

Wertman

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Register Now!

- Annual Wertman Family Reunion
- 12-13 August 2016
- Richmond, VA
- Optional day 14 August

17th Wertman Family Association Reunion, "On to Richmond!"

By Russell Dannecker, President, WFA

The Wertmans are coming, again, as they did in 1861-1865.

The 2016 Wertman Family Reunion will focus on the struggle to capture the Confederate Capitol at Richmond. More importantly, it will focus on our Wertman predecessors and their roles in the capture.

So far, we have identified 44 Wertman soldiers in the American Civil War; 41 of them with known relationships to George Philip Wertman¹. They descend from four of George Philip Wertman's five sons, Jacob, Michael, Simon and Martin. Nineteen of these soldiers were "on to Richmond!"

Ten Wertman descendants served at Richmond. The National Battlefield Park at Richmond includes the site of a naval battle, a key industrial complex, the Confederacy's largest hospital, dozens of miles of original fortifications, and the places where determined soldiers stood paces apart and fought with rifles with a staggering human cost.

At least eight Wertman descendants served at Cold Harbor, including Eli Cope, who was killed in action, and William Walter Wertman, who was wounded and returned to his bride permanently disabled.

Nine Wertman descendants served at Petersburg. Lasting nine and a half months, the longest military

event of the Civil War was the siege of Petersburg. Seventy thousand casualties, the suffering of civilians, thousands of U. S. Colored Troops fighting for the freedom of their people, and the decline of General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia all describe the siege. Here, General Ulysses S. Grant cut off all of Petersburg's supply lines, ensuring the fall of Richmond on 3 April 1865. At The Crater, hear the story of David Koch who tried to break through to Richmond. At City Point, learn of Elijah Wertman, who was sick but ordered to identify and bury his comrades; George E. Wertman, who was hospitalized; and others who passed through.

Ten Wertman descendants served at Hampton Roads. The Battle of Hampton Roads between the first American ironclad warships, the USS Monitor and the CSS Virginia took place off Sewell's Point 8 and 9 March 1862. That battle was inconclusive, but later in 1862, Union forces took control of Hampton Roads, Norfolk, and the lower James River. However, their efforts to take Richmond via the James River with their vastly superior Navy were thwarted by a strong Confederate battery position

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high above a bend in the river at Drewry's Bluff. Fort Monroe was the launching place for Union General George McClellan's massive 1862 Peninsula Campaign. At Fortress Monroe, hear stories of James Wertman who was in hospital and deserted, Isaac Wertman, Moses Rubright, and Daniel Shearer, who started their Peninsular Campaign from here, and Philip and Levi Wertman, who ended the war here.

Mark your calendar and plan now to attend the 2016 Wertman Family Reunion in Richmond.

Russell Dannecker, WFA President
6th Great Grandson of George Philip Wertman¹

2016 Reunion Highlights

Friday-Saturday, 12-13 August

This is a condensed schedule. For complete details, check our website at *Wertman.info*.

Thursday, 11 August

2:00-5:30 PM -- Registration -- Holiday Inn, 445 International Center Dr., Sandston, VA (Richmond Airport).

6:00 PM -- Dinner -- Long Horn Steakhouse, 4409 South Laburnum Ave., Richmond. Informal meal on your own.

Friday, 12 August

8:00-8:45 AM -- Family Business Meeting and Breakfast -- Our annual Family Business meeting will be held as we eat.

8:45-10:15 AM -- Orientation Meeting -- Get an overview of the sites we will be visiting, and the soldiers whose footsteps we will be following.

10:30 AM (Sharp) -- Travel together by bus.

11:15 AM to 12:45 PM -- Petersburg National Military Park, City Point -- (Orientation Film & Visitor's Center) -- U. S. Grant's Headquarters and the busiest port in the world

1:00-1:30 PM -- Lunch, Hardee's (on your own)

2:00-2:30 PM -- Petersburg National Military Park, Eastern Front Visitor Center — Auto/caravan tour.

6:30 PM -- Dinner and Speaker, Roma Ristorante Italiano, 325 East Williamsburg Rd., Sandston. All you can eat Italian buffet. The after-dinner

speaker is our own WFA Vice President, Hal Merz, telling about the Wertman family involvement in the Underground Railroad (the route to free slaves).

Saturday, 13 August

7:45 AM (Sharp) -- Travel together by bus.

9:00-11:00 AM -- (Guided Tour) USS Monitor Center, The Mariners' Museum, Newport News -- Ironclad Revolution exhibition.

11:30 AM to 1:30 PM -- (Guided Tour) Fortress Monroe National Monument --

1:30 PM -- Travel -- Eat box lunch on bus.

3:00-5:00 PM -- (Guided Tour) Cold Harbor Battlefield, Part of the Richmond National Military Park

Dinner is on your own.

Sunday, 14 August (optional day)

9:30 AM—1:30 PM—Pamplin Historical Park and The National Museum of the Civil War Soldier, Weldon Railroad, Fort Gregg and Fort Whitworth. Need 10 participants for group rate and tour.

2:30-3:00 PM— Guided tour, historic Point of Rocks and hospital site. This could be the place where Philip Wertman shook the hand of President Abraham Lincoln.

Hotel Arrangements

We have reserved ten double rooms plus five king rooms for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights at the **Holiday Inn, 445 International Center Drive, Sandston, VA 23150**. The group rate is \$129.00 plus tax. Handicapped rooms are available. Up to four can stay in a room. The price includes a hot breakfast served in the hotel restaurant. Amenities include wireless internet service, a fitness center, a business center, and more.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY 11 JULY 2016. Call **804-236-1111** and identify yourself as being with the Wertman Family Reunion.

2015 Research Meeting Minutes

Wertman Family Association Reunion 21 August 2015, Mahoning Township Municipal Building, Danville, PA

Frank Strickling, Vice President, opened the meeting at 9:10am welcoming everyone. He asked each one to introduce themselves and tell what we have done or are working on.

“On to Richmond in 2016”

Organized by Russ Dannecker, presented by Richard Daniels

- 45 Wertmans were in the Civil War, of which 41 were related thru Michael. There were 10 in Richmond, 9 in Petersburg, 10 in Hampton Roads. There were 70,000 casualties including civilians.
- Visit Crater
- Important points: Petersburg City Point (supply area), Hampton Roads (also supply area), plus battle of the Merrimac & Monitor, Fortress Monroe.
- Aug. 12 & 13, 2016 in Richmond, Virginia – agenda will be organized by Russ.

Recent Research

Presented by Richard Daniels

- How many descendants of GP¹?
- How many towns in PA? Only one – Bloomsburg. Rest are boroughs.
- Michigan – Heimbach/Himebaugh families—several hundred.
- Rubright/Rubrecht – 820 descendants plus spouses.
- Online PA Death Certificates list 882 Wertman names; over 200 Westman – 100 mis-spellings.
- Ancestry.com—avoid family trees. Family Search.org and FindaGrave – much more reliable.
- Richard’s data base has 8,757 direct descendants of GP¹; 14,434 if including spouses.
- Richard has a Microsoft Word file – 2,735 pages including references and index. Journal format including spouse data.
- Unconnected families: Jacob 1776-1851 of Montour Co; Jacob 1806-1889 of Blair Co and Tuscarawas Co, OH; Jacob 1761-1806 – Pickaway Co, OH; John 1794-1877 Northumberland Co, PA; John 1800-1878 of Hamburg, Berks Co, PA; G.P. (GP 9) 1811-1877 of Center Co, PA; Michael of Trumbull Co, OH (no date).

- Unrelated Wertmans were in Bethlehem, Colonie, NY, and Bolder, CO. These arrived later to U.S.
- FamilySearch.org for obits in PA. Mostly Berks and Lehigh Co, Newspapers - from 1970-2010, there were 254 Wertman obituaries found.
- Many times the only source of Wertman additions since 1940 is done by individuals adding them.
- NEED: GP¹ five daughters could double count; Michael and Simon have two daughters who have hardly been researched. Little known of persons born after 1940 because the later census is not available yet.
- Descendants include about 1,000 surnames and they are scattered all over the U.S.
- There are 11 known generations of GP¹.
- NOW the final question. How many descendants of GP¹ are there? Estimate 30-50 thousand and counting.

10:25 break

Wertman Signature Quilt

Presented by Minerva Arner

- I was requested by Russ to check out the Wertman/Gilbert Quilt that was found on line.
- Suzanne and I visited the house where it was – an old, restored, and private estate run by two gentlemen who are antique dealers. We found it to be in good shape for the age denoted on the quilt (1873); only some stains, wear areas along the outer seam and a small rip in the material. The material appeared old, of loose weave cotton (not like our present day tight woven percale). The stitches were noted to be very tiny and precise leading one to believe it was quilted by one person who was very good at her duties. Because I come from both the Wertman/Gilbert lines, I was able to identify all the names and place them in the correct genealogical order. I matched them with their spouses, added dates, cemeteries, tombstones and pictures of their quilt patch. It is my theory that since Fianna’s name is added on a small patch with the date 1873, that she made the quilt at 14 years of age, which is very likely since girls in that era were taught very early how to sew.
- My Power Point presentation was researched and edited by Minerva, Suzanne, Serena, Robert, Kyle and Hannah Arner.

18 and 19 Century PA Burials and Markers

Presented by Shirley Daniels

- Burial customs
- Mixture of European and religious customs
1740s Funerals were public events
1760s Wake
1840s “General furnishing undertaker” \$11
1870s Life safe coffins – bells, windows
Civil War—Modern embalming
- Burial records
- Parish registers – rare pre-1750
Newspaper notices
Cemetery records
Funeral Home records
“Mug” books – County histories
Newspaper obituaries
Death Certificates ca 1900s
- Finding graves
- Back yard or churchyard
Nearby cemetery or where children lived
Buried by date in uneven rows, or in family lot
Not all graves marked
“Divining” with coat hanger
Look at “Big Picture”
Online sites
- Inscriptions
- Go to cemetery!
Stones are often mis-read
Look at all sides and back of stone
Spouses not always in same cemetery
Look sooner rather than later - stones deteriorate
- Types of stones
- Field stones before 1760s
Sand stones (brown)
1800-1820 gray and white speckled (thin)
1810-1830 tall limestone, white
Victorian age (beg 1837) many grades of marble
1820-1870 short limestone, white
1880-1900 fancy stones
Also wood, soapstone, slate, shale
- Decorations
- Late 1600s early 1700s: Mortality, warnings
1800s: Celebrating life of deceased, resurrection
Late 1800s and 1900s: farewell, Victorian influences
Crosses not used by Protestants until mid 19th C
- Care and reading of stones
- Use least intrusive method to read stone
To clean, use distilled water and soft polyester brush

Take photos in full sun, use mirror or flashlight
Verify inscription with other sources
Restoration: Consult a professional!

Stapleton Family Update

Presented by Shirley Daniels

- Register of Deeds, Berks County, PA, online, abstract of land transfer, 13 Dec 1803: Will of William Stapleton [sic], late of Oley twp, dated 5 Jan 1780, gives to wife Anna Kindga all of his tracts of land and same tracts after her demise to John Stapleton, son of John Stapleton of Oley, provided that John marry Anna [William’s widow], daughter of Casper Hoffman of Oley. If not, land goes to Robert Stapleton, oldest son of Robert Stapleton junior of Albany twp. John did not marry Anna; land deeded to Robert Stapleton.
- Stapleton researchers state that Robert Stapleton of British ship HMS Jersey died spring 1703 of yellow fever with most of his crew. His son Robert (P) [his mark] was born in New York ca 1690 and died 1743 in Oley. He married Anna Maria Weigand (German) in NY 1715. Their children were Tobias, William, John K. Sr., Catharine (Derrick), to VA, and Gideon. Tobias was born NY 1717, moved to Oley with family, then to Albany twp. Leased land from Penns and then bought a number of tracts at and over Blue Mountain. May have had common-law marriage with Anna Barbara Hagenbuch, daughter of neighbor, who was much younger. Their children were Robert, Anna Barbara (married Simon Wertman²), Magdalena, Catharine, Johannes, Maria, Jacob and Philip.
- Albany twp was territory of WFA reunion in 2013. On later tour with PA German Cultural Heritage Center, guide told of Indian raid in 1763. Several settlers were killed, homes burned. Stapletons had guns, so Indians avoided them.

11:45 Lunch

DNA Project

Presented by Tom Young

- Tom updated us on the latest DNA markers. Testing 1-13, 13-25, 37 markers. Four mismatches are okay. In theory 10 could still be related.
- John of Delaware Twp. is possibly related.
- Still looking for more male participants.

Tightening of the Screws

Presented by Hal Merz

[See article in June 2015 *Wertman Lines*]

- Insights on Loyalists in PA. Wertman's many different viewpoints on what to do with the English.
- Important information found in the doctoral dissertation, *A State Divided*, by Mrs. Anna M. Ousterhut of Michigan State University
- Situation after Concord (1777) – wide view, pacifist – support with money and supplies, 16-50 year olds to join militia or pay fine of 2 pounds 10 shillings.
- Loyalism becomes an increasing conflict issue - Prior to 1777, less than 50 people in PA were arrested. Privately, many Loyalists began to suffer vandalism and mistreatment by neighbors, Quakers stiffen opposition, disciplining 140 people in militia.
- Penalties increase after Declaration of Independence was signed. Beginning Sept. 1776—16-50 fined 20 shillings for every month avoiding militia drill. Two pounds 20 shillings property tax surcharge for non-association.
- Tax Act—a line in the sand— June 1777 – oath or affirmation—Justices of Peace to keep list—no travel, no office holding, no purchase or sale of land or gun ownership without certificate.
- Reaction to Tax Act – Too harsh in penalties; two counties left without Magistrates as they would not sign.
- Additional Tax Act Penalties March 1778 —Fine of 500 pounds if a non-signer, school, law, medicine or trade. Refused to sign could mean 3 months jail/ fine.
- Wertmans react - Extended sign time 1 June 1778 – Martin signed March 1777, others March 1778, Jacob and Michael 27 March 1778, Jacob Jr. 12 April 1778, Phillip affirmed 8 April, Simon signed 29 May 1778: two days before deadline.
- 6,000 PA joined British Sept. 1777 to June 1778 – George Philip² was one of the 6,000. Nova Scotia claims he left early 1777, called into PA court in 1778.
- Property confiscation: 491 suspected Loyalists called into court; William Thomas implicated with GP²
- Loyalist's life not one of luxury -- very few received pay -- accommodations in Philadelphia were

crowded and chaotic, prices driven up by British occupation

- Saying goodbye to family - Wives/families got passes to cross lines, halted due to espionage; May 1781 wives of convicted Loyalists to leave PA within 10 days; harsh conditions in Philadelphia and lack of funds.
- Situation in Nova Scotia: GP² 1784 Digby NS — 150 men, list included only 3 or 4 family members.
- Summary: Increase Tax Act for non-signing Mar 1778, most avoid, GP² paid the ultimate price by losing land and family

Northampton County Archives Documents

Presented by Hal Merz

- Martin voted in as elected official, constable or sheriff
- Tavern – Michael Fenstermaker related to Wertman
- Sale of land confiscated, ½ of land reverted to government, lines not clear: Rice only owned it for 21 days, then to Phillip Anthony. In 1787 sold back to Wertman. Finally recorded in 1873.
- General Wadsworth was a land promoter for Ohio in 1803-1804 in Lynn Twp.
- Found a Court of Common Pleas document, dated 1780, George Phillip¹ being sued for cruel and unusual punishment by Catherine (2nd wife). Wertman name and DeLong were mentioned – implies that Catherine DeLong was GP¹'s wife.

Four Generations Project

Presented by Tom Young

The WFA Four Generations Project is a summary of the early descendants of George Philip Wertman (GP¹). Primary documentation is preferred, but this is difficult, as long time Wertman researchers know. Also included are census records for those that can be located.

Adjourned at 3:20pm

Respectfully submitted,
Minerva Arner, Secretary

2015 Business Meeting Minutes

Wertman Family Association Reunion 22 August 2015, Str. James UCC, Danville, PA

The 16th annual business meeting was called to order at 1:10pm by Vice President, Frank Strickling.

Secretary's Report

Minutes of 2014 were read by Minerva Arner. Richard Daniels made a suggestion that Mike Wertman's name be added as assisting with the 2014 reunion. Motion made to accept report, plus additional suggestion, by Doug Wertman, second by Tom Young. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Maryann Cronk read and explained the Treasurer's Report. Closing balance from New Tripoli Bank - 30 Oct. 2014, \$5,447.60. Current balance from Community Bank - 18 Aug. 2015, \$5,990.43. Motion to accept report by Hal Merz, second by Tom Young. Motion carried. Report attached to minutes.

Archivist's & Webmaster's Report

Kathy Bucher was absent due to husband's ill health. Shirley Daniels gave a brief update on the new website, *Wertman.info*. Please visit the site and send suggestions for things that you would like to see on it. The list of the materials in the archives is now on the website. Anyone can request a copy for a fee. Report attached to minutes.

Ancestry Committee's Report

At the Research meeting it was suggested that George Philip¹ had a second wife named Catherine DeLong. DNA - working on males of direct lines. Checking on Wertman of Montgomery Co. as a possible connection.

2015 Reunion Committee Report

Tom Young and Shirley Daniels were the organizers. Attendance as follows: Thurs. informal meeting - 20; Fri. research meeting - 20; Sat. picnic - 26; 11 signed up for cemetery tour. Ordered 36 T-shirts; 33 sold. Report attached to minutes. Future reunions: 2016 Southern VA - Russ Dannecker; 2017 Where? Possibly Allentown area.

Newsletter

Shirley Daniels reported Jan. issue had 14 pages, June had 18 pages.

By-Laws Revised

Committee members were Shirley Daniels, Russ Dannecker, Frank Strickling. Copies of revised By-Laws were given to the members present. Motion made to accept revised by-laws by Gayle Crissman, second by Tom Young. Motion approved - unanimously. Copy attached.

Nomination & Election of Officers for 2015-2017

Nominating Committee - Shirley Daniels, Kathy Bucher, Minerva Arner. Candidates (two year terms): President - Russ Dannecker; Vice-President - Hal Merz; Secretary - Doug Wertman; Treasurer - Maryann Cronk; Archivist - Kathy Bucher; Webmaster - Kathy Bucher; Board Members - (4 year term) - Shirley Daniels, Earl Maurer. Motion to accept slate of officers by Gayle Crissman, second by Tom Young. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Minerva Arner, Secretary

New Information

by Russ Dannecker

This is a correction to my January 2016 article on Private Philip Levan Wertman and President Abraham Lincoln.

26 March 1865 — Lincoln spends the day traveling up the James River visiting troops at Aiken's Landing in Henrico County. The President rides by horse over muddy roads to visit a division of black troops. Mary Lincoln and Julia Grant follow in an ambulance wagon. Lincoln returns to the River Queen for dinner.

E-mail on 4 April 2016 from Robert E.L. Krick, Historian, Richmond National Battlefield Park -- "As for the 104th and Lincoln ... It looks to me like the 104th was somewhere there in the center of the Federal line between the James and Appomattox Rivers in the February-March 1865 period. ... You

are right about the Lincoln visit to Aiken's Landing on March 26, but if Philip Wertman saw him, it does not look to me like it would have been on that occasion. A better guess is at Point of Rocks Hospital, which was on the north bank of the Appomattox. Lincoln visited there during that same period, and spent a lot of time going around to shake hands and talk to soldiers -- something he did not do at Aiken's Landing. Your relative could have been there in any capacity -- as a patient, a nurse, a guard, delivering a wagon load of supplies, or just about anything else you can imagine. So that would be my best guess. And it truly is just a guess."

CORRECTION -- My incorrect assumption was that since Philip Wertman's Muster Roll dated 30 April 1865 states that Philip Wertman is present, the meeting might have taken place at Aiken's Landing, not Point of Rocks Hospital. But as Mr. Kirk points out, he could have been there in any one of many capacities. It now appears more likely, that if the family legend is true, Point of Rocks Hospital is the location where Private Philip Wertman and President Abraham Lincoln's paths might have crossed. As Mr. Kirk states, it is here that President Lincoln "spent a lot of time going around to shake hands and talk to soldiers -- something he did not do at Aiken's Landing." Therefore this is the possible location where Private Wertman and President Lincoln shook hands.

27 March 1865 — Lincoln travels up the Appomattox River to Point of Rocks in Chesterfield County, where he visits wounded soldiers.

Point of Rocks Hospital – National Register of Historic Places listings in Chesterfield County, VA, Point of Rocks, 1005 Point of Rocks Rd., 37° 19'18"N, 77°20'17"W. Point of Rocks is an historic plantation house located near Chester. It was built about 1840, and is a one-story, three-bay, double pile dwelling with weatherboard siding and a low-pitched, hipped, standing seam metal roof in the Greek Revival style. The property was the location of a Union military observation point, and headquarters for General Benjamin F. Butler and a hospital established in 1864 during the Bermuda Hundred Campaign of the American Civil War. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2005.

Deaths

Warne, Erma E. Wertman

... age 90, of New Ringgold, PA, died 19 Mar 2016 in Coaldale. Born 15 Oct 1925 in West Penn Township, she was a daughter of the late Ivan C. and Rosy (Bailey) Wertman. She was the widow of Clayton S. Warne. Surviving are her grandson and caregiver, Joshua Warne, and his wife, Bridget, of New Ringgold; and two great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a son, David M. Warne. Interment was in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Tamaqua.

Wertman, Cooper T.

... age 19, of Zionsville, died 9 Feb 2016. Born in Allentown, he was the son of Paul Scott Wertman and Deborah (Doescher). Survivors include his parents; his sister, Ashley; grandparents Virginia Wertman and Robert and Diana Doescher. He was predeceased by his grandfather, Edwin F. Wertman.

Wertman, James J. "Leapo"

... age 90, of Danville, PA, died 17 Feb 2016. He was born 25 August 1925 in Danville, a son of the late James and Emma (Prentiss) Wertman. Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Althea E. (McConnell); two sons: Gregory W., of Philadelphia and Mark J. (Charlotte) of Danville; a daughter, Molly A. (Duane) Shultz, Danville; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and six siblings: Violet, Clyde, Lucille, Thelma, Charles, and Elva.



2015 Reunion attendees examined these Wertman tombstones at St. James UCC in Danville, PA.

Wertman, Clinton F. Bud .

.. age 95, of Lehigh, PA, died 26 Feb 2016. He was the father of Kathryn A. Wertman, Mary H. (David) Bales, Robert M. (Lisa) Wertman, and the late Patrice M. (Tim) Beckemeier.

Wertman, Keith Charles

... age 81, of Logan, UT, died 26 Jan 2016. He was born Robert Donald Lindsey and was adopted by Albert and Marjorie Wertman in Dec 1936.

Wertman, Luella Ridgway

... age 94, died 4 Feb 2016 in Florence, KY. She was the mother of Connie (Dennis) Riedel. She was predeceased by her husband, brothers Huey and Bob Ridgway, and son Randy Wertman.

Wertman, Sheila M.

... age 50, of Walnutport, PA, died 21 April 2016. Surviving are her husband, Richard D. Wertman III, and sons Richard IV, Jonathan, and Andrew Wertman.

Wertman, Victor G.

... age 84, of Lehigh, died 4 Feb in Salisbury Township. Surviving are a daughter, Dana L. (David) Snyder, and a son, Shawn (Thea) Wertman. He was predeceased by sisters, Shirley Rehrig and Ferne Banks; and a brother Mahlon Wertman.

Wertman, William R.

... age 81, of Lairdsville, died 9 Jan 9 2016 in Muncy. He was predeceased by his wife, Leona F. Miller Chestnut, and brothers James and Earl Wertman. Surviving is his brother, Wilford "Bob" Wertman.

About The Wertman Family Association (WFA)

Since 2000, the rejuvenated Wertman Family Association has held annual reunions in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, 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.

Via our website, *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: *The next newsletter is January 2017.*

In the interim, look for news and information on *wertman.info* or in electronic or postal mailings.

Plan now for the Wertman Family Reunion 12-13 August 2016, Richmond, VA

Pre-Order Lunch Menu

Saturday, 13 August 2016

Use a separate sheet for each person. All lunch sandwich selections are served with a bag of chips, a piece of whole fruit, a freshly baked cookie and a beverage.

Please indicate your choice of one box lunch.

- Turkey BLT** – Layers of roasted turkey breast, crisp bacon, lettuce, tomato and Swiss cheese served on wheat bread

- Garden Veggie Wrap** – Sun-dried tomato tortilla flavored with roasted garlic aioli, stuffed with fresh garden vegetables and shredded mozzarella cheese. Served with mixed greens tossed in balsamic glaze, and a pickle spear.

- Grilled Chicken Sandwich** – Strips of seasoned grilled chicken breast served on a Kaiser roll with lettuce, tomato, red onions, and a pickle.

- Chicken Caesar Salad** – Strips of seasoned grilled chicken breast served over crisp romaine lettuce, tossed with creamy Caesar dressing, sprinkled with parmesan cheese and topped with red onion.

- Tuna Salad** – Tuna salad on your choice of Kaiser roll, wheat bread or wrap with lettuce, tomato and a pickle.

- Chicken Salad** – Chicken salad on your choice of Kaiser roll, wheat bread or wrap with lettuce, tomato and a pickle.

- Southwest Chicken Wrap** – Warm flour tortilla wrapped around strips of seasoned grilled chicken, shredded lettuce, diced tomatoes, and Pepper Jack Cheese. Served with Anchor Ranch.

Beverage selection:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweet iced tea | <input type="checkbox"/> Unsweetened iced tea |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pepsi | <input type="checkbox"/> Diet Pepsi |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Dew | <input type="checkbox"/> Diet Mountain Dew |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Pepper | <input type="checkbox"/> Sierra Mist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ginger ale | <input type="checkbox"/> Water |

Name: _____ Room number: _____
(leave blank)

Charge to Wertman Family Association.

2016 Wertman Family Reunion Registration Form

Friday-Sunday, 12-14 August 2016, Richmond, VA

Please print

Name/s	
Address	
City/State/Zip	
Telephone	Cell phone
E-mail	
<input type="checkbox"/> Please e-mail WFA newsletters <input type="checkbox"/> Please send newsletters by US Mail (only mailed if dues are paid)	

Early-Bird Dinner, Thursday, 11 August Meet in hotel lobby at 6:00 p.m.	Number attending _____	Pay on your own
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Reunion Registration includes: Friday, 12 August bus tour and admissions, dinner and presentation. (Lunch is on your own.) Saturday, 13 August bus tour, admissions and box lunch. (Mark selections on the Pre-Order Lunch Menu, page 9)			
	<i>Number attending</i>	<i>Per Person</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Adults, age 18-up		\$125	\$
Teens		\$ 60	\$
Children under 12		\$ 45	\$
FRIDAY DINNER ONLY, Adults & Teens		\$ 23	\$

Sunday, 14 August (Optional day)		<i>Number attending</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Pamplin Historical Park and National Museum of The Civil War Soldier	Adults & Teens, \$10.50 Ages 6-12,\$6		\$

Annual Dues, Wertman Family Association, July 2016-June 2017	\$20 family	\$
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Total (Enclose check payable to Wertman Family Assoc.)	Reunion & dues	\$
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Please mail your check with this registration form and a lunch order for each person BY JULY 26 to:
 2016 WFA Reunion, c/o Russ & Louise Dannecker, 32 Burgess Road, Foster, RI 02825.
 For additional information, phone Russ and Louise Dannecker,
 401-647-3991 (h), 401-339-4912, or e-mail Dannecker123@verizon.net