

WIERBACH
WIERBACK
WIREBACH
WIREBACK
WIREBECK
WEYERBACH
WEYERBACHER
WEYERBAUGH

WEYERBACHER DESCENDANTS

NEWS LETTER

2004

WEIRBACH
WEIRBACK
WEIERBACH
WEIERBACH
WIEREBACH
WIEREBACK
WIREBAUGH
WEYERBAUGH

Hi Cousins,

It's **REUNION TIME AGAIN! MARK YOUR CALENDARS: JULY 11th** will be the 39th **WEYERBACHER FAMILY REUNION**. Join us for morning worship at the **Weyerbacher Family Church** which is the **Trinity Lutheran Church** in Pleasant Valley. The early church services are held at 8:00am & 9:30am and the altar flowers honor our ancestors. Our church was founded in 1761 by Johann "Nicholas" Weyerbacher and 5 other men. They established the German Reformed and Lutheran faiths. Weyerbacher descendants have worshipped here for 243 years.

After church, come on down and meet your cousins at SILVER CREEK PARK located on Route 212/412 in Springtown. As always, Warren W. Wirebach, our Family Historian will be available after church and throughout the day for family history consultations.

PICNIC START TIME is 11:00am RAIN or SHINE. There are 3 covered pavilions at the park. The park has 2 grills and as usual charcoal & lighter fluid will be provided. Bring your choice of meat or a veggie alternative to grill or bring a box lunch. If you like bring a dessert to share with your cousins.

At 2:00pm a short business meeting will be conducted. After the business meeting, Judy Weierbach will run the traditional Family Trivia Game and then on to the entertainment. For those of you unable to attend last year's reunion you missed a **fascinating, spellbinding presentation by George & Lauren Radcesky, American Revolutionary Reenactors from the 6th Pennsylvania Regiment.** They were such a hit with everyone, who knows maybe this year we will invite Re-enactors of the American Civil War. **Entertainment To Be Announced.**

OTHER FAMILY REUNIONS: THE HOOVER FAMILY REUNION, for the descendants of Catharine Wirebaugh & John Hoover, will be held, as always the Sunday before Labor Day or September 5th in Klyertown, Clearfield County. **THE LANCASTER WIREBACK FAMILY REUNION** will be held on Saturday June 26th at Long Park on Harrisburg Ave., Lancaster, PA. For additional information contact Donna Frankford at 717-299-2456. or Roberta Seeley at 716-945-0491. **THE CRESSMAN FAMILY REUNION** will be held sometime this summer. For more information contact Gem Nelson at gemnells@aol.com or at 5675 Apple Butter Hill Road, Coopersburg, PA 18036.

FAMILY NEWS:

Carol Brumback, co-president, has made a complete recovery from her injuries sustained last year and she will be attending the 2004 Reunion. Carol is in charge of the **Reunion Committees** formed at the **2002 Reunion**. If you signed up for one of those committees please contact Carol, at caroljbrumback@aol.com or 301-371-4646 or 2508 B. Station Rd, Middleton, MD 21769, to plan the **2004 Reunion Activities**.

Check out the **Weyerbacher Family Reunion** website at www.weyerbacher.net. All of the previous newsletters since 1966 are posted on this site.

The **Weyerbacher Brewing Company**, located on Line Street on the southside of Easton, PA conducts tours every Saturday from noon til 2pm. **Weyerbacher Beer** is sold in **PA, NJ, MD, NY, DC, VA, OH and MA**. To locate distributors & to find out what is new at the Brewery go to www.weyerbacher.com.

Madison Anna Weigel was born on December 23, 2003 to her loving parents Julie & Matt Weigel of Harrisburg, PA.

The following Weyerbacher Descendant Combat Veterans were **not** listed in the 2003 Newsletter **List of Combat Veterans** : 1. **James Townsend, World War II**, fighter pilot, 435th Carrier Group; 2. **Warren W. Wirebach, World War II**; 3. **Alan Charles Weirbach, World War II**; and 4. **Frank Wirebach, World War I**.

Deaths of the following Weyerbacher descendants were reported to me. I apologize if one of your loved ones is not listed here. The sympathy of the Weyerbacher Family Reunion is extended to their families.

Eddie Weirbach, Sr.	57	Allentown, PA
John H. Wirebaugh	98	Marshall, MI
Edward W. Edwards	--	Waldwick, NJ
Frank E. Wirebach	81	Milford, NJ
Richard T. Weierbach	--	Center Valley, PA
Joseph A. Weierbach	--	Bennington, VT
Emma Weierbach	--	Quakertown, PA
William Weirbach	--	NewCastle, DE
Marcella Wirebaugh	--	Allegheny, PA
Rita M. Wirebaugh (Mrs. Louis)	87	Arcadia, CA
Elsie C. Burch (Mrs Eugene)	80	San Diego, CA
Mary Emma McBane(Mrs Edward)	98	Alliance, OH
Phillip W. Lutz	77	Dunbar, WV

Norma Jane Wirebaugh
Cora E. Wirebaugh
Mildred Moore Reading

87
—
96

Miami, Fl
San Luis, CA
Franklin Park, NJ

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

PLEASE Send Births, Marriages, Deaths & Other Family News to Warren Wirebach or me.

FAMILY BUSINESS:

At last year's Business Meeting, a new agenda item was proposed & voted on. The motion to implement membership dues to cover the increased costs of printing & mailing the newsletter, entertainment, and renting the park was proposed. The cousins who attended the Reunion voted on & passed a resolution to institute dues of \$5.00 per Household.

In the past the Reunion President paid for publishing & mailing the Newsletter and entertainment from his or her pocket. At one time the collection at the Reunion covered the cost of the Park rental, however the collection no longer covers the \$150 fee to rent Silver Creek Park. Over the years, the mailing list of cousins has grown to it's current total of 642 households. The monies collected from the dues will be used to pay for the costs listed below:

Newsletter Paper: \$35.99

Photocopying: Free I use copy machine at work but I buy paper

Envelopes: 30.57

Postage: \$0.37 X 642 Households = \$237.54

Labels: \$9.48

Field Rental: \$ 150

Entertainment: \$150*- \$300

* Donation for 6th PA Re-Enactors \$150

Altar Flowers: \$15-\$20

In 1966 cousins Dr. Lilly Weierbach & Warren W. Wirebach founded the Weyerbacher Family Reunion. At each Reunion a collection plate was passed, Warren and Dr. Lilly paid for all the expenses not covered by the collection. In 1970 Dr. Lilly Weierbach passed away. Before Dr. Lilly died Warren made a promise to her to continue the annual Weyerbacher Family Reunion. Since 1970, Warren W. Wirebach has paid for the newsletter and the associated mailing expenses and the entertainment. Also, Judy & Harry T. Weierbach, Treasurer, donated prizes for the trivia game.

In 2001 Warren W. Wirebach retired as President of the Family Reunion. Carol J. Brumback & I were elected the new Co-presidents of the Weyerbacher Family Reunion. Since our election I have paid for the newsletter & mailings and Carol has paid for the entertainment.

No one person or persons should have to bear the cost of the Family Reunion Newsletter and Reunion Picnic. This is a Family Association.

Warren W. Wirebach has devoted thousands of hours of his time to research our family history & maintain our family connections. Please don't let Warren break his promise to Dr. Lilly.

Please fill out the enclosed Weyerbacher Family Reunion Membership Form and send your membership dues to Judy Weierbach, 1431 Schoolhouse Lane, Perkasio, PA 18944.


FAMILY HISTORY:

Weyerbacher Descendants in the American Civil War
contributed by Laurie Engel.

In 1861 President Abraham Lincoln asked the men of the Union to fight for the preservation of our country. Several Weyerbacher Descendants responded to the president's call. Descendants from the Wirebaugh line include William Wirebaugh who enlisted in the Indiana Regiment. While Benjamin F., George H., Joisah, Nicholas and William enlisted in and fought in the various Ohio Regiments. Nicholas Wirebaugh, who enlisted in the 26th Ohio, died on August 10, 1864 and was buried in Vicksburg National Cemetery in Mississippi. Another Ohio soldier was William Wirebaugh, who enlisted at the age of 17 in Company I, 19th Ohio Regiment or the "Boy Regiment." This regiment was primarily comprised of under age youths, however these brave young men fought in several major battles. William was wounded in battle in 1864. After his recovery, he was assigned to the Veterans Reserve and sent to Springfield, IL for 4 months, where he had the honor of guarding the tomb of slain President Abraham Lincoln.

From Pennsylvania, Henry Weirbaugh, Blair County, and Levi Weirbaugh enlisted in Company F, 76th Infantry. Henry died in 1864 while Levi survived the war. The soldiers from Bucks, Lehigh and Northampton Counties were all descendants of John "Jacob" Weierbach from the Isaac line. Phillip, the youngest son of John Jacob & Margaret (Wolschlager) Weierbach was a Quarter Master Sgt. with the 153rd Infantry. Phillip was wounded at the Battle of Gettysburg and survived the war. Seno Weierbach also served in the 153rd. Absalom Weierbach served in the 176th, Samuel in the 47th and William M. served with the 2nd PA Reserves. Urbanus Weierbach also served in the 1st PA Infantry and Henry H. served in the 176th. All of these men were the grandsons of John "Jacob" and his second wife, Anna Maria or his third wife, Margaret. John "Jacob" Weierbach had 3 wives and 17 children.

Have A Great Year Everyone & See you at the Reunion on July 11th!


Sally E. Weirback, Co-President
Weyerbacher Family Reunion

112 Brandywine Dr.
Bethlehem, PA 18020
610-882-1051
sewirback@aol.com

Carol J. Brumback, co-President
2508 B. Station Rd.
Middleton, MD 21769
caroljbrumback@aol.com

Vice President

Harry T. Wirebach
3003 Pinewood Dr.
Levittown, PA 19054

Warren W. Wirebach
109 HollyHall, Pineford
Middleton, PA 17057

Robin Jones
4 Leveridge Ln
Pompton Plains, NJ 07444

Harry T. Weierbach
1431 schoolhouse Lane
Perkasie, PA 18944

HOUSE BLESSING FROM THE VILLAGE OF WEIERBACH

*Freide den Kommenden
Freude den Bliedenden
Segen Scheidenden*

*Peace to those who are coming
Joy to those who are staying
Blessing to those who are departing.*