

CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS

OW & HW Henry Overholt

With Ties to HJ & SL

In 2022, former Representative Thomas Armstrong and Doug Brubaker contacted me concerning a Barbara Oberholtzer (?1733 - ____) who married John H Brubaker. I was in no position at the time to study this, but now I finally put my mind to it after our 2023 Reunion.

Who is this Barbara Oberholtzer? And who is John H Brubaker? We had no such persons in our OFA Family Lines. Now it is important to understand that people born prior to 1750 in America have very slim information files, if any. So being able to properly connect some on these people require a process of elimination, and if possible, matching place and time. One of the things I do NOT do is accept info from internet family tree resources, unless there is some kind of reference which can validate some aspect of the connections.

Hunting a Barbara O prior to 1750 takes the time to look through all the O lines. Still, there are only a small amount of Barbara's from that time period. BB Barbara Schuler Oberholtzer was born 1737 - 1823 and married Christian Bretz 1737 - 1813 from the JB line. BG Barbara O 1/20/1754 is too young. And then there is an Unknown O who married a John Brubaker. She was the daughter of OW Henry Owerwasser. This is the only known lady who married a Brubaker early on outside of the MC Line. According to known documents, she was not a Maria, as suggested from earlier conversations.

WHO IS OW HENRY O?

OW Henry has been established as the same person as Henry Omhults of Lancaster County on the 1780 PA Tax List Index. This list includes people who paid taxes even years prior to 1780. So we cannot get exact living dates from this list.

Henry Overholt, known as HW Henry Overholt on page 284 of *The Oberholtzer Book* by Barbara Ford, has long been on our minds. HW has been proved not to be MC2 Henry, as seen on the online MC line on our website. We know he was not HR Henry Oberholtzer of Robeson Township, Berks Co PA. HR would have only been born around 1738. And HW bought land in 1743. We also know HA Henry Overholser of Adams Co PA is too young, being born after Henry died. Also, HW Henry CANNOT be OW Henry, because we have approximate death dates for both. HW Henry died without a will, and OW left both his daughter and her husband John Brubaker half of his estate.

As to the Henry Overholds who came on the Jamaica Galley in 1738/9 at age 32, he would have been born about 1706. This coincides with OS11215.27665 Heinrich II Oberholzer, a candidate for immigration listed on the OS Line on our website. And so this is highly probable a match, since no other Henrys are that close in time and eligible for immigration. **So we now have a new connection to the OS Line!** And from the OFA Bulletin of Summer 2015

we learned that OW Henry is highly likely Immigrant Henry on the Jamaica Galley. OW Henry Owerwasser is one and the same as Henry Overholds.

What about HW? There are several candidates for this Henry:

OS11215.27668 Hans Heinrich Oberholzer c1712 -

OS11215.85272 Heinrich Oberholzer 12/26/1719 Wald -

OS11215.2a37 Hans Heinrich Oberholzer Jr 11/6/1681 -

OS11215.2a412 Heinrich Oberholzer Jr 4/19/1691 Wald -

The high-lighted fellow is a brother of HJ Hans Jacob Oberholzer. **Highly likely.** While HJ settled in Hatfield Twp, Montgomery Co; HW settled in Worcester Twp, Montgomery Co. PA. This is a very likely match.

I cannot verify that John H Brubaker has a middle name of Herr. I also cannot verify that John's wife had the name of either Maria or Barbara. But it is certain she was an Oberholzer, and her father Henry was Immigrant Henry of the Jamaica Galley in 1738/9. It is also interesting to know the people connected to their will is of the Zetty family, married into the SL Samuel Oberholtzer 1727 line. These families must have stayed closely tied after leaving Switzerland.

OW Henry Oberholzer Of Lancaster County, Known as Hendrick Overholds, Henry Ourwalt, Henry Owerwasser

OS11215.27665 Heinrich II Oberholzer c1706 - d bet 1747/1767 m Unknown

Henry Overholds immigrated on the Jamaica Galley in 1738/9 at age 32 This coincides with OS11215.27665 Heinrich II Oberholzer, a candidate for immigration listed on the OS Line on our website. His wife is unknown.

Warrants of 100 acres on 3/2/1738 & 111 acres from Henry Brindle 6/23/1747 - patented by son-in-law John Brubaker 5/1767. The property, known as *Shrewsbury*, was in Cocalico. That was the original name. The warrant was written later, then called Elizabeth Township, and still is. John Brubaker;s uncle was married and living in Elizabeth Township. It is most likely John met Miss Oberholtzer in that area. Part of Henry's land is presently the A-1 Brubaker farm on the South side of Brubaker Valley Road. The cemetery where Henry O and his daughter are buried is on the corner of the T-road, across the road from the uncle's Brubaker farm.

The immigrant list entry could be matched to this Hendrick because of the calender enigma during the Reformation Period. Warrant dates prior to 1752 were written with the Julian Calender still being used by the British. Ship records coming from Europe directly were being written with the new Gregorian Calender used in mainland Europe at various locations. Thus the warrant date of March 2, 1738 is likely the same as our March 2, 1739.

The reason for all the mis-spellings is two-fold. The people documenting the German immigrants were British or Irish. Since many of the Germans could not write, the authority would write what they heard. Also, Henry may have had a speech impediment. This is likely why there are such wide variations in the spellings.

OS11215.27665.1 Unknown Oberholtzer 1733 - 1804

Possibly Maria or Barbara, but unsubstantiated. Known as OW1 Daughter
m (*E2-3 Gibble*) John H Brubaker 1732/3 - 1792

The couple moved to Strasburg Twp, where son Martin later lived
Ancestor of PA Rep. Thomas Armstrong

See OFA Bulletin Winter 2012 for continued family line as OW

REF: *Pass & Imm List Index Supp* 1983 #1804 pg 184; *Warrant Book of Lanc Co PA*; *Genealogical Dates*, Kenneth L Smith, Picton Press 1994 Rockport Maine; *OFA Bulletin Summer 2015* pgs 5-12; *OFA Bulletin Winter 2012* pgs 7-10; *Brubaker Book*, Gibble, Brubaker Family Association; Dennis L Oberholtzer; Lancaster County Warrant Book; 1899 Atlas of Lancaster County; PA Archives online; Metro Street Atlas of Lancaster County, 3rd Edition; 1780 PA Tax List; *The Oberholtzer Book*, Barbara Ford 1995; OS Line, Overholser.net; Emma Oberholzer, heir to the Oberholzer records in Europe; Bileter's compilation from Emma; Phila Co DB H-1/1679, Adm Bk G/429, 1764; WB P/367, 1773; Strassburger-Hinke: *PA German Pioneers* p 252

HW Henry Overholt Jr Of Worcester Township, Montgomery Co, PA

OS11215.2a412 Heinrich Oberholzer Jr 4/19/1691 Wald -

Brother to HJ Hans Jacob Oberholzer of Hatfield Twp PA

Immigrated 1743 Philadelphia PA; Known as **HW Henry Overholt**

Purchased land in Worcester Twp 12/27/1743 and dp 12/1764 intestate.

m Elizabeth _____ - will proved 2/23/1773 makes no mention of children.

She was renounced as administrator & William Rittenhouse and Jacob Kolb were appointed surities. - Jacob Olmstead & Peter VanFossen

REF: *The Oberholtzer Book* pg 284; *Pass & Imm List Supp* 1984 #2564, #6680 pg 361, Index pg 22; Phila Co DB H-1/679, Adm Bk G/429, 1764, WB P/367, 1773; Strassburger-Hinke: *PA German Pioneers* pg 252; OS Line on Overholser.net website

OS Oberholzer in Switzerland

OS11215.27664. Barbel Oberholzer 12/25/1704 -

Candidate for Immigration

OS11215.27665. Heinrich II Oberholzer 12/19/1706 -

Candidate for Immigration

THIS IS [OW] HENRY OBERHOLZER Immigrant 1738/39; also known as Hendrick Overholds, Henry Ourwalt, and Henry Owerwasser.

Hendrick Overholds age 34

SS Jamaica Galley. Rob Harrison commander from Rotterdam Qualified Feb 7, 1739
- PA Archives Vol 17 2nd Series

Ref: OFA Bulletins, Winter 2024, Winter 2012 *OW Line in OFA Family Lines*

OS11215.27665.1 _____ Oberholtzer 1733 – 1805 Possibly Maria or Barbara, but unsubstantiated.

m (*E2—3 Gibble*) John H Brubaker 1732/3 – 1792

The couple moved to Strasburg Township, where son Martin later lived.

Ancestor of Pennsylvania Representative Thomas Armstrong

OS111215.27665.111 Martin Brubaker

Henry Owerwasser Family

Hendrich Overholds age 34, SS Jamaica Galley. Rob Harrison commander from Rotterdam
Qualified Feb 7, 1739 - PA Archives Vol 17 2nd Series

The following are details from coinciding documents:

Elizabeth Township, Lanc Co PA Warrant 100 acres Mar 2, 1738, surveyed Apr 24, 1739
Patented May 11, 1767 John Brubaker - Lancaster County Warrant Book

PA Archives, Patent Book AA - # 10 - 236 Nov 1766 - Nov 1768 Henry Brindle 111 acres
Warrant to Henry Ourwasser, June 23, 1747 Lancaster Co PA, name of tract is *Shrewsbury*

PA Archives, Patent Book B Page 28, AA - # 7 - 339, May 1767 John Brubaker
1/2 of 100 acres warrantee Henry Ourwalt > INHERITANCE
1/2 of 100 acres warrantee Henry Ourwalt
Warrant Date March 2, 1738 Lanc.Co PA

PA Archives, Commission Book A - # 4, 176, October 1776 George Brendle 309 acres
Warrant Date Oct 3, 1776 Cumberland Co PA, name of tract is *Brendleton*

Janet May Pedigree Chart: John Brubaker 1733 - m _____ Oberholtzer
I cannot substantiate a first name of "Maria" Oberholtzer.

When Janet May asked me to look into who the father of John Brubaker's wife could be, I had little confidence of finding anything to confirm a match. But I found Henry's last name has been misspelled as Ourwalt and Owerwasser. The Brubaker family genealogy by Gibble correctly called his daughter an Oberholtzer. Both Ourwalt & Owerwasser are not any European family names. Henry most likely had a speech impediment, and the documentors wrote what they heard coming from a different language.

The Brubaker family also has two other Overholders, though not closely connected. They are from the AV5 Line of Oberholzers.

Henry Owerwasser's property was in Cocalico. That was the original name. The warrant was written later, then called Elizabeth Township, and still is. John Brubaker's uncle was married and living in Elizabeth Township. It is most likely John met Miss Oberholtzer in that area. Part of Henry's land is presently the A-1 Brubaker farm on the S side of the road.

E1--1 John Jacob Brubaker - 1755 Providence Twp, Lanc Co PA 5 ch
m Barbara _____ Ulrich Yetty (Zetty or Cety) is 3rd executor
- John Jacob's will 6/24/1754; a Zetty is married to SL6 Veronica Oberholtzer
E2--1 John Jacob Brubaker Jr 1725 - 1802 Providence Twp 5 ch
m Unknown
E2--2 Ann Brubaker in Germany in 1754

OW Henry Owerwasser (Ourwalt) Elizabeth Township, Lanc Co PA
Warrant 100 acres Mar 2, 1738, surveyed Apr 24, 1739; Patented May 11, 1767 to John Brubaker Henry's property went to only one daughter and her husband, each getting half. She must have died by 1767, for husband John Brubaker inherited the entire 100 acres.

OW1 Daughter Oberholtzer Strasburg Twp, Lanc.Co
m E2--3 John Brubaker 1733 -
The couple moved to Strasburg Twp, where son Martin later lived
OW11 3--1 Isaac Brubaker Martic & Drumore Twps no wife or ch known

OW12 3--2 Abraham Brubaker 1760 - 1831 Leacock & East Lampeter Twp
 1st m Esther Lehn 2nd m Ann Kreider 7 ch
 OW121 Ann Brubaker 1795 - 1861 m Christian Hartman Manor Twp & OH 8 ch

OW122 Abraham K Brubaker 1797 - 1887 Providence Twp
 1st m Nancy Develin 2nd m Veronica Heller

OW1221 George Brubaker 1817 - 1885
 OW1222 John H Brubaker 1822 - 1892
 OW1223 Abraham Brubaker 1826 - 1892
 OW1224 Jacob Brubaker 1828 - 1850
 OW1225 Frany Brubaker 1833 -
 OW1226 Barbara Brubaker 1835 -

OW123 Jacob K Brubaker 1799 - 1887 W Earl Twp, Lanc.Co 7 ch
 1st m Rachael 2nd m Sarah _____

OW1231 Abraham Brubaker 1828 - 1903
 OW1232 Angeline Brubaker 1831 -
 OW1233 Jacob Brubaker 1834 -
 OW1234 George Edwin Brubaker 1836 -
 OW1235 Emma E Brubaker 1841 -
 OW1236 Henry Brubaker 1847 - infancy
 OW1237 Samuel Brubaker 1849 -

OW124 John K Brubaker 1801 - 1886 m Eliza Ranck Salibury Twp 9 ch
 OW1241 Benjamin Brubaker 1823 - 1846
 OW1242 Louise R Brubaker
 OW1243 Hettie Brubaker
 OW1244 Lizzie Brubaker 1830 - 1886
 OW1245 Annie Brubaker
 OW1246 Abraham Brubaker 1841 - 1898
 OW1247 Barbara Brubaker 1841 - 1874
 OW1248 John R Brubaker 1842 - 1863
 OW1249 Mary R Brubaker 1844 - 1932

OW125 Elizabeth Brubaker 1803 - 1883 m Frederick Bloyer Manor Twp

OW126 Tobias Brubaker 1806 - 1876 m Esther Miller Providence Twp 11 ch
 OW1261 Anna Brubaker 1831 - 1890
 OW1262 Jacob Brubaker 1833 - 1835
 OW1263 Barbara Brubaker 1835 - 1838
 OW1264 Elizabeth Brubaker 1838 - 187
 OW1265 Benjamin Brubaker 1840 - 1901
 OW1266 Tobias Brubaker Jr 1842 - 1906
 OW1267 Esther Brubaker 1842 - 1851
 OW1268 Christian Brubaker 1845 - 185
 OW1269 Magdalena Brubaker 1847 - 185
 OW1260 Naomi Brubaker 1849 - 1947
 OW126a Aaron Brubaker 1852 - 1873 single

OW127 Henry K Brubaker 1808 - 1893 m Hannah Kurtz E Lampeter Twp 9 ch
 OW1271 Benjamin Brubaker 1831 - 1857
 OW1272 John Brubaker 1833 - 1860 single
 OW1273 Anna Brubaker 1835 - 1837
 OW1274 Elizabeth Brubaker 1837 -
 OW1275 Mary Brubaker 1838 -
 OW1276 Sarah Brubaker 1839 - 1866
 OW1277 Lydia Brubaker 1843 -
 OW1278 Frances Brubaker 1846 - 1922
 OW1279 Leah Brubaker 1848 - 1920

OW13 3--3 Martin Brubaker 10/1764 - 1835 Strasburg Twp, Lanc Co PA 9 ch
 m Mary Bowman d/o Johannes d 1738

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| OW131 | Elizabeth Brubaker | 1788 - 1853 | m Adam Rowe | Strasburg Twp | 7 ch |
| OW132 | Francis Brubaker | 1791 - 1870 | m Anna _____ | Strasburg Twp | 5 ch |
| OW1321 | Martin Brubaker | 1817 - 1878 | | | |
| OW1322 | Lydia Brubaker | 1819 - | | | |
| OW1323 | Simon Brubaker | 1836 - 1907 | | | |
| OW1324 | Ann Brubaker | | | | |
| OW1325 | Francis Brubaker | 1831 - | | | |
| OW133 | Jacob Brubaker | 1793 - 1839 | | Strasburg Twp | 6 ch |
| | 1st m Lydia Witmer | | 2nd m Elizabeth Forrer | | |
| OW1331 | John Brubaker | 1822 - 1850 | | | |
| OW1332 | Anna Brubaker | 1824 - | | | |
| OW1333 | Hannah Brubaker | 1826 - | | | |
| OW1334 | Abraham Brubaker | 1828 - 1876 | | | |
| OW1335 | Benjamin Brubaker | 1833 - 1906 | | | |
| OW1336 | Samuel F Brubaker | 1835 - 1910 | | | |
| OW134 | Martin Brubaker | 1795 - 1872 | m Susan Goodhart | Strasburg Twp | |
| OW1341 | Mary Ann Brubaker | 1820 - 1824 | single | | |
| OW1342 | Magdalena Brubaker | 1823 - 1901 | | | |
| | m Samuel Bomberger Herr | | (See Herr family below) | | |
| OW13421 | Alice Elmira Herr | | | | |
| | m John Zander | | | | |
| OW13421.1 | <i>Ida Sue Zander</i> | | | | |
| OW13421.11 | <i>Janet May</i> | | OFA Member | | |
| OW1343 | David Brubaker | 1825 - | | | |
| OW1344 | Catharine Brubaker | 1826 - 1893 | | | |
| OW1345 | Eliza Brubaker | 1828 - Infancy | | | |
| OW1346 | Annie Brubaker | 1830 - Infancy | | | |
| OW1347 | Susan Brubaker | 1836 - | | | |
| OW1348 | Ann Eliza Brubaker | 1839 - 1889 | | | |
| OW135 | Daniel Brubaker | 1797 - 1853 | m Magdalena Goodhart | Strasburg Twp | 10 ch |
| OW1351 | Jacob Brubaker | 1823 - 1901 | | | |
| OW1352 | Elizabeth Brubaker | 1825 - | | | |
| OW1353 | Tobias G Brubaker | 1827 - | | | |
| OW1354 | Benjamin Brubaker | 1830 - 1832 | | | |
| OW1355 | Daniel Brubaker | 1832 - 1910 | | | |
| OW1356 | Caroline A Brubaker | 1835 - 1862 | single | | |
| OW1357 | Mary M Brubaker | 1837 - | | | |
| OW1358 | Anna Brubaker | 1839 - 1961 | single | | |
| OW1359 | John G Brubaker | 1841 - 1845 | | | |
| OW1350 | Joseph Brubaker | 1843 - 1925 | | | |
| OW136 | Adam Brubaker | 1799 - 1858 | | Strasburg Twp | 5 ch |
| | 1st m Barbara Rowe | | 2nd m Catharine _____ | | |
| OW1361 | Julian Brubaker | 1821 - 1857 | | | |
| OW1362 | Elizabeth Brubaker | 1826 - | | | |
| OW1363 | Adam D Brubaker Jr | 1828 - 1865 | | | |
| OW1364 | Chriatiana Brubaker | 1832 - 1871 | | | |
| OW1365 | Kate Brubaker | 1836 - | | | |
| OW137 | Benjamin Brubaker | 1801 - 1829 | m Mary Weaver | Strasburg Twp | |
| OW1371 | Ann Brubaker | | | | |
| OW138 | Samuel Brubaker | 1802 - 1837 | m Esther Stehman | Strasburg Twp | 5 ch |
| OW1381 | Josiah Brubaker | 1830 - 1831 | | | |
| OW1382 | John Brubaker | 1833 - 1834 | | | |
| OW1383 | Ann Elizabeth Brubaker | 1834 - 1918 | | | |
| OW1384 | Naomi Brubaker | 1837 - 1840 | | | |
| OW1385 | Rebecca Brubaker | 1831 - | | | |

OW139 Ann Brubaker 1804 - 1883 Providence Twp 4 son 6 dau
1st m John Witmer all his ch 2nd m John Strohm
OW14 3--4 Frances Brubaker 1767 - 1850 single

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