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WEYERBACHER DESCENDANTS
1980
SPRING LETTER

GREETINGS;

REUNION TIME AGAIN, MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL WEYERBACHER REUNION WILL BE HELD JULY 13TH. EARLY CHURCH SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M. AT TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH (SPRINGFIELD), PLEASANT VALLEY, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, DEDICATED TO THE FAMILY. PICNIC TIME, NOON TO 2:00 P.M. AT SILVER CREEK PARK, ROUTE 412 BETWEEN SPRINGTOWN AND PLEASANT VALLEY. BUSINESS MEETING FOLLOWED BY ENTERTAINMENT AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE PARK. NO FURTHER NOTICE WILL BE MAILED DUE TO POSTAGE COST AND EXPANDED MAILING LIST, (NOW OVER 600 FAMILIES OF WEYERBACHER DESENT). LOCAL NEWSPAPERS IN BUCKS, LANCASTER, LEBANON, LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON COUNTIES WILL CARRY REUNION NOTICES THE WEEK BEFORE THE 13TH.

THIS YEAR OUR GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE JOHN W. HEISEY OF YORK. MR. HEISEY IS A WRITER, LECTURER AND LOCAL HISTORIAN. HE HAS HAD PUBLISHED A HEISEY GENEALOGY, YORK COUNTY IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION AND A CHECKLIST OF AMERICAN COVERLET WEAVERS. HE WILL TELL US ABOUT THIS VERY IMPORTANT EARLY AMERICAN OCCUPATION IN THE HOME AND COMMENT ON LOCAL SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP WEAVERS OF THE 19TH CENTURY. THIS TOPIC SHOULD BE ESPECIALLY INTERESTING TO US WEYERBACHERS AS OUR ANCESTORS WERE WEAVERS IN GERMANY AND SOME OF THEM FOLLOWED THAT OCCUPATION IN THEIR EARLY YEARS IN SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP. YOU ARE ASKED TO BRING YOUR WOVEN COVERLETS TO THE REUNION AND MR. HEISEY WILL USE THEM IN HIS TALK. THOSE WITH A SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY ORIGIN SHOULD BE EXCEPTIONALLY INTERESTING.

SILVER CREEK PARK, WHERE WE HAVE HELD OUR REUNIONS FOR THE PAST FOURTEEN YEARS, HAS COVERED PAVILIONS, PLAY AREAS FOR THE CHILDREN, CLEAN RESTROOMS AND IS RESERVED FOR EXCLUSIVE USE OF OUR REUNION. FOR THE YOUNG AND MORE PHYSICALLY ACTIVE, FEEL FREE TO BRING YOUR QUOITS, BADMINTON SETS ETC. THERE ARE SHELTERED TABLES FOR CHECKERS, CHESS, YAHTZEE, MONOPOLY OR WHAT HAVE YOU. ATTENDANCE AT THE REUNION USUALLY AVERAGES OVER 150 EACH YEAR. THERE IS SPACE ENOUGH FOR 500! WHY NOT FILL IT UP THIS YEAR? COME YOURSELF AND FAMILY AND BRING YET A FEW COUSINS WITH YOU.

OUR REUNION IS FOR ALL DESCENDANTS OF JOHANN NICHOLAS AND CATHARINA MAGDALENA WEYERBACHER WHO CAME TO AMERICA IN 1751. NOT ONLY THOSE OF US NOW USING SOME FORM OF THE PATERNAL NAME, WEYERBACHER, BUT THOSE DESCENDED THROUGH WEYERBACHER DAUGHTERS SHOULD JOIN IN THIS RE-UNION OF THEIR DESCENDANTS. SOME WHERE IN OUR ANCESTRY WE ALL HAD AN ANCESTOR BEARING THE WEYERBACHER NAME AND SHOULD BE PROUD TO HONOR IT.

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'THERE IS NO BETTER HERITAGE THAT A FATHER CAN BEQUEATH TO HIS CHILDREN THAN A GOOD NAME; NOR IS THERE IN A FAMILY ANY RICHER HEIRLOOM THAN THE MEMORY OF A NOBLE ANCESTOR' JAMES HAMILTON

AND THEN OUR FRIEND SHAKESPEARE SAID 'WHAT IS IN A NAME? THAT WHICH WE CALL A ROSE, BY ANY OTHER NAME WOULD SMELL AS SWEET'!

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PLEASE NOTIFY ME OF ANY CHANGE IN ADDRESS, GIVING BOTH YOUR OLD ONE AND THE NEW ONE. NEWS ITEMS ABOUT FAMILY MEMBERS ARE NEEDED TO ADD TO OUR HISTORY. SEARCH YOUR ATTIC FOR OLD BIBLES, PICTURES (BEFORE 1900) AND OTHER MEMORABILIA.

1981 WILL GIVE US ANOTHER CHANCE TO CELEBRATE THE COMING TO AMERICA OF OUR ANCESTORS, JOHANN NICHOLAS AND HIS FAMILY, TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY YEARS IN AMERICA, 1751-1981! LET'S PLAN TO HAVE REUNION 1981 BIGGER AND BETTER THAN THE OTHER 15! PLAN NOW TO ATTEND, JULY 12, 1981.

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.

GLORIA O. WEIERBACH	57	BETHLEHEM, PA.
ELIZABETH WIERBACH DUVALL (MRS JOHN)	91	RIEGELSVILLE, PA.
ELSIE J. WIREBACK (MRS GODDARD)	73	OCALA, FLORIDA
BRAD R. WIREBAUGH	13	JACKSON, MICHIGAN
LIZZIE M. AMEY (MRS JOHN)	82	BETHLEHEM, PA.
MARION WEIERBACH FREY CARR (MRS OWEN)	81	UPPER DARBY, PA.
BRAIN SCOTT HEDRICK	2	BANCROFT, WEST VA.
NORMA J. BUCKLEY KENNEDY	48	GLASGOW, WEST VA.
STEPHEN KUKODA	71	RIEGELSVILLE, PA.
AUDRE WIERBACH SANGER RABORN	71	YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA
MAHLON F. WASSER	85	BEDMINSTER, PA.
FRANCES REIMERT WERT (MRS FREDERICK)	69	EMMAUS, PA.

ONE GENERATION PASSETH AWAY, AND ANOTHER GENERATION COMETH; BUT THE EARTH ABIDETH FOR EVER.... ECCLESIASTES 1:4

REPORT OF SPECIAL PROJECTS: THE NEIDIG FARM CEMETERY AT WOODWARD, CENTRE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA HAS BEEN CLEARED OF BRUSH, IVY, BRAMBLES, SUMAC, BURDOCK ETC. THE 'CHUCK'HOLES HAVE BEEN FILLED IN, STONES RESET AND SEVERAL BROUGHT BACK FROM THE NEARBY FARMHOUSE AND REPLACED. WHAT WAS A DESOLATE, NEGLECTED HILLTOP WITH BROKEN AND LEANING GRAVE STONES NOW PRESENTS A NEAT AND TIDY APPEARANCE. ON A NEARBY TREE HAS BEEN NAILED A SIGN WITH BLACK LETTERING

NEIDIG CEMETERY

HERE LIE BURIED

ADAM AND ANNA WIREBAUGH HENNIG

PARENTS OF JOHN ADAM HENNEY

FIRST PREACHER IN THE STATE OF OHIO

FOR THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

BY THE WEYERBACHER REUNION

BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ANNA WIERBAUGH WAS THE SECOND OLDEST DAUGHTER OF JOHANNES, ONE OF THE THREE SONS OF NICHOLAS AND CATHARINA MAGDALENA. HE CAME TO AMERICA WITH THEM, STARTED HIS FAMILY IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY AND THEN MIGRATED TO WHAT IS NOW UNION COUNTY. HERE, NEAR HARTLETON, HIS TWO OLDEST DAUGHTERS WERE STOLEN BY THE INDIANS. THE SECOND OLDEST ESCAPED AND RETURNED HOME. THE ELDEST STAYED WITH THE TRIBE WHEN HER FATHER, JOHANNES TRIED TO BRING HER HOME. THE ONE WHO ESCAPED WE ASSUME TO BE ANNA WHO MARRIED TO ADAM HENNIG, BORE HIM FOUR CHILDREN AND NOW LIES BURIED IN NEIDIG CEMETERY BESIDES ADAM'S SECOND WIFE. NEAR THEM ARE BURIED ADAM AND HIS THIRD WIFE. THIS YEAR, ON MEMORIAL DAY, THE GRAVE OF ANNA WIREBAUGH HENNIG WILL HAVE ONE RED GERANIUM ON IT-ANNA, 1767-1794. THIS PROJECT WAS COMPLETED THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF FAMILY MEMBERS AND MUCH VOLUNTEER LABOR!

THE REPLACEMENT OF THE GRAVE STONE-ELIZABETH WEYERBACHER FREY, MISSING FROM SPRINGFIELD CEMETERY SINCE THE BUILDING PROGRAM, IS STILL IN PLANNING STAGE.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THESE, AND OTHER FUTURE PROJECTS, ARE WELCOME.

SEE YOU ALL ON THE 13TH...AND BRING YET ANOTHER COUSIN MIT!

MAY 15, 1980
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