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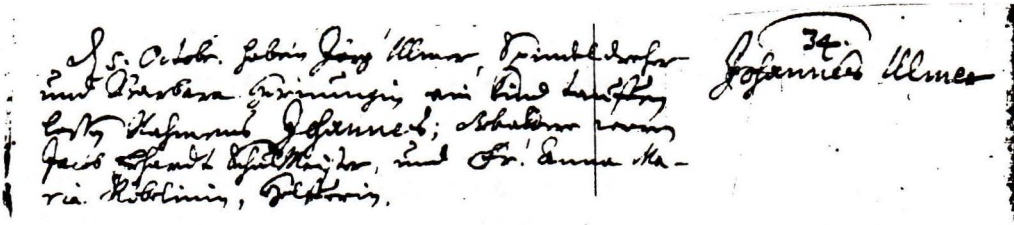
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The Christening of Johannes Ulmer "School Master"

We found this christening record of Johannes Ulmer in Altheim Parish records. Because it is quite legible, I thought I'd print it here as an example of the old German script that one must pore over before coming to any conclusions about these families. This record was quite easy to find because it had the child's name written prominently on the right hand side of the page. More often, we aren't given that much help, and must carefully peruse the body of the record for the child or father's name.

- 1) German rendering of record below:
 d. 5 Octobr [1688] haben Jörg Ulmer Spindlereher
 und Barbara Hernungin ein Kind Tauffen
 lassen Nahmens Johannes gevatere waren
 Jacob Erhardt schulmeister und Fr. Anna Ma-
 ria Roebelinin, helfferin.



- 2) English literal translation:
 The 5 October [1688] had Jörg Ulmer Spindle-turner
 and Barbara Hernung a child christened
 let named Johannes witnesses were
 Jacob Erhardt School Master and Miss Anna Ma-
 ria Roebelin, Nurse.

- 3) English rendering:
 John, son of George Ulmer, the spindle-turner, and Barbara Hernung was baptized on 5 Oct 1688. Godparents were Jacob Erhardt, School Master and Miss Anna Maria Roebelin, Nurse.

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Now is the time

As we work with these German families, and correspond with you researchers and descendants out there, we are convinced that Now is the time to do this work. More and more people are involved in research than at any prior time. Several has pointed out that they feel impressed to write down their family history, Others have said that research is opening up for them now, for the first time in years. Gary and I would like to finish this work by next summer, after a trip to Germany to tie up loose ends, so **NOW IS THE TIME** to get involved.

Subscriptions to Bund und Blatt

Many have asked what a subscription costs, so I thought I might give you my ideas. We are not trying to make money on this project and we want to get as many people involved as possible, therefore I want to make this as available as possible. In the past I have suggested that people send a contribution of what they could afford and people have sent in from \$1.00 to \$25.00 and that has been very helpful. Instead of using the money for printing, stamps, etc., I have put the money into the bank and saving it to send Gary to Germany next summer for about three weeks. So far we have received almost \$900, which will go a long ways in sending him over there. There are several parishes for which we do not have the records in the Salt Lake Library. We would appreciate your contributions.

Contributions in General

We appreciate any contribution you can send in. One lady wrote when we first started and said that she was on a pension and could not afford much, but would send \$2.00 a month. Every month she has faithfully sent in her \$2.00, which over the months has grown to a substantial contribution, for which we gratefully thank her and all who have contributed. Thank you very much and keep them coming.

Back Issues available

Many of our new readers have asked if back issues of our newsletter are available. I have reprinted several and back issues are now available. Let me know if you want back issues or issues sent to others you know are interested in Old Broad Bay Research. Your interest and help are greatly needed and appreciated. We are more than willing to share data.

School Master John Ulmer

Of Enzberg Parish

Wuerttemberg, Germany

And Broad Bay, Maine

Sometimes we researchers are like the little boy who, one dark evening, was searching diligently all around the corner street lamp, turning over every tuft of dirt, and scratching into every crevice. A kindly gentleman asked him what he was doing. The boy replied that he was searching for a quarter that he had lost. The gentleman got down on all fours and they carefully went over every inch of ground within the circle of the lamp. Finally, the old man arose, and said, "Tell me, son, just exactly where did you lose your quarter?" The boy, barely holding back his tears, pointed down the street, to the darkest part of the street. "Now, son, if you lost your quarter way down there, why are you searching way up here, under the lamp post?" The boy, snuffling and wiping his nose, finally replied, "Because the light is brighter here!"

Sometimes we spend a lot of time and effort in making fruitless searches, but only because the "light is brighter here." But with the help of dedicated researchers out there, and with the German Parish records, we are beginning to light up the darkest recesses and bringing to light a little more truth concerning this earliest generation.

In an article in the Old Broad Bay Bund und Blat for February 1992, [Vol. 1 Number 2, p. 6], we wrote of an earlier generation of German immigrants who came to Broad Bay, but were "lost" to the later researchers who were (and are) researching this area. These were the fathers and mothers of the children who later were called the "first generation" when in fact, although actually being immigrants, they were of the second generation in Broad Bay.

An example of this is John Adam Levensaler, age 23, who was thought to be the immigrant ancestor of the Levensalers, but who came with his father Peter Lievenzollner and family. Another example is Gottfried Bornheimer, aged 11, who came with his father Joachim Bornheimer, and family. Another good example is Christopher Neubert with his father Zachariah Neubert, and some researchers managed to unite them as one

With the Ulmer family, it was none other than the versatile School Master, John Ulmer, who was the "Lost Generation". Although much has been written about this man, not very much was actually known about his family. So he became "lost" to writers who wrote of the history of Broad Bay.

From Stahl: [Stahl I:510ff]

This school-master, the first at Broad Bay, was John Ulmer, a brave,

resourceful, competent, and highly intelligent man with a saving sense of humor even in the more dire and tragic situations of life....Possessed of plenty of initiative and of an eye ever casting about itself for the main chance, Master Ulmer brought to the wilderness with him in 1742 letters of commendation from his minister, his mayor, the judge, and the State Procurator of Entzberg. Of these documents only the last seems to have been preserved. Despite its prolix and florid legal style, it affords the most personal glimpse that we get of this first schoolmaster,

Gary and Will spent last Friday and Saturday in the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, working on the Ulmer family in Germany, so we can say, at last, that we have found the German records that straighten out the problems we had with the Ulmers.

One of the problems was that John Ulmer, Sr. (the School Master) was frequently confused with his son, Capt. John Ulmer, Jr., who married Katharine Remilly.

According to Stahl, Johann (John) Ulmer came to Broad Bay with his brother John Jacob Ulmer (291). If we consider Johann (John) Jr. and his older brother John Jacob Ulmer, that would be a true statement.

Cyrus Eaton, the blind historian of Warren, who worked so hard to document the early settlers of the St. Georges River and Medomak River areas, is correct when he says that "Capt. John Ulmer, b. in Germany in 1736; came to Waldoboro in 1740 [this should be 1742], and removed to Rockland and died Aug 1809, age 73." [Eaton, Thomaston, I:440]. Here he is referring to Capt John Ulmer, Jr., son of John Ulmer, Sr., the School Master of Broad Bay. But he is mistaken in his next sentence when he states that his (Capt. John Jr.) brothers, Capt. Philip M. & Gen. George Ulmer, settled at Ducktrap. Capt. Philip M. & Gen. George Ulmer were sons of Johan Jacob Ulmer and Christiana. More of this later.

Stahl says that "The immigrants of this name were John Ulmer and his brother, John Jacob Ulmer, who came to Broad Bay in 1742 from Maulbronn." [Stahl I:290]. So far, Stahl is correct and if he had stopped here, he could have saved a lot of print and paper. However, Stahl goes on to assume that the above John was John Ulmer, the School Master, when in reality, the above John was Eaton's Capt John Ulmer, Jr. and his brother John Jacob Ulmer, sons of the School Master, John Ulmer, Sr. And here we have another instance of the "Lost Generation". And it is the reknowned John Ulmer, School Master, who was lost!

Eaton says (Thomaston, II:440) that Capt John Ulmer is the brother of Capt. Philip and Gen. George Ulmer of Ducktrap. That would mean that Capt John Ulmer, Jr. was the son of Johann Jacob Ulmer. Let's look at their birthdays.

Johann Jacob Ulmer, chr 28 Mar 1726 at Enzberg
Capt John Ulmer, Jr, born 1736 in Germany

By comparing their birthdates, we can see that Capt John Ulmer, Jr. could not be the son of Johann Jacob Ulmer, but that they are brothers. We have relied heavily on Cyrus Eaton's records and most often, he is right on the money, but this time, he is in the ball park, but not correct.

Stahl says the Ulmer immigrants were the brothers John Ulmer and John Jacob Ulmer (Stahl, I:291). And if we consider the above two men, he is absolutely correct.

Here is another case of a "lost generation" or at least a confusing of the older generation with the younger ones. The one lost here is none other than the renowned "School Master", John Ulmer, Sr. His family was unknown to Eaton and Stahl. But a careful reading of the German records has helped us to fill in the gaps.

The ULMERS were such an integral part of the Broad Bay Colony that it is with disappointment that we have to report that the records of Enzberg Parish were badly damaged for the years 1726 to 1744. Many of the pages have been totally faded, and probably had gotten wet, so that many pages appear to be totally white with no names or dates decipherable. So, we have not been able to find all the children that we would expect to be born in Germany. The **GOOD NEWS** is that the Enzberg Parish registers begin in 1609. The **BAD NEWS** is that the Ulmers were not originally from Enzberg Parish, but from Altheim Parish. The **GOOD NEWS** is that the Altheim Parish records are quite complete and go back to the 1500's. The **BAD NEWS** is that the Ulmers weren't originally from Altheim Parish also, but from another parish that has yet to be searched.

School Master John Ulmer's letter of recommendation:

I, John William Fischer, State Procurator and Master of the Cellar, Entzberg Community, Cloister Maulbronn in the Dutchy of Wuerttemberg, attest, so everybody may see, or wherever this is read; that the bearer of this, John Ulmer, Schoolmaster here by the help of God, resolved with his kin to migrate to New England and quit Wuerttemberg.

If, as his superior, besides the testimonials given by the Minister, Mayor and Judge, by special affection, I wish to attest to his possession of excellent conduct and merit, apart that during ten years he fulfilled his offices and services so diligently, uncomplainingly, and with a zealous spirit, that his true teaching, kept honorable, and his discipline renowned through the whole world; that the youths of the school at all times flourished and grew in the Divine word and grace, sufficiently brought forth, and the seed sown in sour wheat and with great patience and complaisance not only got to be blossoms, but splendid fruit also and on account of the twigs [fine conception of his teaching] he planted, the scholars as well as the parents, besides the church and school visitations, at his leaving laid before him a handsome gratitude as well as the assurance that in a lifetime he should not

be forgotten.

Not less has he made himself useful in the ascis [excise] and tax service, and other occupations of penmanship. To me he was honest, and what I ordered him to do and trusted him with, he did with facility and integrity; he was honest to the heller [penny], and his uprightness will be an everlasting glory to him, and it is painful to lose this honesty, fine without exception, out of the Commune entrusted to me.

Since there is no means to prevent him from his intention, I wish from the bottom of my heart that this undertaking may be to a prosperous and joyful end and future fortune, for the good works he left us, his faithfulness, his unadulterated doctrine, his good and God fearing laudable life and fine morals and conduct, cannot bring after them anything bad, but the good God will bring him and his, where he shall find bread again.

I recommend, therefore, the aforesaid John Ulmer, my past true school servant, to everybody, and beg that whoever may help him, may do so considering his good conduct, and this fine testimony, also to show him good will and assist him kindly in his welfare, accompanied with the assurance that whatever is entrusted to him will bear good fruit.

As a true statement, I have not only attested this with my own hand, but have put my seal of office thereon.

So done the 4th of May 1742, State Procurator and Master of the Cellar.

[Signed] Fischer

One of the important things here is that John Ulmer, the School Master, was engaged in that capacity in Enzberg for at least ten years when this recommendation was written. That fact alone would preclude Capt John Ulmer, born 1736 in Germany, from being John Ulmer, the School Master.

The John North List of Broad Bay (written sometime before 1760, possibly before 1755!) names Capt John Ulmer and Jacob Ulmer. I had supposed that this was John Ulmer, the School Master and his son Jacob Ulmer. With the latest information we now have, I am inclined to believe that this is Capt John Ulmer (born 1736, Germany) and Johann Jacob Ulmer, brothers, sons of John Ulmer, the School Master. By this date the School Master, John Ulmer, may have already died. So he may not have been alive when this list was made. It would also explain where Capt John Ulmer, Jr. first was known as Captain.

JOHANN ULMER, SCHOOL MASTER

Johann Ulmer, chr 5 Oct 1688, at Altheim, Ulm, Wuertt., Germany, son of Jerg (Georg) Ulmer and Barbara Hornung. He appears to have had military service in Germany, being named as a "tambour (drummer) with the Hauptman Carom Company in the Durlach" military service. He married before 1711 as his first wife, **Anna Catharina Koppin** (another example of the German feminine ending "-in" of which David Grindell often speaks). They had at least the following children, christened at Enzberg Parish:

1. Heinrich Ludwig Ulmer, chr 18 Apr 1711. Joh. and Catharina Ulmer's son. Johann's military service is first mentioned. Hein. Ludwig, son of Joh. Ulmer, died Palm Sunday 1726, age 15 1/4.
2. Catharina Barbara Ulmer, chr 20 Dec 1712.
- *3. Hanss Martin Ulmer, chr 3 Sep 1715. This is the Johann Martin Ulmer who came to Broad Bay in the ship "Elizabeth" in 1753 with his wife and family.
4. Johanna Ulmer, chr 11 Jul 1719. Johanna died 23 Mar 1720 at Enzberg, aged 9 months.

The above-mentioned military service would square with what Stahl wrote of the storming of Louisbourg:

John [Ulmer], Sr., was at Louisburg in 1745, and tradition has it that on the night of May 2nd he led the Broad Bayers in the successful attack on the arsenal northeast of the harbor which contained great stores of military and naval supplies. [Stahl, I:291]

Anna Catharina Kopp, wife of Johann Ulmer, died sometime before 8 Sep 1722, when Johann Ulmer, a widower of Enzberg Parish, married **Anna Margareta Weeber** in Enzberg Parish. She was the dau of the deceased Johann Weeber, a citizen of Enzberg.

Johann Ulmer, School Master in Enzberg and Anna Margareta Weeber had the following children in Enzberg and there were probably others:

1. Seloma Elisabeth Ulmer chr 13 Sep 1723, at Enzberg.
- *2. Johann Jacob Ulmer chr 28 Mar 1726, at Enzberg.
3. Georg Friderich Ulmer chr 14 Mar 1729, at Enzberg. He died young.
4. Johanna Margaretha Ulmer, date unreadable, abt 1731, in Enzberg.

5. Johann Michael Ulmer chr 4 Mar 1733, at Enzberg. His father's occupation is hard to decipher but appears to have something to do with school work.
- *6. Johann Ulmer, Jr. born 1736 in Germany. We know that John Jr. is the son of the "School Master" and that he was born in Germany. I believe that it is safe to say that he was born in Enzberg, with the rest of the family.

Parish Manson points out that it is not necessary to postulate another John Ulmer, but rather, Johann Michael Ulmer is probably our Capt John Ulmer, Jr. of Rockland.

Johann Ulmer, Sr. "School Master", with his second wife and family, emigrated to Broad Bay in 1742 on the ship "Priscilla". On the reconstructed ship's list, they would appear as follows:

Johann Ulmer, School Master
 His wife (Anna Margareta Weeber)
 Dau Saloma Elisabetha Ulmer age 19
 Son Johann Jacob Ulmer age 16
 Dau Johanna Margareta Ulmer age 11
 Son Johann Michael Ulmer age 9
 Son Johann Ulmer, Jr. age 6
 (Possibly the same as Johann Michael!)

I trust that Stahl and those of you who have read Stahl, will forgive me for repeating these anecdotes concerning Johann Ulmer, School Master and lay preacher, of Broad Bay. [Stahl I:232.]

Ulmer apparently possessed a rich sense of humor. Joseph Ludwig is responsible for the story of a visit of Ulmer's to Pemaquid in the late days of the war. He arrived there just at nightfall and hailed some people on the opposite shore to come over and set him across the river. In answer to the query of who it was, he gave his name with such a string of German titles that they expected to find a number of people on the bank, and expressed disappointment at finding all these honors the possession of a single person.

After the abandonment of his flock by the mercurial Rev. Kast, worship at Broad Bay was led by the school master John Ulmer.

This worship, while devout, was decidedly informal, being held in the houses, in the fields, and in the garrisons. It is related of John Ulmer that while carrying on an exhortation to a small congregation in his cabin one Sabbath morning, he glanced by chance through the window and saw hogs in his garden. Thereupon he swiftly directed the following admonition to his brother [son] Jacob: "Donner und Blitzen, Jacob! Jacob, da sind die

verdammten Schweine in dem Kartoffelgarten. Tausend Teufel! Eile doch, treib sie hinaus and repariere."

"Great heavens, Jacob! Jacob, there are those damned hogs in the vegetable patch. Thousand devils! Get going, drive them out and repair the fence."

JOHANN MARTIN ULMER son of Johann Ulmer, School Master, and his first wife Anna Catharina Kopp, md **Maria Barbara Steinmetz**. We haven't found the marriage record yet, but she is definitely listed in the christening records. They had children:

1. Rosina Ulmer, not found in the christening records but listed on the Ship's List, 1753, age 14. born 1739 at Enzberg.
2. Elizabeth Catharina Ulmer, chr 7 Sep 1740 at Enzberg.
3. Johannes Ulmer, chr 5 Sep 1744, d. 1744, age 1 month, 18 days.
4. Adam Ulmer, chr 6 Nov 1745, died 1745, at Enzberg.
5. Jacobina Ulmer, chr 12 Apr 1747, at Enzberg.
6. Maria Margaretha Ulmer, chr 7 May 1751, at Enzberg.

The records of Enzberg have been checked to 1753 as we now know that Johann Martin Ulmer was in the 1753 emigration to New England (Ehmann, 29). He was apparently joining his father, John Ulmer, School Master, who had emigrated in 1742.

Johann Martin Ulmer came to Broad Bay on the Ship "Elizabeth" in 1753. They were coming to join their relatives who had emigrated earlier in 1742. The Ship's List is as follows:

Martin Ullmer
His wife (Maria Barbara Steinmetz)
Dau Rosina, age 14 years
Dau Elisabeth Catharina, age 12 years
Dau Jacobina, age 6 years
Dau Maria Margareta, age 2 years

Johann Martin Ulmer sometime before 1759 and probably because of the Indian troubles removed his family to Marblehead, Salem and then Danvers, where we find records of his family and their marriages. Parish Manson is currently working on these records.

JOHANN JACOB ULMER, chr 28 Mar 1726 at Enzberg, son of Johann Ulmer, School Master, and his 2nd wife Anna Margareta Weeber, came to Broad Bay with his father's family, age 16, full of vim and vigor and ready for anything the wilderness could throw at him. He appears on the John North List for Broad Bay, sometime before 1755, along with Capt John Ulmer, who was his brother, sons of Johann Ulmer, School Master. He married probably sometime before 1750 another earlier settler of Broad Bay, **Christiana** _____ . They were the parents of:

1. Capt Philip Martin Ulmer, born 25 Dec 1751 at Broad Bay, died 1811/1816 at Ducktrap, Lincoln County, Me. He married Christiana Jung of Broad Bay.
2. Gen George Ulmer, b. 25 Feb 1756 at Broad Bay, died Jan 1825, in Hancock County, Me. He married Mary Polly Tanner at Providence, RI. 24 Jun 1779.

Undoubtedly, there were other children.

CAPT JOHN ULMER, JR., born 1736 in Germany, died Aug 1809, age 73, at Rockland, Knox, Maine, son of John Ulmer, School Master and his 2nd wife Anna Margareta Weeber, came to Broad Bay when he was 6 years old. He may be the Capt John Ulmer of John North's List. His brother was John Jacob Ulmer, above. Capt John Ulmer, Jr. married at Marblehead, Essex, MA, 27 Sep 1759, to **Mary Katharine Remilly**, dau of Matthias Remilly, who also came to Broad Bay in 1742.

Gary has worked long and struggled with the pages for the children born during this time period, (1720-1744) but some pages are just impossible to extract any information whatsoever, and unfortunately, John, Jr. falls somewhere on these pages.

Capt John Ulmer, Jr. and Catharine Remilly had 13 children and lived in Rockland, Knox, Maine. This family is in Eaton (Thomaston, 2:440).

There are other children and marriages to some of the above families and they are currently being worked on. Parish Manson has done a great deal of work on the Ulmer family in Massachusetts and we thank him for his work and patience with us. David Grindell has been most gracious in sharing his records with us. Mrs. Eleanor S. Beverage has been generous and has given much critical help in this project. She pointed out to me the Ducktrap Ulmers and suddenly the family began to take shape in my mind, but we had to have the German records more fully checked, which we have done, and so we submit the above on the Ulmers of Broad Bay. [whew!]

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BROAD BAY FAMILY HISTORY PROJECT LAUNCHED

Between 1740 and 1753 some 150 families from Germany, primarily from the Rhineiland area, emigrated to the New World, and ultimately landed in Broad Bay (Waldoboro), Maine. Currently, 250 years later, an attempt is being made by a group of historians and genealogists to document this unique event in American history.

To that end, the Broad Bay Family History Project came into being last Thursday evening, August 27th, at a meeting held at the Friendship Street Community Center in Waldoboro. The goal of this new organization will be to sponsor activities and events calculated to help collect and preserve Waldoboro's unique German heritage.

The group's first project will be to start a registry, the Broad Bay Family Registry, through which people can contact others interested in Waldoboro's history and early families. Its second project will be to organize some family history activities to take place in conjunction with next year's annual service at the old German Meeting House in Waldoboro on August 1, 1993.

Anyone who is descended from, or interested in, the German settlers of Waldoboro and wishes to receive more information regarding the Broad Bay Family Registry, or has any questions or suggestions regarding the events to take place next summer, please write to: Richard Lyon Castner, Chairman, Broad Bay Family History Project, P. O. Box 10, Waldoboro, ME 04572-0010.

For a free copy of *Old Broad Bay Bund und Blatt*, a newsletter about the German colony established at Broad Bay (Waldoboro), Maine in 1740-1753, please write to the editor: W. W. "Will" Whitaker, 6094 South GlenOaks Drive, Murray, UT 84107.

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