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C O N N E C T I O N

## The President's Corner

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



All we have to do is read our newspapers and watch the news reports to see the disrespect of our society against others. **Take time to thank your Lord for the positive things in life, "Our Families".** Please keep the Enders Family Association strong by your attendance, volunteering, becoming a member, and your continued financial support. Checks made out to Enders Family Association, and mailed to **Robert L. Enders, Treasurer.**

The Volume 111, Genealogy Committee is undertaking a

mammoth job of typing the Enders history on computer disks. **My sincere thanks to all volunteers involved in this task.** We need your help in supplying updated information of your family.

Our memorial list keeps growing since the reunion of 2002. **Please keep our Secretary, Mary Deibler informed of the passing on of loved ones** (name and date of death), for the 2003 Memorial Service.

April 26, 2003 work day was attended by twenty faithful volunteers. A success despite the damp and dreary conditions. The

following Saturday, fourteen of the faithful showed up to plant ten memorial trees. **Our next work day will be July 26, 2003** to prepare the facilities for the August 9th Reunion. **Work to begin at 8:00 AM. YOUR HELP WILL BE APPRECIATED.**

I want to thank our Enders Connection Staff for the great job of putting out these very informative newsletters. *To the officers of the Enders Family Association, who have stood by me, and never turned me down when asked to give of their time and talents these last ten years, a special Thank You and God Bless!*

## Enders Reunion

AUGUST 9TH, 2003

**The 81st Annual Enders Family Reunion will be held at the Enders Grove on Saturday, August 9, 2003.** The Grove will be open all day to members and our friends. Excellent food will be available for sale at the refreshment pavilion.

A Memorial Service will begin at 1:00PM which will be followed by a brief business meeting conducted by **President Gene C. Enders.** Games for the children will follow the meeting.

From 5:00PM until 9:00PM, **THE COUNTRY TRADITIONS BAND** will entertain in the Auditorium.

Persons are urged to bring folding chairs since seating is limited. A handicap porta-potty will be in place during the reunion. There will be several sales tables filled with Enders souvenirs for sale. Also available for sale will be Enders Genealogies and "Captain Enders Legion," a book about 162 Enders family men who

fought for the north or for the south in the Civil War, and written by Enders family members, **Russ Otten** and **Karl Schaeffer.**

COME EARLY AND  
SPEND THE DAY!



Entrance to the Grove





# Your Board in Action

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## These are some actions taken at the May meeting:

Plans were finalized for the 2003 Reunion;

Memorial trees will be planted (weather permitting) before the Reunion;

July 26th set as pre-Reunion cleanup starting at 8AM, followed at 12:30PM by a meeting of the Board to finalize the Officers ballot;

Agreed to offer "*Captain Enders Legion*" on consignment to four museums;

Accepted bid to paint the Grove (roof of Refreshment stand, toilet);

Accepted resignation of 1st Assistant Secretary, **Elaine Enders** for health reasons;

Encouraged RVs to park overnight in the Grove (see article on page X);

Heard report by Historians **Marilyn Wilbert** and **Marilyn Henninger** about research and updating of Enders genealogy (see report on page X);

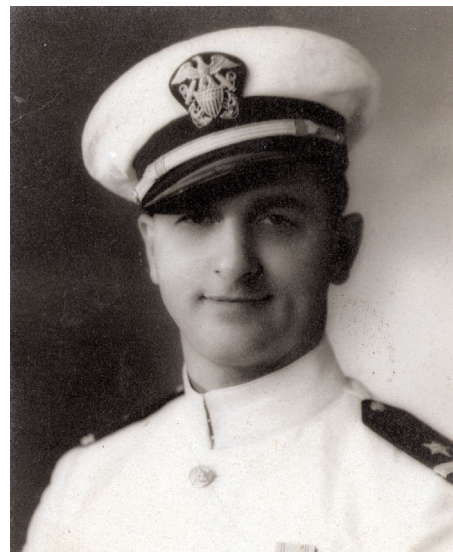
Heard an update on sale of "*Captain Enders Legion*" Civil War books (see report on page 5);

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## A good turnout assisted in the Spring cleanup in April.



On Spring Cleanup Day in April, Sally Rothrock (top) burning leaves, and Lou Bobish (left), just two of twenty faithful volunteers who attended.



## Which Marlin Enders is This?

**M**arilyn Wilbert has many old pictures of the family. However, she has this picture of a **Marlin Enders** with no identification. **Can anyone out there let her know which Marlin he is?** Look on page 5 for another of Marilyn's pictures.. but in this case, she knows who THESE family members are!



## Enders Family Website

**T**he Enders Family Associations' web site is YOUR web site. If you have internet access, have you taken a look at it lately? If so, have you signed the guest book? If you haven't visited the website why not take a look now at <http://www.endersfamily.org>?

How can we improve the website? We would like your feedback.

Would you like to help the Association save money? We can send you an e-mail when the newest ENDERS CONNECTION is on the website. Just notify Marilyn Henninger ([marilyn@mhenninger.net](mailto:marilyn@mhenninger.net)) that you would like to be removed from the mailing list and added to the e-mail list. We have added a new page "*Remembering our Ill and Grieving*" at: <http://www.endersfamily.org/thoughts.html>> Here is where we need everyone's help. Let Marilyn know when someone needs to be added to this page. Are you doing genealogy research on other families? Send us the information and we will post it on our *Researcher's Page* at <http://www.endersfamily.org/researchers/index.html>> Keep your enders genealogy information updated by using our form at <http://endersfamily.org/form/index.html>>



# Our Ancestor Churches in Germany

There are (3) churches on the "charge" served by the same pastor. **Breunigweiler Church** is the church attended by **Captain Philip Christian Enders and his parents** (bottom, left). Anna Appolonia Degen Enders' family belonged to the nearby Sippersfeld Church (top). This is the larger congregation of the three churches. The third church is referred to "**The Castle Church**" (bottom, right). We have added a road sign pointing to Sippersfeld, about 2.5 miles away (top, right).

Some of us who have been to the Pfalz in Germany, where the Enders family lived prior to their immigration to "**The New World**," came to realize why **Captain Enders and his family felt at home in Armstrong Valley**.



Sippersfeld Church  
(Anna Degan's Church)

Those who know the area around Enders, Pennsylvania can readily tell from these German snapshots the similarity of **Captain and Mrs. Enders' American "Beloved Valley"** with the German homeland which they left in 1764.

The other picture was taken as one enters the Sippersfeld Valley. **Do you see the similarity?** The same scene is noticeable as you enter Breunigweiler.



Sippersfeld is just ahead and around the curve!



Breunigweiler Church  
(Captain Enders' Church)



Castle Church  
(Third church served by same Pastor)

## John Alvin Enders



Death claimed a former officer of the Enders Family Association on Monday, May 12, 2003. **John Alvin Enders** (1-7-5-3-2-4-1-2).

He was the son of **Uriah F. Enders, Jr** (1-7-5-3-2-4-1) and **Kathryn May Kocher Enders**, and was born January 15, 1934 in Harrisburg, PA. He served in the USAF in Korea and Vietnam and later was a security lieutenant at G.P.U. Nuclear Corp. He was married to Patricia Irene McAfee. They had two daughters who are **Michelle LeAnn** (1-7-5-3-2-4-1-2-1) and **Lynette Marie** (1-7-5-3-2-4-1-2-2). John's memorial service was held on Thursday May 15, 2003.

The Association expresses sympathy to his widow, his daughters, his mother and other surviving members of his family. **John will be missed by his family and friends.**





# Some Bits and Pieces

The Meeting Place, or Enders Grove.. awaiting our arrival August 9, 2003.

**Is there a change of address in your future?** Or, maybe some members of your family are moving? If so, please notify our Secretary, **Mrs. Mary Deibler**, 245 Plank Rd., York Springs, PA 17372, as soon as possible.

**Want to join the Association?** VERY SIMPLE. For a nominal fee of \$5.00 you can become a lifetime member. Prepare a check to the "Enders Family Association" and send it to our Secretary, **Mrs. Mary Deibler**, 245 Plank Rd., York Springs, PA 17372.

**DONATIONS?** Enclosed with this ENDERS CONNECTION you will find the familiar small card and envelope. You can use it to make a contribution to the association. Every year members from many states write out a check or money order and send it to our Treasurer, **Robert Enders**. It is used to maintain the Grove, the Enders Grave site, and a host of other expenses such as taxes and the like. If you failed to receive the envelope, just send your gift to **Treasurer, Robert L. Enders Sr.**, 1071 Wooded Pond Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17111.

**The Secretary is Mary Deibler.** Cecil Pottieger is no longer the Secretary. Any correspondence about memberships, death notices of members, etc., should be directed to Mary. Cecil continues as Second Assistant Secretary and Editor of THE ENDERS CONNECTION.

**Patricia Frith** (1-2-1-5-5-3-5) has written a genealogy book of her Enders side of the family entitled "**The Lineage of Alan Ferguson and Mary - nee Foster 1700-1989.**" She has donated a copy to the Enders Family Association. If you

would like to read it, contact President Gene.

**EFA Member Nadine Deitrich** of Coloma, MI sent us a copy of a REUNION NOTICE from June 29, 1930, of the Enders Family Association held in Elkhart, Indiana. It was the 6th Reunion of the Enders Family and Kin and was held at the McNaughton Park, Elkhart, IN. It was signed by President, **E.L. Enders** and Secretary, **N.A. Enders**. Members were advised to "Bring your filled baskets and come for the day."



People in place during the business meeting at Enders Grove.





## Amira Delila Seal (1-10-4-5-8)

John was born on March 14, 1854 in Wayne County, Indiana. He was the son of **Samuel and Eliza Zern McLucas**. In 1900, he bought a grocery, drug store, and hotel in Rock Creek, KS. John and Amira Delila ran the operation until John's death on Dec. 7, 1912. Rock Creek was a bustling town in those days, and the hotel's location on the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad brought in many salesmen and other business travelers.

**A**miral Delila Seal (1-10-4-5-8) was born April 15, 1868 in Jackson County, Kansas. Her parents were **Josiah Seal** (1-10-4-5) and **Amira Bainbridge**. Though Volumes I and II of the Enders Genealogy list both mother and daughter as "Almira", the correct spelling was "Amira". Amira Delila's mother was Josiah's second wife who died on October 7, 1870. This eighth child of Josiah Seal was raised mostly by Josiah's third wife, Sussannah Michael whom he married in December of 1870. On May 22, 1886, Amira Delila married John McLucas in Topeka, Kansas.

John and Amira had four children: **Roxanna** (1-10-4-5-8-1), born 1887 and died as an infant in 1889, **Ethel May** (1-10-4-5-8-2), born Nov. 14, 1888, **Mabel Gladys** (1-10-4-5-8-3), born Dec. 9, 1890, and **Donald** (1-10-4-5-8-4), born 1894 and died in 1897. **Amira Delila Seal McLucas** died July 27, 1951 and is buried in Meriden, KS.

Written by **Russ Ottens** (1-7-5-10-11-3-2 and 1-10-6-4-11-3-2) with assistance from Amira Delila's grand-daughter, **Lila M. Swafford** (1-10-4-5-8-3-2) of Topeka, KS, who graciously shared her grandmother's portrait with the Enders Family.



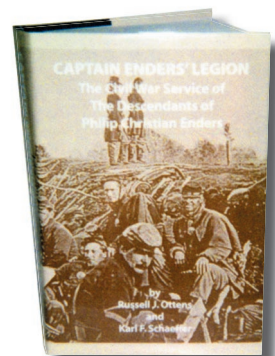
## ENDERS (1-7-5-3)

**Uriah F. and Catherine Warner Enders** (1-7-5-3)  
(left to right): **Joseph S Enders** (1-7-5-3-3), **Uriah F. Enders** (1-7-5-3), **Pierce W. Enders** (1-7-5-3-5), **Alfred R. Enders** (1-7-5-3-2), **Catherine Warner Enders**, **Cora May Enders Ulrich** (1-7-5-3-7) and **Amos E. Enders** (1-7-5-3-1).

**W**e have been finding family pictures of Enders families. We would like to get even more for our archives. Loan any you find to any of the historians. They

will guard them carefully, have a professional make a copy for our use, and return the original to you. Act today and allow us to preserve our heritage. **THANKYOU!**

## "Captain Enders Legion"



Every home with an Enders background should have a copy of **"Captain Enders Legion"**. It is a book detailing over 160 descendants of Philip Christian Enders who fought in the Civil War on both sides of that horrific conflict.

Both of the authors, **Russell J. Ottens** and **Karl E. Schaeffer**, are members of the Enders family and engaged in long and dedicated research in order to produce these marvelous pages of family history. Clara Harsh in reviewing the book says *"The genealogical information (in the book) varies from soldier to soldier. The parents and birth information are commonly present....This is a well organized and beautifully presented publication. Descendants will appreciate information about their patriotic ancestors; others will find a new insight into the four-year struggle to maintain the Union"*.

**The Board together with the co-authors, are striving to place this book about the Enders family in the Civil War struggle into every Enders home.** The hard cover book contains 448 pages plus an index and illustrations. It sells for a modest price for a book of this caliber for only \$35.00 plus \$3.00 for shipping and handling. Orders should be placed with **Karl E. Schaeffer**, 7334 Shadyview Avenue NW, Massillon, OH 44646-9081 (Phone (330-854-6326); e-mail [Rschaef535@aol.com](mailto:Rschaef535@aol.com)).

**Why not purchase one for each of your children?** It makes an excellent Christmas or birthday gift. Tell other relatives about the book. **DON'T WAIT A SINGLE DAY.** Write or call **Karl Schaeffer** today and order **"Captain Enders Legion"**.



Customers at the refreshment stand



Excellent food prepared and sold by the Halifax United Church of Christ

# Historical Facts

## President Gene has compiled these historical items for us:

In the winter of 1970, **the auditorium at the Grove collapsed from the weight of a heavy snow.** It was rebuilt by August 1971 in time for the 1971 Reunion.

**In 1972, the toilets were erected.** They could be replaced if (1): the Trustees could find a way to make it possible to discharge the sewage economically and, (2): we had the money to make it possible.

The last time the Association was a benefactor as a result of someone naming the Enders Family Association (EFA) in their will was in the 1976-77 year (*the estate of Mary Enders Laudermilch*). **Isn't it about time for someone else to come forward and name the EFA in your will?** Speak to your attorney and to an officer about how to do so.

Don't Forget the...  
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August 9, 2003



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