

Wertman

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- **Friday-Sunday, 17-19 August 2001**
Wertman Family Reunion
Allentown, Lehigh County, PA
Reservations are due by 26 July
See pages 9-12 for details.

George Philip Wertman settled in 1749 in Lynn Township, present day Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. He had five sons – George Philip, Michael, Jacob, Simon and Martin. Four supported the American cause of Liberty and one remained loyal to the King of England.

Since the Revolution, Wertman descendants have defended this country in the War of 1812, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam. The history of this great German-American family is intertwined with the history of the United States.

Descendants of this family still abide in Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Schuylkill and other counties in Pennsylvania. We are in contact with interested individuals from Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Virginia, to name but a few.

On 1 July 2000, 42 Wertman relatives assembled in Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. At that meeting, the Wertman Family Association, which had been active until World War II, was rejuvenated.

Our goal is to produce an accurate description of our Wertman family heritage. The Historical Acceptance Committee will carry out that task. For more information, please contact me.

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Historical Acceptance Committee

by Tom Young, Chairman <teyoung@i1.net>

Experienced Wertman researchers have noticed that there is much inaccurate data in circulation concerning our mutual family history. This is not a new situation, but has been compounded by the recent popularity of the world wide web and Internet genealogy. Once inaccurate information is posted online, it is sometimes repeated so often that it becomes widely believed.

One of the primary goals of the Association is to produce an accurate description of our Wertman family heritage. The Historical Acceptance Committee (Ken Cool, Richard Hull, Dora Kamalu, Ed Sterrett, Esther Walton and myself) has been assigned the task of constructing an accurate database of the descendants of George Philip Wertman of Lynn Township using only documented information. The results of our efforts will then be posted the the Association web site <<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~wertman>> for the use of all interested researchers. It is the hope of the Committee that our project will encourage others to come forward and contribute to the cause, perhaps finally solving some of the long-standing problems that have frustrated Wertman family researchers for years.

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The Wertman Family Association 2000 Meeting

Forty-two Wertman relatives assembled 1-2 July 2000 at the Ramada Inn Allentown/Whitehall, Lehigh County, PA, to activate the Wertman Family Association.

Researchers' presentations included Ed Sterrett on "Who Were the Parents of George Philip Wertman" (see article, pages 7, 8), Tom Young on the "Great Unknowns," and Shirley Daniels, Russ Dannecker, Ed Sterrett and Tom Young on three generations of descendants of the sons of George Philip Wertman.

Under the leadership of Russ Dannecker, the group elected officers (Russ Dannecker, Chairman; Shirley Wertman, Treasurer; and Shirley Daniels, Secretary) to serve until the next reunion; chose a Bylaws Committee (Russ Dannecker, Richard Hull, Frank Strickling, Jim Wertman and Lois Wheeler) to draft bylaws to propose at the next meeting; selected a Historical Acceptance Committee (Ken Cool, Richard Hull, Dora Kamalu, Ed Sterrett, Esther Walton and Tom Young) and adopted an acceptance procedure for the first four generations of Wertman descendants; voted for Tom Young as webmaster; and set up a Reunion Committee (Harry Dannecker, Lynne Dashner and Shirley Wertman) to plan for 2001. Dues of \$20 per family (for this year only) will provide seed money.

A copy of the minutes follows, as transcribed by Mary Ellen Sterner Wagner.

Wertman Family Heritage Meeting

9 AM: The first meeting of the Wertman Family Heritage began on July 1, 2000 with 42 Wertman relatives assembled. Opening remarks were made by Russ Dannecker followed by introduction of all participants.

9:40 AM: The procedure for acceptance of family ties was reviewed. Ed Sterrett presented the need for the most accurate information. Esther Walton suggested the use of "about, before, or circa" when dates are not clearly supported by citations/documents. In question at this time was the relationship of a Casper Wertman, 1706.

Shirley Daniels made a motion that "Only documented information be put on the web site". Mary Alice McLaughlin seconded. Motion passed.

A paper was passed to ask for volunteers to serve on an acceptance panel. The nominations

were as followed: Russ Dannecker, Ed Sterrett, Richard Hull, Tom Young, Shirley Daniels, and Esther Walton. Dora Kamalu will be asked if she also would like to serve.

9:50 AM: Ed Sterrett (sterrett@avana.net or 1040 Lewis Ridge Circle, Lawrenceville, GA) talked about George Philip Wertman's parents. Ed currently believes that George Philip is not the son of Casper Wertman. Casper Wertman came to PA about 1706. He settled in Lancaster County and paid taxes in Philadelphia. He was also known to have bought land in Lancaster, as well as, sponsored a child. He sold land about 1740.

Another Wertman spelled 'Wartman' settled in Montgomery County. A year prior to this Wartman, a Samuel and Abraham also came. There was also listed in 1732 a Johann Philip who might be an ancestor as he settled in Lynn township.

Ed provided a short history as to what was happening in and around the Benjamin Franklin Fort area - - - a petition to not take the fort away because it was needed for protection against the Indians coming across the mountains. It was possible that Johann Michael's two sons went west to Penn Township to get land. Catherine Flack might also have inherited land for her sons.

Ed Sterrett provided a paper on "Who is the father of George Philip Wertman (GP1)?" which included directions to several historical Wertman landmarks/cemeteries.

10:15 AM: Ed Sterrett began the discussion of three generations of Wertmans. Ed led the discussion of descendents of Simon Wertman married to Barbara Stapelton and possibly twin of Martin. Simon was born in 1747 and confirmed in 1763. Children were Christina Barbara, Maria Magdalena, John Jacob and John.

10:25 AM: Ed Sterrett continued with the descendents of Johann Michael Wertman (8/28/1743, unconfirmed include 6 daughters and 6 sons). The notable ones were: Jacob 7/26/1761-1838, 3 children; George Philip (III) 10/2/1763 in East Penn Township married to Christina, 3 children; and Daniel 11/5/1786-7/9/1884 married to Maria Oswald who moved from Northampton in PA to Lockport, NY, 8 children.

11:10 AM break, resumed 11:20 AM: During break pictures of John Wertman (b. 1805) and Susanah Levan (b. 1811) were identified

Tom Young (teyoung@i1.net or PO Box 410176, St. Louis, MO) addressed the descendents

of Johannes Wertman (1776, son of Michael), 12 children. Henry Wertman (b.1703 m. Anna Marie Kryman, 8 children) was also presented. George Philip (II) about 1766 married to Jane, was also introduced. He (Loyalist) was convicted of high treason. He ended up in Digby, Nova Scotia. There was also a Philip Wertman listed as being buried in Nova Scotia at a Trinity Anglican Church.

11:40 AM: Descendents of Martin Wertman (9/17/1750) were presented by Shirley Daniels (Rdaniels2@compuserve.com or 5487 Sleeping Dog Lane, Columbia, MD). Daniel, son of Martin, has his will listed at the Orphan's Court. There were no adult children of Daniel and Susanna so his nieces and nephews inherited.

12:10 PM Great Unknowns were presented by Tom Young. Tom reminded us all about the different spellings of Wertman. He in particular has two Jacob Wertmans that have not been placed in any definite family groups at this time. One Jacob may belong to the Johannes Michael family as the six son who is not specifically named in earlier records. A second Jacob in records showed changes in homestead via the renaming of townships and counties. There is also a discrepancy in age between Jacob Sr. and Jr. Was it father/son or older brother who was deceased/younger brother?

Another unattached Wertman is William (1781) who has sons David and Andrew. Was this Wertman possibly one of George Philip I's sons? There was also a John Wertman in 1820 that has not been placed within a family group.

12:30 PM: Lunch break

2:20 PM Descendents of Jacob I (1819 or 1821) presented by Russ Dannecker dannecker@efortress.com or 32 Burgess Road, Foster, RI). Eight children of Jacob Wertman were spoken about including George Philip IV, the Dannecker/Sterner line.

2:40 PM: After brief discussion led by Russ Dannecker a motion was made for a Wertman Family Association to be formed by Bob Weller. Seconded by Lois Wheeler. Motion passed.

Positions required for start up of Wertman Family Association, were determined to be: chairman, treasurer and secretary with committees for history, bylaws and reunion.

Chairman: Russ Dannecker (motion by Mary Alice Mclaughlin, second by Lois Wheeler, motion passed)

Treasurer: Shirley Wertman (prerequisite local person, unanimously passed)

Secretary: Shirley Daniels (motion by Ed Sterrett, second Shirley Wertman, motion passed)

History Committee: Richard Hull, Ed Sterrett, Tom Young, Esther Walton, and Ken Cool. Dora Kamalu will be asked to serve. (Nominations closed by Marty Alice Mclaughlin, unanimously passed)

*** 2/3 committee needed to settled discrepancy in genealogical information***

Bylaws Committee: Jim Wertman, Russ Dannecker, Frank Strickling, Richard Hull and Lois Wheeler

Reunion Committee: Shirley Wertman, Lynne Dashner and Harry Dannecker (Henry Dannecker moved to close nominations, Esther Walton seconded, unanimously passed)

3:15 PM: Meeting resumed.

Wertman Web site: Website presented by Tom Young. Currently there is no fee to site.

To get to site use homepages.rootsweb.com~Wertman

Motion to keep web site as it currently stands by Jim Wertman. Second by Henry Dannecker. Motion passed.

How often will reunion occur? Every year? Every other year? Move around country? A full weekend : Friday research day, Saturday family activity, and Sunday visit the sites day. (Henry Dannecker moves that meeting will happen 2001. Unanimously passed.) Reunion committee will look at 23rd June, 2001 to see what is happening in Allentown area.

Funding: Discussion led by Russ Dannecker. Suggestions from floor varied. Motion made for \$20.00 per family per year by Esther Walton. Seconded by Henry Dannecker. Motion passed.

Name: Wertman Family Association (non profit organization). Motion made by Ed Sterrett. Seconded by Bernadine Sterner. Motion passed.

Sunday visitation of sites: Meet 10 AM in lobby of Ramada.

Adjournment motion, motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Sterner Wagner

Wertman Family Association Website

[http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/
~wertman](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~wertman)

by Tom Young <teyoung@i1.net>, Webmaster

The Wertman Family Association web site came into existence in April 2000, when Russ Dannecker contacted me asking if I could announce the forthcoming meeting on the world wide web. The RootsWeb server seemed the obvious choice to host the site because of cost. They offered unlimited space at no charge with the expenses being covered by advertising banners at the top and bottom of each page. RootsWeb was a cooperative at the time, but has since been purchased by MyFamily.com Inc. The terms have not changed, but given the recent fate of many advertising based servers, only time will tell.

Nothing further was done until recently when the announcement of the 2001 meeting needed to go online. At that time, we also posted a short history of the Association, our goals and links to the beginnings of a database of descendants of George Philip Wertman of Lynn Township. Experienced users of the world wide web will no doubt notice the simplicity of our site and the limited graphics. This is due to your webmaster's personal preference for simple pages that load quickly and get right to the genealogical point. Members are encouraged to suggest features that they would like to see added in the future.

Association Bylaws (Proposed)

The Bylaws Committee (Russ Dannecker, Richard Hull, Frank Strickling, Jim Wertman and Lois Wheeler) has proposed these Wertman Family Association bylaws to be voted on by members attending the 2001 meeting. Please send any comments, questions, concerns or proposed revisions to Russ (address on page 10) before the meeting.

Wertman Family Association Bylaws

Article I — Name

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be the Wertman Family Association.

Article II — Non-Profit Organization

Section 1. The Wertman Family Association shall be operated as a non-profit organization. No part of the income shall go to the personal and/or private benefit of any member.

Article III — Objectives

Section 1. The objectives of the Association shall be:

A. To collect, analyze, disseminate, and preserve genealogical, historical, and biographical data pertaining to the Wertman surname. [In this document, Wertman shall also refer to the alternative spellings of Wartman, Wartmann, Warthman, Warthmann, Wertmann, Werthman, Werthmann, Workman, Wortman, Wortmann, Worthman, and Worthmann, as well as any others that may be identified.]

B. To promote interest in genealogical and historical research with emphasis on the Wertman family.

C. To provide guidance and stimulate interest in the use of efficient procedures and the adherence to principles of accuracy and thoroughness in such research.

D. To encourage high ethical standards and professionalism in all genealogical and historical research practices, including careful and thorough documentation.

E. To promote fellowship and interaction between all the progeny of our Wertman ancestors.

Article IV — Membership

Section 1. Any individual or institution interested in promoting the stated objectives of the Association may be deemed by the Board of Directors to be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Members in good standing are those who have (A) paid their annual dues, and (B), are at least 18 years of age, and (C) if Wertman Family descendants, submitted their lineage to the Genealogical/Historical Secretary.

Article V — Officers

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice President, Webmaster, Corresponding Secretary, Genealogical/Historical Secretary, Treasurer and four Directors-at-Large.

Section 2. Officers must be members in good standing.

Section 3. Terms of Office for all Officers, except Directors-at-Large, shall be two years unless reelected. The Term of Office for Directors-at-Large shall be four years. However, at the initial election, in order to stagger their term of service, two Directors will be elected for two year terms and two Directors will be elected for four year terms.

Article VI — Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be the Governing Body of the Association and shall consist of the Officers and the Immediate Past-President.

Section 2. Actions and/or approvals of the Board of Directors require a majority vote.

Article VII — Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of members, and all meetings of the Board of Directors. The President shall be the principal executive officer of the Association, with responsibility for the general supervision of Association affairs and obtaining the objectives of the Association pursuant to policies established by the Board of Directors. The President will appoint committees and committee chairs as necessary to carry out the business and obtain the objectives of the Association. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2. In the absence or temporary inability of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the office of President. In case of the permanent absence or inability of the President to act, the Vice President shall ascend to the office of the President for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall carry on correspondence for the Association as directed by the Board, maintain accurate records of the proceedings, and maintain custody of all business records of the Association in a manner satisfactory to the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The Genealogy/Historical Secretary shall maintain all genealogical and historical records, items and artifacts, which may come into the possession of the Association, in a manner satisfactory to the Board of Directors.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall have custody of the funds of the Association; shall deposit them in such financial institution(s) as may be directed by the Board of Directors; and shall make disbursements as directed by the President or Board of Directors. Payments in excess of \$50.00 may be executed only by signature of the Treasurer and President. After the President's approval, because of distance, the President may designate another member of the Board of Directors to actually sign with the Treasurer. The fiscal year of the Association shall be 1 July to 30 June. The Treasurer shall mail notices of dues for the ensuing fiscal year by

the 1st of May. Dues for the ensuing fiscal year shall be due on the 30th of June. The annual report of the Treasurer for the prior fiscal year shall be presented to the Board of Directors by the 31st of July, and will be presented at the Association's Annual Meeting. The funds, account books, and associated documents in the Treasurer's hands shall at all times be subject to verification and inspection by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. The Webmaster shall maintain the Association's Internet Web Site in a manner which promotes the attainment of the objectives of the Association and satisfies the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Directors-at-large represent the membership on the Board of Directors. They are specifically charged with helping to insure the Association meets the objectives set forth in Article III and shall otherwise assist the organization as necessary.

Article VIII — Nominations and Elections

Section 1. The first regular election of Officers identified in Article V will occur immediately upon adoption of these Bylaws. Regular elections will be held every two years following the first election..

Section 2. Election of officers and directors shall be held during the Business Meeting at the Wertman Family Annual Reunion. Any Association member in good standing, who is present, shall be eligible to vote and to nominate any other member for election at that business meeting.

Section 3. A Nominating Committee, composed of three Association members in good standing, shall be appointed by the President prior to each regular election. This shall be done at least sixty (60) days before the Business Meeting at the Wertman Family Annual Reunion. The Nominating Committee shall elect its own Chair. Any member in good standing may submit up to one (1) nomination for each position that shall be forwarded to the Nominating Committee Chair, post-marked or electronically dated no later than thirty (30) days before the Business Meeting at the Wertman Family Annual Reunion. The Nominating Committee shall compile a list of nominees, including those who have been received by mail or e-mail and any others from the members of the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee must obtain the written consent of nominees before placing their names on the ballot. The Nominating

Committee shall present its written report, as a paper ballot, to the membership during the Business Meeting at the Wertman Family Annual Reunion.

Section 4. If a Wertman Family Reunion does not occur during a regular election year, the election shall be held as follows: nominations shall be obtained as outlined in Section 3 of this Article, except the Nominating Committee shall present its written report by the 1st of September. By that date the Nominating Committee shall cause a paper ballot to be mailed to each Association member in good standing. Completed ballots shall be returned by the 15th of September to the Vice President, who with the assistance of one Association member in good standing (who is not a candidate) shall open, tabulate, and forward the results to the President. The results shall be transmitted by mail or e-mail to all members.

Section 5. Newly elected officers and board members shall take office immediately upon election.

Section 6. All officers shall make all records and correspondence pertaining to their respective offices available to their successors at the time of succession, or no later than fifteen (15) days after their terms of office expire. Copies of all pertinent documents shall be provided to and retained by the President.

Article IX — Filling of Vacancies

Section 1. A vacancy in any elective position, other than the President, shall be filled for the balance of the term thereof by appointment of the President with the concurrence of the Board of Directors.

Article X — Dues and Fees

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall determine annual dues for individual members. Any other fees shall also be determined by the Board of Directors and may include a one-time registration fee, family memberships, and/or life memberships.

Section 2. Dues are payable on the 1st of July. Members admitted after the 1st of April shall be credited with dues paid for the following fiscal year. Association members in good standing may resign. Members in arrears on the 1st of September shall be suspended. Members suspended for the nonpayment of dues may be reinstated upon payment of dues for the current fiscal year.

Section 3. The Association's membership is on a fiscal year basis and entitles the member to voting privileges at all meetings of the Association and to receive at no charge the newsletter of the Association by mail or e-mail.

Article XI — Reunions & Meetings

Section 1. The Annual Reunion and Business Meeting will be called in the month of July or August. The date and place shall be announced at least six months in advance. Notice of the Annual Reunion and Business Meeting shall be made by mail or e-mail to all Association members in good standing. Twenty percent (20%) of the membership in good standing shall constitute a quorum at the Annual Meeting. Other special meetings may be called as necessary by the President, or by the Board of Directors. Fifteen (15) day notice by mail or e-mail to all Association members in good standing shall be required to call a special meeting. Ten percent (10%) of the membership in good standing shall constitute a quorum at the special meeting.

Article XII — Committees

Section 1. From time to time committees may be formed. The President with the approval of the Board of Directors may form committee(s) and appoint the Chair except the nominating committee, which shall elect its own Chair.

Section 2. In addition to committees formed by the authority of Section 1 of this Article, every two years, the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint a Historical Acceptance Committee. The committee shall insure that information presented to the public about the Wertman family is the most accurate information available. The committee shall forward to the Association's Webmaster only documented information to be put on the Association Web Site. Two thirds (2/3) of the committee membership is needed to settle any discrepancy in family history information. The President with the approval of the Board of Directors shall appoint the chair.

Section 3. In addition to committees formed by the authority of Section 1 of this Article, each year the President with the approval of the Board of Directors shall appoint a Reunion Committee. The committee shall make all necessary arrangements for the subsequent year's Wertman Family Reunion and Business Meeting. The President with the approval of the Board of Directors shall appoint the chair.

Article XIII — Parliamentary Authority

Section 1. Robert's Rule of Order (the most recent edition) shall govern in all cases where they are consistent with these Bylaws. A copy of Roberts Rules of Order and the Bylaws will be available at the annual Business Meeting and other special meetings.

Article XIV — Adoption of Bylaws

Section 1. Adoption of these Bylaws requires a majority vote of those members in good standing who attend the Business Meeting.

Article XV — Amendment of By Laws

Section 1. An amendment to these Bylaws may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members in good standing, such proposed amendment having been submitted to the President in writing and signed by a majority of the Board of Directors or upon petition to the Board of Directors by a least ten (10) members in good standing.

Section 2. Any Bylaws changes shall be submitted on the next ballot with the election of officers, and shall be voted upon in the same manner. If the Board of Directors deems it of urgency, they may call a special election. It shall be by written ballot, mailed to members, and to be returned by them to the Vice President who shall with another officer open the ballots, tabulate them and submit the tabulation to the President. The President shall cause the results to be sent to the members in good standing.

Section 3. Bylaws changes shall become effective immediately upon tabulation provided they received the necessary two thirds (2/3) vote.

Article XVI — Dissolution

Section 1. Dissolution of the Association requires a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Upon dissolution, the assets of the Wertman Family Association shall be distributed to any non-profit, genealogical, historical, family organization selected by the Board of Directors.

Who Is The Father of George Philip Wertman (GPI)?

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Perhaps someone can shed some light on who was the first Wertman in this country — the father of George Phillip (GPI), who is the one in Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., PA, from whom many of today's Wertmans descend. A good number of people believe the man is Caspar Wardman who arrived in Philadelphia aboard the ship Samuel, August 1732, with Greda Wardmanin. According to *Pennsylvania German Pioneers* by Strassburger and Hinke, listing immigrants who arrived in this country, reference is made in the ship's children's list to George Harman. Since there is no Harman on the adult list, it is believed that this is GPI, son of Caspar. However, there is a Frederick Hartman on the adult list and a woman with the same surname. Thus the question is whether George Harman is a Hartman or Wardman. To date there is no clear answer.

Several people with whom I correspond (and I) do not believe Caspar is the one. We have had a difficult time finding him. He does show up in Lancaster Co., PA, ca 1738-1741, as a buyer and seller of land. Also, he is in the records of Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, PA, on 4 March 1739 as a sponsor at the baptism of Ursula Stein, daughter of Leonhardt. (Greda is not involved). Other than this, there appears to be no record of him (that we can find) although one would think some record would show in Northampton or Berks County if Caspar were the father of George.

There are two others who arrived in Philadelphia in 1731 according to the ship lists of Strassburg and Hinke. I think you will also find them in Rupp's *German Immigrants to America*. Hans Adam Wartman and Elisabeth Wartman (with Abraham and Mary Wartman on the children's list) arrived in Philadelphia on the ship Samuel, August 1731. (This is the same ship Samuel that arrived in Philadelphia one year later.) The Wartmans seem to be a well-documented family in the records of the New Hanover Lutheran Church, and the Faulkner Swamp Reformed Church in what is now Montgomery County, PA. This was Philadelphia County, and I've been informed both Hans and Abraham show on the tax lists of 1731). The church records are in *Pennsylvania German*

Church Records, Volume II, from the Pennsylvania German Society. An Abraham Wartman also shows in the church records of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster, PA. He was married 15 May 1749, and buried his wife 7 August 1750. He also communed there in 1749. Mary Margareta Wartmanin was a sponsor for Johan Jacob Stein, son of Leonhardt, 16 January 1737. These two — Abraham and Mary — could be the ones listed on the Samuel's children's list. I do not know whether the father of both babies — Leonhardt Stein — is related or was a passenger on the same ship.

When one notes that there are similarities to the Wardman and Wartman names, it would appear that Caspar and Greda should belong to the Wartman family. However, Geoff Warthman, who lays claim to a Wartman ancestry and has done much research on them (including research in Lancaster County, PA) answered my inquiry by saying that Caspar was not one of the Wartman ancestors. Incidentally, I found both Frederick and George Hartman in the land grant lists, *Warranties of Land in County of Bucks*, between 1748 and 1752. Although there is no proof from this that these are the two aboard the ship Samuel in 1732, it does make one question the relationship between Caspar and George Harman.

Recently, another candidate came into the picture. One of my correspondents mentioned there was a Johannes Wirtman who arrived on the ship Dragon at Philadelphia, 30 September 1732. She also claimed to have found this same person in Bucks County, PA, while researching another name. Unfortunately, she did not give a reference for this. [My wife] Nancy did find a Jonathan Wirtman arriving on the Dragon in the *Passenger And Immigration Lists Index*, 1st edition, Volume 3, O-Z, by P. Wm. Filby with Mary K. Meyer. Reference was made to 6665, page 490. There was nothing else on this to which we could refer, so perhaps this needs to be researched more. We did not find him in *Pennsylvania German Pioneers* by Strassburger and Hinke, but could have missed the reference.

A cousin of Nancy's who lives in Utah with access to the Family History Center — Dora Kamalu — said she checked the ship list of the Dragon. Instead of Johan Wirtman, she found Johannes Wittman (Widtmann). (There is a possibility this is Wirtman when one recognizes how names were recorded in those days.) She also found a book, *General Data Relating to The German Settlers of Pa. And Adjacent Territory*. This is a

compilation of some ads placed in Sowers Newspaper mentioning those who might be of value to the genealogist. On page 31, one finds "Johann Philip Wirthmann, Blue Mountains," 1 February 1742. Nothing further is said as to what the entire ad might have been. Of importance, however, is the reference to the Blue Mountain.

In case one is not familiar with this area of Pennsylvania, the Blue Mountain is the dividing line today between West Penn Twp, Schuylkill County, on the north, and Lynn Twp, Lehigh County, on the south. In the 1750s, both areas were in Northampton County. North of the Blue Mountain was still Indian territory and thus sparsely settled. In *The Indian Forts of The Blue Mountain*, there is a petition to the Provincial Council dated 7 May 1757. In it there is a protest to the removal of Fort Franklin with words indicating if it were removed to Albany Township (Berks County) the signers "would be obliged to desert their plantations." One of the signers was George Wartman. Since a map in the book showed Fort Franklin to be north of the Blue Mountain, it would indicate George (GPI) had land there, although no proof has as yet been found. Bucks County Land Warranties show Philip Wartman with 100 acres surveyed 15 December 1749, and with 50 acres surveyed 8 August 1750. There is no record, however, as to where this land is located. In later years GPI is definitely located in Lynn Township with land in excess of 300 acres. The histories of Lehigh County show 197 acres warranted December 1749 and 123 acres August 1750. Is this the same Bucks County-surveyed land, or was the Bucks County land in West Penn Township? Incidentally, this petition is in several histories of Schuylkill County as well as the Pennsylvania Archives III page 153. (This may not be the correct volume number.)

At the present time, my opinion is that there is no relation between Caspar and GPI, but there is a distinct possibility some significant relationship exists between Johann and GPI. Maybe a ship list exists that will show GPI as a child on the Dragon, accompanying Johann. (It would certainly appear if one of those arriving in 1731-1732 were his sire; GPI could not have been born in America.) GPIII, Nancy's ggg grandfather, was born in 1763. Assuming Johann Michael, his father, were 20 at the birth of GPIII (Michael's first son Jacob was born in 1761), Michael would have been born in 1743, and GPI would have been born circa 1725.

At any rate, herein is a good mystery if one wishes to undertake it.

Reunion Schedule and Meals

by the Reunion Committee: Harry Dannecker, Lynn Dashner and Shirley Wertman

The Reunion Committee has made preliminary arrangements for a variety of meals. Some minimum numbers apply and will affect the cost. Therefore we ask that you forward the *Wertman Family Association Reunion Registration form* (page 11) with your payment **by 26 July** (make check payable to the Wertman Family Association) to *Lynn Dashner, 2646 Sickle Circle, Emmaus, PA, 18049-4628*. This is the same deadline for making your hotel reservations. If you miss any of the deadlines please call Lynn at 610-967-4826 or fax 610-966-7886 to check on availability.

Here are your choices:

Friday, 17 August 2001

Registration and Family Researcher's Meeting— Full breakfast buffet (8-9 a.m.) and full lunch buffet (noon-1 p.m.) will be provided at the Sheraton Inn Jetport's Teddy's Restaurant (American Cuisine). Coffee, tea and hot water will be provided throughout the researcher's meeting. An afternoon break including cold drinks will be available. The total price for all of the above is \$29 including tax and gratuity. The price for just



Jan Dannecker is creating this Wertman Family quilt to be auctioned at the August 2001 reunion. The design represents George Philip Wertman and his five sons: George Philip, Michael, Jacob, Simon and Martin.

breakfast and the morning break is \$12. The price for lunch and the afternoon break is \$17. There will be no charge for the meeting room, which is available from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. We need to have an accurate count by 26 July. This meeting will be geared towards the challenges faced by family researchers, but it is open to everyone. Please join us.

Family Dinner & Speaker— The Wertman Family Association will be hosting a family style dinner, possibly with a speaker invited from the Lynn Township Historical Society. The dinner will be held at 6 p.m. at the American Legion Fullerton Post #367, 609 Fullerton Ave., Fullerton — Whitehall, PA. This is 5-10 minutes from the hotel. The price of this family style, all-you-can-eat dinner is \$11 including tax and gratuity. There will be a cash bar. We need 50 people by 26 July in order to hold this dinner.

Saturday, 18 August 2001

Family Outing at Upper Macungie Park, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., on PA 100, which is 1 mile north of I-78 intersection. There is a pavilion with tables for 200, but feel free to bring your own lawn chair. Bring horseshoes and softball equipment, if inclined. Reunion registration continues. At 1 p.m., a picnic lunch with chicken, beef barbecue, sausages, hamburgers and hot dogs, the usual fixings, soft drinks, coffee, and a lot more, will be provided for \$8 per person (\$4 for children ages 5-10 years; no charge for children under five). This price is for 100 to 200 people. We need a count by 26 July.

A **family business meeting** follows lunch.

After the business meeting, bid on the Wertman family quilt at the **Auction**. Jan Dannecker is making a quilt to donate to this fund-raiser. If you would like to make or donate something, that is great! Let Jan know by calling 401-647-3991, e-mailing <dannecker@efortress.com> or writing to 32 Burgess Rd., Foster, RI 02825. Proceeds from the auction will defray the cost of this and future Wertman Family Association reunions. If enough money is raised, a portion of the proceeds may become seed money for a Wertman Family Association scholarship.

Sunday, 19 August

Plan to attend **church services** at the Ebenezer Union Church, New Tripoli, PA, where George Philip Wertman served as representative to purchase land for the church. Then, visit known **family history sites**. Meals are on your own.

Hotel Arrangements, 2001 Reunion 17-19 August

by the Reunion Committee: Harry Dannecker,
Lynne Dashner and Shirley Wertman

The 2001 reunion location is the **Sheraton Inn Jetport**, 3400 Airport Road, Allentown, PA 18109. We have obtained a group rate of \$89 per night plus 6% state and 3.5% local tax. A variety of room types are available. There are blocks of 10 rooms for Thursday night, 16 August, and 40 rooms for Friday and Saturday nights, 17 & 18 August, with checkout on Sunday, 19 August. You may come earlier and stay longer. Checkin after 3 p.m.; checkout by noon. Cancellations are needed at least 24 hours in advance.

To make your reservations, call **1-800-383-1100** by **26 July**. The block of rooms will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis. When you call, inform the reservation agent that you are with the Wertman Family Association Reunion.

The hotel is directly across from the Lehigh Valley International Airport in the heart of the Lehigh Valley Industrial Parks. This full-service Sheraton Inn features a heated indoor pool, a Finnish sauna, fitness equipment and free, high-speed internet access (T1 lines) in rooms. An airport courtesy shuttle is available upon request. All guest rooms include: coffee/tea maker, in-room movies, data port, television with cable, voicemail, hairdryer, irons and ironing boards.

In Allentown, Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom offer more than 100 rides and attractions. Experience colorful, creative fun on the Crayola Factory tour. From May through September, professional and amateur pedal-pushers race at the Lehigh County Velodrome. The 150-store Lehigh Valley Mall is convenient to the hotel.

Directions:

- From North: Take the PA Turnpike south to Exit 33 (Lehigh Valley) to US Route 22 East to Exit 987 North (Airport Road); the hotel is 1/2 mile ahead on the right.
- From South: Take the Northeast extension of PA Turnpike north to Exit 33 (Lehigh Valley) to US Route 22 East to Exit 987 North (Airport Road); the hotel is 1/2 mile ahead on the right.
- From East: Take I-78 West approximately 50 miles beyond Newark Airport to Exit 3 in New Jersey to US Route 22



West to exit for US Route 987 North (Airport Road); the hotel is on right across from LVI Airport.

- From West: Take I-78 East to Exit 15 to US Route 2 East to exit for US Route 987 North (Airport Road). GO through 2 traffic lights, and the hotel is on the right across from the LVI Airport.

Campgrounds

The Reunion Committee is assembling a list of nearby campgrounds.

Registration Form

Please mail your reunion registration form (pages 11, 12) **by 26 July** with appropriate payment to Lynn Dashner, 2646 Sickie Circle, Emmaus, PA, 18049-4628. Call Lynn at 610-967-4826 or fax 610-966-7886 if you have any questions.

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Registration Form: Wertman Family Association Reunion

Friday-Sunday, 17-19 August 2001, Allentown — Upper Macungie, Lehigh Co., PA ia

Please mail your registration form with appropriate payment to Lynn Dashner, 2646 Sickie Circle, Emmaus, PA 18049-4628 **by 26 July**. You may call Lynn at 610-967-4826 or fax 610-966-7886 if you have any questions. **Please make your check payable to the Wertman Family Association.** Please print. Thank you.

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

City / Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Attendance

1. Please list the names (including last names if different from yours) of your immediate family member(s) who will be attending

Friday, 17 August 2001 — Family Researcher's Meeting

2. Do you or a member of your immediate family want a reservation for breakfast and the morning breaks? Please circle: YES NO

3. If yes, how many will be partaking of the breakfast and morning breaks? _____

4. Do you or a member of your immediate family want a reservation for lunch and the afternoon breaks? YES NO

5. If yes, how many will be partaking of the lunch and afternoon breaks? _____

Family Dinner & Speaker

4. Do you or a member of your immediate family want a reservation for the family dinner? YES NO

5. If yes, how many will be partaking of the family dinner? _____

Saturday, 18 August 2001 — Family Outing at Upper Macungie Park

6. Do you or a member of your immediate family want a reservation for the family outing? YES NO

7. If yes, how many will be partaking of the family outing? _____

Sunday, 19 August 2001

On Sunday Morning would you like to:

8. Attend a Church Service at the Ebenezer Union Church, New Tripoli, PA?

• A. Please circle: YES NO

• B. If yes, how many will be attending church at Ebenezer Union Church? _____

9. Visits to known Wertman family sites & cemeteries? (Please make suggestions.) _____

• A. Please circle: YES NO

• B. If yes, how many will be visiting known Wertman family sites & cemeteries? _____

• C. If yes, will you be driving your own vehicle? YES NO

Contact Information

10. In order to facilitate communication while in the Lehigh County area, please provide a telephone number where you may be reached on 17-19 August 2001: _____

2001 Wertman Family Association Reunion -Event	Number Attending	Price Per Person	Total
Friday, 17 August 2001			
Family Researcher's Meeting - Breakfast & Morning Break		\$12.00	\$
Lunch & Afternoon Break		\$17.00	\$
Family Dinner & Speaker		\$11.00	\$
Saturday, 18 August 2001			
Family Outing at Upper McGungie Park			
10 Years of Age or Older		\$8.00	\$
Between 5 and under 10 Years of Age		\$4.00	\$
Under 5 Years of Age		\$0.00	\$0.00
Total of Meal Charges			\$

Please enclose your check for meal charges, as totaled above, payable to the Wertman Family Association. Mail to Lynn Dashner, 2646 Sickle Circle, Emmaus, PA 18049-4628 by 26 July.

Next issue: Look for an article by Ed Sterrett on visiting Ebenezer, Jacob's Union, Jerusalem, Freidens, Zion Union. Immanuel and Ben Salem churches and Wertman farms.

Wertman Family Association

c/o Shirley Daniels, Editor

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