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GREETINGS,

REUNION time again: Mark your calendar for July 10, 1983! Many of the family members will attend early church services at Trinity Lutheran (Springfield) Church, in Pleasant Valley. The altar flowers will be in memory of our ancestors. This is the church where Johann Nicholas Weyerbacher was one of six men to establish the Lutheran and Reformed Faiths in 1763. Weierbachs still worship there today, 220 years later!

Picnic time is from Noon to 2:00 P.M. at Silver Creek Park, Route 412 between Pleasant Valley and Springtown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. A business meeting, followed by entertainment will begin at 2:00 P.M.

More support is needed for our Reunion. The attendance has fallen off these past few years due to the loss of many of our older members. If you used to come with your parents and grandparents when you were younger it is now your turn to bring your own family and help us keep this Re-Union tradition alive! YOUR interest and support is needed. NOW!

I also need your help during the year, from Reunion to Reunion. I need information about events affecting family members. Please send me news items of births, marriages and deaths. The newspaper article is fine. But I also need information about any public service award given to a family member, or any other item of news interest. Family genealogies should also be family histories, more than just stark tombstone dates. We need to know about the life lived in between those dates of birth and death. We have been able to build up rather interesting accounts of the lives of our ancestors from early wills, deeds, letters, histories and war records through the early days of our Country. But as the family now has scattered into the 50 States, it is harder to keep track of our cousins and their contributions toward making the America of this Century. Your help is needed here also. If it is about a Weyerbacher-send it to me!

It seems that Beatrice Bayley and her cohorts, (Sharon Taylor, Halbert's Inc., The Ghent Collection) have reached the 'W's on their mailing list. The Wirebaugh families are receiving Beatrice's offer of THE WIREBAUGH FAMILY HERITAGE BOOK. The Wirebaughs are being told that Beatrice has located almost (I wish I could say that) every Wirebaugh family in the United States! She says the name is a very rare one (she is right about that, it was first used by Nicholas and John when they went into Ohio about 1810) and there is about one Wirebaugh family for every quarter million Americans! Eventually, I suppose, you other cousins who use any of the spellings of our name on this letter head will receive a communication from either Beatrice or Sharon telling you the same thing.

I want to thank the Wirebaugh cousins who got in touch with me concerning this offer. My answer was, and still is, NO, We are not working together! NO, They are not stealing my thunder, and NO, there is nothing to be done about it as yet.

I understand they are being investigated by Better Business Bureaus and other public service organizations. Our local columnist, Schuyler C. Brossman who compiles a wonderful column, OUR KEYSTONE FAMILIES, which runs in several Pennsylvania newspapers, had devoted at least two of his columns to these offers for instant family histories. I am going to quote from his column # 714 which ran June 11, 1980. In this column he quotes a John Toot of Amsterdam, New York. "Beatrice Bayley's Family Heritage Book contains no data on the buyer's family other than a list of people with the same surname. Unless a person wants to buy a list of people with his surname for \$19.85, he should not consider the purchase of these books".

The current asking price for this book is \$27.85! I have seen several. The list of names is sometimes out-dated and, in one case, a name was given for a person who never existed!

HOUSE BLESSING FROM THE VILLAGE OF WEIERBACH

FRIEDE DEN KOMMENDEN PEACE TO THOSE WHO ARE COMING  
 FREUDEN DEN BLEIBENDEN PEACE TO THOSE WHO ARE STAYING  
 SEGEN DEN SCHEIDENDEN BLESSING TO THOSE WHO ARE STAYING

And a word also about those offers for Family Crests, Shields, Coats of Arms etc. In 1973 when I had an interview with Dr. Fritz Braun, then Director of the Heimatstelle Pfalz in Kaiserslautern, Germany, one of the leading Germanic Genealogical Research Organizations, he explained to me the circumstances under which a family acquired these distinctive devices. From earliest records, the middle 1500's, the Weyerbacher family history shows no evidence of royalty or nobility. Their rewards for public service was the respect and honor of their fellowmen and an honored name to pass on to their descendants. So don't be taken in by any offer for your family Crest, Shield, or Coat of Arms!

"It is indeed a desirable thing to be well descended, but the glory belongs to our ancestors!" Plutarch

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. LOVE'S LAST GIFT...REMEMBRANCE

Gordon W. Allem	76	Quakertown, Pa.
Walter W. Amey	68	Bethlehem, Pa.
Richard B. Bucher	81	Lebanon, Pa.
Henry W. Gross	76	Coopersburg, Pa.
Albert O. Mohr	71	Coopersburg, Pa.
Hoover Rydberg	56	Clearfield, Pa.
Edward Schiesser	65	Southampton, Pa.
Bertha Bauder Schilling (Mrs Edgar)	91	Springtown, Pa.
Ellsworth Stackhouse	70	Bethlehem, Pa.
Frank W. Weierbach Sr.	71	Allentown, Pa.
Ida Geib Weierbach (Mrs Elvin)	80	Cleona, Pa.
Nellie McGlone Weierbach (Mrs John)	87	Philadelphia, Pa.
William H. Weierbach	73	Salisbury, Maryland
Maynard S. Weirback	62	Hellertown, Pa.
Aravesta Mann Weirback (Mrs Clarence)	94	Ferndale, Pa.
Charles T. Wirebaugh	77	Warren, Ohio

"One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the Earth abideth for ever" Ecclesiastes 1:4

Every year Spring Letters are returned to me because we used an incorrect address. If you, or any of your family, recently moved please send me your new address. I want to thank all the cousins who returned the post-cards I sent out last year asking for the address of a "lost" relative. Some of you even gave me additional information on family members which I appreciate.

It isn't only recently that cousins have become "lost" to the family. We are still trying to locate descendants of Isaiah Weierbach, in Salt Lake City, Utah in 1890, and his brother Allen Wireback, in the Chicago area about 1910. Who were the Weierbachs in St. Louis, Missouri in the early 1900's? And who was the Wireback cousin who had a pony ride with a travelling Carnival or Side Show, also in the early 1900's? This is a frustrating part of genealogy but it is also an interesting part. Some day we may find the answers and then it will be worth all the work. By the way, we are still looking for records on our cousin Elizabeth, stolen by the Indians in Central Pennsylvania in 1780. She was in Barton Township, (now Hamilton) Canada in 1806 when she sent back a Power of Attorney to help settle her father's estate. Our week's visit to Indian Reservations in Canada last September drew a blank. This year the search will center near the St. Regis Reservation where Indian families by the name of Leef live. This was the surname Elizabeth used in 1806. Some year we may see our Indian cousins and their teepees at our Reunion! This year we will be happy just to see more of our American Cousins there....

See you on July 10th.....

May 15, 1983

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