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Family of Jurien/George Waldemeier and Margaretha Bardin, parents of John Walden Meyers (Refer to pp. 2-4 in V. I.)

George Waldemeier was born ca. 1719 (from age at death) perhaps in Prussia, although I suspect they were Palatines, since they lived in a community of Palatines. I also suspect that they came from the area of Wuerttemberg in Germany, as there is a concentration of people by that name in several areas of Wuerttemberg on the IGI.

George died 25 July 1796, age 77, in Washington Town, Dutchess Co., NY, and is buried a few feet from the wall of the church in the churchyard of St. Paul's Evangelical Church of Wurtemberg in Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., NY. This church had been organized by a group of Palatines in 1760, in time for George and Margaretha's last child to be baptized there.

The gravestone inscription reads "In/memory of/George Waldenmeyer/ who died July 25th 1796/aged 77 years/His life was upright with the/Lord/His soul shall meet its due reward".

His will, dated 11 April 1796 and proved 10 September 1796, is rather long, and was included in V. I., so I will not repeat it here. You will find it on pp. 3-4 of V. I.

George married, probably ca. 174_, Margaretha Bardin b. ca. 17__ (probably early 1720's); d. between 1809-1811; will dated 13 February 1809; proved 14 October 1811 in Columbia Co., NY. She was called "widow of George, of Washington Town". Her son, Jacob, was named executor. No other children were named. Witnesses were Richard Deyou, Adam Teel, and Larry Patrick. (Baptismal records for her children gave her name as Pardin/Bardin/Rardin-not very legible-but a German researcher feels the name is Bard, a fairly common German name. The "in" on the end of the name signifies "female".) It is possible Leonard Weger's wife, Barbara, is a sister, or other close relative, as they were sponsors for one another's children at baptisms, and Margareth named a daughter, Barbara.

I do not know whether they were married in Germany or New York, but their oldest son was baptized in NY. They settled in Washington Town, Dutchess Co., NY. The earliest record I have for him was in 1743/4 when his name appeared on a tax list in Rhinebeck, Dutchess Co., NY. This was as area settled by Palatines brought over by Col. Henry Beekman. Is it possible George was one of that group? George also owned land in Lot 18, Little Nine Partners.

The following records show their existence in this area until George's death:

1743/4-George's name appeared on a tax list in Rhinebeck.

24 March 1745-Their oldest child was baptized as Johannes Waldemeier at St. Paul's (Zions) Luth. Ch. of Red Hook. He was b. 24 February 1745.

5 October 1746-George & Margaretha were communicants at the Stone Ch. (St. Peter's Luth.), Rhinebeck.

8 April 1747-Their dau., Elizabeth, was bapt. at the Stone Ch. She was b. 26 March 1747.

27 November 1748-They are again listed as communicants at the Stone Ch.

11 June 1749-Their son, Johannes George, was bapt. at the Stone Ch. He was b. 22 May 1749.

12 November 1749-George & Margaretha were listed as communicants at Staatsburgh.

26 July 1752-Their dau., Catherine, was bapt. at the Stone Ch. She was b. 13 July 1752.

- 21 July 1754-Their son, Jacob, was bapt. at Rhinebeck Ref. Ch. He was b. 12 July 1754.
- 3 May 1755-George is probably the George Waltmayer who became a naturalized citizen (Scotts Denizations, Naturalizations, etc.) Under English law at the time, a person couldn't hold land if he were an alien, so naturalization was made possible by a special act of parliament. (Col. Laws of NY-1664-1775-5 vols., Albany, James B. Lyon-1894)
(I have found no record of birth or bapt. for children Barbara or Michael, who were probably b. bet. 1752-1762. This is a period when George is on the tax list as Jury Waltmeyer from 1743/4 to February 1761, so I'm sure they were in the area. Perhaps for some reason they ceased being associated with a church until St. Paul's Evang. Luth. Ch. of Wurtemberg was completed.)
- 1761-1779-He appears on the tax lists in the Nine Partners/Crum Elbow area as Jury Waltermeyer.
- 29 December 1762-Their son. David. was bapt. at St. Paul's Evang. Luth. Ch. of Wurtemberg.
- 1787-Both George. Sr.. & George. Jr., as Waltermeyer, were on the tax list for Washington Town, which was officially formed 7 March 1788, and was mostly comprised within the Great Nine Partners Tract.
- 1 June 1788- George & Margaretha were listed as communicants at St. Paul's Luth. Ch. of W.
- 1790 Federal Census-They were living in Washington Town, Dutchess Co.. NY. Their youngest son, David, his wife, and two little girls are probably in their household.
- 11 April 1796-George wrote his will.
- 7 May 1796-George was called "of Stanford" in reference to a mortgage dated 7 May 1796 and cancelled by his exec.. George Waltermire, Jr.. on 30 August 1803. (Stanford was formed from Washington 12 March 1793.)
- 25 July 1796-George died.
- 10 September 1796-George's will was proved.
- Children: (All mentioned in George's will and estate settlement)
- Johannes/Hans
 - Elizabetha
 - Johannes George/George, Jr.
 - Catharina
 - Jacob
 - Barbara
 - Michael
 - David

(I had originally thought they had a 9th child, Mattheus, who m. Margaret and had a child, Matthew, bapt. 31 December 1786 at St. Paul's Luth. Ch. of W., but I now believe the Matthew who was bapt. then was a child of Jacob, and either the transcriber or the recorder of the original record mistakenly put the name Mattheus instead of Jacob for the father. The father of Jacob's wife, Margaret, was Matthew, and with the naming patterns of the day it would have been logical for them to name their 2nd son after her father. There was no bapt. rec. of a Matthew as son of George, Sr., nor did he mention a Matthew as his son in his will. Jacob did name a son, Matthew, in his will.)

(See special section on each family for further information.)