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Reserve Your Lodging by 15 June

- 2014 Wertman Family Reunion
- Friday-Sunday, 15-17 August
- Barry Co., MI

2014 WFA Reunion Plans

By Richard Daniels

The Wertman Family Association 2014 Reunion Committee invites you to join us in Hastings, Barry Co., MI, 15-17 Aug. ***Please register by 15 July.***

Hastings (Pop. 7,350) has been named “One of the best 100 small towns in America.” This year, we will focus on Wertman families who moved to Michigan. We have identified over 400 descendants of George Philip Wertman¹ who lived in Michigan at some time. In 2012, reunion attendees voted to hold this year’s reunion in Michigan. Please support it!

Hotel

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Express, 1099 West M43 Highway, Hastings, (southwest Michigan, north of Kalamazoo) that will be held ***until 15 June.*** The group rate is \$109.76 *including all taxes* (AARP rate) for a standard room. Suites and accessible rooms are also available. We urge you to ***reserve now for your choice of room by calling 1-269-945-0000*** or email [<hi.hastings.mi@gmail.com>](mailto:hi.hastings.mi@gmail.com). See [<www.hiexpress.com/hotels/us/en/hastings/lanhs/hoteldetail>](http://www.hiexpress.com/hotels/us/en/hastings/lanhs/hoteldetail).

Rooms have a microwave, refrigerator and coffee maker. The hotel opened in fall 2013 and has free, wireless high-speed Internet access, complimentary hot breakfast, a pool, fitness center, and laundry. Many fast-food restaurants are nearby.

Thursday Evening

Those who arrive on Thursday can join our group for on-your-own dinner at Sam’s Joint at Gun Lake, about 12 miles from the hotel. Sam’s is known for its ribs, lake fish, and eclectic décor.

Friday Meeting

Researchers will meet at 9 a.m. on Friday at the Hastings Holiday Inn Express conference room. Hear about related families who lived in the state at some time (in addition to six families in southwest Michigan discussed in 2011 and summarized in the Research Meeting Minutes, January 2012 *Wertman Lines*.) Additional presentations are encouraged! The County Seat restaurant in Hastings will deliver Gourmet pizzas for lunch.

Friday Dinner and Speaker

Join us at The Seasonal Grill in downtown Hastings for dinner including a honey-glazed ham carving station, dill-roasted redskin potatoes, herb-roasted asparagus, house salad, dessert, and non-alcoholic beverages. Our after-dinner speaker is Brian Reynolds, a past president of the Barry County

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Historical Society. Mr. Reynolds is a land surveyor, which involves historical research, and has an interest in broader local history.

Saturday Picnic

We will have our annual picnic at Fish Hatchery Park, with a covered pavilion and rest rooms. The Walldorff Brewpub and Bistro will cater the lunch buffet of sandwich fixings and salads, including ham, turkey, pastrami, cheeses, fresh breads, lettuce and tomatoes, kettle chips, fruit salad, Caesar salad, pasta salad, condiments, and non-alcoholic beverages. Guests are invited to bring a dessert to



The Gilmore car museum has more than just automobile displays. There is an old-time gas station, and this historic diner, which is open for lunch.



The world's largest hand-painted mural surrounds the interior of the main Air Zoo building. There are displays of early planes through space shuttles.

share. The annual business meeting and auction will follow the picnic.

Sunday Tours

Those touring on Sunday will car-pool to three cemeteries, Cedar Creek, Banfield, and Hickory Corners, where at least 35 Wertmans are buried. A Wertman home in Denton, family-owned since 1898, may also be included on the tour.

Other Sites of Interest

Michigan is beautiful at this time of the year and has a multitude of historic and interesting attractions. It is known as a water wonderland with hundreds of lakes for boating, fishing, and swimming. Visits to the following nearby sites are highly recommended while you are in the area:

- Air Zoo Aviation Museum, just south of Kalamazoo at the airport, <www.airzoo.org>
- Gilmore Car Museum, Hickory Corners, 20 miles south of hotel on M432, <gilmorecar museum.org>
- Historic Charlton Park, six miles south of Hastings, a 310-acre museum with turn-of-the-century local buildings <charltonpark.org>

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From the Archives:

Wertmans in Otsego County, Michigan

By Kathy Bucher

Almost four hours north of Hastings, Michigan, where the Wertman Family Association will meet in August 2014, is the town of Vanderbilt in Corwith Twp., Otsego Co., where Emanuel B. Wertman⁵, 1842-1898, and his second wife, Mary E. Stumpf, 1848-1898, lived. Born in Lockport, Niagara Co., NY, to Daniel Wertman⁴, 1816-1898, (Daniel³, Michael², George Philip¹) and Mary Magdalene (Polly) Blosser, 1821-1874, Emanuel was a Civil War veteran (Article in January 2006, *Wertman Lines*, pg. 5). He and Mary resided in several locations in New York before leaving for Genesee Co., Michigan and then on to Otsego Co., Michigan.

According to a typewritten history in the Wertman Family Archives, at the time that Emanuel and Mary arrived in Vanderbilt, the population of Corwith Township was only 254 (1880 U.S. Federal Census), with 50 people in Vanderbilt (Michigan State Gazetteer). The price of land ranged from \$6 to \$30 per acre. Travel on the stage to Gaylord, nine miles away, was \$1. Lumber was a primary business in the region with pine cut in the early years and hardwood in the 1890s. By the early 1900s, most of the land was cleared and under cultivation with potatoes and other crops shipped out of four warehouses by railroad.

Fire was a constant threat to the region. According to a typewritten history of the area, "forest fires often burned out of control over thousands of acres and sometimes the heat was so intense that it ruined the nutrients in the soil." When the Manley and Olds wood products mill burned in 1911 and the Yuill Bothers lumber mill burned in 1920, they were not rebuilt. With the decline of lumbering, many people left the area to seek higher paying jobs in the new automobile industry.

Built in the 1880s, the Vanderbilt School had only ten grades until 1912 with the first high school graduates in 1913. Helen Wertman, daughter of Henry E. Wertman and granddaughter of Emanuel B. Wertman, graduated in 1919. Her sister Dorothy is not listed as a graduate, although she is listed in the intermediate grades in 1912.

Vanderbilt was fortunate to have at least three doctors during its early years and one of them may have made the medical reports that supported Emanuel Wertman's requests to increase his Navy invalid pension. Emanuel may have been a member of General Harker Post 263 G. A. R., which was organized in 1884. He is listed on a plaque at the Evergreen Hills Cemetery on North Yuill Road along with other deceased veterans.

In addition to histories of Vanderbilt, the Wertman Family Archives has a number of documents related to Emanuel B. including a West Corwith Township map, several deeds and land records as well as the administration of Emanuel's estate.

Also in the files is a listing of the birth and death records of Otsego Co., which include the following:

- Wertman, Dorothy G., b. 1902; d. 1944
- Wertman, Emanuel B., b. —; d. 2 Dec 1898, age 52 yrs.
- Wertman, Henry E., b. 1876; d. 1935
- Wertman, Mary E., wife of Emanuel B.; b. —; d. 4 Oct. 1898; age 48 yrs.
- Wertman, Myrtle A., wife of Henry E.; b. 1877; d. 1953
- Wertman, Orlo Everett, b. 8 Aug 1905; d. 18 Oct 1905

More than Orphans in Orphans' Court Records

By Kathy Bucher

The title of "Orphans' Court" in Pennsylvania can be a little misleading to beginning researchers. According to an explanation at The Philadelphia Courts <<http://courts.phila.gov/common-pleas/orphans/>> the Orphans' Court "serves to protect the personal and property rights of all persons and entities that may not be otherwise capable of handling their own affairs."

What might you find in Orphans' Court records? In addition to guardians for minors and incapacitated persons, you may find information on deceased individuals who left property but no heirs (see Shirley Daniels' article in the January 2006 issue of *Wertman Lines*), administration of an estate, and appeals from the Register of Wills, as well as cases related to disputes that "may arise in connection to the application for a marriage license."

Philip Wertman's 1741 Land in Oley Township, Pennsylvania

By Richard Daniels

Several people who attended the 2013 Wertman Reunion in Berks County drove by the location of 100 acres warranted to Philip Wurtman [sic] by the Proprietaries in 1741. An entry for the land Warrant in the Published Pennsylvania Archives describes the land as "situated at the foot of the Hills in Oley Township..." The Survey drafts "a tract of Land situate in Alsace Township late Philadelphia County but now Berks County... Survey'd the tenth day of January 1791 for Christian Wicks." (Alsace Twp. incorporated part of southwest Oley when formed.) In 1782 Philip Wartman [sic] conveyed his right to Conrad Keller.



Above: Facing the land; Below, looking east from it



Wertman/Krum Descendants in Michigan

By Richard Daniels

The female lines of any family get short-changed, but daughters are just as important in the lineage as sons carrying the surname. I followed the line of Maria (Mary) Elizabeth Wertman³ (Jacob², George Philip¹) who married Henry Krum, and found 11 descendants who lived in Michigan.

Elizabeth was born 31 July 1786 in Pennsylvania. She appears to be Jacob and Magdalena (Reichelderfer) Wertman's youngest child and the last to leave home. Henry Krum was born 13 Nov. 1783 in Northampton Co., PA. Elizabeth and Henry were on the 1850 Census in Montour Twp., Columbia Co. He died 29 Dec. 1852 in Bloomsburg, Columbia Co., at age 69, and was buried at St. Peters Lutheran Cemetery, Lazarus, Montour Co. Elizabeth died 12 Apr. 1859 in Columbia Co. at age 72. The couple had 13 children, two of whom, Jonas (1) and Lydia (2), had children who went to Michigan.

1. Jonas Krum⁴ was born in 1806 in Northampton Co. He married Catharine Ernst, born circa 1812, daughter of Henry Ernst and — Gietner. He and Catharine were on the 1850 Census in Bloom Twp., Columbia Co., and in the 1860, 1870, and 1880 censuses in Limestone Twp., Montour Co., where they had a farm. Jonas died in Turbotville, Northampton Co. Two of their 11 children born in Pennsylvania went to Michigan, Daniel (1.1) and Jacob (1.2).

1.1. Daniel E. Krum⁵, born Feb. 1838, married Emily Hoisington 24 Apr. 1862 in St. Joseph Co., MI. She was born Apr. 1841 in New York to Frederick A. Hoisington and Rachael E. —. Daniel appeared on the 1850 Census in Bloom Twp., Columbia Co., PA, and on the 1860 Census in Fabius, St. Joseph Co., MI. In 1890, he lived in Brady Twp., Kalamazoo Co., MI. He was listed as a brick maker on the 1900 Census in LaGrange, Cass Co. Daniel was buried at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Cassopolis, Cass Co., MI. Daniel and Emily had two children, Ralph (1.1.1.) and Mildred (1.1.2).

1.1.1 Ralph E. Krum⁶ was born 30 Nov. 1863 in Michigan. He married Edith G. Trudell 28 Nov. 1899 in St. Joseph Co. Edith was born in Sep. 1878 in Michigan. She was also known as Edith G. Bradford. They were listed on the censuses of 1900,

1910 and 1920 in La Grange, where Ralph was a mail carrier. On the 1930 census, they were in Dowagiac, Cass Co. Ralph died 23 Jan. 1935 in Dowagiac at age 71. He was buried at Prospect Hill Cemetery. They had a daughter, Donna (1.1.1.1.).

1.1.1.1. Donna E. Krum⁷ was born 3 Apr. 1907 in Cassopolis. She married Harley Glenroy Cooper, son of Glenn M. Cooper and Minnie Miller, 5 Apr. 1926 in Cass Co. Harley was born 1 Mar. 1904 in Cass Co. Donna was on the 1910 and 1920 censuses in La Grange. She and Harley were on the 1930 Census in Elkhart, Elkhart Co., IN, and on the 1940 Census in Howard, Cass Co. Harley was a salesman and factory paymaster. He died 10 May 1964 in Niles, Berrien Co., MI, at age 60; Donna died 15 Nov. 1988 in Niles at age 81. Both are buried at Prospect Hill Cemetery, Cassopolis. They had one known child, Joan or JoAnn (1.1.1.1.1.).

1.1.1.1.1. Joan Cooper⁸ was born in 1927 in Michigan. She appeared on the 1930 Census in Elkhart and in 1940 was living in Howard, Cass Co.

1.1.2. Mildred Krum⁶, daughter of Daniel E. Krum and Emily Hoisington, was born in Jan. 1869 in Flowerfield, St. Joseph Co., MI. She married Orville Gilbert Hursen, son of Selmas Hursen and Martha E. Walkins, 20 Mar. 1890 in Vicksburg, Kalamazoo Co., MI. They moved to Chicago, where they had three children. She died 9 Feb. 1920 in Chicago, Cook Co., IL, at age 51.

1.2. Jacob Krum⁵ was born in Apr. 1845 in Pennsylvania. He married Ella Ulrich in 1877. Ella was born in Nov. 1854 in Indiana. Jacob appeared on the 1850 Census in Bloom Twp., Columbia Co. and on the 1860 Census in Limestone Twp., Montour Co. By the 1880 Census, he and Ella had moved to Mendon, St. Joseph Co., MI. They were living in Kalamazoo in 1900 and 1910. He was an iron worker and helper at a velocipede works. Jacob died 9 Mar. 1917 in Kalamazoo at age 71. Ella was on the 1920 Census in Kalamazoo and on the 1930 Census in Mendon. Three children, born in Michigan, were Clayton (1.2.1.), Paul (1.2.2.), and Lloyd (1.2.3.).

1.2.1. Clayton Krum⁶ was born in Dec. 1878. He married Lulu — and later Carrie —, born ca 1887 in Kansas. Clayton was on the 1880 Census in Mendon. He was living in Kalamazoo and working as a bartender according to the 1900 and 1910 censuses. He and Lulu lived between 1912 and 1915 in Kala-

mazoo. In 1917, he lived at 278 Park Blvd., Detroit, Wayne Co., MI. He and Carrie lived at 675 Brainard, Detroit, in 1940, where he managed an apartment building.

1.2.2. Paul Krum⁶ was born in May 1883. As of 1900, he lived in Kalamazoo. He is listed on the censuses of 1910 and 1920 in Kalamazoo, working as a clerk in a retail grocery store. In 1930, Paul lived in Mendon. He died 6 Aug. 1940 in St. Joseph Co. at age 57.

1.2.3. Lloyd Krum⁶ was born 27 July 1885 in Michigan. He married Lillie —, born circa 1885 in Michigan, circa 1911. He appeared on the censuses of 1900 and 1910 in Kalamazoo. In 1917, he and Lillie lived in Allegan Twp., Allegan Co., MI and were listed there on the censuses of 1920, 1930, and 1940. Lloyd was a farmer. He died in June 1967 in Allegan Co. at age 81. Lloyd and Lillie had a son, Paul Krum (1.2.3.1.).

1.2.3.1. Paul Krum⁷ was born 3 June 1913 in Michigan. He was on the censuses of 1920 and 1930 in Allegan Twp. On the 1940 Census, he lived on Cake Rd., Allegan Twp. He died 14 Oct. 1986 in Allegan Twp. at age 73.

2. Lydia Krum⁴, another child of Elizabeth Wertman and Henry Krum, was born in 1827 in Columbia Co., PA. On 8 Apr. 1852 she married Jacob Hartman, born 5 July 1826 in Columbia Co. to Jacob Frederick Hartman and Maria Christina Heimbach. Lydia was on the 1850 Census in Montour Twp., Columbia Co. She and Jacob, a farmer, lived in Cooper Twp., Montour Co, on the 1860, 1870, and 1880 censuses. It appears that Jacob had a second marriage to Mary C. —. One of Lydia and Jacob's sons, Isaac Henry (2.1), went to Michigan.

2.1. Isaac Henry Hartman⁵ was born in Mar. 1853. He married Martha Jane "Janney" Berninger, daughter of Jacob Berninger and Mary Heimbach, circa 1876. Janney was born in July 1851 in Michigan. On the censuses of 1860 and 1870, Henry lived in Cooper Twp., Montour Co., PA. Pennsylvania. He was a farmer in Lockport Twp., St. Joseph Co., MI on the censuses of 1880, 1900, 1910 and 1920. He died 26 Feb. 1926 in Lockport Twp. at age 72. Janney was listed on the 1930 Census at 208 Fisher Lake Rd. East, Lockport Twp. She died 24 Oct. 1935 in Lockport at age 84. They appear to have had no children.

Civil War 150th Anniversary: 2011-2015

How Did the Civil War Impact the Wertman Family?

By Russ Dannecker

(part of a 2013 reunion presentation)

Wertman Soldiers

- Identified so far: 31
- Known relationship to George Philip¹: 28
Descend from four sons: Jacob, Michael, Simon and Martin
- Of the known Wertman and related soldiers, all but two were four generations removed from George Philip Wertman¹.

Some Interesting Facts

- The oldest was Reuben Wertman, born 1819, age 43 when he enlisted.
- The youngest, Norman, George Westley and Willoughby Wertman were 17 when they enlisted but based on the date of enlistment, Norman was younger at 17 years, 3 months and 20 days.
- The last to die was Philip Levan Wertman in 1929 at age 93.

Roll of Honor—Died in Service

- 1862 -- Reuben Wertman, Homerville, Ohio, after Shiloh, age 43
- 1863 -- John Levan Wertman, Falmouth, Virginia, age 22
- 1863 -- George W. Wertman, Van Buren Hospital, Louisiana, age 20

Wounded

- William W. Wertman at Sparta
- William Walter Wertman at Cold Harbor
- Jacob Vogel at Gettysburg
- Nathan Wertman at Vicksburg

Prisoners of War

- Emanuel B. Wertman
- Jacob Vogel

Deserted ?

- James P. Wertman
- Isaac Wertman

Brothers fighting beside brothers

- Seven families with two brothers
- One family with three brothers

The Civil War 1861-1865

By Russ Dannecker

(part of a 2013 reunion presentation)

Brother Against Brother

- President Abraham Lincoln, Commander-In-Chief of the Union Army, had four brothers-in-law in the Confederate Army. Three sisters-in-law were married to Confederate officers.
- President Jefferson Davis, Commander-In-Chief of the Confederate Army, had served in the U.S. Army as Colonel and had been U.S. Secretary of War. As a U.S. Senator, he was Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee.
- General U. S. Grant, Commanding General of the Union Army, had owned slaves before the war. His father -in-law was pro-slavery.
- General George Pickett led the Confederate charge at Gettysburg on 3 July 1863. He was a native of Virginia, but had been appointed to West Point from Illinois. (John Todd Stuart obtained the appointment at the request of his law partner, Abraham Lincoln.)

2.3 Million Soldiers in the Union Army

- 70% were under 23 years of age
- 100,000 were age 16; an equal number were 15
- 300 were age 13 or less
- 25 were no older than 10
- Some “boys” would be generals before they were old enough to vote

Huge Losses

- The largest regimental loss in a single battle was sustained by the 26th North Carolina Infantry at Gettysburg, that went into battle with 800. By the end of the third day, 708 were dead, wounded or missing. In one company of 84, every officer and man was hit.
- The largest numerical loss in a single battle was at Gettysburg, with 21% of Union soldiers killed or wounded and 30% of Confederates. There were over 51,000 casualties in three days.
- Antietam, 17 Sept. 1862: The bloodiest single day in American military history left 22,717 dead, wounded, and missing on both sides.
- Military deaths during the Civil War totaled more than 618,000.

Advantages of the North

- Twice the population of the Confederate States
- Double the railroad miles
- Five times as many factories

Advantages of the South

- The best generals
- Defending is always easier than attacking
- Farmers fight better than factory workers

Civil War Firsts

- Practical machine-gun use and use of repeating rifle in combat
- Use of railroads as a major means of transporting troops and supplies
- Extensive use of trenches and field fortifications
- Extensive use of land mines (subterranean shells)
- Naval mines (torpedoes)
- Iron-clad ships engaged in combat
- Multi-manned submarine
- Organized and systematic care of wounded on the battlefield
- Visual signaling by flag and torch during combat
- Use of portable telegraph units on the battlefield
- Aerial military reconnaissance from a manned balloon
- Military Draft in the United States
- Organized use of Black troops in combat
- Income tax, levied to finance the war
- Photograph taken in combat
- Medal of Honor awarded an American Soldier

Research Tip

by Kathy Bucher

You didn't find a will, so there wouldn't be a probate record, right? Actually, that might be wrong!

When Henry Updegrave and his wife Elizabeth Harner died in the late 1800s within three years of each other, they left no children and no wills. However, Henry had owned property that was claimed by both Henry's brothers and sisters and by Elizabeth's mother. The resulting fight left a detailed record in the probate files naming Elizabeth's parents, Henry's siblings, some of Henry's nieces and nephews, and the married names of many of the females.

So, just because you don't find a will, don't forget to check the probate records, too.

Sprechen Sie Deutsch?

By Shirley Daniels

No, I don't speak German. However, after 25 years researching German roots, I can recognize some basic genealogical terms, and since many German words resemble English words, I can sometimes deduct their meaning. On several research trips to the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, I tackled an entire section of genealogy books, some in German script, some in English, to search for Wertmans who emigrated. Not all of these people came to America, not all left in the early 1700s, but these are clues to where the family may have originated. Here are some extractions (and non-findings), with apologies for any mis-readings.

Wardmann, Friedrich, 8 p[ersons], Sulzbach 1784, to Hungary. Werner Hacker, "Auswanderung aus der Rheinpfalz un dem Saarland - 18th Century Register of Emigrants from Southwest Germany," 1994; pg. 479 (929.13 H115e)

Warthmann, Abraham, in Lt. Goshin Van Alstein's Company of militia 8 Aug 1763 (Report of the State historian, Vol II, pg 798). **Abraham Wartman** on a tax list of Canajoharie in 1766 (*Upstate NY in the 1760s* by Florence Christoph, pg. 135). **Abraham Warthman** and wf Anna Catharina had among their issue Christina, b. or bp. 15 Mar. 1756, spons. Jacob Bauman and Margaretha Kremerin. (Stone Arabia Lutheran Chbk.). Henry Z. Jones and Lewis Bunker Rohrbach, "Even More Palatine Families, 18th C Immigrants to the American Colonies and their German, Swiss and Austrian Origins," 2002, Vol 1, pg. 741 (929.13 J71ma)

Warthmann, Christof Heinrich b. 23 Jun. 1826 Haberschlacht, dist. town Brackenheim, 1851, NY; **Warthmann, Rosine Dorothea**, b. 20 May 1835 Haberschlacht, Brackenheim, 1857, NY; **Wartmann, George Christoph**, b. Michelbach/Geislingen, fr. Brackenheim, 1817; **Wartmann, Johan George** b. 19 Mar. 1832 Michelbach, Brck., Apr. 1816. Trudy Schenk and Ruth Froelke, "Wuerttemberg Emigration Index," Vol. 6, pg. 446. (929.13w, 8 vols) Extracted from original Wuerttemberg emigration records filmed at Ludwigsburg and available on microfilm at the Genealogical Society of Utah in Salt Lake City. The original records were compiled according to the Oberamt (county seat or district town) to which the applicant belonged. The date of applica-

tion [year listed above] for emigration could be many years before the actual emigration or after if the emigrant had secretly left earlier.

Werckemann, Johann, Forst, Burger, mit Frau u. kindern P 21.4.1784 (Polen); **Verkmann, Johann**, Forst, Bauer, 8 pers., durch Wien U 25.5.1784 (Ungarn). Werner Hacker, "Auswanderungen aus dem Fruheren Hochstiff Speyer nach Sudosteuropa und Ubersee im XVIII Jahrhundert," 1969, pg. 11 (943.46 H11a)

Werthmann, Johann Michael [married] 19.6.1724 Anna Maria Olt, nachdem sie vorher unehelich ein Kind gezeugt und öffentlich Kirchenbusse gethan, so in Ungarn gezogen, Ungarn; from Vielbrunn, KB Vielbrun: 1726, den 28.10 wurde **Michael Werthmann**, vor 4 Wochen aus Hungarrland in Hunger und Kummer allhier krank ankommend, begraben. Ella Gieg, "Auswanderungen aus dem Odenwaldkreis," 1992, (929.13 G36a vols 1-5)

Wirtman, Jacob and wife spons Catharina Margaretha, daughter of Leonhardt Weit and wf. Eva Margaretha, b. 8 Mar. 1768 (NYC Luth Chbk). Jones and Rohrbach, *op. cit.*, pg. 750, Vol 1.

Wortmann, Friedrich, geboren 1806, ausgewandert nach USA 1847 mit Frau Elise geb Eckroth geboren 1810, ausgewandert nach USA 1847 und 5 Kindern, Namen von Auswandererern, die von 1832 bis 1850 Metelen Verliessen. Friedrich E. Hunsche, "Auswanderungen aus dem Kreis Steinfurt," 1983, pg. 176 (929.13 H91a)

Wortman, Johannes: 1,283 passengers embarked in Rotterdam on three ships and sailed for London 23 May 1709 O.S.; 1,193 arrived in London 27 May 1909. On the 1709 Rotterdam Departure List, second party, were **Johannes Wortman** and Vrou (2), Anna Margaret (1), Hend'k Wortman (1), and kindren (2) [under age 10]. Jones and Rohrbach, *op. cit.*, Vol. 3, pg 1566.

Five parties of Palatines returned to Rotterdam. On the London Lists of Palatines Shipped for Holland on board the Providence, 217 passengers, Nath. Thessick, master, was **Johann Worthman** (5). Jones and Rohrbach, *op. cit.*, Vol. 3, pg. 1669. On the Rotterdam Lists of Palatines on board the Providence, Nath. Thessick, master, **Johan Wortman** (5). Jones and Rohrbach, *op. cit.*, Vol. 3, pg. 1673.

Wuerdemann, Wilhelm, 21 yrs old, a dyer or stainer; Immigrant on the ship "Elizabeth" 1832 to NY from Bremen, cabin class; **Wuerdemann, Ama-**

lie, 47 yrs old. Robert D. Craig, "German Immigrants from the Pfalz," 1962, pg. 10 (929.13 C84g)

No Findings in Indices

Fritz Braun (828.13 B73a 1851847)

- "Auswanderer aus Kaiserslautern im 18 Jahrhundert

Werner Hacker (929.13 H various volumes)

- "Auswanderungen aus Badem und dem Breisgau," Obere und mittlere rechtsseitige Ober-rheinlande im 18 Jahrhundert archivalisch dokumentiert

- "Auswanderungen aus Rheinpfalz und Saarland im 18 Jarhundert"

- "Kurpfalzische Auswanderrerr vom Unteren Neckar," Rechtsrheinische Gebiete der Kurpfalz
Roland Paul (929.13 H532pa)

- Briefe pfalzischer Auswanderer aus Nordamerika (1733-1899)

Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen (929.13IN77u)

USA - Deutschland-Baden und Wurttemberg

Clifford Neal Smith, German-American Genealogical Research monographs #6, 9, 14, 16 (929.13sm)

- "Emigrants from the Principality of Hessen-Hanau, Germany, 1741-1767"

- "Emigrants from the West German Fuerstenberg Territories (Baden and the Palatinate) to America and Central Europe 1712, 1737, 1787"

- "Emigrants from Fellbach (Baden-Wuerttemberg, Germany) 1735-1930"

- "18th Century Emigrants from Kreis Simmern (Hunsrueck) Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany, to central Europe, Pfalzdorf Am Niederrhein, and North America"

Translated Material (Thanks to our neighbor, Joe Vaughan, for his valiant efforts!)

The wife of Ludwig Lambachs was named **Margarethe Wortmann** (not von Wortman.) She was the daughter of Dortmund citizen, dr. **Johann Wortmann**, who although knighted an Earl of the royal court in 1628, was not granted the *von* predicate. Margarethe Wortmann's mother was named Clara Syberg (not von Syberg). She was a daughter of Henrich Syberg, an illegitimate son of the landed nobleman Juergen von Syberg. [Only legitimate sons could inherit nobility.] *Von einigen Gefahrenquellen für Dortmund Familienforscher* "Archiv für Sippenforschung und alle verwandten Gebiete," Wentscher, Vol. 15, pp 85 & 86 (929.13 AR25)

Through The Years...

By Shirley and Richard Daniels

Happy, sad, funny and unusual slices of life are depicted in newspaper items from the present through the past. Here are some Wertman items collected by Richard Daniels from the Chronicling America site of the Library of Congress, which allows free access to digitized newspapers across the United States, and other online sources.

Crescent News, Defiance, OH, 18 Oct. 2011—**“Thomas Wertman**, co-director of the Cleveland Ufology Project and chief field investigator for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) of Ohio, spoke to more than 30 people during his talk at the Defiance Public Library on Monday. “I’m not here to convince you that aliens are coming from a different planet. I’m just here to talk about the cases I’ve been involved with,” said Wertman, a math teacher.

Huronite and Daily Plainsman, Huron, SD, 4 Oct. 1956—“A tame squirrel bit Mrs. William Ebert, 234 Utah Ave. S.E. on the leg Monday morning, but the bite had no apparent after effects.... **Frank Wertman**, who had tamed the squirrel, was ordered to keep [it] caged to prevent any further incidents.”

Albuquerque Journal, Albuquerque, NM, 4 July 1938—“Alamosa, Colo., July 3 - Cupid scored again Sunday night when an Ohio schoolgirl won her father’s permission to marry a youth with whom she hitch-hiked across country last week. **[Milton Ambrose] Wertman**, head of a Cleveland machinery company... had a happy reunion with the runaway girl and then gave her his consent to marry Robert Hope, 17....”

Los Angeles Herald, Los Angeles, CA, 27 Aug. 1906—“Shamokin, Pa., Aug. 26 - Never did luck coquette more cruelly with a man than with **Daniel Wertman**, a coal wagon driver, today. Wertman found a purse containing \$3,000. ‘Great luck!’ he shouted. A few minutes later a stranger inquired for the purse, described its contents and received it. ‘Take a chance for your reward,’ said the stranger, and allowed Wertman, with his eyes shut, to draw any bill he liked from the purse, which contained principally twenties and fifties. Wertman drew and got a \$1 bill. ‘Rotten luck,’ he growled.”

The Columbian, Bloomsburg, PA, 6 July 1899 issue—“Saturday afternoon, Chief Mincemoyer arrested a stranger who was making a show of himself

along Mill Street while under the influence of drink. After the fellow had spent several hours in the lock up, he was taken before Squire Hunter where the usual fine of \$2 was imposed. The fellow gave his name as **E. Wertman....**”

Carbon Advocate, Lehighton, PA, 12 Mar. 1892 issue — **“‘Billy’ Wertman** is nursing a badly sprained leg, resultant from jumping off a rapidly moving coal train the other day.”

21 May 1892 issue — “The other day, a hen owned by **Philip Wertman** of Fourth street, hatched a chicken or rather twin chickens from one egg. Both chickens were perfectly formed in every particular with the exception that at the extreme of the back bone, they were joined together. They only lived a short time.”

The Sun, New York, NY, 8 Aug. 1905 — Wilkesbarre, Aug. 7 - “Among the many visitors to this city, when President Roosevelt comes here next Thursday, may be Mrs. Lydia Rantz [87] of Danville and some of her 112 descendants.... She has six children, thirty-five grandchildren, sixty-four great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren. **James Wertman**, one of Mrs. Rantz’s grandchildren, has eighteen children including three pairs of twins and one set of triplets.... Mrs. Rantz is active and energetic, despite her great age and works constantly, still doing excellent needlework.

One final item, from the *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, Vol. 39, # 3, Aug. 2001, “Marriages (and Death) from Early Alexandria Newspapers, abstracted by Wesley E. Pippenger, is not about Wertmans but boggles the genealogist’s mind. “March 4, 1800, Tuesday, page 3. Married, at Middletown on the 5th inst., Thomas Tilton, in the 76th year of his age, to Mary Lucur, in her 13th year. She is the daughter’s daughter of Thomas Tilton’s former wife; so that this husband and this wife, were at least half grandfather and half granddaughter. – At the same place, a few weeks since, John Lucur, the brother of the above mentioned bride, to his half aunt Catherine Clinton, widow, and the daughter of Thomas Tilton, the above named bride’s groom. *Quere*. If both the above pairs should be blessed with legitimate issue (if their issue can be legitimate) how would genealogical readers track them in the degrees of affinity, so that the term might clearly express their nearest of kin? (Trenton Fed.)”

About The Wertman Family Association (WFA)

Since 2000, the rejuvenated Wertman Family Association has held annual reunions in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, New York, and Virginia. Those who attend learn more about relatives who lived before them, and form relationships with cousins from around the country. A unique feature of these events is a full-day session for researchers to share their discoveries. An earlier family association held reunion picnics in Pennsylvania and Michigan for a large group of relatives in the 1920s and 1930s.

Using the WFA website, <www.wertman.info>, strangers can discover long-lost family connections. The Wertman web pages disseminate accurate information about the family's heritage. In August 2007, the association dedicated a monument in the old graveyard at Ebenezer Union Church in New Tripoli, Lehigh County, PA. The black granite stone is in memory of the Wertman family that came to Lynn Township by 1749, including the "founding father," George Philip Wertman (a deacon at Ebenezer Church), and his five known sons, George Philip, Jacob, Johan Martin, Johan Michael, and Simon.

We invite you to join us!

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Newsletter: *We will begin printing just one issue a year.* In the interim, look for news and information on <www.Wertman.info> or in electronic or postal mailings.



The 2013 Wertman Reunion picnic at the Daniel Boone Homestead in Berks Co. PA drew a varied crowd.

Register by 15 July for the Wertman Family Reunion 15-17 August, Barry County, MI