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*Our mission is to preserve the history of the people who have gone before us.*

## Finding Help With Your Scots-Irish Line (Page 52, Tracing Your Irish Ancestors;

\$9.95, 2012, [www.familychronicle.com](http://www.familychronicle.com) or 888-326-2476)

### Pg 53: When Did They Come?

**There were five time periods when the Scots-Irish emigrated in large numbers:**

**1717-1718**, when a destructive drought killed crops, the linen industry was crippled and rack-renting prevailed;

**1725-1729**, when continued rack-renting and poverty prompted such a massive departure that even the English Parliament became concerned it might lose the Protestant majority in the area;

**1740-1741**, when a famine struck and letters from relatives living in America were persuasive;

**1754-1755**, the time of a disastrous drought; and

**1771-1775**, when leases on the large estate of the Marquis of Donegal in County Antrim expired and the tenants could not afford to renew them.

Years when economic pressures in Ireland were the greatest was when large exoduses occurred. The **numbers dropped during** the years of the **French and Indian Wars (1754-1763)** and came to a **crashing halt at the onset** of the **American Revolution**. The Scots-Irish of the 18<sup>th</sup> century considered themselves Irish. Many came from families who had lived in Ireland for 150 years. It wasn't until the Irish immigrants of the **1845-1849** potato famine era arrived, that this group began distinguishing themselves as Scots-Irish. Today, the distinction helps researchers identify the group.

Pg 54: Where Did They Settle? The early Scots-Irish pioneers to America settled in the **western part of Pennsylvania** where they found the **Quakers** more to their liking than the **Catholics** in **Maryland** or the **Anglicans** in **Virginia**. By **1730**, the Scots-Irish had made their way into the lush **Shenandoah Valley of Virginia**, the most western region of the British Colonies. The Scots-Irish, serving as a buffer against the **Indians**, enjoyed religious freedom because they were virtually ignored by the **tidewater Virginians**. A large number settled in the area covered today by Augusta and Rockbridge counties.

Always on the move, the Scots-Irish populated the Piedmont country of the **Carolinas** in the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century. Many of these settlers were new arrivals from Ulster who found **Pennsylvania** and **Virginia** too crowded for their liking and moved southward. Some were previous immigrants, pulling up roots for the second, third or even fourth time.

After the war with England ended in **1783**, the **Royal Proclamation of 1763**, which had declared lands west of the mountains off-limits to white settlers, **was ignored**. The restless Scots-Irish led the way behind such trailblazers as **Daniel Boone**. ###



# ZOOM TIPS

Mute Host Show Screen Gallery View Speaker View

The "new words" in our vocabulary are really easy...and it's fun!!!!

As more and more activities are held remotely, Zoom has become a very popular way to communicate. Here are some tips that might help take the fear away:

- Participants can join a Zoom call at no cost – but you need to put the free Zoom app on your computer or smart phone (go to <https://zoom.us>). Each participant can hear and can see (and be seen by) others.
- Free accounts are available for hosting meetings (time is limited to about 40 minutes if there's more than one participant). Up to 100 participants can join in for the short time period. A paid subscription is needed for hosting calls longer than 40 minutes or for more than 100 participants at a time.
- Participants can (and usually should) mute their audio to avoid distracting background noise ... dogs barking, phones ringing, babies crying, etc. Click the microphone button on the lower left corner to mute/unmute.
- Participants can turn off their video ... useful if you're participating in your pajamas. You can also change the background on your video feed ... useful if your house is a mess, or you want to show a historic background, or if you want to disguise the fact that you're actually at the beach.
- You can also enhance your look by turning on the Beauty Filter: click the **up arrow** next to Start Video. Click **Video Settings**, and under My Video, check the box for **Touch Up My Appearance** ... useful if you don't like how you look on a video.
- You can share your screen ... automatic for the Host, who can also grant this privilege to participants... useful if you want to show a document or picture or PowerPoint.
- You have the option of Speaker View (if you just want to see the person who's speaking) or Gallery View (if you want to see each person on the call ... up to 49 people). Click the button in the upper right corner to choose.
- Any host can record the meeting to his/her computer, or to the computer or the Cloud for paid subscribers. Click the Record button at the bottom of the screen.

These tips may sound like a commercial or endorsement ... they aren't. They are just a way to help take away the fear of using this very helpful technology during Covid shutdowns.



**The next two pages detail recent "Zoom" Genealogy Classes held in February and March. The programs were recorded via Zoom and are (will be) posted on the WAGS website. The third class will be held April 10 at 1 pm.**

**YOU ARE ABLE TO WATCH THE CLASSES, FROM THE COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE OF HOME!!!**

**You are able to view topic overviews from the hour program, AND here you have the website references.**

**We are "learning" through this Zoom process, but there is great potential for recording and posting many topics.**

**As detailed above, you can view a "live" Zoom session FREE!!!! You register. WAGS sends you the "link" to click within a few minutes before the 1 pm session. You can watch the class. You can listen via phone if you don't have a computer. You don't have to have the video on if you prefer a black screen. Main thing – MUTE you!!!**

Wheeling Area Genealogical Society -- Online Genealogy Series

**Class 1: Who Were My Ancestors?**

1:00 pm, Saturday, February 13, 2021, via Zoom

**Resources:**

- WAGS website: [wagswv.org](http://wagswv.org)
  - Website overview
  - Pedigree Chart
  - Family Group Record
- West Virginia Vital Research Records: [http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va\\_select.aspx](http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx)
- Ohio County WVGenWeb: <http://www.wvgenweb.org/ohio/index.htm>
  - Biographies
- Census Records
  - 1810, 1820 on Ohio County WVGenWeb
  - 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 in the Wheeling Room, Ohio County Public Library
  - 1890 (Veterans) and 1920 on Ohio County WVGenWeb
  - Others on Family Search: [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/West\\_Virginia\\_Census](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/West_Virginia_Census)
  - Others on Ancestry.com – up to 1940 (fee-based or at the library):  
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/35/>
  
- Findagrave: <https://www.findagrave.com>
- Family Search: <https://www.familysearch.org>
- WV Gen Web: <http://www.wvgenweb.org>
- WV Genealogy: [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/West\\_Virginia\\_United\\_States\\_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/West_Virginia_United_States_Genealogy)

**Other Resources:**

- Diane Rhodes – Ohio County Public Library (online or in person by appointment, 304- 232-0244)
- Research Resources at the Ohio County Public Library: <https://www.ohiocountylibrary.org/research>
- Genealogy Resources at the Ohio County Public Library: <https://www.ohiocountylibrary.org/genealogy>
- Online Databases at the Ohio County Public Library:  
<https://www.ohiocountylibrary.org/genealogy/online-databases-for-genealogy/7148>
- Inflation Calculator: <https://westegg.com/inflation/>

**Class 2: Where Did My Ancestors Live?**

1:00 pm Saturday, March 13, 2021, via Zoom

– Register at [reservations@wagswv.org](mailto:reservations@wagswv.org)

**Class 3: What Did My Ancestors Do?**

1:00 pm Saturday, April 10, 2021, via Zoom

– Register at [reservations@wagswv.org](mailto:reservations@wagswv.org)

Wheeling Area Genealogy Society -- Online Genealogy Series

**Class 2: Where Did My Ancestors Live?**

1:00 pm, Saturday, March 13, 2021

**Resources:**

- WAGS website: [wagswv.org](http://wagswv.org)
- Birth/Death Records
  - WV Vital Records: [http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va\\_select.aspx](http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_select.aspx)
- City Directories
  - Wheeling City Directories in the Wheeling Room, Ohio County Public Library (OCPL): <https://www.ohiocountylibrary.org/genealogy/wheeling-city-directories-in-library/5357>
  - Wheeling City Directories available with an OCPL-issued Library card through HeritageQuest <https://www.ohiocountylibrary.org/genealogy/wheeling-city-directories-available-through-heritagequest/7419>
  - City Directories on Ancestry.com (fee based or at the library): [https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469/?clickref=1011ldzWniGN&o\\_lid=0110014xJr&o\\_sch=Affiliate%2BExternal&o\\_xid=0110014xJr](https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2469/?clickref=1011ldzWniGN&o_lid=0110014xJr&o_sch=Affiliate%2BExternal&o_xid=0110014xJr)
- Census Records available with an OCPL-issued Library card through HeritageQuest <https://www.ancestryheritagequest.com/HQA>
- Online Maps/Ohio County Public Library: <https://www.ohiocountylibrary.org/wheeling-history/5292>
- Sanborn Maps: <https://www.loc.gov/collections/sanborn-maps/about-this-collection>
- Old Wheeling Street Names (changed in 1873): <https://www.ohiocountylibrary.org/history/street-names-change-july-11-1873/5388>
- County Maps of WV: <https://www.mapofus.org/WestVirginia/>
- Ohio County Assessor: <https://ohio.wvassessor.com>
- Ohio County Clerk: <http://129.71.117.182>
- National Register of Historic Places in WV: <http://www.wvculture.org/shpo/nr/index.html>

**PLEASE NOTE:** Diane Rhodes, OCPL Genealogist, is available to assist. Please "email her" with an outline of your inquiry and/or request. She will be in touch with you (before research begins). There is a fee for photocopies and postage. All research is mailed, not digital. You may also contact her via "snail mail" at the library (52 Sixteenth Street, Wheeling, WV 26003), or drop off information at the library.

Diane's email is below, and will also be listed at the bottom of the front page for future reference.

We have featured Diane in prior issues and her years and years of genealogical research.

**[Diane.Rhodes@ohiocountylibrary.org](mailto:Diane.Rhodes@ohiocountylibrary.org)**

Series Part III.

Reverend Albert William Werder [1839-1916]:



Albert Werder was born on **January 17, 1839** in the kingdom of Württemberg [southwestern Germany]. He emigrated to America [port of entry unknown] with his family in **1852** and settled in Sullivan County, New York. They lived there until 1854 when his father died. Leaving New York, the family moved to Honesdale, Pennsylvania; and eventually they continued west to Columbus, Ohio.

In 1862 Albert enrolled in a theological seminary.<sup>1</sup> By June of **1864**, Albert successfully met the theological requirements and was **ordained in the Lutheran church** ready to accept his first calling.<sup>2</sup> His destination was in the South and the **Civil War** was ongoing with no end in sight. It is not known what his views were about slavery. Regardless, he left Ohio eagerly.

Reverend Werder's first pastoral duties brought him to St. James' German Evangelical Lutheran Church in **Wheeling**, West Virginia. He started officially serving the congregation in July, **1864**.<sup>3</sup> More than likely it took a year to navigate church procedures and congregational needs. In a June, 1865 **Wheeling** newspaper, Reverend Werder was listed as serving the above church.<sup>4</sup> Shortly after turning 29, **Reverend Werder married Mary Elizabeth Bayha** [Werder] [1848-1870], on April 14, 1868, since her father, **Jacob Bayha** [1818-1899], consented the day before; and the marriage certificate was recorded by **R. [Robert] B. Woods** [1825-1887].<sup>5</sup>

On November 8, 1868, Reverend Werder delivered the evening sermon in German at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in **Centre Wheeling**. An earlier English sermon was communicated in the daytime by another minister. The special event occurred to consecrate the new church organ.<sup>6</sup>

In 1869 the Werder's celebrated the birth of Albert P. Werder; however, he lived for less than one year. The following year, Mary Werder died very young, approximately 22 years of age, on February 22, 1870, due to pulmonary complications.<sup>7</sup> More than likely, she succumbed to tuberculosis. **Mary and her son are buried in Mount Wood Cemetery** in **Wheeling**, West Virginia.<sup>8</sup> Reverend Werder experienced much hardship during the early 1870s.

By the time of the Census of 1870 Reverend Werder was a widower; and he was caring for his elderly mother. He was enumerated in the transcribed census as living in the Third Ward with his mother "Christina" [Mary Christina Werder, age 69].<sup>9</sup> A few years later, Reverend Werder's mother died on December 14, 1874, presumably at his house located at **66 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Wheeling**, W.V. Her funeral services were held shortly thereafter at St. James' German Evangelical Lutheran Church.<sup>10</sup>

Just prior to his mother's death, **Reverend Werder remarried**, and this time to **Ellen Mary Miller Werder** [1853-1906], on September 10, **1874**.<sup>11</sup> This union produced two daughters, Emma Louise Werder [Eismann] [1882-1973] and Ella E. Werder [Steuer] [1891-1978]. **Both daughters are buried in Greenwood Cemetery** in **Wheeling**.<sup>12</sup> It is not clear why many years elapsed before the birth of children. Perhaps Reverend Werder needed time to cope and heal from his losses.

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On June 6, 1877, the Eastern District of the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio met in **Wheeling**. Before the meeting ended, Reverend Werder was elected the Vice-President, of the synod, beginning the following year.<sup>13</sup> For many years, Albert would serve the synod in various capacities.

Throughout the 1880s and 1890s, Reverend Werder was found in various **Wheeling** newspapers serving in pastoral duties, such as officiating marriages and conducting funeral services. He was honored for twenty-five years as an ordained minister by the St. James' congregation in 1889 while the Evangelical Lutheran Synod was meeting in **Wheeling**.<sup>14</sup> In late 1899, Reverend Werder and his wife were honored by the St. James' German Lutheran congregation in recognition of their **twenty-fifth wedding anniversary**. They were presented **\$200 in silver dollars**.<sup>15</sup> Years of faithful service to his family and the Lutheran congregations were acknowledged.

However, a minister's life was very demanding; and old age and life's tribulations were ever present. On April 17, 1906 Reverend Werder's **wife, Ellen, died** of carcinoma; and she was buried in **Greenwood Cemetery in Wheeling**, West Virginia on April 20, **1906, with undertaking by the A. C. Bayha Company**. Interestingly, her name on the West Virginia death certificate was documented as Ella M. Werder.<sup>16</sup> Reverend Werder continued his ministerial duties for another decade.

According to his West Virginia death certificate, **Reverend Albert Werder died of heart disease**, on December 21, **1916, at 60 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Wheeling**, West Virginia [Fourth Ward]. He was buried in **Greenwood Cemetery** in Wheeling.<sup>17</sup>

### Sources:

<sup>1</sup> ----- . 1890. History of the Upper Ohio Valley..., Vol. 1, Brant & Fuller, pg. 470

<sup>2</sup> Ibid, Ibid

<sup>3</sup> Wheeling Intelligencer, Vol. 13, No. 260, June 26, 1865

<sup>4</sup> Ibid

<sup>5</sup> [www.wvculture.org/vrr/va\\_mcdetail.aspx?ld=12408160](http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_mcdetail.aspx?ld=12408160)

<sup>6</sup> Wheeling Daily Register, Vol. 6, No. 267, November 7, 1868

<sup>7</sup> [www.wvculture.org/vrr/va\\_dcdetail.aspx?ld=5621088](http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_dcdetail.aspx?ld=5621088)

<sup>8</sup> [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)

<sup>9</sup> Johnson, Charles, Compiler, n.d., 1870 Census Ohio Co., W.Va., Vol. 2, Wheeling Area Genealogical Society, Wheeling, West Virginia, pg. 194-B

<sup>10</sup> [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com); Wheeling Register, Vol. 12, No. 222, December 16, 1874

<sup>11</sup>----- . 1890. History of the Upper Ohio Valley..., Vol. 1, Brant & Fuller, pg. 470

<sup>12</sup> [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)

<sup>13</sup> Wheeling Register, Vol. 14, No. 262, June 7, 1877

<sup>14</sup> Wheeling Daily Intelligencer, Vol. 37, No. 267, July 1, 1889

<sup>15</sup> Wheeling Daily Intelligencer, Vol. 48, No. 17, September 12, 1899

<sup>16</sup> Ibid; [www.wvculture.org/vrr/va\\_dcdetail.aspx?ld=5636392](http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_dcdetail.aspx?ld=5636392)

<sup>17</sup> [www.wvculture.org/vrr/va\\_dcdetail.aspx?ld=5653679](http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_dcdetail.aspx?ld=5653679)

### Previous articles in The Lookout, June 2020 and December 2020.

**Series Part I. Reverend Wilhelm ["William"] Heinrich Berkemeier [1820-1899]**

**Series Part II. Reverend Samuel Bacon Barnitz, D.D. [1838-1902]**

**"LOCAL" WEST VIRGINIA HISTORY HEROES – See link below to view Charleston-recording**

**WENDY ELSWICK** was recognized as a West Virginia History Hero, March 1, 2021, nominated by Wheeling Area Genealogical Society. "This year," instead of a trip to Charleston, they did a video presentation of the 17 History Heroes, shown in alphabetical order, and it can be viewed by the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6HwoxAJGboU>

**The West Virginia Department of Arts, Culture and History brochure for the day states:**

**WENDY KAY ELSWICK** has assumed a leadership role in the Wheeling Area Genealogical Society as newsletter editor since 2018 and vice president pro tempore since late 2019. She provides program and research information in the newsletter and through the website, promotes local historical information, and participates in period costume at events throughout the Wheeling area, including cemetery tours and genealogical meetings. Elswick made a concerted effort in 2018 to save the 240-year-old former Ohio County Courthouse building in West Liberty that would have included moving the building to Wheeling and establishing a Revolutionary Era park. Though ultimately unsuccessful, her effort raised awareness about the history of the building. *Nominated by Wheeling Area Genealogical Society.*

**KEN SEXTON** has worked tirelessly for the last seven years to preserve structures in Wheeling that were integral to the city's growth at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, many built for glass or pottery workers and reflective of the diversity of the people who lived in them. Vacant for many years, these houses were full of debris; had leaking roofs, broken windows, and unlocked doors, and had become hideouts for the drug and transient population before Sexton purchased them and restored, refurbished, and repurposed them for new working-class people. His current project is a 4-unit Craftsman Style building in South Wheeling. *Nominated by the Friends of Wheeling*

**GARRY STEPHEN** has been the chair of the building and maintenance committee of the Brooke County Historical Museum and Culture Center since 2016. He has given more than 400 volunteer hours to get the first floor of the museum up to code, doing electrical plumbing, and carpentry work and installing fire equipment and security cameras. He also worked on two furnace boilers. In addition, in 2020, Stephen remodeled the meeting/social room and ran wiring to the outside of the building, which made installation of a new museum sign easier. *Nominated by Brooke County Historical Museum and Culture Center*

CARL D. "DENNY" AVERS by Mineral County Historical Society

JACK BOWERS and CYNTHIA MOWERY BOWERS by Pendleton County Historical Society

WILLIAM "SKIP" DEEGANS by Friends of the Old Stone Cemetery

HELEN EDMUNDS by Rowlesburg Area Historical Society

ELEANOR FINN by Historic Shepherdstown Commission

PHILLIP A. HAYES by Raleigh County Historical Society

PAUL C. HOBLITZEL III by Wood County Historical and Preservation Society, Inc.

MARY ELLEN HOWE By Mercer County Historical Society

RON KIRK by Greenbrier Historical Society

KEVIN ANDREW PRUITT by Gen. Hugh Mercer Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution

REBECCA RENEE RAMEY SPENCE by Cooney Ricketts Chapter 2726, United Daughters of the Confederacy

LESLIE THOMAS by Montgomery Historical Committee

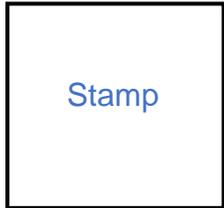
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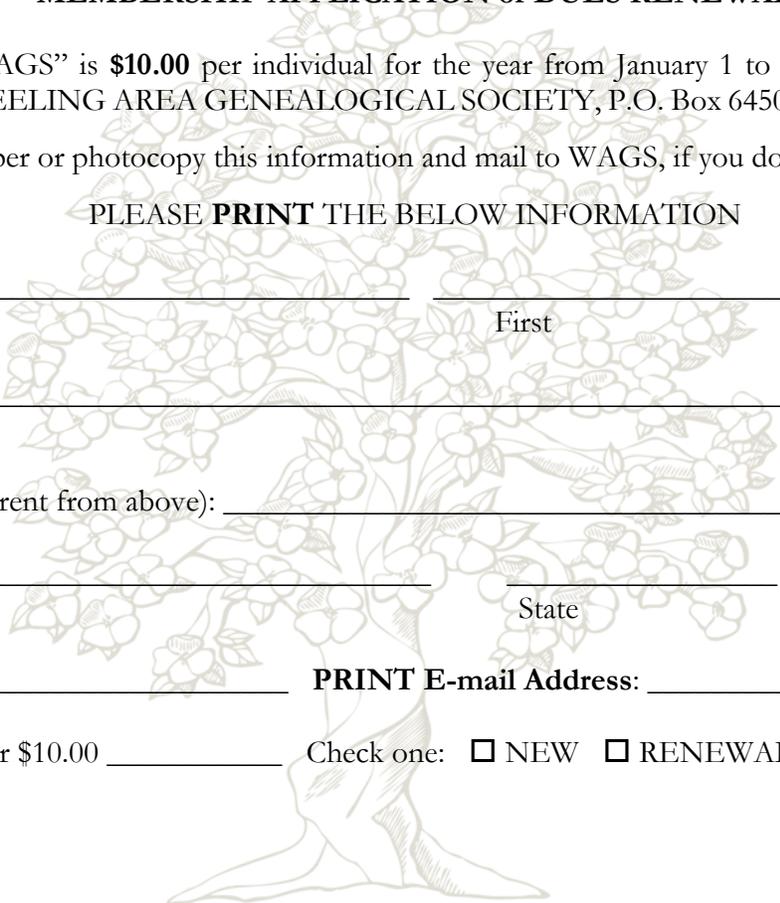
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