samuel CUNNINGHAM to Frederick HAHN \$340 31A 61 rods Nov 13. 1816

I Samuel Cunningham of Bristol ... land in **Bristol** [Same description as the 1800 deed]

Deed Chronology of the 66A & 33 sq rods

[37: 188] John MILLER to Robert TURNER £120 66A & 33 sq rods Jan 9. 1793

Lot of land lying & being in said **Bristol** butted & bounded as followeth viz. beginning at a small beach tree
 SAME PROPERTY AS BELOW ↓ SO DID TURNER NOT FULLY PAY MILLER [?]

[79: 61] John MILLER to Frederick HON Jr. \$1200 66A+33sq rods Feb 16. 1803

Frederick Hon [Hahn] **Jr** of Waldoborough Yeoman...

Lot or piece & parcel of land situate & lying in **Bristol** aforesaid, and butted & bounded in Manner following viz. beginning at a **small beech tree** standing on the *Western side* of the **Eastern branch** of Broad Cove so called in Bristol aforesaid said tree is marked on four sides,
 from thence running North 62° West 90 poles to a stake,
 thence West 40 poles to a **spruce tree** marked on four sided at the **meadow falls** so called,
 thence Southerly by said **falls brook** till it comes to the **Marsh fence**
 thence Southerly by the **Marsh fence** until it becometh 112 rods in width at a stake; thence South 71° East 94 poles to a **birch tree** standing on the bank of the **Eastern branch** of Broad Cove aforesaid, & from thence Northerly by the **bank of said Cove** to the bounds first above mentioned, 66A 33 sq rods ~~~ To have and to hold the same to him the said Frederick Hon Jur his heirs & assigns to his & their only use & behoof forever; And I the said John Miller for myself my heirs, executors & administrators do covenant with the said Frederick Hon Jur his heirs & assigns that I am lawfully seized in fee of the premises; that they are free of all incumbrances; that I have good right to sell & convey the same to the said Frederick Hon Jur as aforesaid; & that I my heirs, executors & administrators will warrant & defend the same to the said Frederick Hon Jur his heirs & assigns forever against the lawful claims & demands of all persons whatever. ~~~ And Hannah the wife of the said John Miller hereby also relinquishes & forever quit claims all her right of dower in the premises. ~~~~~ In witness whereof we the said **John Miller & Hannah Miller** his Wife have hereunto set our hands & seals at Bristol aforesaid the sixteenth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & three. [16 Feb 1803] ~~~ John his X mark Miller & a seal. Hanna Miller & a seal. ... Received January 7. 1812. & entered & examined Warren Rice Reg.r Recd Jan 7, 1812

BRIEF GENEALOGY

Hahn family is specific to the deed transactions that turned into the Geele Farm Preserve.

According to Stahl, Frederick Hahn descends from immigrant head of family Georg Hahn and his wife Margareth [Betz]. This family arrived in Broad Bay 1753.

Deeds refer to grandson of immigrant Georg Hahn: Frederick Hohn [sic Hahn] b. 29 Sept 1776 Waldoborough, d. 31 Oct 1844 m. **Mary Feyler** on Dec. 4, 1804. She was b. 25 Sept 1786, d. 31 Jan 1877

Their son, Frederick Hahn b. 22 Oct 1813 Waldoboro, d. 6 Aug 1883; m. **Mary A. Green** b. Aug 1825, d. 14 Mar 1878, age 90y 4m 6d. All buried in Old German Cemetery, Rt 32, Waldoboro, Maine.

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Old Broad Bay Roots ~ Original Early Settlers

v1#1p8, 1992

These Original Early Settlers names are found on our website. The OBBFHA group and newsletter began in 1992, it was called 'Old Broad Bay Bund und Blatt' A Newsletter about the German Colony established at Broad Bay, Maine 1740-1753. These names have evolved and changed over the years. If you look at later newsletters, you will see a constant addition and or change. Learn more at obbfha.org. Explore/Publications.

Achorn (Eichorn), Air (Lehr), Anton (Antoni), Bauzer, Beckler, Benner, Bornemann, Bornheimer, Brotmann (Broadman), Burkhardt (Burkett), David, Deis, Demuth, Dickendorff, Dochtermann (Tochtermann), Doerfler, Dohlheim (Dolheim), Edel, Eisele (Eisley, Isley), Eugley (Uekler), Feilhauer, Feiltreu (Feilhauer?), Feyler, Genthner, Getsinger, Gross, Hamburg (Haburg), Hahn, Handel, Haupt (Hopp), Haus, Huber (Heavener), Heidenheim, Heiler (Heyler, Hyler), Hein, Heisler, Heyer, Hild (Hilt), Hoch, Hoffses, Holzapfel, Hom, Icholar, Jung, Kubler · (Keebler), Kubler (Kohler, Kaler), Kastner (Castner), Keizer, Kesler, Kuntze, (Kintzel), Klein (Cline), Klaus (Claus), Koehler (Kaler), Kammerer (Comery), Kraus, Kramer (Creamer), Kroehn, Kuhn (Cone), Labe, Lagenauer, Losch (Lash), Lauer (Lawry, Lowry), Lehr (Leaper), Loblin, (Lepley), Leissner, Levensaler, Leicht (Light, Bucd, · Buch, Chab), Lange(Long), Ludwig, Martin, Matchloff, Mellen, Muller (Miller), Mink (Mank, Monck), Neuhaus (Newhouse), Neubert (Newbert), Orph (Orff), Oberlach (Overlock), Procht (Prock), Ramrer, Razor (Reisser), Reid (Ried), Refuse (Rehfuss), Reisaus, Reitter, Remily, Roth (Rode,Rhodes), Rinner, Remily, Rominger, Sargers, Schaffer, Schenck, Schmidt (Smith), Schneider (Snyder, Snider), Schonemann, Schumacher, Schurz, Schwartz (Black), Schweier, Sechrist · (Seichrist), Seiter (Seiders), Schumann (Shuman), Sidelinger, Sidensparker (Seitensberger), Seitz (Sides), Seiler (Siler), Schmaus (Smouse), Schaudal (Snow deal), Soelle (Cilley}, Stahl (Stall, Stole, Steel), Steit'i, Stilke, Storer (Stoerer, Stoehrer), Steuley (Studley), Suchfort (Sukeforth), Toziner, Treupel, Ulmer, Unbehend(Umberhine), Verner (Warner, Vannah), Vogler (Fogler), Wagner, Walch (Walck), Wallis, Wallizer (Wallis, Wallace), Walter, Waltz(Woltz), Weber (Weaver), Weller, Welt, Weyl, Willard, Winchenbach (Wincapaw, Wink), Wohlfahrt, Wolsgrover, Zuberbuhler.

THE FAITHFUL, THE FORGOTTEN, AND THE FERRY

Submitted by Harbour Mitchell, Archaeologist

Archaeology is a fickle friend. Sometimes you find very little evidence of what you're looking for. And sometimes you find way more than you imagined.

Since I began my archaeological research in Waldoboro, I've been intrigued by its early faith history. From its European beginnings, Broad Bay was a Protestant community, and specifically, Lutheran. Although they differed in many ways, the early 18th c. Germans on the Medomak River, like the early 17th c. Pilgrims who came to New England before them, sought lives free of religious and personal persecution in Europe. And in spite of enormous challenges, individuals, like John Ulmer, grew and sustained Broad Bay's Christian identity through preaching and teaching the Christian Gospels in homes along the river.

The first church in Broad Bay, was a simple, probably log structure built at the head of Dutch Neck. Its location is marked today by a small sign indicating where it once stood, and a small cemetery where the brothers and sisters were laid to rest in those early days. At the same time, a second, historically earlier Christian identity, emerged in Broad Bay, the Moravians. Broad Bay's Moravian Christians built their church on the opposite shore, farther upstream. Today, a sign along Rt. 220 identifies the lot on which their church sat.

The first church in Broad Bay, was a simple, probably log structure built at the head of Dutch Neck. Its location is marked today by a small sign indicating where it once stood, and a small cemetery where the brothers and sisters were laid to rest in those early days. At the same time, a second, historically earlier Christian identity, emerged in Broad Bay, the Moravians. Broad Bay's Moravian Christians built their church on the opposite shore, farther upstream. Today, a sign along Rt. 220 identifies the lot on which their church sat.

By the 1770's, however, Broad Bay had grown and prospered so much that the old Dutch Neck Lutheran Church no longer met the diverse spiritual, theological, and practical needs of the burgeoning community. In 1769 the Moravians left, en masse, to join the Moravian community in Salem, North Carolina. And the Dutch Neck congregation split along theological lines. In 1772, the Reformed members of the Dutch Neck Church decided to build a church of their own (right). And until 1792, their church stood on the immediate shore of John Newbert's lot, by the main road leading to the east ferry landing.



But Broad Bay was still growing, and as the roads became better, and bridges were built across the river, ferries became obsolete. The Reformed church no longer stood along the main road east and west, at the strategic location of the ferry landing. Instead, it found itself "marooned" along a lonely stretch of river front with only those people on the east side coming down the long, half mile hillside track to church. So, in 1792, the church was taken apart, moved across the river, and rebuilt at its current location; today, the "Old German Church" on Rt. 32 reminds us of the deep spiritual identity of colonial Broad Bay.



But, for those of you who've followed my efforts over the last few years, you might ask, "What does all of the above have to do with archaeology?" Well, this year, through archaeological probing and testing, the stone footings (foundation), indicating the original location of the 1772 Reformed Church, have been found. And not just that but probing and testing has also identified the possible 1740's house site of Johann Martin Schmidt, as well as the east ferry landing itself. And, as if that wasn't enough, I "rediscovered" the Reformed Church's cemetery, with headstones like Andrew and Elizabeth Storer's six-year-old daughter, who died in 1774 (left). All of that on what was a small part of colonial Lot #10, Broad Bay, Massachusetts. That's a lot to find in one year's work. But since the excavation ended and, quite literally, the dust has settled, I've found one thing more I wanted to share.

As I reflected on all that was revealed from the archaeology of Lot #10, what they ate, what they built, and the bits and pieces of their daily lives, I also found myself with a question, "Why did they come here in the first place?" Like so many immigrants, the Germans came seeking something. Many of us might say they came seeking freedom. But freedom's not a thing, like a nail, or a piece of pottery one finds. Freedom is a context within which a people can choose to live their lives together, either in peace, or in conflict.

The Germans knew what it was like to live in conflict, to be persecuted for their thoughts, their words, and especially, their faith. So yes, they came for freedom. But more precisely, they came for the opportunity it afforded – the opportunity to choose, together, as a community, to walk a different path. And the path they chose was to fight for and sustain that opportunity, not only for themselves, but for all of the generations since. So, thank you, Broad Bay, for all you've left us, not just in the ground, but in our lives, as well.





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