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Dues are overdue for 2013-2014!

Dues are overdue! The last page of the newsletter has the renewal form. Please cut it out, print it out, or make a copy and send it with your check to treasurer Deirdre Putnam ASAP. The membership year is July 1 to June 30. You cannot vote at the annual meeting if your dues are not paid.

Annual OBBFHA meeting

The annual meeting and reunion of the Old Broad Bay Family History Association will be held on **Saturday, August 3rd** 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. for the business meeting.

Our speaker will be Anette Ruppel Rodrigues who will speak on Fort George in Castine during the Revolution. Mark Bisco will lead a tour of historic Waldoboro locations after lunch.

We will once again have a potluck lunch with brats & sauerkraut from Morse's Sauerkraut. Since everyone seemed to like the "surname" cake, we will do it again this year. Also on the menu are hamburgers, weiswurst, tossed salad, potato salad, chips, and hot dogs. Beverages include coffee, tea, and lemonade. If you would like to bring something to share at lunch, please let David Putnam know. Fresh fruit & veggies are always appreciated. Anyone with a food allergy or special needs should also let David know. [dputnam925@msn.com]

Election of Officers & Directors

It's election time! The nominating committee has put together the following slate:

President: David Putnam

Vice president / secretary: Ruth Riopell

Treasurer: Deirdre Putnam

Directors: Helen Shaw, Dale Gunn, June Hussiere

Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting.

Old German Church service

The annual service at the Old German Church will take place on **Sunday, August 4th at 3:00 p.m.** Refreshments will be served afterwards. For those who may be coming for the first time, parking on the church grounds is limited. Most people park along the highway, but please be very careful of traffic and ditches. There is no electricity or sanitary facilities on site. If it is hot & humid it is best to bring a old fashion fan and a towel or pillow to sit on.

Recent additions for Maine & Massachusetts to Familysearch.org

Many thanks for Joe Anderson, MGS editor, for the following information and instructions.

Familysearch has added a database of Massachusetts deeds to its website. To access these records go to www.familysearch.org

1. press "search" at the top of the page
2. scroll down to the bottom & press "United States"
3. press "Massachusetts" on the list on the left side of the page
4. click on "Massachusetts, Land Records, 1620-1986"

There are another 17 databases for Massachusetts including vital records, passenger lists, & naturalization records.

Familysearch has also been adding probate records for Maine counties (several counties done) and is starting to add deeds (Aroostook & Piscataquis counties so far) for a total of 21 databases, including vital records and cemetery records. The above directions can be used to see databases for every state; simply click on the state of interest in #3.

Update on LD 274, the MOCA cemetery bill

LD 274, *An Act to Preserve and Protect Ancient Burial Grounds and Burial Grounds in Which Veterans Are Buried*, was passed by the state legislature and has been sent to the governor for his signature. Assuming he signs it or allows it to pass without his signature, it will take effect in September, 90 days after the legislature adjourns.

This bill separates ancient burying grounds (those established on private property before 1880) from public burying grounds. Under this new law it is no longer necessary for a veteran to be buried in an ancient burying ground for the property owner to be required to care for it or for a town to step in and care for it if the property owner does not or can not. Many ancient burying grounds are already cared for by family members or cemetery associations; many towns also care for ancient burying grounds within their borders. This new law allows the town to appoint a caretaker for an ancient burying ground while maintaining oversight and continuity of care over time.

The bill also removes the requirement that only the graves of veterans who served in a time of war be cared for in public burying grounds. Again, many towns and organizations already place flags and care for the graves of **all** veterans, not just those who served during a time of war.

The bill was amended by the Committee on State and Local Government to increase the level of care required for veterans graves in public burying grounds. The suggestions for increased care come from the report of the Stakeholder Group for the Development of a Plan for the Inventory and Proper Care of Veterans' Graves which was presented to the State and Local Government Committee by Peter Ogden, Director, Bureau of Maine Veteran's Services, at the public hearing for LD 274 in March.

The bill was further amended by Senator Dawn Hill, chair of the Appropriations Committee, on June 27th, by adding a mandate preamble immediately following the bill title. This preamble in effect said the bill was an unfunded mandate and thus required a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate to pass into law. The bill was passed with both amendments later that day.

Jean Lawrence wins short story competition

by David Putnam

The OBBFHA is proud to announce that one of our members, Jean Lawrence, is the winner of the 2013 Annual Short Story Competition of the General Federation of the Women's Clubs of Maine. Ms. Lawrence's submission entitled "Sedony's Story" is a historically based fiction. Ms. Lawrence resides on the site of the original Welt Family farm in Waldoboro. Her characters are based on members of the first generation of the Welt Family in Maine. Sedony Benner Welt was the matriarch of the Welt Family in Maine. She waged an unsuccessful ten year court fight against Henry Knox for the title to her land and home. Despite losing in court, she managed to purchase the property from Knox's heirs. One of Sedony's grandchildren was Augustus Welt, a famous 19th century shipbuilder, businessman and civic leader. Sedony personified the faith, hard work and determination of the early residents of Waldoboro. Congratulations Jean! Thanks for bringing a remarkable ancestor to life!

Query

Burns Family looking for information about a John Burns (possibly Bornheimer, Bourbon) b. 1750 place unknown, d. 1800 Norway ME, m. Susannah Ramsdell of Marblehead MA in 1781. Oral family history recounts that Burns is an Americanized version of a previous and forgotten name. Contact John Burns at burnsjr@pivot.net

Waldoborough Historical Society

The Waldoborough Historical Society Museum is open from noon to 3:00 p.m. every day except Tuesday, June 15 through Labor Day.

Be sure to stop by and see this summer's special exhibits:

“Conrad Heyer: first child born in the settlement”

“Braided Rugs: artwork of Waldoboro women”

“Newbert Family Artifacts: recent dig items from North Waldoboro site”

“Salute to Waldoboro's 175 Years of Fire Department Service,” four early engines on site

For more information, check out their website or contact them at:

<http://waldoborohistory.us/>
info@waldoborohistory.us

Waldoborough Historical Society, P.O. Box 110, Waldoboro,
ME 04572-0110

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.

Old Broad Bay Family History Association Application for Membership

New Member _____ Renewal _____ Date _____

Name _____

Second member in the household: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

How do you want to receive the newsletter?

Individual membership: e-mail (pdf format) \$10 _____ US mail \$15 _____
Family membership: e-mail (pdf format) \$15 _____ US mail \$20 _____

Please attach a list of your Broad Bay ancestors or write the list on the back of this form.

Research facilities (libraries, archives, historical societies, etc.): We welcome the placement of this newsletter in your collection. Please fill out this portion of the membership form. Once you are on our subscription list you will receive a renewal invoice by mail each year. **Subscription: \$15 per year.**

Name of research facility: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact person: _____