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Entering the 42nd Year of Publication

This issue is the first in the forty-second year of publication for the *Weedman Newsletter*. Started in March, 1968 by **Paul and Marianne Montgomery**, it was intended to be a semi-annual report or newsletter about Weedmans. There were 18 initial subscribers including the Montgomery's and from what I can determine, only two remain living today – **Marianne Montgomery and Gena Theiss**.

Marianne carried on as the editor for 40 years which must establish some kind of record for tenacity and determination. Today, she remains an avid supporter of the Newsletter and retains her keen interest in genealogy.

Today, we have about 130 subscribers and have more who read the Newsletter on line at the family web site (www.weedman.org).

Interest remains high as we still are trying to find our European roots. Hope lives eternal and we believe with new technology including the Internet and DNA testing we will eventually find out where **Christian Weedman, Sr.** was born.

We continue to find new cousins and pursue three main lines of the family. Most Weedmans descend from **Christian Weedman, Sr.** (ca 1735 ~ 1811) who arrived in this country in 1750. Another distinct line originates with **Olaf Weedman** (1821 ~1888) and what we suspect were his two brothers who came from Sweden and settled in Knox

County, IL. A third line immigrated from Mainz, Germany and consisted, we now know, of at least two brothers, **Philip William Weedman** (1785~1839) and **Barnard Weidman (Weidemann)** who settled in Florida and in what is now West Virginia. Are we all related or do we simply share a convenient surname? That is a question we are trying to answer over time. See the articles in this issue on the Weedman Family DNA project and on **Barnard Weedman**.

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Weedman DNA Project

This project described in greater detail in the Winter 2008 issue is now active. As of the writing of this article, there are three participants – **Bill Weedman** of Encinitas, CA and a descendant of **Christian Weedman, Jr.** through his son **Stephen Weedman**; **Nick Weedman** of Flat Rock, NC and a descendant of **Christian Weedman, Jr.** through his son, **William Weedman**; and **Earl Joseph Weedman** of St. Augustine, FL and a descendant of **Philip Weedman**.

What do we hope to accomplish with this project? Here are the objectives as stated in the last issue:

1) Determine if the **Christian Weedman, Sr.** line has any relationship with the Florida Weedman line. We know where the Florida line originated in Germany and if we establish there is a common male ancestor within a reasonable number of generations, we might have a better clue of our origins.

2) Determine if the three apparent **Swedish Weedman** lines do indeed have a common ancestor. We know there were apparently three brothers who came to this country but proof they were siblings has not been established. There may not be male descendants of each of the three brothers but there are from two.

3) Determine if the **Christian Weedman, Sr.** line has a common male ancestor with the Swedish lines.

4) Determine if the Widman(n) family and the **Christian Weedman, Sr.** lines share a common male ancestor. If this proves correct, it may show that the original spelling of our surname was in fact, **Widman** or **Widmann**.

5) Determine if the **Weidman** family which has numerous connections in Lancaster County, PA is closely related to the **Christian Weedman, Sr.** family.

6) Prove the relationship between **Philip Weedman**, the immigrant from Mainz, Germany and that of **Bernard Wedeman**, both of whom arrived in 1802. **Philip** is the founder of the line commonly referred to as the Florida Weedmans.

We are in need of more participants since

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The use of DNA testing for genealogical purposes is rapidly growing. We hope to find our European roots using this tool.

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the greater the number, the more confidence we will have in the results assuming those tell us that we are, in fact, related or if the various lines of the family are not related. The test is simple – you swab the inside cheek for three separate samples—and it is not cheap (yDNA 12 marker test costs \$99) but the results could prove spectacular or could provide more questions.

If you are interested, we are using what appears to be the premier testing firm, **Family Tree DNA**, and if you check their web site or ours, you can get more information. We have a link to their web site to facilitate the project.

The initial results are back for both **Bill Weedman** and **Nick Weedman**. Both did the yDNA12 test and as one would expect, the samples were a perfect match. What this confirms is they share a common ancestor with a high degree of certainty. Our most common recent ancestor was **Christian Weedman, Jr.** and we are both 5th generation descendants. What we now need are more participants from the various lines to help build a significant data base to help find our European roots.

We will keep you advised of progress but stress the need for more participants. You need to be a male descendant of one of the Weedman early Americans to have meaningful results.

The Florida Weedman Line Adds a New Dimension to the Family

The Florida Weedman line descends from **Charles and Barbara (Sanderof) Weedman** of Mainz, Germany.

We knew that a son, **Philip William**

Weedman, born about 1785 in Mainz and immigrated to this country in the early 1800s. His family is fairly well documented and it seems most of the descendants live in or near St. Augustine, Florida.

Shirley Weedman Spooner who is now a Georgia resident but a Florida native has had a keen interest in the family genealogy and advised that **Philip** and a brother, **Barnard**, arrived in Philadelphia in October, 1803 aboard a ship, Commerce, which sailed from Rotterdam. We have had little knowledge of the **Barnard Weedman** family but have started some research on the line. The surname was spelled **Wiedemann** on the ship's log. Of interest is the record on a **Daniel Wiedemann** arriving in October 1802, a year earlier than **Philip** and **Barnard**. Could he have been a brother who led the path to the United States?

Philip and **Barnard** are both listed in an 1803 census of Philadelphia and it is known that by 1804, Philip had made his way to St. Johns Co., FL where, in that year, he married **Mary Barbara Antonia Hainsman**.

Barnard made his way to a spot near Wheeling, West Virginia (then Virginia) where he settled and lived out his life. In the 1850 census of Ohio County, Virginia **Barnard Weidman** is shown as a miller, aged 67, living with his wife **Elizabeth**. 53 born in Pennsylvania, and family that included the following children all born in Virginia:

Ann , age 29	Francis , 21
Sobrinna , 27	Susan B. , 19
John , 25	Margaret , 17
Philip , 25	David , 14

In the next household was another Weidman who was clearly a son, **Charles** with

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Barnard Weidemann settled near Wheeling WV and prospered as a miller. We are now researching this line.

Please let us know of family events so we can share with all of our subscribers. Births, weddings, deaths and other events will be published.

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his wife, **Mary**, and their children.

Charles was 32, born in Virginia and was a cooper. **Mary**, 26, was born in Pennsylvania. Their children: **Sarah E.**, 4, born in Virginia (as were all the children); **James C.** 3; **Mary M.**, 1; and **Richard D.**, 5 months old.

In the next household were **George Weidman**, 30, farmer born in Virginia with his wife, **Mary**, 26, born in Virginia with a 6-month old son, **Josiah**.

The family has had some work done on it and the researcher states **Barnard** and **Maria Elisabetha (Schneider)** had eleven children. Ten are clearly indicated in the 1850 census so another must be living nearby or perhaps had died. The researcher states that **Barnard** prospered as a miller. He died prior to 1870.

In the 1880 census, **Elizabeth Weidman** appears as an 82 year old widow living with a son, **Barnard** aged 57, a daughter **Maggie** aged 46 and a grandson, **William C.** aged 26 who was a school teacher. **Barnard** was also a miller

More work will be done on this branch of the family. It would be of great interest to find a male descendant who would agree to participate in the Weedman family DNA project to allow confirmation that indeed the **Barnard** and **Elizabeth Weidman** family descends from the **Charles Weedman** of Mainz, Germany. In our DNA project, we have included the surnames of Weedman, Weidman, Weadman, Wiedemann, and Widman hoping to be able to show that despite the variation of spelling, the lines are all related.

Given this discovery, perhaps we should refer to the line as the **Charles Weedman** line rather than the Florida branch of the family.

Obituaries

Allen Weedman

Allen Weedman, 73, of Griswold CT died February 10, 2008 at Haven Health Center of Jewett City CT. He was born May 7, 1934 in Sandusky, Ohio son of the late **Gus** and **Alice (Waters) Weedman**. Mr. Weedman was a Pipefitter Inspector at Electric Boat before retiring. Mr. Weedman was a US Army veteran having served in the Korean Conflict, a member of the Jewett City Senior Center and the VFW # 10004 in Jewett City. Burial was on February 14, 2008 Pachaug Cemetery, Griswold CT.

His lineage: Allen Weedman⁷, Gustav Clinton Weedman⁶, Harvey Shinn Weedman⁵, Asa Weedman⁴, John Huhn Weedman, Sr.³, George Weedman², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹

Beatrice Weedman

Beatrice "Bea" Weedman, 92 passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2008, at the Loveland CO Good Samaritan Health Care Center.

Bea was born on Aug.12, 1916, in Chicago Ill. to **Constantine** and **Christine Cherimpes**. She married **Gail Weedman**



on April 29, 1950 in Chicago. They spent most of their married life in Kokomo Indiana where they raised their two children. The last few years were spent in Fort Collins and Loveland. **Bea** and **Gail**

enjoyed 57 wonderful years together.

Bea was a French teacher at Kokomo High School for many years, and she thoroughly enjoyed all of her students. She was a graduate of the University of

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Chicago and obtained her Masters in Education at Ball State University. After her retirement, she enjoyed traveling and wintering in Florida. She also did volunteer work with her husband to help teens learn to use thinking and reasoning to resolve conflict without violence. She was a member of Psi Iota Xi service sorority and Grace United Methodist Church in Kokomo.

Bea is survived by her daughter, **Karen Weedman** and husband **Mike Culbertson** of Fort Collins; her son, **Keith Weedman** and wife Marcia of Columbus, Ind.; grandchildren, **Cathy, Mary, Leanne** and **Daniel**; and her brother, **George Cherimpes** of St. Charles, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her husband, **Gail**; and sisters, **Penny Pavis, Helen Cherimpes** and **Betty Coris**.

Burial was 20, 2008 at the Grandview Cemetery in Fort Collins.

The lineage of her husband, Gail Weedman is: Gail Weedman⁷, Ona Harrison Weedman⁶, William Martin Weedman⁵, Jeremiah Weedman⁴, Jacob Weedman³, George Weedman², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹

Pearl Issacson Weedman

Pearl E. Weedman, 86, Caldwell ID died May 26, 2008 in Caldwell. Pearl was born to Swedish immigrant parents **Magna** and **Carl Isaacson** on Oct. 21, 1921. One of nine children, Pearl was raised in Wisconsin and Illinois. During World War II, Pearl worked in factories making parts to support the war effort. Following the war, in 1948, she married **William W. Weedman, Jr.** and set about making a family. They settled in the north central part of Illinois, primarily in the Wyoming/Victoria area. As the wife of a coal miner, she raised five children, and in 1985 she and Bill moved to Idaho.

Pearl is survived by five children and their spouses, **Bob** and **Sherry Weedman** of Wyoming, **Jerry** and **Sharon Weedman** of Nampa, Idaho, **Bill** and **Bonnie Thomas** of Meridian, Idaho, **Geraldine Weedman** of Caldwell, Idaho, and **Leon** and **Judy Barlow** of Herrings, N.Y.; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, four brothers and one great-grandchild.

Services were held June 4, 2008 with burial in Oak Lawn Memorial Gardens in Galesburg, IL.

The lineage of her husband, William Walter Weedman, Jr. is: William Walter Weedman, Jr.⁴, William Walter Weedman, Sr.³, Edward Weedman², and Olaf Weedman¹

Edward Watson

Edward Watson was born Sep 14, 1922 in Missouri to **Louis Otto Watson** and **Mary Ella (Weedman) Watson**. He served in the US Navy as a Seabee/Machinist. After that he worked for Kight Lumber Co. in Evansville, In. retiring after 30 years of service. He married **Jessie Wooldridge** on May 11, 1946 in Evansville, In. They had 3 children. **Alan Edward**, who died in infancy, **Judith Ann** married to **Gary Henry**, and **Steven**. He had 4 grandchildren: **Cary (Kristie) Henry, Jody (Brian) Bethel, Paul (Lorie) Watson**, and **Stephanie Alvey**, and 3 great grandchildren: **Cade Henry, Colby Henry**, and **Xavier Watson**. He died February 5, 2009 at St. Mary's Hospital, Evansville, IN, and was laid to rest at Sunset Memorial Park, Evansville on February 9, 2009. He was of the Lutheran faith. He was known to his nieces and

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Most of the obituaries published in the Newsletter come from family members. Others are sourced on the internet.

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nephews as Uncle Jr. because his family (mother, father, brothers and sisters) called him Junior instead of Ed or Edward.

His lineage: Edward Watson⁶, Mary Ella Weedman Watson⁵, Mordecai Weedman⁴, Stephen C. Weedman³, Christian Weedman Jr.², Christian Weedman Sr.¹

Bertha Vincent Weedman

Bertha E. (Vincent) Weedman, 94, of Evansville, Indiana, passed away January 11, 2009, at Parkland Health and Hospital Systems in Dallas, Texas.

Bertha was a loving and dedicated wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and homemaker. Her faith was very important to her and she attended Diamond Valley Church of the Nazarene (now Faith Church of the Nazarene).



She is survived by daughter, **Betty L. Tennyson-Squires** and her husband, **Steve**, of Red Oak, Texas; granddaughters, **Donna Honeycutt** and her husband, **Jeff**, of Ovilla, Texas, **Amy Tennyson** of Honolulu, Hawaii, **Stephanie Squires** of Red Oak, Texas; two great-grandsons, and a sister; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband, **Irven**, in 1986.

The lineage of her husband, Irven Weedman is: Irven Franklin Weedman⁶, James Edward Weedman⁵, William Thomas Weedman⁴, Stephen Weedman³, Christian Weedman Jr.², Christian Weedman Sr.¹

Family Names in the News

Hannah Weedman Knoxville, IL High School Basketball Star

Hannah Weedman, a junior at the Knoxville (IL) High School has been recognized for her athletic ability as a basketball team star. She has been recognized for all of her high school career for her scoring ability and was instrumental in helping to achieve a record breaking 26-6 winning result in the 2008/09 year.

Hannah was a unanimous choice for the 2008/09 All Olympic Conference team. Her high school team, the Knoxville Blue bullets, won the conference basketball



title this year bringing a lot of pride to the school.

Hannah also excels academically and was on the first semester honor roll at Knoxville

High School.

A recent newspaper article noted that a number of schools have her as a potential athletic scholarship candidate including Bradley, Western Michigan and Southern Illinois – Edwardsville.

We congratulate **Hannah** and wish her continued success in both basketball as well as in academics.

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Family Names in the News will be an on-going feature in the Newsletter. We will search for stories about family member and share here.

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Hannah descends from the Olaf Weedman line.

Names in the News

Chelsea Weedman California Swimming Sensation

Friends of Cathedral Catholic sophomore **Chelsea Weedman** take heed: If you invite her to your house, make sure it's not for a pool party.

"I like hanging out with friends, but sometimes I'll go to a friend's house and they'll ask if I want to go swimming," Weedman said. "And I'm like, 'not really. I just swam four hours this morning.'"

The speedy **Weedman** is a rising star in high school swimming. As a freshman, she helped the Dons (her swim team name) capture the San Diego Section Division II title in the 200-yard medley relay, won the 100 breaststroke, took second in the 200 individual medley and helped her team finish third in the 400 freestyle relay.

"If she's not already a force, she's going to be in the coming years," Cathedral coach Jeff Owen said.

Like most elite swimmers in the section, **Weedman** splits time between her high school squad and her club team, Pacific Swim in Poway. Her club coach is **Dan Peck**, who coaches at Mt. Carmel High – Cathedral's biggest rival in Division II the past several years.

Weedman and Owen said that's not a problem. "I have a lot of respect for Dan and what he's done at Mt. Carmel," Owen said. "With Chelsea, we have worked out a system for training. He understands how it all works."

"High school is a whole different environment than club," Weedman said. "Club is all about training. High school is about having fun. It's more fun than club. You go to school with everyone so you get to hang out with friends."

Weedman said she's recorded times in high school meets that she's never achieved in club competition, "especially in relays, when I'm going last. I get an adrenaline rush I'll never get in club. I'm swimming for my team, and I take a lot of pride in that."

Weedman is already looking to the collegiate level. She said she'd like to swim for a Pac-10 school, maybe Stanford. And she's working on qualifying for the Olympic Trials.

This season, **Weedman** has the section's fastest reported times in the 200 IM (2:07.43), 100 breaststroke (1:05.40) and 500 free (5:02.14).

"She really motivates us to work harder," said freshman Kim Boone, another up-and-comer for Cathedral. "You can tell she's always trying her hardest. Then you look up and see her times and I think, 'I want to be like her.'"

Source: Union Times San Diego (CA) May 8, 2008

Her lineage: Chelsea Renee Weedman⁸, Paul R. Weedman⁷, Herschel Ray Weedman⁶, Andrew Garfield Weedman⁵, Jesse Hamilton Stewart Weedman⁴, David Weedman³, Jacob Weedman², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹

Weedman Birth is the 1st in 2009 in Grayson Co., KY

Jesse and Rene Weedman are parents of **Lane Weedman**, the first birth in 2009 at Twin Lakes Medical Center in Grayson County, KY. Congratulations to all!

Paul and Emily Weedman, parents of Chelsea, hosted the 2004 Weedman Family Reunion held in San Diego, CA.

Unclaimed Money

Shirley Spooner, a subscriber who descends from the Florida Weedman family recently sent a note asking if I could identify any of the Weedman family members who had unclaimed money being held by the State of Florida. She referred to a site that was specific to Florida and, in fact, we were able to identify a couple of family members shown there.

We contacted the brother of one (both attended the last **Weedman National Family Gathering** in Fayette County, PA) to advise there was unclaimed money due to them.

My interest was aroused and I quickly Goggled Weedman in North Carolina and was disappointed when my name wasn't listed. But, other Weedman's were!

Then, I did a national search which covers most of the states but not all and was surprised to find 108 family members who had unclaimed money. Among the states not listed include: Arkansas, California, Oregon, Indiana and Illinois – all with a number of Weedmans living there.

So, we looked further and found that both Arkansas and Indiana had sites for unclaimed money. In Arkansas, I found my late brother had an unspecified amount of money being held. I notified two of his children so they could pursue the matter. In Indiana, we found over \$5,800 due to one particular family and wrote a family member so they could pursue the matter.

I had previously thought these things were scams designed to gather personal information for unsavory purposes but have changed my mind!

So, if you are interested, you might do a

little internet work to see if you or your family might have unclaimed money and take steps to get your hands on that which may be yours for the asking.

Here are some web sites you might pursue and the number of Weedman claims shown on each:

National site <http://www.missingmoney.com/> 108

Indiana <https://www.indianaunclaimed.com/apps/ag/ucp/index.html> 7

Oregon http://mscfprod2.iservices.state.or.us/dsl/unclaimed_property/search.cfm 3

Arkansas <http://www.state.ar.us/auditor/unclprop/search.php> 2

Illinois <http://www.cashdash.net/programs/cashdash/Owner/> 18

These states are listed since they are not included in the national site. I found on one state site a warning that there are firms that will try to claim on behalf of individuals for a fee. So, approach the State directly if you have money due you. It is unclear how you claim on behalf of deceased individuals but this is certainly something that needs to be pursued.

If you have success in making a claim, please let us know.

In Upcoming Issues

We will be updating information received on the DNA testing which is now underway. Contact has been made with other programs focused on variant spellings of Weedman to determine if relationships exist.

More stories of "Family Names in the News" will be published as these are obtained.

Nick Weedman

There appears to be a fair amount of money owed to family members in different states. A little work on the internet could yield dividends!

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Family members want to make contact with Don Weedman who was born in Germany about 1970

Searching for Don Weedman

In the Spring 2005 issue of the *Weedman Newsletter*, an inquiry from Don Weedman was published in which he stated he was trying to connect with his family. Here is the article:

Don Weedman wants information on his family. His father, Robert Raphael Gourde Weedman, and all of his uncles have passed away. Don is interested in the family for a number of reasons. His line is also through Elisha Spurrier Weedman and we are attempting to help in his pursuits.

Recently, we were contacted by **Jamie Weedman Jones** who was browsing our web site and ran across the article. Her mother married **Robert Russell Gourde Weedman** and she was adopted by Mr. Weedman. Subsequently, she had a new brother, **Robert Weedman**. They are interested in making contact with Don.

We have filtered all of our information and can find a number of **Donald Weedman's** but none meet the criteria that we were using to search.

Jamie Jones advised that **Robert R.G. Weedman** was in the military stationed in Germany in the time frame of 1968 through 1974 where he married and where **Donald Weedman** was born. Donald Weedman's parents were divorced when Robert left Germany.

Upon returning to the U.S., Robert later

married again, adopted his new wife's daughter (Jamie) and later had another son, Robert.

Robert Russell Gourde Weedman died in an automobile accident June 29, 1986 in San Diego.

We have been able to use other facilities and have found a likely candidate. We found a **Don H. Weedman** who was born in April, 1970 and whose social security number was not issued until 1987. We found the most likely address for him was 1071 Bradford Drive, Williamstown, N.J. and wrote to him at that address. The letter was returned as undeliverable. We later found a telephone number at that address and attempted to call but had to leave a message on the answering machine. There has been no response.

We will continue with efforts to make contact with **Donald Weedman**. Since he expressed interest in making contact with his family and that family is now trying to contact him, a reunion is in the cards if we can make contact. Any help on this would be highly appreciated.

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Response to our annual request for subscription renewals was a modest success. In the Spring 2009 issue, we attempted to advise those whose subscriptions were due by putting a color indication in a box on page 1. Either this was overlooked by a number of subscribers, there was a decision to delay the contribution or they simply want the subscription to expire.

So, we will try one more time! If your subscription expired at the end of 2008, you will find a yellow slip that reminds you of the status and asks for a continued contribution.

You've heard it all before — postage rates continue to climb and other costs seem to go up as well. We are happy to continue with the Newsletter if there is adequate support.

So, your support is appreciated. A \$5.00

per year donation is all that is needed. And, if it is more convenient, feel free to pay for more than one year.

Thank you for your continued interest in a project that has been on-going for over 41 years!

Swedish Weedman Origins

Contributed by Walter G. Weedman

As is often stated, the first known 'Swedish' Weedman' was **Olaf Weedman**.

Olof Olsson Wiman born June 5, 1821 in Ockelbo, Sweden left his town of Kalltjarn of Ovansjo Parish to Gavle where he embarked on the ship "Maria" on July 16, 1855 arriving in New York Oct 17, 1855 --- 3 months later!

A family researcher in Sweden thought Olaf had a relative working on a ship who helped him get aboard and perhaps another who guided him to settle in or

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around Victoria, Knox Co., IL in 1855. I never have discovered the truth of those matters.

Now as to who else in his family came to the US, I am quite certain. According to Olaf's November 1887 obituary written in Swedish, he left 3 brothers at time of death in Victoria, IL. From records in Sweden they would be **Jan (John)**, **Jonas** and **Per/Peter**.

These records show that **Olaf** (1821) was one of 8 children of **Olaf Larsson** (1789-1840) and **Karin Larsdotter** (1796-1863). Olaf's older siblings were **Lars Olsson** (1817) and **Brita Olsdotter** (1819). His younger sisters were **Ingrid** (1823) **Karin** (1827) **Olsdotter**. His younger brothers were **Jonas** (1829), **Jan/John** (1832) and **Per/Peter** (1834).

By the naming convention of the time you would expect that the surname of all of the sons would now be Olsson...sons of **Olaf (Larsson)**. However, only the oldest brother, **Lars** continued to use the 'Olsson' name and his descendants to this day use Olsson.

The other 4 brothers did not use the Olsson surname. Olaf, the oldest of the 4 and the first to come to the US used the surname of '**Wiman**' in Sweden, Weedman in Illinois.

It was this oldest son, **Lars Olsson**, who per the law or primogeniture inherited the family farm when his father, **Olaf Larsson** died in 1840. Thus, the choice of the younger brothers was to become a day laborer and forever remain so or to emigrate. ALL of the younger brothers chose to come to America. All 4 brothers came to use the surname **Weedman** in this country.

Two of **Olaf Weedman** brothers chose to live in Knox County, IL --- **John**

(Jan) lived in Victoria and **Peter (Per)** lived in Copley, as did Olaf. The other brother, **Jonas**, came to live in Dayton, Webster County, Iowa.

The 1900 census records are helpful to sort arrival dates. **Peter Weedman** appears in the Copley Township, Knox Co., IL recording as being born in May, 1834 in Sweden. From other records, it is known that he married **Mrs. Mary Ironberg** on 18 December 1899 in Knox County. An entry in the census record shows that he is naturalized and arrived in this country in 1882.

Similarly, **Jonas Weedman** (or Janus) appears in the Dayton, Webster Co., IA census living with his wife, Maria. He was born in July 1829 in Sweden and arrived in this country in 1871 as did his wife. The census also shows there were three children of this marriage (they had been married 47 years when the census was taken) all of whom were living. In the 1880 census of Knox Co., IL where the family was living at the time, there were three children shown in the household: **Charles** age 17 (in 1880), **John** age 14, and **Mary** age 12 all of whom were born in Sweden.

The entry for **John Weedman** in 1900 could not be found but in the 1920 census, **J.W. Weedman** is shown with his wife, **Mattie**, who was born in Illinois along with three children: daughters **Mary E.** age 13, **Maude**, age 10 and son **J. Willard** age 4. This census shows that **John** arrived in 1865 and was naturalized in 1869.

So, all four brothers travelled separately but were led by Olaf. Apparently, his reports taken back to Sweden were sufficiently encouraging for others to follow over time.

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Walter Weedman shares knowledge of the Swedish Weedman family origins.

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In earlier Newsletters, we traced the family of **John W. Weedman** and have been in contact with the sole grandson who lives in St. Louis MO.

We would like to encourage male descendants of each of the Weedman brothers to participate in our DNA project. There are clearly male descendants of **Olaf** and **John** and possibly **Jonas**. The author of this article has agreed to participate.

More on the Swedish Weedman line in future issues.

*Walter G. Weedman lives in Northern Virginia and has agreed to make periodic contributions of articles on the Swedish Weedman line to the **Weedman Newsletter**. We have a number of subscribers who are in this line and will surely be interested as will the Weedman family more broadly.*

Walter's line is Walter Glenn Weedman⁵, Walter Frederick Weedman⁴, Walter Franklin Weedman³, William Lewis Weedman², and Olaf Weedman¹.

DNA Project Update

As announced in the Winter 2008 **Weedman Newsletter** we have started our DNA project which we hope may help us find our European roots.

Unlike our Swedish cousins and the Florida line of the family, the **Christian Weedman, Sr.** line has undefined origins in Europe. In this issue, the Swedish line identifies their origins and the Florida branch knows it has roots in Mainz, Germany.

Progress to Date

So far, there are three participants in the Weedman DNA project. **Bill Weedman** whose line is through **Christian Weedman, Jr.** and then **Stephen Weedman** as well as **Nick Weedman** whose line is through **Christian, Jr.** and his son **William** were the first. The results showed a perfect match for the 12 sites tested. What this confirmed is that we have a great chance common male ancestor within 8 generations or so.

The second to test was **Earl Joseph Weedman** of the Florida line. His results did not show a match with that of the first two participants. As a result, it can be concluded that the **Christian Weedman, Sr.** line of the family is separate and distinct from that of the Florida Weedmans. This was disappointing because if there was a match, we would know to pick up searching for our roots in the Mainz, Germany area.

We have another volunteer, **Walter Glenn Weedman**, whose line is through Olaf Weedman, the Swedish immigrant. We don't expect a match but one never knows! Recent research shows a new variant spelling of our surname, **Wiman**. Walter's research shows this to be reasonably common in both Sweden and Germany. His test will provide a benchmark for the Swedish Weedman line.

Where Do We Go From Here?

In the **Christian Weedman, Sr.** branch, we would like to get a male descendant to participate from the **Jacob Weedman** line, the **George Weedman** line, and the **Nicholas Weedman** line. We believe there is only one male descendant living in the **Nicholas Weedman** line and he is **Joe Allen Weedman**.

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The use of DNA technology can show whether the various lines of the Weedman family are related.

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In the Florida Weedman line, **Shirley Spooner** and the editor would like to have a participant from the **Bernard Wiedeman** line to provide proof that he and **Philipe W. Weedman** were brothers. It is possible that the cost of this test could be supplemented if a participant steps forward.

In the Swedish Weedman line, we know there were four brothers that immigrated and one that stayed in Sweden. Testing of one male descendant from each of those lines would be useful.

It would be good to have DNA results from a **Widman(n)** as well as a **Weidman**.

What Is Involved In Testing?

Our tests have been through a firm, **Family Tree DNA** of Houston, TX. The cost to participate is \$99 and involves the simple swabbing of the inside of the cheek with a brush. Three samples are taken and mailed to the test facility. Results are known in 3~4 weeks. There is no pain (except for the cost!). See our web site (www.weedman.org) for more details.

DNA testing is a relatively new tool in genealogy but as the number of participants grows and the science gets even more sophisticated, we expect this to provide new insights into research. Who knows, we may even find our European roots!

Family Members In The News

Travis Weedman Portland OR Architect

Travis Weedman is an architect in Portland, Oregon who along with his wife operates Compressed Pattern Design Stu-

dio, an architectural and design firm. Travis married **Arielle M. Glade** in 2005 and both have been featured in a number of articles in architectural magazines in the past few years. One publication, **Portland Spaces**, awarded Travis recognition as a Rising Star in a recent issue. Here is an excerpt from the article:

For **Travis Weedman's** first substantial project a minimalist interior for SE Division Street's Detour Café—he drew the concept designs, fabricated the furniture, and hung the drywall himself. As an added touch, he even improvised a piece of art that Detour quickly incorporated into its logo and brand identity. It all came together in eight days, within a diminutive \$5,000 budget. “Travis completely transformed the interior of the restaurant,” says Becky Doggett, who co-owns the café with her husband, Scott Krombein. “It went from looking like someone’s basement rec room to a beautiful, modern space.”

Word is out on Weedman’s soup-to-nuts design talent, and his four-person firm, Compressed Pattern Design Studio, has assembled a healthy portfolio of notable interiors and branding projects since opening in 2003.

Travis is originally from Wisconsin. His lineage: Travis⁸, Michael Patrick⁷, George Washington⁶, Grover Cleveland⁵, Allen Fleming⁴, Jonathan³, Jacob², and Christian, Sr.¹.

Weedman Named Security Director for Jewish Hospital & St. Mary’s HealthCare

William “Bill” Weedman has been named Director of Security for Jewish Hospital & St. Mary’s HealthCare. This position expands his current responsibilities to provide leadership to the Security teams throughout JHSMH. For the last 18 months, Weedman served as Security Manager for Sts. Mary & Elizabeth Hospital, a service of Jewish Hospital & St. Mary’s HealthCare.

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We hope to have a column each issue about family members in the news. Some of this is reported by other family members and some is taken from the Internet.

There is some good news from the younger set of Weedman or related folks. We need more and will print it if you send it!

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He is a graduate of the Administrative Officers Course at Southern Police Institute, Justice Administration at the University of Louisville and the Senior Management Institute for Police Commanders conducted by Harvard University. Weedman retired after serving 30 years with the former Jefferson County Police Department and the Louisville Metro Police Department.

He retired as a Major and commander of the Support Services Division which implements security for events such as Kentucky Derby, Thunder over Louisville and other major events including presidential visits. The Support Services Division also includes canine, mounted patrol, river patrol, aviation unit, traffic unit, SWAT, hostage negotiations, explosive disposal unit and dignitary protection, as well as other specialized units. In addition, Weedman holds a bachelors degree in ministry from the Louisville Bible College.

His line: William George Weedman III⁸, William George Weedman, Jr.⁷, William George Weedman, Sr.⁶, Samuel Elisha Weedman⁵, George Glasscock Weedman⁴, Daniel Weedman³, Christian Weedman, Jr.² and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

The Younger Crowd

You can't read a San Diego newspaper without seeing an article about the two daughters of **Paul** and **Emily Weedman** excelling in swimming at Cathedral High School in San Diego County. **Chelsea** (soon to be 17) and **Ashley** (soon to be 15) have shown great results in swim meets this year. Keep up the good work and there will surely be college scholarships waiting when you graduate!

Katy Achtien and **Lindsey Carty**, grandchildren of **Nick** and **Merrie Carol Weedman** graduated from high school in

Indianapolis, IN and Fredericksburg, VA respectively. Both have received track scholarships with **Katy** enrolling at the University of Kentucky and **Lindsey** going to Virginia Military Institute.

Congratulations and best wishes for continued success!

Florida Weedman Update

There are several new items on the web site (www.weedman.org) related to the Florida Weedman line.

First, a photograph of **Earl Joseph** and **Geraldine (Pacetti) Weedman** has been posted. They are parents of contributor, **Dr. Shirley Weedman Spooner**. The photograph was taken about 1946.

Second, an interesting claim for compensation that was filed by **Philip Weedman** for some cedar timber that found its way into the War of 1812 effort. While there is no information of a genealogical nature in the claim, it makes for interesting reading. It gives a clue what the Florida Weedman family was doing in the 1812 time frame.

Third, we have lifted a page from the passenger manifest for the ship, Commerce, that arrived in 1803 carrying brothers **Philip** and **Bernard Weideman**. **Philip** subsequently spelled his name **Weedman** and was the progenitor of the Florida branch of the family. **Bernard** moved to the West Virginia Panhandle and raised his family there. There are numerous variant spellings of the surname used by this line making it difficult to trace. We have made contact with a descendant of **Bernard Weideman** and hope to report more on this line in a future Newsletter.

Obituaries

Roy Lee & Luetta (Lutz) Weedman

One of the last surviving members of the Railway Mail Service, **Roy Lee Weedman**, passed on the 10th of May, 2009 at the age of 92. His loving wife of 72 years, **Luetta Lutz Weedman** preceded him on the 3rd of February. Both were Nashville residents since 1941, but their last 18 months were near their son in Covington, TN. Except for four years in the U.S. Army during World War II, stationed primarily in England, he rode the Railway Post Offices of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad from 1936 until that mail service ended in 1966. His private autobiography, "*I Hear the Trains Blow*", chronicled the passion of a railroader coming of age in a rural nation, connected only by the tracks. His descendants are sons, **Daniel, Samuel (Kathy)** and **John (Ellen) Weedman**; granddaughters, **Diana Weedman Molavi** and **Sylvia Weedman Augusteijn**, and great-grandchildren, **Claire** and **Annelise Molavi**, and **Timothy** and **Adam Augusteijn**. He was the oldest member of Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Nashville.

Source: The Nashville Tennessean

*(Editor's Note: Roy and Luetta Weedman were very supportive of the **Weedman Newsletter** and anything that had to do with family history.*

A frequent participant in the Weedman Family Reunions in early years, Roy made a number of contributions to the group including a family song. They would frequently appear at the Reunions in their camper.

Their son, Dr. Daniel Weedman, is a well known astronomer and is a member of the Weedman Hall of Fame.

We are saddened by this loss and extend our sympathies to the family.)

Bonnie Marie Weedman

Longtime Longview, WA resident **Bonnie Marie Weedman**, 91, of Longview passed away March 4, 2009, at the Hospice Care Center.

She was born Nov. 22, 1917, in Astoria, to **Paul**



and **Marie (Larson) Shotswell** and moved to the local area in 1918. Bonnie graduated from

Kalama High School.

Bonnie was a homemaker, and a loving wife and mother. She enjoyed traveling, especially trips to Hawaii. She also enjoyed cooking; poetry and loved hosting swimming parties at her Longview home.

Bonnie is survived by her husband, **Jack Weedman** at home; son, **Stephen Weedman** of Longview; daughters, **Sheila Hart** of Mt. Vernon, Wash., and **Sharon Bade** of Phoenix, Ariz.; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, **Rodney Weedman** and a brother, **Grant**. The funeral service was held on March 7, 2009.

Berniece Weedman

Berniece (Badke) Weedman of Stevensville, MT died on 18 March 2009 in Missoula, MT. She was born 16 August 1918 and was the widow of **Henry Stanley Weedman, Jr.**

Obituaries are obtained both from subscribers as well as a number of sites on the Internet. Please advise if you have any information that needs to be included.

Newsletter Project On Line

Currently, all of the *Weedman Newsletters* from 2000 through the latest published issue are on-line at our web site: www.weedman.org. We have been experimenting with putting an entire year on-line and making that year searchable using Adobe Acrobat.

Over the balance of 2009, we are going to attempt to digitalize every issue of the *Weedman Newsletter* and put those on line. In the past, there have been attempts to print an index to various issues but that work has proven time consuming and costly since the need to be mailed as well.

The new project is an attempt to facilitate information that has been printed in the 41+ years the *Newsletter* has been published. We will print periodic updates as this makes progress. Hopefully, this can be done but time will tell!

2008 Social Security Death Index – Weedman

Weedman, Allen H.	7 May 1934	10 Feb 2008	Norwich, New London, CT
Weedman, Beatrice C.	12 Aug 1916	14 Oct 2008	Fort Collins, Larimer, CO
Weedman, David F.	28 Mar 1938	25 Feb 2008	Mount Vernon, Jefferson, IL
Weedman, Fredrick Francis	22 Nov 1940	13 Jul 2008	San Jacinto, Riverside, CA
Weedman, Gary Dean	25 May 1943	29 Oct 2008	Springfield, Brown, MN
Weedman, Greta Walmsley	17 Jan 1931	29 May 2008	Cuyahoga Falls, Summit, OH
Weedman, Helen L.	8 Apr 1941	15 Oct 2008	Suffern, Rockland, NY
Weedman, Helena Lorraine	28 Jan 1922	22 May 2008	Portland, Multnomah, OR
Weedman, Jack	10 Jan 1925	25 Feb 2008	Owensboro, Daviess, KY
Weedman, Jane L.	13 Jan 1953	28 Feb 2008	Louisville, Jefferson, KY
Weedman, John E.	15 Jun 1955	14 Jul 2008	OR
Weedman, Mary A.	6 Nov 1945	5 Feb 2008	Carpentersville, Kane, IL
Weedman, Melvina	28 Aug 1915	6 May 2008	Louisville, Jefferson, KY
Weedman, Paige M.	19 Jul 1988	9 Oct 2008	WA
Weedman, Pauline	14 Aug 1930	27 Jul 2008	Hickory, Catawba, NC
Weedman, Pearl E.	21 Oct 1921	26 May 2008	Caldwell, ID

We lost the 16 family members listed above in 2008 and there were surely others whose surname is now something other than **Weedman**.

Obituaries were published in the Weedman Newsletter for most but there are several we cannot identify. Your assistance is sought to help identify the following:

Jane L. Weedman, died 28 February 2008;

John E. Weedman, died 14 July 2008 apparently in Oregon;

Mary A. Weedman, died 5 February 2008 in Carpentersville, Kane Co., IL; and

Pauline Weedman, died 27 July 2008 in Hickory, NC.

We attempted to find an obituary for **Jane L. Weedman** but results yielded little information. We found the family of **Pauline Weedman** but could not connect them with any line of the family. **Mary A. Weedman** may be related to **Terrell Weedman** who lives in Carpentersville.

We extend sympathy to families who experienced their loss.

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Don Weedman asked for help to locate his state-side family. Read of the successful effort in this article .

Don Weedman is Located!

In the summer 2009 issue of the *Weedman Newsletter* we stated that family members were searching for **Don Weedman** who was the son of **Robert Raphael Weedman**. With a lot of work, he has been located and is alive, well and living in Montpelier, France!

He has been introduced to the other family of his late father and reports are that they are in frequent contact and are exchanging communications.

That is the abbreviated version of the story and for those interested here is how Don was located.

In a 2005 Newsletter, a small article appeared stating that **Don Weedman** was the son of the late **Robert Raphael Gorde Weedman**. He stated all of his uncles were dead as well but he wanted to contact anyone in his immediate family. But, until earlier this year, nothing happened.

Then, this spring, **Jamie Weedman Jones** made contact with the Editor stating that she had found the Newsletter on our web site and that she thought she was a step-sister of **Don Weedman**. She advised that **Robert Raphael Weedman** had married her mother and had adopted Jamie. A son was born to that marriage and **Robert Lee Weedman** was a half brother of Don. **Robert R. Weedman** had apparently been in the military stationed in Germany and had married there. A son was born (**Don Weedman**) but when it came time for Robert to re-

turn to the U. S., the marriage was dissolved. **Robert R. Weedman** was killed in an automobile accident on June 29, 1986 and there was apparently no communications for the next 23 years.

Jamie asked if we could find Don and that is when the detective work began. There are several **Donald Weedmans** and they can be located in the white pages on the internet. Our data base which has several thousand Weedmans listed allowed us to identify all of the **Don Weedmans** in the phone book. There are services available on the internet to look further for people beyond a phone number.

We found a **Don Weedman** whose address was Williamstown, NJ and who did not seem to fit any of the others with the same name. We also found several addresses around Philadelphia in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania which seemed to indicate he must work in a suburb of that city. We wrote to him at that address but the letter was returned. We found a phone number which was called but the residents that never returned the call.

In our search, we found there was another

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The internet has proven to be a powerful tool to help locate people regardless of where they might be. Privacy issues are of some concern to some.

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person at that address whose names varied from **Metrice Harris** to **Metrice Harris-Weedman** to **Metrice Weedman**. And, we learned the age of this person was about the same as that of **Don Weedman**.

We “goggled” both **Don Weedman** and **Metrice Weedman** and found that she had written a letter that was published in the ***Boston Globe*** in May 2009. In it, she revealed that the family was living in Montpelier, France. A further “hit” revealed she had written several articles for an English language magazine, ***Languedoc Sun***. We “goggled” that and found the e-mail for the editor who was contacted. Overnight, we got a response and the editor advised she would send our e-mail to **Metrice Weedman** who, if she desired, would make contact. She did and shortly thereafter, we heard from **Don Weedman** who stated that he was the person who made the 2005 inquiry and he still wanted to make contact with his lost family.

So, e-mail introductions were made and we are advised that there has been a good exchange of information. Both parties are pleased that the detective work succeeded!

It happens that the Editor and his wife are going to France in October and by coincidence will be staying in the Provence area for about a week. Where we are staying is about 45 minutes from Montpelier and we have asked if we could meet Don and his family (they have a son). He has agreed and, assuming we can arrange for a convenient time, we will make contact. Don advises that he has never met another person with the Weedman surname and we hope he is not disappointed!

We advised him that we would be asking his assistance to help locate our European roots which we strongly believe to be in Germany.

So, this story continues and we will re-

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About the Weedman Newsletter

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port further in the winter issue if we succeed in making contact!

This is a good news story and we are pleased to have participated in its success.

Weedman/Widmann DNA Project Update

We have continued to make progress on our DNA project and feel there is a possibility that we have sufficient clues to point to a German connection.

There have been five participants in the testing so far. These include **Bill Weedman** of San Diego, CA (the **Christian Weedman, Jr.** line through his son, **Stephen Weedman**); **Freeman J. (Jim) Weedman** of Omaha, NB (the **Jacob Weedman** line), **Nick Weedman** of Flat Rock, NC (**Christian Weedman, Jr.** line through his son, **William Weedman**); **Earl Joseph Weedman** of St. Augustine, FL (the Florida line that originated with **Charles Weedman** or Wiedeman of Mainz, Germany); and **Rob Widmann** of New York City (his lineage is from Germany).

Here is a summary of the results so far. **Bill Weedman** tested for 12 markers as did **Earl Joseph Weedman**. **Nick, Rob,** and **Jim** tested for 37 markers. Each of the three descendents of **Christian Weedman, Sr. (Bill, Jim and Nick)** had a perfect match on the first 12 markers. Unfortunately, there were a number of differences in the markers for **Earl Joseph Weedman** to allow the conclusion that there is not a common relative within a fairly large number of generations.

A comparison of the test results between **Jim Weedman** and **Nick Weedman** showed there were 4 markers that were each off by a factor of one. The experts

advise that all of the markers where there were differences were those subject to mutation over the years and thus some variation could be expected.

The most recent results were those for **Rob Widmann**. In the first twelve markers, two differed slightly and one of those markers was one that is subject to mutation. But comparing all 37 marker values with those in our project who tested for all 37 reveals there were some differences but most of those were subject to mutation. **More importantly, the similarity was striking!**

This is not to claim, necessarily, that there is a relationship between the **Weedman** and the **Widmann** lines but there is sufficient similarity to cause more investigation. We will seek some expert advice on comparing the results if we can secure permission from those who have been tested. And, we will certainly attempt to get more samples from both the **Weedman** and **Widmann** family members.

The results were sufficient to cause us to rename our project to the **Weedman/Widmann Family DNA Project** and to attempt to secure more volunteers particularly from Germany if we can.

Many family members have been told our ancestry is German, others were told that we are of Dutch ancestry while others say we are of English stock. The great preponderance of at least anecdotal evidence leans toward German ancestry.

At one time, research revealed that a **Christian Widmann** was born in Gniebel, Germany about 1735. But, it was later learned that this family had several children named **Christian** but they died before reaching adulthood. More research has revealed a concentration of **Wid-**

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The family DNA project has been renamed to aid in attracting more of the Widmann family to participate. Do we have German roots? This tool may provide the answer.

All of the Weedman Newsletters will be on line by November. Many of the early years have indices.

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mann families in the Wuerttemberg area of Germany. **Rob Widmann's** lineage is traced back to Aidlingen Germany (about 20 miles from Gniebel) while others working on the Widmann line trace their lines back to Ehningen or Tubingen, Germany. These municipalities are in the Baden-Wuerttemberg German federal state near Stuttgart.

While much more work is required and conclusions at this stage are premature, for the first time there appears to be some clues on a geographical location where our search efforts should be directed.

Weedman Newsletter Archive

Virtually every issue of the *Weedman Newsletter* from its inception in March 1968 until the last issue is being placed on a new page on the Weedman web site (www.weedman.org). The page is simply called **Newsletter Archive**. This project should be totally functioning by November 1st.

Each issue has been converted to Adobe Acrobat format (a .pdf file) and made fully searchable. As a result, you can read every issue (with a couple of exceptions at this point) and see if your line has had articles posted on it. What we will be striving for in the future is a massive index to all 42 years of publication to allow researchers to narrow their search efforts. But, that will come in the future. A caveat – some of the early issues were done using cursive type and that is difficult for OCR (optical character recognition) software to handle and some of the early issues have very light type. Most early issues have an index that can be consulted and are well done. The manual index is probably a much better index to use when available.

We are missing one and possibly two

issues of the Newsletter. Issue 1 in 1996 appears to be missing. Three issues have been located and converted to digital format including: Issue 2, Spring 1996; Issue 3, Summer; and Issue 4, Winter. It is possible that there was not an Issue 1 but, if anyone has files back to 1996 and can check to see if there were four issues, please let the Editor know.

Including in all of these files are a number of indexes that cover most of the early issues through about Volume 29. These were done manually and are extremely helpful.

The quality of the issues is generally good and this has allowed all to be converted to optical character reader format which allows searching using Adobe Acrobat (free software).

It is interesting to read early issues and to follow the progress of individual's searching for their Weedman family roots. Feedback on this effort would be appreciated and if problems are encountered, it would be helpful to know so that efforts can be made to improve the Weedman Newsletter Archive.

Weedman – Balaran Marriage

Amy Elizabeth Weedman and **Alan Lee Balaran** both of Washington D.C. were married on September 12th in the District of Columbia.

The ceremony was held outdoors at Tudor Gardens presided over by two Federal judges who had worked with Mr. Balaran. A dinner reception was held at the Palms restaurant.

Both the bride and groom are attorneys with a practice in Washington. Amy is the youngest daughter of **Nick** and **Mer-**

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rie Carol Weedman. Alan is the son of **Miriam Balaran** of Washington, D. C. and the late **Charles Balaran**.

Weedman Character in "Coyote Heart"

Editor's Note: We subscribe to Google Alerts and Yahoo Alerts to keep up with items in the news related to anything about the Weedman family. Recently, a curious item appeared and it was about a character in a new book entitled, "Coyote Heart" written by Paula Margulies of San Diego, CA. Thinking there might be some type of family connection, I contacted the author and her reply appears below. While there are no family connections, I found her reply interesting.

Hi Nick:

Thanks for the good wishes for *Coyote Heart*.

It's been a while since I wrote the book (I started it back in 2003 and finished it a year and a half later). But, I was selective on the names I chose for the characters, especially the first names. The main character, Carolyn, is the only one whose first name was not entirely deliberate -- I chose her name because of the way it sounded. I picked the last name "Weedman," because I wanted something connected to the earth (at least the "weed" part). I also wanted a last name that began with the letter "w," since the Native American man she falls in love with in the story is Roy Washburn, and I wanted the two last names to both begin with the same letter. (I got the idea for the name Washburn after reading about the Cherokee poet, Ron Welburn.)

The first names for most of the other ma-

ior characters have to do with their relationships with each other. I chose the Western-sounding first names of Roy and Everett for Carolyn's husband and Pala Indian lover, since they were foils for each other in the story. Likewise, I chose Biblical first names for Ben Miller and Luke Washburn, because they are function in similar ways in the story (one is Roy's son and the other, Ben, is a surrogate son for the Weedmans). Also, they both end up sacrificed by the events that take place in the novel.

The other characters' names, including Dolores and Carolyn, are more typical of their respective cultures.

Naming characters is sometimes a hard thing when you're writing a book. The right names carry a lot of weight in the story, so you have to choose carefully. I hope I chose well for the characters in *Coyote Heart* (you'll have to read the book and let me know what you think!).

Thanks for asking about the names. Paula Margulies

Obituary

Dennis Donald Weedman

Dennis Donald Weedman, lifetime resident of Sanborn MN was called home July 20, 2009 at the age of 64. Funeral services were in Sanborn July 25, 2009. Interment was at Sanborn City Cemetery.

Dennis Donald Weedman was born January 22, 1945 in Springfield Hospital to **Clifford** and **Noreen Weedman**. He attended Sanborn Public School and graduated in 1963.

He married **Marilyn Knakmuhs** October 3, 1981. Dennis worked for Wells Tiling and L&S Construction for 27

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The name of a character in a book, "Coyote Heart" is Weedman but apparently has no connection to a real person.

Subscribers are asked to notify the Editor when family events such as births, marriages and deaths occur for inclusion in the Newsletter.

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years. Denny enjoyed spending time watching his grandchildren play ball and shoot pool and also watching sports on TV with them. Dennis also enjoyed playing football, basketball, baseball and enjoyed watching softball on Thursday nights in town. He enjoyed riding his scooter around town and also mowing the lawn.

He is survived by his wife **Marilyn Weedman**; mother – **Noreen Weedman** of Sanborn; children – **Kenneth Arndtson, Jr.** of Lambertton, **Shelby Arndtson (Kurt Roiger)** of Sanborn, **Lisa Rohlik** of Seaforth; **Shannon (Mike) Landkammer** of Sleepy Eye, 13 grandchildren, sister – **Janice (Stuart) Juhnke** of Sanborn; sister-in-law **Judy Weedman** of Springfield, father and mother-in-law – **Robert and Verona Knakmuhs**, brothers-in-law – **Darold Knakmuhs** and **Loren (Kathy) Knakmuhs** and eight nieces and nephews.

Dennis is preceded in death by his father **Clifford Weedman** in 1991 and brother – **Gary Weedman** in 2008.

His lineage: Dennis Donald Weedman⁸, Clifford Donald Weedman⁷, Loran Bruff Weedman⁶, Henry Linas Weedman⁵, Asa Weedman⁴, John Huhn Weedman, Sr.³, George Weedman², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Mervin B. Weedman

Mervin B. Weedman, 76, of Melbourne, FL, passed away Friday, July 17, 2009.

He was a retired Truck Driver with 38 years on the road.

He was preceded in death by his parents, **David H.** and **Melvina Weedman**; infant brother, **David Clifton Weedman**; and two daughters, **Paula Fagan** and **Della Phillips**.

He leaves to cherish his memories daughters, **Denise Stice** of Indiana, **Gale Weedman** of Florida, **Tamela Price** of Florida and **Angela Bartley** of Florida; son, **Mervin David** of Ohio; sister, **Jean Weedman Litherland** of Louisville, very special friend **Elizabeth Jeans** of Florida; 15 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were on July 18, 2009 interment in Evergreen Cemetery in Melbourne.

His lineage: Mervin B. Weedman⁸, David Henry Weedman⁷, William Herbert Weedman⁶, James David Weedman⁵, William Weedman⁴, John Weedman³, Christian Weedman, Jr.², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Bonnie Lou Weedman

Bonnie Lou Weedman, 64, of St. Augustine, died on Aug. 3, 2009, at Flagler Hospital in St. Augustine. Funeral services were August 7, 2009 with interment at St. Augustine Memorial Park.

She was born in St. Joseph, Mich., grew up in Ocoee, Fla., and had resided in St. Augustine since 1975. Barbara worked for Anastasia Baptist Childcare Ministry for over 30 years.



For most of that time she served as a teacher with the 3-year-old class, but she had also served as the director of the program and most recently as a resource manager.

Known as "Miss Barbara" to generations of the childcare's families, she loved her worked because she loved the children.

She was a longtime member of Anastasia Baptist Church, where she served as so-

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cial coordinator in her Sunday School Class, a member of the Dianthus Circle of the St. Augustine Garden Club, and a member and past president of the Ancient City Red Hatters.

She is survived by her husband, **John L. "Jack" Weedman**; a daughter, **Cindy Craig**; a stepdaughter, **Cindy Strickland**; stepsons, **Tommy** and **Lynn Weedman**, all of St. Augustine; sisters, **Kathy Wade** of Williston, Fla., **Paulette Dillard** of Citra, Fla., **Irene Judd** of Summerville, Fla., **Dianne Wade** of Citra, **Lynn Hopkins** of Cheyenne, Wyo.; brothers, **Ronnie Wade**, **Ray Wade**, **Jerry Wade**, **Randy Wade**, all of Citra, and **Bobby Wade** of Astor, Fla.; brother-in-law, **Rick Weedman** of St. Augustine; 13 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

The lineage of Bonnie Wade Weedman's husband, Jack are: John Lawrence (Jack) Weedman⁸, John Marion Weedman⁷, George Wilbur Weedman⁶, John Daniel Weedman⁵, George Glasscock Weedman⁴, Daniel Weedman³, Christian Weedman, Jr.², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Obituary

Edna May Weedman Rounthwaite

Edna May Weedman Rounthwaite, the youngest of eight children born to **Claude** and **Mary Weedman** Feb. 9, 1920, in a log and sod house on a ranch by the Moreau River 10 miles east of Bixby, Perkins County, S.D. ended her earth life's journey August 26, 2009.

Shortly after she was born the Weedman family moved a few miles away to Faith, S.D. When she was 16, she and her mother went to visit Edna's brother **Mearl** in Wharton, TX. There she met and married **Fritz Holland**. That union produced three children, **Claudia**, **Lawrence** and **Gerald**. When their marriage

ended Edna later moved with her children to Glendale, Ca. While working as a waitress she met and married **Bob Rounthwaite**, a hero to the whole family and Edna's greatest protector and admirer.

The Rounthwaite family moved to Ventura, CA in 1963 where they lived until Bob retired in 1991. He and Edna moved to their retirement dream home in the Kern River Valley. After Bob died March 1, 2008, Edna stayed at the home they shared in Wofford Heights CA for 10 months, attended by her daughter, **Claudia Urfer**. She later went to Indiana to stay with her grandson, **Bill Floyd** and his wife **Brenda** and their children and grandchildren. Edna spent many happy hours laughing and loving and being loved by her many grandchildren and great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren. Edna was known as "Great, Great."

Edna was proud of her heritage. She was a life long Republican who dearly loved a good argument. She also was an honored member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and enjoyed attending the local events. In addition, Edna was proud of her work in Washington D.C. during World War Two. She would say "there is nothing more beautiful than Washington D.C. in the spring." Her other many accomplishments included helping raise her grandchildren, **Bill** and **Bob Floyd** and **Rudy Berti**.

Edna had an amazing memory and retained a myriad of historical facts and figures in her head which she happily supplied to all who would listen. She loved giving a vivid verbal picture of events past and present.

Edna loved family and children, baseball, the Dodgers, collected hundreds of bells brought to her by family and friends from

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We extend our condolences in the loss of family members.

Hannah Weedman of Knoxville, IL appears to be a promising college basketball athlete.

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all over the globe, favorite song, Silver Bells, Tennessee Ernie Ford Hymns, Poetry, Lavender Roses, Gladiolas, Amaryllis, Birds, favorite, Hummingbirds and Chocolate Licorice. Her family of 3 children, 3 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and 9 great, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews and all her many, many friends will miss her forever. *She was preceded in death by her 3 brothers, Marion, (Dee), Mearl, and George D. Weedman; her 4 sisters, Merna Thomas; Adelaide Donaldson; Elizabeth Fitzgerald, and Susan Cameron; and her parents, Claude H. and Mary Weedman.*

Edna and her sister accompanied by a number of other family members attended the San Diego Reunion in August 2004. She had many stories about early life on the South Dakota prairie and so many other tales of great interest. She loved family history!

Edna's lineage: Edna Weedman Rounthwaite⁷, Claude Henry Weedman⁶, William Martin Weedman⁵, Jeremiah Weedman⁴, Jacob Weedman³, George Weedman², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Hannah Weedman Commits to the University of Evansville

Knoxville (IL) High School's **Hannah Weedman**, a member of The Galesburg (IL) *Register-Mail's* All-Area team last season, has made a verbal commitment to attend the University of Evansville.

Weedman said she made her college choice after visiting two of Evansville's Missouri Valley Conference rivals — Bradley University and Illinois State.

"I knew after I visited Evansville, that's where I wanted to go," said Weedman.

"They have only 2,500 students and the campus is really compact so you can get

to classes easy. The professors know you by name and they work with you on a personal level."

After missing the first third of last season with a knee injury, Weedman averaged 13.5 points and 10 rebounds for the 26-6 Blue Bullets, who won the regional tournament in Matt Gibson's first season as coach. The 6-3 Weedman earned all-Olympic Conference honors and all-state honorable mention.

She will officially sign with Evansville on Nov. 11. "She's been starting since her freshman year and she's improved considerably," he added.

"There's a lot of potential there."

Weedman is eager to concentrate on her senior season at Knoxville.

"We're playing in a new conference (the Prairieland) and hopefully we can win a championship and another regional title," she said.

2009 Subscriptions

In the Summer 2009 issue, we put yellow reminder slips in the envelopes of those whose subscriptions were due. The response to that reminder was excellent and we appreciate the support received.

There are still a handful of subscribers who have yet to renew. Again, we will place a reminder slip in your envelope if you are due for renewal.

We ask a contribution of \$5.00 per year and if you want to pay more than one year, that saves us the time required to remind you in the next year or so to contribute.

Nick Weedman

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Our thanks for getting a tip about some Weedman family photographs being available and to the owner for sharing those with us.

As usual, we are running a week or so behind on getting the Weedman Newsletter to the printer. We hope that your Christmas and New Year holidays were filled with happiness and joy. We wish you a happy, healthy New Year.

The service that we have used to print the Newsletter for several years closed and we are seeking a new high quality printer who is both reasonable and reliable. We are fortunate to have several firms in the mountains of Western North Carolina that fit those criteria so with a little luck, this should be no more than a week or so late. We did start it in late December but finishing it has proven to be more time consuming than usual. At any rate, here we go!

More Zadock S. Weedman Family Photographs Are Available

It has been learned that more photographs of the family of **Zadock Sinclair Weedman** have been purchased from a seller on e-Bay. The buyer, a lady in Denver, Colorado, has an interest in the **Romine** family and has offered to scan those she bought and share with us. Several were received but it was too late to make a major revision to the Newsletter and include them.

Among the family members in the photographs are: **Catherine (Danner) Weedman, Matilda Jane (Romine) Weedman, Minnie Fern Weedman,**

and Hila Bernadean Church. One photograph dated 1908 shows four generations while another is a portrait of **Catherine Weedman.**

The person who provided the lead on the pictures is researching the **Romine** family and has asked that anyone who has an interest in that line, please contact him. Send an e-mail to Nick Weedman to obtain the name and contact details for the researcher.

These pictures will be placed on the **Weedman Family** web site which is at www.weedman.org.

Don Weedman Visit

In October, 2009 my wife and I were fortunate to have been invited to visit the home of the daughter of our friends, **Terry and Christine Hicks**, in her home in Laudun, France. The daughter, **Laura**, studied French in college and went there to work as an au pair to hone her linguistic skills. She met and married a French man and has lived there for almost 25 years. She has several apartments that she rents out during the summer season

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The opportunity to travel to France and meet Don Weedman was truly a highlight of 2009 for us.

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and operates a small winery there as well.

We took advantage of our presence in France to make contact with **Don Weedman** who lives in Montpellier which is about an hour away from Laudun. We had planned to visit a granddaughter of the Hicks who is currently in college near Toulouse so the drive took us through Montpellier. Contact was made with **Don Weedman** and we had a terrific albeit brief visit.

I learned that many of the statements made in prior articles about Don were not quite correct so we want to straighten the record out a bit.

First, a little background for those who may not recall several previous articles. In 2005, **Marianne Montgomery**, the editor of the Newsletter at that time, received a communication indicating that Don Weedman was looking for his American family. Don's father and

mother divorced when he was small when his father, **Robert Russell Gorde Weedman**, left Germany to return to the U.S. There was no response to his inquiry until April, 2009.



Don Weedman and daughter in Montpellier France in October 2009

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About the Weedman Newsletter

The *Weedman Newsletter* is a quarterly family publication with emphasis on the genealogy of the Weedman and allied families. It is distributed to interested family members, selected genealogical societies and libraries. Circulation is 120.

The *Newsletter* is edited, published and distributed by **Nick Weedman**. All address changes, new subscriptions, etc. should be sent to him.

Articles for publication in the Newsletter are highly welcomed. They must have some relevance to the family and those with a genealogical flavor are of particular interest.

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Queries regarding the Weedman family or allied lines are welcomed. Attention will be given to each and for those which cannot be answered by family genealogists, publication in the *Newsletter* will be made.

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In April, we were contacted by **Jamie Weedman Jones** of California who, after scanning the Newsletters on our web site, was certain that she and her brother, **Robert Weedman**, were the family that Don was seeking. After extensive efforts doing research on the internet, we found that Don was married with a family and was living in Montpellier, France. So, we couldn't pass the opportunity to meet him in person!

It turns out that Don's father was employed at one of the U.S. military facilities in Germany and was not in the service as we had imagined. There, **Robert Russell Gorde Weedman**, met a co-worker who was French and not German as we had imagined. They married and Don was born. The marriage was not happy so when **Robert Weedman** returned to the U.S., the marriage was dissolved. Don's mother remained in Germany for some time but then took a job in the U.S. Don went to the U.S. consulate to obtain a visa to accompany his mother to the U.S. but was surprised to learn that he was, in fact, an American citizen and needed no visa. He obtained a U.S. passport and went to the area around Philadelphia where he finished high school. German was his first language and the transition, according to Don, was not an easy one. But he prevailed and ended up trained in photography.

Don married here and has a son who is now 13 years old. The family moved to France about seven years ago and he is employed to oversee a number of photographic installations in Southern Europe. He and his wife recently adopted a daughter who was born in Ethiopia. His wife is a candidate for her PhD degree in clinical psychology from a U. S. University.

I was highly impressed with our newly found cousin. If German is his first lan-

guage you certainly can't tell it from conversations with him! His English is superb. I learned that he and his California family have been in frequent contact both by e-mail and by telephone. They hope to meet fact-to-face but no specific time has been set for this.

We discussed where we think our roots may be (I think we are German) as well as where we might originate if in fact we are Germanic. It turns out that Don lived in or near Wurttemberg and that seems to be where most of the Widman(n) families appear to originate. He has agreed to be our contact in Europe with German language skills if we ever get leads to pursue in that country.

It is heartening to have been able to make the connection between Don Weedman and his extended family. And, we were impressed to find such a fine person who is happy to have made the contact with his family.

Don's lineage: Don Weedman⁷, Harry Raphael Weedman⁶, Leslie Raphael Weedman⁵, Elisha Spurrier Weedman⁴, Daniel Weedman³, Christian Weedman, Jr.², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹

Irene M. Weedman Another Successful Family Connection

We were recently contacted by **Irene M. Weedman** of Texas who was curious about her lineage. Her parents were divorced and the knowledge she had of the family was limited. It appears that her interest was stimulated both by curiosity as well a desire to know about family medical history. With medical science determining that so many diseases have a genetic component, genealogy can help to provide some useful clues. Irene is employed in the health services industry

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We receive a number of requests each year asking for help in understanding Weedman family connections.

Archives of old newspapers which can be easily searched can be a revealing tool. See the article on a family member show was a murder suspect!

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so her interest is quite logical.

She provided sufficient clues so that we could quite easily trace her lineage. She knew of some of her uncles and aunts but had all but lost contact with the family.

After providing an ancestor print out, a message from Irene was received which started, "...I had to get a cup of coffee to stop my crying! Thank you so very much. I asked my father once, and he told me some, but we only had a short visit so I didn't get much written down..". She recently had contact with an aunt who was able to provide much more information than we could furnish and Irene reported the contact was warm and friendly.

This is the third case where we have been able to re-connect families that had some type of fissure and it appears that two of the three were successful. We still have hopes for the third!

Irene's lineage: Irene Mae Weedman⁹, William Earl Weedman⁸, Melvin Earl Weedman⁷, Roy Henry Addison Weedman⁶, John Cabel Breckinridge Weedman⁵, Addison Meriwether Weedman⁴, Stephen Weedman³, Christian Weedman, Jr.², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹

From Newspaper Archives

Weedman Named a Murder Suspect

There are increasing numbers of old newspapers being scanned and made available on-line. Google is said to be digitalizing a number of papers and many universities are doing the same thing. There is a commercial site, www.newspaperarchives.com, making newspapers available for a nominal fee.

Researching Florida records recently we ran across an article that stated **Harvey W. Weedman** of Helena, Arkansas was

the main suspect in the shooting murder of **Pat Dennis** of that same town. Dennis was the city or county jailer and Weedman once worked for him. The shooting apparently took place on July 23, 1895. No other details were available and we can find no further article on this event. We cannot find Harvey W. Weedman in the 1900 or later census records. We tried to see if the Helena, AR paper was available on-line but had no success nor did we have success with the Memphis *Commercial-Appeal* or the *Arkansas Gazette*.

Interestingly, we found Harvey W. Weedman in the 1880 Breckinridge Co., KY census in the household of his father, Francis (Frank) Weedman. The family moved to Phillips County in the 1890s. We are aware of at least three instances in which family members have committed or are suspected of committing a murder.

Weedman Newsletter Archives

In the previous Weedman Newsletter, we stated that we had converted all of the available issues to electronic format and were placing them on-line. The project has not been completed as of late December, 2009.

Ideally, we would like to make all of the issues searchable with a single user initiated action but to date we have not been able to accomplish that goal.

All issues (with two possible exceptions) have been converted to Adobe Acrobat (or .pdf) format and have been uploaded to our web server. The next step is to revise the Newsletter Archive page with a hyperlink that will open the specific issue selected when a user clicks on that particular item.

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We suspect that some or many of the earlier issues may not be as searchable as the later ones. This is due to the fact that available copies are yellow with age and some are tattered making the scanning process problematic. But, virtually all of the early issues have been manually indexed and all of those indices will be present on the web page as well.

It is encouraging to learn that a number of people have made contact with the editor or with other family members because they tediously searched through issues that are available on the site.

We hope to have that page fully functional by the end of January, 2010.

Electronic Delivery of the Weedman Newsletter

In the next issue of the *Weedman Newsletter*, we will be advising those whose subscriptions expire they need to renew if they want to continue to receive the publication by mail.

We have lost the services of the company that printed the publication due to bad economic times. We used a firm called Vocational Solutions in Hendersonville, NC to print and fold the Newsletter. The firm provides employment to vocationally disadvantaged adults and while the printing service provided much needed employment, the volume of work was insufficient to pay for the equipment rental and other items. As a result, beginning with this issue we will be using a new print firm.

We are offering to anyone who has been a subscriber to get the *Weedman Newsletter* via electronic delivery. If you prefer to get your copy in that manner, please advise the editor (Nick Weedman) at nick@weedman.org and we will cease

sending the printed version. Instead, we will offer the option of sending an e-mail when the quarterly issue is available on our web site. We will embed the address of the newsletter so all one has to do is to click on the hyperlink in the message and, in most cases, your browser will open on the Newsletter. A second option is to send a copy of the Newsletter in Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format but due to the size of most issues, this is probably not the best delivery method.

The advantage to electronic delivery is the speed of delivery, cost savings on printing and postage, and the ability to receive your copy in color if there are color pictures or other items in that issue.

Please give it some thought and if you prefer to receive e-mail notification of the availability of the *Weedman Newsletter* on our web site, send an e-mail to us at nick@weedman.org.

Names in the News

Hannah Weedman Named Most Valuable Player In Illinois Basketball Tournament



Hannah Weedman was named the Most Valuable Player of the 2009 Knoxville-Abingdon (Illinois) Tournament in December. In the championship game, the University of Evansville recruit stood tall

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*Subscribers will be asked to consider receiving the **Weedman Newsletter** by electronic means. A paper version will continue to be produced.*

We congratulate Hannah Weedman and Chelsea Weedman on being recipients of athletic scholarships in 2010.

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in the low post with 15 points and 12 rebounds in a 38-26 victory over Abingdon.

“She just carried us defensively and she needs to do that,” said Knoxville coach Matt Gibson. “We have young guards and her help-side defense is incredible.”

“I think she demands the ball more in the post and she’s taking the ball up stronger,” Gibson added.

Weedman’s averaging 15 points, 10 rebounds and a lofty 4.5 blocks per game. Her standout effort has helped lead the No. 5-ranked Blue Bullets to a 16-1 overall record.

Hannah is a Senior at Knoxville, IL high school and is a consistent honor roll student. As mentioned, she has an athletic scholarship to the University of Evansville (Indiana). She is the daughter of Brad and Lisa Weedman of Knoxville.

Names in the News

Chelsea Weedman Accepts Athletic Scholarship To Penn State University



Chelsea Weedman has been named in a number of *Weedman Newsletter* articles as she has excelled in competitive swimming at Cathedral Catholic High School of San

Diego, CA. On her web site dedicated to helping her get her resume noticed by college swimming coaches, she stated, “...I began swimming competitively when I was 7 years old. Over the years I

have competed at national meets in California, Nevada, Texas, Indiana, Minnesota, Colorado, and this summer I will be competing at the Junior Nationals in Federal Way, Washington. Due to my competitiveness and love for the sport it is my goal to swim and study at a highly ranked Division I school...”

We congratulate Chelsea on being awarded a scholarship to such a prestigious school and we will be watching as she competes in swimming on a college level.

She is the daughter of **Paul and Emily Weedman** of San Diego, CA. Paul and Emily were the hosts for our 2002 Weedman National Family Gathering.

Obituaries

Roy Milton Weedman

Roy Milton Weedman, 75, of Charlotte, NC passed away Wednesday, September 16, 2009. A service with Military Honors was held on September 18, 2009 at Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Weedman was born September 16, 1934 in Houston, TX, the son of the late **Mearl and Mackie Weedman**. In addition to his parents, his son, **Gregory Milton Weedman**, preceded him in death. Mr. Weedman served as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force for six years and later served with the South Dakota Air National Guard. He was employed with Retail Credit and Douglas Guardian for over forty years.

Survivors include his beloved wife of fifty-four years, **Sylvia McDaniel Weedman**; daughter, **Lisa Weedman Newell** and her husband, **Michael Scott Newell**; grandchildren, **Lucy and Andy Newell**; brother, **William Weedman** of Algoma, WI; mother-in-law, **Mary 'Polly'**

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McDaniel; and his devoted 'kitties', Molly and Amy. Many loving relatives and friends also survive Mr. Weedman.

In lieu of flowers, please send a gift in Roy's memory to, Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church, where he was an active member.

His lineage was: Roy Milton Weedman⁸, Mearl Martin Weedman⁷, Claude Henry Weedman⁶, William Martin Weedman⁵, Jeremiah Weedman⁴, Jacob Weedman³, George Weedman², Christian Weedman, Sr.¹

(Editor's note: Roy and Sylvia made most of the Weedman Family Reunions and have always supported efforts to research the family genealogy. Our sympathies to Sylvia and the family.)

Ernest Weedman

Ernest Weedman, 54, died Friday, Nov. 13, 2009, in Owensboro, KY

He was born March 19, 1955, in Breckinridge County, KY, to the late **Jeff** and **Ethel (Ford) Weedman**.

Surviving are his five sisters, **Nancy Sinclair** of Cannelton, **Dorothy Canary** of Fordsville, KY, **Stella Sims** of Eddyville, KY, **Mary Smith** of Cloverport, KY and **Janie Sanders** of Hancock County, KY and his brothers, **Jim Weedman** of Louisville, KY, **Junior Weedman** of Norris City, Ill. and **Roy Weedman** of Cloverport.

Funeral services were held Nov. 17 in Tell City with burial in New Clover Creek Baptist Cemetery near Cloverport, Kentucky.

His lineage was: Ernest Weedman⁷, Jeff Davidson Owen Weedman⁶, James David Weedman⁵, William Weedman⁴, John Weedman³, Christian Weedman, Jr.² and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹

Michael R. Weedman

Michael R. "Mike" Weedman, age 49, passed away in his sleep on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at his home in Columbus, Wisconsin. He was born on July 15, 1959, in Tracy, Minn. to **Luverne** and **Mary (Jette) Weedman**. Survivors include a daughter, **Samana Weedman**; a son, **Shaun Weedman**; a step-daughter, **Trisha Jenkins** all of Bayview, Mich.; a step-granddaughter, **Isabelle**; his mother, **Mary Weedman** of Columbus; two sisters, **Linda (Bob "Shep") Shepard** and **Mary Beth (John) Nehmer** both of Columbus; four brothers, **Jerry (Katie)** of Wautoma, **Bryan** of Rio, **Jim** of Thiensville, and **Pat** of Columbus; nieces, nephews, other relatives and close friends. He was preceded in death by his father, **Verne** in 2000; and one brother, **Thomas** in 1987. A private family interment was in St. Jerome Cemetery, Columbus.

His lineage: Michael R. Weedman⁸, Luverne Coy Weedman⁷, Earl Elmore Weedman⁶, Henry Linas Weedman⁵, Asa Weedman⁴, John Huhn Weedman, Sr.³, George Weedman², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Weedman Family DNA Project

There have been no new participants to report in the Weedman Family DNA project. We want to outline some short term objectives and discuss how we might make some progress toward those goals.

Our goals are to:

- build a base of participants among the descendants of Christian Weedman, Sr. to have statistically significant results to permit tracing our ancestral lines in the future.
- obtain one or more participants among descendants of Bernard Wiedeman to be able to prove a relationship with Philip Weedman

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Please advise the Editor if you are aware of a family death. We will publish the obituary if one can be located.

(believed to have been brothers). Philip is the progenitor of what we refer to as the Florida Weedman line.

- obtain participation among the descendants of the three or four Swedish Weedman lines. There are no participants in these family lines.
- try to open a dialogue with those researching the Widman(n) family lines from Germany with the ultimate goal of having participation in DNA testing to determine the relationship that the Weedman family lines may have.

It would be helpful to obtain participation in DNA testing beyond the current descendants of Chistian Weedman, Sr. Currently, we have two tests from the line of Christian Weedman, Jr. and one from Jacob Weedman. We are seeking participants from descendants of George Weedman and of John Weedman; sons of Christian, Jr. Expanding the base of participation will provide greater confidence in our test conclusions.

We have a single participant from the Florida Weedman line and more would build confidence for future use. We will seek a descendant from Bernard Wiedeman and will subsidize a DNA test if a candidate can be found.

Similarly, in order to gain some results from the Swedish lines, we will subsidize DNA testing to obtain a sample from each of the known lines of that family.

Finally, we will seek to use the services of Robert Widmann of New York City and Don Weedman of Montpellier, France to see if we can open a dialogue with German researchers on the Widman(n) families there. We will have a small fund to subsidize some DNA testing and to support dialogue with potential German researchers.

DNA testing is a scientific way to provide clues to relationships and family ancestral lines.

Social Security Death Index Weedman Entries for 2009

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Note</i>
Weedman, Barbara Lou	4 Jul 1945	3 Aug 2009	St. Augustine, St. Johns Co., FL	3
Weedman, Bertha Elizabeth	20 Aug 1914	11 Jan 2009	Red Oak, Ellis Co., TX	1
Weedman, Michael R.	15 Jul 1959	23 Apr 2009	Columbus, WI	4
Weedman, Mervin B.	12 Oct 1932	17 Jul 2009	Melbourne, Brevard Co., FL	3
Weedman, Luetta L.	11 Feb 1916	3 Feb 2009	Madison, Davidson Co., TN	2
Weedman, Roy L.	14 Aug 1916	10 May 2009	Madison, Davidson Co., TN	2
Weedman, Bernice L.	16 Aug 1918	18 Mar 2009	Missoula, Missoula Co., MT	2
Weedman, Dennis Donald	22 Jan 1945	20 Jun 2009	Sanborn, Redwood Co., MN	3
Weedman, Bonnie M.	22 Nov 1917	4 Mar 2009	Washington	2
Weedman, Roy Milton	16 Sep 1934	18 Sep 2009	Charlotte, Mecklenburg Co., NC	4

Note: obituaries were published this year as follows: 1 = Spring 2009; 2 = Summer 2009; 3 = Fall 2009; and 4 = Winter 2009 (this issue).

Unlike most years we have published similar lists, we have been able to identify each of those who passed away. This information is not complete for 2009. The Social Security Administration advises the data is current for that received through December 14, 2009. We know there was at least one other family death in 2009 (see obituaries in this issue). We will update the list in the Spring 2010 issue. Our sympathies are extended to close family members who experienced the losses.