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Greetings,

Reunion time again! Mark your calendar for July 8th. Early church service 9:00 A.M. dedicated to the Family will be at Trinity Lutheran (Springfield) Church, Pleasant Valley, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Picnic time, Noon to 2:00 P.M. at Silver Creek Park, Route 412 between Pleasant Valley and Springtown. Business meeting followed by an entertaining program in the Park at 2:00 P.M.

The past year was an active one as regards the family genealogy. We are able to welcome three new lines to the Weyerbacher Reunion this year. The Arch Family, descended from Johannes' son John, the Templeton Family of Arizona, descended from his daughter Anna-Maria Wirebaugh Dale, and the descendants of Laura Weirbach and Irwin Crouthamel of Henry and Barbara line.

So many of our family lines seem to have disappeared, and then suddenly, thanks to the recent interest in ROOTS someone writes and we acquire names, dates and another group of interesting new cousins!

One of the best books written on the subject of genealogy, and I heartily recommend it to you, is FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION by Arthur Kurzweil. This is a book about Jewish genealogy but so much of it can apply to Gentiles. It is fascinatingly written and there is much of interest to any researcher. The insight into Jewish genealogy will add a new dimension to your own research. I was fortunate to hear Dr. Kurzweil talk on his own research as well as to be able to read his book. His delivery in his lecture was as well given as his book was well written.

We, too, can be proud of our own family writers and researchers. I have just received a copy of THE ARCH FAMILY. This is a delightful family record of Nicholas and Jennie Wirebaugh (1845-1915) Arch, by Edward and Dorothy Arch of Nappanee, Indiana. Jennie was a 3-great grand daughter of Johann Nicholas, our immigrant ancestor. Other family records were done by Eugene S. Wierbach of California- THE DESCENDANTS OF DAVID STUDEBAKER (1814-1863) which includes the family of Samuel (1869-1946) and Carrie Studebaker Wierbach. Yet another book- FIVE GENERATIONS OF THE HIGGINBOTHAM FAMILY ( of Kanawha, Putnam and Mason Counties, West Virginia) by Anna Lutz of Dunbar, West Virginia. The Higginbotham family inter-married with the family of Henry and Maria Magdalena Wirebaugh (1769-1855) Hedrick. And William Herbert Weierbach of Maryland put together the record of Cornelius Weierbach (1844-1926), his grandfather. All well written and researched works of which we can be proud.

The Family Tree and Genealogy have also become assignments for students at both high school and college levels. Presently working on his own family tree is Christopher, son of Larry Wirebach of Robesonia. A very scholarly approach to the subject was taken by another cousin, Robin Errickson at Western Maryland College in THE MAKING OF A GERMAN AMERICAN, THE WEIERBACH SAGA. Robin has a knack for tying historical and genealogical information into a very harmonious whole. Great work, Robin!

The study of history will never become obsolete, and a knowledge of one's grandfathers is an excellent introduction to history.  
Maurice Samuel.

HOUSE BLESSING FROM THE VILLAGE OF WEIERBACH

FRIEDE DEN KOMMENDEN  
FREUDEN DEN BLEIBENDEN  
SEGEN DEN SCHEIDENDEN

PEACE TO THOSE WHO ARE COMING  
PEACE TO THOSE WHO ARE STAYING  
PEACE TO THOSE WHO ARE GOING

Our Reunion in 1985 will be our 20th.! We are anxious to begin the Distinguished Descendant Award first mentioned in the Spring Letter in 1978. The first award will be given posthumously to Dr. Lily Amelia Weierbach, the founder of the Reunion, a teacher, lecturer, scientist, traveller, historian and a Christian.

We are asking you to submit names of living descendants of Johann Nicholas and Catharina Magdalena Weyerbacher who have materially contributed to the public good in such fields as medicine, music, law, literature, education, art, science, etc. Resumes of an applicant's contributions should reach me before April 1, 1985. The officers of the Reunion will review them and select the resume of the applicant whose contributions 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. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to learn about the place in the Community our cousins are taking.

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.

Clivia Stein Weierbach (Mrs Paul)	89	Bethlehem, Penna.
Albert W. Weirbach	78	Banning, California
Dorothy Fretz Wirebach (Mrs Robert)	69	Easton, Penna.
Laura Miller Wirebach (Mrs Urbanus)	84	Easton, Penna.
Burtis Wirebaugh	73	Baldwin, Michigan
Hazel Caskey Wirebaugh (Mrs Elmer)	88	Wayne, Ohio
John Carruthers Brick	88	Milton, West Virginia
Elizabeth Wierbach Curry (Mrs Lawrence)	95	Fountain Hill, Penna.
Theodore A. Early	83	Sandpoint, Idaho
Carter Long Franklin	74	Point Pleasant, Ohio
Woodrow W. Gangewere	70	Salisbury Twp., Penna.
Owen F. Koch	74	Bethlehem, Penna.
Violet Mae Kemmerer Leshner (Mrs Henry)	69	Easton, Penna.
Maynard L. McCammon	79	Ashland, Ohio
Vernon P. Meilly	60	Lancaster, Penna.
Edwin Shaffer	84	Bethlehem, Penna.
Arthur Weiss	89	Huntington Park, N. J.

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

Again, if you move, please drop me a line with your new address. And I need more help in learning about the births, marriages and deaths of Weyerbacher Descendants. Cousins Helen Mease and Edna Stackhouse are doing a fine job in their clipping service for the Allentown-Bethlehem area but you Cousins across the Country can help, too. If you see any news about our cousins, clip it and send it to me. This includes births, marriages, deaths and any news articles of family interest.

Tradition must be a springboard into the future, not an armchair for repose... Ben Gurion

See you at the Reunion, July 8th. and why not bring along another cousin, or two?

May 1, 1984

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