

# Windemuth Family Newsletter

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## Windemuth Cousins

### A history of two related families that remained in Europe

Susan Wintermuth is hosting the 2010 family reunion tour. Since it is being held in Germany this summer, she has been searching for German "Windemuth cousins". The plan is for the German family members to meet the touring North American Windemuth's at a Banquet on August 13, 2010 in Allendorf. So far, she has located 28 German cousins.

Her research has also identified two other lines of Windemuths believed to be related with our North American family members. In the 18<sup>th</sup> century, their Windemuth ancestors lived in the same area of Hesse-Kessel as did our Johan Christoph Windemuth.

The two families have submitted pedigree charts and genealogy



The Volga Windemuths. David Windemuth (b.1898-d.1968) and his family. Photo taken at their Russian home (in Siberia).

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studies. As so often happens in genealogy, there is a "missing link" preventing a direct connection between their family lines and ours. If you can help make the connection, please contact our Genealogy Chair.

Here is a brief history of two Windemuth families that remained in Europe after our ancestors immigrated to North America.

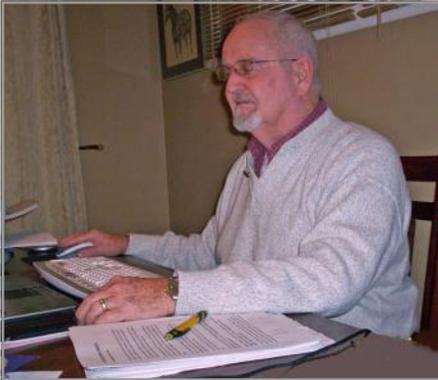
#### The "Volga Windemuths"

Viktor Hergert provided pedigree documentation and photos on his "Volga Windemuth" (Russia) line, some of which is written in Russian. His oldest known ancestor is Johann Adam Windemuth born in Weißenhassel, Hesse-Kessel in 1717.

The history of the Volga Germans goes back to 1763 when Catherine the Great of Russia issued a manifesto inviting foreigners to settle in Russia. This triggered a flood of

## From Germany to Philadelphia

By Mike Wintermute



Mike Wintermute

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*Mike continues his series about the lives of our ancestors. This article examines their journey to North America.*

Johan Christoph Windemuth's oldest son Georg Philip was twenty-five and single when he left Germany and made the long trip to Philadelphia during the summer of 1732. By September 1737, Johan Christoph Windemuth's entire family had left their homes in Pfungstadt and immigrated to North America.

The routes to America from central Europe were well established by the 1730's. The number of arriving passengers slowly increased until the surge of Palatine immigrants began in 1708/09.

The Palatines were refugees from Rhenish Bavaria. Their towns and villages had been destroyed and burned by the armies of French King Louis XIV during the War of the Grand

Alliance that ended in 1697. Four years later, the War of the Spanish Succession began and the armies of King Louis XIV returned. Battles raged again in Rhenish Bavaria as the allied forces of Europe battled to defeat the French, Spanish and their allies. The Roman Empire and its allies fought to prevent the unification of France with Spain which would result in their domination of Europe.

The English Duke of Marlborough led the allied forces that drove the French out of Rhenish Bavaria in 1708/09. He reported the destitution of the Palatine people to Queen Anne of England. The Queen offered refuge and transport to England for everyone from the Palatinate that could reach Rotterdam. Thousands of refugees responded with as many as 1,000 a day arriving in Rotterdam. From England, she arranged passage for them to the British Colonies in America.

Our ancestors' travel to North America in the 1730's was much the same as the refugee's journey in 1708/09. Four to six weeks were spent traveling down the Rhine River. The journey was long and extra time was needed to clear the numerous custom houses which required inspections and levied fees on all who passed through their territory.

The river trip was made on scows which were open boats, about 20 to 30 feet long and 8 to 10 feet wide, flat bottomed with blunt bow and stern and low free board. Some scows had a small square sail but most drifted with the current and were controlled by the use of a sculling oar at the stern.

The trip was made during the spring

and summer, to avoid harsh winter weather. Travel by night was dangerous so the travelers usually stopped and found sleeping quarters in villages along the way, or perhaps they slept in the open.

The Windemuth's of Pfungstadt were Lutheran and lived in a town and state that had been predominately Lutheran since 1524, so they were probably not subject to religious oppression. Additionally, Hesse was spared the ravages of the wars of the late 17<sup>th</sup> century that caused so much suffering in neighboring Rhenish Bavaria. Hesse did fight against the French, Spanish and their allies in those wars, but the battles were not fought in or around Pfungstadt.

The Windemuth's were much better off than the refugees of 1708/09 that preceded them on the journey and were probably able to pay for their ship passage.

The Atlantic crossing took three to four months, depending on wind and weather. During the earlier Palatine crossings it was common for nearly half of the passengers on the ships to die from starvation and disease. Thankfully, the pas-

senger lists for the ships on which our family travelled did not indicate any significant loss of life during the crossing.

The sailing ships were ap-

proximately 200 feet long and 40 feet wide with tall masts and sails. They had three or four lower decks for passengers, with stowage below the lowest passenger deck. The ships were crowded, the sanitation was poor and disease, sea sickness, along with limited food and water supplies made the crossing difficult.

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## Lancaster, Pennsylvania

### *Location of the 2011 Windemuth Family Reunion*

Lancaster, Pennsylvania is the site of the next North American Windemuth Family Reunion. The date for this biennial event is August 2-4, 2011. Place the date on your calendar and plan on attending!

Lancaster County is home to the oldest Amish settlement in the U.S. The Amish lifestyle and culture insulates them from many of the worldly influences of our modern society and creates a perfect backdrop for our reunion.

According to Neal Wintermute, host for the event, "Lancaster is a popular vacation destination where visitors can enjoy a slower pace. It's easy to relax and unwind to the clip-clop of horses' hooves echoing down quiet country roads. Family members will enjoy the beautiful scenery dotted by one-room schools, covered bridges, mule teams working in the fields and homemade clothes and quilts gently blowing in the breeze. This will be a reunion to remember!"

Our headquarter hotel will be the Bird-in-Hand Family Inn located in the small village of Bird-in-Hand about 6 miles east of Lancaster. The inn, owned by the Smucker's family, is a modern facility with playgrounds and pools for the kids. The Bird-in-Hand Restaurant and Smorgasbord is located adjacent to the inn and features traditional Lancaster County recipes

There will be plenty to see and do while at the reunion. Young and old alike will enjoy an Amish buggy ride or trip on the historic steam powered Strasburg Railroad. A short 40 minute away is Hershey, PA the town that chocolate built. There you can enjoy the Hershey Visitors Center or experience the excitement of Hersheypark with its 11 thrilling coasters and more than 20 rides for kids.

You may wish to take-in a show at Sight & Sound, one of the most attended professional theatres on the East Coast. Each year, about 800,000 patrons see unforgettable original stage

musicals based on great Bible stories. These spectacular dramas immerse the audience in the action on the 300-foot-long wraparound stage.

Don't forget shopping. Lancaster is known as the antique capital of the United States. Check out the unique shops selling handcrafted items with a reputation for their superior quality. There are also more than 200 outlet stores offering discount prices on just about everything.

Planned activities for the reunion include an opening reception, a

family meeting, photo shoot and a reunion banquet. Plenty of unscheduled time will permit opportunities to catch up on news from distant "cousins", meet previously unknown family members and do some sightseeing.

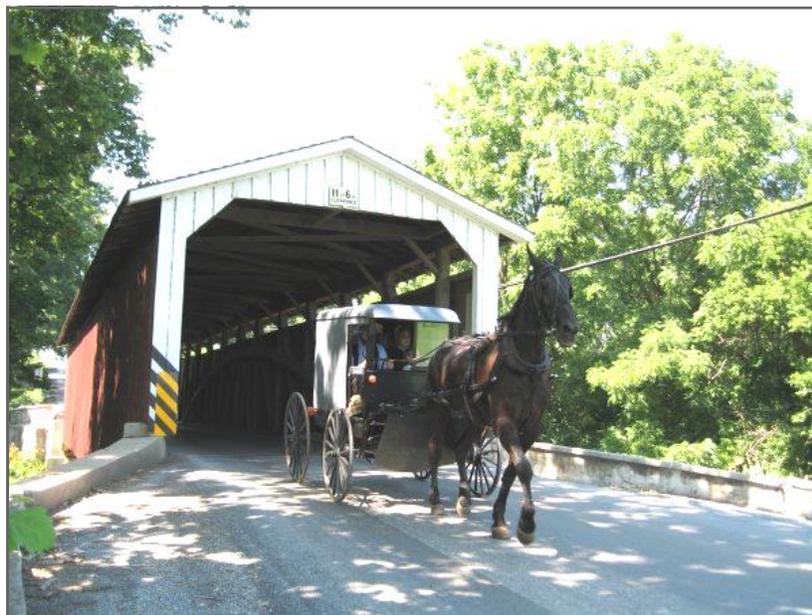
Getting there is easy. Lancaster is located about 20 miles from I-76 on US Hwy 222. If you are arriving by air, consider flying into Philadelphia (an 80 minute drive to Lancaster) or Harrisburg, PA (a 50 minute drive to Lancaster).

Registration and hotel information will be mailed in January 2011. It will also be available on our web site:

[www.windemuth.org](http://www.windemuth.org).

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*Lancaster, PA is Amish country where the 18th century comes alive.*

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emigrates, many from Hesse-Kessel, the landgraviate where our ancestor Johannes Windemuth was born and lived in the 1600's. Some 25,000 to 30,000 people accepted the invitation and immigrated to Russia. The German's were eager for a better life following the Seven Years War (1756-1763) which had left them in devastation, poverty and famine.

The emigrants' trip was a long and difficult. They first traveled overland to the port city of Lubeck on the north-eastern coast of Germany. There they boarded a sailing ship which took them the length of the Baltic Sea, nearly 1,000 miles, to St. Petersburg, Russia. Then the route was an overland trip of several hundred miles through the Russian interior to the city of Saratov on the Volga River. From here they were dispersed to one of the original 104 settlements. The descendants of Johann Adam were assigned to the Hockerberg settlement.

The colonies became quite prosperous after suffering through the first few difficult years. By the late 1800's the German colonists had multiplied to several hundred thousand people. In 1874, the "Russianizing" process began and young men were conscripted into the Russian army. This started the colonists exploring the possibilities of leaving Russia. Many Volga Germans emigrated to North America settling in Nebraska, the Dakotas and also in Winnipeg.

Emigration ended with the Russian Revolution in 1917. In the ensuing years, the Volga Germans endured increasing persecution from the Russian Government and its citizens. This climaxed during World War II when many Volga Germans were rounded up and forcible transported to Siberia and other desolate locations following Hitler's invasion of Russia.

The descendants of Johann Adam were resettled in Siberia. Since the collapse of the Iron Curtin several of them have immigrated back to Germany.



**The Martha Christina Windemuth Family circa 1898**

Family members are Left to Right: Johann Georg Oehler, Johann Heinrich Karl Oehler, Martha Oehler, Martha Christina Windemuth, Anna Frieda Elisabeth Oehler, Anna Martha Windemuth Oehler

### The Wennemuth-Windemuth-Oehler-Desel Families

*Karl Reinhard Desel of Odenthal, Germany has submitted this genealogical study of his Windemuth ancestors.*

My mother, Anna Frieda Margarethe Oehler was born in 1903, her mother (my grandmother) was Anna Martha Windemuth. My mother's two brothers and one sister died at an early age and only her older sister Martha was alive at the time of her marriage in 1928. Martha, 19 years older than my mother, stayed with our family until to her death in 1955. I have very fond memories of my Aunt "Malla". A tailor by profession, she was able to repair or produce new clothing for our family of four children when nothing was available during and after WW II.

I was named (Karl) after my mother's brother Johann Heinrich Karl Oehler who died in 1913. I have been told that he was an admirable, smart, talented and charming person. Reinhard in my name comes from my uncle (brother-in-law of my dad) who was my godfather.

The Oehler family moved to Kassel (the regional capital of Hesse-Kassel) from the small village of Breitau. Breitau is situated in a very pretty but poor rural area east of Kassel, not more than 25 kilometers away from Allendorf. Allendorf was the birthplace of Johan Christoph Windemuth (born 1676) who immigrated to the US in the 1730's.

My Grandmother was the only child of Martha Christina Windemuth. Christina was a seamstress and later

a well respected midwife in Breitau. She also taught sewing, stitching, knitting and related handcrafting

**If you can help us find the link between these families and the North American Windemuth's, contact Susan Meier, Genealogy Chair, at:**

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to the girls of Breitau. Georg Oehler (my grandfather) moved with his family to Kassel to get a decent job. About 1908, Martha Christina Windemuth decided to sell all her assets in Breitau and join her daughter and their family in Kassel. In the photo on this page, she is wearing the traditional habit, the "Tracht", of the Ringgau, the area around Breitau.

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Martha Christina Windemuth and her five brothers and sisters were children of Johannes II Windemuth, born 1805 in Breитай and his wife Anna Margarethe Schott. The oldest brother Christoph served as a quartermaster in the second Husaren-Regiment.

Johannes II had also served in the Garde-Regiment with his older brother Christoph (born 1799). Both retired from the military about the same time and decided to build a (duplex) home in Breитай for their two families. It would later become known as "House No. 20". (See photo on this page.) An inscription (only partly visible today) on the major beam has their names and the year of construction as 1829. The whole inscription says that "the two brothers Christoph and Johannes Wendemuth built this house after their retirement from the 'Garde de corps with the help of the mason Schulze". The name "Windemuth" is inscribed as "Wendemuth". When researching old family documents "Wendemuth" turns to "Wennemuth", which is the dominant spelling of our name in earlier generations.

Christina's father probably served in the Garde de corps as a way of earning money to start his family. It was common for the Landgrave of Hesse-Kassel to draft young men and contract them out as soldiers to foreign rulers. This happened in 1776 when the British employed 12,000 Hesse soldiers to fight the American colonists.

With Johannes I, the grandfather of Martha Christina Windemuth, our focus shifts from Breитай to the villages of Rockensuess and Cornberg, where he was born in 1766. The three villages are about 10 km apart, a distance which in those old days was easy to walk.

Johannes I Windemuth along with his five brothers and sisters were born in

Rockensuess. His profession is recorded as "shepherd" which seems to have been the major profession of the earlier Wennemuths.

We have limited knowledge of the earlier Generations of the Windemuth / Wennemuth family, but here is some of what we know: Andreas Wennemuth, b. 1/20/1726 in Rockensuess; Johannes Wennemuth, b. 1691 in Cornberg; Valentin Wennemuth, b. 1650 in Cornberg.



On the stairs of House No. 20 is a younger generation of Windemuths. L-R: Reinhard Desel, Monika Desel, Jochen Desel, Marianne Desel and a neighbor.

The three villages (Breитай, Cornberg, Rockensuess) date back to about 1260. Breитай's importance was enhanced by the local nobleman Knight Wigand of Breитай. In Cornberg, a monastery for Benedictine nuns was established in 1296. Rockensuess dates back to 1274.

My research was assisted by the former mayor of Rockensuess, Willi Wennemuth (born 1928) and by Heinz Conti-Windemuth of Görlitz, who contributed detailed information on several Windemuth families.

I was not able to find a direct link to the Windemuth's in Allendorf, even though it seems very likely one exists.

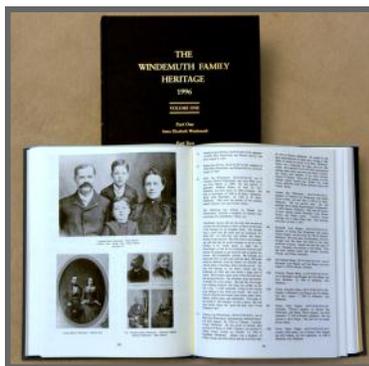
*This article was condensed from information submitted by the two German Windemuth families. Go to our web site to read the complete studies and view more photos.*

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The ships typically left from Rotterdam in the early summer to avoid winter storms, made a stop in England and then sailed on to America where they arrived by the late summer or fall.

Georg Philip sailed on the ship "Samuel" from Rotterdam and arrived in Philadelphia on August 11, 1732 along with 279 other passengers. Johan Christoph, his wife and son, Johann Georg, sailed on the ship "Harle" and arrived in Philadelphia on September 1, 1736 along with 388 passengers. Johan Christoph's daughter Anna Elisabeth, her husband Johannes Schnauber, (Snover) and five children sailed on the "St. Andrews Galley" arriving on September 26, 1737, along with a reported 142 families.

The Windemuth family remained close after arriving in America and eventually settled in the Stillwater, New Jersey area or in nearby Eastern Pennsylvania.

It is interesting to observe that there were Wambolds and Klappengers, (the maiden names of the two wives of Johan



Passenger quarters - 18th century immigrant's ship

Christoph), listed among the ship's passengers traveling with our ancestors. These were likely cousins or other relatives from a close knit extended family that lived in the small town of Pfungstadt.

### Life Members

Carole Wintermute Birnie  
Gene Winfield Dennis  
Cathy Snover Ingraham  
Thomas Michael Louden  
Marcia Jane McManus  
Susan Theresa Meier  
Shirley Wagoner Mickey  
Emma E. Murray  
Janice Wintermute Snyder  
Jeane Bedo Titus  
Carolyn (Sue) Anne Wilkie  
Richard Neil Wintamute  
Norman Stewart Wintemute  
Leonard Noal Wintermute  
David Michael Wintermute  
\*Dean Hallie Wintermute  
Jesse Lee Wintermute  
Neal Duane Wintermute  
Pell Brooks Wintermute  
Timothy Paul Wintermute  
William A. Wintermute  
William R. Wintermute II  
Susan Gale Wintermuth  
Dianne Wintemute Yarmoloy  
\*Indicates new Life Member

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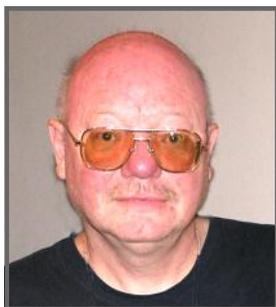
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## www.windemuth.org - a new look with added features

By James Woodrow Wintermute



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In March, our Windemuth web site was redesigned. Not only does it have a new look, but it contains more information. The home page features a drawing of Johann Georg Windemuth's home built at Stillwater, New Jersey in 1755. We wish to thank Sadie Hill, a Stillwater artist, for allowing us to use it.

Some of the new items you will find on the site include:

**Expanded genealogy menu.** The surname search now contains 34,677 Windemuth descendants listing not only names, but in many cases, dates and locations of births, deaths, and marriages. If you are not listed or there is an error in the data, please submit corrections using the "Info. Submission Form". Complete this form on line and it is automatically sent to our Genealogy Committee. All new data will be updated semi-annually on our web site. We have also added information on two German lines of Windemuth's believed to

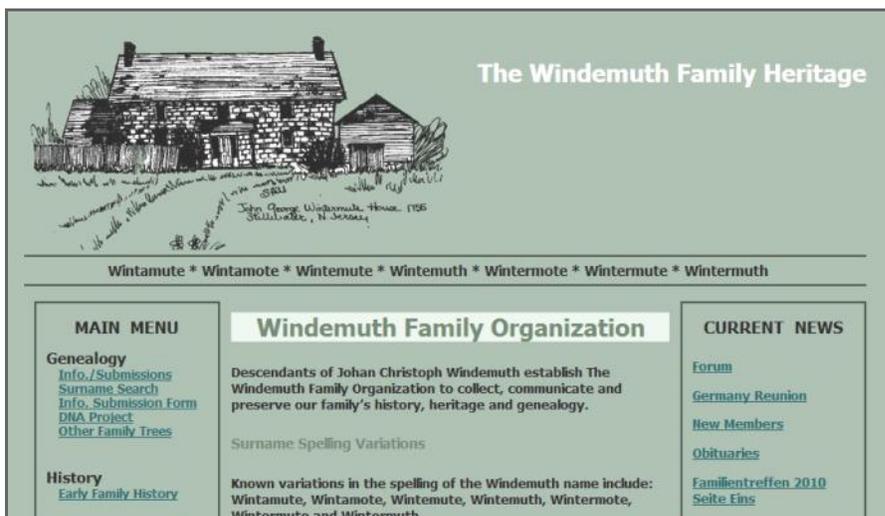
be related to the North American Windemuth's. This can be found under "Other Family Trees."

**History.** This new menu item contains a 3-part series about our early ancestors. The series was written by Mike Wintermute of Noblesville, IN and originally appeared in the Newsletter.

**Publications.** Past Newsletters are available for viewing and printing (in color) back to 1998.

**Photo Gallery.** The photo gallery now contains 147 historic images of Windemuth family members. Consider submitting your historic photos so others can enjoy viewing them. Please see the "Info./Submissions"

**Forum.** The Forum is available for all Windemuth descendants' use. It allows family members to communicate with each other by asking questions, answering questions others have posted, sharing photos and much more. The Forum can be a wonderful communications tool, but it needs you to login and start using it. The first time you use the Forum; click on "Login" then on the next screen click on "Register". Fill in the requested information and the web master will authorize your participation and inform you by e-mail that you are a registered user. This registration procedure is only required the first time you participate.



*Home page of the recently redesigned Windemuth web site.*

menu item for details on how to upload your items.

**Current News.** This menu contains items of timely interest. View it frequently to learn about upcoming family reunions and other Family Organization News.

*If there are other items you would like to see on our web site, please contact me at:*

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## Family News

*Reunions, births, marriages, deaths and missing addresses*

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### Missing Family Members:

The Post Office returned newsletters mailed to the following family members indicating expired or no forwarding addresses. Please contact us if you can provide updated mailing information on these individuals.

Surname	First	Middle	Address	City	St/Pr	Country
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Dresser	Jean Marie	Wintermute	205 Taggard Rd	Newfield	NY	USA
Meyer	Kathy	A.	5839 Newell Rd	Waterloo	OA	USA
Newman	Eiletta	W.	N-M Ranch	Sweet Home	OR	USA
Wintermute	Michael	Steven	635 Welford Rd	Suwanee	GA	USA

### Obituaries:

**Georgia Jean Peck (Wintermute)** born January 12, 1926, died on September 14, 2009 in Sparta Illinois. She was the daughter of Lucian Leroy and Florence Tamm Wintermute. Georgia is survived by her husband William A. Peck whom she married on June 6, 1944 in Cook County, Illinois. She died from complications caused by lung Cancer. This information was reported by her daughter Kathryn A. Peck Beach.

**Robert Edward McColgan** died January 31, 2010. He was born in Canada on February 14, 1953. This information reported by Carol Zagrosh (Dennis)

**Audrey Ellen Ramage (Silverthorn)** died December 26, 2009 in Peck, MI. She was born on August 16, 1935 and was married to Edward James Ramage. This information was reported by her son Jeffrey Ramage.

**Melvin Leroy Ramage** of Jeddo, MI died on March 22, 2010. He was born November 20, 1939 in Bad Axe, MI to James and Marion Ramage. He married Carol Van Camp on November 2, 1963. Mel was a welder for the Grand Trunk Western Railroad for 29 years and loved farming. This information was reported by his nephew Jeffrey Ramage.

**Rev. John B. Wintermute** died October 3, 2009, in Jackson Tennessee. He was born in Memphis, TN on December 27, 1917 and raised in Scranton and Wimmers, Pennsylvania. He was the son of Walter and Jennie Mitchell Wintermute. He was married to Miriam Berst Wintermute until her death in 2004. He was a published playwright and artist. This information was submitted by his son William Wintermute.



### Genealogy Committee Requests Your Help

The Genealogy committee is updating our entire data base of Windemuth descendants. This involves searching the census and other public documents for family members along with birth and death information. We do not find many of our descendants because census takers often missed families. An even bigger problem is locating female family members who after marriage, change their last name.

*Here is how you can help.* Submit a Family Information Sheet that contains your generation's information. Do this for as many generations about which you have information. The forms can be completed and submitted on line at our [windemuth.org](http://windemuth.org) web site. On the left menu, click "Info. Submission Form", fill in the data, then click "Submit". Thanks for your help!

## The First International Windemuth Reunion



*The 1st international reunion of Windemuth descendants was held on Labor day, 1981 in Stillwater, New Jersey.*

### The Idea is born

The idea of holding a family reunion originated with Walter Johns Wintermute b. (1907-2003) in the 1930's. As was typical of the time, Walter and his parents moved frequently to find work. As the family traveled from place to place, Walter began keeping a list of names and addresses of people named "Wintermute" he found along the way. Over the years, the list grew in size and so did Walter's dream of inviting everyone on his list to a family reunion.

During the Spring of 1981, Walter, Stella Garbus, Fred Wintermute and his wife, and three brothers, Frank, Bob, and Ernie decided to clean up the older part of the Stillwater, New Jersey Cemetery. That neglected section of the cemetery contained the graves of the original Windemuth emigrators and was badly overgrown with brush and tall grass. During the cleanup, Walter shared his dream of holding a family reunion with the others.

After finishing the cleanup, the group agreed to help Walter fulfill his dream of holding a large Wintermute family reunion. Other family members were enlisted in the project. William Wintermute was headed west for a new job that involved frequent travel. While waiting for connecting flights in airports, William would search phone books for "Wintermute" names and addresses. Harold Wintermute supplied more names from Pennsylvania. As these newly identified family members were contacted, many sent in additional names. Stella Garbus single-handedly managed the correspondence, sent out the invitations, and acted as treasurer for the reunion. According to Walter, without Stella's faithful dedication, the reunion would not have been successful.

### The First Reunion– Labor Day 1981

The first reunion was held on Labor Day in September 1981. The location was the beautiful rolling hills of Sussex County, Stillwater, New Jersey. Walter secured permission from the current owners of the original Johann Georg Wintermute's homestead to hold the reunion on their property. A large tent was rented and a catered meal provided to accommodate the more than 200 people from across the United States and Canada that attended. Many people met cousins and other family members for the first time. It was a big day in the historic village of Stillwater and the local papers in Sussex and Warren Counties gave the reunion a nice write-up.

Those in attendance enjoyed the event so much that it was decided to hold another reunion in two years, again in Stillwater. Walter

was elected President and Stella Garbus Treasurer. After discussing the possibility of updating the "Wintermute Family History" book published in 1900, Fred Hazen Wintermute volunteered to chair the Genealogy Committee with the assistance of Harold Wintermute. Their assignment was to gather information about Wintermute descendants for inclusion in an updated publication.

***"...more than 200 people from across the United States and Canada attended."***

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*Information for this article came from Neal D. Wintermute and Richard L. Wintermute who attended the first reunion.*

Plan now to attend the  
**2011**  
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**in**  
**Lancaster, PA**  
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