

Silver Creek Park, Route 412
Springfield Township
Bucks County

The second Weyerbacher reunion was held in Silver Creek Park on July 9, 1967.

About twenty-five members of the family attended 8:00 a.m. services in the historic Springfield Trinity Lutheran church near Pleasant Valley. The Rev. Edmund Bieber used the Scripture passage Mark 8:1-9 as the basis for his sermon "Compassion on the multitudes". The hymn "Faith of Our Fathers" was used as the closing number. Because of earlier rain, Rev. Bieber offered to us the use of the church kitchen and facilities in case of inclement conditions in the park. However, outdoor conditions improved and later the group gathered in the park, about one hundred-seventy strong, for greetings, and social hour followed by picnic lunch at 12:00 o'clock noon.

At 2:00 p. m. Warren W. Wirsbach, president, called the meeting to order, giving a greeting of welcome to members and guests present.

The invocation was given by Lily A. Weierbach.

The minutes of the 1966 meeting were read by Helen Weierbach Mease, and were approved. The treasurer, Russell M. Weierbach reported as follows: Receipts. July 10, 1966-----\$46.50 - Total Receipts-\$106.25
July 9, 1967-----\$59.75 -
Expenditures. July 10, 1966 Silver Creek Park-\$25.00
Total Expend.-\$50.00
July 9, 1967 Silver Creek Park-\$25.00
Balance on hand - \$56.25

By suggestion of the president and approval by the members, the officers elected a year ago were continued in office.

Under new business the president spoke of objectives toward a closer organization probably leading to obtaining a charter at some future time.

A majority vote by showing of hands approved the president's suggestion that the original spelling WYERBACHER be adopted as the official name of our organization.

The president called for volunteers to aid the appointed historian, Lily A. Weierbach in research of genealogical data:- the following persons volunteered:-

John H. Wirsbach, vice president, for the Jacob C.- Urbanus lineage
Paul Weierbach, Bethlehem, for the John Henry-Adam lineage
Mrs. Herbert Ralph, Wood Ridge, N. J. for the Jacob-Philip lineage

The program continued with a number by the secretary who spoke of recently located Weyerbachs in California, Indiana, Florida, and New York state. Research has also disclosed that there is a village called Weierbach in the Canton of Luzerne, Switzerland; that earlier in Germany there was a Weierbach village near Offenburg, but that village no longer exists; it may have been absorbed by Offenburg.

Nicholas and Isaac Weyerbacher who came to Philadelphia in 1751 bought a tract of land in Springfield Township, from Conrad Riezley in 1754; they bought two smaller tracts called "Isaac's Lot" and "Weierbach Patrimony" from Thomas and Richard Penn, sons of William Penn, in 1758, for which settlement was completed by Isaac in 1762. Tax lists of the early seventeen-eighties show that Isaac was taxed for 172 acres, 3 horses, 2 cattle and no servants.

On the guided tour, later in the day, we saw four or five farms which now comprise the acreage of those early purchases.

The next speaker, John H. Wirebach, vice president, spoke of the Weierbach graveyard on the farm of Charles Hefler near Applebachsville, Haycock Township. A visit to the graveyard shows that, at this time, no stones bearing the name Weierbach are to be found.

The following prizes were awarded:
Karen Lehman: youngest person present
Mrs. Lillie Wirebach Moore: oldest woman present (86 years)
Most recently married couple: Mr. Mrs. Gordon Richard Allen
Longest period married couple: Mr. Mrs. Forrest Koch

Following adjournment of the meeting a group picture was taken by Arthur J. Weiss official photographer.

Next in order, the tour in which about fifty people took part to see the farms cut from the original Weierbach of land, ending with a short stop at the historic graveyard.

Many members returned to Silver Creek Park for a picnic supper and auf wieder sehen.

Respectfully submitted,

Lily A. Weierbach, Sec.