



**Zeller**

## The 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Zeller/Zellers in America Family Reunion – July 17-18, 2010 Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

### **The Zeller Family Association**

*"The Zeller Family Association has been formed to honor the memory of our forefathers, to study and mark their historical achievement, to foster their spirit of reverence, integrity, industry, and independence, among all their descendants, to embellish the communities in which we live, to serve our fellow man according to our talent and opportunity."*

Earl Zellers  
President

TO ALL ZELLER DESCENDENTS:  
(Regardless of the spelling of the name)

This year marks the 300th anniversary of the 1710 Zeller/Zellers emigration from present day Germany to America, arriving in New York and settling in Pennsylvania. We assume that our Zeller/Zellers lineage descends from Jacques Zeller who died en route to America in 1709-1710. Jean Henri Zeller and his mother Lady Clothilde de Valois Zeller did arrive in New York in 1710 to land they were allocated along the Hudson River. Finding this area to be unsuitable for them, they were reassigned to acreage in what is now the area of Berks and Lebanon Counties in Pennsylvania where they lived in a small log home for several decades. In 1745 a larger stone house, commonly referred to as a blockhouse or fort was built to give them additional protection from the Native Americans.

While all Zeller/Zellers and their families are proud of their heritage, we in Pennsylvania are especially exalted with the 1745 Fort Zeller which remains today in a well-preserved condition and listed on the National Registry of Historical Sites.

To commemorate this occasion, we would like to invite you and your family to Lebanon County for a weekend of sharing family lineage, wonderful fellowship, and an exciting opportunity to walk in the footsteps of J. Heinrich Zeller and his family at Fort Zeller.

Our celebration will begin with a social gathering at Millcreek Lutheran Church at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 17th, 2010 followed by a buffet dinner and an address by the Rev. Earl Zellers, recreating a chronological record of these 300 years, relating significant events and our group's research of the family's evolution. In the hours prior to the dinner, we encourage you to enjoy fellowship and be part of the exciting entertainment...brought back by popular demand...Bicycle man Bob Swaim...and this time he will have his rare 7 passenger conference bike every age can enjoy...plus other unique cycling creations.

On Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, we will relive the history of Fort Zeller. Guests will be welcomed between 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the farm of Eugene and Sylvia (Zeller) Hoffman where Fort Zeller is located. At the Fort, a fresh pork roast luncheon and refreshments will be served. Guided tours of the Fort will be provided throughout the afternoon. Chairs and tables will be provided under a tent, but bring your own lawn chairs if you like. Parking and restroom facilities will be available near the Fort. Event will be rain or shine.

The Zeller Family Association is sponsoring the 300<sup>th</sup> Celebration and we want everyone to be able to join in the festivities in the attached schedule. Your only cost will be the Saturday evening buffet and lodging if needed. Of course, there will be souvenirs available to commemorate your visit.

Attached is a reply sheet, which needs to be returned by July 3.

THE COMMITTEE

## **RESERVATION – RSVP by July 3, 2010**

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... Please complete both the Saturday and Sunday portions of the form below to allow for proper preparations!

#### **Cost for Saturday's banquet:**

I am enclosing a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ adults at \$15.50 per adult, and  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ children 6 - 12 years old at \$7.50 per child  
\_\_\_\_\_ children under 6 years old are free  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ = Total Amount Enclosed

Please make checks payable to "**Zeller Family Association Reunion**" and mail to Kristine Fortuna, 2007 Brandt Road, Annville, PA 17003.

#### **Attending will be:**

| Name  | Age   |
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#### **Contact information:**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Sunday Visit to Fort Zeller**

Yes, \_\_\_\_\_ members of my family will be attending the Sunday event. Covered dishes and desserts are welcomed to be served along with our fresh roasted pork sandwiches, but are not required. Pork roast donated by Joshua Zellers of Northampton County, Pennsylvania.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, we are unable to attend Sunday's activities at Fort Zeller.

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\_\_\_\_\_ We are unable to attend either event but encourage you to continue the Zeller Family Association's fine preservation of our history by our enclosed donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

We are members of the Zeller/Zellers Reunion Group in \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions or comments can be emailed to [zellersreunion@comcast.net](mailto:zellersreunion@comcast.net) or by calling the reunion chairman, Joseph R Zeller (610) 298-3254 or the family association president, Earl W Zellers (717) 865-0745.

*Please visit [www.fortzeller.com](http://www.fortzeller.com) for more information and details about the Reunion.*

## EVENT SCHEDULE

### Saturday, July 17, 2010

2:30 PM to 5:30 PM – Gather at Millcreek Lutheran Church, 221 N Sheridan Road, Newmanstown, Pennsylvania to enjoy fellowship and the sharing of genealogy and our exciting entertainment for all ages by Bob Swaim...noted bicycle collector. Bring your lawn chairs for added comfort.

6:00 PM – Buffet Dinner at Millcreek Lutheran Church – Please complete the attached reservation form and forward to Kristine Fortuna as indicated on the form.

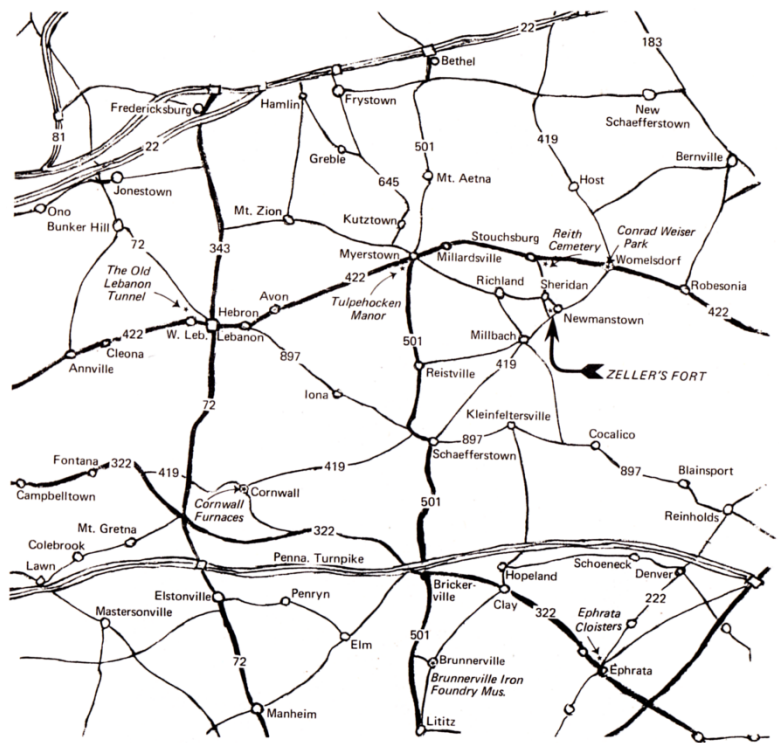
Zeller Family Background will be presented by Rev Earl Zellers.

### Sunday, July 18, 2010

Sunday Church Services – you are encouraged to attend services at one of our many area's historic Churches. A listing will be available at the Saturday evening buffet.

12:00 AM-4:00 PM – Gather at Fort Zeller, Newmanstown to continue fellowship and festivities. Guided tours of Fort Zeller will be available throughout the afternoon. An afternoon luncheon of fresh roast pork sandwiches and covered dishes will be available. Children's activities and historical displays will also be available.

*Note: The Zeller Family Association will bear the cost of all the anniversary events other than the cost of the Saturday evening buffet in order to encourage all Zeller Family descendants to be able to enjoy this event. A special thank you to Eugene and Sylvia Zeller Hoffman and their sons Gene, Bill, and Frank for making our visit to Fort Zeller a special day with tours, a tent, tables and chairs, etc.*



**Directions to Church:** From the intersection of US Rt 422 and State Rt 501 in Myerstown, PA, go east 2 miles on 422 to Millardsville Road. Turn right (south) toward Richland. Stay on Millardsville road (which becomes Chestnut St) 1.7 miles to left onto Main St through Richland Borough .6 miles to stop sign at Linden St. Turn left onto Linden St, go .8 miles (Note Ft Zeller Elementary School on right). Millcreek Lutheran Church (where registration and Saturday events will be held) is just .2 miles beyond the elementary school on right.

**Directions from Church to Fort:** To get to Fort Zeller, from the Millcreek Lutheran Church, turn right from the exit. Go to the first crossroad, turn right onto Ft Zeller Road. The fort is about a mile on the left hand side. (Note also the boulder/Monument with a copy of the deed engraved on a tablet is at the entrance.)

**Directions to the Marker:** Go another .3 miles on Ft Zeller Road to State Rt 419. National Historic Marker is on the right hand side.