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Weyerbacher Descendants
 SPRING LETTER
 1986

Greetings;

REUNION time again! The 21st. annual Reunion of the Weyerbacher Family will be held July 13th. So mark your calendar, call up the family and make plans to attend. This is YOUR REUNION, YOUR FAMILY and YOU are needed to make it a success.

Early church service will be at Trinity Lutheran Church (Springfield) 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 the Reformed Faiths in 1761. Weierbachs still worship here!

Picnic time is from Noon to 2:00P.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.

The Pennsylvania German Society has again published a book in which our name figures prominently as part of a research project. The 1985 publication, Eighteenth Century Emigrants, Volume II, The Western Palatinate by Annette Kunselman Burgert, on page 125, lists a marriage of Maria Ursula, daughter of Hans Otto Weyerbacher, Gerichtschultheis to Nichlaus Freys. (Hans Otto is the first of our name to show up in German records).

On page 334 is recorded the family of Hans Nickel Weyerbacher, woolen weaver, and his wife Catharina Magdalena Hermanni. (This is our Nicholas and his wife, first Weyerbachers in Springfield Township and whose memorial sundial stands before Trinity Lutheran Church).

On page 341 is recorded the marriage of another daughter of Hans Otto Weyerbacher, Anna Christina to Johannes Hubin. All these are taken from the records of the Reformed Church of Baumholder.

In 1976 Volumes X and XI were on The Pennsylvania German Fraktur of the Free Library of Philadelphia. An illustrated Vorschrift for Maria Weierbach (possibly Adam's daughter) dated 1857 and a Taufschein (1839) for Maria, daughter of Johannes and Maria Gerhart Weierbach were included. These books would make an interesting addition to any library but especially for those of us of Weyerbacher descent.

As I mentioned in the 1985 Spring Letter, Beatrice Bayley, Sharon Taylor and Halberts are offering Family Heritage Books and our cousins (all spellings) are being told that their surname is 'unique' and that they can trace their family tree by using the 'fully documented' Directory. If all you cousins were more faithful in supplying me with the births, marriages and deaths in your own family, plus the unusual events which affect family members, we would be able, by now, to have our own 'fully documented' family tree! With a family as large as ours, and as wide spread, it is difficult to get all the loose ends together. The early years were a lot easier to research as our Roots were here in Pennsylvania. Then they spread into Ohio and further West, now we find Weyerbacher descendants in almost all of the States, including Alaska and Hawaii!

Again I have to remind you cousins to send me change of address when you move. Every year, out of over 800 mailings to Weyerbacher families from 30-40 are returned due to incorrect address. For those of you who do keep me posted on all your family happenings, thank you. I really appreciate it when during the year I get a note or letter telling me about your family. Communication is a two way street and I like to be on the receiving end now and then!

Was du ererbt von deiner Vätern hast
 Erwirb es, um es zu besitzen.....Goethe

(Whatever you have inherited from your forefathers
 Earn it, so that it will be truly yours.)

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.

Harvey R. Ahlum	65	Quakertown, Penna.
Maria Pavesi Bauder (Mrs. Maynard)	77	Bethlehem, Penna.
James E. Beck	52	Richlandtown, Penna.
Benjamin Franklin IV	72	Point Pleasant, Ohio
James S. Fritchman	65	Hellertown, Penna.
Kerwin D. Gehman	39	Zion Hill, Penna.
Lewis T. Gibson	82	Bethlehem, Penna.
Stella Amey Gibson (Mrs. Lewis)	77	Bethlehem, Penna.
Lena Mae Hedrick Gillispie	67	Nitro, West Virginia
Elsie Weierbach Gross (Mrs. John)	66	Bethlehem, Penna.
Clarence S. Kooker	81	Quakertown, Penna.
William G. Lamb	83	Charleston, West Virginia
Dorothy Grim Leshner (Mrs. Ernest)	76	Hellertown, Penna.
Sherl W. Null	86	Charleston, West Virginia
Anna Moll Reiss (Mrs. Erman)	71	Whitehall Twp., Penna.
Beulah Ruch Shimer (Mrs. Sterling)	77	Hellertown, Penna.
Samuel E. Stevens	68	Allentown, Penna.
Tracy Deiley Tromp (Mrs. Franklin)	25	St. Martin, Netherland Antilles
Calvin E. Weirbach	39	Bethlehem, Penna.
Eugene S. Wierbach	81	Alameda, California

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

With the death of Eugene S. Wierbach the field of genealogy has lost a dedicated worker. For over fifty years he worked researching the Studebaker, Weyerbacher and allied family lines. (Studebaker was his mother's family). He was a writer, poet, craftsman and genealogist par excellence. Gene was a charter board member of the prestigious Studebaker Family National Association. He was guest speaker at our reunion in 1968. Among his works were DAVID STUDEBAKER 1814-1863 and LET THE SUN SHINE IN, a collection of his own verse. He will be missed by all of us.

The final measure of a man is the good he leaves to the generations that follow him: Franklin and The Documents
By Brown and Angee

See YOU July 13th.....

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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