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Greetings,

REUNION time again! July 14th. will be our 20th. Reunion! So mark your calendar; dust off your picnic basket, call up a few cousins and plan to be with us on the 14th..

Early church service at Trinity Lutheran (Springfield) Church in Pleasant Valley at Nine. 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 1761. Weierbachs still worship there!

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.

I want to thank all those cousins who responded last year when I asked them to send me the latest addresses for their family members with whom I had lost contact. Again, I have to ask that when you move please send me your new address, as well as giving me the old one. With so many Richards, Roberts and Williams in the family I may 'move' the wrong one. I am trying to keep the address list of over 800 families current. If we are ever able to publish a Family History all these families would be offered a chance to subscribe to it. On many of these families I do not have much information, except that they had a 'Weyerbacher' ancestor. If you have never sent me your own 'family tree' please do so. It will be a great help.

From the Federal Census, 1790-1910, I am able to establish family groups. From early church records, wills and other public records I am able to find missing information. From 1910 on I have to depend on the information you send to me. I can almost promise that if any Weyerbacher descendant tells me the name of his grandfather I would be able to take his line back to Johann Nicholas, the immigrant, generation by generation.

Again family members are getting letters from Beatrice Bayley, Sharon Taylor or Halberts, offering Family Heritage Books. I have mentioned these before, especially in the 1984 Spring Letter. For the cost of a stamped, self-addressed letter you can get all the family information from me that you could ever need! As I quoted last year, 'Beatrice Bayley's Family Heritage Book contains no data on the buyer's family other than a list of people with the same surname'. Last year the price was \$27.85. What is it this year? I am sure it has gone up in price, but, then what hasn't!

I have become interested in the migration pattern of our family as it has spread across the States, (even into Alaska!) having followed the immigration of our ancestral pioneer family, Johann Nicholas and his wife Catharina Magdalena, their three sons; Isaac, Johannes and Henry, their four daughters; Maria Catharina, Anna Catharina Maria Patientia, Anna Margretha Friederica and Cathrina Elisabetha Magdalena from their home in Baumholder, Germany in 1751 to Whitpain Township, Philadelphia County to Springfield Township, Bucks County where the descendants of Isaac and Henry remained for several generations. However, the son Johannes, within twenty years after arriving in America still migrated further, into Northampton County and then into Northumberland, now Union, County, where he died in 1790. Before long his two sons, John and Nicholas had migrated into Ohio. Yet none of the Springfield families seemed to leave that home-base for another fifty years. Now descendants of Johann Nicholas have spread across the Country, out to the West Coast, up to Alaska and even to Hawaii!

If you are descended from any of these migratory Weyerbachers and have a story handed down about these travels into pioneer territory I wish you would share it with me. Why did grandfather pull up stakes and head West? Or North? Or South?

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

- Dorothy Perby Amey (Mrs Harry) 79 Hellertown, Pennsylvania
- Harold A. Amey 89 Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
- Norman G. Clymer 89 Quakertown, Pennsylvania
- Mabel Weierbach Edwards (Mrs Arthur) 83 Allentown, Pennsylvania
- Isabella Mensch Fluck (Mrs Lester) 82 Hellertown, Pennsylvania
- Laura Wasser Moyer (Mrs Ralph) 94 Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
- Earl S. Price 80 Allentown, Pennsylvania
- Erman A. Reiss, Sr. 80 Whitehall, Pennsylvania
- Bertha Ritter Shelly (Mrs William) 89 Quakertown, Pennsylvania
- Lillie Clymer Snyder (Mrs Roscoe) 88 Quakertown, Pennsylvania
- Helen Hager Stoneback (Mrs Fred) 88 Richlandtown, Pennsylvania
- Charles W. Weaver 63 Allentown, Pennsylvania
- John Adam Weierbach 83 Lebanon, Pennsylvania
- William H. Weierbach Sr. 69 Allentown, Pennsylvania
- Edna Kern Weirback (Mrs Harold) 83 Perkasio, Pennsylvania
- Robert E. Wireback 72 Riverside, Rhode Island

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

Many of the early supporters of the Reunion are no longer with us. Now it is up to you, their children and grandchildren, to join with us in keeping our re-union of Weyerbacher descendants going forward. This year marks our 20th. and only with your support can we continue to meet together. From 'Faith of Our Fathers' which we sing as part of the Reunion's church worship to 'God Be With You Til We Meet Again' with which we close our day at Silver Creek Park, we, as a family, re-affirm the wonderful heritage we have inherited as members of one of the pioneer families of this great Land.

'Happy he who remembers his progenitors with pride of their deeds, and, silently rejoicing, sees himself linked to the end of this goodly chain'..... Foeth.

Last October Miss Esther Sherman of Allentown passed away. Miss Sherman had been our guest speaker at the 1984 Reunion, sharing with us her experiences as a guide at the historic Liberty Bell Shrine in Allentown. After the reunion she wrote to me to thank us for her first experience at a family reunion. She enjoyed being with us that day, and we enjoyed having her as part of our Big day, to which she added quite a bit.

Twenty years ago Cousin Lily and I started all this to carry out her 'dream' of bringing together 'the family'. Your grandparents and parents joined with us and Lily's 'dream' became a reality. Now we need YOU to help keep Cousin Lily's 'dream' the wonderful reality it has become..

See YOU July 14th.....

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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	PEACE TO THOSE WHO ARE GOING