Friedrich, the eighth child of Friedrich and Rosine Seidemann died 150 years ago in the Civil War. To commemorate his death, re-enactor John Thielmann will give a presentation on an overview of the German immigrants who served in the Civil War, focusing on Friedrich Seidemann’s regiment, the 26th Wisconsin infantry. He survived two of the bloodiest battles in the Civil War, only to die of pneumonia in Nashville.

Thielmann is a Civil War re-enactor with the 2nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Association and is active in several other local Civil War groups. He has a bachelor’s degree in history from Cardinal Stritch University. His passion for history and his own German heritage has led him to genealogical research of his Washington County family tree. He will be just getting back from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania for the 150th anniversary re-enactment of the Civil War. They expect 30 thousand other re-enactors.

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John teaches kindergarten to 8th graders in the Milwaukee Public Schools and makes learning history fun for all ages.
80th Annual Seidemann Family Reunion July 21, 2013

Activities for the Day

- Registration 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM and 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM (before noon $1.00 brat)
- Book Sales 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM
- Guessing Games 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM
- Silent Auction 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- T-shirt Sales 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM
- Chicken Spot Contest starting at 11:30 PM
- Face Painting and Tattoos 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM
- River City Blaskapelle band 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM
- Bingo 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM
- Civil War Presentation 1:00 to 2:00 PM
- Parade and Games 12:30 PM to 2:15 PM
- Kuchen Judging 1:30 PM
- Group Picture 2:30 PM - All stands close
- Guessing games, door prizes, and Silent Auction (winners announced 3:15 PM)
- Talent Show 4:00 PM

Important Notes:

► FOOD: Support the Reunion by purchasing beer, sodas, bottled water, popcorn, and home baked items. Bratwurst, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, ice cream cones, root beer floats, and more will be available throughout the day. Come early and stay late for a day of family, food, and fun.

► Our Kuchen/Dessert Contest has two (2) different categories.
  - Bakers under 25 years of age.
  - Bakers 25 years and older.
  
  There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category along with bragging rights. Find a yummy recipe and bring your finished masterpiece to the Candy Stand at the Seidemann Reunion. Judging begins at 1:30 PM this year.

► Vintage Seidemann Family Tree Books: Members who attend this year’s Seidemann Reunion will have an opportunity to purchase the 3rd Edition of the Seidemann Family Tree Book for ONLY $1.00. The 3rd Edition will be available to members in attendance. The 132 page booklet printed in 1983 will be offered on a first come, first served basis. Pick up your copy at the registration table.

► Seidemann Family on Facebook: If you are a fan of Facebook go to your Facebook account, login, and request membership to the MEMBERS ONLY group called Friedrich Seidemann Descendants. It is being maintained by our cousin Cliff Hall.

► New Geneology Form: Please complete the attached form and return.

► Large Group Picture: All family and friends in attendance are asked to please be in our family group photo at 2:30 PM.

► Petra (Seidemann) Matuschulla who has been very helpful in gathering information about our family’s heritage in Germany will be attending this year’s Reunion. For additional information on Petra refer to page ix in the fourth edition of the History of the Seidemann Family. We are very grateful for the extensive research she has done for us.

Discover Carl & Margaret Seidemann : Family Tour

Want to walk around outside the Kessel home & farm in Newburg with the current owner, where Margaret lived with her family before marrying Carl? How about an outdoor tour with current owner of Carl and Margaret’s Silver Creek homestead? Also visit 2 cemeteries to see where all the above are interred.

A 3-hour caravan tour will start 2 PM Saturday July 20th, the day before the Reunion. Tour in a company of other Seidemanns (particularly members of the Carl branch) while getting to know family members. If you’re interested, contact Cliff Hall before July 1 by email cliff-hall@comcast.net or phone (916) 989-1920. Group size is limited. More information: http://carl.cliffhall.com

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Seidemann Family Military Heroes

Please complete the form for each military person in your family. This should include your spouse, children, parents, grandparents or great grandparents, etc. if they served this country. Also submit a picture of yourself or them in military uniform. This information will be displayed on the “Military Hero Wall” at the Reunion. Send to: Seidemann Family P. O. Box 184 Newburg WI. 53060-0184 or email secretary@seidemannfamily.org.

Name: _________________________________________________________
Branch: _________________________________________________________
Highest Rank: _____________________________________________________
Dates Served: _______________________________________________________
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History and Family Tree of Friedrich & Rosine Seidemann

Specifications: Soft Cover, 8.5” X 11”, over 500 pages with reference index, includes history, photographs, maps, and family tree containing nearly 4,600 relatives.
COST $15.00 (plus $9.00 shipping and handling per book).
Please send me ____ copy(ies), my check including shipping and handling is enclosed.
Please make checks out to Seidemann Family.
Send to: Seidemann Family P. O. Box 184 Newburg WI. 53060-0184.
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Electronic Newsletter — Web Page

A big Thank you to the 700 plus members who have joined our Seidemann Family Email Group saving our Reunion over $450 in printing and mailing costs. Please pass the word to other family members and have them send us their email addresses for additional cost savings. We will also notify you of any updates added to the Seidemann Family website throughout the year.

Take time to visit our SEIDEMANN FAMILY WEBSITE at: http://www.seidemannfamily.org. View pictures of the last 10 reunions as well as download order forms, genealogy form and the Newsletter. Visit it often as the latest news of the family will be posted there. This includes births, weddings, anniversaries, obituaries, and special events such as awards, honors or generation pictures reported to the family secretary. Please send your email address to the family secretary at: secretary@seidemannfamily.org.
Pose for the Group Photo with Your New 80th Reunion T-Shirt

Designed by Debi Genthe, the 80th Seidemann Family Reunion T-Shirt will be white in color. The front will feature pictures of Friedrich and Rosine in grayscale, the side of the Seidemann red barn with the two American flags is in the background, and the blue lettering reads: “Americans since 1853”. The back of the shirt also in blue lettering and reads: “Friedrich & Rosine Seidemann Descendants 80th Annual Family Reunion”.

Please send order form and check to:
Seidemann Family
P O Box 184
Newburg, WI 53060-0184

Deadline is 1 June 2013 PHONE IN YOUR ORDER TO (262) 675-6364

Thank you for your order!

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Shipping and handling add $4.50 per shirt

Total amount included for shirts

☐ Check here if you will pick up your shirts at the Reunion

Reserve Your 2013 Family Group Picture

A new large family group picture will be taken at this year’s Seidemann Reunion. It will be available for you to purchase in the following sizes and prices:

Please send me _____ copies of the 2013 Seidemann Family group picture size 8 X 10 at $15.00 each.
Please send me _____ copies of the 2013 Seidemann Family group picture size 11 X 14 at $25.00 each
Please send me _____ copies of the 2013 Seidemann Family group picture size 16 X 20 at $30.00 each
All prices include shipping & handling.

Please send order form and check to: Seidemann Family,  P O Box 184 Newburg, WI 53060-0184.
Things You Can Do To Make Our Reunion A Success!

1. **Email Addresses** -- You can help us save over $1,000 in printing and postage costs by providing us your email address. Email them to: secretary@seidemannfamily.org.

2. **Bake Sale** – Donate cupcakes, cookies, muffins, and bars to sell at the candy stand. We are also looking for buyers — 11:00 AM until baked goods are gone.

3. **Kuchen/Dessert Contest** – Bring your best, baked Kuchen/Dessert to be tasted by our judges and then auctioned off to the highest bidder at our Kuchen/Dessert Auction. The pictures on the right are the 2012 first place winners of the Seidemann Family Reunion Kuchen Contests. The Peach Pecan Kuchen baked by Dawn and Jim Goad won first place in the over age 25 category. Madeline Klein won the under 25 age group with a German Kuchen with berry topping. A total of 11 kuchens were auctioned off raising a total of $1,175 towards Reunion expenses. Kenneth and Marion Race generously purchased both first place Kuchens. Thank you Kuchen bakers and bidders.

4. **Silent Auction** – Bring breads, jellies, other homemade food items and crafts to be in our Silent Auction. Proceeds help pay for Reunion Expenses.

5. **Bingo prizes, Kids prizes, and Door prizes** – Donate items for Bingo, Kid’s games, or for a door prize.

6. **Past Reunion Pictures** – We would like to put together a DVD presentation of past Reunions. If you have photos of previous reunions, please send pictures you think should be included to: Seidemann Family P. O. Box 184 Newburg, WI 53060-0184 or email them to: psnaumann@gmail.com.

7. **Talent Show** – We are looking for entertainers for our annual Talent Show. Please try to limit your performance to 3 minutes. One entry per person. Sign up at the guessing game table.

8. **Donations** – of all sizes will be accepted. The 79th Seidemann Reunion’s expenses were over $2,900. Expenses for the 80th Reunion are expected to exceed $3,500.


10. **Volunteers needed** – We are always in need of volunteers to help with set up and take down. If you would be interested in helping, email secretary@seidemannfamily.org, or call Phyllis at 262-675-6364.

11. Please send corrections, family additions, and especially address changes to the family secretary at Seidemann Family P. O. Box 184 Newburg WI 53060-0184, or email the changes to secretary@seidemannfamily.org. Last year 64 invitations were returned that had to be re-sent costing the Reunion extra money.

**Be Sure to Thank all the Volunteers that Make the Reunion a Success!**
Looking for Lodging?

**AmericInn Inn of West Bend**  1(262) 334-0307  ($84.90+tax), or visit [www.americinn.com](http://www.americinn.com)

**County Inn & Suites**  1 (262) 334-9400 ($116.10+tax), or visit [www.countryinns.com/westbendwi](http://www.countryinns.com/westbendwi)

**Hampton Inn**  1 (262) 438-1500 ($119.00+tax), or visit [www.westbendsuites.hamptoninn.com](http://www.westbendsuites.hamptoninn.com)

All room blocks are listed under Seidemann Family Reunion. Rates quoted reflect reduced prices. Please ask for the Seidemann Family Reunion block rate. They will not hold any rooms after 20 June 2013.

How to find the Reunion

[Map of West Bend showing Seideman Farms and surrounding streets]
**FRIEDRICH SEIDEMANN DESCENDANTS GENEALOGY FORM**

Get in on the fun as we continue to build a “detailed” computer file of family facts for present and future descendants. Information you share with us will be used for statistical and research purposes. Please make copies of both sides of this form for each child living with you and a copy for yourself. Be sure other family members also have copies. Complete only the information that pertains to you and that you are comfortable answering. Return this completed form to:

Seidemann Family  
P O Box 184 Newburg, WI 53060-0184, bring it to the Reunion, or scan to your computer and email it to:  
**secretary@seidemannfamily.org.** Thanks for helping.

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**DESCENDANT:**  
First Name                   Middle Name            (Maiden Name)               Last Name

Title: Master/Miss/Mr/Mrs./Ms./Dr./Rev ______________________________ (which combination)

Street Address_____________________________________

City___________________________________________ State ______________   Zip Code ______________________

Phone (___) _______________ Mobile (___) __________ ____Email ______________________________ Gender_____

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