

Old Broad Bay Family Association Newsletter



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Happy New Year Friends! I hope this newsletter finds all of you well. I cannot remember a New Year when I was so glad to see the old year in my rearview mirror. As we face the coming year, we can only hope that with the development of various vaccines, and improved health protocols, we will soon be back to life as we knew it before this terrible illness took hold of the entire world.

The Board of Directors and I will soon meet via Zoom to begin preparations for the next annual meeting. I am going to proceed on the assumption that it will be safe enough next summer to hold our meeting. The details of the meeting will be included in the next newsletter.

I was saddened to learn of the death of Mark Biscoe. I will defer to Jean Lawrence to write a eulogy for Mark, but I do want to say that we have lost a kind and elegant man. When I first heard him speak about the history of shipbuilding in Waldoboro I was impressed by his knowledge and eloquence. I was also touched by his genuine interest in meeting me, a descendant of the Welt Family that was prominent in shipbuilding in Waldoboro. We are fortunate to have had a scholar of his caliber write the history of Waldoboro and its shipbuilding past. My heartfelt condolences to his wife Jane and their family.

So, Make a Liar Out of Me: If you recall in my last column, I wrote about the wreck of the Schooner *Ada K. Damon*. The bones of the ship have been lying on Crane Beach near my home in Ipswich, Massachusetts since 1909. While the upper parts of the vessel were swept away long ago, the keel and most of the ribs were still intact and visible at low tide. I marveled at the workmanship and durability of the vessel. However, within two weeks of writing my column a hurricane swept by us and finally broke up the old schooner. Some of her bones are scattered across the beach, some have moved down the beach, and some have vanished. I

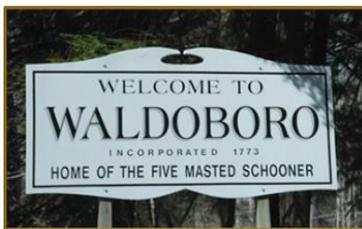
must remind myself in the future to never write about the durability of another shipwreck. It is unwise to tempt Neptune.

Pictures From Our Past: I recently heard from Peter Castner of Massachusetts. Peter is a descendant of the Castner Family of Waldoboro. He was going through some family papers when he came across a 19th century photo album. Some of the photos have names attached, others do not. The Board of Directors has decided to post all the photos on our website, www.OBBFHA.org. We hope these photos will reveal faces from your family tree, or possibly someone may be able to identify the unattributed photos. If you have any photos of people or places that may be related to Waldoboro, whether attributed or not, please forward them to me and we can post them on our website. Who knows what enlightenment they may provide?

The Flying Santa Claus of the New England Coast: A Son of Broad Bay. Every Christmas when I was a boy was an occasion for my grandmother to tell me about her cousin, Capt. Bill Wincapaw, the Flying Santa Claus of the New England Coast. Now Bill hailed from Friendship, Maine, just south of Waldoboro, and his name was an Americanized spelling of the German name Winchenbach. The Winchenbachs arrived in Broad Bay in 1751/52 and grew to be one of the largest families in the town. In the 1920's Bill was a commercial pilot flying out of Rockland, Maine and serving the various islands along the coast. He carried mail, cargo and the occasional sick or injured person to and from the islands. When the weather was bad and visibility poor, Bill would often have to drop down and use the various lighthouses as beacon guides to find his way home. On December 25, 1929 Bill decided to show his gratitude to the lighthouse keepers and their families by dropping Christmas gifts to them. A tradition was born, and Bill continued providing and expanding the gift drop every year to include all of the lighthouses on the New England Coast. Bill died in 1947, but the tradition was continued by his son, Bill Jr., and New England Historian Edward Rowe Snow. They expanded the flights to Canada and other spots on the east coast of the United States. The custom is still carried on by retired members of the Coast Guard who use a helicopter to deliver gifts to remote lighthouses and stations along the coast. Another great tradition from Waldoboro!

New Members: On behalf of all our membership I would like to welcome a new member to our group. Peter Benner of California is the newest member of our west coast contingent of the OBBFHA. Welcome aboard Peter and thanks for sharing your genealogical journey with us!

In closing, I would like to extend my personal gratitude to everyone who makes this newsletter possible, and for the support of our Board of Directors. **Keep on searching and sharing! The best years of the OBBFHA lie ahead!**



Masthead: Oil painting of the Governor Ames, first 5-masted Schooner on the east coast, named for Governor Oliver Ames of Massachusetts. Built in late 1888-89 at Waldoboro. Name of the vessel on the bow and in the bottom right corner of the painting, Black hull, white sails. *Attribution: supposed to have been painted by a member of the schooner's crew on sailcloth by artist Josiah Speering of Cambridge, Nova Scotia and given to Francis D. Storer of the Leavett-Storer.

Happy Valentine's Day

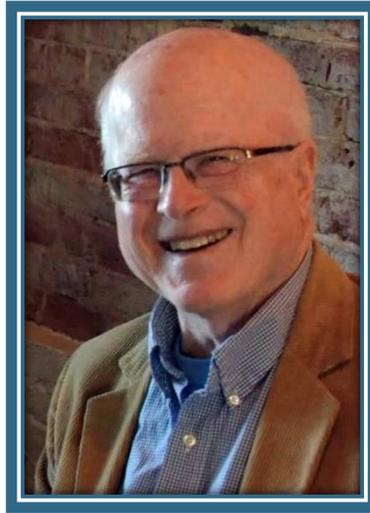


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Mark W. Biscoe, 1936 - 2020

It is with sad hearts that we share with readers the news of the unexpected passing of our dear friend and long-time volunteer, Mark Biscoe. Many of our readers who have been fortunate to attend the OBBFHA meetings will remember Mark's wonderful presentations on Waldoboro history. His two books, *Merchant of the Medomak Volumes I & II* plus his "Waldoboro Wanderings" columns in *The Lincoln County News* have served for many doing research or just interested reading as excellent sites to look back at Waldoboro's history. Mark's 37-year career in education did not end at retirement, for he continued to educate through his written works and his volunteer hours at the Bath Marine Museum and the Waldoborough Historical Society where he met visitors and shared his knowledge of both the shipping trade and the history of our town.

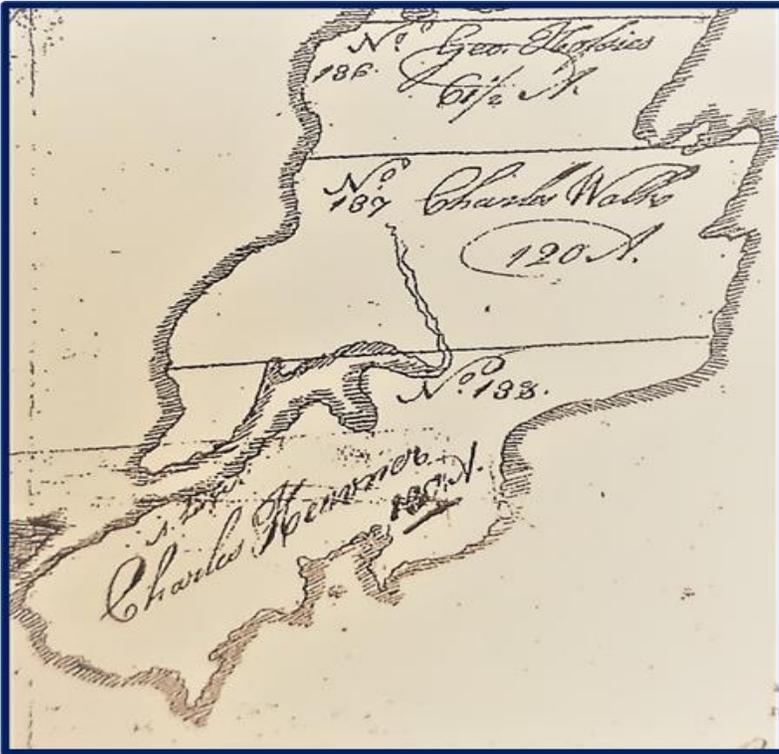
Mark was well known for his walking tours of our town. In 2019, he shared with me an historical bus tour of the village. What a grand time we had and how appreciative the folks who joined us were of his information. For me, it was fun to work back and forth with our narration, all of which occurred "of the cuff" with no practice. Both of us were so excited about this new way of reaching citizens that we were sad when it could not be repeated this past summer. Regularly, Mark and his wife Jane sent words of support and celebration to me for the many accomplishments and programs of the Society. Because Mark and Jane have been such long-standing members, they could see and appreciated the positive movement of the Society and their words of support were sincere. They never missed an opportunity to be with us at our programs and most recently in October attended the dedication of the Memorial Garden created in memory of two of his old friends, Carol Blodgett, and Richard Wallace. Always gracious, always working to do a better job of his passion: the sharing of history – this was Mark!

It is our hope that OBBFHA will join with us in offering sympathy to Jane and her children and grandchildren. A celebration of his life will take place in the future. Jane's address is 20 Mast Lane, Brunswick, ME 04111-1756. Memorial gifts may be sent to: Fenn School, 516 Monument Street, Concord, MA 01742 or Waldoborough Historical Society, PO Box 110, Waldoboro, ME 04572. -Jean Lawrence, president WHS



LIFE OF CHARLES WALCH, PART III

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Charles Walch was among the first generation of German-speakers born in Old Broad Bay. He was a farmer, veteran of the American Revolutionary War, and a merchant active in local coasting operations.

With his wife, Catherine, they raised 10 children on the tip end of Dutch Neck near today's Havener Point between the shores of Broad Bay to the east and Broad Cove to the west. According to Stahl, his land "seems to be the original Lot No. 52 purchased from the heirs of Pemaquid proprietors by John Walck in 1763."^[1] In 1815, the property was known as Lot No. 137, 120 acres^[2] with pastureland, spruce, and Norway pines; George Hofses to the north and Charles Heibner's land and salt marsh to the south.^[3] 1815 Robinson Map^[4]

LINCOLN COUNTY PROBATE, VOL. 26, PP. 113-116; DIVISION OF CHARLES WALCH'S ESTATE

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Rep. of Divisi. of

~ State of Maine ~

Charles Walch's } Lincoln, fs [Co] ~ The Hon. Jeremiah Bailey Esq. Judge

--Estate -- }

Seal.

of Probate within & for the County of Lincoln

To Payne Elwell, John Stahl, & George Hofses, three

discreet & disinterested freeholders. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Greeting

Whereas William Walch one of the devisees of Charles Walch late of Waldoboro', in said County, deceased by force of the last will & testament of said deceased, which estate lies in the County of Lincoln in common with Charles Walch, John Walch, & Jacob Walch and whereas said Willilam hath this day made application to me, for a division of the same,

I do therefore, hereby, nominate and appoint you **to make division of said Estate between William Walch, Charles Walch, John Walch, & Jacob Walch devisees aforesaid**, in proportion, according to the Will of said testator, viz. in four equal parts between said devisees – and if the Estate devised as foresaid, lie in common & undivided with any other land or Real Estate, you are first to make partition between the Estate so devised, & that with which it lies in common as aforesaid

Provided, that no such partition be made, if the proportion belonging to the devisees or either of the, should by the tenor of the devise, appear to be disputable & uncertain. ~

And if it should appear, that any messuage, tract of land, or other tenement shall be of greater value than either parties part or share in said estate, and cannot be subdivided, or part thereof assigned to one, & part to another, without great inconvenience, you may settle or assign the same to one of the parties, & award that the party to whom you shall assign the same, pay such sum or sums of money to the other party, as by means thereof may have less than his share, — Before you proceed to the making of such partition, let all parties interested

have timely notice to be present if they see cause, and if they be satisfied with your proceedings let them signify the same in writing— make return of this Warrant with your doings therein into the Probate Office for the County aforesaid. ~ Given under my hand and seal of Office at Waldoboro'. in said County the **twenty first day of January A.D. 1824.** ~ **Jere Bailey**

Lincoln. Ss ~~~ Feby 28th. 1824 ~~~ Personally appeared **Payne Elwell Esq** and **John Stahl** aforesaid and made oath, that they would faithfully and impartially execute the above Commission
Before me. - - - - -

Isaac G. Reed, Jus. Of the Peace ~

Fees - 20 cts ~

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Lincoln. Ss March 3^d. 1824 ~ Personally appeared **George Hofses** and solemnly affirmed, that he would faithfully and impartially execute the above Commission. ~

Before me **Payn Elwell** } Jus. Of the Peace ~

To the **Hon, Jeremiah Bailey Esq.** Judge of Probate with and for the County of Lincoln ~ We the subscribers appointed agreeable to the warrant annexed, to make partition of the **Real Estate of Charles Walch late of Waldoboro'** in said County of Lincoln deceased; amongst the several heirs devisees agreeable to his Will, to wit, to William Walch, Charles Walch, John Walch, and Jacob Walch, one fourth part to each. ~

Have performed the duty assigned us, & divided said Estate as follows, (**We find that Charles Walch one of the devisees has conveyed all his right and title in said real Estate in common & undivided with the other devisees to William Walch**, we therefore in dividing the said Estate annex it with Williams Share, and in assigning unite **Charles' & William's** as one making to said William one half of said Estate.) ~~

To William Walch for his own and Charles as aforesaid, We set off and assign the following piece of Land, Bounded viz. Beginning at a Post in the Rail Fence on the Bank at **George Hofse's** South line, near the head of a cove or crich, thence West by said **Hofses** South line two hundred and twenty three rods to a post in the fence near Back-Cove (so called) thence West to said Cove, and Southwardly by the same fifty seven rods as the shore runs to a Spruce-Tree marked on four sides which is fifty rods South of said **Hofses'** Land; thence East to a Spruce Tree marked on four side. Standing near the Water or Broad-Bay, thence East to Water, & Northwardly and Westward by the same, and Land of said **Hofses** to the Bounds first mentioned, containing Eighty-nine acres, reserving within the limits aforesaid, a Lot under and above the Buildings bounded as follows viz. Beginning at a Stake about twenty-four feet N.W. of the N.W. corner of the Dwelling House, thence East thirteen rods to stones: thence South nine rods to a stone. ~ thence South nine rods to a stone. ~ thence West Northwardly about fourteen rods, thence North Six rods to the Bounds first mentioned, with a road or passage way of one rod wide, the same that is now used, to the town road, being from near the Southeasterly corner of said last described Premises – We likewise set off and assign to said William as aforesaid, the North Parlour & West entry, & the North half of the Chamber in the dwelling—

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- House, meaning that part of the chamber North of the most Southardly Bricks of the Chimney in said Chamber, together with the use in common of one half of the Porch Kitchen & fire place. Pantry, Closest in the said Kitchen, cellar stairs & Cellar chamber stairs and liberty to pass from the head thereof into said North half of said Chamber. ~

To William, We also assign, of the Barn all that part North of the threshing floor, also to the South of said floor a Strip as follows, Beginning the West side of a post under the South Girt about Eleven feet, from the East side of said Barn, said Strip to continue its width to the South end of said Barn — Also the East half with liberty to pass I at the Great door, at the West, with teams, & otherwise, to said East half, We also assign to said

William, the use in common with John & Jacob aforesaid of one half of the Shed near the Barn, & all the other out Buildings reserved as aforesaid, for a common privilege in proportion as they own the house and other Buildings.

To John Walch ~~~ We set off & assign one fourth part of said Real Estate, bounded as follows, beginning at a Spruce tree marked on four sides, at the South Easterly corner of the Land assigned to said **William**, thence West by said Williams land to a Spruce tree before mentioned near said Back Cove, thence West to said Cove & Southardly by the same, forty five rods to a Norway pine tree, which is South twenty four rods from said Williams Land, thence East to a Spruce Tree near the Water on said Broad bay, thence East to the water, and Northwardly by the same to the bounds first mentioned. ~~ containing forty four acres and an half acre this Lot we consider of greater value than his share of said Estate, and it cannot be in our opinion divided, otherwise without injury ~~ We therefore do accordingly award that said John Walch pay to William Walch thirty dollars, & also that he pay to Jacob Walch twenty Dollars, which Sums when paid we consider with other privileges hereafter named, will make the several devisees all equal in the division of said Estate. ~ We reserve to said John for his use, Liberty of passing to & from his said share, (to the west of the Salt Marsh) with Teams. Cattle & otherwise, without let or hinderance, through bars in the lane or way now used, leading from the Buildings to the Western Pasture, through the Land We have set off, to said William to the house & Barn & to the

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Town road, said lane may at Williams pleasure to only one rod wide, John not to leave the Bars down after he passes. ~ **To Jacob Walch** we set off & assign to him one fourth part of said Estate bounded as follows viz. Beginning at a Spruce Tree marked on four sides at the South East Corner of the Land assigned to John Walch, thence West by said Land so set off to the Norway Pine before mentioned, & by said pine to the Cove, thence Sourthwardly & Eastwardly by said Cove and East Branch (so called) to Land or Salt Marsh of **Charles Heibner**, thence Eastwardly & east by said **Heibners** Salt Marsh & land to Broad Bay thence Northwardly by said Bay to the Bounds first mentioned, containing forty-four acres & one half acre, —

We reserve to said Jacob’s use on the land set off to John, the liberty of passing to & from his said land West of the Salt Marsh, with teams & Cattle, and otherwise at pleasure, through said John’s Land in the most convenient way to the Lane before mentioned in Williams Land, which Lane said Jacob may, use in the same manner as before mentioned for John, subjecting himself not to leave the Bars open, and We likewise reserve to John & Jacob, full liberty to water their Stocks of Creatures at the Watering place in the before mentioned Lane on William’s Land. ~

To John & Jacob aforesaid, We have set off. & assigned to them (by their consent), in common between them, all the remainder part of the house and Barn not heretofore set off, and assigned to William, and the common use of one half of the before mentioned shed, and other Buildings and the Lot of Land under and about the Buildings as aforesaid. ~~~

Waldoborough. March 3^d. 1824 ~

**Payn Elwell }
John Stahl } Com-
George Hofses }**

We, the Devisees agree to the Divisions & assignments as above named. ~ **William Wallies
John Wallies^{the 5.}
Jacob Winchenbach Guardian to Jacob**

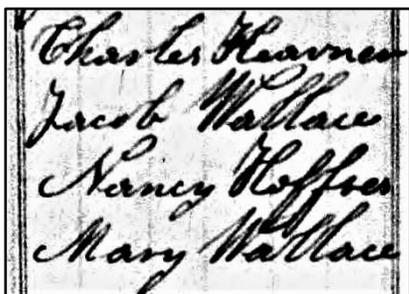
Lincoln, ss ~

At a Court of Probate at Waldoboro, on the Eighteenth Day of January AD. 1825 ~ The foregoing Report is hereby allowed and accepted

J. Bailey Judge of Probate ~

Examined & Recorded
By John H. Sheppard Reg^r..

Recap of sons during 1840 census: Charles Jr. is living in Waldoboro outside the original John Walck plan/estate; Youngest, Jacob is now a married adult; John died abt.1835, his widow, Nancy nee' Woltz married 2d William Hoffses, who likely drowned alongside her late first husband's brother, William [Mary] Wallace "lost and buried at Cape Ann in the memorable gale of 1839."^[5]



1840 Census: Waldoboro, Lincoln, Maine

Roll: 144; Page: 98; FHL Film: 0009705

(Ancestry.com) Online Database

Heads of Household

Charles Heavner, Rev. War veteran, 81y

Jacob Wallace & wf Elizabeth Gross, 30-39y

Nancy Hoffses 40-49y; 1m 5<10y; 1m 50-59y

Mary Wallace 40-49y; 2m <29y; 3f <15y

[wf = wife; f = female; m = male; y = years]

SOURCES

[1] Charles Walch Case No. 1803 (sic 1823). Land Division. Vol. 26, 113-116. Lincoln County, Maine, Registry of Probate, Wiscasset. (<https://www.lincolncountymaine.me/probate>). In-Person, August 2016.

[2] Stahl, Jasper J. *History of Old Broad Bay and Waldoboro*. Volume Two: The Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries, Chapter: Annals of the 20's and 30's. (Portland, Maine: The Bond Wheelwright Company, 1956), 293-294.

[3] Robinson Map of 1815. Old Broad Bay Family History Assoc. (obbfha.org *Explore*, select *Maps*).

[4] Lincoln County, Maine Registry of Deeds, Wiscasset. (<https://www.lincolncountymaine.me/deeds>). Doc Grp/Desc: P/Plan: Waldoboro 1815 Map [Robinson]. Book 1, Page 123. Doc date 11/22/1815; Rec date 8/22/1910.

[5] Lincoln telegraph. [Vol. IV, No. 9] Thursday Morning, Dec 26, 1839, Image 1. *The Telegraph. The Late Gale*. (<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn82014358/1839-12-26/ed-1/seq-1/>).



February 15



Spring Begins March 20

Baden-Wuerttemberg

Carla M. Heller, M.A.

Article from the German Genealogy Group March 2007 Newsletter

There are those who mention that their ancestors were "from Baden-Wuerttemberg," and also mention that their ancestors' history occurred PRIOR to World War II (1939-1945). For any of you who may not yet be aware of an important distinction, the present German federal state of Baden-Wuerttemberg has only been officially identified by that name for the past 54 years.

The FIRST time these states were "combined" was after World War II (in 1945), when the similarly named entity of "Wuerttemberg-Baden" was created. (It became "Baden-Wuerttemberg" 7 years later, in 1952.

During the era of most of our ancestors, Baden and Wuerttemberg and Hohenzollern (which together comprise modern Baden-Wuerttemberg) were completely separate for centuries. There literally was NO state of Baden-Wuerttemberg in existence until comparatively recent times. It is important for family researchers to get used to making the distinction. If you are looking for an ancestral town, village or city that is located somewhere in the modern state of "Baden-Wuerttemberg," keep in mind that pre-World War II era localities were EITHER in

Baden, OR Wuerttemberg, OR Hohenzollern, individually. They would not have been part of “Baden-Wuerttemberg” since it did not exist yet.

This information will be of importance in the successful progress of your family research since records for separate German states were created maintained independently of each other. For example, you will not usually find emigration records on a person from Baden among emigration records for those from Wuerttemberg.

I hope this provides some clarification! For more details on the history of Baden, Wuerttemberg, and Baden-Wuerttemberg, visit the helpful web site at <http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Portal:RegionaleForschung> and

<http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Baden-W%C3%BCrtemberg>.

For information regarding the German Genealogy Group (GGG) and their newsletter “Der Ahnenforscher” The Ancestor Researcher go to

<https://www.germangenealogygroup.com/>

Below is an example of what you will find in the wiki page:



History of structural reforms

May 18, 1947 to May 23, 1949 Württemberg-Hohenzollern was part of the [French zone of occupation](#) .

May 23, 1949 to April 25, 1952 belonging to the [Federal Republic of Germany](#) .

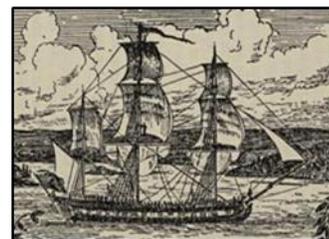
On April 25, 1952 , Württemberg-Hohenzollern forms the state of [Baden-Württemberg](#) together with [Württemberg-Baden](#) and [Southern Baden](#)

Submitted by Joyce Ball Brown

My Broad Bay Connections

Stephen W. Beverage

From an early time in our lives, my siblings and I were told of our connection to our immigrant ancestors who came to Old Broad Bay from Germany in 1742 on the ship Lydia. After a stay in Marblehead where they were given a nice banquet, the ship was loaded with supplies for their trip up the coast to Maine. In the late 1950s, as we traveled up Old Route 1 through Waldoboro, Thomaston and Rockland, our mother would tell us of how our Ulmer family had settled in the area, reminding us also of how they built the first sailing ships and lime kilns.



Lydia, arrival October 1742

On our journey North going to Sorrento we always passed a fine mansion on the left in Ducktrap, (modern day Lincolnville) which we were informed was owned and built by our 5th Great Grandfather’s 1st cousin, General George Ulmer on the Ducktrap River.



Gen. George Ulmer 1756-1825



Cleaning Headstone



Cleaned Cemetery

of debris. Through efforts of my mother and father and after many years of their complaining to the town, the cemetery was cleaned up.

Over the years our parents compiled our family's genealogies and we spent most of our summer vacations visiting family relatives to glean all the information from them before it was lost. Through the research of my Parents, we learned of our twenty-one Mayflower passengers and about our thirty plus families that settled the Piscataquis River area, and our many ancestors who were Scottish Prisoners of War. We also learned that our 6th great grandfather Johannes Ulmer a native of Germany had come here in 1742 with his second wife, Anna Margareta Weeber, and their children. We were told that Johannes' son Johann Martin Ulmer and family from his first wife Anna Kopp, who died in Germany, came over in 1753 at the request of General Samuel Waldo who was settling the area under his patent with German Protestants. At Broad Bay, the lots were assigned to the settlers and these are the reported lot numbers assigned to the Ulmer families: Lot #4 was Johannes Ulmer; Lot #5 went to John Ulmer Jr.; Lot #15 went to Jacob Ulmer, brother of Johannes. Matthias Remilly was assigned Lot # 18. He acquired lots #16, #24 and #25. In 1797 he sold lots #24 & #25 to Thomas Willett and he moved to Thomaston to live with his son-in-law, Capt. John Ulmer, who was married to his daughter, Mary Catherine Remilly.

Our Ulmer lines are as follows and can be confusing to many as my Johannes Ulmer was one of fourteen children of Georg Ulmer and Barbara Horning and every brother had named their boys either Johann (John), George or Martin, which was common practice in Germany at that time. As they had the same first name in many cases the middle names were different.

My known Ulmer lineage starts in Germany with my 7th great grandfather Georg Ulmer (1661-1703) and Barbara Horning (1663-1698).

Their son was ---

1) This is the line to us from Johannes Ulmer and his first wife

Johannes Ulmer born 1688 in Germany died 1763 m. 1st. Anna Catharina Kopp (1680-1722) who died in Germany.

Their son was ---

Johann Martin Ulmer (1715 -1762) who married Maria Barbara Steinmetz. He came over to Broad Bay in 1753

Their daughter was ---

Mary Ellenor Ulmer whose 1st married William Beckett in Salem, Mass. then she remarried also in Salem on 22 April 1783 to George Ulmer (1760-1840) born in Waldoboro, son of Capt. John Ulmer Jr. (son of Johannes) and Mary Catherine Remilly.

Their son was ---

George Ulmer Jr. (1783-1827) who married Rebecca Waterman (1784-1874) She was the daughter of Joseph Waterman and Lucy Josselyn Munroe. Their death place was Hope, Knox County, Maine and they are buried in Pine Grove Cemetery in Searsmont, Me.

Their son was ---

Martin Ulmer (1821-1909) who married Mary J. Stevens (1826-1906) daughter of Rev. James Stevens and Charity Rose.

Their daughter was ---

Josephine Ulmer (1849-1937) who married Sabin Otis Hardison (1847-1918) he was the son of John Hardison and Martha Pomroy from Franklin, Maine.

Their daughter was---

Laura Edrie Hardison (1889-1971) who married Wellington Linwood Sargent (1890-1969)

Their daughter was---

Eleanor Mae Sargent (1921-2016 who married Samuel Hiram Beverage (1917-2014) son of Hiram Stone Beverage (1886-1980) and Ruby Hazel Taylor (1893-1964)

Their children are---

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George Ulmer Jr. 1783-1827

Sandra Arline, Barry James, Susan Jane, Stephen Wayne, and Julia Edrie.

2) This is the line to us from Johannes Ulmer and his second wife Anna Maragreta Weeber (1690--) daughter of Johann Weeber

Their son was ---

Capt. John Ulmer Jr. (1736-1809) he married Mary Catherine Remilly (1742-1821) she was the daughter of Matthias Remilly. (My 6th gr. grandfather)



Capt. John Ulmer 1736-1809



Capt. John Ulmer Cleaned Headstone



Cleaning Headstone

Their son was ---

George Ulmer Sr. (1760-1840) he married (2) his cousin Mary Ellenor Ulmer (1757-1824) she was first married in Salem, Mass. to William Beckett. This line is the same from here to myself and my siblings as in the first line. So, Johannes two sons through separate wives had grandchildren that got married completing the circle back to Old Broad Bay'

Johannes Ulmer and Anna Margareta Weeber's son Johann Jacob Ulmer also came over to Old Broad Bay in the ship Lydia with his father and half-brothers. This line from my 6th Great Grandfather is family but not a direct blood line to us. They were close in the locations of their farms and business as well as their activities during the Revolution and their connections with General Knox of Thomaston after the Revolutionary War.

Johann Jacob Ulmer (1726-1761) married Christiana Riegner and was the father of Gen. George Ulmer (1756-1825) who married Mary Tanner and his brother Maj. Phillip Martin Ulmer (1751-1816) married Christiana Jung.

Over the years much has been written about the Germans from Broad Bay and how they were always ready to do their part to secure their freedoms and their family's security. They had left Germany after the 30 Years War which had decimated the area. Land was difficult to own, religious persecution had been through the region and the tax man had his hand out for every little thing. Even to leave Germany there was the demand of an exit tax. In Europe there was little to no chance a poor man could earn enough to become a landowner, and the promise of land in the New World was a great enticement to those willing to work for their own future and their posterity. This was understood by Samuel Waldo who knew he could find many Protestant Germans to follow him to his lands at Broad Bay. He sent his agent Sebastian Zuberbuhler to Speyer in Germany to secure families of the Palatinate. Here at the Golden Lion Inn, he would meet with the Protestants and give them a description of the lands they were to settle on. So, in 1742 the first group came over on the Lydia to Marblehead, Mass. and then up to Broad Bay. There were four chief men in the group, but the engineer had died the first winter and the minister and doctor had abandoned the settlement in the spring, leaving the schoolmaster Johannes Ulmer to fill the gap as Lay Minister. Johannes was now the settlement's leader in civil and ecclesiastical matters and in the military matters he was in charge as Captain. He taught school, and as Lay Minister had a Church built in 1743. In 1745 the German settlers were active in the taking of Fortress Louisbourg under the control of the French who were protecting the French privateers who were raiding the coastal settlements and shipping. Capt. Johannes and

his sons John Jr. and Johann Jacob Ulmer fought together against the French with their German settlers and militia from Massachusetts. Captain Johannes took his whole family up for the siege of Louisburg as well as several other German families who did the same. They stayed there until 1748 which saw the end of hostilities between England and France. At this time, they returned to Broad Bay only to find that while they were at Louisbourg the Indians again attacked and burned the settlement along with the church, killing some who remained and carried others off to Canada as slaves or to be traded. Life after Louisburg had the German immigrants rebuilding the town and getting back to their farming and other commercial interest. Johannes Ulmer and his son Capt. John Ulmer Jr. had been building ships at Broad Bay on the Medomak River also lumbering and running mills.

In the 1750's the French and British had again resumed war with each other. The French were again sending their Indian allies against the settlements to terrorize and kill the inhabitants. The Broad Bay families were constantly under attack, with the farmers being picked off as they tended their animals and crops. Outdoors away from the three fortified garrisons they were easy prey as the Indians would split up and attack several places at once, dividing up the town's militia as they tried to catch up with them.

Jacob Ulmer, Johannes older brother convinced him at this time to remove from the settlement and go down to Marblehead until it was safe to return. This would be their last home as they passed away there. Back on the frontier the English had sent the battle north to the French, taking Quebec at the battle on the Plains of Abraham. Major Robert Rogers had gone up to St. Francis with his rangers and destroyed the town there. Rogers had mentioned in his reports that over the previous six years the Abenaki had captured and brought there over 400 settlers, and at St. Francis they had found over 600 scalps hanging on poles and adorning doorways.

My 6th great grandfather, Matthias Remilly, was appointed Captain for the defense of the town of Broad Bay by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as he had been in the German army as a young man. Capt. Remilly had pleaded with the commonwealth to supply the inhabitation with muskets and ammunition as there were many there capable to defend but could not afford the purchase of the firearms.

The 3rd and last Expedition of 1759 had Gov. Pownal with troops meeting up with Captain Matthias Remilly and Capt. Leissner at Falmouth on May 4th. Here plans were made to build a fort in the Indian Territory up the Penobscot River. Gov. Pownal along with Brigadier Samuel Waldo went up the Penobscot to the present-day town of Prospect and begun building Fort Pownal. Here he split his 400-man troop and took 136 men north with him to present day Bangor and Brewer where Waldo fell ill and died. The 2/5^{ths} of his patent holdings now fell to his son, Colonel Samuel Waldo Jr. An ultimatum was sent up to the Penobscot Leaders that no longer would their attacks be tolerated and if they wanted to live amongst them in peace that would be good, otherwise they would all be hunted down and driven from the country. This would lead to a lasting peace, as sickness and attrition had weakened their tribes and they would not be able to continue the fight. Now the settlers at Broad Bay could resume living and growing their families, or so they thought.

War had come again to the families at Broad Bay as The American War of Independence was declared against the Crown. They had all been raised in Germany where they had always had the Government and landowners taking their crops or money for taxes and they had no say. It was natural that they would side with the American Colonials in their quest for independence! My families from Broad Bay who joined in were Capt. John Ulmer Jr., his son George Ulmer Sr., Capt. Matthias Remilly, Johannes cousins Gen. George Ulmer and his brother Maj. Phillip Ulmer. They all saw action in the Penobscot Expedition and the defense of the seacoast. Some saw time at Valley Forge with Washington during the deadly cold winter. Some were at White Plains, Ticonderoga, and Flourtown in skirmishes with the British. Also, during the retreat from Rhode Island. Capt. John Ulmer had made several sloops at Broad Bay. One was the *Yankee Hero*, and another little ship was the *Broad Bay*, which was a sloop used by General Arnold to carry troops for the Quebec Expedition. Out of the eleven ships in his convoy the *Broad Bay* was Arnold's flagship, carrying him up to Fort Western, at which point they had to continue in small boats [bateaus] and on foot during their rough trip north. At Quebec they were to meet up with General

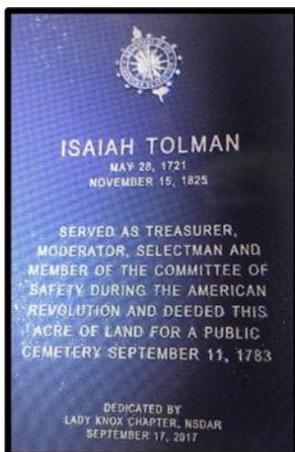
Montgomery for a combined attack. The battle for Quebec was a rout, with Montgomery killed straight off and Arnold shot with a bullet to his leg.

Phillip Martin Ulmer at this time was a sergeant in the Infantry in the 25th Continental Regiment commanded by Col. William Bond. They were the first to march into Canada after Montgomery's defeat. He was promoted to Ensign and was in command of one of General Arnold's Gunboats he had built to slow the British down in their southern push towards Albany and New York City from Quebec City. The Battle at Valcour Island in Lake Champlain held the British up by a year and enabled the Patriots to straighten their troops. The Spitfire was his last command at the battle and though the vessels were destroyed or scuttled they were successful in stopping the British that winter. Phillip was discharged from the Continental Army in 1778 and returned to Maine to command a company of Militia against the British at Castine during the Penobscot Expedition. Here he was hit in the thigh with grapeshot resulting in a lasting pain in his limb. He became Major and was stationed at Camden for the defense against the British still at Castine and Fort George.

After the war Gen. George Ulmer and Maj. Phillip Ulmer were land agents for General Knox, who had acquired the Waldo Patent through his wife Lucy Flucker's family, who were banished due to being Tories on the side of the Crown.

Capt. John Ulmer in 1784 gifted half an acre of land to the town for a public landing and in 1794 sold the rest of his land in Broad Bay to David Doan of Eastham, Barnstable County, Ma. for 600 pounds. This was the largest land transfer and most important as his holdings were the center of modern-day Waldoboro. His land holdings were two hundred and sixty-four acres, including one Grist Mill and one Sawmill.

The "Shore Village Story" by the Rockland Bicentennial Commission had George Ulmer son of Capt. John Ulmer moving from Broad Bay to Rockland by 1788. His land was in the Shore Village between the Meadows and Lermonds Cove. He had a merchant business but by 1789 he had begun the lime burning business. In 1794 his father, Capt. John Ulmer moved to the shore and settled on a large tract of land between what is now Old County Road and the shore. He shipped lumber, built ships as he had done in Waldoboro and was the first to extensively quarry limestone in Rockland. His son George Ulmer Sr. had twelve acres of land on the waterfront at a neck called Ulmer's Point. Here he built lime kilns and at his property at Lermonds Cove he constructed his sailing vessels. The Ulmers ships were the first built in Rockland and their Clippers were famous. It is said that Capt. John Ulmer's friends criticized him for risky business in the near wilderness of Shore Village, but he told them "One day this will become a City." Many of his thirteen children lived to see it become the City of Rockland in 1854. Capt. John Ulmer Jr. and his son George Ulmer Sr. are said to have been the founders of Rockland. At the turn of the century through the 1900s Rockland was the fourth busiest port on the east coast of all the United States and the Ulmers helped get that started. From Waldoboro and Old Broad Bay to Thomaston and Rockland our German ancestors helped make this nation.



Plaque: ISAIAH TOLMAN

May 28, 1721 November 15, 1825

Served as treasurer, moderator, selectmen, and member of the committee of Safety during the American Revolution and deeded this acre of land for a public cemetery September 11, 1783

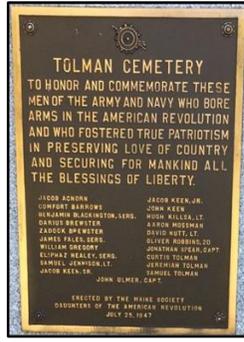
Dedicated by Lady Knox Chapter, NSDAR September 17, 2017

Plaque: TOLMAN CEMETERY (below)

To honor and commemorate these men of the Army and Navy who bore arms in the American Revolution and who fostered true patriotism in preserving love of country and securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.

(list of men including John Ulmer, Capt.)

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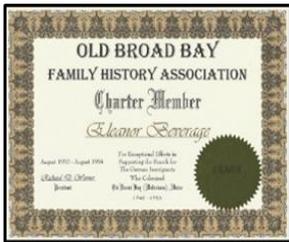
Near Capt. John Ulmer’s land was the extensive farmland of my 5th great grandfather Isaiah Tolman who was a Patriot during the Revolution and a local leader. He set aside a plot of his land to be used as a cemetery for those soldiers and families of the war who wished a final resting place. Here Capt. John Ulmer Jr. and some members of his family are buried along with 23 other known Veterans of the Revolution. Capt. John Ulmer Jr.’s son, **Capt. Martin Ulmer** and his wife are buried



Capt. Martin Ulmer d. 1830

here also due to his having served in the War of 1812.

The members of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Lady Knox Chapter took it upon themselves to get grants to repair and clean up the cemetery and have new plaques dedicated in 2017 to those who served. Tolman Cemetery has since been placed on the Register of Historic Places. I have been in contact with the Lady Knox Chapter and have learned that they are undertaking writing a book on all the soldiers buried at Tolman Cemetery. I hope to report later when this work is printed to any who wish to read more about them.



There is always more to learn about our German Ancestors from Old Broad Bay and what they did and how they lived. Finding out that our mother **Eleanor Sargent Beverage** was a Charter Member of OBBFHA was what attracted me and my siblings to become members here. What a small world it is. I was asked by David Putnam if I was the Steve Beverage who graduated with him at Saugus High School in 1970. Yes, I told him that I was. When you start searching through your ancestral papers and learn who and where your people were, the world becomes a lot smaller place. Just one point in the study, at the Penobscot Expedition my family there was the Beverages, Kents, Ulmers, Watermans, Crabtrees, Woster and many more. Likewise, besides the Ulmers and the others from Broad Bay, a large number of our other ancestors were part of the Expedition against Fortress Louisbourg in 1745. I often wonder what contact they all had with each other, many not knowing that their future descendants would all be related. Yes, it is a small world. Through the marriages of some of my Ulmer ancestors, my siblings and I are descendants from several Mayflower Passengers. This will be an article for another time as there is just too much to fit it in one newsletter.

We lost our baby sister Julia before Thanksgiving, but she is with us in spirit as we continue our genealogy work to complete our parents 60 years of family history research. From Sandra, Barry, and I, we wish you all a better 2021 New Year. We all miss being able to be together and do the proper hands-on research we want to do. Please stay safe and have fun finding and researching your Broad Bay families. You never can tell where that may lead you.

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