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GREETINGS:

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! THIS YEAR THE WEYERBACHER REUNION WILL BE HELD JULY 10th. EARLY CHURCH SERVICE, DEDICATED TO THE FAMILY, AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (SPRINGFIELD), PLEASANT VALLEY, BUCKS COUNTY, PA WILL BE AT 9:00 A. M. PICNIC TIME IS NOON TO 2:00 P. M. AT SILVER CREEK PARK, ROUTE 412 BETWEEN SPRINGTOWN AND PLEASANT VALLEY. BUSINESS MEETING AT 2:00 P. M. NO FURTHER NOTICE WILL BE MAILED. LOCAL NEWSPAPERS IN BUCKS, LEHIGH, NORTHAMPTON, LEBANON AND LANCASTER COUNTIES WILL CARRY REUNION NOTICES THE WEEK BEFORE.

1976 - WHAT A YEAR! THE BI-CENTENNIAL OF THIS GREAT NATION, AND THE 225th ANNIVERSARY OF THE WEYERBACHERS IN THIS COUNTRY! MANY OF THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHANN NICHOLAS AND HIS WIFE GATHERED IN SPRINGFIELD CEMETERY ON JULY 11th, 1976 FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE SUN DIAL MEMORIAL IN THEIR MEMORY, AND IN MEMORY OF OTHER DEPARTED "WEYERBACHERS". THE QUAKERTOWN FREE PRESS WAS ON HAND TO RECORD THIS IMPORTANT EVENT! BUCKS COUNTY "PANORAMA" AND SCHUYLER C. BROSSMAN RAN VERY INTERESTING ARTICLES ON THE REUNION'S ACTIVITIES.

SOON AFTER THE REUNION IN 1976 I RECEIVED FORMAL CONGRATULATIONS ON OUR 225th ANNIVERSARY FROM THE CITY OF BAUMHOLDER AND ITS STADTBURGERMEISTER, DR. NAGEL. GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS ALSO CAME FROM DR. WALTER BEYER, LANDRAT OF BIRKENFELD. HE INCLUDED AN INVITATION FOR ANY OF THE FAMILY IN GERMANY AT THAT TIME TO ATTEND HEIMTTAG (OCTOBER 10, 1976) AT BAUMHOLDER AT WHICH TIME THEY WOULD REMEMBER THE 200th CONSTITUTION ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES AND HE WOULD MAKE A SHORT SPEECH ABOUT OUR FAMILY, THE WEYERBACHERS FROM BAUMHOLDER.

YOU WONDERFUL COUSINS! THE THOUSAND DOLLARS NEEDED FOR THE MEMORIAL SUN DIAL WAS OVER-SUBSCRIBED THE DAY OF THE REUNION IN 1976. THE MEMORIAL FUND WHICH WAS THE BEGINNING OF THIS COLLECTION DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS WILL BE CONTINUED AND WILL BE USED FOR SMALL PROJECTS IN THE FUTURE. WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO REPLACE THE GRAVE MARKER FOR ELIZABETH WEILERBACH FREY, (1741-1838), AND TO HAVE THE SMALL FARM CEMETERY AT WOODWARD CLEANED UP. HERE IS BURIED ANNA WEIRBAUGH HENNEY (1767-1794). OUR EARLIEST STANDING GRAVE STONE FOR A FAMILY MEMBER.

SO NOW YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT...DID YOU SEE "ROOTS" ON TV OR READ THE BOOK? WELL, YOUR WEYERBACHER "ROOTS" WERE TRACED IN 1973 AND SOMEDAY WE HOPE TO HAVE A PUBLICATION TELLING OF THE FAMILY HISTORY, FROM HANS OTTO WEYERBACHER, BURGERMEISTER (MAYOR) OF BAUMHOLDER, GERMANY IN 1686 DOWN TO 1976 (225 YEARS OF WEYERBACHERS IN AMERICA). WE HOPE TO LIST ALL THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHANN NICHOLAS AND CATHARINA MAGDALENA WEYERBACHER, BUT THIS WILL TAKE SOME TIME AS THERE ARE MANY MISSING LINKS WHICH ARE GRADUALLY BEING RESEARCHED...IF YOU WANT INFORMATION ON YOUR OWN ANCESTRAL LINE BACK TO JOHANN NICHOLAS LET ME KNOW AND I WILL TRY TO HELP WITH THIS INFORMATION.

THIS YEAR AT THE REUNION SEVERAL LINES OF THE GRANDCHILDREN OF JOHANN NICHOLAS WILL BE DISCUSSED. THIS SHOULD BE ESPECIALLY INTERESTING FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DESCENDED FROM JOHN JACOB (1771-1856) AND JOHN HENRY (1779-1863). THESE ARE YOUR "ROOTS"!

"HE WHO HAS NOT RESEARCHED THE PAST HAS NO AUTHORITY TO PRESENT PROPOSALS FOR THE PRESENT OR THE FUTURE"

WILHELM LOEHE

A FEW PRINTS OF THE MEMORIAL SUN DIAL PHOTO (FRONT AND REAR) ARE STILL AVAILABLE. THEY ARE TWO DOLLARS (2.00) A SET. THE FRONT VIEW SHOWS THE DEDICATION TO JOHANN NICHOLAS AND CATHARINA MAGDALENA. THE REAR SHOWS THE EIGHT SPELLINGS OF WEYERBACHER DESCENDANTS WHO ERECTED THIS MEMORIAL. FOR A SET OF PHOTOS, DROP ME A LINE (CHECK OR CASH ACCEPTED).

GRADUALLY FAMILY MEMORABILIA ARE BEING ACCUMULATED. RECENT ACQUISITIONS ARE THE FAMILY BIBLES OF SAMUEL W. WEIERBACH (1811-1883) AND BERTIE ROSS WIREBAUGH (1881-1964). BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE FOR REBECCA WEIERBACH, (1827) AND THE CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATE FOR MARY SHAFER, (1861); A WIREBACK SURPRISE ADDITION WAS THE XEROX COPIES OF PAGES FROM A WEAVER'S PATTERN BOOK ON WHICH ISAAC WEIERBACH (1773-1825) WROTE THE BIRTH DATES OF HIS CHILDREN AND OTHER FAMILY NOTES. SOME OF THESE ITEMS ARE FROM THE HANDS OF STRANGERS! WHAT FAMILY KEEPSAKES DO YOU HAVE? HAVE YOU LOOKED IN THE ATTIC FOR THOSE OLD FAMILY BIBLES, CERTIFICATES, ETC., WHICH YOUR GRANDPARENTS SAVED THROUGH THE YEARS? WE ARE INTERESTED IN THE INFORMATION THEY MAY CONTAIN.

DEATHS OF THE FOLLOWING WEYERBACHER DESCENDANTS (OR SPOUSE) HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO ME. THE SYMPATHY OF THE REUNION IS EXTENDED TO THEIR FAMILIES.

- SAMUEL S. WEIRBACK, (60) QUAKERTOWN, PA.
- CHARLES F. BLEEN, (58) BETHELEHEM, PA.
- MAYNARD N. CULVER, (56) BETHELEHEM, PA.
- LAWRENCE J. CURRY SR., (90) FOUNTAIN HILL, PA.
- HELEN MUFFLEY GANGWERE, (54) (MRS. WOODROW) ALLENTOWN, PA.
- JESSE ELMER HEDRICK, (90) WEST VIRGINIA
- MAMIE WEIRBACH HESS, (93) (MRS. HENRY) BEDMINSTER, PA.
- FORREST O. KOCH, (90) EMMAUS, PA.
- ANNA MUSSELMAN MOOSE, (80) (MRS. HARRY W.) QUAKERTOWN, PA.

WHAT IS THE WEYERBACHER REUNION? WE ARE A GATHERING TOGETHER, OR REUNION, OF THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHANN NICHOLAS AND CATHARINA MAGDALENA WEYERBACHER WHO CAME TO AMERICA IN 1751 WITH THEIR THREE SONS, ISAAC, JOHANNES, AND HENRY. WE ASSUME WITH THEM ALSO WERE FOUR DAUGHTERS, MARIA CATHARINA, ANNA CATHARINA MARIA PATIENTIA, ANNA MARGRETHA FRIEDERICA (BECKER), AND CATERINA ELISABETHA MAGDALENA (FREY). ISAAC AND HENRY STAYED IN BUCKS COUNTY AND MANY OF THEIR DESCENDANTS HAVE INTER-MARRIED. JOHANNES WENT INTO BUFFALO VALLEY, NOW UNION COUNTY, AND HIS TWO SONS, JOEM AND NICHOLAS LATER WENT INTO OHIO AND FATHERED THE WIREBAUGH LINE. EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO INCLUDE ALL DESCENDANTS OF BOTH THE SONS AND THE DAUGHTERS IN OUR RECORDS, BUT LITTLE IS KNOWN OF THE DESCENDANTS OF THE DAUGHTERS. FURTHER INFORMATION WOULD BE WELCOME. WE HOPE IF YOU HAVE ANY WEYERBACHER BLOOD IN YOU, EITHER BY DESCENT FROM A SON OR A DAUGHTER, THAT YOU JOIN WITH US ON JULY 10th, 1977, TO WORSHIP AND MEET IN FELLOWSHIP WITH YOUR KINFOLK. SEE YOU THEN....

WARREN W. WIREBACH, PRESIDENT
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"IF YOU COULD SEE YOUR ANCESTORS, ALL STANDING IN A ROW, WOULD YOU BE PROUD OF THEM? OR DON'T YOU REALLY KNOW?"

"STRANGE DISCOVERIES ARE SOMETIMES MADE, IN CLIMBING THE FAMILY TREE. OCCASIONALLY ONE IS FOUND IN LINE WHO'SOCKS HIS PROGENY.

"IF YOU COULD SEE YOUR ANCESTORS, ALL STANDING IN A ROW, PERHAPS THERE MIGHT BE ONE OR TWO YOU WOULDN'T CARE TO KNOW.

"NOW TURN THE QUESTION RIGHT ABOUT AND TAKE ANOTHER VIEW, WHEN YOU SHALL MEET YOUR ANCESTORS, WILL THEY BE PROUD OF YOU?"