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MORNING SESSION

10:00 A. M.

Reception and Register

Business Session

Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:30 P. M.

Invocation RUFUS BUCHER

Song Service

Address of Welcome WILSON G. BUCHER, Marietta, Pa.

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Hymn Audience

Report of Historians

Reading of General Resolutions

Announcement of Committees

Adjournment

Songs

ALL HAIL

- 1 ALL hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.
- 2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.
- 3 Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.

FIRM FOUNDATION

- 1 HOW firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said?
You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled.
- 2 The soul that on Jesus doth lean for repose
I'll never, no never, desert to his foes;
That soul, though a host shall endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake.

GUIDE ME

- 1 GUIDE me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing streams do flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar,
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

Other Happy Reunions

1. *The first Reunion was held at Clay, on May 28th, 1921, at the old homestead of the late Jonas W. Bucher.*

2. *The Second Reunion was held at Williamson Park, Lancaster, on August 12, 1922, commemorating the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the first Bucher in Pennsylvania.*

3. *The Third Reunion was held at Kauffman Park, Manheim, Pennsylvania, on August 11, 1923, the 201st anniversary.*

4. *The Fourth Reunion was held at Schaefferstown Park, Schaefferstown, Pennsylvania, on August 9, 1924, the 202nd anniversary.*

5. *The Fifth Reunion was held at Boiling Springs Park, Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, on August 9, 1925.*

- Past Presidents -

ELMER B. BUCHER, CLAY, PA. 1921-1922

WM. P. BUCHER, QUARRYVILLE, PA. 1923

REV. JOHN B. BUCHER, EPHRATA, PA. 1924

WILSON G. BUCHER, MARIETTA, PA. 1925

AN ODE TO THE HOUSE OF BUCHER

COME my friend and fellow comrades,
Join our tuneful lay,
As we meet in glad reunion
On this happy day.
With the sky of blue above us,
In the sunshine sweet;
'Tis in life our greatest pleasure,
Old-time friends to greet.

When we meet in God's green temples,
'Neath the whispering trees,
Where the fronded pines are swaying,
In the fragrant breeze,
Close beside the sparkling waters
Of the silver lake,
There in sweet communion mingle,
Just for old love's sake.

From a foreign shore our Fathers
Came, a pilgrim band,
Seeking fortune, home and country
In this promise land.
Switzerland had been their birth-place
In the long ago,
Where the edelweiss is blooming,
White in Alpine snow.

Oh! What hopes and fond ambitions
Beat within each breast
As they filled the horn of plenty
Blazoned on their crest,
And their sons are men of valor,
Brave—with victory crowned;
May the name of Bucher reign
Supreme, where man is found.

—BY HELEN HALL BUCHER,
"Highland Terrace,"
Boiling Springs, Pa.

Written by request for the Bucher Reunion held at Boiling Springs, Pa., on
August 6, 1925

JOHN CONRAD BUCHER

John Conrad Bucher was born June 13th, 1730, at Schaffhausen, Switzerland. His father being a man of means and influence gave his son the educational advantages of the best schools of his native land. Young Bucher had an active mind and pursuing his studies with diligence, he gained the highest honor in the schools which he attended. He was remarkable for having acquired a rich flow of language and unprecedented copiousness and energy of thought, which rendered him useful and attracted the attention of all who heard him. He studied theology of St. Gall and Marburg. But instead of entering the ministry, he entered the military service at first under the Dutch and later under the English. When the French and Indian War (1754-1763) broke out he came to this country. He first participated in the expedition of General Forbes to reduce Fort Duquesne in 1758. After the successful termination of this expedition, the forces disbanded. Only small detachments were retained to guard the frontier forts. Bucher remained in service and was stationed at Carlisle. Here he married Mary Magdalena Hoke, February 26, 1760. Shortly afterwards, April 19, 1760, he was appointed Lieutenant and gradually rose to higher positions, until he received a Captain's commission, July 31, 1764. In the following month he started out with General Bouquet into the heart of the Indian country on the Muskingum River, in Ohio, where the Indian war was brought to an end.

While he was stationed at Carlisle he had begun preaching to the soldiers and settlers. The earliest known sermon of which a draft is still in existence, was preached by him at Carlisle, June 5th, 1763. In the spring of 1765 Bucher resigned from his command to devote all his efforts to the ministry. After his retirement from the army he served a number of congregations—Carlisle, Bedford, Middletown, Hummelstown and Falling Spring. In 1765 he appeared before Coetus (Synod) and in the following year was admitted as a member and ordained to the ministry. In 1768 he received and accepted a call from

Lebanon and neighboring congregations. In the following years he exchanged a tract of bounty land, situated in the Buffalo Valley, which he had obtained in reward of his military services for a property in Lebanon and consequently removed to the latter place. In 1768 and for several years he preached at as many as twenty-four places, from Jonestown to Hagerstown and Bedford. In the year 1775 the Coetus Minutes report him as serving six congregations: Lebanon, Quittapahilla, Warwick, Manheim, Rapho and Donegal. Lebanon seems to have been the largest congregation for he reports thirty-five families as its members. In 1772 during his pastorate a stone wall was built around the church property for \$125. In the same year a faction of the Lutheran church worshipped in the Reformed Church.

During the war of the revolution 200 Hessian prisoners were quartered in the Reformed Church. The Hebron Diary reports them as being there in August and September of 1777.

On March 8th, 1780, Philip Greenawalt and wife conveyed to Gottfried Eichelbrenner, Michael Krebs and Rudolph Kelker, trustees of the Reformed congregation a lot situated at the corner of Hill and Chestnut Streets together with the school house and all other houses and buildings thereon erected.

After a successful ministry of thirteen years during which Bucher baptised 344 children, he died suddenly on August 15th, 1780. The Hebron Diary under date of August 16th, 1780 states: "In the afternoon Bro. Koehler arrived. Through him we heard that the Reformed minister, Bucher, after solemnizing the marriage of a Reformed and another couple at Annville, six miles from here, suddenly departed this life." So great was the regard of the people for their pastor that his body was reverently laid on a bier, and thus faithful men carried it on their shoulders to Lebanon. He was buried August 17, 1780, in the cemetery back of the present chapel where a fading sandstone marks his resting place.

CONSTITUTION

AND

BY-LAWS

OF

The

BUCHER

FAMILY

REUNION

—1926—

Preamble

The BUCHER FAMILY REUNION is organized for the purpose of preserving the history, traditions and landmarks of the family and to promote the unity and mutual interests of its members.

Constitution

ARTICLE I.

Name This Association shall be known as The Bucher Family Reunion.

ARTICLE II.

Purpose The purpose of this Association is and shall be to preserve the history, traditions and landmarks of the Family, to promote the unity and mutual interests of its members.

ARTICLE III.

Officers The Officers of this Association shall be:

President
Vice-President
Secretary

whose terms of office shall be one calendar year and shall be elected (as here-in-after provided) at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IV.

Executive Committee The Executive Committee shall consist of seven members who shall serve for a term of seven years, one member being elected each succeeding year. The oldest member of the Executive Committee in point of seniority shall be Chairman and his successor will be Vice-Chairman. Other officers of the Executive Committee will be Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall be appointed by the Chairman or elected by motion or ballot as the Committee may agree.

Duties The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall organize his Committee at the first formal meeting called after the annual election.

The Executive Committee shall meet at such times and places as will adequately protect and promote the best interests of the Association.

ARTICLE V.

Trustees The Board of Trustees shall consist of the Past-Presidents of the Association who may assist the Executive Committee when called upon by the Chairman.

Appeals The Board of Trustees shall hear privately appeals made to it and shall endeavor to render its decisions so as to promote peace in accordance with the purpose and policy of the Bucher Family Reunion. Decisions rendered on appeals must be confirmed in writing and shall be binding upon all members interested until the next Annual Reunion and can only be set aside or reversed by the Family Reunion in regular session.

ARTICLE VI.

Nominations and Election to Exc. Com. Nominations and election to fill vacancies on the Executive Committee shall take place at the annual business session of the Bucher Family Reunion. The names of all nominees must be announced audibly from the floor to the President who will announce it to the Audience and to the Secretary who will enter the same upon the minutes.

Election of Officers The members of the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees jointly shall constitute an electorate who shall nominate and elect the following officers to serve for the ensuing calendar year; beginning January 1, ending December 31.

President
Vice-President
Secretary

The work of the electors shall be reported before the adjournment of the Reunion and such report will be subject to ratification.

ARTICLE VII.

Amendments No alteration or amendment shall be made to this Constitution or By-Laws unless the same be reduced to writing signed by seven members and read to and approved by a majority vote of the Family Reunion in regular session assembled.

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ARTICLE I.

Annual Meeting The annual meeting of The Bucher Reunion shall be held during the month of August each year at such time and place as the President and Executive Committee shall agree upon, due notice of which will be given.

ARTICE II.

Dues Annual dues and assessments shall be adjusted in accordance with the needs of the association.

ARTICLE III.

Membership The membership of this association shall be composed of members of the Bucher Family. Personal or authorized registration on the official Family Register will establish membership.

ARTICLE IV.

Duties of President The President shall preside at all annual meetings of the Reunion, and with the Executive Committee direct its activities appointing such committees as may be necessary to assist in the work. In his absence the Vice-President shall preside.

In the absence of both these officers the executive committee shall assign the senior available past-president as the presiding officer or shall otherwise appropriately fill the vacancy.

Secretary The Recording Secretary shall keep records of the Annual Reunion Association and otherwise fulfill the regular duties of a secretary.

The Corresponding Secretary shall fulfill all the regular duties of a secretary to the Executive Committee.

Treasurer The Treasurer shall keep an accounting of the funds of the Association and shall pay such bills as are approved by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI.

Quorum The quorum of this Association at its Annual meeting shall consist of twenty (20) members.

The quorum of the Executive Committee shall consist of four (4) members.

The quorum of the Board of Trustees shall consist of a majority or one half of its members.

ARTICLE VII.

- Order of Procedure at Annual Business Session*
1. Call to order. Opening.
 2. Roll call of officers.
 3. Reading and approval of minutes.
 4. Reports of Officers.
 5. Reports of Standing Committees.
 6. Reports of Special Committees.
 7. Communications.
 8. Unfinished Business.
 9. New Business.
 10. Election to fill vacancies on Executive Committee.
 11. Announcements.
 12. Adjournment.



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"Hymn of Gratitude"

1. Great God of nations, now to thee
Our hymn of gratitude we raise;
With humble heart, and bending knee,
We offer thee our song of praise.
2. Thy name we bless, Almighty God,
For all the kindness Thou hast shown
To this fair land the pilgrims trod,
This land we fondly call our own.
3. Here freedom spreads her banner wide,
And casts her soft and hallowed ray;
Here Thou our fathers' steps didst guide
In safety through their dangerous way.
4. We praise Thee that the Gospel's light
Through all our land its radiance sheds;
Dispels the shades of error's night
And heavenly blessings round us spreads.
5. Great God, preserve us in Thy fear;
In danger still our guardian be;
O spread Thy truth's bright precepts here;
Let all the people worship Thee.