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GREETINGS:

WILL YOU BE THERE? WHERE? AT THE 9TH ANNUAL REUNION OF THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHANN NICHOLAS AND CATHARINE MAGDALENA WEYERBACHER! SILVER CREEK PARK, ROUTE 412 BETWEEN SPRINGTOWN AND PLEASANT VALLEY, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA. WHEN? SUNDAY, JULY 14, 1974. COME, BRING ALL THE FAMILY AND GET ANOTHER COUSIN TO "KUM MIT". PICNIC LUNCH AT NOON, BUSINESS MEETING AT 2:00 P.M.

THE FAMILY WILL WORSHIP AS USUAL AT SPRINGFIELD LUTHERAN CHURCH. SERVICE WILL BE EARLY AND THE TIME WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

THE FOLLOWING DEATHS DURING THE YEAR HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO ME:

FLORENCE FENSTERMACHER WEIRBACK (MRS. MAYNARD) OF HELLERTOWN  
VICTOR RYDBERG, HUSBAND OF EVA HOOVER RYDBERG, OF KYLERTOWN  
ELMER WIREBAUGH, (91) OF WAYNE, OHIO  
JOHN W. WEILAND, HUSBAND OF EMMA WEIRBACH WEILAND OF ALLENTOWN

THE SYMPATHY OF THE REUNION IS EXTENDED TO THEIR FAMILIES.

ELMER WIREBAUGH WAS OUR OLDEST GENTLEMAN PRESENT AT THE 1972 REUNION. HIS INTEREST AND HELP IN OUR RESEARCH WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED. WE WILL MISS HIM.

VICTOR RYDBERG AND HIS WIFE EVA REPRESENTED ONE OF THE LARGER SEGMENTS OF THE JOHANNES LINE, EVA BEING DESCENDED FROM JOHANNES' DAUGHTER CATHARINE WIREBAUGH HOOVER. THE HOOVER GET-TOGETHER EVERY SEPTEMBER AT THE YEARLY CHURCH SERVICE OF SYLVAN GROVE METHODIST CHURCH BRINGS OUT ABOUT ONE HUNDRED HOOVERS. LAST YEAR I WAS INVITED TO TELL THEM ABOUT OUR ORIGINS IN GERMANY. THE HOSPITALITY THAT EVA AND VICTOR HAVE EXTENDED TO ME THE PAST THREE YEARS AT THEIR REUNION IS TYPICAL OF OUR "FAMILY".

THERE IS SOME INTEREST BEING GENERATED IN HAVING A REUNION IN OHIO FOR OHIO, MICHIGAN AND NEIGHBORING STATES. WHILE BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, WAS THE PLACE JOHANN NICHOLAS AND HIS FAMILY SETTLED, IN THE EARLY 1800'S THE TWO SONS OF JOHANNES, NICHOLAS AND JOHN, MIGRATED INTO OHIO. NIECES AND NEPHEWS FOLLOWED AND TODAY THE DESCENDANTS IN THESE STATES FORM ALMOST HALF OF OUR FAMILY COUNT. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN AN OHIO REUNION

HAVE YOU ANY OLD FAMILY PHOTOS (PRIOR TO 1900) WE COULD COPY? ANY OLD BIBLES WITH ENTRIES OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS? CAN WE GET XEROX COPIES OF THESE PAGES? HAVE ANY ANECDOTES BEEN HANDED DOWN IN YOUR FAMILY ABOUT YOUR WEIERBACH ANCESTOR? WRITE THEM DOWN AND SEND THEM TO ME. ALL THESE GO INTO MAKING A FAMILY GENEALOGY. . . .


AMONG ALL YOU COUSINS THERE MUST BE A LOT OF TALENT! IF YOU WILL BE WILLING TO TAKE PART IN THE REUNION PROGRAM DRDP ME A LINE SO I CAN INCLUDE YOU IN THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM. DON'T BE BASHFUL!

I HAVE HAD MANY INQUIRIES ABOUT RESEARCHING IN GERMANY. THE ORGANIZATION WHICH HELPED ME IS: HEIMATSTELLE PFALZ, D 675 KAISERSLAUTERN, BENZINORING 6, WEST GERMANY. THIS IS A RESEARCH CENTER FOR THE HISTORY OF THE POPULATION OF THE PFALZ (PALATINATE), THE MIGRATION, IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION. THEY HAVE MUCH MATERIAL ON FILE AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED PERSONS WHO ARE RESEARCHING THEIR PALATINATE ANCESTRY. THEY HAVE LIMITED FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND ARE IN NEED OF HELP TO EXPAND THEIR RESEARCH. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THEM MAY BE MADE BY BANK CHECK. THEY WILL BE ABLE TO PERFORM A LIMITED RESEARCH BUT THEIR FILES ARE VERY COMPREHENSIVE. IN THESE SAME FILES WAS THE RECORD OF OUR JOHANNES. . . FOR ME THAT WAS THE STARTING POINT!

WE MAY BE ABLE TO SECURE A FEW COPIES OF THE BOOK "WEIERBACH" BY ALFRED MERZ (ENTIRELY IN GERMAN) TO SELL AT THE REUNION. . . FROM HERR MERZ'S PREFACE I QUOTE--

FRIEDE DEN KOMMENDEN,  
FREUDE DEN BLEIBENDEN,  
SEGGEN DEN SCHEIDENDEN!

WITH THIS OLD HOUSEHOLD SAYING FROM THE VILLAGE OF WEIERBACH, WHICH TOGETHER WITH THE VILLAGE OF BAUMHOLDER WERE THE ORIGINS OF THE WEYERBACHER FAMILY IN GERMANY ENDS ANOTHER GREETING TO ALL THE COUSINS. WILL YOU BE THERE? BE SEEING YOU. . . .

  
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