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Maureen Taylor workshop

The Maine Genealogical Society is sponsoring an all-day workshop with Maureen Taylor, the Photo Detective on Saturday, April 21, at the Augusta Civic Center, North Wing (76 Community Drive, Augusta).

There will be four talks: Identifying and Dating Family Photographs; Preserving Family Photographs – 1839 to Present; Hair-steria: Celebrities and Their Historical Look-Alikes; and The Last Muster: Photographs & Stories from the American Revolution.

The cost is \$40 for MGS members and \$50 for non-members; this includes lunch. There is a registration form on the MGS website (www.maineroots.org). If you are not a member of MGS, you can download a membership application from the website and send that (with the dues) in at the same time to get the member discount.

If you do not have internet access, simply send a note that you want to register for the workshop and your check (made out to Maine Genealogical Society) to MGS Workshop Registration, Celeste Hyer, 69 Loop Road, Otisfield, ME 04270-6456.

Ms Taylor will also be offering 15 minute consults (up to 3 photos; cost: \$30) on Friday afternoon from 3:00 to 6:00 and on Saturday immediately before and after the workshop. Friday consults will be at the Comfort Inn just west of the Civic Center. For details and to register for available consult times go to <http://mgsm-auto.eventbrite.com/>.

Executive Board to meet

The officers of the OBBFHA will meet at the Waldoboro Public Library on June 16, Waldoboro Day, at 9:00 a.m. Members may attend, but have no vote. Following the meeting there will be a

table set up at the Waldoboro Historical Society where information about the association will be available.

20th annual meeting and Old German Church service

Don't forget, the annual meeting and reunion of the Old Broad Bay Family History Association will be held on **Saturday, August 4th** in the basement of the University of Maine Cooperative Extension, Knox and Lincoln Counties Office, 377 Manktown Road, Waldoboro. Doors will open at 9:00 a.m. At this time we are also planning on an informal gathering at Moody's Diner for breakfast before heading over to the Extension office; details to come in the Summer newsletter.

The annual service at the Old German Church will take place on Sunday, August 5th at 3:00 p.m.

Civil War medical history – a review

For those of you who have an ancestor or other family member who was wounded and hospitalized in the Civil War, there is a multi-volume set of books that might shed some interesting light on your ancestor.

Medical and Surgical History of the Civil War [formerly titled *The Medical and Surgical History of the War of the Rebellion (1861-1865)*] Wilmington, NC: Broadfoot Publishing Co., 1992, offers a vivid look into war injuries, how they were treated, and what the results were of that treatment. Here in Maine Colby College has the set and you can borrow it through inter-library loan at your local library.

The 1992 re-issued set comes with a three volume index which you should request first. The first volume of the index is for names (which are also part of the entire index which comes in volumes 2 and 3). If all you are looking for is the name of family members, this is the only index volume you need. If you are interested in hospitals, specific types of injuries, et cetera, you will need volumes 2 and 3. Volume 1 of the index also explains how the indexing was done, abbreviations used, and provides a cross-reference between the original set and the 1992 set. [Note: the original set is not indexed.]

If you are lucky, your family member will have a brief summary of his injury, any surgery done, and the result of the treatment. If you are very lucky, your family member will be one of the selected patients used as an example of a particular injury or surgery with an extensive discussion of his injury, treatment, recovery, problems, and end result.

Maude Clark (Mayo) Gay

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Since 1987, the month of March has been designated by Congress as National Women's History Month. This year's theme honors and celebrates women's historic achievements in the areas of Women's Education and Empowerment. The State of Maine has a history of many women who

have taken the lead in the establishment of charitable, philanthropic and cultural programs and institutions. Many Maine women struggled in the abolitionist, emancipation and civil rights movements and worked for suffrage and equal opportunities for women. A local woman who made her mark in the annals of Maine history is Maude Clark (Mayo) Gay (1876-1952).

A Waldoboro daughter, Maude Gay was from her youth a model of the many positive roles that women could assume. The great granddaughter of Joseph Clark (1799-1875), famed shipbuilder of Waldoboro known for his “miracle shipyard” and “can do it attitude,” Maude was born in Waldoboro. The daughter of Webster C. Mayo and Annie Atherton (Clark) Mayo, she was educated in local schools and Lincoln Academy in Newcastle.

At age eighteen, Gay joined the Waldoboro Woman’s Club and served as one of its early presidents. She found within the organization ways to serve her community and state. She went on to serve as President of the Lincoln County Union of Women’s Clubs. In the Maine Federation of Women’s Clubs, she served as President (1937-39), Chair of Endowment Funds, District Director, Recording Secretary, and Vice President. She wrote many news articles to help educate her club members on bills pending in state and national legislative bodies. One article published on page 5 in the May 1938 issue of *Maine Federation News*, warned of the hold that “Marihuana, the deadly drug that has gained such a foothold in these United States,” was exerting on the youth of the nation. Gay traveled extensively throughout the country promoting the ideals of her organization when she served as a representative to and Director of the General Federation. In 1940, at the celebration of the Golden Jubilee of the Federation of Women’s Clubs, Gay was honored by being selected as The Pioneer Club Woman by the Ninth District of Maine. Her pewter pin is engraved with her name and these words: “Honoring the Past for the Future’s Enlightenment, Golden Jubilee 1840-1940.”

Mrs. Gay’s WWI service to Waldoboro and her nation began in 1917 when Dr. G.H. Coombs, President of the local Red Cross chapter, was appointed the field marshal for the town, and she was elected to serve as his secretary. The heroic support of Waldoboro’s citizens during this time period is recorded by Dr. Jasper Stahl in his *History of Old Broad Bay and Waldoboro*. Mrs. Gay worked closely with Dr. Coombs to encourage fellow citizens on bond drives, raising liberty gardens, knitting and assembling kits for soldiers and raising funds. \$1500 alone was raised in monetary gifts. Headquarters for the activities was the M.M. Richards Pants Factory on Jefferson Street. Mrs. Gay also served as the county chair of the Woman’s Branch of the National Defense Committee.

Gay was married to John T. Gay for forty-one years when he passed away in 1937. They made their home on Main Street in a house built by Samuel L. Miller. John Gay operated his family’s grocery business, and together they raised their daughter, Ann Garcia (Gay) Bailey.

When the Waldoboro Public Library was being formed in 1919, Gay was appointed to serve on the selections committee. In 1919, when Waldoboro’s polls opened and women were allowed to vote for the first time, history records that Maude Clark Gay was first in line to vote.

As a writer interested in local legends and lore, Gay published two collections of tales set in mid-coast Maine: *Five Women: Little Romances of Early Maine* and *Echoes From Old Doorways: Little Romances of Early Maine*. Additionally, she published two novels: *The Knitting of Souls* and *Paths Crossing* as well as many articles for magazines and newspapers. She was a member of Pen Women, Pemaquid Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of Colonial Wars, and the Maine Writers Research Club.

In 1927, Gay entered politics and was the first woman from Waldoboro elected to serve in both the Maine House of Representatives 1927-30 and in the Senate 1933-34. While serving, she was elected Chair of the Committee on Education, a position whose responsibilities she capably managed. She died in Portland, Maine, in 1952, and was buried in the family yard in Rural Cemetery, North Waldoboro.

A few present day citizens of Waldoboro remember Maude Mayo's charm, energy, fashionable hats, high heels, and accomplishments, but most living in the mid-coast area are not aware of the many contributions that she made to her state and town. Like other local leaders of the past, her name and gifts have become a part of history, only to be resurrected and celebrated on milestone occasions or in local history exhibits. Branch Rickey once said, "It is not the honor that you take with you, but the heritage you leave behind." Maude Clarke Gay, like her ancestors, gave of her talents to her hometown and to her state. She is worthy of remembrance this month when women's contributions to the development of our country are celebrated.

Sources for this article: NWHP.org; *History of Old Broad Bay and Waldoboro Vol. II*, Dr. Jasper Stahl; *Maine Federation News*, ME Federation of Women's Clubs, 1938; artifacts loaned by Richard Wallace; interview with Elizabeth Sproul.

Author: Jean M.B. Lawrence, resident of Waldoboro, Maine; retired educator. List of credits: *Citizens Who Heard the Call to Political Service: Waldoboro, Maine, 1773-2010* (2011); *Richard Remembers Dutch Neck* (2005); *Waldoboro United Methodist Church: 150 Years* (2007); *Ada's House* (2011).

The Broad Bay Moravian mission

by Mark A. Benner

The settlement at Broad Bay, Maine was primarily by immigrants recruited in Germany by Samuel Waldo who promised more than he could deliver in terms of supplies, land, and amenities.

Through the efforts of Hans George Hahn and his wife, George Soelle, a Danish born Moravian missionary from Pennsylvania, was invited to Broad Bay and he arrived in August 1758. George Soelle was ordained to the ministry September 3, 1741 at Rippen, Schleswig, Germany. Upon his arrival at Broad Bay he noted that the settlers were "poor as church mice" and suffered greatly from the cold and inclement winter weather.

In August 1762 George Soelle determined that a meeting house should be erected. Hans Georg Vogler's property, which was granted by the proprietor Samuel Waldo in 1742, was a 100 acre lot bordering the east side of the Medomak River and is shown on the Broad Bay map as lot number 9. In 1762 his son, Philip Vogler deeded a small waterfront section of this property to George Soelle. Members of seven families, along with Rev. John Martin Shaeffer from New York, began the construction of the Moravian log meeting house. (*Note: This location was on the east shore front of the Medomak River. The property is marked by a large Waldoboro Historical Society informational sign on the right side of Route 220 South, just south of the former Sylvania Electric Plant.*)

The Mission house was a small, well built log cabin and was the only mission to be founded by the Moravian Church in northern New England. As Moravian tradition dictated, this was also where the pastor lived. The first service in the mission was held December 12, 1762. George Soelle was pastor of the Moravian mission at Broad Bay from the time of his arrival until the time he and the last of his followers left for North Carolina in 1770.

George Soelle, while educating the new members in the Moravian ways, encouraged each of them to move to North Carolina. A few families had left for North Carolina starting in early 1769. By December of 1770 the final group of Moravian families left Broad Bay and traveled by ship to Wilmington, NC, then overland to the Wachovia, NC area, forming a new community at Friedland, NC. This North Carolina settlement included many families from Broad Bay who had come to Broad Bay in 1742 from the Baden-Durlach area of Germany.

After the last of the Moravians had left Broad Bay, George Soelle sold the small property where the Mission house was to a Quakeress, probably a Prudence Chapman of Pownalborough. (see Stahl, vol. one, page 369) Though she would own the property, the Mission house was not hers but belonged to the last few of the Moravian faith who remained at Broad Bay and who could not sell their properties or afford to go to North Carolina. Philip Vogler sold the majority of his property, Lot #9, on September 7, 1770 to Lorenz Seitz, Jr. and moved with his family to North Carolina.

“November 5, 1770, news was received that more families from Broad Bay, Maine had reached North Carolina, and that Brother George Soelle was with them. He arrived December 6th.” Brother George Soelle died in Salem, NC in 1773.

Note: The Reformed Lutheran Church and cemetery was built in 1772 on lot number 10, the next property north of the Moravian lot, after the Moravians left for North Carolina. This was to replace the Lutheran Church at Meetinghouse Cove which dissolved a few years previous and was to provide the many of the growing strong Lutheran faith a new place of worship that was more centrally located to the population center. Later still, this church was disassembled, moved, and reassembled on the west side across the Medomak River in the winter of 1794/1795 and finished off where it still stands today.

The following is a list of the people who left Broad Bay and who lived at the Moravian settlement in North Carolina. After their death they were buried in Friedland’s “God’s Acre” burial ground.

Hans George **Hahn** and wife Margaretha Barbara **Betz**. George and Margaretha left Broad Bay and arrived in South Fork, NC in November 1769. George was listed as a member of the Friedberg Society in 1771, but he and his wife later moved to the Friedland community, which was home to the other Broad Bay families. George died there in 1788; Margaretha died the next year, 1789.

John George **Lachenauer** (b 1730, Germany, d December 25, 1757, Broad Bay) and wife Sophia Salome **Kastner** (b April 19, 1734, Germany, d 1816, NC). John and Sophia were married February 1, 1751 in Broad Bay. John drowned while crossing the Medomak River. Sophia was a daughter of Johann Balthasar **Kastner** and his wife, Augustina. Some of the **Lachenauer** family left Broad Bay for the Moravian settlement in North Carolina in 1769.

(1) Jacob Fredrich **Lachenauer**, b 1751, Broad Bay. His 1st wife was Juliana Rominger (b 1757, Broad Bay, d 1805). Jacob left Broad Bay in 1769 and married Juliana Rominger in North Carolina.

(Note: I can not explain why the Rominger genealogy states the following children were born in Broad Bay if Jacob and Juliana were living in North Carolina in 1769 unless they returned to Broad Bay.)

- (a) Augustina **Lachenauer** b 1777, Broad Bay
- (b) John George **Lachenauer** b 1778, Broad Bay
- (c) Philip **Lachenauer** b 1781, Broad Bay, d 1808
- (d) Johannes **Lachenauer** b 1783, Broad Bay, d 1785, Broad Bay
- (e) Johanna **Lachenauer** b 1785, Broad Bay, d 1785, Broad Bay

- (f) Johann Friedrich **Lachenauer** b 1787, Broad Bay, d 1788, Broad Bay
- (2) Augustina **Lachenauer** b about 1753, Broad Bay
- (3) George Fredrich **Lachenauer** b May 1, 1756, Broad Bay

George Adam **Schumacher** and wife Sophia (**Vogt**) **Wohlfahrt** (b 1722, Germany). Sophia was the widow of Johann Jacob **Wohlfahrt** who died before 1765 during the French and Indian War. George and Sophia were among the settlers who left Broad Bay and arrived at the Moravian settlement at Friedland in 1769. They brought along the children from Sophia's first marriage and children from George's first marriage:

- (1) Jacob Adam **Schumacher** b 1755, Broad Bay, d 1786, Broad Bay
- (2) Jacobina **Schumacher** b June, 1758, Broad Bay (to Friedland); husband Johann Anton **Kastner** b 1743 (to Friedland)
- (3) Elizabeth Barbara **Wohlfahrt** b September 26, 1758, Broad Bay (to Friedland). Her first husband was Johann Martin **Rominger** b December 14, 1753, Broad Bay. Her second husband Philip Schneider b February 9, 1760, Broad Bay (to Friedland) [see entry below]
- (4) Eva **Schumacher** b 1759, Broad Bay
- (5) Johann Nicholas **Wohlfahrt** b 1760, Broad Bay (to Friedland)
- (6) Dorothea **Schumacher** b 1761, Broad Bay

Johann Peter **Krööhn** (b 1722) and wife Elisabeth **Fischel** (b 1724). Johann and Elisabeth and their family left Broad Bay for Wachovia, NC in November 1769. After living temporarily in Salem, NC they moved to the new Friedland Moravian settlement in March 1771. The surname is sometimes given as **Grüün**, and later became Green.

- (1) Elisabeth **Kroehn** b 1752
- (2) Philip **Kroehn** b 1755, Broad Bay; his wife was Elisabeth **Küünzel** b 1759, Broad Bay
- (3) Conrad **Kroehn** b 1763, Broad Bay

Hans Jerg **Rominger** bc 1680, Germany and wife Elisabeth **Odelin**. Hans and Elisabeth were married in 1708 in Germany. In 1742 Hans applied for permission to emigrate to New England with his sons David and Philip. Another son, Michael **Rominger** immigrated later to Broad Bay in 1752 or 1753.

- (1) David **Rominger** b Germany and wife Catharina (–?–). David and Catharina were married at Broad Bay in 1752. David moved to North Carolina in 1769 and Catharina joined him in 1770, but died in February 1771, one day before the death of his son, Philip. Catharina and Philip were buried in a joint funeral.
 - (a) Philip **Rominger** b April 11, 1750, Broad Bay; d 1751, Friedland
 - (b) Jacobina **Rominger** b Broad Bay; Jacobina remained in Broad Bay when her father and brother moved to North Carolina in 1770. She was named in her father's will which was written in 1777.
- (2) Philip **Rominger** b 1721, Germany; d 1762, Boston MA; married, wife's name not known
 - (a) Philippine Elizabeth **Rominger** b September 29, 1743, Broad Bay; husband Johann

Michael **Seitz** b 1737. Johann and Philippine (**Rominger**) **Seitz** and Julianna **Rominger** left Broad Bay for Friedland in 1769. Philippine Elizabeth **Rominger** was the earliest "recorded" child born in the Broad Bay settlement.

The **Seitz** family was also in early in Broad Bay history.

(1) Maria Margaretha **Seitz** b 1763, Broad Bay

(2) Johann Michael **Seitz** b May 6, 1765, Broad Bay and wife Elizabeth (-?-). John, Elizabeth, and their three children left for North Carolina in August 1769.

(3) Johann Philipp Christoph **Seitz** b May 8, 1767, Broad Bay

(4) Lorenz **Seitz** b 1769, Broad Bay; d 1824

(b) Juliana **Rominger** b 1757, Broad Bay; her husband was Jacob Fredrich **Lachenauer** [see his entry above]

(3) Michael **Rominger** (b March 16, 1709, Germany); wife Anna Catharina **Anton** (b November 22, 1717, Germany). Michael and Anna Catharina were married in Germany in 1740. They and their children left Broad Bay for Friedland in 1770.

(a) Elizabeth Barbara **Rominger** (b October 13, 1741, Germany); husband Jacob **Reid** (b 1735). Jacob and Elizabeth, with others, left Broad Bay for the North Carolina settlement September 5, 1770 and arrived there November 6, 1770.

(b) Jacob **Rominger** (b August 13, 1743, Germany); wife Maria Barbara **Sidelinger** (b October 30, 1752, Broad Bay). Jacob and Barbara were married at Broad Bay September 20, 1768. They moved to Friedland in 1770. Barbara was a daughter of Martin and Maria (**Eichorn**) **Sidelinger** of Broad Bay.

(1) Johannes **Rominger** b August 14, 1769, Broad Bay

(c) Johann Martin **Rominger** b December 14, 1753, Broad Bay

(d) Anna Catharina **Rominger** b May 17, 1755, Broad Bay

(e) Michael **Rominger** b August 9, 1759, Broad Bay

(f) Christian **Rominger** b August 5, 1762, Broad Bay

John Jacob **Hein** b September 13, 1713, Germany; (wife) Anna Margaretha **Gabriel** b April 29, 1735, Germany. John Jacob **Hein** and his second wife, Anna Margaretha **Gabriel**, were married in 1752. They arrived in Broad Bay on the *Elizabeth* in 1753. They and their children moved to the Moravian settlement at Friedland in 1770.

(1) Johannes **Hein** b September 17, 1747, Germany

(2) Anna Elizabeth **Hein** b November 23, 1749, Germany

(3) Anna Gertrude **Hein** b May 15, 1753, Germany

(4) Anna Eva **Hein** b May 15, 1756, Broad Bay

(6) Jacob William **Hein** b October 5, 1761, Broad Bay

(7) Anna Maria **Hein** b October 20, 1767, Broad Bay

(8) Friedrich **Hein** b November 9, 1769, Broad Bay

Continued in the Summer 2012 newsletter.

Membership

The Old Broad Bay Family History Association is a group of people interested in studying and maintaining the history of the founding families, and in particular the founding German families, of what is now Waldoboro, Lincoln County, Maine.

There are three types of membership: individual, family, and library. An individual membership confers the right to one vote. A family membership confers the right to two votes. A library membership is solely for the purpose of allowing distribution of the newsletter to libraries and historical societies and confers no right to vote.

The membership year is July 1 to June 30. The newsletter is issued three times a year, in April (Spring), July (Summer), and October (Fall) with a fourth (January / Winter) issue when there is enough material.

Membership checks should be made out to OBBFHA and mailed, along with this form, to: Deirdre Putnam, OBB Treasurer, 17 Bush Hill Rd, Ipswich, MA 01938.

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