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## President's Comments

*By David Putnam*

Dear Fellow Members: Fall is upon us once again and here in New England and we look forward to our most beautiful season. Our annual meeting was held on August 1st, 2015 in Waldoboro and the 25 members who attended enjoyed a fun and educational time. Ms. Patricia Hubert (see picture below) gave a wonderful presentation about her new book, *Major Philip M. Ulmer-A Hero of the American Revolution*. We were thrilled to have members from South Carolina and California in attendance, as well as members from throughout New England and New York. Mrs. Patricia Kriso of California has agreed to become the new editor of our newsletter. Once again, we thank our past editor Helen Shaw for her many years of service. Pat, along with her husband Mitch, her sisters Becky Boyd and her husband Bob Boyd, and Carol Thompson have all agreed to assume the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter. I am speechless at the generosity of their gift! Thanks so much Pat, Mitch, Becky, Bob and Carol. During our discussion of the newsletter we decided to encourage our members to send in old photos of Waldoboro, or old family recipes that have been in the family since they lived in Waldoboro. If possible, when you send in a photo please identify the place or person in the photo. We would also like to begin a series on the old founding families of the town, so if you wish to write something about your ancestors please submit it to the newsletter. A photo, a recipe, or a story might lead to a connection with one of our readers.

Our Treasurer, Deirdre Putnam, gave the yearly financial report and had a year end (June 30th) balance of \$767.00 dollars. I want to thank the year end following people for their generous donations of money, or food for the meeting: Jeff and Kirk Kinsell, Barbara Rogers, Dale Gunn, Leslie Gatcombe-Hynes, June Hussiere, Ruth Riopell, and the

descendants of the Welt Family. We hope to renew the membership to the New England Historic



Patricia Hubert

Genealogical Society that we provide for the Waldoboro Public Library, and we hope to once again offer our Jasper J. Stahl Award to the person or organization that have distinguished themselves through their efforts to discover and preserve the history and genealogy of Waldoboro. If you wish to make a private donation to our group please forward it to the treasurer.

We also held an election of officers for the next two year term. By a voice vote of affirmation the following members were elected:

President –David Putnam  
Vice President/Secretary - Ruth Riopell  
Treasurer - Deirdre Putnam  
Board of Directors:  
Dale Gunn  
Barbara Rogers  
Jean Lawrence



I would like to welcome Barbara and Jean to the Board, they have already begun to lend their energy and considerable and valuable knowledge to our group.

I would also like to thank June Hussiere for serving on the Board of Directors for several terms. June is stepping down and she will be missed. She has been a wise and willing worker for our various projects over the last ten years. Thanks June!

I would like to welcome some new members to our group: Walter and Martha Ulmer - descendants of Philip and John Ulmer, and Katherine Heinzelman. I hope you all enjoy our group as much as I have. Please feel free to offer your comments and questions, and we hope to meet you at next year's annual meeting!

I would like to remind all of you who have not paid your dues for 2015-2016 to please send them in at your earliest convenience. It is a good practice to check your email and/or US Mail address when sending your dues so you can receive your much awaited newsletters.

In this issue we are so lucky to receive from Barbara Rogers a journal written by her ancestor Lewis F. Shepard to his son John F. Shepard. The journal was written in January 1851 in Belfast Maine and was entitled "The Genealogy of the Shepards." In this remarkable document Lewis explained to his son John the family history as he knew it. Lewis was a descendant of Jacob Shaeffer and Ann Wolfskrover. Jacob arrived in Broad Bay in 1752-1753. The document describes the family history and provides a window into the everyday lives of many of our ancestors: their triumphs, tragedies, joys and hardships. The journal has been passed down to Barbara through her family and she has graciously offered to share it with us. I find it remarkable that Lewis had a sense of the importance of his family history and understood that his descendants would be interested in their roots. I wish all of our ancestors shared Lewis' forethought! As you read and contemplate this document I think you will agree it is quite insightful and remarkable.

Thanks again, Barbara.

The motto of the Old Broad Bay Family History Association is "*to search and to share.*" In that spirit, let's take Lewis Shepard's example to heart. We all should write down our family history and make sure that it is passed on to our descendants and available to researchers. The Waldoboro Public Library has a genealogy section and a place to store written family histories that do not appear in a book. I hope you will consider submitting a copy of any material you have to the library. I am sure some future researcher will find it valuable.

## The Dedication of the Hauck/Bailey Building

By Jean Lawrence, President WHS

The Waldoborough Historical Society dedicated its Hauck/Bailey Building on Sunday, August 23, and honored Elizabeth Sproul and Eleanor Travers, long-time volunteers, by designating them as Honorary Trustees. Both Gus Hauck and Stan Bailey, deceased leaders, were honored for their forward practical and monetary thinking that has allowed the Society to continue to preserve Waldoboro's heritage over the past 47 years. Over this summer, 537 visitors came by to view our wonderful collection of artifacts: our hooked rugs, military exhibit, new theater curtain, schoolhouse, fire engines, and barn exhibits of baseball and signs from the past. We are grateful to the OBBFHA for the grant they awarded us to help with our restoration expenses. Your support is most important to us, and we hope that when and if you have a chance to stop by next summer, you will enjoy viewing all our Waldoboro treasures and genealogy information files. We'll share 2016 plans next spring.



Theater Curtain



Fire Engines

## Flemming Wagon at Old German Church

By Jean Lawrence, President WHS

Upon entering the vestibule of the Old German Church built in 1772 and transported across the river on the ice in the winter of 1774-75 and located on Rte. 32S in Waldoboro, Maine, one sees an old German Flemming wagon measuring 24" wide, 36" long, and 25" high. Wheels in the front measure 14 1/2" high and in the rear 17". The iron axels are well fit. It was a gift to the German Protestant Society from Jeffery and Barbara Chapman of Farmingdale, Maine, in 2013, and installed in the church by Dana Davis.



The artifact carries a name plate O. Musch Tharandt, Dippoldiswalder Str. 54. According to a researched advertisement from 1891, these wagons were made by C.L. Flemming and were used by families in Germany for wood and daily purchases. Since each wagon carried a nameplate, family members were not concerned about them being mistaken by someone in the village when a family member went to town to purchase supplies. Such wagons were probably used by some of the German migrants to Waldoboro when they lived in their home villages in Germany.

The German Church is open each day during July and August, and the Annual Service is always held on the first Sunday in August at 3 P.M. There is no charge to visit the church. Church hostesses are members of the Waldoboro Woman's Club and Ladies Auxiliary of the German Protestant Society.

## The Genealogy of the Shepard Family



Lewis Shepard

*Belfast, Jan'y. 1851  
To my son John F. Shepard,*

*I have thought that it might be interesting to you at some future time to know who were your ancestors, and in order to supply that knowledge to you I have taken some pains to collect the very meager family records in the following pages. I have also inserted some incidents of my own life; and you will find some genealogical table of late date. I hope you may live to continue this record and hand it down to your posterity.*

*Your Affectinate Father  
Lewis F. Shepard*

Our ancestor Jacob Shepard came from Germany when a young man. The original name was Schaeffer or Shaffer, but was completely or Anglicised (sic) into Shepard. He came with a small colony from the banks of the Rhine, under the auspices of Gen. Waldo, most of which settled in Waldoborough in the District of Maine. He died before I was old enough to retain any remembrance of him: and what I shall now write about him will be not far removed from tradition, as his papers were all burned by my grandmother after his death, as so much useless rubbish. I have been told that he was the only son of his father who died while he was an infant. She, his mother, now married again, and had several children by her second husband. When about to take leave of his mother and sail for America, she proposed to give him his portion of his father's estate, and was counting it out to him in brown pieces, when his half-sisters raised the objection that she was giving him too much and defrauding them, whereupon he scattered the heap upon the floor, saying "the world is wide enough for us all" and turned his back upon his home and his country forever.

I do not know the precise date when my grandparents left Germany but in all probability they came about 1752-3. Samuel the son of Gen. Waldo went to Germany and circulated proclamations offering 100 acres of land and other assistance to everyone who would migrate. As many as 1500 people induced by his liberal offers, did come over to this state and settled at Broad Cove on the western side of Muscungus River where they lived until 1763-4, when the lands on that side of the river were claimed by another "Proprietor" and the Germans were obliged to purchase anew. Still other and conflicting claims to their lands were persecuted: and thus being harassed and perplexed, they were left without indemnity by Waldo or the government. As many as 300 families sold out their possessory estates for the most they could obtain and left Brad Bay to join some German Lutheran in Carolina. I believe some of them again returned to Waldoboro. In 1762 there were about 80 families when their first minister Rev. John M. Schaffer was settled. I have often heard my parents say that the first place of worship or meetinghouse was built of logs in the form of an octagon.

In the same band of immigrants that my grandfather, Jacob Schaeffer accompanied, came also a little girl, with the rest of her family: her name was Ann Ursula Wolfskrover. (I have ascertained that she was accompanied by one brother only and that she had arrived to Estate being 18 or 20 yrs. old.) She became the wife of my grandfather, but of the date or place I can find no record. I think however they did not long remain in Waldoboro after they emigrated, though they returned to that place and ended their days there. I believe he enlisted in 1759 in the army of Gen. Amherst in the "French and Indian

War.” My father told me a few weeks before he died that his father was at Ticonderoga as a soldier, and that he was in the same mess with two other Germans from Waldoboro-viz: John Stahl and Jacob Ludwig. Subsequent to his marriage he lived in Boston, Marblehead, where my father was born, and at Newburyport, where my father was apprenticed “the 14th day of April in the year of our Sovereign Lord Christ 1785: to Abraham Noyes of Newburyport, cordwainer in the County of Essex and State of the Massachusetts Bay in New England.”

My grandfather had a large family: but they were soon scattered or died young. I shall here write all that I know of them. Two of the sons, Jacob and William “followed the sea”-one of them was lost overboard and the other one died and was buried on the coast of Africa. Nicholas learned the trade of Tallow Chandler and removed to Albany, N.Y. where he married the only child of Mr. & Mrs. John Hewitt of Hudson. In 1801 he had two sons. In his letter to my father in 1803 he says “I am sorry to inform you of the death of my little boy-he died 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1802.” This is the last I know of him=-it is the latest date of his letters. Sally married a Mr. Eben. Mumford of Boston: had one son, both have long since been dead. (blank) married a Mr. Hobbs had no children: dead. Elizabeth married for a second husband Jacob Winchenbach of Waldoboro-she was his second wife: she never had any children: died in Waldoboro, Aug. 4, 1844-77 yrs. Hannah married Moses Warren of Cape Breton, where she has ever since resided. The date of marriage I do not know but it must have been prior to 1800, for in a letter dated 1805 he says “we have not heard from you for these 5 or 6 years” and “our children beg to be remembered to their cousins.” In a letter from one of his sons, Thomas Warren, is the announcement of his death, he says “My father died April 27, 1837-he was 76 years of age.” In a letter from the same Thomas Warren dated Sept. 1850, he says, “My mother is alive and enjoying, by the blessing of God, a good degree of health.” If Hannah is still alive at this present time of writing (March, 1851) she is in all probability the last of her family, as my father died Dec. 12, 1850. Hannah had a large family of children at Sydney where I believe most of them with their descendants now reside.

My father, after learning his trade in Newburyport, went to Boston and worked at the sign of the “Golden Key” near where “Oak Hall” and the Franklin House” now stands. In 1795 he purchase a parcel of land situated in that part of Bristol in the District of Maine, called Broad Cove (now Breman). The tract contained “thirty one acres sixty-one rods” for which he paid Robert Turner of Waldoboro “Forty-seven Pounds Four Shillings.” Here he built a house in 1795-6 at an expense of £51 14S 1P as appears by his account kept in a memorandum book of that date. This situation not suiting him he removed to Waldoboro, where he resided in a hired house on the West side of the river. He had married June 30, 1796, Ann Barbara Hahn. In the year 1800 he sold his place in Bristol to Sam’l Kinnacom and purchased the same year of “Ensign Merritt of Scituate, in the County of Plymouth & Commonwealth of Massachusetts” for \$500, one hundred acres of land in Waldoboro situated on the East side of Medomac River. It is the same place on which Jacob W. Kaler now resides, various portions of the original farm having been sold at different times. On this place my father lived many years and here I was born in 1805. His parents lived here with him until they died, his father Oct. 11, 1807, age 83 years, and his mother Oct. 21, 1816, age 84 years.

In 1823 my father removed to Appleton and lived on the farm he purchased of Henry Bryant in 1814-the same on which my brother Jacob now resides. In 1839 my father removed from Appleton to the Head of the Tide in Belfast. In fall of 1850 he broke up house-keeping and removed to the village in Belfast and boarded with my sister Clarissa M. and her husband A.V.Parker-where he died very suddenly of a disease of the heart, Dec. 12, 1850.

At his funeral were all his children with the exception of William, who lives at Great Falls, NH and John W. of whom we have not heard for many years, and who is probably dead: he went to sea after the death of his wife and child.



The above is in part a booklet left to John from his father Lewis Shepard. John did in fact keep it for posterity. John handed this booklet down to his daughter Abby Eliza, Abby to her son Arthur, Arthur to his son Richard and finally Richard to his daughter Barbara. In total it is over 50 pages of handwritten stories and Lewis's family records. I hope you enjoyed reading this small part of it. I have tried to copy it as written, miss-spellings and all. What story from the past or what adventure from today do you have to share?

Submitted by Barbara [Rogers-barb157@comcast.net](mailto:Rogers-barb157@comcast.net)

## **Research tip: planning a research trip**

*by Helen Shaw, CGsm*

When planning a research trip to Maine (or any place), be sure to plan ahead. Know what you know and what you want to find out. Have your family group sheets and pedigree charts or your genealogy database up to date with citations for each piece of information. You should have some idea of the level of confidence you have in that information. What needs more support; what can be relied on. Be sure to know where your ancestors lived and when; town and county boundaries change – know them!

Know what material you need to potentially answer your questions and where to get it. What has been published? Check PERSI, the Internet, and library catalogs to see who has that material. Check web sites for historical societies and universities in the area where your ancestors lived to see what might be available in their collections in addition to checking NUCMC. Identify who currently has the records need. Is it the town, county, or state? What agency has, or had, jurisdiction over material you need to access? Which court has the legal documents? Who has the vital records? Has any material been transferred to a state or regional archival facility? Are there any laws restricting access to the material?

Check web sites for leads on who has what, but more importantly, check them for days & hours of operation, access restrictions & guidelines, any forms that need to be completed prior to your visit, and the basic information on location & parking. When in doubt, call ahead to make sure there are no surprises. The records you need may be stored off-site and require several days to retrieve. New material may have recently arrived and not yet been accessioned. A well planned research trip is more likely to yield results. A well planned research trip is more likely to yield results. Happy hunting!

## **Researching Frank L. Miller and Anna Gertraud Mayer Family**

*By Ms. Sara Crespi*

I am currently researching the Frank L. Miller and Anna Gertraud Mayer family. I am particularly interested in their daughter Catherine Miller who married Andrew Genter Senior. I haven't been able to locate any birth, death or marriage records for these individuals. Does anyone have any information regarding these individuals? In Andrew Genter's papers a Genter Family Bible is mentioned. Does anyone have any knowledge about the whereabouts of this bible? I am also interested in finding the location and other information regarding the Genter Cemetery, which is allegedly located on Duck Puddle Road. My other Broad Bay Ancestors are Jacob Ludwig, Johann Henry Kohler, Mathias Storer, William Sproul Jr., and John Montgomery. Please contact me at 25 The Flume, Amherst, NH 03031.

# Membership

The Old Broad Bay Family History Association is a group of people interested in studying and maintaining the history of the founding families, and in particular the founding German families, of what is now Waldoboro, Lincoln County, Maine.

There are three types of membership: individual, family, and library. An individual membership confers the right to one vote. A family membership confers the right to two votes. A library membership is solely for the purpose of allowing distribution of the newsletter to libraries and historical societies and confers no right to vote.

The membership year is July 1 to June 30. This year the newsletter will be issued twice: in April (Winter / Spring) and in October (Summer / Fall).

Membership checks should be made out to OBBFHA and mailed, along with this form, to:  
Deirdre Putnam, OBB Treasurer, 17 Bush Hill Rd, Ipswich, MA 01938.

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## Old Broad Bay Family History Association Application for Membership

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Name of research facility: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

