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Greetings:

REUNION TIME AGAIN! MARK YOUR CALENDARS: July 8th we will observe our 36th annual reunion. Early church service will be at 8:00 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 2:00 p.m. at Silver Creek Park, Route 412 between Springtown and Pleasant Valley, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

A business meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. Time will follow for sharing family information with your cousins of all degrees! I will give a brief history of the Reunion, its beginning and history during the past thirty-six years. Election of officers will be held.

OTHER REUNIONS COMING UP: THE HOOVER REUNION will be held Sunday, September 2nd in Kylertown, Clearfield County. Afternoon service will be at Sylvan Grove at 2:30 p.m. for the descendants of Catharine Wirebaugh and John Hoover. THE LANCASTER WIREBACK FAMILY REUNION will be held Saturday, July 28th in Longs Park, Lancaster. For more information contact Donna Frankford (717) 299-2456. THE CRESSMAN FAMILY REUNION will be held October 6th, 2001, but no location has been decided on yet.

In my Spring Letter of 1988 I mentioned that in the estate papers for Johann Nicholas was listed a DUTCH FOLIO BIBLE. I asked all the cousins to search their attics. Perhaps the bible had been passed down in one of your families. Now, guess what! I was preparing my great-grandfather's (John J. Weierbach) small German library to send to the Mennonite Book Auction in Lancaster. The largest item was an unusual bible with a commentary by Martin Luther and pictures of many German princes. I asked the Director of the Mennonite Society what was this bible called, and she replied 'a folio bible' which name indicted size. Is it possible I had the family bible all these years and did not know it?

John J. Weierbach, my great-grandfather, was a grandson of Isaac and great-grandson of Johann Nicholas, both immigrants. Logically, the bible could have been passed down in my line as well as in any of the others, but I never thought of that possibility. I have carefully gone through all 1191 plus pages but found nothing to indicate any ownership. I will have the bible at the reunion, but as there is no certainty that it came over with our ancestors it then goes to auction.

There will be an election for president at the reunion this year. I have done my best for 35 years as I promised Cousin Lily when we first began a yearly get-together of our cousins, all descendants of Johann Nicholas and his wife Catharina Magdalena Hermanni. Now younger blood is needed. So, please all of you cousins come on the 8th and elect someone to guide our family in the coming years. This advance notice will give you all a chance to consider and think about the future and how we can strengthen our family relationships. I have enjoyed being president, but now it is time to hand over that office.

I have been pleased to meet some of the younger cousins at Genealogical Workshops and to get copies of their own family histories... Very well done! There is a lot of interest and talent and now is the time to take advantage of it for the benefit of the WEYERBACHER REUNION!

One of my last official duties is to appoint myself as family historian! Eventually, that office will need a replacement but at present I still have much to put together before I hand that office over.

"If you want to leave footprints on the sands of time, you had better wear work shoes!"

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.

Ophelia Wirebach Bancroft (Mrs. James)	79	Aiken, S.C.
Rev. John Iff	—	Saginaw, MI
Helen Weierbach Mease (Mrs. Clyde)	98	Allentown, PA
Emma Weierbach Weiland (Mrs. John)	104	Bethlehem, PA
Charlotte Strohl Weierbach (Mrs. Reginald)	80	Salisbury Twp., PA
Lloyd J. Weierbach	85	Pleasant Valley, PA
Hilda Monteuth Wireback (Mrs. Robert)	88	Pittsburgh, PA

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

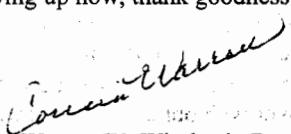
I have been reviewing the Spring Letters which I have put together during the past years. Many of them contain interesting family information which may be long forgotten by most of you, if you have not been saving all copies as does a cousin in Ohio. I have decided to make copies of all the SPRING LETTERS for the past thirty years available for those of you who are interested. The cost will be ten dollars (\$10.00) plus postage. Drop me a card if you are interested.

In 1973, after I returned from a month in Germany searching for our family's roots, I told about my trip and my success at the reunion that year. I found the family's records in the Baumholder Church books, visited the town and met Fraulein Hedwig Weyerbacher. In 1985 a book was published by Annette K. Burgert which listed some of the information I found over there. The book is called EIGHTEENTH CENTURY EMIGRANTS – THE WESTERN PALATINATE. Mrs. Burgert searches German church records from the Mormon files and, after choosing a family or group of families, then finds reference to them in American records. She does not do family trees but gives you enough information to be a lead in your own research. She has done quite a series of books in the same search pattern. She located our Weyerbacher family in Bucks County, just as I found them in the Baumholder church records.

Rev. Warren J. Keating, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Yuma, AZ, was told by a member of his congregation that the best prayer he ever heard was "Dear God, please help me to be the person my dog thinks I am." How about that! And I like this one... "Never clutch the past so tightly that it leaves your arms unable to embrace the present." This is from St. Rocco's Church newsletter in Martins Creek, PA. Nuff Said!

Sorry the Spring Letter is so late. I have been having some personal problems. In March, when I started the Letter, my friend who had typed the addresses for years, died and I became involved in settling his estate. He was 93 and always enjoyed the many different names on our mailing list and the scattered locations where the cousins lived. Things are slowing up now, thank goodness!

That's it for now. See you all on the 8th...


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HOUSE BLESSING FROM THE VILLAGE OF WEIERBACH

<i>Friede den Kommenden</i>	<i>Peace to those who are coming</i>
<i>Freude den Blidenden</i>	<i>Joy to those who are staying</i>
<i>Segen Scheidenden</i>	<i>Blessing to those who are departing</i>