

Weedman Newsletter

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Dear Cousins,

I hope you will like our new typewriter. The old one just wore out. There are some things about this one I don't like. One is that I can't move the carriage up and down like just rolling it rather than it clicking into a pre-programmed slot. You who type will know what I mean. This may be possible, but I haven't figured it out yet if it is.

I was waiting for a photo of my grandson, Steven Bunton and wife for our front page but have not received it yet, so will hope to have it for next time.

I want to encourage you all to write to Gena Lee Theiss as soon as possible about your plans for attending the National Weedman Reunion next year, possibly the first Sunday in August, or rather the first week-end in August. We plan on being there, and several have already indicated they will be there, and we want every single cousin possible to be there if you can. We let you know now because in order to get the best rates, Gena Lee has to get her bid in as far in advance as possible. Why not treat yourself to this occasion to meet all the cousins who are in our wonderful family? We may never get another opportunity, so let's not miss this, dearest cousins, if we possibly can make it.

We went to California in April, and met some cousins we had not met before. WE met NICK AND MERRIE CAROL, and their three daughters, AMY, SARA and MELISSA!!!! We had such a blessed time at their home, and they are such a wonderful family. I tell you truly, I am so proud to have married a WEEDMAN! I wish I had that heritage in blood instead of just by marriage. Not that I'm not happy to have it by marriage. That's second-best, though. And although Monty isn't named or surnamed Weedman, still he has Weedman blood, as his grandmother was Nancy Susan Weedman. Ooooooh! I'm so proud. And then we went down to meet Cousin Nettie (Huff) Tucker Lohr, and her wonderful husband, Herb. Wonderful people!! As I say, we're planning to be there next summer, at Louisville, and God bless you all, I hope we'll see you all there, too. Write Gena Lee:

Mr. & Mrs. George Theiss
8417 Burlingame Rd.
Louisville, KY 40219

You'll all get to meet J.Ed Weedman, who will surely have some more to share with us from his store of memories and let's all bring photo albums and old letters, whatever we have to "show and tell". Also we must keep in mind that GenaLee will be putting the material together for the Weedman Genealogy. Not only are those who receive the Newsletter invited to take part in the gathering of information for the Weedman book, but tell other relatives about it, giving them Gene Lee's address. Also they, too, are welcome to come to the reunion. Let's get our plans made now. Okay?

While we were in California, the weather was coolish, except for 3 or 4 sunny days, it was mostly overcast. That didn't bother us as we were used to that here in Washington. We visited my sister, two brothers and sister-in-law. Also we visited son Eugene and wife, Yone and daughter Jeannie Montgomery of Sylmar, CA. (Forgot to tell you cousin Nettie & Herb Lohr live in San Diego.) We missed cousin Elizabeth Zinke, as they were on an extended vacation, also, and we just barely missed the earthquake at Coalinga. We had reservations to stay there, but Monty had a touch of dengue fever (sort of like Malaria) which he first contacted in the South Pacific in WW II. So we sort of cut our plans short and missed Coalinga and kept on going north. WHEW!!

A letter from Chestina says she's feeling better. Glad to hear it. She's planning on attending the Reunion next year. Her family are coming to visit her, and we'll tell you about that in Sept.

A new addition to DANIEL's line is little Melissa Marie Robertson, daughter of Charles and Betsi (Montgomery) Robertson. Betsi is a daughter of James Russell and Estelle Kay (Steele) Montgomery. Congratulations, Chuck and Betsi! They sent a picture with the announcement. Melissa is a cutie-pie! She was born at 11:50 a.m. May 16, 1983 at Cleveland, Ohio.

Just today a letter from Doris (Ackerman) Kizer brings us the news of an addition to NICHOLAS' line. She is Heidi Marie Ackerman, born 17 Jan. 1983 at Sidney Montana to Eldon and Tami Sue Ackerman - Christmann. Tami Sue is the daughter of Arthur and Janet Marian (Bedor) Ackerman. Congratulations to Eldon and Tami Sue.

I hope you'll all join us in lending our prayerful support to Miss Shannon Renee Weedman as she enters the contest for MISS INDIANA NATIONAL TEENAGER. This pageant will be held on June 25. Read all about it on page 6. We'll let you know in the September Newsletter if she wins, and we hope to have some more information from her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Weedman of Cannelton, Indiana. Time is close and we know Shannon Renee will surely be an excited girl when you read this.

A letter from Ed Weedman, Louisville, KY tells us that "Mary Marshel's peonies are in full bloom. " Now there must be a story behind that! Mary Marshel, you will recall, was the wife of CHRISTIAN WEEDMAN, JR. She and he were married in 1789, so you can see that the start of those lovely peonies was placed in Kentucky soil nearly 200 years ago!!! Ed, if you know a story to go with those peonies, will you tell it soon, or must we wait till we see you next summer at the Reunion in order to learn it!

He has shared another of his treasured memories with us, however, and this one involves the HUFF family, also, of whom several married Weedmans in Perry County, Indiana. This occurrence took place on or near the Benjamin Huff spread in Meade County, Ky.; bordering on Breckinridge County.

One evening, in the 1930's, Ed's Uncle Winfred Weedman and wife, Daisy had left the Weedman place and were walking up the hill to the usual Saturday night dance held at the barn of one of the Huff's who had a barn with a floor big enough for such an event. Daisy, walking behind, held the lantern, because if the one in front carried the light, those following up the hill from behind would be blinded by the light. Daisy narrates: "We were walking up the path when a copperhead struck at Winfred,

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Mary Ann Weedman Ackerman, dtr. of NICHOLAS Weedman & Elizabeth (Charley) Weedman. Taken 1870-75.



Green Weedman, (1834 - 1909) Son of WILLIAM and Rebecca (Haycraft) Weedman.



James Samuel and Barbara (Weedman) Higdon with their daughters Era and Gracie Higdon. Barbara was daughter of Willis Green & Cassa (Collard) Weedman, Sr., and granddaughter of JOHN Weedman. (taken 1899 or 1900)

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catching its fangs in his pants leg. Well, it seems he shook his leg and thrashed around for about five minutes before it finally came loose. It was just lucky that he wasn't bitten. Well I held the lantern over the snake while Winfred looked for a stick to kill it. He couldn't find anything but a switch, so he just stood there and beat that thing to death with that switch". Ed goes on to tell us "That country down there is beautiful and tranquil especially at night when the whip-poor-wills call, but, like Eden, it's snake infested" ! Thanks Ed for sharing some of your precious memories with us.

There will be no family picnic in Portland this year since it was decided to hold them every other year. Still waiting to hear from Reberta or Connie regarding Reberta's health. We hope you are fully recovered, Bert.

The Earl Weedmanor any of the families of Henry Linas Weedman's line who are in the area, usually have a picnic at Montevideo, Minn. (Did I spell that right?) This picnic - reunion is held at a park there. Usually of late, only Earl's family have been making it, but any of Henry Linas' descendants please take note. Now we know there are several of you who receive this Newsletter. If you are descended from Henry, please write to

Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Weedman
Box 7 Amiret, Minn. 56112.

Maybe Elmer and Donna have a phone, and if you are planning on being in that area, why not join your cousins at the reunion this year? There's a nice log cabin in the park , so rain doesn't stop the fun. This reunion has been going on for the past three summers. Please let us know of any more that take place this summer, and we'll write 'em up in the Sept. Newsletter. I'm sure if you're a Weedman, even though not descended from Henry, you'd still be welcome, so don't let that fact stop you. Drop Elmer & Donna a line.

After we got home from California, we took part in the Billy Graham Crusade here in Tacoma as counselors. I also sang in the choir. This Crusade will be on your TV the first week in Sept. if all goes as planned, so you all turn on and see if you can spot us in the crowd. In the choir, if it's shown, I'm the one dabbing at my eyes as we sing "Just As I Am". We were there every evening. After it was all over, I came down with the flu. All over that now, but the cough lingers on.

Hope I didn't leave anything out I intended to put in. Have a nice summer. I'm having some trouble with my eyes called macular degeneration. Thanks for your prayers.(M)

*Louie
Marianne
Paul & Rick*



Shannon Renee Weedman

Miss Weedman selected finalist

FRANKLIN, TENN. - Miss Shannon Renee Weedman, 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Weedman of Cannelton has been selected to be a finalist in the 1983 Miss Indiana National Teen-Ager pageant. The pageant will be held at Indiana Central University, Indianapolis, on June 25.

The announcement was made by Billie McLarty, state director of Franklin, Tenn.

The pageant is the official state final to the Miss National Teen-Ager pageant to be held at Ft. Myers, Fla., in August. There will be contestants from all over the state competing for the title of Miss Indiana National Teen-Ager.

Each contestant accepted will be requested to participate in the Volunteer Community Service Program of the National Teen-Ager pageant. This program teaches teenagers to share and to participate in school and civic affairs.

The winner of the Miss Indiana National Teen-Ager pageant will receive a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond, all all expense paid trip to compete in the Miss National Teen-Ager pageant at Ft. Myers; scholarship to Barbizon School, color portrait and other gifts.

Contestants will be judged on scholastic achievement-leadership, poise-personality and beauty. There is no swimsuit competition.

Miss Weedman is being sponsored by Tell City Coca Cola Bottling Co., Swiss Haus, Tell City National Bank, First-Cannelton National Bank and Patio Steak House.

She is a junior at Cannelton High School.

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December, 1983

Merry Christmas, Cousins!

Hope this Newsletter finds all of you enjoying this Holiday Season. Our wishes go to each of you for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

We want to make this a full Newsletter, so we are not putting a picture in this time. We have lots of news, some good and some bad, but we don't tell it to dishearten you, but to let you know how it is with some of the cousins, and remember to say a prayer where you think one would be appropriate.

First, however, turn to page 8, Sept. 1983 Newsletter, fourth paragraph down. On the first line I wrote "Enclosed is a newsclipping....." but no newsclipping was included in the Newsletter. This is my goof, for I was simply typing too fast, and reading Wiona Ruth's letter in which she sent me the newsclipping. So cross out "Enclosed is " and change the a to a capital A and after the word newsclipping write in "tells" where you can find space. Thanks, Nick for catching my error and letting us all know it wasn't there so that no one would think part of their newsletter was missing.

As I read over the Newsletter, I noticed some typing errors. I use an Ultra-sonic Smith Corona Typewriter, and it types so smoothly, I often get going faster than I realize, and I do make errors, so smile and read on. Correct me when they are dates or names that I need to be set right on. Thanks.

Got a nice letter from Cousin Reberta (Weedman) Dickenson. She also heard from an English cousin (?) whom we had heard from. Several of the Weedmans who receive the Newsletter have received his pedigree chart and accompanying letter, and several of us have written him, but received no reply. He was Frederick James Weedman. We studied his chart carefully, and as of now we can see no relationship to him. If any of you get a response from him, we'd like to know.

We received a warm letter from Christine Wickman, (JACOB's line) . She informs us that Jim is gaining strength and an appetite, though this is a slow process. Still we can be thankful it IS progress. We are also happy to report that after two days of hospitalization and rest Christine's Dr. tells her to "slow down!" An angina attack put her in the hospital. We are so happy to hear there was no lasting harm, and dear Christine, do take care of yourself. It's hard to slow down, though, when one has led an active life always, as Christine and Jim have. We wish them continued progress and more good news from the Dr.

Reberta ("Bert") also tells us that she's winning her fight to conquer the diabetes that has come on in the past year. Bert had been ill for some time as we reported in a recent Newsletter. Now she seems to have licked some of the problems, and tells us the diet is the roughest part but we know she'll get on to it. It is difficult to weigh and measure your food; eliminating this, and adding that, as the Dr. orders, but one can get used to it and really not even miss those "no-no's" after awhile, as I witnessed in a very good friend of mine. NOW she doesn't even want those things she used to crave, so take heart, Bert. You'll see that day, too.

We have several deaths in the family, and also some births. I'll begin with the deaths.

On Wednesday, Sept. 28, 1983, Mary Olive (Huff) Lanman passed away. She was 89 on June 30th. She died in Tell City, Indiana, where she leaves a son, Robert, two daughters, Mildred Holman, and Mrs. Roland (Helen) Lautner. Mary was the daughter of the late James and Nancy Susan (Weedman) Huff. Paul called her Aunt Ollie. She was the last of the children of James and Nancy (Weedman) Huff. Besides her children, she leaves many neices, nephews and grandchildren and great grandchildren to mourn her loss.

On Thursday, October 13, 1983, Mildred (Lanman) Holman lost her beloved husband, Lloyd J. Holman, age 50. He had suffered a heart attack at work at Martin-Marietta Aircraft Co., in Owensboro. He was born in Tell City, Ind., a son of Joseph and Mathilda (Greulich) Holman. He had served in Korea and Viet Nam and had retired from the US Marines. He had earned many service medals and honors. Survivors besides wife Mildred, are 1 daughter, Deborah Huff, four sons, Michael, Anthony, Timothy and Stephen Holman. Both Lloyd and Aunt Ollie (Mary Lanman) were buried in St Mary's Cemetary in Tell City. Services were held in St Paul's Catholic Church. Lloyd was given full military honors. DANIEL's line.

On October 21, 1983, Hazel Rhea (Higdon) Hall passed away in Louisville, KY. She was the daughter of Ronald Higdon, and grand daughter of James S. and Barbara Ellen (Weedman) Higdon. (JOHN's line.) She was 55. She left, beside her husband, 5 sons: Henry Nash, Gregory, Mark, David and Kenneth Hall. Burial was in Louisville.

On June 8, 1983, Emily (Jackson) Howard, age 90, passed away. She had been making her home with her son, Kenneth Howard, in Amandsville, LA. She died there, but was buried in Colorado Springs, Colo. next to her husband who had predeceased her in 1964. She was born in Perry County, Ind. May 15, 1933 to George Washington and Delia (Morris) Jackson. George W. was a son of Levi and Martha (Weedman) Jackson. (DANIEL's line). She was the mother of Edwin, Gerald, Walter Kenneth, and Dwight Grey Howard, and Evelyn (Howard) Mack, Two children died in infancy.

To all of the grieving loved ones we wish to convey our sympathy. It is quite a blow to Paul and I to learn of the first two deaths on this page, but our grief is no harder for us than that of the others. May God add His mercies to all at this time.

BORN

To George Archie and Rose (Patterson) Dickenson May 2, 1983, a daughter, Georgina Daneen Dickenson, weighing 5 lbs. 14 oz. born in Port Orchard, WA. Archie and Bert (Weedman) Dickenson are proud grandparents.

To Thomas D. and Isabel (Flores) Weedman, on Sept. 14, 1983, in Portland (?) Ore., a son, Robert Alexander Weedman. Grandparents are Roy Sylvester and Clara (Sowards) Weedman. (DANIEL's line for both babies).

Congratulations to the families of these darling newborns. They will be looking forward to the wonder of their first Christmas. They no doubt won't recall a thing about it, however. Babies love a tree with the bright balls and lights. Don't we all!!!!???

Reberta also informed us that the Bi-annual picnic-reunion of the WEEDMAN-JORDAN-LITTLE clan is to be the 29th of July this coming summer.....1984. However, if you are a branch of another WEEDMAN cousin, drop on by, and you will always be welcome. There will be more complete details later.

A nice letter from Elmer and Donna Weedman of Amiret, Minn. Remember, I mentioned in the last Newsletter that many of Henry Linas Weedman's descendents met in a park in Montevideo, Minn. Donna says it will be the last Sunday in June, and if there is any change, she'll let us know. That's 1984..... so mark it on your calendars, and let's see a crowd of Henry Linas' descendents there this next summer. Of course, as in the JORDAN LITTLE WEEDMAN reunion, so in this one....all WEEDMANS will be welcome, so if you're in the area, do drop by.

The National Weedman Reunion will be held at Louisville, KY the weekend of Aug. 3-5, 1984. On Friday evening, there'll be a get together to get acquainted. The banquet will be the following evening. Saturday will be spent in seeing the sights of Louisville, visiting the Library, doing family research, or whatever suits you, but be sure to be back at the meeting place for the banquet. There will be final details in the March Newsletter. Gena Lee will send me a sample menu, and more details as to price. Each one attending will be responsible to arrange for his/her own motel, but Gena Lee can suggest a few that are good, and easy to locate. Others of you will be staying at friends in Louisville or relatives.

Carmie Basham, son of Blumer and Teresa (Huff) Basham, and grandson of James and Nancy Susan (Weedman) Huff was running for Councilman in Tell City, Ind. back in October. We wonder if he made it. IF anyone knows, please let us know.

Ed Weedman of Louisville visited Mrs. Nell Mattingly of Jeffersonville, IN recently. She is a daughter of John Cabell Breckinridge Weedman -- Myram Weedman's John. Mrs. Mattingly introduced Ed to her neice, Miss Naomi Combs who lives next door to Mrs. Mattingly. Now Ed and the two descendents of Myram are exchanging photos and records. They are recalling shared memories of STEPHEN Weedman families. So soon we will be able to share with you all new information on Myram Weedman, son of STEPHEN. We hope to meet these good women at the reunion next year, in Louisville.

Early scouts explored and surveyed the land around Harrods Fort in early day Kentucky County, Virginia, now known as Mercer County, KY. There were a number of menacing Indian raids in the area where the first encampment was established, and among the men sent to quell the uprising and guard the new fort, Ed believes was one Christian Wittman. Also possibly a John Marshel. We have no documentary details of this incident, but Ed is researching it to find out if this Wittman was indeed our Christian WEEDMAN. In those days names were spelled any way the writer took a fancy, so the spelling doesn't bother us. The first families came to the fort about 1783-4, and even then the preparations mentioned above (1776-1777) were not fully enough to protect the fort from Indian raids. What if any, was our ancestor Christian Weedman's part in establishing the Fort? And did Mary Marshel's family move there among the very first settlers? Was her father's name John? We'll keep you up to date as this information is available.

We hear that postage is going up three cents more per stamp in 1984. This brings up a subject that I'd like to take up with you. Some of you have been sending contributions to keep the Newsletter going, and we appreciate this

very much. Others have sent information and contributing stories for use in the Newsletter, and we appreciate this also. Some have done neither, and yet want to continue to receive the Newsletter. We want to continue sending it to everyone on our constantly growing list. But it seems that now is the time to get practical about sharing the burden (not really a burden) but let's just say the expense. I am asking each one to send us 4 stamps. Any new ones after Jan. 1, will be asked to send 4 stamps and \$1.00 which will cover the cost of the Newsletter only, and no profit is anticipated nor expected in this labor of love, but as I say, if we want to add new people, we need to have more of us putting something into the "kitty". Since Nick and I correspond all the time, you can send these stamps to me, but Nick actually mails the Newsletter out. His address is:

H. N. Weedman 21522 Sitio Verano, El Toro, CA 92630

We know that many have been sending more than their share so that we could continue to operate in the "black" but we shouldn't expect them to do this always, when the truth is, there are many out there who have indeed intended to send stamps, but just never got around to it. And some have intended to send family information or search the attic, but never gotten around to that, either. Sure. I know how that goes.....it's the story of our busy world. So let's all make a New Years' Resolution about this.

I was reading film I'd ordered from Salt Lake City, on Fayette County, Pa. tax lists. Our Christian Weedman was in the tax lists till about 1799. The tax form was more or less like this:

<u>OCCUPANT</u>	<u>OUTHOUSE, SIZE OF DWELLING \$100 or LESS</u>	<u>DWELLING HOUSES</u>	<u>BARNs</u>	<u>ADJOINING PROPERTY</u>
Christian Weedman	1 20'x10'	2	1	Ephraim Walters

<u>ACRES</u>	<u>TAX</u>
302	\$2420.00

The tax seems a bit steep and I wonder if I got that right....or perhaps it really isn't that steep..... for all that he had. No, I guess it was fair.

Others listed in the tax lists were names very familiar to us, whose descendants went to Ohio and Illinois, and to Kentucky in the next century.

Samuel, James and David WILSON, Nicholas, George and Matthew RIFFLE, Esther BISHOP, William Hawkins, John Gilliland and several WALTERS.

A lovely Christmas letter came in the mail just now from Christine and Jim Wickman, Jim's progress is slow, but he's had no recurrence of past ill health, the children, Jim, Marjorie and Betty and their families are well. Jim took an early retirement from his professorship at Univ. of Washington, but is not letting the grass grow up under his feet. He's very active in his church, and other areas. (JACOB's line.)

Will close for now, wishing all a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Hope you'll all have some really good news to share, and hope we'll see a good many of you at the National Reunion. Watch for news about this in the next Newsletter.

Love

*Paul, Marianne,
& Nick & Family*