

# Wertman *Lines*

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## ***Register now!***

- Annual Wertman Family Reunion
- 18-19 August 2017
- New Tripoli, Lehigh County, PA

## **Dear Wertman Descendants,**

By 1749, George Philip Wertman (aka GP I) had settled in Lynn Twp., Northampton (now Lehigh) Co., PA. According to the *Anniversary History of Lehigh Co.*, Vol. 1, (1914) and *Gen. Biographical History of Families*, George Phillip Wertman was considered one of the Pioneer Settlers.

On 15 Dec 1749, George Philip Wertman took up a warrant for 100 acres in Lynn Twp., Bucks (present day Lehigh) Co., PA, eventually surveyed at 197 acres. On 8 Aug 1750, George Philip Wertman took up a warrant for 50 acres in Lynn Twp., Bucks Co., eventually surveyed at 123 acres. Thus, his holdings totaled 320 acres.

He helped to found the Ebenezer Union Church. When members bought land on 18 Feb 1760 for a building in Lynn Twp., the first name listed as Church Representative was Philip Wertman. Many Wertman family members are buried in both the old and new Ebenezer cemeteries.

So, this year, we return to the beginning place, to New Tripoli, Lynn Twp., Lehigh Co., PA, for our Family Reunion. Please join me in thanking Minerva and Carl Arner and Larry Wertman for taking charge of this year's reunion arrangements.

We look forward to seeing you in New Tripoli, PA, Friday-Saturday, 18-19 Aug 2017.

Russell Dannecker, WFA President

6th Great Grandson of George Philip Wertman I

## **Discover Early Wertmans**

*By Minerva Arner*

On Friday, 18 Aug, the 2017 Wertman Family Association reunion officially begins at noon with a picnic lunch in the pavilion at Ontelaunee Park, where the family held large reunions in the '20s and '30s. After the Annual Business Meeting, the afternoon is free to tour the Lynn-Heidelberg Historical Society in the old New Tripoli Bank, housing some Wertman artifacts. There will be time on your own in the morning and/or afternoon to drive through Wertman territory. (See article and maps, page 2.)

On Saturday, 19 Aug, researchers will meet to give and hear presentations at the family's church, Ebenezer Union Church. During a lunch of soup and sandwiches prepared by the women of the church, local historian Willard Snyder from the Lynn-Heidelberg Historical Society will be the guest speaker.

A reunion registration form is on page 9 of this newsletter and on our web site, [wertman.info](http://wertman.info).

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## Hotel Accommodations

The Reunion Committee has reserved a block of rooms at the Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham, 7720 Main St., Fogelsville, PA. Prices are \$129.99 (king bed) or \$139.99 (two queen beds), plus tax. A hot breakfast buffet is included.

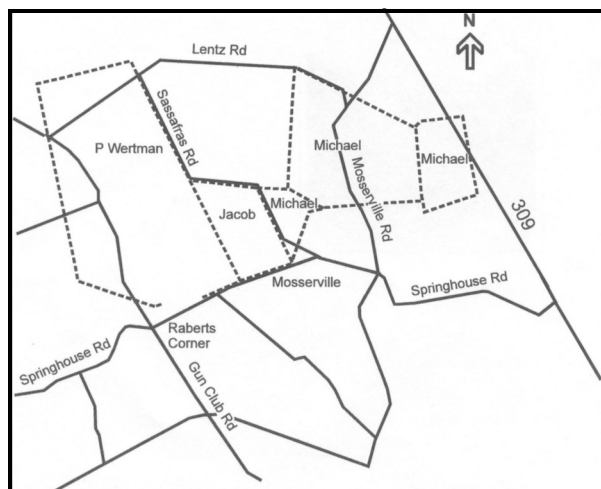
To reserve your room, phone 610-366-9422 and use the group code CGWERTMAN. Room registrations are needed by 20 July.

## Nominations for Officers

This year's Nominating Committee (Richard Daniels, chair; Shirley Daniels; Russ Dannecker) has proposed the following slate and received each candidate's approval to be placed on the ballot for election at the Annual Meeting on Friday, 18 Aug.

The nominees are: (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) – Frank Strickling, Mary Ellen Wagner.

The WFA Bylaws state that “At the Business Meeting, any Association member in good standing who is present shall be eligible to vote and to nominate any other member who has consented to run for election.”



The map above shows five parcels belonging to Philip, Jacob, and Michael Wertman. Gun Club Road was known as Wertman Road.

The map on the right shows important Wertman locations such as churches and cemeteries. Maps by Shirley Daniels. Reprinted from November 2001 Wertman Lines.

## Explore Wertman Territory

Excerpts from November 2001 Wertman Lines articles by Russ Dannecker and Ed Sterrett

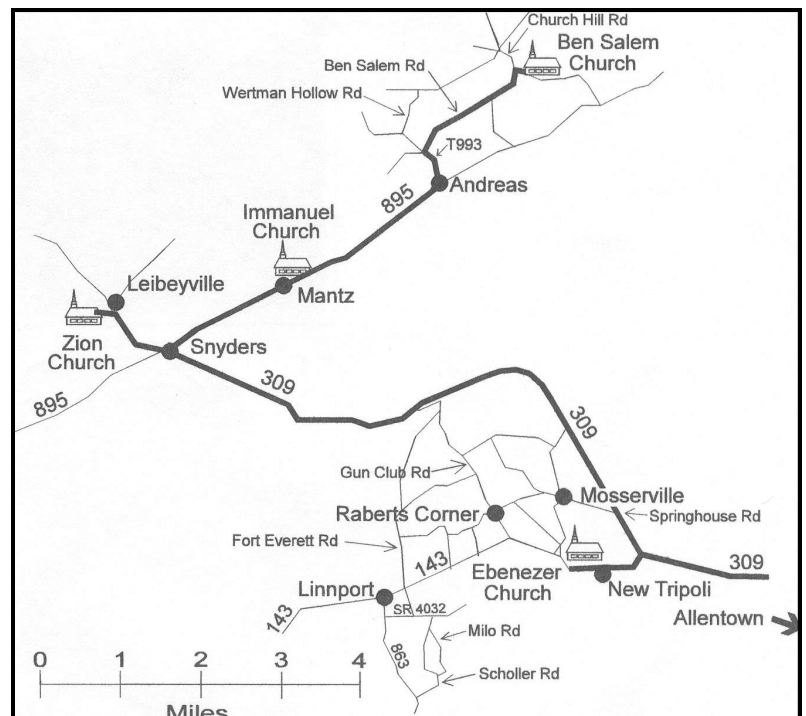
The 1816 Isaac Chapman Map, “Draft of the Original Surveys of Lehigh County,” shows land belonging to Philip, Jacob, and Michael Wertman. (An unclosed property line is still in dispute.)

Driving through the territory shown on the map (bottom left), you can see old Wertman residences or remains of buildings, and property of neighbors with related surnames (i.e., Mosser).

George Philip Wertman's original log cabin was near the northwest corner of Lentz and Gun Club roads. Later Wertmans built the stone house on the northeast corner. A barn foundation visible on Gun Club Road was on a farm owned by a Wertman. (See photo, pg. 6.)

Wertman Road, now Gun Club Road, built in 1840, was so named because of the number of Wertman families who lived along it. Until Rt. 309 was built, it was the main road from Raberts Corner over the Blue Mountains to Snyders.

A house on Springhouse Road near Raberts Corner has a stone nameplate under the eaves, “Philipp Wertman frau Catherine 1865.” Further east is the 1916 barn of William J. S. Wertman. (See photo, pg 7.) In 2000, we visited with his descendant, owner Carl Wertman, and his family, enjoyed refreshments, and viewed artifacts in Carl's basement “museum.”



## **2016 Business Meeting Minutes**

Wertman Family Association Reunion,  
Holiday Inn, Sandston, VA, 12 August 2016

The 17<sup>th</sup> annual business meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by President Russ Dannecker. Thirty-one members were present for the meeting.

### ***Attendance Awards/Recognition***

Came the longest distance – Earl Maurer  
Most senior lady – Minerva Arner  
Most senior gentleman – Frank Strickling  
Youngest in attendance – Mason Ewing

### ***Vice President's Report***

Hal Merz reported on some new genealogical discoveries, including some new branches of the family near New Castle, PA, who had reunions for years.

### ***Secretary's Report***

Doug Wertman asked for approval of the minutes of last year's business meeting prepared by the previous secretary, Minerva Arner, and distributed to members in the June 2016 issue of *Wertman Lines*. A motion to accept the minutes was seconded and approved unanimously.

### ***Report of Archivist and Webmaster***

Kathy Bucher reported on the new Wertman Family Association website: wertman.weebly.com. Kathy encourages members to tell her of anything they want added to the website. The Archives section lists everything in the Association's archives. Anyone can request a copy of anything from the Archives from Kathy; there may be a charge for the copying fee. Many members expressed their praise for the new website.

### ***Treasurer's Report***

Maryann Cronk reported that the WFA's balance at the beginning of our current fiscal year (October 1, 2015) was \$5,500.89. The balance as of August 5, 2016 was \$7,465.20. This balance included member payments for the 2016 reunion, with some expenses from the reunion still to be debited. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was seconded and unanimously approved.

### ***Report on Ancestry Committee and DNA Project***

Tom Young submitted a written progress report on the DNA project which was read to members by Russ Dannecker at the meeting. Main conclusions of the report: currently the DNA testing has been done on three members descended from Michael, five from Jacob, one from Martin, and five of unknown ancestry. We have had no new members join since August 2014. We have some theories about the five unknowns, but paper trail proof has been hard to come by. The WFA Board has approved full testing scholarships for qualified applicants, of which the following remain available: two descendants from Martin, three from Simon, and any unknown line approved by the project administrators, Tom Young and Russ Dannecker.

### ***Newsletter Editor Report***

Shirley Daniels noted that two issues were sent out in the past year. The next issue will come out in January 2017. Please send articles to Shirley.

### ***Reunion Committee Report***

Russ Dannecker reported that the Board proposed the following locations:

2017 – Lynn Township, Lehigh County, PA  
2018 – somewhere in Ohio (location is being worked on by Hal and Brenda Merz)

A motion to accept these Board recommendations was seconded and unanimously approved.

### ***Appointment of Committees***

Russ Dannecker reported that the members of the Nominating Committee to propose a list of officers to be voted on at the 2017 meeting had not yet been picked. Minerva and Carl Arner will lead the 2017 Reunion Committee.

### ***Discussion/New Business***

Several members suggested that the timing of the annual meeting be changed so that the meeting would not take place in the heat of summer. Pros and cons of the current timing vs. a changed time were discussed. One specific suggestion made was for Columbus Day weekend. Russ Dannecker said that this issue would be considered by the Executive Board and Reunion Committee.

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Douglas Wertman, Secretary

# George Philip Wertman

## Possible Origins, Connections

by Russ Dannecker

### What do we Know? What is our Speculation?

“George Phillip Wertman [GPI] came from Berks Co.<sup>1</sup> to this township [Lynn]. His sons ... [were] Michael, ... George Phillip, John [Johann] Martin, Jacob, and Simon.<sup>2</sup> George Phillip [II] went to Nova Scotia in 1789.<sup>3</sup> John Martin and Simon moved to Schuylkill Co. Jacob married and settled on the homestead farm.”<sup>4</sup> *Corrections by Wertman Family Association*: Records show that Martin went to Bern Twp., Berks Co.;<sup>5,6</sup> Simon went first to Albany Twp., Berks Co.<sup>7,8,9</sup> and later to Northumberland Co.<sup>10</sup>; and Michael moved to Hemlock Twp., Northumberland Co.<sup>11,12</sup>

\*1714: Speculation: (1) GPI would probably have been in his mid-20s when he bought land in Oley Twp., Berks Co. in 1741. (2) If he, not GPII, was the sponsor at the baptism of Jurg Philipp Heringh, son of Jurg Christoph Heringh and Margaretha, baptized 25 Sep 1760, aged 4 weeks, 4 days, in Linn,<sup>13</sup> and if Margaretha was his daughter, she may have been about 23 at the time, putting her birth year at 1737. If GPI was age 23 at the time of Margaretha’s birth, his birth year would have been 1714.<sup>14</sup>

15 Dec 1749 George Phillip Wertman took up on a warrant 197 acres in Lynn Twp., Bucks Co. [now Lehigh], PA, near the foot of the Blue Mountain. On 8 Aug 1750, he took out a warrant for 123 acres in Lynn Twp.<sup>15,16</sup>

24 Jun 1780 Catharina [Weber DeLong] and her husband Phillip Wertman appeared before the Justice of the Peace in Northampton Co. Catharina swore that Phillip had threatened her life and had hit and abused her in a barbarous manner and that she was afraid to live with him any longer. Martin Wertman, a constable, and Matthew DeLong posted bonds.<sup>17</sup>

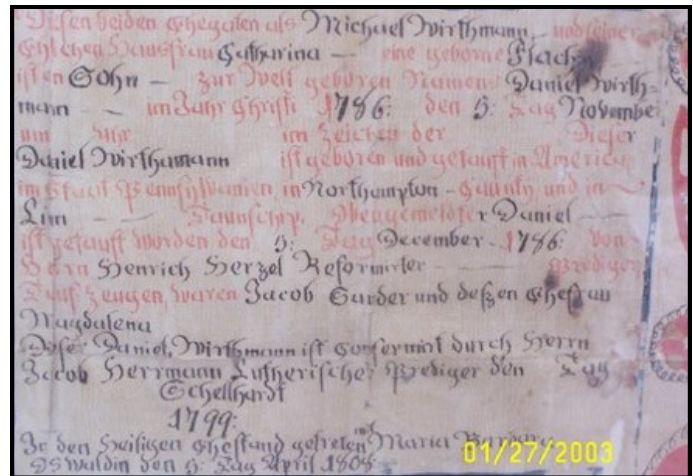
1781 George Phillip Wertman was involved in the return of confiscated land in Northampton Co., 300 acres of plantation land confiscated by the Provincial Council since George Phillip Wertman II was declared a traitor. “Philip Wertman of Linn township, the one halfe of a plantation in s’d township, containing about 300 acres, a good frame house and

barn thereon, about 100 acres thereof Clear & under good fences. May be Estumated at £2 per acre.”<sup>18</sup>

1782 Philip Wurtman transferred his Alsace Twp., Berks Co. land to Christian Wicks.<sup>19</sup> Therefore, Philip died after Jan 1782.

### Where Did George Philip Wertman Come From?

One of the oldest primary source documents we have is a baptismal certificate for Daniel Wirthmann, son of Michael and Catharina Wirthmann, born 03 Nov 1786 in Lynn Twp., Northampton Co.



If we use Geogen Surname Mapping to search, we find most Wirthmanns in Landkreis Main-Spessart, Bavaria, with 54 phone book listings.



Location of Landkreis Main-Spessart in Bavaria

**Note: Spellings retained from original documents.**



The first signature is the clearest. Notice the last name is either spelled Wertman or Werthman, but there is definitely a space between Wertt/Werth and man. The second signature is not clear, but the third also appears to be Wertman or Werthman. Werthmann is a close variation of Wirthmann. Geogen indicates that both spellings come from the same region.

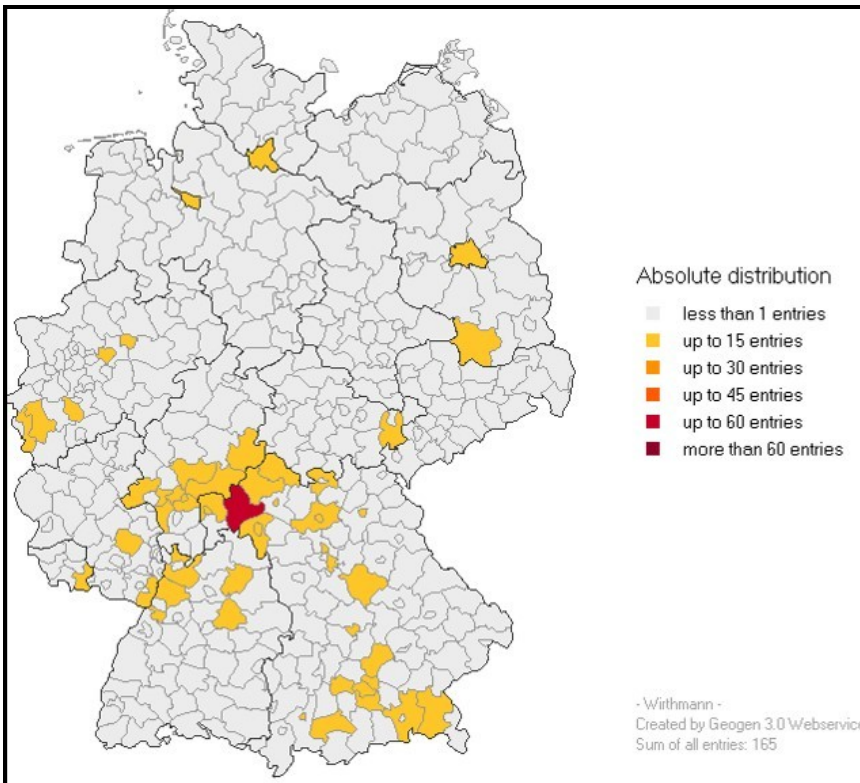
Wertheim am Main, the most northerly town in the state of Baden-Wuerttemberg, is located at the confluence of the rivers Tauber and Main. It borders on Spessart to the north across the river Main. The Landkreis Main-Spessart area is where both name variations have the highest concentrations.

The word heim in German means home.<sup>23</sup> So we have a place named Wertheim, (Werth/home) founded between the 7th and 8th centuries, across

the river from the modern (1972) district Landkreis Main-Spessart, where both names, Wirthmann and Werthmann, have the highest concentrations.

On 30 Sep 2015, I visited Wertheim, Germany. The residents I asked said that Wertman, Werthmann or Wirthmann means a man from Wertheim. (The German word for man is mann, so Wertmann or Werthmann would describe a male from Wertheim.) Locals pointed out that during the time we are looking, ca. early 1700s, many people did not have surnames yet, therefore it was common to adopt the name of the place from where you came; i.e., a man from Werth = Werthmann.

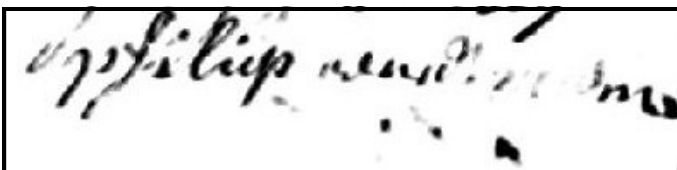
Could the family history record for Georg Philipp Franciscus V. Wertheim<sup>25</sup> possibly be our ancestor's? (In German records, "from" or "of" is often



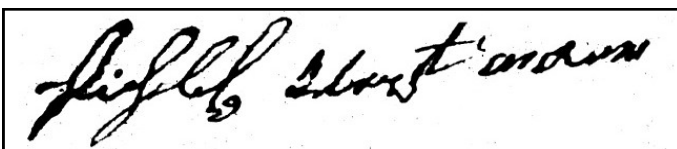
Geogen indicated 165 entries for Wirthmann in 50 German counties, or approximately 440 people.



Above is a verified signature of Philip Wertman from an estate inventory.<sup>20</sup> But was this GPI or GPII?



Forty-one persons signed a petition on 04 May 1757 pleading for better protection from the Indians.<sup>21</sup> Is the signature above George Philip Wertman's? Which one?



Above: Philip Wertman of Digby, NS, formerly of Northampton [sic] Co., PA, signed a petition requesting compensation for Revolutionary War service for the British and losses of property confiscated by PA.<sup>22</sup>

<b>Georg Philipp Franciscus V. Wertheim</b>	
<b>In the Germany, Select Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898</b>	
Name	Georg Philipp Franciscus V. Wertheim
Gender	Male
Birth	31 August 1720
Baptism	1 September 1720
Father	Heinrich Friedrich V. Wertheim
Mother	Anna Sophia Frederica

abbreviated V. So the record with V. Wertheim probably means of or from Wertheim.) Before a name, i.e., von Wertmann, von can also mean status, but its use must be authorized.<sup>24</sup>

Consider the birth date: 31 Aug 1720. Our speculation estimated George Philip Wertman was born ca. 1714, six years earlier. Does this prove that our George Philip Wertman I is George Philipp Franciscus V. Wertheim? No; but what we know does not eliminate him as our ancestor either.

### What Next?

I have tried to present what we know along with speculations. What we need to find out is what happened to Georg Philipp Franciscus V. Wertheim born 31 Aug 1720!

<sup>1</sup> Warrant No. 61, by the Proprietaries to Philip Wurtman, Philadelphia Co., 09 Apr 1741, 100 acres, Oley Twp., Philadelphia [later Alsace Twp., Berks] Co., PA. Pennsylvania Archives, Harrisburg, PA, 1767 Survey Book, pg 131.

<sup>2</sup> Mathews, Alfred, and Hungerford, Austin N., "History of the counties of Lehigh and Carbon, in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania," Philadelphia, Everts & Richards, 1884, pg 304. Lynn township section written by Samuel J. Kistler. [https://archive.org/stream/history\\_of\\_countie00math#page/304](https://archive.org/stream/history_of_countie00math#page/304).

<sup>3</sup> George Philip II fought for the British in the Bucks County Volunteers from 1778-1781. The British took Loyalists to Nova Scotia in 1782. Philip Wortman is listed in the town of Digby as head of a one-person household on the 29 May 1784 Muster Roll of ... Disbanded Soldiers.... <http://www.rootsweb.com/~canwgv/ns/digby/per2/newdg2.htm>

<sup>4</sup> "1790 U.S. Census," Jacob Wirtman in Lynn Twp., Northampton Co., PA. National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Washington, D.C., microfilm M 637, roll 8, pg 293.

<sup>5</sup> "1798 Direct Tax List," Martin Wortman in Bern Twp., Berks Co., PA. Fourth Direct Tax Division, No. 2 District, microfilm MC 372, NARA, 1962.

<sup>6</sup> "1800 U.S. Census," Marten Wertman in Bern Twp., Berks Co., PA. NARA, microfilm M 32, Roll 35, pg 561.

<sup>7</sup> Montgomery, Thomas Lynch, editor, "Pennsylvania Archives," Harrisburg, PA, Harrisburg Publishing Co., State Printer, 1907; "1779 Register of Property," Albany Twp., Berks Co., Simon Witman, blacksmith. Series 3, Vol. XVIII, pg188.

<sup>8</sup> "1790 U.S. Census," Samuel Worman, blacksmith, in Albany Twp., Berks Co., PA. NARA, microfilm M 637,

roll 8, pg 270.

<sup>9</sup> "1800 U.S. Census," Simon Wertman, blacksmith, in Albany Twp., Berks Co., PA. NARA, microfilm M 32, roll 35, pg 550.

<sup>10</sup> 01 Apr 1807 Simon Wertman of Albany Twp., Berks Co., purchased 149 acres in Bloom Twp., Northumberland [now Columbia] Co. from Andrew Schooley and wife, Martha. Northumberland County Courthouse, Easton, PA, Deed Book O, pg 201.

<sup>11</sup> "1800 U.S. Census," Michael Wertman in Lynn Twp., Northampton Co., PA. NARA, microfilm M 32, roll 37, pg 570.

<sup>12</sup> "1810 U.S. Census," M. Werkman in Hemlock Twp., Northampton Co., PA. NARA, microfilm M 252, roll 53, pg 197.

<sup>13</sup> Weiser, Frederick, translator, "Records of Rev. Daniel Schumacher 1754-1774," 1967, pg 52.

<sup>14</sup> Discussion, 19 Feb 2009, Russ Dannecker, Richard Daniels, and Shirley Daniels, Westminster, MD.

<sup>15</sup> Mathews and Hungerford, *op cit*, pg 298.

<sup>16</sup> Ziegler, Warren, compiler, "Pennsylvania Genealogical Findings in the Allemangel Area of Berks and Lehigh (Northampton) Counties and Adjoining Areas," 1984; Land warrants of early settlers in the district of Lynn twp.: 1749 Philip Wertman.... pg 9.

<sup>17</sup> "Common Pleas Court Records," Northampton Co. Archives, Easton, PA, Spring 1780 case file box.

<sup>18</sup> Montgomery, Thomas Lynch, *op cit*; Confiscated Lands; Sixth Series, Vol. XII, pg 459.

<sup>19</sup> Pennsylvania Archives, Harrisburg, PA, Patent book 15, pg. 432.

<sup>20</sup> Estate File, Johannes Jacob Wetterholt, administered by Thomas Everett and Philip Wertman, 1763. From Laurel Meyer, Columbus, OH.

<sup>21</sup> Colonial Records, 1757 Petition, microfilm; Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg, PA.

<sup>22</sup> Loyalist claim by Philip Wortman, 06 Apr 1786, Nova Scotia Archives, Halifax, NS

<sup>23</sup> <https://en.langenscheidt.com/german-english>

<sup>24</sup> *Ibid*.

<sup>25</sup> Germany, Select Births and Baptisms, 1558-1898; *Family Search.org* and *Ancestry.com*, file #1238276.



Remains of a Wertman barn on Gun Club road, west side.  
(See pg 2.)



## Surprise Connection to Underground Railroad Discovered

by Hal and Brenda Merz

Surprises can happen in genealogy work, especially if you are open to the possibility that names of persons and places could be misspelled.

Andrew Hines (or Hein or Hyne) came from Northumberland Co., PA, to Fairfield Co., OH in 1814. His family group included Brenda's great-great-grandfather, 9-year-old George Wertman, whose widowed mother Susannah married Andrew Hines ca. 1812. The group also included Andrew's sons, John and Jacob, and probably his daughter and husband, Magdalena and Jacob Holtzman. Andrew had another daughter, whose name in his 1845 estate administration was listed as Mary Gephart of Brown County, Ohio.

For many years, we struggled to find information on this Mary and her family, failing to find any Gepharts in Brown Co. 1820-50. Then, one day, remembering that Germans pronounced the G and K sounds similarly, we looked for Kephart in Brown Co. This strategy led us to the family of Thomas Kephart, resident of Ripley on the Ohio River in Brown Co.

Some books suggested that the Kepharts were involved in Ripley's active group of Underground Railroad operators. On a visit to Ripley, we found an 1873 obituary for Mary Ann Hines Kephart, which encouraged us that we were on the right track. We also found an 1853 obituary for Thomas and Mary's daughter, Amanda, who had become the wife of Adam Lowry Rankin.

Lowry was the oldest son of Presbyterian pastor John Rankin of Ripley, one of the most active abolitionist writers and speakers of the period. We visited

William J. S. Wertman barn, now owned by Carl Wertman. (See pg. 2)



the Rankin House and saw the room where Amanda and Lowry lived when they first married. Lowry left an autobiography when he died that documents his family's very personal commitment to the cause of freedom and their underground railroad activities.

The Rankin family helped as many as 2,000 escaped slaves on their way to freedom. The Underground Railroad was an inter-racial and inter-denominational movement. The Rankins worked closely with John Parker, a black foundry owner in Ripley. They were Presbyterians, but worked with Quakers, Methodists and many others to help the escapees move steadily northward until they reached freedom in Canada.

Lowry and Amanda had persevering spirits, as they faced many trials. Abolitionism was not a popular cause in southern Ohio, and there was a \$2,000 reward on John Rankin's head. Once an angry mob came up the hill to threaten the Rankin household. Lowry and his brothers showed their rifle skills and deterred the intruders.

A few years before his marriage to Amanda Kephart, Lowry met Eliza, an escaped slave who had carried her baby while crossing the Ohio River on the ice. Lowry shared this heroic incident with the family of Harriet Beecher Stowe, who told the story of Eliza in her classic book, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. That book, which sold more than 1 million copies, convinced many Americans that slavery was wrong and should be abolished.

**Note:** This is in a short-story format. We hope to uncover more stories in the future showing the courage of those involved in this dangerous but necessary stage of U.S. history.



Rankin House in Ripley, OH, now a state historical memorial. This house on a high hill overlooking the Ohio River was a beacon to slaves escaping southern states.

## Deaths

We extend our sympathy to these families.

### **Dannecker, Louise Anne ...**

age 68, of Foster, RI, died 9 Feb 2017 in Providence. She was the wife of WFA President Russell C. Dannecker<sup>9</sup> [Howard C. Dannecker<sup>8</sup>, Ruth Beatrice Wertman<sup>7</sup>, George Levan<sup>6</sup>, James Augustus<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, George Philip<sup>3</sup>, Jacob<sup>2</sup>, George Philip<sup>1</sup>].

Born in Bradford, Yorkshire, England, she was a daughter of the late Stanley and Nellie (Peel) Robertshaw. She is also survived by her sons, Glenn M. Nasfell of Central Falls, Corey M. Nasfell of Fallbrook, CA, Max G. Dannecker of West Greenwich, RI, six grandchildren, sisters Elaine Fregeolle (Dennis) of N. Providence, RI, and Wendy Perolli (Edward) of Cumberland, RI, nieces, nephews and their children.

Louise was a full-time missionary to Preston, England, Temple, primary teacher, Relief Society counselor, music director and visiting teacher.

Interment: Phillips Memorial Cemetery, Foster.  
Published in *The Providence Journal* 12 Feb.

### **Wertman, Amandus Daniel ...**

age 89, of Kingsland, TX, died on 10 Mar 2017. He was born in E. Brunswick, PA, to the late Amandus Ira<sup>6</sup> [William Daniel<sup>5</sup>, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, George Philip<sup>3</sup>, Jacob<sup>2</sup>, George Philip<sup>1</sup>] and Carrie Elizabeth (Bolich) Wertman.

He is survived by his wife, Sophie, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Interment: Lakeland Hills Memorial Park Cemetery, Burnet, TX.

[www.lakelandhillscemetery.com/obituary/4163068](http://www.lakelandhillscemetery.com/obituary/4163068)

### **Wertman, Charles Frederick ...**

age 82, of Crimora, VA, died 30 Dec 2016. Born in Crimora, he was the son of the late Ralph Clifton<sup>7</sup> [Daniel Z.<sup>6</sup>, Daniel H.<sup>5</sup>, David<sup>4</sup>, George Philip<sup>3</sup>, Michael<sup>2</sup>, George Philip<sup>1</sup>] and Rubye L. (Sandridge) Wertman.

He is survived by his wife, Deloris, and children, Charles Marcus Wertman, Julie Ann Walton (Joel), Carlton Frederick (Patricia) Wertman and Earl Patrick (Cindy) Wertman, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Interment: Augusta Memorial Park.  
[www.mcdowfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.mcdowfuneralhomeinc.com)

### **Wertman, Geary S. ...**

age 69, of Kendallville, IN, died 5 Jan 2017. He was born in Auburn, IN, to the late Harold<sup>9</sup> [Ira Sylvester<sup>8</sup>, Harmon Sylvester<sup>7</sup>, Daniel L.<sup>6</sup>, Solomon D.<sup>5</sup>, David<sup>4</sup>, George Philip<sup>3</sup>, Michael<sup>2</sup>, George Philip<sup>1</sup>] and Leora (Shear) Wertman.

He is survived by his wife, Paula (Refeld), daughter, Cheryl Ann Wertman of Michigan, son Geary Steven Wertman of Angola, IN, sister Barbara L. Hyer, of Leo, IN, and brothers, Max Allen Wertman of Leo and Roger Wertman of Michigan.

Interment: Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.  
[www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com)

### **Wertman, Geraldine Gloria...**

age 87, of Whitehall, PA, died 29 Jan 2017. She was born in Allentown to the late Albert and Susan (Columbo) Longo and was predeceased by her husband Gerald Wertman<sup>8</sup> [William W.<sup>7</sup>, David August Jr.<sup>6</sup>, David August<sup>5</sup>, David<sup>4</sup>, George Philip<sup>3</sup>, Michael<sup>2</sup>, George Philip<sup>1</sup>] and a brother, Angelo Longo.

Survivors are her son, Mark Wertman, with whom she resided, nieces, nephews and their children and grandchildren.

Published in *Morning Call* on 30 Jan

### **Wertman, Kenneth ...**

age 85, of Port Carbon, PA, died 31 May 2017. Born in West Penn Twp., he was the son of the late Howard T.<sup>7</sup> [Willoughby<sup>6</sup>, Reuben Franklin<sup>5</sup>, John<sup>4</sup>, George Philip<sup>3</sup>, Jacob<sup>2</sup>, George Philip<sup>1</sup>] and Mantana (Miller) Wertman. He was predeceased by his wife of 63 years, Shirley A. Webber, in 2015.

Survivors include daughters Sharon Jespersen and Karen Hanlon of Port Carbon, sons Timothy Wertman, Port Carbon, and Thomas Wertman, Dillsburg, eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a brother, Lawson T. Wertman of Port Carbon, nieces and nephews.

[republicanherald.com](http://republicanherald.com)

### **Wertman, LaVerne A....**

age 78, of Tamaqua, PA, died 21 Apr 2017 in Bethlehem. Born in East Penn Twp., she was a daughter of the late Charles D.<sup>8</sup> [Ira<sup>7</sup>, Jefferson Augustus<sup>6</sup>, Daniel<sup>5</sup>, David<sup>4</sup>, George Philip<sup>3</sup>, Michael<sup>2</sup>, George Philip<sup>1</sup>] and Arlene S. (Fritz) Wertman.

Interment: St. Peter's Cemetery, Mantzville.  
Published in *Times News* 22 Apr.



## 2017 Wertman Family Reunion Registration Form

**Friday-Saturday, 18-19 August 2017      Lehigh County, PA**

Please print

Name(s)	
Address	
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E-mail	<input type="checkbox"/> Please e-mail my WFA newsletters
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Reunion Event	<i>Number Attending</i>	<i>Cost Per Person</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>
<b><i>Friday, 18 August</i></b> Picnic at Ontelaunee Park, Adult		\$ 15	\$
<b><i>Friday, 18 August</i></b> Picnic at Ontelaunee Park, Ages 6-10		\$ 5	\$
<b><i>Saturday, 19 August</i></b> Research Meeting, Ebenezer Church Lunch Speaker: Willard Snyder		\$ 15	\$

**Wertman Family Association dues of \$20 per family are due.**

<b>Annual Dues</b> 1 July 2017-30 June 2018	\$20 per family	\$ 20.00
<b>2017 Reunion, Meals, and Dues</b>	<b>Grand Total, Check Enclosed</b>	<b>\$</b>

Please make your check payable to the **Wertman Family Association**.

Mail your check and Registration Form **by 20 July** to

Maryanne Cronk, WFA Treasurer,

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If you have Reunion questions,

phone Minerva Arner, Reunion Chair, at 610-841-0639

or e-mail [mmarner@ptd.net](mailto:mmarner@ptd.net)



Ten years ago, the Wertman Family dedicated a monument in Ebenezer Cemetery to Lynn Twp. Wertman pioneers.

## 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 Co., 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, Johann Martin, Johann Michael, and Simon.

We invite you to join us!

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