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Greetings:

Mark your calendar now! This year the Weyerbacher Reunion will be held July 9th. Early church service (9:00 am), dedicated to the family, will be at Trinity Lutheran Church (Springfield) Pleasant Valley, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Picnic time, Noon to 2:00 P.M. at Silver Creek Park, Route 412, between Springtown and Pleasant Valley. Business meeting at 2:00 followed by entertainment. No further notice will be mailed due to postage increase and expanded mailing list. (Over 600 families of Weyerbacher descent now on this list.) Local newspapers in Bucks, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh and Northampton Counties will carry reunion notices the week before July 9th.

If you have not attended one of the reunions perhaps you are wondering what goes on..so here is the usual schedule. Some of us early risers attend service at Springfield Lutheran Church. This church is the third historic building on the site and many Weyerbachers have worshipped here during the years when this was a Union Church for both the Lutheran and Reformed Faiths. Our ancestor, Johann Nicholas was one of the trustees in 1763 for the Reformed Congregation and his initials, NWB, can still be seen on the old corner stone. Nearby is the sun dial, dedicated in 1976, in memory of Johann Nicholas and Catharina Magdalena Weyerbacher and other deceased members of the family.

A picnic lunch and fellowship at Silver Creek Park from Noon to 2:00 P.M. Everyone provides their own lunch but there is much sharing among family members. Soft drinks and coffee are available. The park has pavilions large enough to seat over 500 persons so there is room for everyone, and shelter in case of rain. The rest rooms are clean and modern.

A brief business meeting, followed by an interesting program, begins at 2:00 P.M. It has been the custom to invite a guest speaker to bring us a message of interest in our own ethnic culture and background. During the years we have had the pleasure of hearing the following speakers:

- 1968 Eugene Wierbach from California spoke on 'Genealogy and Research'
- 1969 James L. Weirbach, Attorney, from Allentown spoke on 'The Value of Keeping Records'
- 1971 Walter Wirebaugh from Ohio spoke on 'The Mormons and Genealogy'
- 1972 Rev. Jesse Renninger from Allentown spoke on 'German Immigration and The Union Church'
- 1974 Rev. John A. Yarborough of Pleasant Valley spoke on 'The Historical Church'
- 1975 David H. Miller, Attorney, from Easton spoke on 'Pre-Revolutionary Events in Easton and Northampton County'
- 1976 Dr. Mahlon H. Hellerich, President of the Pennsylvania German Society, spoke on 'The Pennsylvania Germans in the American Revolution'
- 1977 Rev. Richard Druckenbrod, from Allentown, spoke on 'The Mudderschprooch'

Group singing, including the Pennsylvania Dutch dialect, is always included. This year we will feature 'Die Schnitzelbank' led by the Allems!

So why not join us on July 9th, and get to know your Cousins, of all degrees.

WHO WAS G. M. WEIERBACH- in Lehigh County in 1925? A law firm in Texas is trying to locate a G. M. Weierbach or his heirs. He purchased a tract of land in West Texas in 1925. They are trying to put back together land which was divided into small tracts and sold by mail order and are trying to locate certain individuals involved in the sale at that time. If you are G. M. Weierbach, or an heir, drop me a line and I'll put you in touch with the law firm. You may have your own oil well in Texas. Nice to know you!

"PEOPLE WILL NEVER LOOK FORWARD TO POSTERITY WHO NEVER LOOKED BACKWARD TO THEIR ANCESTORS" BURKE.

Deaths of the following Weyerbacher Descendants (or spouse) have been reported to me during the past year. The sympathy of the Reunion is extended to their families.

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| Hattie Bleam (Mrs. William) | (90) | Bethlehem, Pa. |
| James Graver | (73) | Lehigh, Pa. |
| Ralph Kressley | (64) | Allentown, Pa. |
| Harry F. Landis | (82) | Spinnerstown, Pa. |
| Harold Paulus | (74) | Bethlehem, Pa. |
| Edna Weirbach Reichenbach | (75) | Richlandtown, Pa. |
| Eva Hoover Rydberg | (85) | Kylertown, Pa. |
| H. Clyde Trauger | (60) | Milford, N.J. |
| Edna A. Urmy (Mrs. Marvin) | (76) | Coopersburg, Pa. |
| Elizabeth A. Wasser (Mrs. Miles) | (63) | Bethlehem, Pa. |
| Richard Wasser | (60) | Bethlehem, Pa. |
| Levi F. Weierbach | (93) | Richlandtown, Pa. |
| Ruth Dankel Weirbach (Mrs. Henry) | (69) | Allentown, Pa. |
| Edna Amey Wirebach (Mrs. Paul) | (66) | Applebachsville, Pa. |
| Clarence E. Youngkin | (62) | Hellertown, Pa. |

Some of you Cousins may have been in the Middletown area and tried to contact me by phone unsuccessfully. I have an unlisted number so note both my home and business numbers at end of this letter. Calls from 'Cousins' are always welcome.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION: The response in providing a suitable memorial for Johann Nicholas and his wife was great! As other projects worthy of our attention come along your help in financing will be most welcome. At present two such projects are being considered.

(1) Restoration of the farm cemetery in Woodward, Centre County, Pennsylvania where is buried Anna, daughter of Johannes, wife of Adam Henney and mother to John Adam, Peter and Catharine Henney Williams. Anna died August 2, 1794 and her grave is the oldest marked family burial on record. Contributions from Henney and Williams descendants are especially solicited.

(2) Replacement of the grave stone of Elizabeth Weierbach (er) Frey, daughter of Johann Nicholas. This stone, located to the left of Springfield Church, near the Weyerbacher Sundial, disappeared after being broken off at the time the church addition was built. To date, stones marking the burying place of Elizabeth Weyerbacher Frey and her brother Isaac were the only ones in existence to mark the last resting places of the original immigrant family.

A DISTINGUISHED DESCENDANT AWARD: We would like to award a certificate every year to the descendant of Johann Nicholas and Catharina Magdalena who has materially contributed to the public good in such fields as; medicine, law, education, art, music, literature, science etc. Resumes of an applicant's contribution should be submitted to me before June 15th. An impartial committee of three will review them and select the applicant whose contribution best exemplifies the type of service and dedication attributed to our Family during our years in America. Applicants must be of direct Weyerbacher blood line, either male or female. The committee reserves the right to reject, or not to make any award if the resumes are not competitive.

'TRY IT, YOU MIGHT LIKE IT' could be a slogan we can adapt to our own use. TRY US, YOU WILL LIKE US - YOUR COUSINS.

See you on the 9th.

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