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Greetings:

REUNION time again! On July 10th we will hold our 23rd Reunion. So mark your calendar, call up the family and make plans to share the day with your cousins back HOME.

Early church services will be 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 the six men to establish the Lutheran and Reformed Faiths in 1761. Weierbachs still worship here.

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.

Come, spend the day where your ancestors settled, farmed, worshipped, and from where some of them spread out to eventually have descendants located in all the States of the Union!

"To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root"..... Chinese proverb

After offering to help the cousins with their family trees, in competition with Beatrice Bayley and those other girls who have been running a "scam" in the genealogy racket, I have been flooded with requests. If you have not yet received an answer please be patient. I am just as eager to work on your branch of the Family Tree as you are to receive it. The scam girls will tell you how to do it yourself, our family records will tell you who you are.

So why are we "Weyerbachers?" To repeat the story for those of you who may not have heard it before...many, many years before last names became common in the German States a man, supposedly from the Village of Weierbach, went to live in the nearby Village of Baumholder. He became known as that man from Weierbach or a Weierbacher, much as today we would call someone from New York a New Yorker. As "i" and "y" are often used interchangeably in the German language his descendants now are called Weyerbachers, or by one of the many variations shown in the heading of the Spring Letter.

The first Weyerbacher for whom we have a record was Otto (1640-1714) who in 1686 was Burgermeister (Mayor) of Baumholder. We are descended from his son Hans Nickel (1665-1711) and his grandson Johannes Nicholas (1700-1777) who became our immigrant ancestor.

In 1852 another descendant of the Baumholder Weyerbachers, Johann Peter, came to America and settled in Warwick County, Indiana and his descendants still use the original spelling of the name. And there are still Weyerbachers living in the vicinity of Baumholder. Early Weyerbacher entries were found in the Baumholder Reformed Church which began in the late 1600's.

Because of the many spellings of our family name, the spelling chosen for the Reunion and on the Weyerbacher Sun Dial Memorial in Springfield Cemetery was decided on as Weyerbacher. When Johann Nicholas and his sons Isaac and Johannes signed the Oath of Allegiance in Philadelphia in 1751 they spelled their name as Weyerbacher. Our good friend Dr. Fritz Braun of Kaiserslautern verified the spelling for us. It is possible that was the last time that all the family members spelled their name the same way!

"When a society or a civilization perishes, one condition can always be found; they forgot where they came from"..... Carl Sandburg

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.

Beck, Marian R. (Mrs. Stanley)	89	Telford, Pennsylvania
Bradford, Barbara Ann (Mrs. Robert)	48	Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
Brick, Denver L.	66	Dunbar, West Virginia
Brick, Genevieve (Mrs. John)	84	Dunbar, West Virginia
Caruthers, Margaret L. (Mrs. Levi)	90	Middleport, Ohio
Hedrick, Laurence A.	63	S. Charleston, West Virginia
Hedrick, Waldo C.	72	Hometown, West Virginia
Knechel, Robert W. Rev.	67	Mount Morris, Illinois
Weaver, Grace D. (Mrs. Forrest)	80	Emmaus, Pennsylvania
Weierbach, Angela T. (Mrs. Allan)	47	Hellertown, Pennsylvania
Weierbach, Mark H.	82	Allentown, Pennsylvania
Wirebaugh, Walter R.	93	Bradner, Ohio

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

BIBLES! Do you have a family bible with birth, marriage and death entries in it? Will you have those pages zeroxed and send me a copy? These bibles records are one of the best sources for the information we need for our Weyerbacher genealogy.

In the estate papers for Johann Nicholas Weyerbacher is listed a Dutch Folio Bible. Is this BIBLE in your attic? It would be great to locate the family bible which our ancestors brought with them from Europe in 1751! Seldom are bibles destroyed so it is possible this bible is still around. Please look!!

Look in those old trunks, boxes and around the attic for items of family interest and history, bibles, pictures, baptismal certificates (and those for marriage), etc. We are an old German family, our ancestors kept things they thought a lot of and left many records of their passage through this World.

Once before I mentioned the beautiful fracturs published by the Pennsylvania German Society in their BiCentennial publication of THE FRACTURS OF THE FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA.

Volume X - item #242 Vorschrift of Maria Weierbach, written March, in the year of Christ 1857.

Volume XI - item #399 Taufschein for Maria, Daughter of Johannes and Maria (Gerhart) Weierbach, born January 27, 1837 Haycock Township, Bucks County, baptized May 5, 1839.

If you have any of these Vorschriften or Taufscheins please copy the information and send it on to me. That information will become part of the family records.

"It is worthwhile for anyone to have behind him a few generations of honest, working ancestry".....

Enough for now! See YOU July 10th.....

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HOUSE BLESSING FROM THE VILLAGE OF WEIERBACH

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