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Happy New Year Friends, I hope this edition of the Old Broad Bay Family History Association Newsletter finds all of you well. We have passed into winter here in New England and the loons and other wintering seabirds have returned to Plum Island Sound. Their annual return is like a visit from old friends, and there is something comforting about their visit during this dark time of year.

This is going to be a special year for Waldoboro! The town is celebrating the 250th anniversary of its incorporation as the Town of Waldoboro. As you all know, most of our ancestors started arriving in the 1740's when the settlement was called Broad Bay. In 1773, the settlement was renamed in honor of Samuel Waldo who was instrumental in bringing settlers to this area. Our Board of Directors agrees that we should have a visible presence during the important celebration. Thus far, we have committed \$1000 dollars to sponsor the opening ceremony at the Old German Meeting House. Additionally, we have committed \$500 dollars to be designated a Gold Star Sponsor, and additional \$500 dollars to the Waldoboro Historical Society Capital Improvement Fund. However, we are not done. We are currently working with Archeologist Harbour Mitchell to sponsor an informational exhibit about his Waldoboro Origins Project. The celebration is scheduled to take place on June 17th & 18th 2023. I will have more details in the spring edition of this newsletter. I hope to see all of you there.

We have also started planning for our annual meeting to be held on Saturday, August 5th, in Waldoboro. The speaker and venue will be announced in the next newsletter.

I received an email from a woman who is not a member of our group. She said that she is currently grieving over the loss of several family members. She happened across our website (OBBFHA.ORG) and found pictures of some long-passed family members whom she knew as a child. She stated that the pictures, and the happy memories they brought, were a great source of comfort to her at this difficult time. I have always considered our website a research and communications tool. I was gratified to learn that it could also offer people some happy memories and emotional solace. To our webmaster Fred Snell, and to everyone who has posted pictures and material on our website, well done and thanks. As I have said many

times, our work of discovery and preservation is not only for ourselves, but for those coming after us. We are building a legacy for ourselves, and a resource for the future searchers who will come seeking knowledge and solace long after we have joined the ancients in the invisible line.

February 2nd

Keep on searching and sharing!

“We all carry, inside us, people who came before us.” Liam Callanan.



250TH ANNIVERSARY PLANS



The committee to plan the June 17 & 18, 2023, 250th Anniversary Celebration for Waldoboro is happy to announce that the OBBFHA will be sponsoring the Opening Event at 9:30 A.M. in the Old German Church on Saturday, June 17. We are thrilled with the interest and support that the Association has shown and with their plans to work at the Waldoborough Historical Society site to present an event that will feature Harbour Mitchell, archeological researcher, who has, over the past three years, completed work on several Waldoboro sites. Harbour is a most interesting speaker and a great source of history having to do with the daily life of those who lived in Waldoboro during the early founding years.

The parade will leave the old Sylvania site on Friendship Road at noon and will meander through the village four corners, down Jefferson Street to the Miller Elementary School. All groups are

welcome to provide a float for the parade.

Many of the events are scheduled for the Fields area just behind the school, and food trucks will be available both days along with plenty of parking. Planned events include children's games and competitions, a stage where musical sets will be performed throughout the day. The music will conclude with a dance at night. Fireworks will be from the old A.D. Gray School site. The Waldo Theater will be showing special movies; an art show will be held at the Miller School and the Waldoboro Public Library will have special offerings. The WH Society will hold their Opening Day on Saturday and will feature special exhibits and activities.

There is no charge for the general events; special offerings such as Moody's Pie Slices will be found throughout the village. Make your overnight reservations early! Check out the Waldoboro 250th Website and also the WHS Facebook page. Both sites are updated regularly. For specific questions: call Bill Maxwell, co-chair at 207-790-1307.

The theme for the celebration is "Coming Home." We hope we will have many visitors and old family members joining in the fun. A pictorial memory book is being created and will be sold through the Waldoborough Historical Society. It is based on the 1973 book that is no longer in print and will feature the changes that have occurred in the last fifty years. LCTV -Vimeo will film the parade live and will also create an hour-long video offering of the entire event. Pray for good weather and join us! We promise lots of fun.

-Jean Lawrence, 250th Committee member

Membership dues always due on July 1



Reminiscing Waldoboro

Collected by Tracie Gross Ott

INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN ON WALDOBOROUGH. 29 June 1773⁽¹⁾

“In 1773 the population of Broad Bay had increased to such an extent that it was deemed expedient for the public welfare to take steps to have the settlement incorporated into a town. Accordingly, the **Germans** and recently arrived **English** *united* in a petition for the General Court of Massachusetts for that purpose. Jacob Ludwig, who besides being able to speak English, was a man of excellent judgment, was selected to present the petition. He proceeded to Boston by water, taking passage on one of the small coasters then employed carrying wood to that place (72). ... Waldoborough was the thirty-second town incorporated in Maine, and one of the first in this region ... (73). ... A true copy of an act passed the General Court the 29th day of June 1773, Thomas Fluker, Secretary. A true copy attest, Jacob Ludwig, Town Clerk.

2 Sept 1773 – Appoint Mr. Andrew Shanck of town of Waldoboro to notify inhabitants of *first meeting* to be held 21 Sept 1773 ... At which sd. first meeting all the then Present male Inhabitants arrived to Twenty-one years of age shall be admitted to vote. [30 names]

Alexander Nichols/Nickels, Esq.,	Jacob Ludwig,	David Vinal,
Christopher Newbert,	John Weaver,	Phillip Shuman,
John Hunt,	Frank Miller,	Jacob Achorn,
Adam Levensaler,	Abijah Waterman,	Henry Stahl,
Christian Kline,	Henry Creamer,	Nathan Soule,
Jabez Cole,	Conrad Seiders,	Daniel Filhour,
Ludwig Castner,	Mathias Sidensberger,	Nathaniel Simmons,
John Fogler,	Wm. Kaler,	Andrew Waltz,
Bernhard Ukkely,	John Newbert,	Peter Gross,
Andrew Storer,	Paul Lash,	Thomas McGuyer (76-78).

Town meetings were held part of the time in the meeting house at the cove or “westerly meeting house,” and at other times in the new meeting house on the east side. As these town meetings were conducted in English, a language with which few of the voters were familiar, the speeches must have been a queer mixture of German and broken English (81).

ONE HUNDRED YEARS LATER

STATE NEWS. Waldoboro is a century old this year, and they talk to a celebration, with a gathering of the scattered descendants of the good old German stock.⁽²⁾ The people of Waldoboro are to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of their town on the fourth of July.⁽³⁾

TWO HUNDRED YEARS LATER⁽⁴⁾

WALDOBORO. A week of activities celebrating the 200th anniversary... Some of the highlights below:

- “The Bicentennial Celebration was officially opened Aug. 5 with a Well-attended Lutheran service in the old German meetinghouse. The Rev. Cyril WISMAR of Marblehead, Mass. ... preached on “The Years of Many Generations.” Music was furnished by the chancel choir of the United Methodist Church with organ accompaniment by its director, Ronald E. DOLLOF. A feature of the musical program was a rendition of “Centennial Hymn” written in 1873 by Mrs. Ella A. OAKES of Waldoboro and sung in the same church at the town’s centennial observance in that year.”
- A silver tea service held at the Waldoboro Historical Society Museum with special exhibits arranged by Mrs. Roger MILLER and Mrs. Virgil MORSE. Exhibit 1: Honoring historians, Samuel Llewellyn MILLER

and Jasper Jacob STAHL. Exhibit 2: In memory of Conrad HEYER. Special guest, Mrs. Dora RECTOR, his great-granddaughter, and oldest descendant now living in town and his great-great grandson Vellis WEAVER hosted the affair.

- Parade on Saturday beginning at 11am under the direction of Louis MARTIN and his committee. More than 60 units expected: color guards, horse & oxen teams, clowns, fire apparatus and more. Parade Marshall, Mrs. Viola E. KUHN b. 12 Sept. 1873, just a few months after the centennial celebration was observed and at almost 100 years, and one of the town's oldest and most respected residents. Mrs. Almeda WINCHENBACH, 104, when the town observed the centennial was not able to attend.
- Other activities: Fireman's field day, young people's field day featuring a bicycle obstacle race; dance and games; pancake breakfasts, barbeque chicken lunch, fair, lawn sale, variety show "Something to Sing About" and much more.
- Organizations involved *not* listed above: First Baptist Church, Library, Waldoboro Women's Club, Waldoboro Community Garden Club, Miller School, A.D. Gray School, Medomak Valley High School.

BRIEF GENEALOGY OF SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED ABOVE

- Mrs. Ella A. OAKES: Hus. Albion Parris Oakes. Dau. of Joseph CLARK & Mary Ann KING.⁽⁵⁾
- Mrs. [Gwendolyn Beatrice] Roger MILLER: Hus#1. Sgt. Wilbert L. Harper⁽⁶⁾ Hus#2. Roger E. Miller. Dau. of Howard Willis EASTMAN & Helen Marr SMITH. Roger & Gwendolyn are buried in the German Cemetery.⁽⁷⁾ She was the first director of the Waldoboro Historical Society, which involved genealogical study of the early German settlers and the location of historic sites and record-keeping.⁽⁸⁾
- Mrs. Virgil [Ethelyn G.] MORSE: Hus. Virgil L. Morse Jr. Dau. of John GIBSON & Mary STOREY. Her mother, pastor of United Methodist Church who married them. Virgil, owner of Morse's Sauerkraut. After death of Virgil in 1969, she successfully ran the business until its sale in 1994.⁽⁹⁾
- Mrs. Dora [I.] RECTOR: Hus. J [John] Frank Rector. Dau. of Elbridge W. HEYER & Mahala BURNHEIMER⁽¹⁰⁾ Mahala's *correct* maiden name=BORNEMAN. See: Marriage & Death ([Ancestry.com](#)).
- Mrs. Viola E. KUHN: Hus. Thomas G. Kuhn, both buried in German Cemetery; Dau. of Joshua & Margaret WELLMAN⁽¹¹⁾
- Mrs. Almeda [H.] WINCHENBACH: Hus. Norman W. Winchenbach.⁽¹²⁾ Dau. of Kaler [Eben] EUGLEY & Mary [A.] WALLACE.⁽¹³⁾ Note: Numerous records on ([Ancestry.com](#)). Her father used Kaler and/or Eben.

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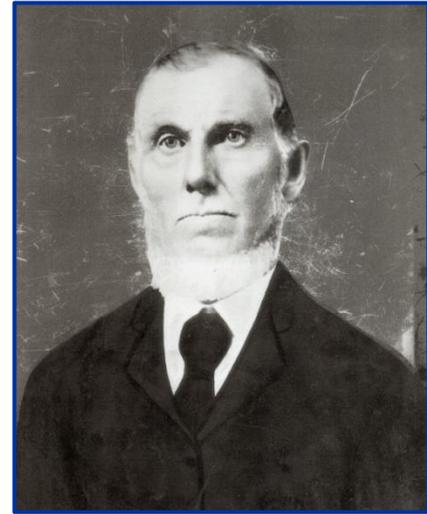
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Ancestors of Janz Ordway Carman

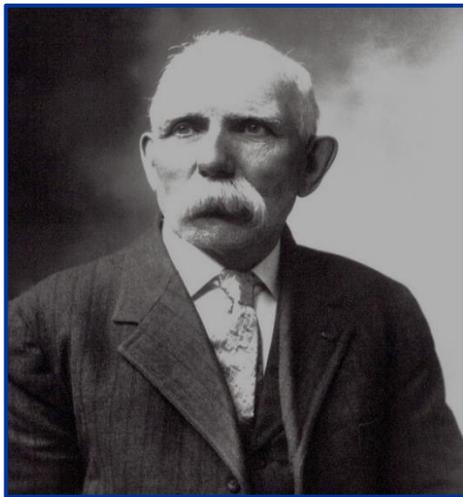
Born in Waldoboro: Sedona Benner, Polly Burns, Jones Cutler Cushman, Sedona Catherine Cushman, John Augustus Nash, John Benson Nash, Elizabeth Welt



Sedona Catherine Cushman b. 05 June 1816,
Waldoboro, Lincoln, Maine. D. 03 June 1880,
Thomaston, Knox, Maine



John Augustus Nash b. 28 January 1812,
Waldoboro, Lincoln, Maine. d. 1884,
Thomaston, Knox, Maine



John Benson Nash
b. 05 September 1843, Waldoboro, Lincoln, Maine
d. 30 January 1931, Revere, Suffolk, Massachusetts.
John was attached to the Second Maine Light
Artillery Battery as a Private and fought at
Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville & Gettysburg.

Lines from Plymouth to Waldoboro

Mayflower Passengers: Isaac Allerton, Mary Norris Allerton, and Mary Allerton

Isaac Allerton (1586-1658/59) married Mary Norris (1590-1621)

Daughter: Mary Allerton (1616-1699) married Thomas Cushman (1608-1691)

Son: Thomas Cushman (1637-1726) married Ruth Howland (1646-1679)

Son: Robert Cushman (1664-1757) married Persis Lewis (1671-1743)

Son: Joshua Cushman (1707-1764) married Mary Soule (1711-1750)

Son: Apollos Cushman (1744-1815) married Eleanor Keene (1748-1793)

Son: **Jones Cutler Cushman (1770-1825)** married **Elizabeth Welt (1790-1869)**

Daughter: **Sedona Catherine Cushman (1816-1880)** married **John Augustus Nash (1812-1884)**

Son: **John Benson Nash (1843 -1931)** married Ida Octavia Wheeler (1858-1940)

Daughter: Gladys Bartlett Nash (1895-1973) married Harold Frank Ordway (1896-1954)

Son: Harold Frank Ordway, Jr. (1924-2014) married Dorothy Ann Brown (1923-2002)

Daughter: Jane Elizabeth Ordway

Mayflower Passenger: George Soule

George Soule (1593-1679) married Mary Buckett (1605-1676)
 Son: John Soule (1632-1707) married Esther Nash (1640-1735)
 Son: Joseph Soule (1679-1763) married Mary Peterson (1680-1755)
 Daughter: Mary Soule (1711-1750) married Joshua Cushman (1707-1764)
 Same as above

Mayflower Passenger: George Soule

George Soule (1593-1679) married Mary Buckett (1605-1676)
 Daughter: Mary Soule (1644-1718) married John Peterson (1636-1718)
 Daughter: Mary Peterson (1680-1755) married Joseph Soule (1679-1763)
 Daughter: Mary Soule (1711-1750) married Joshua Cushman (1707-1764)
 Son: Apollos Cushman (1744-1815) married Eleanor Keene (1748-1793)
 Same as above

Mayflower Passengers: John Tilley, Joan Hurst Tilley, Elizabeth Tilley, and John Howland

John Tilley (1571-1621) married Joan Hurst (1567-1621)
 Daughter: Elizabeth Tilley (1607-1687) married John Howland (1599-1672)
 Daughter: Ruth Howland (1646-1679) married Thomas Cushman (1637-1726)
 Son: Robert Cushman (1664-1757) married Persis Lewis (1671-1743)
 Son: Joshua Cushman (1707-1764) married Mary Soule (1711-1750)
 Same as above

Mayflower Passengers: Edward Fuller and Mrs. Fuller

Edward Fuller (1575-1621) married Mrs. Fuller (-1621)
 Son: Matthew Fuller (1605-1678) married Frances? (1605-1678)
 Daughter: Mary Fuller (1630-1691) married Ralph Jones (1600-1685)
 Son: Jedediah Jones (1657-1731) married Hannah Davis (1653-1718)
 Son: Isaac Jones (1690-1731) married Patience Stetson (1687-1732)
 Daughter: Lydia Jones (1712-1773) married Isaac Keene (1700-1787)
 Daughter: married Eleanor Keene (1748-1793) married Apollos Cushman (1744-1815)
 Same as above

Mayflower Passenger: Richard Warren

Richard Warren (1578-1628) married Elizabeth Walker (1580-1673)
 Daughter: Abigail Warren (1618-1692/3) married Anthony Snow (1619-1692)
 Son: Josiah Snow (1645-1692) married Rebecca Barker (1650-1711)
 Daughter: Lusannah Snow (1682-1732) married Thomas Tracy (1688-1755)
 Son: Asaph Tracy (1732-1799) married Mary Jacob (1725-1786)
 Daughter: Susannah Tracy (1750-) married Abel Nash (1748-1830)
 Son: Simeon Nash (1782-1863) married **Polly Burns (1786-1857)**
 Son: **John Augustus Nash (1812-1884)** married **Sedona Catherine Cushman (1816-1880)**
 Same as above

Mayflower Passenger: Richard Warren

Richard Warren (1578-1628) married Elizabeth Walker (1580-1673)
 Daughter: Anna Warren (1612-1676) married Thomas Little (1608-1671)
 Daughter: Abigail Little (1635-1660) married Josiah Keene (1620-1710)
 Son: Josiah Keene (1658-1732) married Lydia Baker (1659-1732)
 Son: Isaac Keene (1700-1787) married Lydia Jones (1712-1773)
 Daughter: Eleanor Keene (1748-1793) married Apollos Cushman (1744-1815)
 Son: **Jones Cutler Cushman (1770-1825)** married **Elizabeth Welt (1790-1869)**

All the lines have been verified and approved by The General Society of the Mayflower Descendants

The Welt and Benner Lines

Immigrant to America: Pleosus Blasius Welt

Pleosus Blasius Welt (1755-1793) married **Sedona Benner (1756-1841)**

Daughter: **Elizabeth Welt (1790-1869)** married **Jones Cutler Cushman (1770-1825)**

Daughter: **Sedona Catherine Cushman (1816-1880)** married **John Augustus Nash (1812-1884)**

Son: **John Benson Nash (1843 -1931)** married Ida Octavia Wheeler (1858-1940)

Daughter: Gladys Bartlett Nash (1895-1973) married Harold Frank Ordway (1896-1954)

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Daughter: Jane Elizabeth Ordway

Immigrant to America: Jost Henrich Benner and Margaret Keyser

Jost Henrich Benner (1715-1783) married Margaret Keyser (1726-1784)

Daughter: **Sedona Benner (1756-1841)** married Pleosus Blasius Welt (1755-1793)

Daughter: **Elizabeth Welt (1790-1869)** married **Jones Cutler Cushman (1770-1825)**

Daughter: **Sedona Catherine Cushman (1816-1880)** married **John Augustus Nash (1812-1884)**

Son: **John Benson Nash (1843 -1931)** married Ida Octavia Wheeler (1858-1940)

Same as above

QUERY made by **Jerry Lockenour** regarding the **Moravians in Broad Bay and North Carolina**

My ancestor that lived briefly in Broad Bay was **Johann George Lachenauer**. He and his wife **Sophia Salmon (Kastner) Lachenauer** sailed to Broad Bay on the ship Elizabeth in 1753. Unfortunately, Johann George drowned crossing a river near Broad Bay on Christmas day 1757. Sophia remarried a Broad Bay resident **Fredrich Kunzel** on February 2, 1759 and they moved to Friedland, North Carolina with several other Broad Bay residents and founded a Moravian Church there. She took with her two Lachenauer sons that form my ancestry. I recently took a photo of Sophia's tomb stone at the Moravian Church yard in Friedland.

There has been a recent book published "Herrnhut: The Formation of a Moravian Community, 1722-1732, by **Paul Peucker**, copyright 2022. I just bought the book today, so I have not yet read it, but it appears to primarily focus on the early European formation of the Moravian Church.

What I would like to see is an article on how the Moravian came to Broad Bay and lured a number of residents to travel to North Carolina and form the church there.

Response from David Putnam:

I was glad to see your query and interest in the Moravians. They were a relatively small group in Broad Bay, yet they left a large footprint. I have received many inquiries from people descended from the Moravians who left Broad Bay for North Carolina. In fact, one of the villages settled in NC was named Broad Bay. As I am sure you know, the OBBFHA has erected a sign on the former site of the Moravian Meeting House. Recently, a local archeologist did some exploratory test holes on this site but could not locate the remains of the meeting house. However, he did not have access to the entire area and feels that he might find it on an adjacent lot. Regarding the history of the Moravians in Broad Bay, I have attached below two articles from past newsletters that deal with the history and number of the Moravians in Broad Bay. If you desire more information, please feel free to send me any questions you might have. I will be happy to answer them if I can. Thanks again for your inquiry!

The following was submitted by **Jean Lawrence** OBBFHA Newsletter: Vol. 14, No. 3, Summer 2016.

In 1742 when the first families of German descent settled in Waldoboro, they were of three religious' persuasions: predominantly Lutheran, a few Moravians, and a few Reformed Lutherans. Life was very difficult during the early years. The winters were harsh, the ground was unforgiving with its rocky soil and

many trees to be felled, the danger from Indian attack was eminent, and early on all found that in many ways they had been sold a bill of goods regarding their new home. At first, worship services were held in the crude structures called homes, and various leaders came from the settlers themselves. Attempts at building places for worship began first within the blockade, next within the building on Dutch Neck at Meetinghouse Cove, the Moravian Mission House on Lot 9 the east side of the Medomak River, the New Church on the lot next (10) towards the village, and finally the removal of this church (present Old German Church) to the west side of the river and its final site.

Two Moravian missionaries **George Soelle** (ordained in 1741) and **Samuel Herr** were in the New England territory in 1742 and were invited to visit the Moravian group in Waldoboro. They found a warm welcome, and Soelle later returned to the flock and became their pastor. In 1762, under his leadership seven families built close to the river a mission house, a rough log structure, on the grant originally given to **Hans Vogler** and his grown son Philip. The mission became a meeting house, school, and home for Soelle. Soon as many as 50 worshippers attended services. Soelle was a good pastor and also preached for the other “persuasions” in the area as he could speak both German and English. However, Soelle’s life was not easy. At that time, pastors were paid from the town’s taxes, and it appears that **Rev. John Martin Schaeffer**, the Lutheran pastor, was jealous of Soelle’s success and wanted more of the town’s pastoral salary for himself. He did as much as he could, along with his supporters, to make Soelle’s life untenable even to the extent of taking prisoner Soelle and one of his parishioners. The intent was to run them out of town; however, the plot failed.

The Moravians by 1766 were asking the church headquarters in Bethlehem for a permanent church instead of a mission. Even though **Philip Vogler** was ready to deed over the land, Bethlehem delayed action. **Bishop John Ettwein** made a survey visit and preached and visited in homes in the area for several days and then headed for Boston by boat along with Soelle and a young man who was about to enter service for the church. During his visit, the bishop talked about the new Moravian settlement in North Carolina. After he left, people began to talk about moving south even though at first, Soelle advised against it. One must remember that the Moravians are famous for their agricultural products, and besides the dealings with the locals regarding their worship, many were discouraged by the poor growing conditions in Maine. In 1769, the first group of 28 left for NC, and in 1770, Soelle and 8 more families removed to the Salem, NC area. Soelle’s health was not robust when he left Waldoboro, and he died in 1773 in Salem. A total of about 100 members of the Moravian persuasion relocated from Waldoboro.

About the time that the Moravians left the area, an influx of land developers became interested in purchasing many of the original grants on the east side of the river. The land on which the mission stood was purchased by **Captain Stephen Andrews**, a wealthy Boston Sea Captain, who built the existing house well away from the shore on what would become Friendship Road. The mission house decayed over time and disappeared. Today a sign on Friendship Road near mailbox 595 gives information on the mission, though no remains exist.

Interestingly, the original site of the present Old German Church was Lot Number 10, the next north upriver towards the village. The lot was purchased from **John Newbert** and building began in the summer of 1772. That church was dismantled and removed on the ice to the west side in the winter of 1794-1795. Now known as the Old German Church, it is an historical site along with its graveyard and is open to the public each summer during the month of August.

Sources consulted: Samuel Miller’s History of Waldoboro, 1910 and Jasper J. Stahl’s History of Old Broad Bay and Waldoboro, 1956.



Submitted by David Putnam:

MISINFORMATION (?): In September I received a letter from OBBFHA member and indefatigable researcher **Tracie Gross Ott**. Tracie is from our West Coast contingent, and she informed me that she had viewed an online conference sponsored by the New England Historic Genealogical Society. The title of the conference was, **Researching 17th Century New England: Genealogy, History Legacy!** Tracie advised me that the second session of the conference was about the settlement of New England and the speaker was **David Curtis Dearborn**,

FASG, Senior Genealogist Emeritus. At one point, Mr. Dearborn offered the following information: “The Waldoboro Germans desire a mention, these are people who came from what is now the Czech Republic in the mid-1700s. Around the time of the Revolution about half moved down to North Carolina and settled in Guilford and Onslow Counties, North Carolina to settle with other Moravians, others stayed in Maine and their descendants are still there today.” Mr. Dearborn went on say that there were 1500 settlers who arrived in Broad Bay from Moravia in 1752-1753, that Broad Bay had previously been settled by Ulster Scots, and that “about half” later moved to North Carolina in the 1770's to join other Moravians because of threatened lawsuits over land titles.

To say the least I was surprised to read this information. I sent a very respectful email to Mr. Dearborn advising him that the three volumes of Waldoboro history that I was familiar with (The History of Waldoboro by Miller, The History of Old Broad Bay by Stahl, and Broad Bay Pioneers by Whitaker and Horlacher) recount quite a different history of the Moravians in Waldoboro. I advised him there is no record mentioned in these volumes about 1500 Moravians arriving in Broad Bay, or of 750 people leaving Broad Bay for North Carolina. While all three local histories offer slightly different numbers, the total count of the Moravian migration is at the most approximately 29 families, comprising approximately 100-125 persons. I also informed him that these histories attributed the motivation of the Moravian migrants to the desire to live in the communal manner of the Moravians in North Carolina, and the desire to practice their religion free from persecution. Additionally, I informed him that the geographical parameters of the Broad Bay Settlement in the mid-1750's would not have supported 1500, or even 750 persons, in addition to the settlers who arrived from earlier migrations from Germany.

I have not heard back from Mr. Dearborn at this time. Perhaps he has some additional source, unknown to us, that will verify his figures and rewrite the history of Broad Bay and Waldoboro as we know it. If not, I hope my email will cause Mr. Dearborn and The New England Historic Genealogical Society to reassess the material they present regarding the “Waldoboro Germans.”



CHRISTIAN B. GROSS AND SOPHIA MINK: A BRIEF GENEALOGY

By Tracie Gross Ott

As many of you regular readers know, I searched for many years before discovering more Maine-related information about my 3rd great-grandfather, Christian B. GROSS, best known as C.B.: About his life in Waldoboro and why he left his hometown. This article highlights his first family with Sophia. Her MINK family was *not* extensively searched.

Christian B. GROSS (middle name still unknown) son of Johannes Peter GROSS aka “Peter” or John P. Sr.” and Mary Christina WALCH, m. his 2d cousin relationship⁽¹⁾ Sophia MINK on November 22, 1835,⁽²⁾ and had two daughters, Mahala “Mary” and Ark-Ann “Ann”, all in Waldoboro. Sophia, dau. of Charles Bonaparte MINK and Mary Catherine MINK was b. 3 Dec 1811, using calculation of age at death 69y 2m 21d; d. 24 Feb 1881 in Warren, Knox, Maine.⁽³⁾

During the **1840 U.S. Census**, it *appears* that the C.B. GROSS family lived with Sophia’s parents on the east side of Waldoboro. Charles MINK household:

Males

- 1) 10 thru 14 (Jeremiah Mink)
- 2) 15 thru 19 (Valentine & John Mink)
- 2) 20 thru 29 (Christian Gross & Godfrey Mink)
- 1) 50 thru 59 (Charles Mink)

Females

- 2) Under 5 (Mahala & Arkan Gross)
- 1) 5 thru 9 (?)
- 1) 20 thru 29 (Sophia Gross)
- 1) 40 thru 49 (Mary Catherine Mink)
- 1) 80 thru 89 (“Lissabot” nee’ Gross)

Persons Employed in Agriculture: 1 (Charles Mink?)

Persons Employed in Navigation of the Ocean: 2 (Christian Gross? & Valentine Mink?)

White Persons – Insane and Idiots at Private Charge: 1 (Godfrey)

Note: Persons employed equal 3 and males in household = 5.

Listed between households: George FOGLER & Andrew FITZGERALD -- Edward MANNING & Paul MINK.

According to the research compiled by Esther Soule Gross, #2 Christian B. GROSS and Sophia MINK, separated, he went to Michigan and re-married [Elizabeth Helen WILSON b. England; no known relationship to William H. WILSON] where he had Byron [b. 1848] and Spencer [b. 1850; Tracie’s line].

#3 Henry GROSS, no definite data. Some of the family thought he lived in Thomaston; if so, he dropped out of communication with the family. William R. WALTER,⁽⁴⁾ a nephew, has stated that, “*the last seen of Henry was on shore, left there by a sailing vessel of which he was a crew member.*”⁽⁵⁾

[Note: At first, I thought this could be C.B. and the means of his departure but, with further research, I realized Walter wasn’t born until 1856. Plus, John P. Sr.’s 2^d family of children = females. With further digging I found John P. GROSS, Jr. & Margaret MINK had a son named Henry who lived in Warren during **1880 U.S. Census** and listed next to Sophia Mink Gross WILSON and family. By 1900 Henry lived in Hillsborough, New Hampshire. This is a good example of how same named people can be mixed up.]

The first record found for C.B. living in Michigan is his marriage to Hellen E. SMITH on 6 March **1845**, Arlington, Van Buren Co., Michigan.⁽⁶⁾ Aka Elizabeth H. WILSON b. England per sons, Byron B. GROSS (death certificate) and Herbert L. SEELEY (marriage certificate).



Sophia’s life in records without C.B. GROSS begins with the **1850 U.S. Census**. At age 37, she is still living within the household of her father on the east side of Waldoboro. Charles MINK 69, farmer, Mary C. 62, and brothers, Godfrey 46 [sic 40; disabled]; Valentine 28 & Jeremiah 24, both mariners. Living next door is brother, John MINK 26, farmer and his wife, Mary J. 22 + Sophia & C.B.’s daughters, Mahala 14 & Arkan 12 GROSS. Listed between households: George FOGLER & Andrew FITZGERALD – Edward MANNING & George HOFSES.

Two daughters of C.B. GROSS & Sophia MINK

I. Mahala "Mary" GROSS b. July 1836 Waldoboro; d. 1927 Thomaston, Knox, Maine⁽⁷⁾ She m. Joseph MAXCY, 20+ years her senior, b. 29 Jan 1811; d. 3 Aug 1896 --no wedding date found-- During the **1870** U.S. Census of Thomaston, Joseph's household lists two young MAXCY girls, Olive 7 & Evelyn 5 + Mahala GROSS 36 as housekeeper.

- Could their biological mother be Caroline BOOKER age 30, living with Joseph MAXCY as a servant during the **1860** U.S. Census of Thomaston?
- Where is Mahala "Mary" in **1860**?

Due to *uncertainty*, I list all as children of Joseph & Mary because she either represents their biological mother or mother figure.

1. Olive Maxcy, b. 7 June 1863 m. William M. GRAY;
2. Evelyn Maxcy, b. 11 Oct 1864 m. Fred H. FERNALD on 2 Jan 1900, Thomaston, Maine. [Note: Marriage record lists Mary M. Maxcy as mother of Evelyn.]
3. Addie May Maxcy, b. 1871; d. same year, Thomaston;
4. Joseph Maxcy Jr., b. 14 Aug 1872 m. Theo"dora" T. GILCHRIST.

II. Ark-Ann "Ann" GROSS, b. 1838 Waldoboro d. 1924 Thomaston, Knox, Maine.⁽⁸⁾

She m. Phillip M. KALLOCH, b. 19 May 1835;d. 12 Dec 1908 Warren, Knox, Maine.

Their children: 1. Eliza J., 2. Freddie, and 5. Georgianna did not live to maturity.

3. Joseph Maxcy Kalloch, b. Mar 1862 m. Florentine "Flora" STONE;
4. Alice S. Kalloch, b. 13 May 1864 m. William V. CONANT.

Cyrus Eaton writes, WILSON, William H. b.r in Nova Scotia, m. Mrs. Sophia GROSS, (dau of Chars Buonaparte MANK of Wal., but who came to W., r. at his daughter's, and d. April 16, 1873 a. 96 yrs 3 m 11 d. [m] **Dec., 1850**; r. W.,at Oyster R. their chil. 1, Eveline B; r. W.⁽⁹⁾

1880 U.S. Census of Warren *WILSON, Wm. H. 53, Laborer, b. Nova Scotia, parents b. Nova Scotia.

*wife, Sophia 66, Keeps house: *Is the person on day of Enumerator's visit, sick or temporarily disabled, as to be unable to attend to ordinary business? If so, what is the sickness or disability?* Cancer, b. Maine.

*grandson, BURKLIN [sic BUCKLIN] Geo A. 4, b. Maine; parents Same [Note: BUCKLIN surname related to Valentine MINK family.]

*dau., Earline R. 22 [sic Eveline B. mother of George & father, Austin BUCKLIN⁽¹⁰⁾] single, b. Maine.

These surnames still exist in the Waldoboro – Warren - Thomaston – Wiscasset area.

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Masthead: Interior of Old German Meeting House. Black and white: Getty Images. Color: Bruce Bartru, Photographer The thirty-six and one-half by forty-five and one-half foot church building was framed and enclosed in 1772 near the ferry landing on the east side of the Medomak River replacing their first church building, a log building at Meeting House Cove, which was dedicated in 1763. The interior remained unfinished with the worshipers sitting on "rude benches". In the winter of 1795, the building was disassembled and moved across the river to its present location and the interior was completed and the building painted by 1804. The floor plan is a common layout for church and meeting-house buildings of the period of an entrance at the opposite end from the pulpit, three aisles serving box pews and a large gallery with mostly box pews. Initially entrance is made into a small porch containing three exterior doors and two stairways. The box pews remain unpainted, the walls and woodwork above the pews painted green. The building is heated with wood stoves and has never had electric service. The pulpit stands high above the floor with a sounding board above. The first minister was **John Ulmer**.



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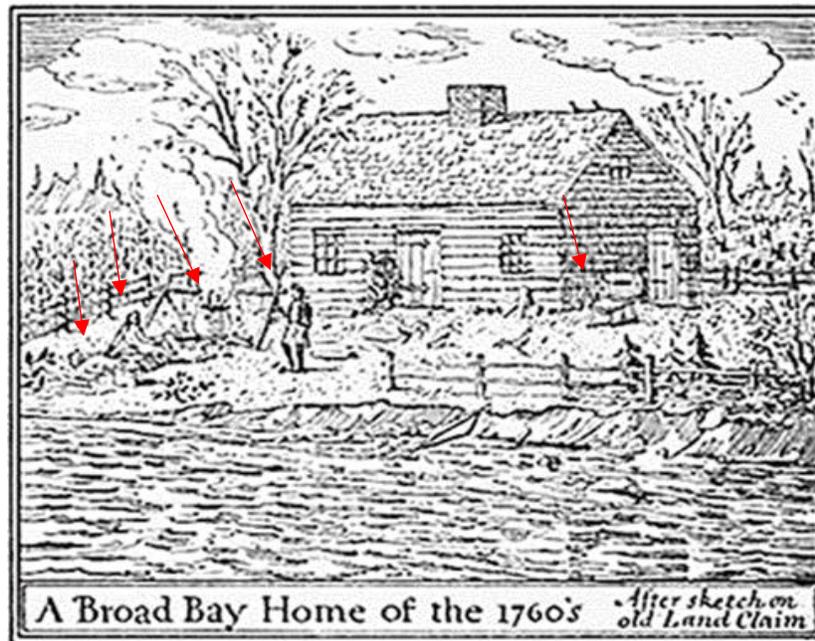
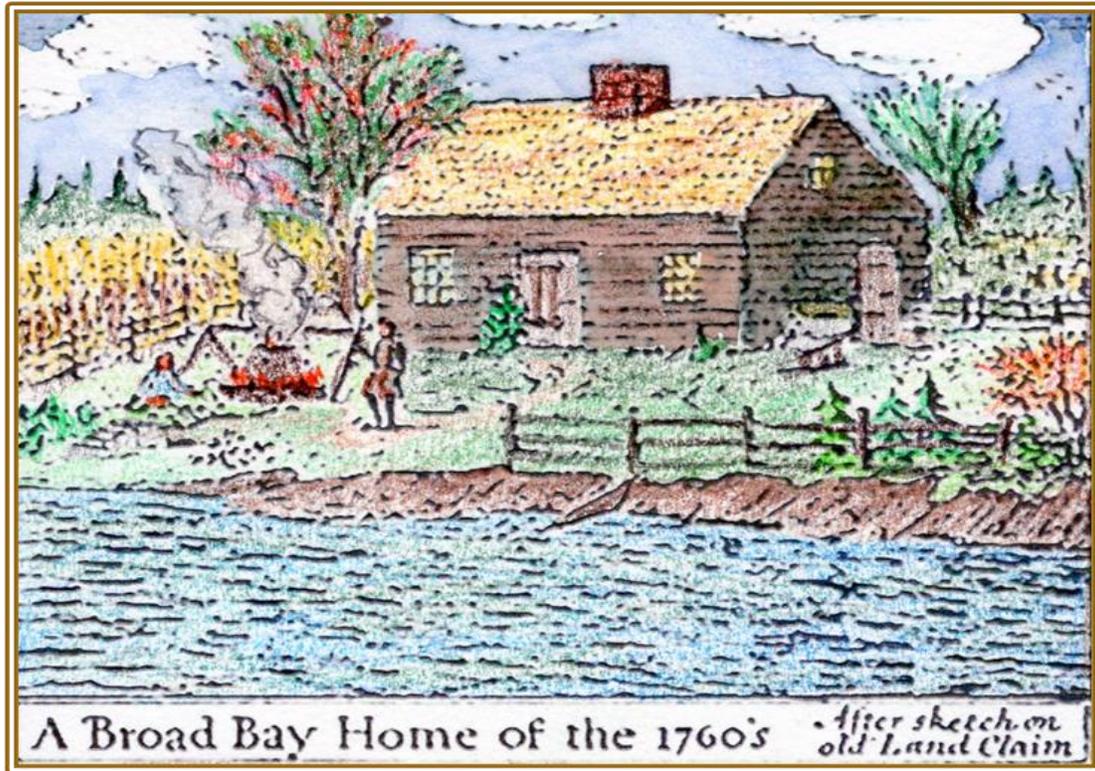
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You may have seen this drawing depicting a Broad Bay Home of the 1760's in *The History of Old Broad Bay and Waldoboro* by Jasper Stahl. Perhaps like me, you saw a cabin style home, a man in front, a fence, trees, and water. Once I started colorizing it, I found it to be warm and welcoming. I have placed arrows on the black and white copy to pinpoint what I found. Starting of the left are steps, next is a woman sitting, then a cauldron and brace with a fire that has a lot of smoke rising, almost roof high, washing clothes or too hot out to cook in the fireplace? The man may or may not be holding a rifle. I think it is part of the cauldron brace. On the far right are perhaps two animals. I also see beautiful clouds, a corn field and at the top far right perhaps another crop. I hope you enjoy it too. Submitted by Patricia Kriso

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William Armstrong Fairburn
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 Naval Architect and Marine Engineer

REVIEW of Volume 5 Waldoboro, Maine by Patricia Kriso

There are 6 Volumes in the set. This article is about Volume 5, described as *United States Wood Shipbuilders and Shipbuilding Centers during the days of the Young Republic and throughout the nineteenth century, with the production of sailing vessels, including packets, Clippers, and Down Easters.*

The chapters begin by covering shipbuilding in all of the New England areas on the Atlantic coast. Chapter XV, page 3099 is titled MAINE—THE GREAT WOOD SHIPBUILDING STATE. Waldoboro is Chapter XXX, page 3375. Described as A Community with a Shipbuilding Record from the 1800's through the Packet, Clipper, and Down Easter Eras to the End of its Schooner Construction in 1904.

The customhouse had no records before 1871 of ships being built in Waldoboro. Mr. Fairburn's considerable research talks about the many ships of all sizes that were built starting in 1801. Using a table to organize facts about tons, length, beam, depth and types of ships and the year built. The next table is about the specific type of craft: Full-Rigged Ships, Barks, Barkentines, Brigs, and Schooners including the name, year built, tonnage and the builder. Examples are the *Desdemona* built in 1841 and the *American Eagle* in 1865 both built by Joseph Clark. The well-known first 5 masted schooner the *Governor Ames* was built by Leavitt Storer in 1888. Additional builders listed are A.R. Reed, Storer & Company, Edwin O. Clark, Reed, Welt & Co., George O. Welt and more. The lists continue with three from the Clipper ship era and 2-masted schooners.

Within these compiled tables are found interesting stories about the sea life or lifespan of some of the ships. The *Gold Hunter* built in 1867 by Joseph Clark. A good and profitable ship for **thirteen years**. The *Alex McNeil* built in 1869 by Reed, Caldwell & Company had **thirty-five years** of service. The *Carrie Clark* built in 1874 by Joseph Clark & son. She was a good and reliable ship with **forty-seven years** of sea life. The *Isaac Reed* built in 1875 by A.R. Reed & Company, named for a state senator. An average sailor and a good carrier. She had **forty-nine years** of service. The *Willie Reed* built in 1877 by A.R. Reed & Company, considered 'one of the best vessels ever built at Waldoboro.' Had **seventeen years** of service. The *Emily Reed* built in 1880 by A.R. Reed & Company had **twenty-six years** of service.

This volume was arranged and edited by Ethel M. Ritchie for the Fairburn Marine Educational Foundation
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