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Dear Relatives,

"Come One, Come All", to the 58th annual **SEIDEMANN FAMILY REUNION** on **July 21, 1991!** Activities begin at **11 AM** on the Ray Seideman Family Farm, located 1.5 miles north of Newburg, WI (252 Newark Dr. E). Newburg is located about eight miles east of West Bend on Highway 33.

Activities and entertainment have become such a big part of our Reunion, we've put them on a separate page! There should be something for everyone, concluding with the annual award winning Variety/Talent Show!

Please also take note of the special "60th Reunion Quilt" announcement!

With over 2,600 living direct descendants of Friedrich and Rosina Seidemann (and increasing yearly!), it is essential that you call or write to me about any and all additions or changes in order for me to keep our records updated. We need first and middle names, birthdates, marriage dates, and dates of death. Also, changes of address are very helpful. Many of you write to me often with your corrections and additions -- I'd like to express my gratitude to you for helping to make my task so much easier!

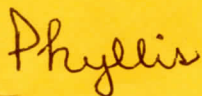
Donations for the reunion are being graciously accepted to help defray the cost of rising expenses. Postage costs are one example - in 1990 (before the 16% postage increase) it cost \$275 to print and mail our invitations. If you would like to participate financially in supporting this wonderful family function, you may bring your donation (all sizes welcomed!) to the July 21 Reunion or send it to me at the above address.

Of course, money isn't the only way to help keep this tradition alive. The Committees are always looking for volunteers, in advance or on Reunion Day. If you (or someone you know) is interested in giving back a little of your time, you can contact me in advance, or mention it when you register!

Confused about who begat whom? The Golden Anniversary Edition - Family Tree book will be available for \$8.00 each. These can also be ordered from me at the above address. Please enclose an additional \$2.00 to cover postage and handling if you order by mail.

Remember the date -- July 21, 1991. The set-up tasks will start on Sat. at about 1:00, so feel free to come by and help (you'll be appreciated!) And remember, the Reunion is always on the 3rd Sunday in July - see you there!

Sincerely,



Phyllis Seideman Naumann
Secretary

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
REGISTER BEFORE NOON, AND
BUY A BRATWURST SANDWICH
FOR ONLY 75 CENTS!



SEIDEMANN STAR SEARCH

1991 VARIETY/TALENT SHOW!

NOW IN ITS 4TH AMAZING YEAR!!!

**COME SHARE YOUR TALENT
-OR-
JUST HAVE A GREAT TIME!**

FAMOUS PAST ACTS:

Story Telling

Dancing

Comedy Skits

Really Bad Comedy Skits

Poetry

Lip Sync

Music

MORE IDEAS:

Magic Acts

Impressions

Silly Human Tricks

Bird Calls

Imitators

BAD IDEAS:

Roseanne Barr Singing the National Anthem

A Rain Dance

Saddam Hussien Lookalike Contest

**ALL THIS EXCITEMENT KICKS OFF AROUND 4:30,
SO BE SURE TO STAY FOR THE FUN!
(WE NEED AN AUDIENCE, TOO!)**

***Real talent is entirely optional! (if you've seen one of these,
you know what we mean!)**

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We're planning ahead! For the 60th Reunion in 1993 we plan to have a large family quilt assembled! You can pick up your 8 x 8 inch square of unbleached muslin at the Reunion this year (or purchase some from a fabric store, if you can't attend). Then you and your family can decide how to decorate it! Of course you can (and will probably want to) include your names, and you can embroider the square or use fabric paint. Also be sure to leave a 1/4 inch border along all sides. But just have it completed by next year's Reunion, so we can get it put together by the 60th!

ACTIVITIES 1991!

FOR EVERYONE!

Prize Drawings
Guessing Games
Bingo

FOR THE
ADVENTUROUS!

Balloon Toss
Over/Under Race
Wheelbarrow Race

FOR THE
YOUNGER ONES!

Face Painting
Parade
Pinata
Dime Dig
Cloth/T-shirt
painting

IF ENOUGH
PEOPLE GET
TOGETHER...

Volleyball
Softball
(bring your bats
and gloves!)

YOU
BRING
THE TEE-
SHIRT, WE'VE
GOT THE
PAINT FOR
IT!

As Usual...

WE'VE GOT FOOD!

Brats
Hot Dogs
Ice Cream
Candy
Soda
Beer (Regular and
Non-Alcohol)

All At Modest Prices - or -
Bring You Own Picnic Basket!
Coffee and Milk Still Free

PROBABLE
STARTING TIMES:

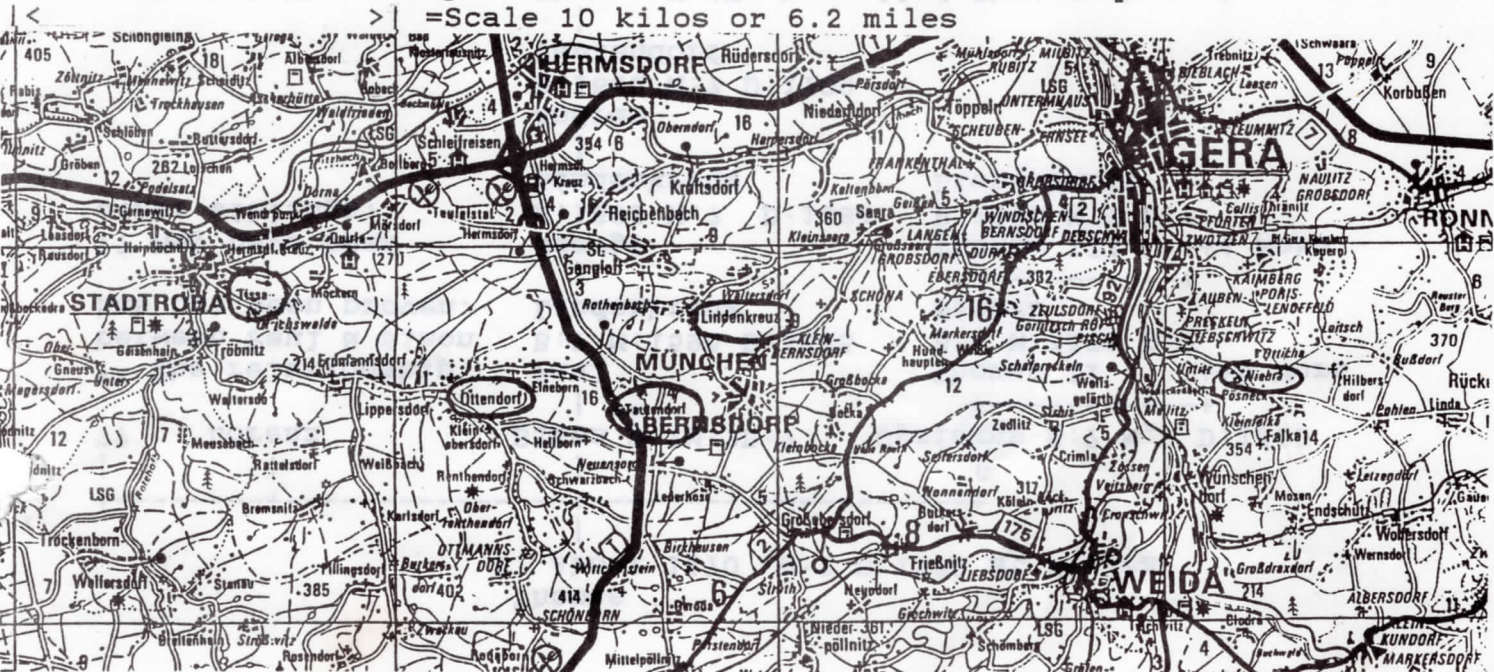
FACE & SHIRT PAINTING
11:00-1:00
KID'S PARADE & GAMES
1:00-on
BINGO
1:00-2:00
ADVENTUROUS GAMES
2:00-on

(In the unlikely event of rain, a large sheltered area is available)

Fellow Descendents:

This is the fourth annual information sheet pertaining to our ancestors prior to their arrival in the United States.

This has been a most disappointing year in gaining new information since I began this project. The pastor in Ottendorf told me the political and economic changes in East Germany have been so great he has been unable to help me. Immediately before last years reunion I sent off about 30 letters to Seidemann's in the larger cities of Germany. I selected the names and addresses at random from telephone books. I asked for any background information they could furnish about Seidemann's from the Gera area as well as the Seidemann's from the Nassau area (the family that came directly to Texas). I received a dozen responses all without any information which I could use. One elderly lady from Berlin went to the library there and located a book about the Seidemann's and wrote to tell me about the books' title etc. About a week later I received a letter from her son in another city. He said he was from a different Seidemann family as he traced his ancestors to Silesia (an area in Germany east of Berlin). I wrote back to him suggesting he have his mother secure the "Seidemann book" in Berlin for his use as it contains considerable information about the Selesian line. I am also in communication with a German genealogy researcher who has two Seidemanns' families in his background about 100 years apart but both near the town of Wolfsgefath. This village is near Gera, the area from which our family originates. I have no prediction of when we can expect more information from previous sources in Germany. I will continue to try to find new sources. Hopefully, this new year will produce more exact information on our ancestor Paul. On the back side of this page I have re-drawn our ancestral route through direct ancestors. I am unable to print names of brothers, sisters etc due to space limitations. To explain further, I am very certain of my data from Friedrich all the way to Paul. Extracts from church records document these folks. My problem is I can not find out the name of Paul's father with great degree of certainty. Paul was married in 1595. Because most men married at about age 30 I assume he was born about 1565. He could have been a son of Walburgis who was married in 1562 or Nicol who married in 1564. More logically, he was the son of Simon who was the bailiff of Lindencruetz at that time but I have been unable to determine anything else about him. I do believe he was a son of Thomas I because of visits between these families for the purpose of being Godparents, and of course, the Thomas V name tied to our ancestor. Below is a map of "our" ancestral area of Germany.



Thomas
B: About 1470 M:? D:1538 at Niebra

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?? Lorenz      Simon B:?M:?D:?      Cyriakus B:? M:? D:1580
|           |**                      +-----+
** The relationship between Paul & Simon has not been proven. Paul B:? M:1595 D:1625 Lindenkreuz Thomas II ++5 More B:? M:1579 D:? Niebra
|           |                      |-----+
?? May have been other siblings. George B:1608 M:? D:1684 Lindenkreuz Thomas III ++4 More B:1580 M:? D:? Liebschwitz
|           |
Andrae B:1646 M:? D:1709 Tautendorf
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Note the 5th Thomas.

Hence, we are related to the 1st.

Thomas V (To be called Christophorus)
B:1687 M:? D:1762
Tautendorf

From the many entries in church books this fellow was popular. Also had an appointment from the Duke.

Christoph
B:1723 M:1750 &1756
Tautendorf

Gottfried (from 2d marriage of Christoph)
B: 1759 M:1788 D:? Was mayor of Ottendorf
Ottendorf

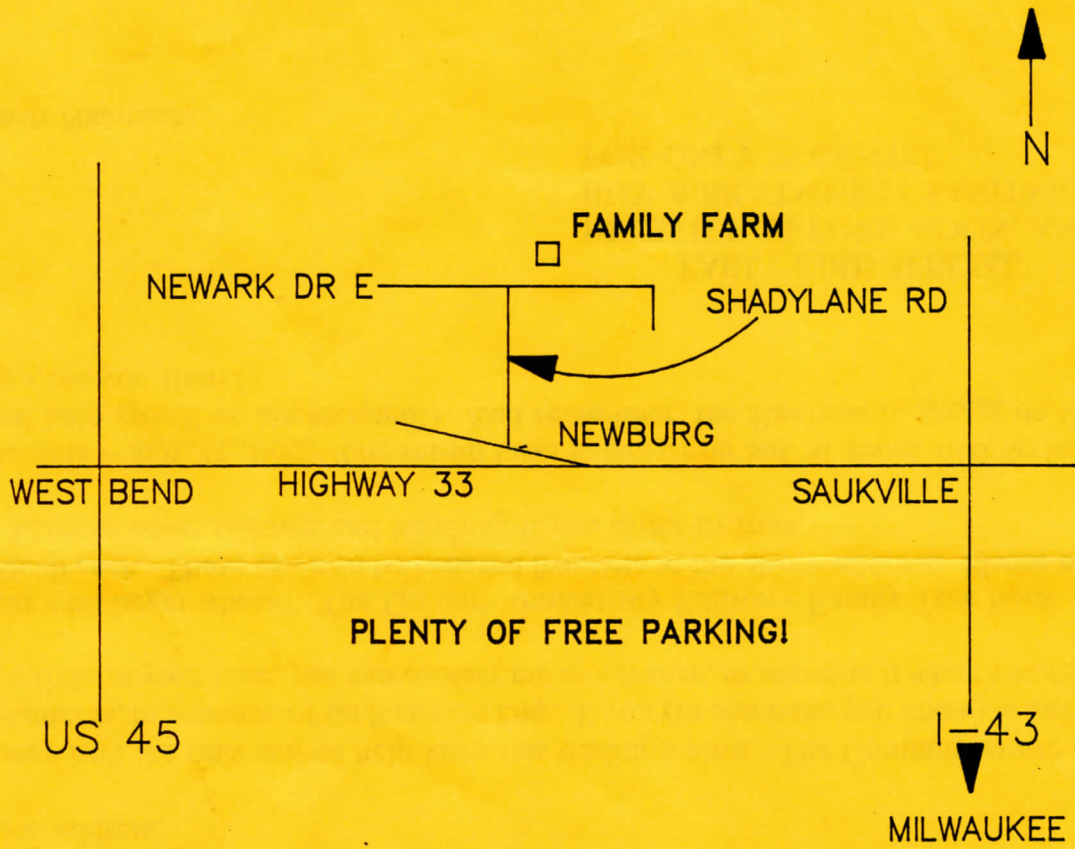
Friedrich (our guy)

Of interest is an extract of the church record of Gottfried's marriage. Church Book, Ottendorf, 1788, Number 6. "Master Gottfried Seidemann, a neighbor and Shoemaker from here, a bachelor, the legitimate eldest son of the second marriage of Christoph Seidemann, a neighbor and the Ducal Mayor of Tautendorf, with the maiden Anna Rosina Hegner, the legitimate eldest daughter of Christian Hegner and his wife. Their bans were proclaimed for the third time and they were married on October 20."

Translated extract of Ottendorf Church book of 1799: "Friedrich Seidemann, a son of Master Gottfried Seidemann, a Shoemaker and the Mayor of this place, and his wedded wife Rosina, born Hegner, was born on October 17th at 10 o'clock in the evening and Christened on the 14th of November."

Note this differs from our history book which shows his birthdate as October 11th. I believe the church record or the extraction was in error as he was christened in the 14th of October. In those days it was tradition to baptize a child within three days of his birth. Hence I am confident he was born on the 11th as our family record shows. After all, he could not have been born three days after he was baptized.

Another extract: Church book, Ottendorf, 1828, number 8, : "Johann Traugott Seidemann, a son of Friedrich Seidemann, a neighbor and resident of this place, and his wife Marie Rosina, born Koch, from Lippersdorf, was born on June 29th at 7 o'clock in the evening and Christened on July 1st." Our family book states he was born on May 29th, however, in this case I believe the church record is correct due to the baptism date being the 1st of July (three day rule). He probably forgot his birthdate which was not to uncommon among the old folks. I am always interested in any information you may have about our family ties in Germany. Chuck Seideman, 11109 Spicewood Club Dr., Austin, Texas (512)258-2993.



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