

Silver Creek Park, Route 412
Springfield Township, Bucks Co., Pa.

The first All-Weierbach reunion of the descendants of Johann Nicholas Weyerbacher was held in Silver Creek Park on Sunday, July 10, 1966.

Approximately twenty members of the family started the day by attending 8 a.m. church services in the historic Trinity Lutheran Church building in Pleasant Valley. The sermon, based on St. Luke 5:11-12, was given by Rev. Edmund Bieber who spoke on "Human Relationships Launch Out Into the Deep", portraying the pioneering spirit of the early settlers. Flowers on the altar to the glory of God, were placed there in memory of Nicholas Weyerbacher, 1698-1779, who in 1763 helped to build the first church building on the present site. His initials N.W.B. appear on the original cornerstone, built into the west wall of the present church building. The church services closed by singing "Faith of Our Fathers", in keeping with the spirit of the pioneers who built the church.

Later, approximately one hundred fifty persons convened in Silver Creek Park to enjoy a warming social period, and the lunch they brought, as cousins met new cousins, and relatives met new relatives, during the get-acquainted hour.

At 2:15 P.M. the organizational meeting was called to order by Warren W. Wirebach, South Mountain, Pa.; he called to mind ancestral traits of character, perserverance, and faith which contributed to the growth of our country, reminding us that we, too, are building for God and Country.

Elvin C. Weierbach, Cleona, Pa., gave the opening prayer in the Pennsylvania German dialect; the prayer was followed by singing "America" led by the Gordon Allen family, Springtown, Pa.

Next in order came the introduction of respective families, each representing a major branch of the lineage of the large family.

The chair of the meeting was then handed to Lily A. Weierbach, Philadelphia, who spoke of the family book and charts that were exhibited. The partial history written in long-hand, before 1935, was compiled by S. Amelia Weierbach, (Mrs. Josiah S. Weierbach), mother of the secretary. Present day contributions toward furthering and widening family records are solicited. All members were urged to complete the lineage forms which had been distributed and to mail them to Lily A. Weierbach.

By acclamation vote, the audience decided to have an annual reunion; consequently an election of officers was next in order.

John H. Wirebach, Levittown was asked to conduct the election which resulted as follows:-

President Warren W. Wirebach, South Mountain
Vice Pres. John H. Wirebach, Levittown
Sec. Lily A. Weierbach, Philadelphia
Treas. Russell M. Weierbach, Pleasant Valley

In order to cover expenses for use of the Park, etc. a collection was taken; forty-four dollars was the amount collected.

Arthur J. Weiss, Tenafly, N. J. who had been requested to be official photographer, took a number of pictures of the group in varying roles.

The formal meeting was closed by singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again", led by the Allen family.

Next came a tour to see the historic church and the burial grounds. The tour was guided and narrated by Jane Louise Weierbach, Quakertown, dressed in colonial costume. She narrated brief historic facts, and, aided by her brother, John Anthony, she pointed out the original cornerstone of 1763, calling attention to the initials N.W.B.

Next she led the group into the church building to see the sanctuary; then, en route to the burial grounds, she pointed out, in the south wall, a large brick, which in earlier days had been carried as ballast in trans-oceanic ships, later was sold to the public, for building purposes.

The groups was led to graves numbered in order of lineage; first Isaac Weyerbacher, 1730-1805, and his wife Anna Elizabeth (nee Frey) Weierbacher 1741-1838; she called attention to the change in spelling of the name during the thirty-three year interval 1805 to 1838. Later lineage stones of John Henry, Jacob, John, Jesse, Adam, etc. were pointed out.

The tour returned to the Park for another social hour, after which the members returned to their respective homes in counties: Bucks, Lehigh, Northampton, Lebanon, Franklin, and various points in New Jersey.

Respectfully submitted,

Lily A. Weierbach, Sec.