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Old Broad Bay Bund und Blatt

**A Newsletter about the
German Colony
Established at Broad
Bay (Waldoboro),
Massachusetts/Maine
1742 - 1753**

From The President

Another successful annual event for the BROAD BAY FAMILY HISTORY ASSOCIATION! Our membership, again, has volunteered to display their family's genealogical outlines, old photographs, current projects, etc.. on Saturday, July 31st at the Meenagha Grange Hall in downtown Waldoboro. My personal "Thank You" to them, for this is what it's all about!

Interesting speakers captivated the audience with varied topics, opened to questions, and brief discussions afterwards.

Even the weather was cooperative for late July, not being too awfully hot and not raining !! Hence, that is perhaps the reason the "festivities" seemed to have abruptly ended at 4PM, so that everyone could enjoy what was left of a really nice day?

A bunch of us met the next morning, Sunday, August 1st at the Waldoboro Town Office for the annual cemetery tour. Again, such a nice day, and no particular destination in mind, we formed a caravan of vehicles, (or car pooled) , and found our way to the West Waldoboro-Genthner neighborhood to observe "newly found" and cleaned up old family burial places. Mr. Grotton and Randy Gross spent a lot of their free time this spring and summer clearing tangled messes of bushes, downed trees, and undergrowth just to read and copy what stones they could find in each of these forgotten places.

I guess the topic of the day was a reminder of how neglected these and many other cemeteries have become over the years --- some even being within 15 feet of the road!

We wound up the tour at a medium sized cemetery just over the town line into Bremen. It seemed to be well maintained and there were numerous family lots

with descendants of early Waldoboro German names.

Later, after lunch, we again met on the front lawn of the Old German Church for our annual meeting and election of officers. Again, being the nice day that it was, I think we broke the record for brevity, for the meeting went very quick.

MEETING MINUTES

With Richard Castner presiding, officers for the next year were nominated, seconded, and elected as follows:

President - *Mark Benner*

Vice President - *Richard Castner*

Secretary - *Renee Seiders*

Treasurer - *Renee Seiders*

Archivist - *Richard Castner*

Registrar - *Randy Gross*

Executive Committee -

Arlene Stetson

Esther Wallace

Douglas Prescott

My, (our), many thanks for out-going Vice-president, Joyce Brown for the terrific job she did!

The Waldoboro Historical Society did a wonderful job again this year providing a luncheon for the group!

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The treasury is alive and maintaining it's own. At least, we are not in the red.

The quarterly newsletter is an area that we need to work on. A brief discussion at the meeting was made concerning the need for more input from the membership, as far as stories, personal memories, history, or anything of general reading interest. Also, we are definitely going to have to create a new "office" ...

Newsletter Editor ... hopefully at the next annual meeting in August 2000. No one at the meeting seemed interested, and it's not a position that can be duly appointed to just anyone who just happens to be standing there! We need a newsletter to help hold this organization together!! Any volunteers??

The annual German Church service was as good as always, a little hot upstairs, but attendance seemed rather low this year. The Ladies Club did a super job with refreshments, as usual, after the service! Yum, Yum!!

Mark Benner, President

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**Resignation
of Joyce Ball Brown**

Dear Friends,

I will be unable to be Vice President of the Old Broad Bay Family Association for the coming year.

I have decided it is time for someone else to take my place.

This means that I will not be doing the "muffin thing" and someone else will have to do it. I have sent Renee Seiders the information about ordering the muffins.

Good luck! Hope to see you at the meeting next summer!

Always,
Joyce

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MEMORIAL MARKER

Kenneth Light wrote about a way in which we might honor the original pioneers from Germany who settled in Broad Bay. He felt that there seemed to be enough descendants who are proud of their pioneering ancestors to be able to raise funds for the purchase and erection of a permanent marker inscribed with the names as listed in the association bulletin. One place that might be suitable for erecting such a marker would be the grounds of the Waldoboro Historical Society Museum if the society agreed. He has offered a monetary sum toward that goal.

The Waldoboro Historical Society will be contacted and find out what the procedure might be to have it done. We would also need to decide as a group if this would be a group project under our organization or individual

members. All information will be gathered and presented at the August meeting. An informal assessment of cost will be made before the meeting.

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**LOST GRAVE
LOCATED?**

Marjorie Freeman, Randy Gross, and Richard Castner spent much time this summer of 1999 in following clues, trying to pinpoint the location of the mass grave in which seventeen of the German immigrants were buried during the winter of 1753/1754. (See Miller's History, pg. 41)

They have tentatively identified the playing field behind the Miller School as the probable location. That being the case, they ask you to compose and send in what you consider to be a suitable text to be placed on a marker which will be erected once the research is complete.

Send your letter to :

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**ROMINGER,
RUMINGER,
RUMINER Family**

by **Kenneth E. Ruminer**

I have a RUMINER "theory", near proven, that our Ruminers descend from ROMINGERS in North Carolina. My brother, William Lee, Cave Creek, AZ and I can look back to Posey County, IN where ref. "Goodspeed, 1886, page 685" records under Michael Ruminer that his father {our g g g grandfather} was Christian RUMINER of German Descent, born in Maine and living in PA, TN, and KY before moving to IN. He married (same reference) Jane CAMPBELL, b. NC 1779, d. IN 1846. I have a copy of a marriage bond from Gallatin, Sumner County, TN, for Christian RUMINGER to Jane FARR, 27 NOV 1817. Michael, Christian's son was born in KY, 18 FEB 1821 (1st ref.) ??? Was Jane FARR really Jane /CAMPBELL/ FARR, PHARR ??? She was a Farr or PHARR widow but we have not discovered her maiden name.

According to Moravian archives, Old Salem, NC, Christian ROMINGER was the 10th of 11 children of Michael ROMINGER, Sr. and Catherine ANTON and the [youngest] 6th to reach maturity and raise a family:

b. Broad Bay, Maine 5 AUG 1762

m. Catherine PAGER

Three children:

1. Beatus** b. 4 OCT 1782
2. Johannes b. 22 DEC 1784
3. Elizabeth b. 28 APR 1787

"Of this family no details are known other than that they migrated from NC over the Cumberland mountains and all trace of them was then lost. Susan (ROMINGER) SHORE, a niece of this Christian ROMINGER who was living in Hope, IN in 1877 thinks her uncle went to Illinois where it is possible he left descendants...."

{1781} NC (Friedland Tract #135?)

Moravian Archives memoir card, Old Salem 13 years prior to her death, his mother Catherina, turned over to Christian (6th living child, not in the congregation) the family farm land. {age 19}

1792 Jan 24, Friendland, NC Rec. of Mor. in Fries, V p. 2377

Christian R. provides logs for school room.

1794 NC

Christian's mother, Anna Catherina, dies.

1800 KY Census:

Ruminger, Christenian Logan 1800

1810 KY Census:

Ruminger, Christian, Logan Co.,

KY 181

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^male greater than 45 years

1797 Oct. 2 , Sumner Co., TN

Bond for Jannet FARR to adm Ephraim FARR est.

1814 May, Sumner Co., TN p. 83

Commissioner's deed divides real estate of Ephraim PHARR, dec'd, between heirs namely Jane P., Elizabeth P., George P., Neomi P., James P., Samuel P., and Vicessinias P. Jean PHARR listed as widow of dec'd. Each rec'd 16 ac.

1815 Aug 21 , Logan Co., KY Deed Book E, p.31

Christian RUMINGER deeded over 43 ac. to son, John \$300 on waters Middle Fork of Red River. [The signature is identical to signature on marriage bond dated 27 Nov 1817, Gallatin, Sumner Co., TN]

1815 Sep 6, Sumner Co., TN p. 272

Deed, Samuel PHARR to David ORMAND \$192, 16 ac. on Sinking Creek, it being sd Samuel's part of tr whereon his mother, Jane PHARR, now lives.

1818 Jun22, Logan Co., KY Deed Book F, p.305

John RUMINGER bought from Geo. MIFFORD 33 ac., \$198.

1818 Aug. 29, Logan Co., KY EC8-140 (6 pages)

Christian RUMINGER filed complaint against son, John, re: land, title, rent and return of reserved 50 ac. since he, Christian, has just married with large family of small children. [same signature]

1820 KY Census:

RUMINGER, Christian, Logan 028 Russelvi (lle)

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^male greater than 45 years

??? What happened to Catherine*, Beatus**, and Elizabeth ??? and children of 1810 census?

* Christian declares his 1st wife being dead and children having left... (EC8-140 above)

** "Beloved", died at birth or prior to naming

1821 Dec. 4, Logan Co., KY Survey Book E, p. 604

Christian RUMINGER, 100 ac. on Waters of Muddy River.

1829 Jun 21, IN, Vanderbutgh Co., (next E. of Posey Co.)

Ephraim PHAR m. Mahala McCollester.

1830 IN Census: Pose 204 Marrs Twp

Christian ROMINGER 1 M5/10, 1 M60/70, 1 F5/10, 1 F40/50 [Did he get it right this one time?]

1837 Jun 1, IN Vanderburgh Co.,

Ephraim PHAR m. Aceaneth MARRS by Robert PARRETT

1840 IN Census: Pose 298 Robb Twp

Cristian RUMINER 1 M15/20, 1 M60/70, 1 F15/20, 1 F50/60

Jas PHARR 1 M5/10, 1 M30/40, 1 F5/10, 1 F30/40

1843 Mar 23, IN, Posey Co.

Michael RUMINER m. Jane MARRS

The late, Edward RUMINER of Tulare, CA, started me on this Moravian ROMINGER adventure with a phone call 10 Oct. 1992. An obituary with birthdate or birthdate from an IN or KY record might "seal" all of this record as proven.

The following is an article offered by Richard Castner to include in our newsletter. He wrote and obtained permission to include it here.

This column appeared originally in WORKING WATERFRONT, a

publication of the Island Institute. It was in the August 1999 issue.

AWAY HAPPENS

by Phil Crossman

I am from Away. There are only two places, Here and Away. Here, this place, is a small place and Away is a big place but, make no mistake about it, Here is Here and Away is the other place. Only 1200 or so people live Here. Billions more live Away than live Here, although increasingly, during the summer, it seems otherwise.

There is a big and obvious difference between those who live Here and those who live Away. There is no less a distinction between those who live Here and who the rest of us acknowledge are really from Here and those who live Here but who the rest of us know full well are really from Away. Each of us is firmly cast one way or the other. We are either from Here or, to one degree or another, we are from Away. These distinctions, some subtle some less so, are laboriously learned and clear to most of us, certainly those who have been here a couple of generations or more. The understanding of newcomers is, for a while, muddled.

Some cases are clearer than others. A lady who moves Here from Boston in June is still from Away in September. Simple enough. The following year, however, she thinks she's from Here. We all know she's from Away. A few years later she and we are again in agreement. She is from Away. At some point she may settle down and send some kids through school and before you know it she starts to think she's from Here again, until she succumbs to the temptation to speak up at a school board meeting and discovers she's still from Away.

Other circumstances are far less clear. A couple (for the sake of illumination let's make one of them from Here and the other from Away) settle down Here and have a child, Dolores. Dolores grows up

Here, marries a local (different than from Here) guy, and they raise a family of their own. Eventually Dolores passes on, having never left. She wasn't from Here. She only was Here. She was Here by way of Away. One can only be from Here if you and your ancestors have never lived anywhere else. One cannot be from Here.

A person can, however, become from Away and such a stigma is for keeps. There is no redemption, no getting back on the wagon. Away happens. Like many unhappy circumstances, though, being from away can be improved upon. A person from Away could, for example, marry one of us; and some have, with no more noble goal than to improve their situation; or might simply work to improve our quality of life. Either maneuver can be dicey.

I am from Away. This is painful for me to acknowledge but, in the long run, probably therapeutic. My great great great great grandfather, James Roberts, landed here on Vinalhaven among other early settlers in 1792. He married Sarah Hall from Matinicus, a variation of Away, but not as bad as, say Worcester. They raised fifteen kids. One of them was my great great great great grandfather William Roberts. He and his wife had James II who married Jane Shaw, whose picture hangs in my dining room. They had Hannibal Hamlin Roberts who married Aura Marcella Coombs and fathered Rena, my great grandmother, the matriarch of five living generations until a few years ago when she died at 101. Rena was the mother of my grandmother Phyllis, and there the trouble began.

In 1923, when Gram was sixteen, a crewman on the old GOVERNOR BODWELL, a passenger steamer serving Rockland, Vinalhaven, North Haven, Isle au Haut, Stonington, and Swan's Island, a man from Away, stopped Here and swept her off her feet. She remains aloft to this day. She and Ted Maddox married, removed themselves to Boston, and had my mother and a boy who died in infancy. My mother went to school there and married my father, her high school

sweetheart. They had me and then my brother Dick and in 1948, after my Dad's service in Germany in WWII, both they and my grandparents came back to the island where the two men went into business together. Eventually I became the oldest of four brothers, the last tow of whom were born Here. They are from Away too, of course, but less so than me. When I'm traveling and folks ask me where I'm from I tell them Vinalhaven, Maine. Out Here they know better.

A few years ago the Lions Club nominating committee made its annual presentation to the membership, reporting out a recommended slate of officers for the ensuing year.

"The Committee proposes the following candidates," invoked the Chair. "For President, Paul Rhoads. For Vice Pres--"

"Rhoads!" exclaimed one longtime member in disgust, "I remember when they first came here, during the Depression. He's from Away and so's she. I don't mean no offense, Paul, I think you're finest kind of a fella, especially being from Away and all, but a transplant as King Lion? I don't hardly think so."

"Jeez Rolly, most of here are from Away at one time or another," replied the startled Committee Chair, a fellow only a couple of generations removed from Away. "Even you, now that I think about it. Your father came back Here with you after your real mother run off and left him up to Worcester but you was almost school age by then."

"Yeah", volunteered Randy, piling on, "and we all remember when your stepmother run away and lived with that rope salesman over in Warren. She stayed there for fifteen years, long enough for any Vinalhaven she had in her to wear pretty damn thin."

Rolly had opened the floodgates and now he had to defend himself. "My people have roots Here all the way back to when this place was first settled. That's more than damn near any of you can say."

"Roots ain't good enough, Rolly, and you know it. There might have been an Austin here in the beginning but there wasn't a sign of 'em for a good long spell 'til your old man brought you back here."

"Well," says Max, "I agree with Rolly. I say we hadn't ought to have folks in leadership positions like King Lion or Town Manager and so on unless they're really from Here. How about a point system. If you were born Here you get ten points. Then ..."

"Wait a minute; nobody's born Here anymore. They're all born over to the hospital nowadays."

"Well, you know what I mean."

"I don't know what you mean; never have, for that matter."

"I mean you woulda been born Here if they was still deliverin'. Anyway, if your mother or father was born Here you get another ten points each. If their folks was all born Here, you get ten points each, and so forth all the way back. Anyone whose ancestors settled Here back in the 1700s and whose descendants never left can credit 9 or 10 generations. That's a maximum of 5,000 points or so. And then for every instance of, dilution, let's call it, 10 points is subtracted. So if your great grandfather got himself a woman from up Springfield, subtract 10 points. If your grandmother went off to work in Boston and never came back till she retired, lose another 10 points. If your folks are from Here and you were born Here but you look an awful lot like a particular summer fella, another ten points lost. Seems like an accumulation of 4,000 points ought to clinch it."

The membership settled down to compute relative nativeness and discovered that none of them came remotely close. Upon further examination they could identify one person in town who was really from Here.

I'm from Away and I'm beginning to deal with it. Sometimes I stand up in a crowded restaurant and announce "Hi. My name is Phil, and I'm from Away."

More and more often, folks applaud and offer encouragement.

Any questions or comments please write to:

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Old Broad Bay Family Association QUERIES

Q69 - In my records of the DOCKENDORFF family, I have a Mary Polly LASH who married Thomas DOCKENDORFF 1805. I have her as dau. of Paul & Mary (GLEMNER) LASH. She was b. 1780, d. 01 Sept 1869, is bur. in the Old German Cemetery.

According to "Bund und Blatt", Mary Polly LASH was the daughter of Erasmus & Regina (KUEBLER) LOESCH. (families moved to Canada)

Could you help us solve this mystery?
Could her parents (whoever they are) be buried nearby?

---Ronald & Avis MUNRO

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Dear Readers:

Sorry for the delay in getting newsletters to you. The next one should be out shortly.

We do need people to submit articles or items to the newsletter. Any thing you have would be welcome.

Renee Seiders

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Old Broad Bay Roots

Antoni* (Anton), Bausser*, Becker, Beckler*, Beisch, Beller, Benner*,
Birkenbauel*, Bornemann, Bornheimer*, Brodtmann* (Broadman),
Burkhardt* (Burkett), Christ, Daurenheim*, Demuth*, Dickendorff,
Dies/Theis* (Dice), Derhinger, Dochtermann* (Tochtermann), Doerfler*
(Doerflinger), Eichorn* (Achor), Eisele, Elflein*, Engel*, Engelbert,
Feiler* (Feyler), Feilhauer*, Flenderick*, Genthner*, Georg* (George),
Getsinger, Grimmer, Grob, Gross*, Hahn*, Heidenheim* (Huettenheim),
Heiler** (Hyler), Heun* (Hein), Heisler*, Heyer, Hild* (Hilt), Hoch*,
Hoffses*, Holzapfel, Huebner* (Heavener), Iselen, Janson, Jung* (Young),
Kammerer* (Comery), Kastner* (Castner), Keizer, Kintzel* (Kinsel),
Claus*, Klein* (Cline), Koehler* (Kaler), Korrr/Korrss, Kraemer*
(Creamer, Crammer), Krebs (Crapes), Kroehn*, Kuebler*, Kueblinger*
(Kiblinger), Kuhn (Coon, Cone), Kumaler (Comler), Lagenauer*, Leng*
(Long), Lauer* (Lowry, Lowery), Leben Zelner* (Levensaler), Leight*
(Light), Leissner*, Loesch* (Lash), Low, Ludwig*, Martin*, May*,
Mellen*, Mueller* (Miller), Mink* (Mank), Moser, Neubert* (Newbert),
Neuhaus* (Newhouse), Orff*, Oberlach* (Overlock), Pracht* (Prack),
Rapp, Reich* (Rich), Ried* (Reed, Reid), Refuss (Refuse), Reisser
(Razor), Riegner, Roemele (Remily), Rodner, Rominger*, Roth* (Rode,
Rhodes), Rost**, Schaeffer/Schoefner (Shephard), Schencks* (Shanks),
Schmaus* (Smouse), Schmidt* (Smith), Schnaudiel* (Snowdeal),
Schneider* (Snider, Snyder), Schotts (Shoats), Schumacher*, Schuhmann*
(Shuman), Schwartz (Black), Siegrist* (Sechrist), Seitensberger*
(Sidensparker), Seiter* (Seiders), Seitlinger* (Sidelinger), Seitz* (Sides),
Stahl* (Stall, Stoll), Storer*, Treible* (Treupel, Dribble), Ukele* (Ukley,
Eugley), Uhlman**, ULMER*, Unbehend (Umerhine), Vogler** (Fogler),
Wagner*, Walch* (Walck), Wallis (Wallace), Walter, Waltz*/Woltz,
Weber* (Weaver), Wier/Weier, Welt, Wiest*, Weyel* (Weyl), Weller*
(Willard), Werner* (Warner, Vannah), Winchenbach* (Wincapaw, Wink),
Wolfahrt*, Wolfsgruber* (Wolsgrover), Wunderer*, Ziegler, Zuberbueler*

* - found in Germany ** - found in Switzerland

July 15, 2000

Dear Members:

We have been unable to secure any speakers for Saturday, August 5th for the annual workshop day. We have decided to hold a genealogy day at the Meenagha Grange from 9:00 - 3:00. Everyone is welcome to bring their materials to share and work on.

The Waldoboro Public Library will stay open until 3:00 pm to accommodate anyone who would like to do research. We can arrange to help you find a cemetery that you are looking for. The Waldoboro Historical Society will be open. The Nobleboro Historical Society will be open for people to research in the afternoon. Skidompha Library will be open in the morning for people to do research. Neighboring towns will have libraries and historical societies available. We will have a list of places where you can research your family besides here at the grange.

There will be no registration fee. A luncheon will be available at the St. Paul Community Center in Dutch Neck, Waldoboro for \$6.50. Please call me to let me know how many lunches you will need and you can either send in the correct amount or pay on Saturday morning, August 5th. We will have 30 lunches available but, if I have a good count by July 28th, we may be able to increase that number. My number is 563-2950. If I'm not there, please leave a message stating your name and how many lunches you will need. If not all of the lunches have been sold then they will be available for purchase on Saturday morning.

Thank you for your understanding.

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