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Entering the 44th Year of Publication!

This all started in 1967 when **Paul** and **Marianne Montgomery** innocently started a publication aimed at sharing family and genealogical information on the Weedman family. After Paul died, Marianne continued with to put out the quarterly publication until she retired in 2005. **Chantal Weedman** and her dad, **William Weedman**, took the reins for a short time. In 2006, Nick Weedman became the editor.

Although our print version doesn't reach as many subscribers as it once did, we believe we have far more readers of the on-line version. And so, the journey continues.....

Subscription Renewals Due

In the first edition of each year, we remind subscribers to send a donation of \$5.00 per year to continue to receive the Newsletter. We are doing the same this year.

For those who are computer savvy, we now offer an alternate way of getting the Newsletter. The on line version will be offered at no cost to those inclined to get the publication in that manner.

Here is how we will handle on-line subscribers. We ask that you send an e-mail to Editor Nick Weedman (nick@weedman.org) and ask to receive notification that a new issue of the Weedman Newsletter has been posted to

the web site. We will add you to the mailing list for those subscribers and once a new issue is posted, an e-mail will be sent advising it is ready for viewing. It is that simple!

Again, this will be offered at no cost but we will restrict participants to those with a true interest in sharing family information or in pursuing the family genealogy.

Many will prefer to receive the standard paper copy and the cost of this will remain, as it has for 43 years at \$5.00. We will encourage new subscribers to use the on-line version but will still offer the standard hard copy to those who prefer.

So, if you want to receive an e-mail when the Newsletter is uploaded to the web site, a simple e-mail to Nick Weedman will trigger such an action.

Summer Issue May Be Delayed

We have been invited to return to Europe this summer and will start our visit in the Provence region of France. Although still in the early planning stage at this point, we may go to Germany to try to determine

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This issue marks the start of the 44th year of publication of the *Weedman Newsletter*. Your continued interest is highly appreciated!

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what resources might be available to help in search of what we consider to be our likely source of European roots. Because the trip is set for June, it is likely that we will have to delay publication of the summer issue due to these travel commitments.

Possible German Roots

The newly upgraded site, www.FamilySearch.com, has some excellent information on marriages, births and deaths in the 1700s. The number of Widman entries during the period from 1720 through 1750 (the year of arrival for **Christian Weedman** or **Christian Widman**) is very large. But, it is striking that the vast majority of **Widman** family activity is in Baden-Wurtemberg and more specifically an area west of Stuttgart. While we are not able to comfortably locate the likely family of our immigrant ancestor, we feel that this is the area of primary interest. Our objective is

to determine if there are genealogical societies, genealogical research facilities or other organizations who might be able to further our work there.

This Issue

We have been saddened by the unusually large number of Weedman deaths that have occurred so far in 2011. In Grayson County, KY two Weedmans died on the same date. In Florida, two brothers died, one in late 2010 and the other in 2011. So, much of this issue will be taken up with obituaries.

Chelsea Weedman Named Big Ten Conference Freshman Swimmer of the Year

Chelsea Weedman of San Diego, CA who is a freshman at Penn State University has excelled in her first year at the

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Many have always believed the roots of the Christian Weedman family are German. Hopefully we can make progress on this prospect!

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University. She was recruited by the school and is the recipient of an athletic scholarship in the women's swimming program.

On February 4, 2011 she was named the Big Ten Conference female Swimmer of the Week after Penn State University, ranked number 25 in the nation upset number 15 Michigan State University at a conference meet in Ann Arbor.

In March, at the Big Ten Conference swimming meet at the University of Indiana in Bloomington, Chelsea set a new Penn State record for the individual medley race. Following that, she was named the Big Ten Conference Freshman of the Year!

We congratulate Chelsea on her many accomplishments in her freshman year at Penn State University! She has brought a lot of recognition and pride to her immediate and extended family.

Chelsea Weedman is a pre-med student and is the daughter of **Paul** and **Emily Weedman** of Poway, California.

Obituaries

Anna M. (Womack) Weedman

Anna M. Weedman, 83, Noblesville, IN died Jan. 10, 2010, at Prairie Lakes Health Campus, Noblesville. Mrs. Weedman was a homemaker. She also worked as a Nurse Aide at Riverview Hospital for nearly 10 years before retiring in 1988.

She was born Oct. 7, 1927, in Russell Springs, Ky., the daughter of **Otha** and **Lola Foley Womack**. She was married to **Jesse E. Weedman** who preceded her in death in 1977.

She is survived by a daughter, **Jane Timmons (Daniel)**; two sons, **Leonard Weedman** and **Jesse Weedman (Mary Ellen)**; a brother, **William Womack**; four granddaughters, **Carrie Stinson**, **Rachael Weedman**, **Jan Robertson** and **Fawn Tomasino**; three grandsons, **Jesse Cook**, **Luke Timmons** and **Doug Skaggs**; 13 great-grandchildren, **Jacob**, **Jordan**, **Hannah** and **Connor Stinson**, **Jessica** and **Ronnie Cook**, **Jonathon Valmore**, **Olivia Timmons**, **Kayla**, **Jesse**, **Brad** and **Brent Skaggs**, and **Michael Tomasino**.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by two granddaughters, **Holly** and **Lorna**. Burial was on January 10, 2011 at Crownland Cemetery, Noblesville, Indiana.

The lineage of Jesse E. Weedman, Sr. was: Jesse E. Weedman, Sr.⁶, Homer Willis Weedman⁵, Jacob Willis Weedman⁴, Daniel Weedman³, Christian Weedman, Jr.² and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Theresa Lynn Weedman Wooten

Teresa Lynn Wooten, 49, of Sandusky, Ohio died on January 20, 2011, at her home.

She was born Oct. 30, 1961, in Sandusky, to **Robert** and **Ellen (Stidham) Weedman**. She was a 1980 graduate of St. Mary High School and went on to graduate with honors from North Central State Nursing program where she belonged to the Phi Theta Kappa Sorority. She was previously employed by First Choice Home Health Care as a nurse. Teresa cherished spending time with her family and friends at Father's Heart Family Church. She enjoyed shopping and garage sales. Most fondly, she could be

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The number of deaths recently reported has been extremely high. This issue will primarily cover those events.

Please advise of any births, marriages, or other family events for publication in the Weedman Newsletter.

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found spending time with her precious dogs she called her "Babydolls."

She is survived by her husband, **Jerry Wooten**; son, **John (Marsha) Wooten** of Akron; mother, **Ellen (Stidham) Weedman** of Sandusky; grandchildren, **Jonah** and **Samantha Wooten**; sisters, **Tamie Rippon** of Norwalk and **Susan Hershiser** of Sandusky; nieces and nephews, **Gregory Rippon**, **Jason Rippon**, **Amber Rippon**, **Annie Hershiser** and **Nathan Hershiser** and numerous other aunts and uncles of Sandusky and Kentucky.

The lineage for Theresa Weedman Wooten is: Theresa Weedman⁸, Robert Weedman⁷, Gustav Clinton Weedman⁶, Harvey Shinn Weedman⁵, Asa Weedman⁴, John Huhn Weedman, Sr.³, George Weedman², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹

Michael LeRoy Weedman

Michael LeRoy Weedman, 64, of Longview, Washington died January 10, 2011, at his home.

He was born March 3, 1946, in Kelso, to **William H. and Ila May (Zerby) Weedman**.

Mr. Weedman retired as a sawmill worker in 2007. He was serious and truthful, yet friendly, thoughtful and helpful to all.

Survivors include his parents in Longview; a son, **Jeff Weedman** of Spokane; a daughter, **Pam Zebley** of Longview; two brothers, **Vernon Weedman** in Oregon and **Philip Weedman** of Longview; and three sisters, **Ellen Hayes** of Longview, **Kathleen Rupe** of Castle Rock and **Melody Gemar** of Kelso. A graveside service was held on January 15, 2011 at Rose Valley Cemetery.

The lineage of Michael LeRoy Weedman

was: Michael LeRoy Weedman⁷, William Howard Weedman⁶, Leslie Raphael Weedman⁵, Elisha Spurrier Weedman⁴, Daniel Weedman³, Christian Weedman, Jr.² and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Orville William (Pete) Weedman

Orville William 'Pete' Weedman, 87, died on January 30, 2011. Pete was born in The Dalles, Oregon and was a mechanic, a logger and a World War II veteran. He is survived by his daughters, **Suzanne Reid** and **Robin Wright**. A memorial service was held on February 24, 2011 in Willamette National Cemetery.

Pete Weedman's lineage: Orville William Weedman⁷, Roy Willis Weedman⁶, Homer Willis Weedman⁵, Jacob Willis Weedman⁴, Daniel Weedman³, Christian Weedman, Jr.² and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Henry Wallace Weedman

Henry Wallace Weedman, age 68, of Caneyville, KY, passed away on February 3, 2011 in Leitchfield, Kentucky.

He was born on September 14, 1942, in Grayson County KY, the son of the late **Alton** and **Lena Ellen Anderson Weedman**. He was a retired security guard and supervisor for Campbell Hausfield and was saved at a young age and joined the Forest View United Baptist Church.



He is survived by his wife, **Shirley Ann Carroll Weedman**, two daughters,

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Robin Ann Cooper (Larry) of Leitchfield and **Rhoda Jean Mudd (Bruce)** of Caneyville, one son, **Alan Wade Weedman (Melinda)** of Short Creek, three grandsons, **Chad Cooper** and **Todd** and **Terrance Weedman**, one great grandson, **Jackson Weedman**, four sisters, **Katy Cook** of Caneyville, **Odean Wheeler** of Louisville, KY, **Erma Spencer** of Hodgenville, KY and **Wilma Whitehead** of Leitchfield, two brothers, **Elton** and **Howard Weedman** both of Louisville, a sister-in-law, **Gladys Weedman** of Louisville and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers, **Marvin** and **Loyd Weedman**.

Funeral services were on February 6, 2011 in Leitchfield with Bro. **Jerry Weedman** officiating. Burial was in the Si Hughes Cemetery.

Henry Weedman's lineage was: Henry Wallace Weedman⁷, Alton Weedman⁶, James Henry Weedman⁵, Willis Green Weedman, Sr.⁴, John Weedman³, Christian Weedman, Jr.² and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Charles E. Weedman

Charles Edward Weedman, 67, of Falls of Rough, KY, passed away on February 3, 2011 at his home.

He was born on April 16, 1943, in Jefferson County KY, the son of the late **Robert S.** and **Minnie Bryant Weedman**. He was a truck driver.

He is survived by 3 sons, **Jesse Weedman** of Falls of Rough, KY; **Eric Weedman** of Cub Run, KY; and **Shane Weedman** of North Hollywood, CA, 3 brothers, **Bill Weedman** of Encinitas, CA, **SSGT (ret) Ronald Weedman** of Louisville, KY and **Bobby Weedman**, 4 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

Charles Weedman's lineage was: Charles Edward Weedman⁷, Robert Shirley Weedman⁶, William Deward Weedman⁵, Amos George Weedman⁴, Stephen Weedman³, Christian Weedman, Jr.² and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

George W. Weedman

George Washington Weedman, age 90, of Plymouth, WI died on February 4, 2011 at the Sharon S. Richardson Hospice in Sheboygan Falls, WI.

He was born on February 22, 1920 in North Platte, Nebraska son of the late **Grover C.** and **Hulda (Mitzner) Weedman**. He attended school in Nebraska, and graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1943 with a degree in Dairy Science.

He then entered the United States Marine Corp. serving during WWII in the South Pacific. On May 3, 1947 he married **Joyce Boedeker** in Lancaster, Wisconsin. She preceded him in death on April 19, 2002.

He worked for the government as a USDA Dairy Product Grader. He later worked for Borden's Dairy in Plymouth for 37 years as a Quality Control Supervisor retiring in 1985.

He was a member of Salem United Church of Christ in Plymouth, a member of the Plymouth VFW World's Cheese Center Post # 5612. He was an avid golfer and sports fan always taking the opportunity to attend one of his children's and grandchildren's sporting events. He was a member of the Quit Qui Oc Men's Club, and in 1966 he was the Club Champion.

He is survived by nine children; **Cindy Weedman**, **Tom Weedman**, **Linda**

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George W. Weedman was the grandfather of several subscribers and subjects of articles in the past.

If any subscribers are aware of the lineage of Jerry Weedman or his father, Victor Weedman, please advise the editor.

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(Jeff) Krueger, Tim (Sherry Marquardt) Weedman, Mike (Renee) Weedman, Patty (David) Dellger, Susie (John) Ziegler, Lisa (Andrew) Peart, and Krissy Saunders, 26 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, one great great grandchild, a brother, Eugene (Kathleen) Weedman, and a sister, Helen Schisler. He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, 6 brothers and sisters and a grandson-in-law, **Nathan.**

Funeral services were held on February 8, 2011 in Plymouth with burial in the Plymouth Woodlawn Cemetery.

George Weedman's lineage was: George Washington Weedman⁶. Grover Cleveland Weedman⁵, Allen Fleming Weedman⁴, Jonathan Weedman³, Jacob Weedman, Sr.², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Jerry Weedman

Jerry "Flash" Weedman, 70, of Mt. Zion, Illinois passed away on February 10, 2011 in the Decatur (IL) Memorial Hospital.

A service for Mr. Weedman was held on February 12, 2011 in Mt. Zion with burial in the Point Pleasant Cemetery in Long Creek, IL.

Jerry Weedman was born January 7, 1941 in Decatur, IL to **Victor** and **Bessie Jo Weedman**. He was raised by his step-father and mother, **Bill** and **Bessie Hector**. He married **Charlene Benton** on May 3, 1980. He owned and operated Weedman's Door and Hardware. He served from 1959 through 1962 in the U.S. Army in the 547th Engineering Battalion and was stationed in Germany. He obtained the rank of Specialist 4th Class. He was a member of the Carpenter Local #742. He was an avid outdoorsman and truly enjoyed fishing, hunting, and golf.

Surviving are his wife, **Charlene** of Mt. Zion; children, **Ken Weedman** and his wife **Cheryl**, **Cindy Stone** and her husband **Bill**, and **Lisa Kerin** and her husband **Michael**; grandchildren **Nicole Weedman, Jacob Weedman, Caelan Kerin** and **Michaela Kerin**; mother-in-law, **Martha Benton**.

His parents and step-father predeceased him.

Mr. Weedman's lineage is unclear and will be the subject of an inquiry for possible publication in the next issue.

Noreen Anna (Weber) Weedman

Noreen Weedman, age 94 of Sanborn, MN died on February 25, 2011, at St. John Lutheran Home in Springfield, MN

Noreen Anna Weedman was born on May 1, 1916 in Charleston Township, Redwood County, MN, the daughter of **Otto** and **Emelia (Kosel) Weber**. She attended

and graduated from Sanborn High School. She lived on the family farm in Charleston Township before moving to Stately



Township in 1941 and in 1946 she moved into Sanborn. Noreen was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Sanborn, Zion Ladies Aid, and Sanborn Senior Citizens. Noreen enjoyed reading, volun-

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teered for Senior Dining, and enjoyed watching her children and grandchildren in their sporting events. She especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by her daughter - **Jan** and husband **Stuart Juhnke** of Sanborn; daughters-in-law - **Judy Weedman** of Springfield and **Marilyn Weedman** of Sanborn; 5 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and many step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; sons - **Gary Weedman** in 2008 and **Dennis Weedman** in 2009; and siblings **Ethel Trapp**, **Roy Weber**, **Lunetta Moody**, **Ruth Boelter**, and **Melvin Weber**.

The lineage of Noreen Weedman's husband, Clifford Donald Weedman was: Clifford Donald Weedman⁷, Loran Bruff Weedman⁶, Henry Linas Weedman⁵, Asa Weedman⁴, John Huhn Weedman, Sr.³, George Weedman², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Thomas Allen Weedman Johnny Michael Weedman

Brothers **Thomas Allen Weedman** and **Johnny Michael Weedman** died within four months of each other recently. **Thomas Allen Weedman**, a resident of Orlando FL born on October 26, 1953 died on November 28, 2010 in an Orlando hospital of an apparent heart attack. On March 4, 2011 **Johnny M. Weedman** died in Florida of liver cancer. He was born July 21, 1951 Both were buried in the family plot in the Mascotte Cemetery, Mascotte, Florida.

Johnny Michael Weedman attended the 2008 Weedman National Family Gathering in Uniontown, Pennsylvania along with his brother, **George Perry Weedman**.

Their lineage was: Johnny Michael Weedman and Thomas Allen Weedman⁸, Ralph Durward Weedman⁷, Lloyd Weedman⁶, George Perry Weedman⁵, Green Berry Weedman⁴, William Weedman³, Christian Weedman, Jr.² and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Projects Update

Weedman Family DNA Project. One new family member is now having the DNA analysis to assist in trying to find our family origins. **Leon Weedman Myers**, from the line of **Stephen Weedman** and **Christian Weedman, Jr.** is now participating. While the project relies on direct male lines, advances in DNA technology may permit utilization of data generated by his participation.

Weedman Find-A-Grave Project. This is on a site not specific to our family but one that is valuable. The URL is www.findagrave.com and we have added more Weedman cemetery sites to our "virtual cemetery". In addition, we have located a number of tombstone photographs that have accumulated over the years and will be adding those as time permits. This site has prove highly useful in genealogical research and is growing rapidly.

If you have tombstone photographs and want to add them to the site, it is easily done. You may have to register but there is no cost involved. Alternately, if you send photographs to the editor (see address on page 2), we can upload for you.

Until next issue,

Nick Weedman
Editor

Two projects are active and are proving helpful in family research. The DNA project and the Find-A-Grave project are progressing well.

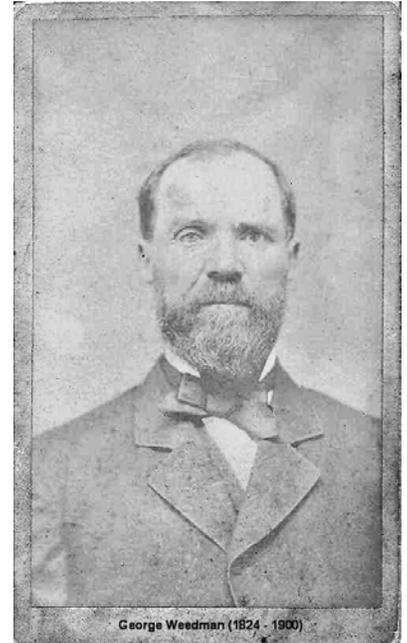
Some of the Descendants of the sons of George and Catherine (Danner) Weedman

*(Editor's note: Recently, we have been in contact with some of the descendants of the sons of **George and Catherine (Danner) Weedman**. George is a great grandson of **Christian and Elizabeth Weedman, Sr.** through their son, **George** and his son, **John Huhn Weedman, Sr.** All of the children of **George and Catherine Weedman** were born in DeWitt Co., Illinois but all four sons departed that area to live first in Kansas and then for a couple, in Colorado.*

*A recent e-mail contact provided information and photographs that we will share here. Earlier articles have appeared on the children of one of the sons, **Zadock Sinclair Weedman**. In the Spring 2010 issue on page 8, a photograph appears of four generations of the **Weedman/Romine** family and in the Winter 2008 issue on page 20 is an article about this family.)*

The youngest child born to **George and Catherine (Danner) Weedman** was **Abraham Lincoln Weedman** born 3 January 1865 in DeWitt County, IL. He was known as **Linc** or **Link**. On 8 March 1888, he married **Ida Bell Gilmore** in DeWitt County and had two daughters before moving to Kansas about 1900. In 1900, a daughter named **Ruby** was born while the family lived in Holyrood and subsequently the family moved to Harper County, KS. Whether he moved simultaneously with his brother, **Zadock Sinclair Weedman**, is not known but both ended up in southern Kansas. Initially, both lived in an area around Holyrood, Kansas but ultimately moved to either Sumner or Harper County, Kansas.

After moving to Harper County, three children were born: **Robert Beryl Weedman**, **Emerald Rose Weedman**, and a daughter, **Garnet Weedman**. One of the distinctive characteristics of the family is the pattern of naming some of their children after gemstones!



We learned from **Jeanne Hefner** that about 1920, **Ida Bell Weedman** moved to Portland, Oregon along with her family although we found that **Abraham Lincoln Weedman** must have remained in Kansas. He died there in 1928 and is buried in Anthony, Harper County, Kansas.

It appears much of the family moved to Long Beach California. **Ida Bell Weedman** died in 1967 and is buried there.

We have been contacted recently by **Yoshi Nakamoto**, a grandson of **Yae Nakamoto** who married **Emerald Rose Weedman**. **Emerald** was either employed or stationed on Okinawa and married **Yae** there. A photograph of **Emerald** was sent by **Yoshi** but we couldn't improve the quality sufficiently to use here.

We appreciate the contact, terrific photographs and information sent by **Jeanne Hefner** and **Yoshi Nakamoto**.

We will attempt to put all of the photographs on our web site on a page dedicated to the sons of **George and Catherine (Danner) Weedman**.

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Gena Lee Theiss compiled three books on Christian Weedman, Sr. and his Descendants. She was inducted in the Weedman Family Hall of Fame at the 2000 Family Reunion in Farmer City, IL

Computer Crash and European Trip

Since the publication of the Spring 2011 issue of the *Weedman Newsletter*, there have been several events to report.

First, my computer failed due apparently to defective capacitors on the mother board and given the age of the machine, we decided to replace it. Fortunately, we do frequent backups and so virtually all of our data has been saved. The bad news is that the structure of some of the files seems to have been lost. As a result, we have spent long hours trying to get all of the programs and data on which we depend back running on the new computer. Shortly after, a similar event happened to my wife's computer and we were able to have it repaired. Needless to say, both of these events have proven to be time consumers.

Second, due to other commitments we had to cancel our European trip. We had hoped to go to France and then possibly Germany. The German portion of the trip was intended to try to identify resources in that country which might be helpful in finding our European roots. Contact was made with Don Weedman, a resident of France who was born and grew up in Germany, to determine if we might meet and do resource searching. Don's first language is German and he is a potentially tremendously valuable resource in our searching. Don has offered to help and we will try to start some progress along that line in this year.

Theiss Genealogical Records

Nick Weedman

Shortly after the death of **Gena Theiss** on 16 September 2010, I was contacted by one of her daughters who asked if we had any idea about what to do with the genealogical collection left behind.

Gena had done extensive research into both the **Weedman** and **Higdon** families and had documented her work in an exemplary manner. She wrote three books on the **Christian Weedman, Sr.** family and his descendants. Naturally as she collected more information, the books got larger and larger. Her last compilation on the family was published in 2002 and is a massive 869 pages in length. The book includes pictures of many family members and is very well documented.

Reluctantly, I agreed to take her records with the idea of converting most to a digital format to facilitate storage as well as information retrieval. While the equipment needed to do this is not yet on hand, a high speed scanner should make this take achievable over time although the time required will be significant.

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In May, we went to Louisville and loaded the SUV with all of the records and books we thought would be of some value. Many books remained and according to her son-in-law, **Paul Hosse**, these will be donated to the Filson Society which is based in Louisville.

The inventory of books and records has just begun and we hope to start the scanning process in the Fall.

Included in the papers were transcriptions of census records for Grayson County, Kentucky for 1850 and 1860 and for 1880 Breckinridge County, Kentucky but only the second of two volumes of that work. None of the census books are indexed so converting them to a digital form will facilitate their usefulness. These transcriptions were done prior to the advent of Ancestry.com which now contains indexed census records for all of the U.S. Federal censuses that still exist.

The amount of work and time to transcribe these census records cannot be overestimated and are a testimonial to the dedication that **Gena Theiss** had for her genealogical research. Her attention to detail and her willingness to undertake such projects is impressive.

Her three books on "*Christian Weedman, Sr. and His Descendants*" were published in 1986, 1989, and 2002.

Our first digitalization project will be to convert all 869 pages of the 2002 edition to an electronic version. We discussed this with Mr. Hosse and both felt it would be a fitting tribute to Gena and her work if the electronic version was made available to select libraries and genealogical societies where the family lived. Our intent is not to sell the electronic version of the book but rather to make it available to those who have a genuine interest in the family history and genealogy.

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As we inventory her records, we are likely to find even more information on the family and will report progress in future editions of the *Weedman Newsletter*.

Peter Weedman (aka Peter Weedeman) of South Carolina

Peter Weedeman of Newberry Co., South Carolina is often cited as a Weedman family member but this does not appear to be the case. There are a number of variant spellings for the surname including Weedman.

Peter was a veteran of the Revolutionary War and appears to have been a native of South Carolina.

Subscriber **Shirley Spooner** recently sent information from the South Carolina Department of History and Archives which has a copy of his will on line. His will was dated April 1837 and he died in May 1837 in Newberry County.

In his will he names: **William Elmore** to hold \$200 for Peter's granddaughter, **Dolly Chapman; Margaret Weedeman** and her children; **Elizabeth Boozer** (husband, John), **Mary Griffith** (husband Joel), **Christopher Weedeman; Nancy Morgan** (husband, David); **Barbara Walden** (husband Peter), and **Rebecca Elmore** (husband, William). His wife was not named and presumably died prior to the establishment of the will.

Peter received a Bounty Land Warrant in 1833 for his Revolutionary War service and was a Revolutionary War pensioner.

The family appears to have been well researched and there does not appear to

be a connection with any of the various branches of the **Weedman** family. The operative word here is *appear* and we should keep this family in mind while pursuing our own research.

Our thanks go to **Shirley Spooner** for her continued contributions of research and interest in the family history. Shirley is a descendant of the Florida Weedman family.

Possible Origin of Christian Weedman, Sr.?

We recently received an e-mail from Anne Weedman of Houston, TX who is researching her husband's line. She wrote:

I've been researching the family tree for my husband, Robert Weedman, on my-heritage.com, and thought you would be interested in some information I found.

This website matches up people in your family tree with people of the same name in other family trees.

They found Christian Weedman, Sr. (same wife, same date and location of his death, same children). His birthplace is listed as Dudensen, Hannover, Niedersachsen, Germany. This other family tree has over 1500 names in total, so the manager of that family tree has done a lot of genealogical research. That family tree lists the mother of Christian Weedman, Sr. as Elizabeth Glueck Weedman, information I hadn't seen before.

*I located this area of Germany on the map, and there is a **town of Wedemark** within just a few miles of Dudensen.*

*Sincerely,
Anne Weedman*

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***Peter Weedeman** is often considered to be a descendant of the original immigrant but this does not appear likely.*

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Houston, TX

It seems we have run across this in the past but are unable to find any notes on the possible connection. This is another lead worth checking out. The source is uncertain at this point but efforts will be made to pursue the connection.

Obituaries

Mary D. (Jette) Weedman

Mary D. Weedman, 84, passed away from Alzheimer's disease on Wednesday, June 8, 2011 in Columbus, WI.

Mary was born on Nov. 19, 1926, in Tracy, Minn., the oldest of five children of **Orville** and **Alice (Silver) Jette**. She grew up in Tracy, Minn., and graduated from Tracy High School in 1944. She was married to **Verne C. Weedman** on May 26, 1947, at St. Mary's Church in Tracy, Minn. Mary and Verne moved to Columbus, Wisconsin, in 1960 and raised their eight children. She and her husband started Badger Disposal Inc. in Columbus in 1973, and for many years worked there until her retirement in 1988. She was a member of St. Jerome Catholic Church where she enjoyed her years of working on the Sugar Plum Fair with other church members.

Survivors include two daughters **Linda (Bob) Shepard** and **Mary Beth (John) Nehmer**, both of Columbus; four sons **Jerry (Katie) Weedman** of Wautoma, Bryan (Michelle Smith) Weedman of Rio, Jim of Thiensville, Patrick Weedman of Columbus; 18 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one sister **Allie Mae Lang** of St. Cloud, Minn.; two brothers **Bud (Jen) Jette** of Minneapolis, Minn., and **John (Rita) Jette** of Austin, Minn.; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her par-

ents; husband in 2000; two sons Thomas in 1987 and Michael in 2009; one brother

Beryl Jette.

Interment was in St. Jerome Cemetery, Columbus.



The lineage of Mary Weedman's late husband, Verne was: Luverne (Verne) Coy Weedman⁷, Earl Elmore Weedman⁶, Henry Linas Weedman⁵, Asa Weedman⁴, John Huhn Weedman³, George Weedman², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Theresa J. Weedman

Theresa J. Weedman, 88, of Rockford, IL died, Monday, June 20, 2011. She was born August 1, 1922 in Rockford to **Sam** and **Josephine (LaFata) Briscoe** and married **Patrick Weedman** in Rockford on January 8, 1949. She was an office manager and a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and a very active member of her sorority Phi Sigma Alpha, Chattie Red Hattie's and 1940 Class reunion.

Survivors include a daughter, **Sue Sklar** of Rockford; granddaughter **Courtney Sklar** of Rockford; brother, **Angelo (Pat) Briscoe** of Colorado Springs. She was predeceased by her parents, husband **Patrick** and son **Richard Weedman**.

Services were held on June 24, 2011 with burial in St. Mary/St. James Cemetery in Rockford.

We are unable to place Patrick Weed-

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Obituaries are obtained from family members as well as several on-line resources. Please advise if you are aware of the death of a family member.

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man in our families and seek help from those familiar with the family in Rockford, IL.

Mary Alice Weedman Smith

Mary Alice Weedman Smith, 78 of Cloverport, KY died Monday, June 27, 2011, at Professional Care Rehabilitation Center in Dale, Ind.

She was born in Breckinridge County, on Aug. 3, 1932, the daughter of the late **Jeff** and **Ethel Ford Weedman**. She was a homemaker who enjoyed spending time with her family, being outdoors and traveling.

She is survived by seven children, **Pearl Williams** of Fordsville, **Lucille Fuqua** and **Barbara McCarty** of Maceo, **Don Smith** of Ferdinand, Ind., **Glenn Smith** of Winslow, Ind., **Patricia Reburn** of Clay, **Rita Wahl** of Dale, Ind.; 20 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren; two brothers, **Jeff Weedman** of Norris City, Ill., and **Roy Weedman** of Cloverport; four sisters, **Dorothy Canary** of Fordsville, **Stella Sims** of Eddyville, **Nancy Sinclair** of Tell City, Ind., and **Janie Sanders** of Hawesville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, **Carroll Thomas Smith**; five children, **Kenneth Darell**, **Jesse**, **Larry Wayne**, **Carol Ann** and **Rita Carol Smith**; and a grandson, **Thomas Fuqua, Jr.**

The funeral was July 1, 2011 with burial the New Clover Creek Cemetery.

Her lineage was: Mary Alice Weedman Smith⁷, Jeff Davidson Owen Weedman⁶, James David Weedman⁵, William Weedman⁴, John Weedman³, Christian Weedman, Jr.², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Stella Embry

Stella Embry, 89, of Rockport, IN passed away on April 14, 2011 in Rockport after a brief illness.

She was born on April 24, 1921 in Breckinridge Co., KY the eighth of eleven children born to **William Marshall** and **Sarah Veronica (Weedman) Smith**.

She married **Fred Embry** on January 4, 1938 and they had eight children: **Carl Vincent**, **Charles Edward**, **Daniel William**, **Larry Eugene**, **Jerry Frederick**, **Virginia Ann**, **Marilyn Kay**, and **Mary Rebecca**.

She worked at Commercial Filters in Tell City until retiring in 1982. She and Fred enjoyed two short years of retirement life and vacationing together before his early death in May 1984 at the age of 65. Stella was a wonderful Christian lady and was a charter member of the Central Baptist Church in Hawesville, KY. She has been a member of the New Hope Baptist Church in Newtonville since moving to the area in the 1960s.

Services were held on April 16, 2011 and burial was in the New Hope Cemetery in Newtonville.

Her daughter, **Becky Middleton**, is a subscriber to the *Weedman Newsletter*.

Her lineage was: Stella Smith Embry⁷, Sarah V. Weedman Smith⁶, James David Weedman⁵, William Weedman⁴, John Weedman³, Christian Weedman, Jr.², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Our condolences are extended to the families of those whose passing are reported here.

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Names in the News

Shane Weedman Named to All Southwest Indiana Baseball Team

Shane Weedman of Cannelton, Indiana was named by the Evansville, IN *Courier & Press* to their All Southwest Indiana Baseball Team. Shane graduated from the Tell City High School in May and received a baseball scholarship from Vincennes University.

He pitched for the Tell City High School and had a 6-2 season with a 3.42 earned run average.

He is the son of **Jim** and **Robin Weedman** of Cannelton, IN.

Congratulations to Shane on his graduation, scholarship and being named to the All Southwest Indiana team!

Chelsea Weedman Receives Votes in the San Diego Hall of Champions Recognition

Chelsea Weedman, a rising sophomore at the University of Pennsylvania was recently recognized for her high school swimming achievements in the San Diego Hall of Champions Recognition. This lists recognizes outstanding high school athletes who remarkable athletic achievements during their high school years. The list includes golfer Phil Mickelson and a number of other well know athletes. Chelsea received votes in this years polling. Quite another nice recognition! She is the daughter of **Paul** and **Emily Weedman** of Poway, CA.

Jan Bruner's New Grandson

Meet **Kingston Drake Schneider**, son of **LeAnna (Bruner)** and **John Schneider**. **LeAnna** is the daughter of **Janette (Pierce) Bruner**, daughter of **Floella Mae (Watson) Pierce**, daughter of **Mary Ella (Weedman) Watson**, daughter of **Mordecai Weedman**, son of **Stephen Craddock Weedman**, son of **Christian Weedman Jr.**, son of **Christian Weedman Sr.**

Kingston was born May 23rd at Deaconess Women's Hospital, Evansville, IN.

Jan and her daughters hosted the 1996 Weedman National Family Gathering held in Evansville. Congratulations to the new parents and proud grandparents!

Find A Grave Weedman Project Update

As reported in earlier *Weedman Newsletters*, the Find A Grave site located at (www.findagrave.com) is proving to be an excellent resource in locating the burial sites of family members.

As of June 30, 2011 the site had 432 Weedman family members who had a burial plat listed on the site. Many of these have photographs included and a few show an obituary as well.

We have created a virtual cemetery in which we have the burial sites for 140 Weedman and 10 Brodix family members. Subscriber Scott Parrish of Weldon, IL (near Farmer City) has even more Weedmans in his collection of burial sites.

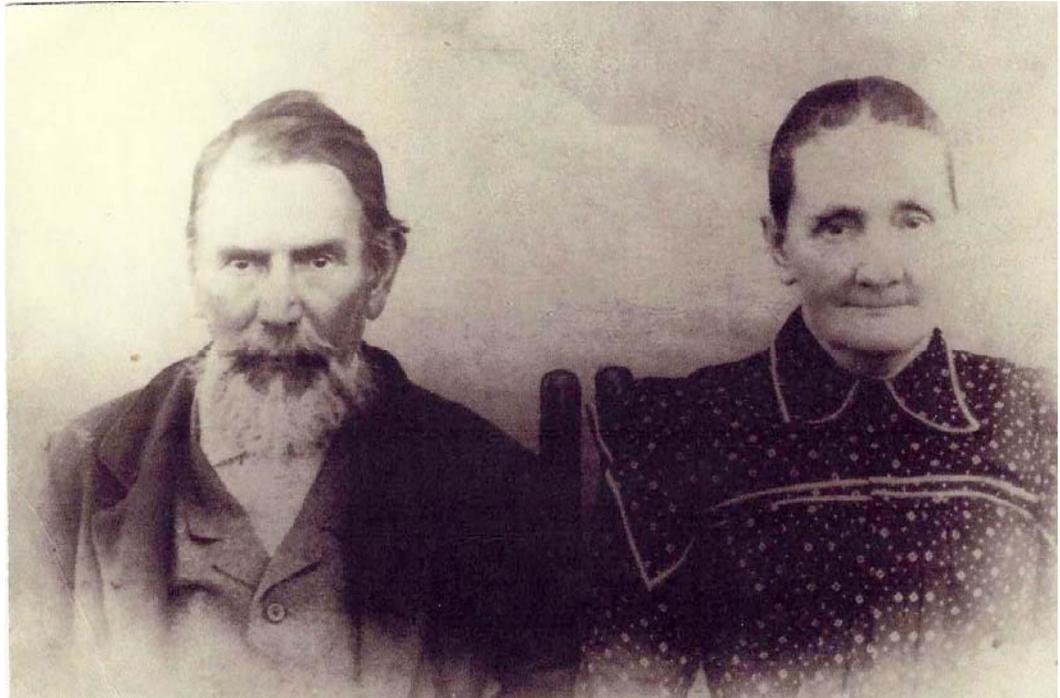
We take delight in finding our young family members excelling in any number of areas.

John and Mariah (Cart) Weedman

There are a number of **John Weedmans** in our family and it is easy to confuse one with another.

Recently, contact from a descendant of **John Weedman** of Perry County, Indiana was received and she had pictures of **John Weedman**, his wife, **Mariah Cart**, and several of their children. **Joyce Colson** is a great grand daughter of **Margaret Frances Weedman** who married **Charles M. Ballard** in Perry County. She provided the pictures of the family.

John Weedman was the oldest surviving son of **William** and **Rebecca (Haycraft) Weedman**. He was born in January, 1822 probably in Grayson County, KY. Some time in the 1820s, the family moved to Hancock Co., KY where they farmed and about 1849 they moved across the Ohio River to what was then Rono, now Magnet, in the northwest portion of Perry County.



John and Mariah (Cart) Weedman

William was a son of **Christian Weedman, Jr.** and his wife, **Mary Marshall Weedman**. He was a grandson of the original immigrant;

Christian Weedman, Sr. William served in the War of 1812 and was probably at the Battle of New Orleans. William died in 1851 and is buried in the Weedman Cemetery near Magnet.

John Weedman first married **Malinda Cart**, a daughter of **John** and **Jane (Gilliland) Cart** in 1852. **Malinda** died in 1855 apparently without issue and is buried in the Cart Cemetery near Magnet. John then married **Mariah Cart**, a younger sister of **Malinda Cart** on July 27, 1856. Another sister, **Susan Mary Cart**, had married **Green Berry Weedman** in 1854. Forrest Miller relates the story that John Cart stated he didn't mind one of his daughters marrying a Weedman but he didn't like all of them marrying in that family! Wonder if he was joking or serious? To further complicate matters, the mother of **Charles M. Ballard** mentioned about was also a daughter of **John** and **Jane (Gilliland) Cart!**

It appears that in the late 1880s, the oldest son of **John** and **Mariah Weedman** left Perry County, Indiana and moved to Dyer County, Tennessee. On November 8, 1888, **John Weedman, Jr.** or **Jack Weedman** as he was known married **Myra Anne Fuqua** in Dyer County. Why the move to Western Tennessee is unknown but the large expanses of virgin timber in the area is likely the reason. It is known that the family operated some type of a mill in Perry County, IN and it could have been a saw mill.

Based on marriage and birth records, it appears that after **Jack Weedman** settled in Dyer Co., TN his parents and all

of his siblings followed. About 1891 or 1892, following the death of **Susan Cart Weedman** in 1892 in Perry County, IN, **Green Berry Weedman** joined his brother, **John** in Tennessee. Not all of **Green Berry Weedman's** family left Perry County. One son, **George Perry Weedman**, who was an educator and Superintendent of Schools in Perry County remained there as did daughter, **Mary Etta Weedman Davison**.

John and Mariah (Cart) Weedman had the following children:

1. **Sarah Ann Weedman**, born Oct 1859 in Perry Co., IN. Married **William A. Stroud** in Perry County in 1879,
2. **Josephine Weedman**, born December 1861; married **J.B. (Buck) Kelley** in Pemiscot Co., MO in 1892,
3. **Bell Mary Weedman**, b. 1864; married **Scott W. Wilson** in 1889 in Perry Co., IN,
4. **John (Jack) Weedman, Jr.**, b. 1866; married **Myra Annie Fuqua** in 1888 in Dyer Co., TN,
5. **Margaret Frances Weedman**, b. Oct. 1867 in KY; married **Charles M. Ballard** in 1884 in Perry Co., IN,
6. **Mildred Adare Weedman**, b. 1871 in Perry County; married **Issac Newton Bunnell** in 1893 in Dyer Co.,
7. **Martha Alice (Mattie) Weedman**, b. 1873 in Perry County; married **William W. Edwards** in 1899 in Dyer Co.,
8. **Lucy May Weedman**, b. 1878 in Perry County; married **George Burton (Bert) Huey**, in 1898 in Dyer County.

John Weedman, Sr. died about 1910 in Finley, Tennessee. His wife, **Mariah**, died April 5, 1915 and both are buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Finley. Neither grave is marked.

Most of the family remained in Dyer County with a number of descendants still living there.

On the right is a photograph of three sisters, all of whom are daughters of **John and Mariah Weedman**. From left to right are: **Margaret Frances Weedman Ballard**, **Martha (Mattie) Weedman Edwards**, and **Lucy Weedman Huey**.

Green Berry Weedman, the brother of **John Weedman** remarried after moving to Tennessee. On October 16, 1892 he married **Larua (Fannie) Davis**, in Dyer County. On January 6, 1909, **Green Berry Weedman** died in Newbern, Tennessee and is buried in the Methodist Grove Cemetery there. Family tradition states that after his death, Green's widow returned "to live with her people". We found that in 1910 she was living with a daughter in Gibson County, Tennessee but can find no further reference to her.

Our thanks go to **Joyce Colson** for sharing these photographs with us.



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The 2002 update of the Theiss book, Christian Weedman and his Descendants, 1735—1986 is now available in digital form.

Theiss Book Put Into Digital Form Now Available

Gena Lee Theiss compiled three versions of a genealogical work on the family and descendants of **Christian, Sr.** and **Elizabeth Weedman**. Her first compilation was published in 1986 with an update published in 1989. The final work was published in 2002 and is entitled *Christian Weedman and his Descendants, 1735 – 1986*.

Gena died on 16 September 2010 after an extended period of illness. Following her death, contact was made by her family to discuss disposition of the large amount of files, records, and papers she had accumulated over the years. Earlier this year, we agreed to take those files in hopes of organizing them and going through them to determine if there might be tidbits of information that could further our work on the Weedman family.

One of the items that were given was the manuscript to her latest book (as well as perhaps earlier books but those have yet to be discovered). We are still going through the boxes of materials in an effort to catalog the many papers they contain. Our hope is to digitalize those papers and letters in an effort to retain them for the long term.

Digitalization of the 2002 book has been completed and it is now available in Adobe Acrobat format. The advantage of this is that most of the book is searchable electronically thus facilitating the capture of specific information one might be

seeking.

In discussions with the Theiss family, it was agreed that the digitalization of the book with the electronic version being offered selectively to individuals and libraries would be an appropriate memorial to the hard work and hundreds of hours spent by Gena to compile those records.

We are now offering the digital form of the book to any interested party that is specifically researching the Weedman family. In addition, we will make the digital form of the book available to libraries in areas where the Weedman family lived as well as libraries that have significant genealogical research departments.

The book is 881 pages long and most of that is searchable. Some of the pages contain hand written records and others have pictures. Obviously, these will not respond to searching.

Weedman Newsletter subscribers whose subscriptions are up to date are eligible to order. We will charge \$5.00 for the CD which will cover the costs involved including postage. In addition, we will offer the CD to libraries in areas where the early

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Weedman family lived at no cost. As a bonus, we can include all Weedman Newsletters as well as one or two county histories on the CD. In order to read the CD you will need to have Adobe Acrobat installed on your computer. This is free software and is available at www.acrobat.com.

Possible 2012 Weedman National Family Gathering Being Considered

Some very early discussions and consideration has been held on the possibility of a 2012 Weedman Family Reunion. The potential host family would be Cliff and Shirley Weedman possibly along with Robin Weedman Cooper.

Every year, there is a Weedman family reunion in Grayson County, Kentucky and at the one in 2011, discussions were held regarding the possibility of hosting a national event in this general area.

The Second Biennial Weedman Family Reunion was held at the Rough River State Park on June 20th through 22nd, 1986 hosted by Ron and Linda Weedman. The event was very well attended and you can read about it in the Fall 1986 *Weedman Newsletter*.

This area is historically significant to our family since Christian Weedman, Jr. and his wife, Mary (Marshall) Weedman lived and died in Grayson County, Kentucky. We have never been able to find their graves. If a reunion is held, one event could be to try to sort out where the original Weedman homestead was!

If you are interest in possibly participating in a 2012 Reunion, you might want to give some encouragement to Cliff and Shirley as well as Robin.

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There is a possibility a Weedman National Family Gathering in 2012. Your thoughts and encouragement are sought.

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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Help Wanted!

As we near the end of the 42nd year of publication of the *Weedman Newsletter*, we are seeking help in doing family research, writing, and preparing articles for publication.

It would be helpful to have an article each issue on the Swedish Weedman line as well as the Florida Weedman family.

Not long ago, many of us thought there was a single immigrant, **Olaf Weedman**, who was the progenitor for the Swedish Weedman line. But, recent research has revealed there were actually three brothers who immigrated to the U. S. and now have descendants in this country. **William Jonas Weedman**, who appears to be a brother of **Olaf Weedman** was born in 1829 in Sweden and came here about 1870, some fifteen years after Olaf. Yet another brother was **Peter Weedman**. Documentation of these families would be very helpful and if a volunteer could be sought who has such an interest, getting DNA testing done among the three branches would be of great interest. The DNA project is needed while we still have direct male descendants of the various lines. A quarterly article on the Swedish Weedmans would be a welcome addition.

The Florida Weedman family is one we have found that has relatives outside Florida! It appears there were two brothers who immigrated to this country from Mainz, Germany. **Philip Weedman** is the progenitor of the Florida Weedmans and he settled in St. Johns County, Florida. He had a brother, **Bernard Weedman** or **Weideman**, who lived in West Virginia. We have had correspondence with a descendant who apparently lives overseas which had slowed progress on working on the West Virginia connec-

tion. It is interesting that we have found some of that line currently living in Fayette County, Pennsylvania where **Christian Weedman** and his family lived from about 1765 until 1799. DNA testing has a start in this line but more should be done to establish a benchmark on the line. A quarterly article on these families would be of great interest.

Other articles could be on featured families for example. We have recently done some in depth research on the family of **James Edwin Weedman**, a son of **Addison M. Weedman** and will summarize that work in this issue. Other work has been done by others on George Thomas Weedman as well as his brothers, **Abraham Lincoln Weedman** and **Zadock Sinclair Weedman** who settled in Kansas. Some great pictures have been found on these brothers. A one-time article on specific families would be highly welcomed.

So, if you feel inclined to contribute either on a one-time or an on-going basis, let the editor know! All help would be much appreciated.

Obituary

Jerome Weedman

Jerome L. Weedman, 37, passed away Friday, August 19, 2011. He was born in Harbor Bay, Michigan on December 30, 1973. Jerome graduated from Tell City High School, in 1993, where he excelled in football and wrestling. After graduation, he continued his football career at Kentucky Wesleyan College. He is survived by family and many friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

(Editor's note: we are unable to identify Jerome's lineage. If you can help in this regard, please contact the editor.)

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It would be extremely helpful to be able to recruit several willing to help write articles for the Newsletter.

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Obituary

Adrian Gourde Weedman

Adrian G. Weedman, 63, of Port Angeles passed away September 6, 2011, at Olympic Medical Center. He was born on July 7, 1948, in Longview, Washington, to **H. Ray** and **Irene (Gourde) Weedman**.

He graduated from St. Martin's High School in Olympia and attended Lower Columbia College and Central Washington University.

On September 19, 1975, he married **Teri Swett** in Kelso, Washington; she survives him.

Ade was a member of Strait Air Volksgruppe and Peninsula Dream Machines. He worked as a retail sales manager, and after retiring he did seasonal work for the Clallam County Parks and Fair Department.

His family will remember him as a selfless man who loved spending time with them, especially his grandchildren. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, boating, cars, trucks and raising game birds.



In addition to his wife, **Teri**, he is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, **Scott** and **Helen Weedman**, and their children, **Brooke** and **Britney Weedman**; his son, **Ryan Weedman**; his stepdaughter and son-in-law, **Jennifer** and **Olaf Thomason Jr.**, and their children, **Kelsea Blix** and **Luke**

and **Cortney Thomason**; his brother, **Tony Weedman**, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, **Ross** and **Robert Weedman**; and a sister, **Carol Weedman Schade**.

A memorial service was held on September 17, 2011 in Longview, Washington.

Source: *The Peninsula Daily News (Port Angeles, WA)*, September 13, 2011

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

Obituary

Charles Everett Weedman

Charles Everett Weedman, 67, of Caneyville, Kentucky passed away Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011, at Twin Lakes Regional Medical Center in Leitchfield.

He was born Oct. 10, 1943, in Jefferson County, the son of the late **Edward** and **Mary Whobrey Weedman**. He was a farmer and a member of Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, **Carlene King Weedman** of Caneyville; a son, **Charles Weedman, Jr.**, of Caneyville; two daughters, **Cassie (Thomas) Dennison** of Caneyville, and **Amanda (Marion) Higgs** of Millwood; five sisters, **Louise Lindsey** of Leitchfield, **Jeanette McClellan** of Vine Grove, **Jesse Mudd** of Elizabethtown, **Mary Alice Lindsey** of Louisville, and **Doris Kay Duggins** of Indiana; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, **Wilma Jean**

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If you are aware of family events such as births, marriages or deaths, please advise the Editor for inclusion.

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Howard; and a brother **Ray Edward Weedman**.

The funeral was on September 30th in Leitchfield with burial in Hopewell Cemetery.

Source: *The Record*, Grayson County, KY

His lineage: Charles Everett Weedman⁷, Edward G. Weedman⁶, Willis Green Weedman, Jr.⁵, Willis Green Weedman, Sr.⁴, John Weedman³, Christian Weedman, Jr.², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹

Seeking Stone Information

Cathy Stone of Evansville, Indiana recently wrote:

*I have in my possession information about the **John Steel Camp** and his descendants. It has some Stones listed that I am tracing. I know these Stone's went to Taylorsville and Springfield, IL. I do know and have known for years that some of the Stone's in Grayson Co, KY went to these two places.*

*This book has **Charles Winfield Stone** b. 21 Oct 1855 Grayson Co, KY. married **Mariah Elizabeth Camp** born 29 July 1866 at Taylorsville, IL. He died 20 Oct 1950 both are buried in Taylorsville IL. It has a list of children who were all born at Falls of Rough. It has a list of their children.*

What I want to know is who the parents of Charles Winfield Stone were? The book didn't have any Weedman's listed.

If you have any information about the Stone family that you can help Cathy with, advise the Editor.

Laura (Fannie) Weedman Second Wife of Green Berry Weedman

Green Berry Weedman left Perry County, Indiana in the 1890s to reside in Newbern, Dyer County, Tennessee after the death of his first wife. **Susan (Cart) Weedman** died 12 November 1890 in Perry County and is buried in the Cart Cemetery.

The brother of Green Berry was **John Weedman** and he moved with some of his children to Dyer County. Apparently, Green decided to follow his brother to that new location. We believe the prospect of harvesting and processing timber in that Mississippi Delta area was appealing to the family.

On 16 October 1892, **Green Berry Weedman** married **Mrs. Laura (Fannie) Davis**. We have been unable to determine who **Fannie Davis** had married initially.

We were unaware of what happened to **Fannie Davis Weedman** after the death of **Green Berry Weedman** on 6 January 1909.

Recent research revealed that Fannie was living with her daughter and son-in-law, **James C.** and **Dara L. Leach**, in Gibson County, Tennessee when the 1910 Federal census was taken. In the 1920 Federal census, Fannie was living with her older sister, **Elizabeth Meely**, who was 79 years old in Huntingdon, Carroll County, Tennessee.

We will continue to search for the first marriage of **Laura Davis** as well as where she is buried. A tombstone in the Methodist Grove Cemetery in Newbern has her name and space for her date of death but that area is empty.

Green Berry Weedman was the great grandfather of the Editor of the Weedman Newsletter.

Recent Contacts

Geraldine Weedman has written and supplied excellent family information on the descendants of **William Walter, Jr.** and **Pearl Elizabeth (Issacson) Weedman**. This family descends from the Swedish family of **Olaf Weedman**. They settled in Galesburg, Knox County, Illinois and while some remained there, others migrated to Idaho.

Jeanne Hefner continues to provide photographs and family information on **Abraham Lincoln Weedman** and his descendants (see page 24). There are pictures we have not yet used which shows **Link Weedman** and his brothers **Zadock Sinclair Weedman** with **Squire Weedman**. We will probably summarize this group in our of our Featured Family articles.

Anne Weedman of Houston wrote to advise she is working on her husband's line and has found possible parents of **Christian Weedman, Sr.** Her husband is **Robert Weedman**.

Lori Kaiser wrote inquiring about **Henry Allen Weedman** and his son, **Lyle Henry Weedman**. We researched this family and learned they descend from

Jeremiah Weedman of DeWitt County, Illinois. **Henry Allen Weedman** was a son of **Jeremiah Weedman** but we had little information on the line. We also learned that this is the line of **Robert** and **Anne Weedman** of Houston.

Doris Studniski wrote looking for family connections for an **Antonio Weedman** born 10 August 1911 in Queens, New York. His mother was **Theresa (Wagner) Weedman** and the father's name appears to begin with an "A". **Antonio Weedman** was sent to Minnesota on a New York Orphan Train and unlike so many others, he had his birth certificate. The information on that document is shown here.

We have never been aware of any Weedman family connection in New York City but have seen names with other similar spellings in that area.

If anyone has done research on New York or Minnesota Weedman families that don't appear to fit into known groups, please let us know and we will convey that to Doris.

Featured Family

James Edwin Weedman and his Family

James Edwin Weedman was born on 18 July 1852 in Mead County, Kentucky to **Addison M.** and **Louisa (Brown) Weedman**. **Addison Weedman** was a son of **Stephen** and **Mary Ann (Gilbert) Weedman**, a grandson of **Christian, Jr.** and **Mary (Marshall) Weedman**, and a great grandson of **Christian, Sr.** and **Elizabeth Weedman**.

He was raised in Kentucky but about 1876 found his way to California. His motivation was unclear but could have been the glitter of gold or the prospect of cheap land that was the attraction.

After his arrival in California, James obtained land in Humboldt and Mendocino Counties through a cash purchase. He also obtained homestead land in 1890 in Mendocino County.

On 6 August 1882, James married **Mrs. Rowena Martha (Crank) Toll**, widow of **William Brown Toll**.

Rowena Crank was the daughter of **Joseph Wesley** and **Minerva (Pruitt) Crank**. She was born on 12 February 1859 in Scio, Oregon. The family moved to Humboldt County, California in the 1870s and it was there that **Rowena Crank** and **William B. Toll** married in 1877.

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The couple had two daughters: **Lolita Myrtle Toll** and **Charlotte (Lottie) Mable Toll**.

Lolita Toll was born on 30 April 1878 and married **Charles Marion Rolley** in Humboldt County. They had one child, a daughter, **Rowena Marion Rolley**. **Lolita** and **Charles M. Rolley** died and are buried in Humboldt County, California. Mr. Rolley was a veterinarian.

Lottie Toll was born on 25 September 1879 and married **Frank Warner Van Dusen**. They had two sons. This family also remained in Humboldt County where they died and are buried.

So, when **James Edwin Weedman** married **Mrs. Toll**, he was an instant father! The couple had four children of their own: **Charles E. Weedman**, **Lillian Belle Weedman**, **Albert Weedman**, and **Pearl Weedman**.

Charles E. Weedman was born on 12 January 1882. He never married but was romantic with a daughter of **John Vance** on whose ranch Charles lived and managed. Charles was a blacksmith and mechanic. He partnered with a Mr. Maxwell to build buses in Ferndale, California. The firm prospered and were ultimately bought out by Pickwick Motor Stages, another bus firm that had hotels at major stops between Canada and Mexico. The depression caused havoc with the business and the stock that Charles Weedman took for his share of his original bus company soon became worthless. The remains of the company were purchased by Greyhound and Charles remained as a shop foreman for that company in Eureka, California for many years. Prior to entering the bus construction business, Charles was an operating engineer at La Grange mine in Weaverville, AC. While there, he built a giant monitor which washed the mountains to expose minerals. The monitor was all his handiwork except for the base which was cast by a foundry. The monitor sits alone the highway going into Weaverville and is a California State Historical Monument.

Charles Weedman never married. He died 19 November 1972 in Carlotta, Humboldt County.

Lillian Belle Weedman was born on 23 May 1885, the second child of James and Rowena Weedman. She married **William Leon Fairfield** and they lived in Hemet, California. The couple had two children: **Stephen F. Fairfield** and **Jean M. Fairfield**. William farmed and worked for the local water company. Stephen, born in 1918, operated several automobile parts businesses and later a book retailer. Jean married **Chester M. Rois-tacher** and they live in Riverside, California. She was a school principal while Chester was a citrus scientist. Lillian died 16 August 1954.

Albert Weedman was the third child born in November 1886. After the death of his mother, he lived and worked on a dairy farm, developed an illness, probably pneumonia, and died at a young age. Mr. Stephen Fairfield says Albert was neglected and should not have died an early death.

Pearl Weedman was the youngest child born in April 1889. She married **Earl Goodman** in Stockton California and the couple lived in Portland, Oregon. Earl died a few years after the marriage. Pearl apparently remained in Oregon and operated a fire rating business. She may have had other marriages.

Rowena Weedman died 10 September 1891 in Garberville, California. It is unclear why she died at such a young age. She is buried in the Garberville Cemetery. After her death, James was unable to keep the family together and, as seen in the 1900 Federal census, the children were living in four separate homes. James ultimately moved to Southern California where he worked for a lumber business. He finally moved to Hemet near **Lillian Fairfield**. James died after 1830 and is buried in a public cemetery near Hemet. There are no living descendants with the Weedman surname from this family.

Abraham Lincoln Weedman Obituary

Jeanne Hefner has supplied us with considerable material and photographs on the family and descendants of **Abraham Lincoln Weedman**.

She recently sent a copy of "**Link**" Weedman's obituary which is included on the right.

Following receipt of this obituary which is unusually detailed for those of 1928, we were able to do additional research on the family. We found that in the 1930 Federal census, that **Ida G. Weedman**, and her son, **Emerald Rose Weedman**, had remained in Kansas. Both were working in a local laundry in Anthony. Daughter **Pearl Wood** had moved to Portland, Oregon. Later some of the family settled in Long Beach or in Orange County, California and that is where **Ida Weedman** ultimately moved. They were living with her younger sister, **Alberta Gilmore**.

In addition, our correspondent, **Jeanne Hefner**, provided additional pictures of the family including a couple of brothers **Abraham Lincoln Weedman**, **Squire Weedman**, and **Zadock Sinclair Weedman**.

Below is a photograph of the tombstone of **Abraham L. Weedman** which is in the Forest Park Cemetery in Anthony, Harper County, Kansas.



OBITUARY

Abraham Lincoln Weedman, was born January 3, 1865, at Farmer City,

Dewitt county, Illinois, and departed this life at his home 313 South Kansas, July 8, 1928, aged 63 years, 6 months and three days. Death was due to heart trouble.

He was united in marriage March 6, 1888, at Farmer City, Illinois, to Ida B. Gilmore, daughter of Mrs. Robert Gilmore, now of 324 South Jennings. To this union were born six children, all of whom are living.

In 1898, Mr. Weedman with his family moved to Kansas, settling at Hollyrood, Elsworth county, and later moved to Anthony, being active in the grain business during his residence in Kansas, until the last two years when his health failed him, forcing him to retire.

He has suffered much during his illness, but never complained, always saying, "I am all right." He has always attended the M. E. church and Sunday school, until the last year and a half when he was so badly crippled with rheumatism that he could not attend.

An only brother, Squire Weedman, of Denver, Colorado, survives him, other brothers and sisters having preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife and six children. Mrs. A. L. Weedman, 313 South Kansas, Anthony; Mrs. Opal Schrader, Pawhuska, Oklahoma; Mrs. Pearl Wood, Portland, Oregon; Mr. Beryl Weedman, San Francisco, California; Mrs. Ruby Shelton, Clarksville, Texas; Mr. Emerald Weedman, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Mrs. Garnet Hoyt, 320 South Kansas, Anthony.

His many friends and neighbors are saddened by his death and extend their heartfelt sympathy to the family in their bereavement.

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A personal set back has delayed the publication of this issue of the Weedman Newsletter. My apologies for the delay.

This edition of the *Weedman Newsletter* is very late but I will still call it the Winter 2011 issue. I do have a partial excuse, however. Please read on.

2012 Weedman National Family Gathering

But first, we want to announce that there will be a 2012 Weedman Family Reunion to be held August 17~19 at the Rough River (Kentucky) State Park hosted by **Cliff and Shirley Weedman** along with **Myron and Sherry Weedman**. See page 28 for more specific details!

A Personal Note

Rarely have we written articles for the Newsletter in the first person so we trust you will forgive this exception. In mid-November, I underwent open heart surgery at which time a quadruple by-pass procedure was performed. I had no idea I was ill and when I underwent what called a stress test (walking/running on a treadmill) and failed, it was a total surprise. Within a week, I had a heart catheterization which revealed blockages in four heart vessels. The next day was the surgery and after spending time in the cardiac intensive care unit and a few days in the hospital, I was released to start the recovery process.

Now, ten weeks later, we seem to be doing fairly well. Lack of energy and stamina and memory loss plague me on a daily basis and I found an inability to concentrate on anything of significance. As a result, I have procrastinated on get-

ting the Newsletter out.

Hopefully, we will do better as the year progresses.

The Future of the Weedman Newsletter

I have given consideration to bringing the *Weedman Newsletter* to an end. We perceive waning interest and after 42 years of publication, it may be time to simply close shop. But, we will continue during 2012 and see if by year's end, there is reason to continue. If we do continue (or if someone else wants to take over), some assistance will be needed.

In the last issue, we asked for help in preparing the occasional article for publication. One person, **Jeanne Hefner**, responded in a positive way. She has furnished excellent information and some outstanding photographs of some of her ancestors. We have printed some of her contributions in the past and her offer to prepare articles is highly appreciated. We also accept her offer. The most recent article based on Jeanne's information was on page 24 of the Fall 2011 edition.

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As stated in the last issue, we would like to publish more information on the allied lines of the family which include the **Olaf Weedman** family (Swedish origins) and the **Philip Weedman** line which we refer to as the Florida Weedman line.

While most of the Weedman families descend from **Christian** and **Elizabeth Weedman, Senior**, there are a significant number of Weedmans from those two lines. A page or so on each line in each issue would be desired.

But, so far, no volunteers from either line have stepped forward. Please let us know if you are willing to contribute articles either on an on-going or a single occasion. We have seen some excellent work in the past that we would like to share.

Why Continue at All?

Genealogy is a hobby that is both addic-

tive and never ending. As soon as one family puzzle is solved, it seems two or three new ones appear.

One reason to continue is to answer the question that has been asked for generations: Where did the Weedman family originate? Clearly for both the Swedish line and the Florida line, the answer is known. But not for the **Christian Weedman** line. The advent of the DNA testing projects for genealogical purposes has provided new tools that may help answer the question. More testing is needed to develop a good base of scientific data on our current lines and in the future we can use similar information on foreign lines such as the Widman or Widmann family to see if there is a match which may point to our origins. The Newsletter can help provide a means to communicate among those interested in the DNA project as well as stimulate additional participation.

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A plea for help on editorial content for the Weedman Newsletter is sought. Please consider helping.

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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DNA Testing and the Florida Weedman Line

We have a single participant in the Weedman Family DNA project whose lineage is from that of Philip (or Philippe) Weedman who was born in Mainz, Germany. That participant, **Earl Joseph Weedman**, had results that helped to prove that his line and that of the line of **Christian Weedman, Sr.** were not closely related.

The original immigrant in this line, **Philip Weedman**, apparently arrived in this country with a brother, **Bernard Wiedemann**. Philip went to Florida while Bernard went to Virginia (now West Virginia). The descendants of Bernard tend to spell their surname as Wiedemann or variants of that. Contact has been made with one descendant of that line but we have failed to gain a great deal of information on the family.

If we could get one or more descendants of **Bernard Wiedemann** to participate in DNA testing, we could prove or disprove the relationship with **Philip Weedman**. Interestingly, we have traced some of Bernard Weideman's family to the northern portion of Fayette County, Pennsylvania where they currently reside.

Continued publication of the *Weedman Newsletter* could potentially aid in solving this family connection.

DNA Testings and the Swedish Weedman Line

Olaf Weedman immigrated from Ockelbo, Sweden in the 1850s and for a time it was thought that he was the progenitor of all Weedman family members we had grouped into the Swedish Weedman line.

But, it appears there were in fact three brothers who immigrated from Sweden over a period of years. Research revealed that **Peter Weedman** immigrated as did another apparent brother, **William Jonas Weedman**. **Peter Weedman** lived in Knox County, Illinois and apparently moved to Iowa where he apparently died. We are unaware of descendants of this brother. **William Jonas Weedman** had two sons, **Charles A. Weedman** and **John W. Weedman**. We are aware of a single male descendant of **John W. Weedman** and his participation in DNA testing on this family along with that of a direct male line descendant of **Olaf Weedman** could help prove relationship between at least two of the three likely brothers.

And, since the origin of this family in Sweden is known, if there are direct male line descendants from the father of **Olaf, Peter** and **William Jonas Weedman**, proof of relationship through DNA testing could be established.

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Weedman Family Burial Sites On Find A Grave

The Find A Grave web site is a place where graves are listed often with photographs of their tombstones. This is an excellent resource on which I have been able to add to our genealogical data base. **Scott Parish** who lives near Farmer City, Illinois and whose wife has Weedman roots has done so much to specifically add Weedman graves to this site. As of a recent count, there were 491 Weedman graves registered. This is a project which we need to support and to contribute in-

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DNA testing could prove to be the tool that allows us to connect with ancestral families in our original European home.

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formation and photographs. Use of the site is free and again has proven very useful.

Another reason to continue with the **Weedman Newsletter** is to encourage the building of family information on sites such as www.findagrave.com.

Answering family puzzles and helping newcomers to solve their family tree questions is another obvious reason to continue.

So, I hope we have an opportunity in 2012 to exchange thoughts on the future of the Weedman Newsletter and decide if there is a future. We will print responses in future issues.

In summary, it is essential that we find some on-going editorial help if the Weedman Newsletter is to continue with

the current editor. **Please consider volunteering some help.**

Gena Theiss Work on Christian Weedman

As mentioned in the past issue, the family of Gena Theiss has given permission to the conversion of her 2002 book, "Christian Weedman, Senior and his Descendants 1735 – 1986" into electronic form. We now offer this in an electronic form for available on a CD for a \$5.00 fee which covers the cost of the CD and postage. We will offer the CD only to family members and to libraries in areas where the family lived in earlier years.

To order a copy, send a request to Nick Weedman, 130 Berry Creek Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731 or you can order via e-mail by sending a note to nick@weedman.org.

Work has begun on the 2012 Weedman National Family Gathering. See the article on this page for greater detail.

2012 Weedman National Family Gathering

August 17 ~ 19, 2012

Rough River State Park Kentucky

Hosts: Cliff and Shirley Weedman along with Myron and Sherry Weedman

Details of the Reunion are currently being considered but among the possible events are: touring five local graveyards where family members are buried, fishing, camping, swimming, Blue Grass music, hayrides, yard games and a Sunday Service.

Mark your calendars for these dates and check the Weedman website (www.weedman.org) for additional details as they are released!