

Happy 100th Birthday!

We wish Florence Polly Gilbert, born 15 Jan 1921 the best on her 100th Birthday. She is a descendant of George Philip Wertman I through his son Johann Michael.

Submitted by her Niece, Minverva Armer

Wertman *Lines*

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Plan Now!

- **Annual Wertman Family Reunion**
- **20-21 August 2021**
- **Lockport, NY**

George Philip Wertman settled in 1749 in Lynn Township, present-day Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. A number of members of this family moved to the “great north woods” or what is today called the Rapids, Lockport, New York. So, like our ancestors before us, the Wertman Reunion will move west and be held in Lockport. It has been 18 years since we have visited this area. You, your relatives and friends are most cordially invited to attend the annual reunion of the Wertman family.

Yours truly,

RUSSELL C. DANNECKER, President
Wertman Family Association
6th Great Grandson of George Philip Wertman

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2021 Reunion Plans

by Russell Dannecker, 2021 WFA Reunion Committee

21st Wertman Family Association Reunion

**Friday-Saturday, 20-21 August 2021
Lockport, Niagara County, New York**

The Wertman Family Association Reunion
Committee (Russell Dannecker, Barbara

Dannecker, Ronald Dannecker) is pleased to announce the preliminary schedule for the 2021 Reunion and Family Business Meeting. We hope that you will make every effort to attend.

Schedule

Thursday, 19 August – Get Acquainted (Optional)

5:30 PM -- All arriving early are welcome to join the group at a nearby restaurant (TBA) to eat, chat and get acquainted!

Friday 20 August – Researcher’s Meeting, Dinner

9:00 a.m. -- **Researcher’s Meeting**, Meeting Room at the Best Western Plus Lockport Hotel.

12:00 Noon — **Lunch**. Select your own lunch option at the nearby restaurants.

1:00 p.m. -- **Researcher’s Meeting**, Meeting Room at the Best Western Plus Lockport Hotel.

4:00 p.m. – **Adjourn Researcher’s Meeting**.

6:00 p.m. — **Dinner & Speaker**. Meeting Room at the Best Western Plus Lockport Hotel. We will have a catered dinner and a special guest speaker

Saturday, 21 August – Picnic, Business Meeting, Family Auction, Erie Canal Cruise.

We hope that all of the following activities will be held at Lockport Locks & Erie Canal Cruises, Lockport Canal Side, 210 Market Street, Lockport, NY 14094.

12:00 p.m. – **Annual Business Meeting**.

12:30 Noon – **Family Picnic**. “Famous” 3-entrée Lunch Buffet -- Fresh Leaf Lettuce & Baby Spinach Garden Salad, Carved Roast Beef, Carved Roast Turkey, Deli-style Corned

Beef, Mashed White Potatoes with Gravy, Pasta Station with Marinara Sauce on the side, Our Signature Maple-glazed Carrots, Apple and Cranberry Sauces, Various Condiments, Freshly Baked Breadsticks, Chef’s Choice of Dessert, Coffee & Tea Station. Adult...\$19.95; Child Ages 8–10...\$12.75; Child Ages 2–7...\$8.75; plus taxes and optional Erie Canal Cruise. We will calculate a total cost.

2:00 p.m. — **Family Auction**.

3:00 PM -- Optional Following – **Erie Canal Cruise**.

Hotel Arrangements

PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY 20 JULY 2021

We have reserved a block of 15 rooms at the Best Western Plus Lockport Hotel, 515 S Transit St, Lockport, NY for Thursday through Saturday or Sunday nights at a group rate of \$149.99 plus tax per room (Same price as last year, Handicapped & Double Bed Rooms), per night. For \$10 per night, you may upgrade to two Queen or one King Bed, Breakfast is included. You may reserve your room by calling (716) 434-6151. Ask to make a reservation under the Wertman Family Association Reunion.

ROOM & HOTEL AMENITIES

This Best Western Plus Lockport Hotel is a part of Western NY's historic attractions, located just one mile from the Erie Canal Locks 34 and 35.

Minutes from the Erie Canal boat ride & caves, short drive to the Lake Ontario shoreline fishing & mighty Niagara Falls. There’s no better location for visitors who want fast commutes while on vacation or business travels. With an indoor heated swimming pool and a number of local businesses close by, guests can make the most of any trip. Our executive rooms offer a work area with free high-speed Internet, or head

down to the business center to print out reports and plane tickets. Start the day's adventure with our complimentary breakfast before heading out.

Located within walking distance to over a dozen sit-down or fast-food restaurants, the Best Western Plus Lockport Hotel offers a prime location to enjoy a great seafood, steak, Italian, or barbeque meal.

Spacious rooms and pillow top mattresses make guests feel at home. Combined with competitive rates and the friendliest staff, guests come for the brand recognition but return for the top-notch service and amenities. Every guest is treated like family here.

Hotel Amenities: 100% smoke-free hotel; Complimentary continental breakfast, deluxe style breakfast buffet available daily from 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday & Sunday. Enjoy a variety of hot and cold items served daily along with your freshly made hot coffee or tea; Indoor pool Heated Open Daily from 630a-9p; Exercise facility, open from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Interior corridor; 24-hour front desk; Laundromat, a coin operated washer and dryer is available for \$1.50 wash and \$1.00 to dry. Detergent is available at the desk for \$1; Cable or satellite television, 50 plus HD channels available through Time Warner Cable with Showtime Premium Channel included; Free wireless internet available in public areas; Free in-room wireless internet access; Air-conditioning; Elevator, wheelchair accessible; Parking for the physically challenged five spaces only; Free parking, 24-hour; ATM cash machine; 2 Commercial microwaves located in the lobby, available 24-hours a day for guest use.

Room Amenities: Cable or satellite television; AM/FM alarm clock; Coffee/tea maker Every room can wake up to fresh cup of coffee as they offer single cup coffee makers. Every cup is

fresh; Refrigerator All rooms come with a mini fridge; Hand held hair dryers can be found in a black bag behind the bathroom door; Iron, all rooms offer an iron & board; Desk/work area, with desk top lamp; High-speed Internet access.

DIRECTIONS TO HOTEL

The hotel is at 515 S Transit Street, Lockport, New York 14094

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT

The 2021 WFA Reunion Committee: If you have Reunion questions, phone Russ & Barbara Dannecker, at 401-647-3991 or e-mail dannecker123@verizon.net. The Reunion Committee includes Russ Dannecker, Barbara Dannecker and Ronald Dannecker.

-----Obituaries-----

Lois R. (Horan) Wheeler -- March 9, 1927 ~ August 27, 2020 (age 93).

Submitted by Hal Merz, Vice President



Lois was an early supporter and valued contributor to the Wertman Family Association.

Wertman Family History: Lois Riley Wheeler nee Horan (1927-2020) > Lois Mae Wertman nee Riley (1901-1991) > Nora Wertman (1875-1961) > David Wertman (1821-1903) > Solomon D. Wertman (1809-1894) > David Wertman (1791-1882) > George Phillip Wertman III (1763-1853) > Johan Michael Wertman > George Philip Wertman I.

Obituary -- Lois R. Wheeler, 93, of Avon Lake passed away at 1:30p on August 27, 2020 at Main Street Town Center in Avon Lake, Ohio. Born on March 09, 1927 in Cleveland, the daughter of the late Richard S. and Lois Mae (Riley) Horan. On September 6, 1949, she married Robert W. Wheeler who precedes her in death. Lois was a graduate of Shaw High School and also a graduate of the University of Colorado in Boulder. Lois worked as an employee of United Airlines. Lois was a member of many photography clubs, winning prizes and had some photos published in books and magazines. Lois enjoyed traveling the world and took part in archeology digs. Surviving are Carla Horan of Berea, Ohio, Scott (Beth) Horan of Avon Lake, Ohio, Tracy Horan of Eugene, Oregon and Amanda Horan of Bay Village, Ohio. In addition to her husband Robert, she is preceded in death by her parents. A private graveside service will be held at the Ashland Cemetery.

-----Research & Stories-----

1928 Pickaway Neighbors Helping Neighbors

by Hal Merz, Vice President

This transcribed newspaper article from more than 110 years after the Wertmans came to Pickaway County, Ohio shows that the same spirit of community cooperation was active among the neighbors. The names of Brenda's grandfather (G.M.) and father (Kenneth) are highlighted. The Bolenders and many others

mentioned were their cousins as well as neighbors.

Circleville Herald, November 3, 1928 --
Friends, Neighbors Gather Golden Grain of Farm Couple, Ill

This week persons driving past the corn fields of Byron Bolender in Washington-twp, saw a beautiful and unusual sight. There were 50 or more men working fast and systematically, some husking the golden ears of corn from the fodder, others hauling the corn to the cribs.

These men were neighbors, friends and brother members in Washington Grange No. 2240, of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bolender who have been seriously ill with typhoid fever for a number of weeks. They are now reported to be convalescent.

The love and friendship of a neighbor and a fraternal brother are to be more appreciated than silver and gold, and Mr. and Mrs. Bolender will never forget what their fellow members in the Washington Grange did for them in this time of illness.

Those who helped at this unusual husking bee are: Edwin Leist, Rev. L. E. Hill, Ed. F. Leist, D. E. Seitz, D.C. Heffner, George Bolender, C. W. Fetherolf, Eber Drum, William Lanman, Dick Bowman, Boyd Stout, Frank Smith, D.A. Marshall, Henry Bolender, George C. Trimmer, William E. Davison, Harry Waidelich, Floyd Young, Ray E. Bowman, Leroy S. May, Loring List, J. W. Bolender, Ralph E. Betz, **G. M. Wertman**, R. L. Liston, G. M. Newton, Thomas Heffner, **Kenneth Wertman**, Charles Delong, W. D. Stout, Karl F. Brown, Fred Leist, J. M. Westenhaver, Stanley Glick, Turney Glick, Charles Siegwald, Vernon Bolender, Walter Stebleton, M.J. Valentine, Loring Leist, T. A. Leist, R. C. Palm, Clay Hitler, Joseph Seeholtz, Emmett Brown, H. E. Leist, Ralph Bolender, W.D. Leist, Henry Davison.

My Ancestors at the Early Wertman Reunions

By Douglas A. Wertman, Secretary

In 2000 the Wertman Family Association was formed and rejuvenated the Wertman Reunions. Reunions have been held in every year from 2000 to 2019, but not in 2020 due to the pandemic. The original Wertman Reunions were held from 1920 to the late 1930s. However, we have little or no information about many of these reunions. The only information available, which is in the Wertman Family Association archives, are the lists of attendees from each reunion between 1922 and 1932, the minutes of the business or board meetings from 1924-28 and 1934-37, and a few miscellaneous documents.

We assume the reunions started in 1920 because the 1924 business meeting minutes say that the 1924 reunion was the 5th Annual Reunion. We do not have any information on: (1) how the reunions started; or (2) the first few reunions. According to interviews with his uncles by Russ Dannecker, these early reunions ended because of the Depression and the onset of World War II; the cost of getting together became too great. Nearly all of these early reunions were held at Victory Park in Slatington, PA. The only one that we definitely know to have been held in a different place was the 1934 reunion at Ontelaunee Park in Pennsylvania.

The attendance was significantly larger than our current reunions. In 1924 there were 286 people, including 54 children. In most other years for which we have complete attendance data, the children were not included in the attendance lists, but adult attendance was 233 in 1926, 172 in 1927, 207 in 1930, 158 in 1931, and 212 in 1932. For the reunions, printed programs and badges were prepared. For

example, in 1925, 600 invitation postcards, 300 programs, and 400 badges were prepared. In a tradition restarted at the 2002 reunion, the original reunions gave prizes for the person who travelled the longest distance, the youngest attendee, and the oldest man and oldest woman.

I have become interested in these early reunions because of the central role my ancestors, all of whom lived in Catasauqua, PA, played in them. My great grandfather, Henry J. Wertman (1870-1943), was the Treasurer of the Wertman Reunion from at least 1924 to 1935. His son, my grandfather, Robert A. Wertman Sr. (1896-1968), was the Secretary of the Wertman Reunion from at least 1924 to 1935, the same office I have held in the WFA since 2015. My great grandfather Henry, my great grandmother Susan E. Wertman nee Wuest (1868-1858), my grandfather Robert, my grandmother Isabel S. Wertman (1889-1935), my great uncle Clarence E. Wertman, and great aunt Ida S. Wertman all attended many of these early reunions. On many of the lists of attendees, these six people were listed first. Many of them were also members of various committees involved in the planning of the reunions. In addition, my father Robert A. Wertman Jr. (1919-2005) attended many of the early reunions as a boy.

Henry J. Wertman, his wife Susan, and his two sons Robert and Clarence, moved to Catasauqua, PA from Jersey City, NJ in March 1908. He purchased the Eagle Livery of Catasauqua from the executors of the estate of his brother George F. Wertman, who died on February 14, 1908. Henry leased the Pennsylvania Hotel Stables (on Bridge Street at the back of the hotel) and moved the livery (a business of keeping horses for hire) there. The family initially settled on Third Street in Catasauqua. Henry later owned a gasoline station.

Pictured below are two documents from the archives: the invitation for the 15th reunion in 1934 signed by my grandfather Robert Wertman Sr.; and the letter of resignation as Treasurer from my great grandfather Henry Wertman dated August 4, 1935.



Catasaugus, Pa. Aug 4
1935

Mr. John A. Wertman
President of Wertman Reunion

Dear Sir

Please accept my
resignation as Treasurer of
Wertman Reunion

Yours Truly
H. J. Wertman
Catasaugus

75.54
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Balance
75.54
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bal 77.86 Total amt
5.00
72.86

Wertman's 15th Anniversary

My Dear Friends:

Your letters and friends are most cordially invited to attend the 15th annual reunion of the Wertman family, to be held at Catasaugus Park on Saturday, August 11, 1934. The business meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the U.S.C. at which time officers will be elected, a park chosen for next year and all other business pertaining to the reunion.

A Hot Roast Beef or Pork dinner may be had at the park for \$1.00 or a Chicken dinner for 75 cents at 11:00 a.m. Lunch as in former years. Dinner will be served from 12 to 2:00 p.m. Please notify Social if you desire to give your dinner at the Park.

The Kiddie program will be well provided for.

Meeting to meet you at the Park, 10:00 a.m.

Walter Wertman, Secy.
Catasaugus, Pa.

Robert Wertman, Pres.
1004 South 56th Catasaugus, Pa.

The Wertman Gene Pool

by Tom Young, DNA Project Manager

Regular readers may be aware that there is a Wertman Family Association DNA Project. We initially tested male volunteers for 43 Y-Chromosome STR (Short Tandem Repeats) markers at the Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation. With the closing of SMGF, we moved to a 37-marker test at Family Tree DNA. These results have been standardized and combined on the WFA DNA Project website, <www.bit.ly/wfadna>.

Phase 1 used the test results of men of known Wertman ancestry to determine the probable haplotype of George Philip Wertman, who settled in Lynn Township, Bucks (later Northampton, now Lehigh) County, Pennsylvania in 1749 by assigning the most common value at each marker as his most likely value. Phase 2 was used to determine if men of unknown ancestry are somehow related to GPI.

Phase 3 attempts to identify GPI's origins using SNP (Single-Nucleotide Polymorphism) tests. These tests organize men into increasingly detailed haplogroups. In the beginning, all males were members of Haplogroup A. Eventually, some mutated to B. Then, C and so forth. This is a large scale but very detailed genealogical descendency chart ending with each man's specific haplogroup.

FTDNA predicted our Wertman line to be R-M269 which a very broad haplogroup. Another company, GeneTree further refined this prediction to R-U152 which is still overly general. We did some SNP testing and discovered our Wertman line to be R-Z35, still not specific enough. These early tests looked at specific SNPs to determine a positive or negative result. At that time there were several possibilities, so testing each one was clearly not an option.

Then, science happened. FTDNA began to offer Big Y. This is an exploratory test that identifies both named (known) variants and private (previously unknown) variants specific to one individual. Once a private variant is found in two or more men, it is named and placed in the phylogenetic tree, the descendency tree mentioned above. The list of known SNPs has grown from several hundred in the mid-2000s to several hundred thousand today.

What is the point of all of this?

Age estimates say our most recent known terminal SNP (R-BY164497) arose several thousand years ago. More helpful in anthropology than genealogy. But our test subject still has 33 private/unnamed variants. As more men test, matches will be found, new SNPs will be named and age estimates will become more accurate eventually moving into the genealogical timeframe. Then, we can begin to see the migration path our Wertman ancestors.

The database size is growing slowly due to the relatively high costs involved and the complexity of analyzing the results. It is very much an early adopter test.

Werthmann Baptism Germany

by Hal Merz, Vice President

Attached is some info we ran across while researching Brenda's allied family the Leists. These baptismal records from Ulm, Germany make reference to a Werdemann or Werthemann as the mother of two Leists (List). The Leist family in the US lived in several of the same places as Wertmans and intermarried with Brenda's ancestor George Wertman (1805-84).

Ulm is a well-known city on the Danube River, not too far from the Southern part of the Rhine area. Coincidentally it is also the proven location of my ancestral Merz family!

Georg David List	
Residence	Ulm, Württemberg, Germany
Baptism	21 May 1717 Ulm, Württemberg, Germany
Father	David List
Mother	<i>Catharina Sophia Werthemann</i>

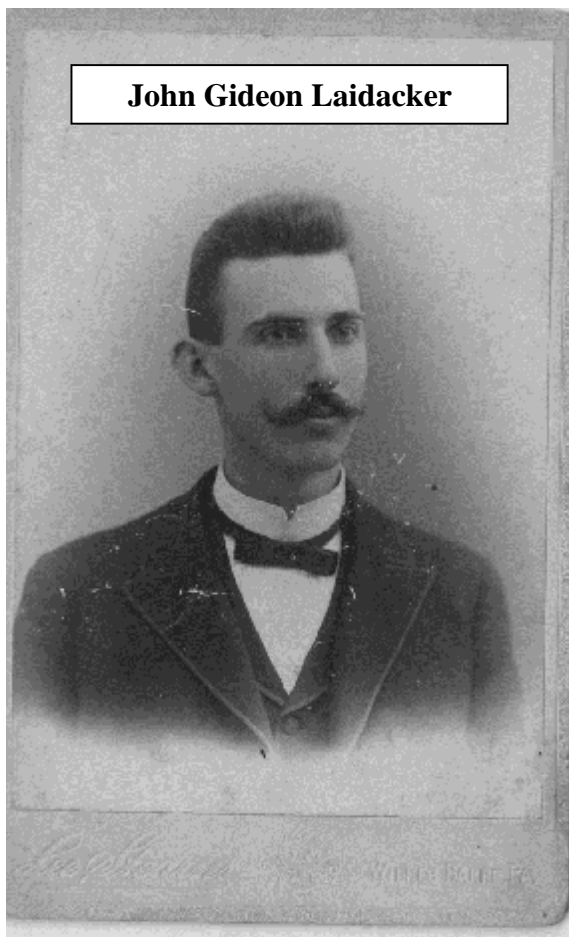
David List	
Residence	Ulm, Württemberg, Germany
Baptism	4 May 1723 Ulm, Württemberg, Germany
Father	David List
Mother	<i>Sophia Catharina Werdemann</i>

When Grandfather Played William Tell with a Rifle

By Kathy Bucher, Webmaster

Most people who are interested in genealogy have learned not to believe all the family stories. But occasionally, there are those stories that prove to be true.

My grandfather John Gideon Laidacker (1867-1927) was a 3rd great grandson of George Philip Wertman through his mother Christiana Wertman (1836-1890) (Gideon, Heinrich, Johan Michael, GPW I). For most of his life, he worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad and as an antique dealer. From about 1899 he was station agent in St. Clair, PA until moving to a position in Mocanaqua, PA in 1908.



A family story about John Gideon's prowess as a marksman was confirmed by the following 1925 article from an unknown newspaper (perhaps the Shickshinny, PA Mountain Echo) headlined: "Mocanaqua Man is Crack Shot":

In addition to being the agent at Mocanaqua, Pennsylvania, J. G. Laidacker is a collector of relics, a connoisseur, and a "pug" on guns. He is also a "crack" shot, so "crack" indeed, that once he played the role of William Tell, who legend reminds us, shot an apple off the top of his friend's head.

The other night, a gang of "old timers" were discussing "ye olden days on the railroad," when Laidacker was station agent at St. Clair, a small-town west of Pottsville....

The yarn revolved around a patriarchal citizen [whom we shall call the P. C.] of the town who took great delight in using J. G.'s station for a smoking room.

Daily J. G. remonstrated with the P. C. Daily he pointed out the "no Smoking" sign. Daily the P. C. crossed his legs, smiled silently and contentedly, stroked his whiskers, and blew clouds of smoke through the room. Then, something happened to J. G. Had it occurred at this later day folks would say that the P. C. got J. G.'s "goat."

"Don't come back here tomorrow to smoke that pipe or I'll show you a thingertwo," J. G. is reported to have threatened the P. C. one day as he wigwagged an irate finger under his nose.

Next day the P. C. was at his accustomed post in the waiting room. Great clouds of smoke announced his presence to J. G. in the office. And J. G. proceeded to uncover the "thingertwo" that he had "up his sleeve." First, he reached for his rifle. Then he rested it in the screen of the window and took aim in approved "where the West begins fashion." Then he

pulled the trigger. Nothing wrong with his marksmanship. First worry gone. The P. C. which was his second worry was also gone. J. G. had shot the pipe from the mouth of the P. C. who immediately developed a fervent and permanent respect for J. G.'s "No Smoking" sign.

But there's the bullet still imbedded in the waiting room wall in St. Clair. And J. G. doesn't deny the story.

National Archives Document Transcription Project. Want to Help?

by Russell Dannecker, President

As mentioned in previous editions, we have obtained literally nearly 5,000 photographs of the Military and Service records of the Wertman related soldiers, that are available at the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, DC. Our goal is to transcribe these records and as noted the article entitled *The Soldiers Are Coming!* by Kathy Bucher, WFA Webmaster, we will be posting them on the Wertman Family Association Website.

We need your help! Transcribing these documents is an enormous task. There is an old saying: "How do you peel a ton of potatoes? One potato at a time!" Well, the same is true here.

In translating the documents thus far I have noticed that they fall into certain categories, such as Muster Roll, Application for Pension, General Affidavit, Surgeon's Certificate, etc. I have developed a templet for each. For example, for a: *General Affidavit -- Dated _ of _ a resident of _ in support of the claim of _ . It reads:* After filling the blanks the actual words in the Affidavit are transcribed.

If you are interested in helping here is what I propose. I will send you One document picture with the appropriate template (in Word format). You will work on only one at a time, at your own pace. Once you return the completed templet to me you can decide if you want another. I will keep track of who has what and we will work on only one soldier at a time. Eventually all the "potatoes" will be peeled.

We hope that you can help. Just let me know.

-----The Wertman Scrapbook-----

New Wertman Lines Section

Please feel free to submit pictures of your Wertman Ancestors.

John Franklin Wertman & Katherine Magdalena Wertman nee Melching



John F. Wertman 5-18-1862 -- 10-15-1935.
Katherine Magdalena Wertman nee Melching 9-5-1869 -- 8-4-1949

Submitted by Nancy J. Johnson nee Strickling and Gerald Johnson. John and Katherine are Nancy's grandparents.

WERTMAN FAMILY HISTORY: John F. Wertman (1862-1935) > Eli Wertman (1837-1890) > Solomon D. Wertman (1809-1894) > David Wertman (1791-1882) > George P. Wertman III (1762-1853) > Johann Michael Wertman > George P. Wertman I.

WERTMAN FAMILY HISTORY: Kathrine Magdalena Wertman nee Melching (1869-1949) married to > John F. Wertman (1862-1935) > SEE ABOVE.

Victor "Roy" Leroy Strickling & Rosa Elmina Wertman



Roy L. Strickling 3-21-1910 -- 2-28-1997. Rosa E. Strickling nee Wertman 11-22-1909 -- 10-5-2009.

Submitted by Nancy J. Johnson nee Strickling and Gerald Johnson. Roy and Rosa are Nancy's parents.



Rosa Strickling nee Wertman (front), her son Frank Strickling (back) at the 2003 Lockport NY Reunion.

WERTMAN FAMILY HISTORY: Rosa Elmina Strickling nee Wertman (1909-2009) > John F. Wertman (1862-1935) > Eli Wertman (1837-1890) > Solomon D. Wertman (1809-1894) > David Wertman (1791-1882) > George P. Wertman III (1762-1853) > Johann Michael Wertman > George P. Wertman I.

WERTMAN FAMILY HISTORY: Roy L. Strickling (1910-1997) married to > Rosa Elmina Strickling nee Wertman (1909-2009) > SEE ABOVE.

Susan E. Wertman nee Wuest & Henry J. Wertman & Family.



Circa 1914-1915. (L to R) Susan E. Wertman nee Wuest, Robert A. Wertman Sr., Clarence E. Wertman, Henry J. Wertman.

Submitted by Doug Wertman. His great grandmother Susan E. Wertman nee Wuest, grandfather Robert A. Wertman Sr., great uncle Clarence E. Wertman, and great grandfather Henry J. Wertman. Please see article of early reunions by Doug Wertman in this issue.

WERTMAN FAMILY HISTORY: Henry J. Wertman (1870-1943) > Samuel W. Wertman (1836-1882) > George P. Wertman V (1809-1880) > George P. Wertman IV (1779-1823) > Jacob Wertman Jr. > George Philip Wertman I.

WERTMAN FAMILY HISTORY: Susan E. Wertman nee Wuest (1868-1958) married to > Henry J. Wertman (1870-1943) > SEE ABOVE.

WERTMAN FAMILY HISTORY: Robert A. Wertman Sr. (1896-1968) > Henry J. Wertman (1870-1943) > SEE ABOVE.

WERTMAN FAMILY HISTORY: Clarence E. Wertman (1894-1963) > Henry J. Wertman (1870-1943) > SEE ABOVE.

Amandus Oliver Wertman.



Amandus Oliver Wertman, 10 Sep 1861 – 8 Aug 1953.

Submitted by Patricia Wertman.

WERTMAN FAMILY HISTORY: Amandus O. Wertman (1861-1953) > Daniel H. Wertman (1825-1916) > David Wertman (1791-1882) > George P. Wertman III (1763-1853) > Johann Michael Wertman > George P. Wertman I.

John Wertman



John Wertman, 8 Oct 1805 – 25 Nov 1887. Married to Susannah Levan (Below).

Submitted by Russell C. Dannecker. His 3rd-Great Grandfather.

WERTMAN FAMILY HISTORY: John Wertman (1805-1887) > George P. Wertman (1779-1823) > Jacob Wertman Sr. > George P. Wertman I.

Susannah Wertman nee Levan

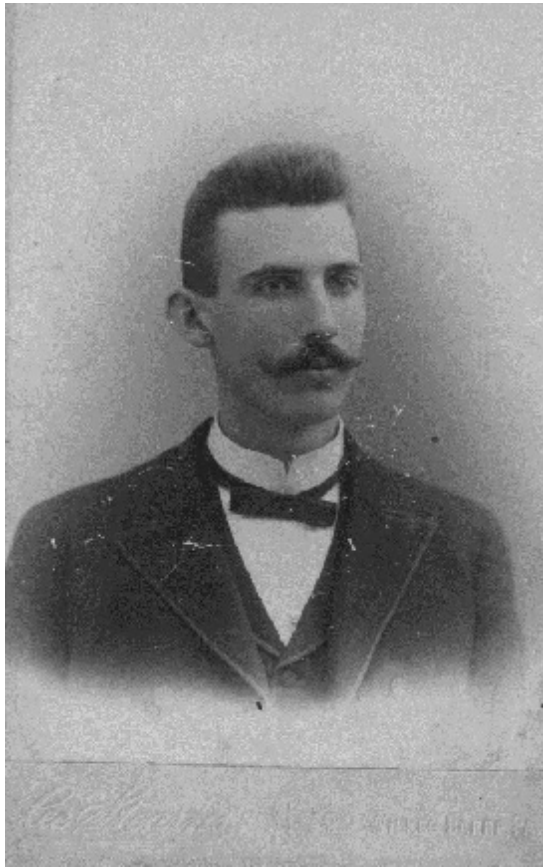


Susannah Wertman nee Levan, 9 Jun 1812 – 13 Dec 1901. Married to John Wertman (Above).

Submitted by Russell C. Dannecker. His 3rd-Great Grandmother.

WERTMAN FAMILY HISTORY: Susannah Wertman nee Levan (1812-1901) married to > John Wertman (1805-1887) > George P. Wertman (1779-1823) > Jacob Wertman Sr. > George P. Wertman I.

John Gideon Laidacker



John Gideon Laidacker, 25 Dec 1867 – 9 Jun 1927. (See Article Above).

Submitted by Kathy Bucher. Her Grandfather.

WERTMAN FAMILY HISTORY: John Gideon Laidacker (1867-1927) > Christianna Wertman (*1836-1890) > Gideon Wertman (1809-1882) > Heinrich [Henry] Wertman (1783-1867) > Johan Michael Wertman > George P. Wertman I.

Florence Wertman nee Haney & David Wilbur Wertman



David Wilbur Wertman, 13 Feb 1906 – 26 Apr 1953. Florence Wertman nee Haney, 23 Oct 1921 – 19 May 2007.

Submitted by Bryan Shepherd, New Wertman Family Association Member. His Grandparents.

WERTMAN FAMILY HISTORY: David W. Wertman (1906-1953) > George Wertman (1873-1953) > David Wertman (1831-1903) > Solomon D. Wertman (1809-1894) > David Wertman (1791-1882) > George P. Wertman III (1763-1853) > Johann Michael Wertman > George P. Wertman I.

WERTMAN FAMILY HISTORY: Florence Wertman nee Haney (1921-2007) married to David W. Wertman (1906-1953) > SEE ABOVE.

-----Wertman Family Recipes-----

New Wertman Lines Section

Please feel free to submit family recipes of your Wertman Ancestors.

Ruth Beatrice Dannecker nee Wertman's, German Potato Salad.

by Russell Dannecker, President, Wertman Family Association

Yield 6 to 8 Servings.

Ingredients

- . 2 ½ pound Potatoes, Yellow or Red
- . 1 pound of thick cut, hickory smoked bacon, cut in small pieces
- . 1 large sweet onion, finely chopped
- . ½ cup apple cider vinegar
- . ¼ cup water
- . 2 tablespoon and 2 teaspoon dark brown sugar
- . 1 teaspoon salt
- . 1 teaspoon brown or yellow mustard seed
- . 1 teaspoon sweet mustard

Preparation:

Place unpeeled potatoes in large saucepan. Add enough water to cover. Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, 20 to 30 minutes or until potatoes are fork-tender. Drain. Let potatoes cool. Cut into small pieces; set aside.

Cut bacon into small pieces and cook in medium skillet over medium heat until crisp. Do not overcook. Remove with slotted spoon. Put into small bowl on paper towels; set aside.

Cook and stir onion in bacon droppings until tender.

Combine vinegar, water, sugar, salt, mustard seeds and mustered in large bowl. Add potatoes

onions and bacon. Toss until well coated. Serve hot or cold.

NOTE: This salad contains no eggs or mayonnaise and will keep for picnics or other outdoor meals.

-----Thank You For Your Service-----

New Wertman Lines Section

Please feel free to submit military picture of living Wertman Descendant, but ONLY WITH PERMISSION. Please briefly describe military service.

**Bryan T. Shepherd,
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SERVICE: United States Navy, Five years Active Duty, 11 Years Reserves. Involved in Desert Storm / Desert Shield 1991.



Looking at the photo of Ribbons, one begins with very bottom row, far right, and then works up each row going far right to left side. This is a list of what each one is.

1. 45 Caliber Pistol, 'Expert Qualification'
2. M-16 rifle, 'Marksman Qualification'
3. Liberation of Kuwait (the Kuwait Version)
4. Kuwait Liberation (Saudi Arabia Version)
5. Sea Service Ribbon, earned for being on a ship at sea 90 consecutive days or longer. Star denotes 2 times earned
6. Southwest Asia Service Medal
7. National Defense Medal, awarded for participating in war, 1991
8. Navy Reserves (4 years good conduct)
9. Active Duty Navy, earned for four consecutive years of good conduct
10. Meritorious Unit Commendation
11. Joint Meritorious Unit Commendation, awarded for assisting in the Philippines, July 1991 to assist after Mt. Pinatubo Volcano eruption feeding refugees and victims – children – on our ship and helping evacuate personnel
12. Navy & Marine Cops Achievement medal

-----Wertman Family Association-----

2021 Election for Officers

by Russell Dannecker, President, Wertman Family Association

Earl Maurer (emaurer2109@gmail.com) has been appointed the 2021 Nominating Committee Chair. Two additional members

have been appointed: Kathy Bucher and Doug Wertman.

Any member in good standing may submit up to one (1) nomination for each position that shall be forwarded to the Nominating Committee Chair, postmarked or electronically dated no later than thirty (30) days (22 July) before the Business Meeting (21 August) at the Wertman Family Annual Reunion. This serves as written notice of your opportunity to make a nomination. The Nominating Committee shall assemble any names submitted and those names which it recommends. Written permission from nominees shall be obtained before placing on ballot. Its report will be presented at the Annual Business meeting.

The offices up for election this year are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Archivist, Webmaster, (all two-year terms) and two Directors at Large (both four-year terms). This year the four-year terms of Minerva Arner and Mary Ellen Wagner expire.

If the 2021 Reunion is not held because of Covid (Or any other reason) we will follow the procedure outlined in Article VIII — Nominations and Elections, Section 4, which reads as follows:

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

(who is not a candidate) shall open, tabulate and forward the results to the President. The results shall be transmitted by mail or e-mail to all members.

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.

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Newsletter: The next issue is June 2021. Look for the latest family news and information on wertman.info or in electronic or postal mailings.

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RESERVE THE DATE

**Plan now to attend the Annual Wertman Reunion 20-
21 August 2021 in Lockport, NY**

BONUS
– Some of
the
Identified
Wertman
attendees
at the
1924
Reunion

Wertman Family Reunion

Victory Park, Slatington, PA
July 26, 1924

