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GREETINGS:  
WHERE WILL YOU BE ON SUNDAY, JULY 12th., 1981? WE HOPE YOU WILL BE WITH US AT THE 16th. ANNUAL REUNION OF THE DESCENDANTS OF JOHANN NICHOLAS AND CATHARINA MAGDALENA WEYERBACHER. MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW! SILVER CREEK PARK, ROUTE 412 BETWEEN SPRINGTOWN AND PLEASANT VALLEY, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA-JULY 12th.! COME, BRING ALL THE FAMILY AND INVITE A COUSIN OR TWO TO 'KUM MIT'.

THE FAMILY WILL WORSHIP AS USUAL AT THE EARLY SERVICE AT SPRINGFIELD LUTHERAN CHURCH IN PLEASANT VALLEY. PICNIC TIME AT THE PARK WILL BE FROM NOON ON AND THE BUSINESS MEETING, FOLLOWED BY ENTERTAINMENT WILL BE AT 2:00 P.M..

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

'I WILL SURELY MAKE YOU PROSPER AND WILL MAKE YOUR DESCENDANTS LIKE THE SAND OF THE SEA, WHICH CANNOT BE COUNTED'...GENESIS 32:12 (TO JACOB).

SO COULD THIS BE APPLIED TO JOHANN NICHOLAS AND HIS WIFE. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON A FAMILY GENEALOGY FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS AND STILL THEIR OWN DESCENDANTS, LIKE THE SAND OF THE SEA, CANNOT BE COUNTED! BUT WE ARE TRYING!

HAVE YOU EVER SENT YOUR OWN FAMILY STATISTICS TO US? WE SENT OUT OVER TWO HUNDRED FAMILY RECORD SHEETS TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED. TO DATE, NOT MORE THAN A DOZEN HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. THIS IS VERY DISCOURAGING AS THE SOURCES FOR SECURING INFORMATION ABOUT OUR FAMILY MEMBERS ARE VERY LIMITED. BEFORE 1900 EARLY CHURCH AND CEMETERY RECORDS COURT HOUSES AND THE FEDERAL CENSUS PROVIDED ENOUGH INFORMATION TO BUILD A GOOD FOUNDATION. BUT AS THE FAMILY SCATTERED THROUGH OUT THE UNITED STATES THESE SOURCES BECAME UNAVAILABLE. WE NEED YOUR INPUT, ESPECIALLY FOR DATA SINCE 1900, DATES OF BIRTH AND DEATH, MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE, FROM YOU FOR YOUR PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS AND YOUR OWN CHILDREN. PLEASE DON'T WAIT UNTIL WE PUBLISH A FAMILY GENEALOGY AND THEN WRITE AND TELL US YOUR FAMILY IS NOT IN IT, OR THAT THE INFORMATION SHOWN IS INCORRECT. ACT NOW!

A CHART IS ENCLOSED SHOWING THE WEYERBACHER LINE FROM THE FIRST ONE WE HAVE ON RECORD, HANS OTTO-BÜRGERMEISTER IN BAUMHOLDER IN 1686 DOWN TO THE FIRST GENERATION BORN IN AMERICA. DO YOU KNOW WHICH GRANDCHILD OF JOHANN NICHOLAS IS YOUR ANCESTOR? HAVE WE YOUR RECORDS?

Friede Den Kommenden, Freude Den Bleibenden, Segen Den Schneidenden

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

HELEN GROTH WEIERBACH (MRS EARLE)	78	BETHLEHEM, PENNA.
RICHARD J. WEIERBACH	56	BETHLEHEM, PENNA.
FYETTA DREISBACH WEIERBACH	79	BETHLEHEM, PENNA.
JEAN LOUISE WEIRBACH HILLEGAS (MRS MERLIN)	53	ALLENTOWN, PENNA.
RONALD R. AFFLEBACH	44	LANCASTER, PENNA.
ARTHUR B. BARINGER	59	SELLERSVILLE, PENNA.
LEROY W. BEAN	81	HELLERTOWN, PENNA.
MARY LOU BUCKLEY	45	GLASGOW, WEST VIRGINIA
RONALD V. GARDNER	62	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
CORA WEIERBACH MEILY (MRS MARTIN)	87	LEBANON, PENNA.
MARY RENNER	89	FREDERICK, PENNA.
ESTELLE WIREBACH SHERMAN (MRS RAY)	71	NAZARETH, PENNA.

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

WE ARE GRADUALLY COLLECTING WEYERBACHER MEMORABILIA, OLD BIBLES (WITH OUR FAMILY RECORDS ONLY), BAPTISM CERTIFICATES, MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES, SCHOOL RECORDS AND BOOKS, OLD PHOTOS (BEFORE 1900) AND EVEN BOTTLES WITH THE FAMILY NAME INSCRIBED! ALL THESE WILL EVENTUALLY BE DEPOSITED IN A SUITABLE PLACE WHERE THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. THERE ARE SEVERAL SITES WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED IN THE FUTURE, THE PLEASANT VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE BUCKS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OR.....? OLD PHOTOS, OF FAMILY OR FAMILY HOMES, ARE ESPECIALLY DESIRABLE AS THESE WOULD ADD MUCH INTEREST TO A PUBLISHED GENEALOGY AND WOULD BRING OUR ANCESTORS 'TO LIFE' FOR US!

AGAIN I WANT TO MENTION AN ITEM WHICH COULD STILL BE IN THE POSSESSION OF A WEYERBACHER DESCENDANT- THE BIBLE WHICH WAS LISTED IN THE ESTATE INVENTORY FOR JOHANN NICHOLAS IN 1778 AS A DUTCH FOLIO BIBLE. THIS POSSIBLY CAME WITH THE FAMILY FROM EUROPE AND, IF LOCATED, WOULD BE A TREASURED HEIRLOOM. DOES ANYONE KNOW WHO HAS IT?

AND BESIDES ALL THESE ITEMS 'FROM THE PAST' WE NEED CURRENT ADDRESSES AND THE INFORMATION MENTIONED BEFORE ON BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND DIVORCES. PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED. OUR FAMILY TREE IS GROWING BUT WE NEED TO KNOW WHERE TO PUT THE BRANCHES!

SEE YOU ON THE 12th.....

*Warren*  
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WEYERBACHER DESCENDANTS

GENEALOGY- IT IS THE ONLY THING THAT DOES NOT BECOME A FINISHED PRODUCT. EACH SUNRISE BRINGS A NEW DAY OF HISTORY, EACH NEWBORN INFANT ADDS ANOTHER GENERATION..... thanks to Lorena Shell Eaker

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