

Weyerbacher Descendants

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Spring 2015

The **50th annual** Weyerbacher Reunion will be held on Sunday July 12, 2015 at Silver Creek Park, Route 212, Springtown, PA rain or shine. **To celebrate, in lieu of the traditional picnic-style lunch we will instead offer a BBQ as sponsored by the Weyerbacher general fund. Menu items include hot dogs, burgers, soft drinks and chips. If you would like to request additional items, please let me know well ahead of schedule. Bring a dessert to share if you wish.** The BBQ will begin shortly after our usual 11:00 A.M. sign in and meet and greet time. A short business meeting will follow at 2:00 and the group photo immediately thereafter. Judy Weierbach will then run the always popular trivia game, followed by Harry Wirebach's bingo with many prizes for all. **Please consider bringing a small gift.**

All are invited to attend morning worship at the Trinity Lutheran Church in nearby Pleasant Valley. Services are at 8:00, 9:15 and 10:30 A.M. This is the church Johann Nickolas Weyerbacher helped establish in 1761.

Johann Nickolas Weyerbacher along with his wife Catharina Magdalena and 5 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 among many different owners, but their 19th Century home can be easily viewed from the road.

As always, there will be many family documents on display—photo albums spanning many generations, including past reunions, documents going back to the 1751 ship's log and a tribute album to Warren Wirebach. Additional family information is available at www.weyerbacher.net.

Last year we replaced the long missing grave stone of Joseph and Catherine Weyerbacher Frey. In addition we also had the Zeno Weirbach family monument repaired. Warren would be pleased to see that we are looking out for our elders.



“The Weyerbachers of Pennsylvania” book published in 2011, can be purchased for \$65.00 through lulu.com or by contacting me. Books will also be available at the reunion for \$60.00 (no postal charge). All proceeds benefit the Weyerbacher Reunion, allowing us to remain solvent.

T-Shirt sale: There are a very limited number of Weyerbacher red & blue on white shirts: M, L, XL and XXL for \$10.00 each, and many Medium Youth (10-12 months) for \$3.00 each. Add \$2.00 for each shirt if mailing.

Years ago, Warren gave me a collection of cassette tapes featuring 1979 reunion discussions and short recollections called “The Good Old Days”, featuring the voices of Arthur Weiss, Grace Gehman and Russell Weierbach. The 51:09 program is now available on CD and is free upon advance request if attending the reunion: weyerbacher@optimum.net . Order by mail for \$2.00 postage. Please note that the quality is poor, but primarily audible.

Other reunions:

The Lebanon Reunion: Saturday June 6th: Descendants of John Adam & Elizabeth Weierbach, Sr. at the South Annville 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: Location and date TBA. Descendants of Adam & Elizabeth Weierbach. Contact Bobbie Seeley at 716-945-0491 or BUCKIY@webtv.net for info on time and place.

The Hoover Reunion Sunday September 6th; Descendants of John & Catherine Weyerbacher Hoover, Kylertown, Clearfield Co. Lunch at 12:00 with a service held at the Old Sylvan Grove Church at 2:30. For details, call Janet Larson (814) 345-5318 or e-mail jrlarson18@verizon.net

The “Weyerbacher Brewery” located on Line Street, South Side Easton conducts tours, weyerbacher.com. Cousin Dan Weirback has been very generous in the past reunions by donating some of his fine product for prizes.

I am looking for a good home for family documents pertaining to the following cousins:

The Applebachs
Deborah Lynne Gehman
Bertie Ross
Mary Shaffer
Henry H. Weierbach (Civil War Vet)
John We
William M. Weierbach (Civil War Vet)

William Herbert Weierbach
Sarah Martha & Mark Hubert Weierbach of Willard & Pauline
Jeremiah Weierbach, grandfather of Evelyn Price
The Weisel Family
Everhard Wireback

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

We note the passing of:
William Samuel Urmy May 6, 2014
Regan Elizabeth Weirbach Nov. 21, 2013
Anna Louise Hedrick Lutz March 4, 2015

Our sympathies go out to their families.

Congratulations:

*Helen and Donald Kear who celebrated their 74th wedding anniversary on April 4, 2015.

*Alexander Tilden Weierbach born June 11, 2014 to Aaron & Perrine Weierbach

*Willow Rae Gulick born August 26, to Kiel and Maria Gulick

*Bryce Edward Rothenberger & Stephanie Becker married Oct. 28, 2014

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)

Over the years the number of elders attending our reunion has dwindled, with no sustaining next generation to replace them. If you are interested in researching your roots, or if it has been a long time or your first time attending, I encourage you to make arrangements to bring family and join us in celebrating our **50th family reunion**. It is our intent to keep the reunion alive for as many years as makes practical sense, but this will not be possible much longer without you. We hope to see you on July 12th.

Special thanks and love always to our founders Lily Weierbach and Warren Wireback. 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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This reunion newsletter was written by Robin Jones.

HOUSE BLESSING FROM THE VILLAGE OF WEIERBACH

Freide 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

FAMILY BUSINESS

Several years ago it was voted to implement annual dues of five dollars per family. The dues cover the costs of printing and mailing the newsletter and park rental. If you wish to continue to receive the newsletter via USPS mail, please renew your dues annually. Send dues to Harry Weierbach: 1413 Schoolhouse Road, Perkasio, PA18943. If you receive the newsletter via email, your contribution would be appreciated as the park rental is significant.

WEYERBACHER FAMILY REUNION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Dues: \$5.00 per household – Payable to: Weyerbacher Family Reunion
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