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

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## **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](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 42<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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*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 Weedman<sup>7</sup>, Harry Raphael Weedman<sup>6</sup>, Leslie Raphael Weedman<sup>5</sup>, Elisha Spurrier Weedman<sup>4</sup>, Daniel Weedman<sup>3</sup>, Christian Weedman, Jr.<sup>2</sup>, and Christian Weedman, Sr.<sup>1</sup>.*

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 Weedman<sup>7</sup>, Edward G. Weedman<sup>6</sup>, Willis Green Weedman, Jr.<sup>5</sup>, Willis Green Weedman, Sr.<sup>4</sup>, John Weedman<sup>3</sup>, Christian Weedman, Jr.<sup>2</sup>, and Christian Weedman, Sr.<sup>1</sup>*

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## 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.

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

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## 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, Clarks-ville, 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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