

Windemuth Family Newsletter

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The 2003 Reunion in San Francisco Bay Area

Mark your calendars now for the 2003 family reunion of Windemuth descendants scheduled for August 13-15, 2003, in Walnut Creek, CA. Bob and Judy Wintermute are hosting this biannual event and have an exciting time planned.

Walnut Creek is a sleepy little town located east of San Francisco. We have chosen the Marriott on Main Street as our head-quarter hotel and a block of rooms has been reserved at a special rate of \$89 plus tax, for a double. The hotel will honor this rate for family members wishing extend their stay by a few days.

This is the first time the reunion has been held on the West Coast, and we hope to attract the "West Coast Families" as well as the rest of our Windemuth descendant families and make this a grand reunion for all to enjoy.

Getting there is easy. For those driving, Walnut Creek is located near I-680. If you are arriving by air, two major airports service the area, Oakland International which is the closest, however San Francisco International is another option. Shuttle services from each are available or you can take the BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) from each airport

and the hotel will pick you up at the Walnut Creek BART Station three short blocks from the hotel.

While in the bay area, you may wish to travel into San Francisco for sight seeing or shopping. BART provides safe, convenient service at \$6.90 per round trip, and is a lot easier than driving. Bob and Judy are also planning a day trip to the Wine County for everyone that is interested. California's wine country is among the best in the world and offers a day of fun and tasting.

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Attractions in The Bay Area

- Major league baseball
- Fisherman's Wharf
- Alcatraz Island
- Cable Cars
- Ghirardelli Chocolate Factory and Shops
- China Town
- Wine Country
- Golden Gate Bridge



105 Family Members Attended the 2001 Reunion in Branson Missouri

President Janice Snyder Recovering From Cancer

Family Organization President Janice Snyder was diagnosed with cancer in June. Here is an excerpt from her Holiday Newsletter.

"...In May we went to Northern California to take care of Windemuth business and turned it into a visiting trip..."

"...We arrived home late May, preparing for a hot summer. Janice started feeling ill. Became jaundiced and decided to go to Mayo Hospital Emergency Room. Tests were performed and we were told at 4 P.M. that I had a tumor on the head of my pancreas. We were very disturbed, but the doc-



tors were very kind and gave us the information to make our decision for surgery. I had an operation called a whipple, taking out a third of my stomach, pancreas, all of the gallbladder, the duodenum and 8 lymph nodes, three being cancerous as was the tumor. Did not have much trouble, but I understand it can cause problems, I was fortunate. The rest of this year has been filled with chemotherapy, fol-

lowed by 5 weeks of radiation with continuous chemo, followed by more chemo treatment. Had a cat-scan done last week and was told no cancer was found at this time. We will have frequent follow-ups as they tell us pancreatic cancer is hard to cure."

"...We hope you all have a nice Holiday, enjoy your families, the festivities and most of all be thankful for the many blessings God has given us. Give hugs to each other."

Jim and Janice

On December 26th, Janice had her last chemo treatment of this series. Her spirits are high and she has informed us that "I do plan to be at the reunion (in August)." We wish her a speedy recovery.

In Search of Richard Winternmute

In October, our Family Organization received a request to help locate a "lost Winternmute." The requested individual is not in our database. Can you help?

"I am trying to locate a Richard (Dick) Winternmute that I served with in the fall and spring of 45-46. We were stationed at Alameda Naval Air Station. He was from the Chicago Milwaukee area. We both liked to ice skate and skated many times at the Oakland ice arena. He would be about 75-76 years of age. I think he was working as a butcher in the ship's store on the base. Any help would be appreciated. At this time I am living in Ohio.

I have a picture of the two of us a survivor might like to have."

Dane Williams
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Mineral Ridge, Ohio 44440-9519
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If you have information on Richard Winternmute, please contact Dane Williams directly.



Dick Winternmute Dane Williams

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The Importance of Traditions and Family

The following article submitted by Mary Wintermute shares with us the importance of traditions and family, especially during the holiday season. Mary, her husband William Wintermute II and family reside in Phillipsburg, NJ near the original homestead of our Windemuth ancestors.

With the holiday season upon us, it is easy to lose track of the important things; family, friends, and the greatest gift ever given. We can take two approaches to the holidays; one ridden with satire and one laced in love. Let's do a little of both.

December is the time of year you either adore or loathe. It is the time of year that preparations for the pending holiday begin. Shopping, wrapping, cleaning, baking, decorating and contacting family and friends you probably have not seen or spoken to since last December. What is it about the holidays that makes us long for family? Webster gives several different definitions of a family: The first being the most common, it is "any group of persons closely related by blood, as parents, child, aunts, uncles, and cousins." Grandparents are also included in that group. The next is "all those persons considered as descendants of a common progenitor." This particular definition enables us all to be connected through the Wintermute line. The last definition enables us to surround ourselves with people that are just like

family. It is "a group of people who are generally not blood relations but who share common attitudes, interests, or goals." We often encircle ourselves with many people who fit into this particular category, whether they be co-workers, church family members or even neighbors.

Now back to our original question, what is it about the holidays that makes us long for family? This question could be answered in a multitude of ways. Could it be the first break you have had all year? Your job and the daily activities with your immediate family have taken up every waking moment and it is only as Thanksgiving passes that you realize the year is almost over. You had ever intention to

stay connected with your family and friends you really enjoyed seeing everyone last year (it was even one of your New Year's resolutions). You were brought up with the idea that no one should be alone for the holidays. Seeing family if only during the holidays enables you to feel connected to something or someone in this world so your very existence doesn't seem so trivial. Knowing family outside your inner circle enables you to have roots (Check the Wintermute Family Heritage to see where you belong, if you do not already know). The traditions you grew up with

have shaped who you are and you are passing them down to your children and grandchildren. The traditions are expanding as our families are bound to other families through marriage. Singing Christmas carols, participating in Christmas pageants, making Christmas cards, baking cookies for shut-ins, attending Christmas eve services, or having a large family dinner could be some of the traditions you keep each holiday. Whatever your feelings about the holidays, or how busy you get in your preparations, please be reminded of the true

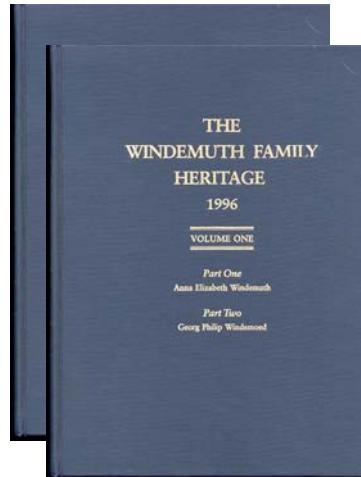
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meaning of Christmas. The self-less act of Our Father in heaven to send us His only Son to become flesh and blood to save us from our sins. Despite the fact, He knew the trials and tribulations His Son would have to endure as foreshadowed in the Scriptures. His Son, His gift to us, if we choose to accept it. Maybe, this gift gives our hearts the ability to feel loved and accepted and during the holiday we finally take the time to share our feelings with those we love the most, our family.

The Windemuth Family Heritage 1996 — Only \$65

Jacob Perry Wintermute originally published the Windemuth Family History in 1900. In 1996, James Woodrow Wintermute chaired a committee to update and republish this important history as The Windemuth Family Heritage 1996. Quoting from the Introduction:

"This book contains the history of the family Windemuth, from the first humble beginnings in Pfungstadt, Germany in the early sixteen hundreds, and spans nearly four centuries. It is a proud history, rich in tradition and perseverance. The family Windemuth has grown from just a small handful, to many thousands...This book contains a brief history of every Windemuth descendant that we could locate, or learn



about, and we located and learned about a lot of them."

The two-volume set contains more than 700 pages and was professionally published by Gateway Press, Baltimore MD at a cost of \$110. The price of the remaining copies have been reduced to \$65US per set.

To order your personal set, mail your request with a \$65 check or money order payable to Windemuth Family Organization to:

Leonard Wintermote
615 W Oak Street
PO Box 465
Elm Creek, NE 68836-0465

Include your street and postal mailing address.

Dues and Life Memberships

The payment of dues assists The Windemuth Family Organization in covering the costs of newsletter production and postage. It also helps accomplish the goals established by the Board at our biannual reunions.

We wish to thank those members who

faithfully pay their annual dues. (Dues paying members receive an additional issue of the newsletter each year.) Dues are \$10US annually, though many members find it convenient to pay two or more years ahead.

Special thanks go out to those who have elected to become Life Members by making a single, lifetime \$200US contribution.

Have you paid your dues?

Dues (\$10 Annually) and Life Membership Payments (\$200) should be made payable to Windemuth Family Organization, and sent to:

Gene Dennis
9095 S Saginaw #12
Grand Blanc, MI 48439

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Life Members:

Gene Winfield Dennis
Thomas Michael Louden
Susan Theresa Meier
Richard Neil Wintamute
Jesse Lee Wintermute
Neal Duane Wintermute
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Diane Wintermute Yarmoloy

Missing Family Organization Members

The Post Office returned our July 2002 newsletter mailing from the following family members because of expired or no forwarding addresses. Please send any current information you may have on these family members to: Gene Dennis, 9095 S. Saginaw #12, Grand Blanc, MI 48439; e-mail: gdennis@universalsys.com

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Miller	Margaret	Elizabeth	802 Valley Vista	Fillmore	CA	92647	USA
Pitenger	Joseph		482 G. Route 57 West	Washington	NJ	07882	USA
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Shafer	Arnold	B.	1 Pine Ridge Circle	Enola	PA	17025-4311	USA
Sinclair	Susan	Wintermute	Uelzener 32 B				GERMANY
Snover	Thomas	David	780 Country Club Drive	Saint Clair Shores	MI	48082	USA
Wasmer	Marjorie	Viola	989 S. Main St #A-170	Cottonwood	AZ	86326-4608	USA
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Wintemute	Brian	Dennis	RR 1, SI I, C15	Nelson	B.C.	V1L 5P4	CANADA
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Wintermote	Donald		408 N West St	Bloomfield	IA	52537	USA
Wintermote	Ronald		Chaney Rd	Dubuque	IA	52001	USA
Wintermote	Forest	E.	2716 Utah Street N.E.	Albuquerque	NM	87110	USA
Wintermote	Henry	Ogden	435 Kirkwood Lane	Plymouth	MN	55441	USA
Wintermote	Lynne		184 Berwick Road	Lake Oswego	Or	97034	USA
Wintermote	Milton	Thomas	4525 West 223rd Street	Fairview Park	OH	44126	USA
Wintermote	Ronald	Dale	495 Moull St.	Newark	OH	43055	USA
Wintermote	Wayne		Rd 2	Mehoopany	PA	18629	USA
Wintermuth	William		15755 Lakeside Village Dr Apt 206	Clinton Township	MI	48038-6096	USA
Wright	William	R	1137 County Club Road	Gillette	WY	82718-5512	USA

Cemetery Committee Report

The Stillwater Cemetery in New Jersey is the burial location of John George and Elizabeth Anna Windemuth, two of our earliest ancestors to arrive in North America in the 1700's. As can be expected, the 250 year old headstones are showing their age. At the Branson 2001 family reunion, funds were allocated to preserve the memory of our emigrators. Neil D. Wintermute, chairman of our cemetery committee, worked with the Stillwater Cemetery Committee Historical Society for a solution that permitted the cemetery to preserve its historical appearance while the Windemuth Family preserved its heritage. This was accomplished in October 2002 with the placement of a grass stone (flush monument) in front of each original monument. The text repli-

cates that which is on the original markers.

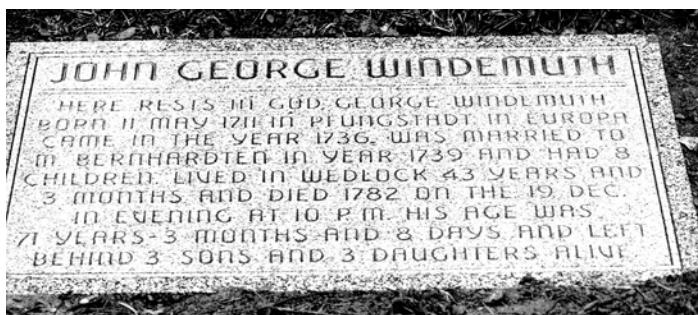
Neil indicated that plans are underway to place a memorial monument at McAfee Cemetery in Niagara-on-the-Lake, in remembrance of Philip, our third emigrator. Philip's exact burial location is unknown, however two of his sons are buried at McAfee.

According to Neil, "As money becomes available, we plan to maintain or replace additional headstones with priority given to the oldest first." *Neil D Wintermute*

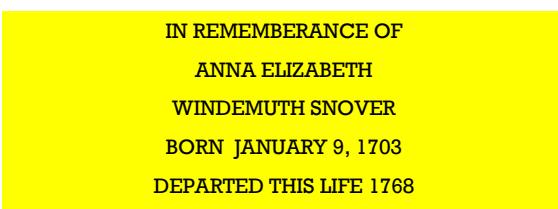
nard Windermote, PO Box 465, Elm Creek, NE 68836. Make checks payable to the Windemuth Family Organization and designate either the John George/Anna Elizabeth or the Philip fund.

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*Members of the Cemetery Committee are:
Neil D. Wintermute Chairman, Richard L.
Wintermute, Gordon Sherk and Carol
Bernie.*



JOHN GEORGE WINDEMUTH
HERE RESTS IN GOD GEORGE WINDEMUTH BORN 11 MAY 1711 IN PFUNGSTADT IN EUROPA. CAME IN THE YEAR 1736 WAS MARRIED TO M BERNHARDTEN IN YEAR 1739, AND HAD 8 CHILDREN. LIVED IN WEDLOCK 43 YEARS AND 3 MONTHS AND DIED 1782 ON THE 19 DEC IN EVENING AT 10 PM. HIS AGE WAS 71 YEARS 3 MONTHS AND 8 DAYS AND LEFT BEHIND 3 SONS AND 3 DAUGHTERS ALIVE.



Officers and Committees for 2001-2003

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Websites to help you plan for the 2003 Reunion

Information on Walnut Creek CA:

www.ci.walnut-creek.ca.us/



San Francisco Area Attractions:

www.sfvisitor.org/

Theme Park:

www.sixflags.com/parks/marineworld/home/asp

For those interested in camping:

www.walnut-creek.org/openspace/osborges.htm

California Wine:

www.californiawinetours.com

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Are your dues up to date?
Check the upper right corner of
the mailing label.

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We're on the Web: www.kern.com/maykoski/wintermute.htm www.jefnet.com/wintermute

Family Reunion

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feature a Northern California Barbecue at Heather Farms you don't want to miss. This is a beautiful and peaceful setting where you can view the

lake, ducks and geese. The meal will include: pork ribs, sliced beef, BBQ chicken, salads, corn cobettes, BBQ beans, ranch rolls, assorted cookies, and beverages.

Other highlights of the reunion will include an officer's meeting on Thursday morning, family organization

meeting on Thursday evening and plenty of free time to greet newcomers and catch up on old friendships.

Details are now being finalized. A registration packet will be mailed in March 2003 with all of the information needed to register for this exciting event. We look forward to meeting you there.

**In the year two thousand and three
We hope to meet again with thee,
Next time we meet in San Francisco by the bay
To meet good friends for fun and play.**

Ivan Wightman