

Weyerbacher Descendants

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Spring 2013

The 48th annual Weyerbacher Reunion will be held on Sunday July 14, 2013 at Silver Creek Park, Route 212, Springtown, PA rain or shine. A picnic lunch will begin at 11:00 A.M. with a short business meeting to follow at 2:00 and the group photo immediately thereafter.

Bring a picnic lunch and a dessert to share if you wish. A grill is also available. After the group photo, Judy Weierbach will run the always popular trivia game with many prizes.

All are invited to attend morning worship at the Trinity Lutheran Church in nearby Pleasant Valley. Services are at 8:00 and 9:30 A.M. This is the church Johann Nickolas Weyerbacher helped establish in 1761.

Johann Nickolas Weyerbacher along with his wife Catherina and several of their 11 children emigrated to Pennsylvania in 1751, settling in Pleasant Valley, Bucks County in 1754. They were wool weavers and farmers. We offer a tour of the Trinity Church where Johann's family and ensuing generations worshipped, and the adjoining graveyard where proceeding generations of Weyerbachers were laid to rest. In addition, nearby is the original farmstead property, long since broken up into many ownerships.

As always, there will be many family documents on display - photo albums exhibiting generations of photos, including past reunions, documents going back to the 1751 ship's log and last year's tribute album to Warren Wirebach. Additional family information is available at www.Weyerbacher.net.

For many years the number of cousins attending has significantly dwindled. The elders have thinned out over time, and there has to date, been no sustaining next generation attending. In the past year I attended the Lebanon, Lancaster and Hoover reunions and was told at each one that attendees would like to attend a Bucks County reunion.

If you are interested in researching your roots, or if it has been a long time since you've attended, I strongly recommend that you make arrangements to bring family and join us this year. It is our intent to keep the reunion alive for as many years as makes practical sense, but this will not be possible indefinitely without your attending. We hope to see you this July.

“The Weyerbachers of Pennsylvania” book has sold 163 copies since being published in February 2011. Please know that all proceeds benefit the Weyerbacher Reunion, allowing us to remain solvent. If you are interested in purchasing a book or an electronic copy you may do so through lulu.com or by contacting me. There will also be books for sale at the reunion at a slightly reduced rate (no postal charge).

T-Shirt sale: There are a very limited number of Weyerbacher red & blue ink on white shirts: M, L, XL and XXL for \$10.00, and a large supply of Medium Youth (10-12 months) which I will sell at a loss for \$3.00. There is also one brown ink on tan (XXXL), for \$5.00. Add \$2.00 for each shirt if mailing. I will not be reordering shirts.

About 10 years ago, Warren gave me a collection of cassette tapes recording his 1979 reunion discussions and short recollections made primarily by Arthur Weiss, Grace Gehman and Russell Weierbach called “The Good Old Days.” I transferred the 51:09 tape which is now available for **free** on CD format upon request. Please contact me before the reunion: Weyerbacher@optonline.net if you would like to receive your copy in person. Otherwise, I will need to charge \$2.00 postage if you wish to have it mailed to you. Please note that the quality is poor, but primarily audible, especially Grace!

The Lebanon Reunion Saturday June 8th: Descendants of John Adam & Elizabeth Weierbach, Sr. at the South Anville Church Grove, Lebanon, PA. **Contact Crystallein-717-652-3237 or c47e@verizon.net or Karen-717-272-3065 or pepkvp@comcast.net**

The Lancaster Reunion Saturday June 29th: Descendants of Adam & Elizabeth Weierbach at a restaurant in Lancaster, PA to be determined. **Contact Bobbie Seeley at 716-945-0491 or BUCKIY@webtv.net for info on time and place, after June first.**

The Hoover Reunion Sunday September 1: Descendants of John & Catherine Weyerbacher Hoover, Kylertown, Clearfield Co. Old Sylvan Grove Church service at 2:30. **For details, call Janet Larson (814) 345-5318 or e-mail jrlarson@penn.com**

Weyerbacher Brewery

The micro-brewery on Line Street in South Side Easton conducts tours every Saturday at 12:30, 1:15 and 2:15. Cousin Dan Wireback has been very generous in the past by donating some of his fine product to be given away as prizes at our reunions.

I am looking for a home for a large collection of 19th and early 20th century photos & documents from the Johannes Weyerbacher line, specifically from his son John, nee Wirebaugh. Many of these photos were included in the Weyerbacher book.

Also, I am looking for any photos or other documents associated with Lily Weierbach's oldest sister Ida. Please contact me.

We note the passing of:

William Nagy: April 8, 2012, Johnny William Hedrick: January 16, 2013, Paul Nagy: April 8, 2012, Linda F. Hedrick McFarland October 11, 2012,
Our sympathies go out to their families.

Congratulations:

Jessica Jeanette Johnson and Airic Mutters who were married June 7, 2012

Happy Anniversary:

Harry and Jean Wirebach who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in January.

Births:

Benjamin Michael Bauer August 15, 2012, Keegan James Wisor April 18, 2012

KEEP US INFORMED

Please keep us posted on your family news. We would like to add your updates to our next reunion letter, and also for a possible future second edition of our Weyerbacher book. Please contact either Robin Jones (weyerbacher@optimum.net) or Terry Lee (Webmaster@Weyerbacher.net).

Special thanks and love always to our founders Lily Weierbach and Warren Wirebach. Their vision and desire to bring cousins together annually, as a break from their busy lives to greet and catch up with each other, is still being celebrated today on the grounds where it all began in 1966. How pleased they would be.

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HOUSE BLESSING FROM THE VILLAGE OF WEIERBACH

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

FAMILY BUSINESS

Several years ago it was voted to implement annual dues of five dollars per family. The dues go to cover the costs of printing and mailing the newsletter and to cover the cost of the park rental. If you wish to continue to receive the newsletter via USPS mail, payment is necessary. If you receive the newsletter via email, your contribution would be appreciated.

WEYERBACHER FAMILY REUNION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Dues: \$5.00 per household – Payable to: Weyerbacher Family Reunion
Mail to: Judy Weierbach, 1413 Schoolhouse Road, Perkasio, PA 18944

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