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Greetings:

REUNION TIME AGAIN! MARK YOUR CALENDARS. July 12th we will observe our 33rd annual reunion. Early church service will be at 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran (Springfield) Church, Pleasant Valley. The altar flowers will be in memory of our ancestors. This is the church where Johann Nicholas Weyerbacher was one of the six men who established the Lutheran and Reformed Faiths in 1761. Weierbachs still worship here.

Picnic time is from Noon to 2 p.m. at Silver Creek Park, Route 412 between Springtown and Pleasant Valley, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

A business meeting will be held at 2 p.m. followed by entertainment provided by Frank H. Sickmann of Kutztown who will have something for everyone, via possibly trumpet, flugelhorn and accordion with sing-alongs, hand clapping and musical jeopardy games. Dr. Sickmann is well known in musical circles and promises a fun-filled program.

Other reunions coming up are: **The Hoover Reunion**, the descendants of Catharine Wirebaugh and John Hoover will meet in Kylertown, Clearfield County, September 6, 1998.

AFTERNOON services will be held in the old Methodist Church at Sylvan Grove at 2:30 p.m. **The Lancaster Wireback Family Reunion** will be held July 25, 1998 at Manheim Township Community Park (Neffsville). For more information call Donna Frankford (717) 299-2456.

The Trauger family Reunion will be held Saturday, July 25 on the original Trauger Farm in Bucks County. This will be their 250th anniversary celebration. For more information write to David L. Trauger, 4929 Carriage Park Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22032-2370, or call him at (703) 461-503-8464.

I have just received a copy of the **TRAUGER TIMES**, Vol. 2, No. 1, a very interesting publication. Weierbachs are inter-married with the Traugers.

NEWS ON THE BREWS, Spring 1998, put out by the Weyerbacher Brewing Company, Inc. of Easton just arrived. It tells about the new Brewpub now open for your dining and drinking pleasure, adjacent to the brewery. Besides great pub fare, they have Weyerbacher T-shirts, women glasses, hats, etc., for sale. Saturday tour hours are from Noon to 2 p.m. For information, call (610) 559-5561. Last Fall, the Brewery's Raspberry Imperial Stout won a silver medal at the World's Beer Championships held in Chicago. Looks like Weyerbacher enterprise is paying off!

Judy Weierbach is still looking for family recipes for a family cookbook. Send her your recipes with a comment about the family member who made it a family favorite. Post to Judy Weierbach, 1431 Schoolhouse Road, Perkasio, PA 18944.

On May 17, in a brief ceremony, a transfer of ownership of the church school building was made from the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Springfield Township to the Springfield Township Historical Society. The Historical Society will now assume responsibility for this historic building. Many of the local Weierbachs attended school here.

"The man who has not anything to boast about but his illustrious ancestors is like a potato, the only good belonging to him is underground." Thomas Overbury

HOUSE BLESSING FROM THE VILLAGE OF WEIERBACH

Friede den Kommenden Peace to those who are coming
 Freude den Bliedenden Joy to those who are staying
 Segen 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.

Creighton W. Hoover	80	Phillipsburg, PA
Richard Oeltjen-Bruns	63	Quakertown, PA
Quedell M. Nicholas (Mrs. Chester)	87	Bethlehem, PA
Pearl Weierbach (Mrs. Russell)	85	Oley, PA

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

Either the past year has been a very healthy one for our family members or deaths have not been reported to me. I hope the former is the reason.

Two years ago when I mentioned knowing of three Weyerbacher descendants who had reached ever-young age of 100, I asked for information if whether other descendants had reached that milestone. Soon after, I received an obituary for Jane Hoover Iames who died at age 107 in St. Petersburg, Florida, March 1, 1997. She was a native of Clearfield County and was a descendant of Johannes, one of the three sons of Johann Nicholas, our immigrant ancestor who came to America from Baumholder in 1751.

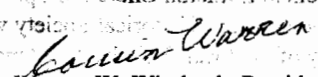
Remember, unless you tell me, I won't know, isolated as I am here in Middletown, close to the infamous TMI. We need news of births, marriages and deaths, also any other unusual happenings to any of our family members.

The scam artists are at it again! I recently bought two publications which I thought might be of interest. **THREE CENTURIES OF WIREBAUGHS** and **THE WIREBAUGH ARCHIVES**. As the use of the spelling "Wirebaugh" in our family did not occur until the two sons, John and Nicholas of Johannes, the immigrant, migrated into Ohio around 1810, the "three centuries" is a misnomer. The Archives is a culling from vital statistics of a hodge-podge of information. It seems to be a collection of phonetic spellings of our family name which, I admit, covers many of the names I have on my mailing list and I will add the others, as they may be the "cousins" I lost over the years. But there are four pages of Werbecks and I know of no one in our family using that spelling. And there are five pages of WERFS! That is too much! I have logged about sixteen variations of the name Weyerbacher, but not one Werf!

In February, Cousin George Weierbach of Mission Viejo, California wrote that he had acquired a new computer program containing 101 million phone numbers and he searched for all the different spellings of our family name as listed on the Spring Letter Heading. These are the names, with addresses and phone numbers which he offered: Weierbach-78, Weirbach-31, Weirback-18, Weyerbacher-32, Wierbach-1, Wierback-1, Wirebach-9, Wireback-17 and Wirebaugh-57! The Weyerbachers came from the same area as did our ancestors, but a hundred years later. The Wirebaughs may be of the Johannes line, but in my research, that spelling was used by other lines than ours. The rest of the group, I believe, belong to our family and, if they are not on my mailing list, I will contact them to see if I have a limb on the family tree to put them on.

Some work ahead as I can see. So, if you move drop me a line with your new address, please, or you will drop from the family tree like a leaf in Fall!

That's it for now. See you on the 12th....

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