

# the Enders

C O N N E C T I O N

## The President's Corner



BY  
DAVID ENDERS  
(1-7-5-4-4-3-1-4)  
PRESIDENT

**H**ello to all family and friends of the Enders Family Association.

Thanks to everyone for a very successful 2006. This year's 84th Annual Enders Reunion was embraced by the beautiful weather only possible in our little valley. Conditions were near perfect, as was the delicious food that we have all come to enjoy. Games were enjoyed by the children and adults alike, and we all delighted in the sweet tunes of the Down To Earth Band.

*Please forward any suggestions that you may have for future reunions to any of our board members. The board is always looking for input from the membership to improve our association and reunions.*

Elections at the reunion resulted in no changes. **I would like to thank all the board members for their dedicated service to the association.** As in the past if any one is interested in becoming a board member, please contact me. I am always looking for new volunteers. Thanks again to all board members and volunteers who have helped the association in the past year.

For gift ideas keep in mind the **Enders Genealogy Volume III** (available by contacting *Marilyn Henninger* at her email address, [harlech@epix.net](mailto:harlech@epix.net), or phone 717-362-8991) and **Captain Ender's Legion** (available by contacting *Karl E. Schaeffer* at his email address: [Rschaef535@aol.com](mailto:Rschaef535@aol.com) or phone 330-854-6326). **Proceeds from both of these books go directly to the Enders Family**

## Elizabeth Wert's Gift

BY GENE C. ENDERS, TRUSTEE  
(1-7-5-3-2-4-4)

**P**astor David and Elaine Pierce did an inspirational memorial service at the reunion for all the members that passed away in the last year. We appreciate the time they took to be with us at the Grove and thank them for their participation.

Elizabeth Wert (1-14-3-1-7-4), Elaine's mother, passed away on September 28, 2005. Because I was collecting ribbons and memorabilia from past reunions, **Elizabeth requested that I receive the ruby glass and ribbon she had from the first reunion held on September 13, 1913.**



We now know of several ruby glass items from the 1913 reunion. A ruby glass canoe can be seen on the Enders Family website. It has also been brought to our attention that there is a salt and pepper set, as well as a toothpick holder. *Do you know of any other items from the first reunion?* If so, we would like to hear from you.

The Enders Monument Association was organized in 1885 in Enders, PA. The first Enders Family Reunion was held on Saturday, September 13, 1913.

# Enders Items of Interest

With this issue of the "Connection" you will find an envelope and a yellow card. Please use it to send a monetary gift for the use of the EFA to maintain the grove and its equipment. Please make your gift as generous as possible and send it to our Treasurer, Louis M. Bobish.

There are still copies of the Enders Civil War History available for \$35. Keep this in mind for gifts to family members and Civil War buffs. Make your check out to the Enders Family Association and mail to Karl E. Schaeffer, Hunter's Chase, 7154 Willowlane Avenue NW, Massillon, OH 44646. Phone at 330-854-6326 or email at [RSchaeff535@aol.com](mailto:RSchaeff535@aol.com)

Inform Mary Deibler of any family member who has died since the last reunion. Family members will be memorialized at the opening of the 2007 reunion.

Address changes for the Connection should be sent as soon as possible to the secretary, Mary Deibler at 245 Plank Road, York Springs, PA 17372 OR email at [msdeibler@superpa.net](mailto:msdeibler@superpa.net). This will ensure that you receive the Connection promptly and save the EFA extra postage. If you have internet access you can help us save postage! Send an email to Marilyn Henninger at [harlech@epix.net](mailto:harlech@epix.net) and she will notify you when the Connection is online and will notify Marlin McElheny to remove you from the snail mail list.

## Connection Going Annual

The Connection will be printed annually starting in 2007. This will reduce the workload of those who produce the Connection, and will save a considerable amount of money and reduce repetition of information. You will receive your next Connection and all future Connections sometime after the Spring meeting of the officers of the Association, most likely in June or early July.

## Limited Supply of Volume III Genealogy Still Available

The Association recently placed an order for additional Volume III genealogy books. We have about 10 books left. They will be sold on a first come basis. Order forms are on the Enders website: <http://www.endersfamily.org>. The cost is \$85 plus \$10 shipping if you want it mailed. We are not planning to order any more so if

you want one, this might be your last chance. If you do not have internet access, send a check made out to the Enders Family Association and mail it to Marilyn Henninger, 87 E. Broad St., P. O. Box 329, Elizabethville, PA 17023-0329. Include your name, address, phone number, email and Enders number, if applicable.

## Memorial Fund Program

IN MEMORY OF

CAPT. PHILIP CHRISTIAN ENDERS  
ANNA APOLONIA (DEGEN) ENDERS  
PRESENTED BY  
ENDERS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

The Memorial Tree Fund Program will now be known as the Memorial Fund Program which will honor your loved one by placing their name on an engraved plaque that will be proudly displayed. We will continue receiving the same amount of \$100.00 to the "Memory of" or "Honor of" your loved one. All monies received will be put in a fund for a specific use (by the discretion of the Board) at a later time. Please contact our Treasurer, Louis Bobish for more information on how to donate.



# Restoration of John Conrad Enders Headstone

BY MARILYN E. WILBERT  
ENDERS FAMILY HISTORIAN

The photos below show the before and after of recent work done to restore the John Conrad Enders (1-14) headstone. **Last fall Enders Family members, Russ Ottens and Robert & Margaret Williard, noted that the John Conrad Enders headstone was broken and weeds, grass and a small tree had grown up around the base of the headstone. This summer arrangements were made to have the headstone removed, cleaned and repaired by the Elizabethtown Monument Company.**

The Williards took on the

responsibility of removing weeds, grass and the small tree that had grown up around the base of the stone. New grass was planted and the headstone, beautifully restored, was reset on its base. *Those family members who would like to get a closer look can easily find the John Conrad Enders family gravesite in the cemetery adjoining Fetterhoff's Church near Fisherville.*

**Thanks to all who participated in this project and for the private donations that were made to fully fund this project.**



**Before Restoration:** Note broken headstone, weeds, grass, and small tree displacing stone.



**After Restoration:** Stone is beautifully restored and reset onto its base, with weeds and small tree removed.

## Dear Ancestor,

Your tombstone stands among the rest; neglected and alone.  
The name and date are chiseled out on polished, marbled stone.  
It reaches out to all who care it is too late to mourn.  
You did not know that I exist you died and I was born.  
Yet each of us are cells of you in flesh, in blood, in bone.  
Our blood contracts and beats a pulse entirely not our own.  
Dear Ancestor, the place you filled one hundred years ago  
Spreads out among the ones you left who would have loved you so.  
I wonder if you lived and loved, I wonder if you knew  
That someday I would find this spot, and come to visit you.

—Author Unknown

# Australian Visitor

BY GENE AND NANCY ENDERS

**Natalie Fergusson (1-2-1-4-4-3-1-2), an Enders cousin from Australia, visited us in September.** Her stay was too short, but while she was here she wanted to see the Enders Grove and the Memorial Site where her ancestors were buried. In addition to touring the Enders area, we were able to take her to Hershey and to the Civil War Museum in Harrisburg. **Natalie had a nice visit with Paul Enders at his farm in Enders.** A trip was also made to Marilyn & Dennis Henninger's home in Elizabethtown where she was able to get copies of the *Enders Genealogy, Volume III* and *Captain Enders Legion Civil War Book*. She enjoyed her visits with many Enders cousins.

**Natalie is a cousin to Gary Enders, Secretary of the Australian Branch of the Enders Family.** Gary has been to many of our Reunions.



# Dates to Remember

**28** Saturday,  
April 28, 2007  
Annual Spring Clean-up

**10** Thursday,  
May 10, 2007  
Spring Board Meeting

**28** Saturday,  
July 28, 2007  
Reunion Clean-up &  
Business Meeting

**11** Saturday,  
August 11, 2007  
85th Annual  
Enders Reunion

## I Am Proud to Be a Member of the Enders Family Association

*Have you found that small yellow card with a white envelope addressed to our Treasurer with your CONNECTION?*

It is placed there to remind all of us to make a contribution to the Association for the upkeep of the grove and various other expenses.



## Remember the ENDERS ASSOCIATION in Your Will!

If you need help in doing this, contact President David, or one of the Officers on how it can be accomplished. Your contribution will help to further the work of "YOUR" family long after you are gone. (Donations made to the Enders Association are not tax deductible)

**YOUR FAMILY ASSOCIATION NEEDS HELP !!!**  
**WILL YOU HELP SERVE AS A VOLUNTEER?**

MOW THE GROVE OR ANCESTOR'S CEMETERY  
ASSIST THE SECRETARY  
HELP PREPARE THE NEWSLETTER  
HELP CLEAN UP THE GROVE EACH SPRING  
ALL OF OUR ACTIVITIES NEED YOUR HELP!

*Will you serve as an officer, a volunteer or on a committee?*  
YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

We are a proud family with published genealogies, ancestor's cemetery & grove, newsletters and no dues!!  
**KEEP THE ENDERS' SPIRIT ALIVE!!!**  
Please contact one of the officers on the back of the Connection



Visit Us on the Web  
<http://www.endersfamily.org>

# Highlights of the 84th Annual Enders Family Reunion

*Special thanks to Mary Deibler, Association Secretary, for providing photos used in the Connection*



*Left: Children playing at Ender's Grove playground*



*Reverends Elaine and David Pierce*



*Gene Enders with Sally and Neil Snyder*



*President, Dave Enders*



*Lou & Jeanne Bobish*



*Officers Sara Markel and Darlean Skaddan*



*Dick and Renie Wolford*



*Marlin and Donald McElheny*



*Jake and Gloria Nice*



*Michael and Matthew Ronan*



*Elaine and George Deppen*



*Rich and Linda Romberger with niece, Muriah Pennycoff*



*Bill Wilbert with Iola and John Bechtel*

# Recognition Awards



## Most Children Present

Sherry Hoy  
with 3 children:  
Sherry (left) leading a  
children's game



## Couple Married Longest

Robert D. &  
Carrie Enders  
69 years



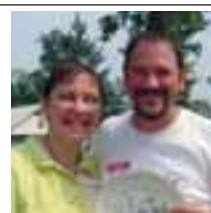
## Oldest Man Present

Raymond Sweigard  
94



## Most Children Present

Lynn & Sherry Ronan  
with 3 children:  
Michael, Matthew &  
Morgan (shown)



## Most Recently Married Couple

Mark &  
Joan Enders  
3 years



## Oldest Women Present

Katherine Enders  
91



## Youngest Child

Douglas Eugene  
Hoffman, Jr.  
5-1/2 months old



## Traveled Longest Distance

Roy & Jessie Enders  
Denver, Colorado

# Don't Forget the... 85th Annual Enders Family Reunion August 11, 2007



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