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Entering the 42nd Year of Publication

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

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

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

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

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

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

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This is truly a non-profit project so your support is needed and appreciated. Incidentally, if you prefer to stop your subscription, just let us know. Our feelings won't be hurt!

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Weedman DNA Project

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

We are in need of more participants since

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

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 110.

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

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

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

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

The Florida Weedman Line Adds a New Dimension to the Family

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Obituaries

Allen Weedman

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

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

Beatrice Weedman

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

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



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

enjoyed 57 wonderful years together.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pearl Issacson Weedman

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

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

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

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

Edward Watson

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

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

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

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

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

Bertha Vincent Weedman

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

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



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

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

Family Names in the News

Hannah Weedman Knoxville, IL High School Basketball Star

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

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



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

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

High School.

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

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

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Hannah descends from the Olaf Weedman line.

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Chelsea Weedman California Swimming Sensation

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Unclaimed Money

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

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

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

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

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

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

So, if you are interested, you might do a

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In Upcoming Issues

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

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

Nick Weedman

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