

HOLY TRINITY (OLD SWEDES) CHURCH FOUNDATION, INC.
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October 18, 2000

Mr. David Miles Vardiman
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Woodland Park, CO 80863

Dear Mr. Vardiman,

In answer to your letter of October 9th, requesting information on the Vardeman (Vardiman, Ver der Mann, etc.) family members, I am pleased to report that some of our records do indeed show that the family was here at least for a little while.

You are right that the name has several spellings and perhaps even some you haven't seen as yet. I will try to always spell the name in the manner in which any particular record has it.

Old Swedes Church in Wilmington was built in 1699. There is no evidence that the Verdemans were here at that time. The only record I can find on John Vardamon is from our library copy of the book "A Calendar of Delaware Wills". I have enclosed a copy of page 19 from this book which shows that John died in 1715 and not 1751 as one of your correspondents mistakenly puts it. So he lived to be 89 years old and not 125. His wife Margaret and his four children, Johannes, Christopher, William and Jane Margrtia(?) are listed. Appoquinimink Creek, by the way, is some distance from the church, perhaps 25 miles or so. This would explain why his presence was not here but possibly in some other church further south. Delaware counties are divided into hundreds, one of which is Appoquinimink. I have enclosed a map of them for your use.

There were two significant early censuses made in this area. The 1671 Census was the first English census of Delaware ordered by the New York governor and includes all taxable persons. The 1693 Census includes only the members of the Swedish church to prove to the authorities in Sweden that there was a sizable group of people here who desired pastoral care. There are no Verdemans in either census, thus they presumably arrived later on.

John's son, William Ver de Man, married Magdalena Petersson here at Old Swedes church on April 21, 1720. I have enclosed copies from our original church records of the four references to Verdeman marriages and baptisms. The records are all in Swedish. For your information, the cover page translates to "Christina Congregation's Church Book from the year after Christ's birth, 1713, for the following time till 1756. This book was given by the former church warden, William Van de Ver, for the use of Christina Church in 1712." Page 106 contains the marriage mentioned above near the bottom of the page. The heading near the middle of the page translates to "Record of Persons Wed in Christina Parish

in the year 1720."

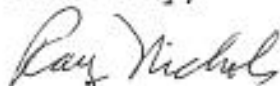
Page 149 lists near the bottom the birth of Wiljam and Magdalena Verdeman's child Maria, born April 1, baptized April 5. Sponsors: The pastor, Herr Magister Samuel Hesselius, Jacob Van de Wer, Maria Smith, Erasmus Stedham's wife, Helena. The page begins the year 1724.

The other two records concern Marget Werdeman. I am not sure whether this might be Jane Margarita or a child of one of her brothers. At any rate, page 211 lists her marriage to James Senexon on January 20, 1730. They had a child baptized here in 1752. After 1750, the records are in a different book which we have only on microfilm and my reader/printer is not able to copy entire pages. Although the page number 814 is not shown and the year 1752 begins on a previous page, the record shows Child Senecce, born 13 April, baptized 10 May, the parents, James Senecce, Margaret Werdeman with sponsors Hans Petersson and Lena Petersson. The Peterssons were a large family with several generations involved here at Old Swedes and it is difficult to sort them all out for there are many first names repeated through the generations.

Old Swede's second pastor, Andrew Hesselius, carefully listed every members name on the records every time they took communion and his brother Samuel, our third pastor carried on this habit while he was here. Magdalena Petersson first appears as a communicant on April 21, 1717 and again for a half dozen times until 1720 when she married William Verdeman. Both their names appear as communicants once in May of 1720, but then not again until 1724 when they were listed in May and in October. While Andrew listed them as William and Magdalena Ver de Man, Samuel wrote them in as Wiljam and Magdalena Werdeman.

In 1754 and in 1764, the new pastors each constructed lists of all the church members. The Verdemans do not appear on either list. I can find no other mention of them in any of our church records or in our library of books. I hope I have helped answer some of your questions. If you have any questions about any of the above please feel free to write and ask. Thank you for the \$10 check.

Sincerely,



Ray Nichols
Archivist

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Leubalving off Christeningham i Christina forsamling,
samt Hverd Lidebend of Saldend namn. A: 1724.

- 1. Olle Månsson } barn Catharina född d. 2 Jan. Dödf d. 5 Januari Saldend.
 & Annikas } Rykshofvanden. May Samuel Hesselius. Jacob Wandever. Hverd Leubalving
 Kerstens & Margareta. Peter Månsson Catha Margareta.
- 2. Cornelis La Quats } barn Johannes född d. 26 Dec. 1723 Dödf d. 12 Januari
 & Marias } Saldend. Jean Culen. Hindrich Kolsberg. Kerstin Culen.
 Kerstin Kolsberg.
- 3. Elizabeth Jbards } barn Emi. Malatti flicka född d. 12 Nov. 1723.
 & Sonstas } Dödf d. 19 Jan. 1724. född Rykshofvanden. May. S. Hesselius & Brita.
- 4. Hindrich Stedham } barn Maria född d. 21 Febr. Dödf d. 25 Febr. Saldend
 & Catharina } Anders Linder. Hans Petersson. Maria Smith. Maria Wandever.
- 5. Lucas Stedham } barn Jonas född d. 29 Febr. Dödf d. 1 Marti Saldend
 & Ingebofrs } Timotheus Gylfsson Stedham og samt & Elizabeth. Jesper
 Kobbesson. Hverd Kobbesson & Elizabeth.
- 6. Jan Seeds } barn Maria född d. 20 Febr. Dödf d. 1 Marti. Saldend
 & Britas } Mårtensson. Walsaven Walsaven. Rykshofvanden & Brita Hesselius
 Gustaf Gustafsson & Christina.
- 7. Robbin Birds } barn Susanna född d. 2 Marti. Dödf d. 8 Marti. Saldend
 & Marias } Brewer Seneca og samt & Brita. Peter Hindrichsson. May
 Dalena Springer.
- 8. Wiljam Allins } barn Johan född d. 25 Febr. Dödf d. 10 Marti. Saldend
 & Margarettas } Måns Gustafsson. Jesper Walsaven Catha Kerstin. Jean
 Staffon & Brita.
- 9. Johan Woodends } barn Johan född d. 25 Apr. 1723. Dödf d. 15 Marti
 & gen Gardens } Saldend. Anders Gustafsson.
- 10. Jonas Stalcope } barn Elizabeth. 6 vnder gemmal Dödf d. 29 Marti
 & Helena } Sald. Philip Wandever og samt & Elizabeth. Jacof
 Hein. Catharina Giding.
- 11. Gylf Stedham } barn Hindrich född d. 23 Marti. Dödf d. 29 Marti
 & Anna } Sald. Jonas Stedham. Simon Pålson. Hindric Hindrichsson
 & Julith. Elizabeth Garinger.
- 12. Wiljam Verdemans } barn Maria född d. 1 Apr. Dödf d. 5 Apr. Saldend
 & Magdalenas } Rykshofvanden & May Samuel Hesselius. Jacob Wandever
 Maria Smith. Ensmi Stedham & Helena.
- 13. George Anderssons } barn i Elk River Catharina. 10 vnder gemmal Dödf
 & Margarettas } Apr. Sald. Augustina Constantina. Olle Andersson. Jan
 Henig & Christina. Christina Perren.

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Verbal King vpp^r Barndahl. 2. (Kopstien)
N^o 1730.

1. James Sencerson } sigda d. 20 Jan.
Margret Werdeman
2. Andrew Hannah } sigda d. 20 Jan.
Margret Shennan
3. Samuel Strout } sigda d. 27 Jan.
Hanna Tally
4. Zachar Green } sigda d. 26 Apr. und Governours License
Sara Green
5. John Garrithan } sigda d. 19 May.
Elizabeth Cook
6. Ambrous Taylor } sigda d. 27 May und Govern^r License
Martha Barrn
7. Ralph Whitheis } sigda d. 11 May und Govern^r License
Mary Bird
8. Rychif. My. Samuel Heggelin } sigda d. 1 July und Govern^r License
Jungfr^e Gertrud Stille
9. Andrew Rossen } sigda d. 28 July und Govern^r License
Sara Bloair
10. Carl Cornelius } sigda d. 20 Aug.
Annika Dixxon
11. Anders Linberg } sigda d. 14 Aug. und Govern^r License
Mania Lison
12. Daniel Larsson } sigda d. 5 Oct. und Governours License
Brigget Fegen
13. Edward Robbejon } sigda d. 9 Dec. und Governours License
Sara Bird
14. Michael Patrick } sigda d. 26 Dec. und Govern^r License
Anna Robbejon

Barnet James född 4 Jan. döpt 4^{de} 15 April. Fäders och Mary Mellons.
Barnet Hannah född 4^{de} 27 Feb. döpt 4^{de} 15 April. Frärd. Henry och Brita Oasby
Barnet Mary född 4^{de} 21 Feb. döpt 4^{de} 13 Apr. Frärd. Pehr och Anne Järnström.
Barnet Mary född 4^{de} 26^{de} Feb. 1757 döpt 4^{de} 6 May. Frärd. Hans och Anna Kinn.

Barnet Antony född 4^{de} 10 May 1751. döpt 4^{de} 6 May. Frärd. George och Mary Balthorn.

Barnet Anne född 4^{de} 26 May 1751. döpt 4^{de} 6 May, Cornelius, Rachel M^{rs} Weyer.

Barnet Eery född 4^{de} 14 July 1747 döpt 4^{de} 6 May. Frärdarna James Hall Enghare

Barnet Mary född 4^{de} 25 Aug. 1750 döpt 4^{de} 6 May. Modron Mary Cleary.

Barnet Benjamin född 4^{de} 14 Feb. döpt 4^{de} 26 Apr. Frärd. Thomas och Margret Noll.

Barnet Rufus född 4^{de} 18 Apr. döpt 4^{de} 10 May. Frärdarna Paulus och Larsman och brödra
William George Hillman, Peta Willman.

Barnet Seneca född 4^{de} 13 Apr. döpt 10 May. Frärd. James Seneca. Margret Werkman.

Radras Hans. Petersen Lena. Petersen.

Barnet Isaac född 4^{de} 16 Mart döpt 4^{de} 26 Apr. Frärdarna Lucas och Anna Mungon. Frärdarna Edes Peterson

Brita Svensson, Maria Petersen.

Barnet Peter född 4^{de} 26 Apr. döpt 4^{de} 17 May, Frärdarna John Springer och Sarah Stekham.

Radras Jonas Stekham, Charles Springer och Catharina Springer.

Barnet Elizabeth född 4^{de} 21 Sept. 1750 döpt 4^{de} 21 May döpt. Frärdarna Peter och Anne Brunborg.

Radras Philip Sticks hans hustru Susanna h Brunborg.

Barnet Elenor född 4^{de} 2 Feb. döpt 4^{de} 29 May. Frärd. Michel och Ede Meloy.

Barnet James född 4^{de} 17 April döpt 4^{de} 27 May. Frärdarna Moses och Anne Mill.

Barnet Mary, född 4^{de} 9 May, döpt 4^{de} 27 May. Frärdarna John Agnes Amos.

Barnet Elizabeth född 4^{de} 12 Aug 1751 döpt 4^{de} 28 Nov. Frärdarna ... A. ...

Auktion & Begift. N: 1720.

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Wien til Byggen d. 6 Jan.	---	---	1
William Casey for Skibbet i Præstegjeldet	---	---	3
Wien til Byggen d. 13 Martii	---	---	1
d. 10 Apr. 3 punde	---	---	3
d. 12 Junii 1 pund	---	---	1
Skjengel til Byggekøbet som Skjødet 1718	---	---	3
1000 Skjengel til præstegjeldet som er af	---	---	5
Byggen som er af	---	---	3
Lucas Stedham Jan for sig selv og hustru i Skjødet	---	---	7
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Misvænstaren Dyer for sig selv og hustru i Skjødet	---	---	3
Gamb ja quett som sig selv og hustru i Skjødet	---	---	7
Philip van der Werf for sig selv og hustru i Skjødet	---	---	2
Lucas Stedham Jan for sig selv og hustru i Skjødet	---	---	5
N. Omsættelse af Skjødet til Christian Beuving for	---	---	5
3000 skjengel til Byggekøbet	---	---	2
Wien til Byggen d. 24 Julii	---	---	1
d. 21 Julii	---	---	1
d. 21 Aug.	---	---	11
d. 22 Oct.	---	---	11
Spil til Byggen	---	---	4
	---	---	6
	---	---	14
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Summa

Indtektning af Brudegæld i Christina Skjenslevs

N: 1720.

1. M: Samuel Kirk } wiede d. 8 Januari efter Gouverneurens licentia
 K: Alice Van der Werf
2. Johan William Leijonzeiler } wiede d. 19 Aprilis.
 K: Margareta Van der Werf
3. Valentin Kox } wiede d. 20 Aprilis.
 K: Elisabeth Jönsson
4. William Ver de Man } wiede d. 21 Aprilis. ←
 K: Magdalena Petersson
5. Samuel Petersson } wiede d. 26 Maji.
 K: Kerstin Märten