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GREETINGS:

REUNION TIME AGAIN! The 28th annual reunion of the WEYERBACHER FAMILY will be held July 11th. So mark your calendars, 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 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 entertainment this year will be musical and our 'heritage message' will be provided by Ernest G. Kniss of Oley, near Reading. Mr. Kniss is a well known singer of Country, Gospel and Pennsylvania German songs using a guitar accompaniment. His programs have been presented at the Topton Lutheran Home, Wyomissing Lodge Retirement Home in Reading and at various other locations. He is Pennsylvania German and teaches Pennsylvania German classes. Our Pennsylvania German heritage will be featured in his presentation. Our musical program two years ago by Keith & Karlene Brintzenhoff was so well received that we are looking forward to the Schnitzelbank sing-along again!

The family records are being organized, but much remains to be done before any form of completeness is reached. Oddly enough, cousins who have never been in Pennsylvania have been much more cooperative in replying to requests for needed information than some of our local cousins. Oddly enough also, one family using one of the spelling variations, will say 'we are not related to those who use another spelling'. Well, just tell me who your grandfather was and I will be able to tell you what relationship exists. You may be more closely related than you think!

Springfield Township, Bucks County, is our 'Root Township'. This year the Township is celebrating its 250th anniversary, 1743-1993. Saturday, September 25, 1993 a 250th birthday celebration party will be held at the picnic grove of the Silver Creek Athletic Association in Springtown. The Springfield Township Historical Society will celebrate in several ways. (1) By publishing a Commemorative Book on the history of the Township (2) A woven coverlet has been designed showing eleven places of interest in the Township. (the Weierbach store is placed prominently in the upper right hand corner) (3) A commemorative plate with nine scenes of historic interest in the Township and (4) A T-shirt, a patch and a pin using the 250th anniversary logo consisting of the words SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP 1743-1993.

Information about purchase of any of these items, or about the anniversary celebration, can be secured from Mrs. Kathleen Litzenberger, 605 Povenski Road, Quakertown, Penna. 18951 (215) 282-4740.

I have been trying to keep up with the correspondance relating to inquiries about the family tree but have fallen behind. If you have written for information please forgive me. I'll get to your letter. If you have sent charts, family data, or other information, many thanks. We needed that!

If you have any little stories about your ancestors (before 1900) or photos please send them along to me. There is much more to our lives than the dates BORN-DIED! There may even be a little spice in between those dates!

'When a Society or a civilization perishes, one condition can always be found. They forgot where they came from'

Carl Sandburg

HOUSE BLESSING FROM THE VILLAGE OF WEIERBACH

FRIEDE DEN KOMMEDEN PEACE TO THOSE WHO ARE COMING
FREUDE DEN BLEIBENDEN JOY TO THOSE WHO ARE STAYING
SEGEN DEN SCHEIDENDEN BLESSING TO THOSE WHO ARE DEPARTING

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.

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| Kenneth Amey | 75 | Hellertown, Penna. |
| Lester P. Amey | 72 | Houston, Texas |
| Alexander ChiaraValle | 71 | Lena, Illinois |
| Edwin N. Deily | 94 | Dundalk, Maryland |
| Grace Cope Deily (Mrs. Edwin) | 86 | Dundalk, Maryland |
| Esther Wireback Early (Mrs. Theodore) | 86 | Coronado, California |
| Donald Fellman | 73 | Quakertown, Penna. |
| George H. Kleckner | 59 | Bethlehem, Penna. |
| Mary Weirbach Kupec (Mrs. Frank) | 93 | Long Beach, California |
| Evelyn Weierbach Price (Mrs. Earl) | 90 | Allentown, Penna. |
| James K. Weaver | 62 | Allentown, Penna. |
| John A. Weierbach | 67 | Lebanon, Penna. |
| Mildred Mease Weierbach (Mrs. Mark) | 86 | Allentown, Penna. |

'One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh; but the Earth abideth forever.

Ecclesiastes I:4

As we lose the faithful members of the Reunion we should be adding new ones. Are you reporting those new arrivals in your family circle? And marriages, of course.

The Weyerbacher Descendants have been using various spellings of the family name ever since Johann Nicholas and his three sons, Isaac, Johannes and Henry landed in Philadelphia in September, 1751. At lease they were consistent in spelling their name on the Ship's record, which is why we use that spelling, WEYERBACHER, as our family patronym. But look how their descendants spell their name! These spellings are taken from our mailing list, the ones on the letterhead came from many sources, legal papers, tombstones, letters, obituaries, phone books, city directories, etc.

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| WEIERBACH | 69 | | WIREBAUGH | 27 | These are |
| WEIRBACH | 21 | These are | FEMALE LINES | 160 | descendants |
| WEIRBACK | 11 | descendants of | | | of |
| WIREBACH | 7 | Isaac & Henry | | | Johannes |
| WIREBACK | 10 | | | | |
| FEMALE LINES | 409 | | | | |


Although Johann Nicholas and his family settled in Springfield Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania their descendants soon began to spread across the States. Our 1993 mailing list show these States of residence.

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| Alabama | 1 | Indiana | 8 | Mississippi | 2 | Pennsylvania | 414 |
| Alaska | 2 | Iowa | 6 | Missouri | 5 | Texas | 8 |
| Arizona | 12 | Kansas | 1 | Nebraska | 1 | Vermont | 1 |
| California | 30 | Kentucky | 1 | New Hampshire | 1 | Virginia | 9 |
| Colorado | 1 | Louisiana | 1 | New Jersey | 31 | Washington | 3 |
| Delaware | 1 | Maine | 2 | New York | 17 | West Virginia | 20 |
| Florida | 24 | Maryland | 9 | North Carolina | 4 | Wyoming | 2 |
| Georgia | 5 | Massachusetts | 1 | South Carolina | 2 | APO New York | 2 |
| Idaho | 4 | Michigan | 36 | North Dakota | 1 | Canada | 1 |
| Illinois | 9 | Minnesota | 7 | Ohio | 29 | | |

This is the 28th annual reunion. Our attendance at the reunion is slipping but every year there are more and more Weyerbachers (any spelling) being born, being married and, sadly, going on to their great reward. But we who are here must carry on the tradition which our parents and grand parents wanted to establish. A reunion, a coming together, a fellowship of remembering, honoring the past yet looking ahead to the future. Are you helping to carry on this tradition?

See you July 11th.....

May 1, 1993
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Warren W. Wirebach, President
Weyerbacher Descendants

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