

PLEASE JOIN US

THE EBY FAMILY ASSOCIATION

By and for the descendents of Theodorus Eby (Durst Aebi)

On May 2, 1992, fourteen people met in the *stube* of the original Eby House (thought to have been built in 1727) where Theodorus lived in Earl Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and formed the Eby Family Association. If you are a descendent of Theodorus, who was the first member of the family to come to America, we hope you will join with us. It is believed that Theodorus died in 1727 before Lancaster County was formed out of Chester County. We have grown to over 450 families on the mailing list. But whether or not you are a descendent, we want everyone who is interested in preserving the memory of Theodorus and the Eby Family to join with us. We have several projects underway or completed that have helped to preserve our family history. These include:

* **Restoring the Eby Family Graveyard.** The original family graveyard where Theodorus is believed to be buried is located south of New Holland. We have restored the graveyard and erected a fence to protect the area. We repaired an original remaining stone and installed a memorial stone to mark the burial of Theodorus and others who we believe were buried there. We also need volunteers to help with the annual care of the graveyard. If interested in helping, call George Eaby at (717) 394-6758.

* **Restoring the Eby Family Bible.** The Bible was printed in 1596 and is in the possession of the Lancaster County Historical Society. It was deteriorating badly, and in need of expensive professional restoration. The Bible has been returned from restoration, and we paid the costs for the expense of the preservation of the family Bible, which was completed in 1996 for the 400th anniversary of the Bible.

* We publish an **Eby Family Newsletter** on an occasional basis. This lets everyone know what the family association and our members are doing, and encourages research into and preservation of the history of the Eby Family. Our mailing list has grown to over 450. Your letters and articles are welcome. Call Lynne Hagan (201) 568-8438 .

* We have an **Annual Reunion** and meeting of the Association on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend at the end of May each year. It is held in the New Holland area near where Theodorus built his house and where he is buried. Call Margaret Eby (717) 768-7271 about the pot luck covered dish luncheon.

* We are on the **Internet**. Dawn Eby Quast of British Columbia maintains a web site for family research. You can reach her site at www.familytreemaker.com/users/q/u/a/B-D-Quast. Also see our website www.ebyfamily.org.

I want to join the Eby Family Association. Enclosed are my dues of \$15 per year per household. I am also enclosing an additional donation of \$_____ for the extra expenses for the projects above. Membership is free to those who cannot afford the regular dues. We need volunteers to help us make the activities of the association successful and so we can offer more for our members. Volunteer. Please, help us!

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Send this form and your payment made out to the Eby Family Association to:

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For more information you can call President Christian Earl Eaby at (717) 393-2544.