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Greetings;

REUNION TIME AGAIN! The 24th annual reunion of the Weyerbacher Family will be held July 9th. 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 alter 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.

Our guest speaker this year will be Mrs. Kathleen Litzenberger, local historian and genealogist. She will talk about the early years in Springfield Township where Johann Nicholas bought what was called Central Springfield Farm in 1754. This farm was in the Weierbach family for over 150 years.

Our reunion is for all the descendants of Johann Nicholas and Catharina Magdalena Weyerbacher who came to America in 1751, not only those now using some form of the paternal name, Weyerbacher, but those descended through Weyerbacher daughters should join in this re-union of their descendants. Some where in our ancestry we all had an ancestor bearing the Weyerbacher name and we should be proud to honor it.

'There is no better heritage that a father can bequeath to his children than a good name; nor is there in a family any richer heirloom than the memory of a noble ancestor.'

James Hamilton

And then our friend Shakespeare said, 'What is in a name? That which we call a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet', so whether we spell our name using any of the sixteen variations in the letterhead, or use the name acquired by marriage of a Weyerbacher daughter, the important decision made by Johann Nicholas and his wife in 1751 to come to America has affected all our lives and in our re-union of their descendants we honor them for the courage and faith they had in the future.

In 1990 we will hold our 25th reunion. Many of the cousins who came to that first reunion are no longer with us. Those of you who came then with your parents or grandparents are now the generations which are needed to support the reunion. Now is the time to rally 'round, plan to attend and bring the whole family with you. They will be the ones whose support will be needed later on.

If you have any talents to contribute to the Reunion program please get in touch with me.

Again we are on the trail of our cousin who was stolen by the Indians in 1781 from her father's farm in now Union County. Last Fall I visited the home of Cornplanter in Warren County looking for evidence that his Christian settlement there might have been a haven for Catharine Elizabeth. Now Cousin Carl McCallus is following up by contact with a representative of the Seneca Indian Nation. We still are hoping to have several tepees pitched at our reunion some time.

'An ounce of taffy while your are alive is worth a pound of epitaphy after you are under the sod'.

Charles H. Taylor

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 Wireback Ewald	-	Miami, Florida
Lester H. Fluck	86	Hellertown, Pa.
Hannah Sterling Grube (Mrs. Wallace)	-	Bethlehem, Pa.
Phyllis Weirbach Havis	87	Long Beach, California
Shirley L. Hedrick	65	Charleston, West Virginia
Walter R. Hedrick	62	Toledo, Ohio
Marilyn Weiss Jones (Mrs. Roland)	60	Harrington Park, New Jersey
Helen Weaver Kemmemer (Mrs. Marvin)	91	Emmaus, Pa.
Mary Moore Relph (Mrs. Herbert)	78	Ridgefield, New Jersey
Bertha Hockman Wasser (Mrs. Mahlon)	92	Bedminster, Pa.
Charles J. Wasser	78	Lyons, Pa.
Erwin F. Wasser	85	Telford, Pa.
George L. Weierbach	82	Richlandtown, Pa.
Lloyd H. Weierbach	65	Bethlehem, Pa.
Thelma M. Weierbach	82	Allentown, Pa.
Helen Galley Weirbach (Mrs. Calvin)	88	Bethlehem, Pa.
Lorrie Bendik Weirbach (Mrs. Samuel)	27	Allentown, Pa.
Donald E. Wireback	73	Lancaster, Pa.
Raymond F. Wireback	74	Willow Grove, Pa.
Dora Thorpe Wirebaugh (Mrs. Charles)	79	Warren, Ohio

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

In previous Spring Letters I have mentioned a Vorschrift for Maria Weierbach (written 1857) and a Tausfschein for another Maria, daughter of Johannes and Maria Gerhart Weierbach (written 1843) which are in the collection of The Free Library of Philadelphia. On May 27 at an auction to be held in Farmersville of the Robacker Collection a Vorschrift for Heinrich Weyerbacher will be sold. This Vorschrift is dated 1794 and, excluding the family land deeds, is the earliest dated memorabilia of the family known. A bid of \$400 will be placed in hopes that this Vorschrift can be returned to family ownership. But Tausfscheins and Vorschriften are now collectors' items and the bidding competition will be heavy.

In 1794 the only adult Henry Weyerbach was Henry, the youngest son of Johann Nicholas. He died in 1796, leaving a widow Barbara and four children, Anna Margaret (Horn), Susanna, Anthony and Henry. His widow later remarried to a Spelshoff. This Vorschrift probably was part of his estate but we have no way of knowing when it left the family as in those years not much value was placed on them. Perhaps it will again be hanging on the wall of a Weyerbacher home. Let us hope so!

And speaking of family memorabilia...if you have a family taufschein hanging on your wall why not bring it to the Reunion and share it with us? Or the old family bible? Perhaps if you look in the attic you may find the Dutch Folio Bible which Johann Nicholas brought with him from Baumholder in 1751. And how about those old photos? They are of the people who are the links between today and yesterday. Bring them along with you too!

See you on the 9th.

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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