

Weedman Newsletter

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Dear Cousins,

Since this is the Spring edition, including last year's index, it will be a shortie, and so I'll get right down to the news. First however, I want to thank all of you who have written and those who have sent in a contribution to the expense of the work. Ed Weedman sent in extra \$\$ after having contributed not long ago, and with that money I ordered a years' subscription of KENTUCKY ANCESTORS. When placing the order, I included Weedman data and a query. Thanks to all who, sending extra, wanting others to have the benefit of it who perhaps had too many other expenses and could not contribute. You are all very kind, and a real family. Thanks for the stories, family data, and encouragement, too.

Several have asked where can they buy a copy of I HEAR THE TRAINS BLOW by Roy ("Lee") Weedman. I don't know if it is available in published form, however, write to: Roy Weedman, 2708 Barclay Drive, Nashville, TN 37206. He, and Ed Weedman, surely know how to write so that the rest of us can "see" their memories. Keep writing, fellas! In June, we'll have another gold nugget from Ed 's memory box, which will lighten our hearts and put a big smile on our lips.

NEWS!! - Susan Joyce Johnson, daughter of Bertil and Charlotte (Ackerman) Johnson - NICHOLAS" line - was married 1 Dec. 1984 to Dan Stepanic in Whitefish, Montana. Congratulations to the newly-weds. Doris Kizer, Reno, NV sent me this news and says that she is busy reading Licking Co., Ohio film, and also film of Jackson Co., Indiana. Doris is very active in genealogy, and June's Newsletter will have the results of her researches lately.

Ed Weedman's sister, Dorothy Louise (Weedman) Fisler passed away on February 11, 1985, after a lengthy illness. Dorothy was born Feb. 1, 1926 in Louisville, and had married Martin David Fisler 26 Aug. 1945 in Louisville. They were parents of Kathleen Louise Fisler who, with the husband, survives. William Deward and Belva (Weedman) Weedman are her parents. We offer our deep sympathy to Ed and the others in the family.

Ed's uncle, Roy Weedman of Payneville, KY, had been quite ill with pneumonia when last we heard from Ed. At 85, Roy had been doing quite well before being hit with this. We hope to hear from Ed soon to learn how Roy is. Roy's full name is Roy Henry Addison Weedman. There are so many Roy's in the family, I want to identify him fully. He's of STEPHEN's line; born in 1900 in Payneville. We wish him good health. Also, Ed tells us that son David Jeff and wife Betty (Mayfield) Weedman are awaiting the birth of another little "Weedie" (my pet name for him/her.) and by the time you get this, he/she will have been born. Ed's son Mike wife Barbara and children Cliff and Megan are at home in Bel Air, MD. They moved there since the reunion when a lot of us met them. Hope they come home often to visit.

And do any of you remember Edna Ruth (Conkle) Dovel? During the early years of the Weedman Newsletter, she was one of our staunch supporters, sending family data and recipes. Look in back indexes for her name. Well, she's no longer with us. She passed away in Yakima, WA 27 Feb. 1985. She was born 22 Dec. 1893 in Riverton, Fremont Co., Iowa. She married Earl I. Dovel 27 Dec. 1917 in Douglas, Nebraska. She was a daughter of Willard Conkle and Laura Jane (Ackerman) Conkle, of NICHOLAS WEEDMAN's line. Edna Ruth and Earl had the following children: Ruth, Ellis, Bryan, Phyllis and Lloyd Dovel. We extend sincere sympathy to her survivors.

We have new cousins to introduce to you this time. Dorothy Tiller, descendent of NICHOLAS, 1601 "F" # 6, Lincoln, NEB. 68508. Mollie Sue Clift, Rt. 2, Box 10, Newbern, TN 38059, descendant of WILLIAM, Mrs. James Nash, whose husband's second cousin is married to a John Weedman of Ohio Co. KY. She is an avid book reader, collector and genealogy-history buff, and has sent several excerpts from her collection of over 1,000 books!!! Her address: 318 W. 6th St., Marion, IN 46953. She is researching NASH, CUMMINGS, ANDERSON, TOMES and WILLIS, all in Kentucky. If any of you can help her on these names, write her at the above address. And say, Mrs. Nash, let us know your first name? And did you get my book list and letter recently? Then, we have Mrs. Lola (Splater) Vance. Lola lives just three blocks from me, and she's been seeking WEEDMAN data for 20 years. She and I never knew each other till Harry Raphael ("Ray") Weedman of Longview got us together. We've been exchanging data regularly. Yes, Ray, we are coming down to see you one of these days when the weather gets better. Lola Vance's parents were: William and Ida (Babb) Splater. She's descended from DANIEL's line through his daughter, Malinda who married Wm. Riddle, and their daughter married Wm. Splater. Her address is going to be changing this summer, so I won't confuse the issue by giving it here. Send any RIDDLE, SPLATER info. to me and I'll pass it on to her. As soon as she's settled in her new home in Eastern Washington, I'll pass along her address.

Jesse Weedman (JACOB's line) sent us the following good news: He's a grandpa again. Daughter Jane Weedman Walters had a son James Walters, born 6 May 1984. Sorry, Jess, we don't have Jane's hubby's first name. Can you fill us in? anyway, we congratulate the proud parents ----- 10 months later, but just about now he's getting into anything he can reach, as time marches on.

Ron Weedman, Rt. 4, Beaver Dam, KY 42320 asks "Does anyone have a picture of Willis Green Weedman, son of John and Polly Stone Weedman?" If so, can you get negatives, and have a picture made for Ron?

Lucille Jaeger, 11886 Barranca Rd., Camarillo, CA 93010 is descended from Christian Weedman Sr.'s daughter, Sarah, who married Andrew Walters. She will have their family group sheet for us soon, but if anyone has any data on Andrew Walters, mentioned in Christian's will, contact her (Nick and me, too!). I hate to quit now, but the index is 6 pages long this time. Maybe Nick can reduce it photographically, which won't be hard on the eyes since it's double spaced. Till next time....Let's hear from you.....

Lore, Paul, Marianne & Nick

Weedman Newsletter

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Hello, Cousins,

It's June again, and everyone's getting ready for a fun summer, I hope.

You uprobably were confused with the page numbering on the last index, attached to the March Newsletter. That's 'cause I got mixed up in numbering September's Newsletter. Monty put both the actual and the "should-be" page numbers down. This front page of the June Newsletter is actually Page 3, tho' I never put a page number on the front page due to the heading.

On May 4, 1985, Melissa Carol Weedman, daughter of Nick and Merrie Carol (Kendrick) Weedman was married to Christopher Michael Achtien at two o'clock p.m. at the Santiago De La Compostela Church in Lake Forest, California. The reception followed at the Sun and Sail Club in Lake Forest. Nick is Harry Nichols Weedman, of course. We offer congratulations to the happy pair. We know no more details, since this has been a very busy year for Nick and Merrie Carol, and yet, they have been answering as many of our letters as possible. Thanks, Nick.

Becky Middleton, Helen Tiller, Ed Weedman, and Molly Sue Clift have all sent family group sheets, which we hope to include in the Newsletter as space permits, but here I want to say Thanks so much!! And thanks to Doris Kizer for her additions to the NICHOLAS branch of Weedmans, and additional research efforts on our behalf.

Well folks, you have all heard from Ron, and please, don't put off making your reservations for the Lodge or the two nearby motels, whichever suits your needs and fancy most. We must have our reservations made and a deposit (if staying at the Lodge) in by July 15. If you are unable to keep your reservations, Ron has told you you can get a refund by writing the Lodge one week prior to reservation date. So send in your reservations. Even if you are not sure! Ron, Linda, and George & Gena Theiss got together and planned a fun weekend for us all. Now if any of you have misplaced your letter from Ron, telling the details, write me and I will keep you informed, and send you another letter like the one you mislaid. Or call Ron, (502) 274-3461. You can call in reservations at the Lodge and the Motel of your choice. NOW ==== for those of you who are descendents of one of Christians' brothers who DID NOT go to Kentucky, you come on anyway, & meet the rest of us. Please come. Christian's brothers, John, George & Jacob may have not lived in Grayson Co., but any descendent of Christian Sr. is as welcome as any who did live in KY. Lay this newsletter down now, and write and mail that check to either: ROUGH RIVER LODGE, Falls of Rough, KY 40119, ST CLAIR MOTEL, Falls of Rough, KY 40119 \$32.95 (double) per night. SARVER'S MOTEL Falls of Rough, KY 40119 \$32.95 double per night. The Lodge at the State park is \$49.95 per night. Only 1 night's cost has to be sent to reserve your room. You can xerox Ron's letter and the reservation form, and send it to Weedman kin who do not get the Newsletter. We want

nobody to be left out. Remember, there's no risk. If you find you CAN'T attend; something come up at the last minute, you can cancel and get a refund, but you have to get your money in VISA/MASTERCHARGE call in and give them your card number for a billing when your next Mastercharge/VISA comes in, OR send a check.

You don't have to get your registration in to Ron by that deadline, but of course, you'll want to send it and get that taken care of and off your mind as soon as possible without cramping your purse strings too much. I don't want to sound pushy, and rushing you, but golly, we had so much fun last time, and I want to see every one of you again, and some that were not able to make it last time. Monty and I have been to Falls of Rough State Park, and you wouldn't believe the beauty and restiveness in that area. The planned events sound great, too.

Some of you in the area may be driving to and from the Falls of Rough State Park each day. Some of you live close enough. If there are any who would like to offer bed and breakfast to others who live further away and who would prefer hospitality from a Weedman cousin rather than the Lodge or Motel, we want you to let us know and we'll try to match you up with a comfortable family. Let us know if children will be with you, ages etc. Let's take care of this right away and set our minds at ease over it, go on and enjoy the summer or whatever we have planned. There are 40 rooms in the Lodge, 15 2-bdr. cottages suitable for 5 (must be rented for at least 3 nights) 16 rooms in St Clair Motel, and 21 rooms in Sarver's Motel. (double beds (2) in each room. Camping at the Park - 50 spaces on a first come first serve basis. No reservation needed.

Dates are June 20,21,22 1986. Theme: Coming Home. We've sent our reservations in and hope to see you all there.

Ron's address: Ronald Weedman Rt. 4, Crestview Heights, Beaver Dam, KY 42320. Thanks, Ron, Linda, Gena and George and all others who are helping to make this a special occasion for all of us.

Heywood and Dede (Celeste Rebman) Weedman celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary on November 2, 1984. On November 3, a lovely party was held and kinfolk from as far away as New York were present. Heywood and DeDe, we wish you many more happy years together.

DEATHS: Walter Davison, son of Joseph Spilman Davison and wife, Mary Etta (Weedman) Davison (WILLIAM's line) passed away Feb. 3, 1985. He was born 20 Feb. 1901 in Perry Co., Indiana. Forrest (Davison) Miller, his sister, told us of his passing. He leaves, besides Forrest, a brother Joseph Fred, and sisters Hettie Ann Goffinet, and Jessie Bowman, and many neices and nephews, grandchildren and son David, I believe. We are not up-to-date on Walter's family, but we do wish all who knew and loved him our sincere sympathy at this time.

Elmer Jackson, grandson of Levi and Martha (Weedman) Jackson, and son of George Washington and Emma Delia (Morris) Jackson, died on January 3, 1984, at Beaumont, Calif. He was born at Lamar, Ind. and had married (1) Elizabeth Williams, and (2) Lucille _____, who survives him. Also surviving him are son Norman Jackson of San Bernardino, CA. and daughter Bonnie Burgess of John Day, OR., several grandchildren, 1 gr. grandchild, many neices and nephews. One neice is Chestina Stewart, who sent me this item. The widow, Lucille, let Chestina know, but as she herself has been ill, it was a while before Chestina got the news. We are sending our condolences to the family.

Ed Weedman sends the news of the passing of his Uncle Roy Weedman. This is Roy Henry Addison Weedman, who I told you had had pneumonia. Well he didn't make it, and we will all surely miss Roy, for it was hoped we could meet him before anything happened to him. We should never put off visiting those who we want to see for we know not what fate may await them (or us) if we put it off. Now Roy is gone. Bet before he died he had visits from his relatives near-by and went peacefully. He was a son of John Cabel Breckinridge and Sarah (Meador) Weedman, grandson of Addison and Louisa (Brown) Weedman, Addison being a son of STEPHEN. Roy was born 28 May 1900 and died 6 April 1985. He told Ed a story which you'll read on page 6. Please accept our heartfelt sympathy, Ed, and family. And Ed's lovely wife Hazel (Haddaway) Weedman has just lost a sister Thelma Johnson, of Sacramento, Ca. We grieve with you, Hazel. She died 10 March, 1985. Ed has lost a sister, sister-in-law and an uncle in the first 4 months of 1985, and since things happen in 3's, we're hoping they will have had their share of sorrow for this year. But along with the death notices, Ed sends this:

Jennifer Ann Weedman born 24 Feb. 1985 to David Jeffery and Betty Jo (Mayfield) Weedman.

David Christopher Smith born 8 Feb. 1984 to Bobby Clyde and Sheryl Ann (Cash) Smith.

Thomas Alex Johnson born 25 May 1984 to Daniel D. and Amy Marie (Cash) Johnson. All descendents of STEPHEN Weedman, of course. Congratulations to the proud parents, grandparents and families.

Wiona Ruth (Weedman) Bretherick is recuperating nicely from gallbladder surgery. We are so happy to know that surgery is behind her now. Those attacks of gallbladder are no picnic. I held out for 6+ years before I had my surgery, but if I'd known how much better I'd feel afterwards, I'd have had it done right away.

Error in the September Newsletter. The plaque was presented by Clifford Michael and Crystal Dawn Weedman, cousins, not Cliff and Megan, as stated. I was so excited I goofed on this. So please note. Crystal Dawn is a daughter of Bill and Janice Weedman, and Cliff is son of Bill's brother Mike, and Barb Weedman. Does anyone have a picture of them presenting to us the plaque? Ed would like a copy if you have one. Ed's address: 1408 Delmar Lane, Louisville, KY 40216.

We'll bring our notebooks and Weedman scrapbook / photo album, too, next year. I hope we can have a xerox machine somewhere nearby because many of you would like to borrow some family group sheets from the notebooks we will bring, and xerox those which pertain to your family. Now if anyone near-by has a portable xerox machine, perhaps we could arrange to set a time for doing this. I need to hear from those of you who might have one available, or who could beg or borrow one for the week-end. We'll need paper, and we can reimburse you for a ream or so.

Becky Middleton may have all three volumes of Breckinridge Co. records. She has volume 2, and from it she extracted:

James H. Fraize, 19, farmer married Mary Palestine Weedman 19. They were married Oct 28, 1875, in Breckinridge Co., KY.

Thanks, Becky. Becky sent much information on Smiths, Fuqua's Weedmans and allied lines. Hope to get it all in future Newsletters, but I have it in the notebooks we will be bringing with us at the next reunion.

Speaking of Roy Weedmans.....and there are quite a few..... we are wondering about Roy Weedman from Charlotte, North Carolina. How are you doing, Roy? We'd like to hear from you now and then, and Jimfrom Bellvue, Neb. how are things going for you? Any Weedman news to report? Ward Weedman.... Champaign, IL..... why so silent? Some of the rest of you who haven't written for awhile. When we see your name on the mailing list, we think of you and wish you the best, and would like to know things are going okay for you.

Oh, by the way, Becky Middleton told us that on Mary Palestine's marriage bond Harvey M. Robbins signed for her, as both her parents were deceased and she had been living in the home of the Robbins family for the past two years, and considered him her "protector". Anybody know if Mr. Robbins was kin to us? Becky's address, by the way is Rebecca Middleton, R.R. # 1, Box 108-B, Grandview, IN 47615. Shirley Weedman, Cloverport, how about getting together with Becky as you two seem to be working on some of the same lines. (Mrs. Jeff Weedman, Star Rt. 1, Box 293, Cloverport, KY 40111.

A daughter, Dawn Embry was born to Jerry F. and Linda Sue (Green) Embry on Sept. 1, 1984. She is the granddaughter of Fred and Stella (Smith) Embry and great granddaughter of Sarah Veronica (Weedman) and William Marshall Smith. Sarah Veronica is from JOHN's line. Becky sent Sarah Veronica's children's family group sheets, and a picture of Sarah and William, which is a bit fuzzy but will see if it will xerox okay, and put it along with their line in a future newsletter.

Ed got more groupsheets to us. He sent us Roy's line (Roy who just passed away in April). Ed says the credit goes to Roy's great granddaughter, Lisa Fisher, age 16, who gathered the information for us. Thanks a lot, Lisa. He xeroxed a picture of Lisa with two of her English angorra rabbits. she's a beauty, and the rabbits are pretty cute, too.

Ed relates the following story, told by Roy to him, and he has called it

GREAT AUNT BETTY - CIVIL WAR SPY

"Aunt Betty used to tell me what she did during the Civil War. (She was seven years old at the time). When her father, Addison, was plowing in the cornfield, they used to send her up the road, away from the noise of the house to listen for the Federal Patrols that often came around looking for recruits for the Yankee Army. In the quietness of the country you could hear the jangling of the spurs and bridles a long way off.

When she heard a Patrol coming, she would run back to the house and tell her mother, Louisa, who would take her and run to the cornfield. Louisa would then help her husband, Addison, hide the mule and plow off into the woods, or she would take over the plowing herself, and Addison hid himself until the Federals had stopped searching and had gone on their way.

Addison wasn't about to let the Federals catch him and put him in the Union Army what with his other 6 brothers being already in the Confederate Army."

comments Ed: "To my knowledge there were only two brothers in the Confederate Army; Myram and Daniel." If there were others, Ed would like to hear about them. The other five brothers were either neutral or pro-south,"despite stories I heard in my youth about "Seven sons of Stephen; six for the Confederacy and one for the Union. " (This was always followed by deep chuckles by my elders, John C.B., Thomas P., and William D. Weedman. " Ed says there is supposed to be some kind of joke about that, but he has never been able to fathom.

Maybe Wiona Ruth has heard about this.

Nick has been such a wonderful support for us in the past, and still is, as many of you can vouch for, since he's sent out so much of his research work on the family. Sharon Bryden is a "Nick Weedman" fan as she thanks us for the Pamphlet Nick sent her on the WEEDMANS FROM PA. TO KY. I don't know if we could have continued the Newsletter this long if it weren't for Nick.

And that brings us to another subject; the Weedman History. Gena Lee Theiss is busy doing the various branches of the Weedman family. So far she has done the Elizabeth (Weedman) Stone branch, the John & Polly (Stone) Weedman (and Elizabeth Probus, too, of course) branch, Daniel & Nancy (Spurrier) Weedman branch she has them drafted, and we are gradually going through the proof texts she has sent us on Elizabeth Weedman's line and John Weedman's line. We will then send this material on to Nick, and then it'll get back to Gena Lee. Now we are trying to be as accurate as possible, and I don't think we'll have it ready for next reunion, and we don't want to rush this so maybe next year, Paul and I will have a "booth" or table where we will go over with anyone who may have changes or new information on their lines, and we'll make notes on each line when errors are called to our attention. No family genealogy book I know of is free from errors, and we probably will have some, but Gena Lee is determined to have as few as possible, and she's giving most of her spare time to the book.

Sharon Bryden sent "Miram" Weedman's Civil War service index information and Nick has sent for the papers, so we will share this with you when it is compiled. Thanks, Sharon.....and Nick.

Doris Kizer, descendent of NICHOLAS, (son of John, brother of Christian, Jr. has found the estate settlement papers for Nicholas' son, John Weedman. IT seems that John Weedman died about 1845-6 and in 1847, Silas Kelly, Administrator in behalf of Nicholas and Adeline Weedman, and James Fislar, their guardian petitions to sell some real estate belonging to the late John Weedman. It appears that Silas Kelly feels he has to sell the real estate and that he is getting no response or encouragement from the said Nicholas and Adelaide or their guardian, James Fislar. Even in 1858 it's still going on, but by this time there are creditors who no doubt need to be paid. The value has been established, and Mary Ann and Elizabeth Weedman, sisters of John, deceased, bought some of the land. I wanted to say by showing this, that you can find so much in court records and when you run up against a stone wall, consider court records, and land records. Census records and the film and microfiche that the Mormons have done, are excellent sources of information. Right now the Mormons are filming in mid-Illinois and will finish the state by mid 1986. The sun never sets on a still Mormon camera crew. So visit your nearest LDS library and see what you can learn on their IGI fiche for your family.

Helen Gregg sent us a lovely black and white family portrait fo the Basinger Cassidy clan. John Harmon Basinger married Mary Elizabeth Baysinger in 1877. His folks were William Basinger/Baysingerit's been spelled both ways.... and Elizabeth Cassidy. Somehow, Mary Elizabeth didn't get into the picture, but it's a lovely representation of the Baysingers, of which Paul is a descendant also, (Margaret Baysinger married George Weedman). Thanks so much, Helen. We hope Helen and Bill Gregg will be at the reunion next year. You'll all enjoy them.

Our own daughter, Phyllis (Montgomery) Bunton is planning to join us for the Home coming next year at Falls of Rough State Park. She's really excited about it. I'm trying to get the whole family to be there.

Ron Weedman found something that really excites me, and I hope it does you. Bill Weedman has been in Germany, and while there learned that there is a coat of arms for Freiherren von Widmann. Freiherren is the same as Barons, so in English it's Barons von Widmann. This family was originally from the Palatinate-Neuberg. These arms are worn by the Widmann-Rezzonicos from Villach in corinthia. The Augustan Society, Inc. Research Dept. - Library, PO Box P, Torrance, CA 90507-0210 will for \$15.00 research any name. The Augustan Society is reputable, and have experience in coats of arms and armorial genealogy. I think they would be the ones to do some research for us, and \$15.00 isn't a bad price for a complete search of their sources on this surname. If anyone will volunteer to undertake this project, I will send him/her the application from the Society for the search. REad it over, and then if after you've read it you should change your mind, send it on to soemone else you might think will do it. It's only \$15.00 as I say, but I'm confessing here that our outlay this time of year is limited, and I'm not at present a candidate for this project.

Helen Gregg has sent some info on the CASSIDY line, so any of you who have an Indiana Cassidy (Perry Co. or environs) let me know.

Monty and I are returning to Ireland June 26- July 29, so direct your inquiries regarding the reunion to Ron Weedman, as July 15 will be coming up before we get back. The Post Office will hold our mail, so we'll get it when we return, but it'll be awhile till we answer you, so please be patient with me. Anything you need to know before June 26, get it to me NOW. Or whoever wants to send off for the WIDMAN surname search. I'll get the form out to you. If more than one of you responds, I'll assign the Widman name to one of you and WEEDMAN to the next one. Here is our (??) coat of arms (possibly??) Since Christian spelled his name Widman and it has been spelled that way in Walters data and on some records, we should try that first. But Weedman should not be neglected just to see what we can learn. And Molly Sue, please give our grateful thanks to Annie Sue for doing up those family group sheets for us.

Now you all have a fun summer, and give yourself a treat....you've a year to get ready for our 1986 Family Reunion. Let Ron hear from you. I haven't sent him my Registration Form yet, but I plan to. Trying to see how many of the children will be planning to attend.

We'll sign off now till September, Take care and may God bless each one of you as you enjoy His creation this summer.

Love to all,

*Monty, Marianne
& Nick*



Frieherren von Widmann Arms

Weedman Newsletter

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Dear Cousins,

I hope I can get this off in September, as it should be. It's liable to be a bit late due to a fractured elbow, sprained "joint" and daily physical therapy sessions to get it back to normal. So I grab a pain pill and begin.

Hope you all had a nice summer, and that you got your reservations in to the motel, lodge, or relative of your choice in preparation for the Homecoming Reunion next June 20-22, 1986. And send your registration form in to Ron. Let Nick or I know if you need a second form. Or call Ron at (502)274-3461. He'll send one or more out to you.

Monty and I had a wonderful trip to Ireland, and visited our cousins there, plus did some sight seeing, as well.

How do you like our new heading? And do you see something at the bottom of the page that looks different? Nick did the art work and secured for us an International Serials Standard Number (ISSN) which will facilitate library filing, and will also come in handy when we file for second-class postage rates if we should go that way at some later date.

On the back of this newsletter is an idea drawn up and presented for us by Nick as to forming a Weedman Family Association. Read it over and let Nick know your feelings about it. We could set it up at the next homecoming reunion (1986). Read it over carefully, noting its pro's and any 'cons' you may find and let us know. This is just in the suggestion stage now, and can be added to, changed, or deleted from in any way. We're counting on hearing from you on this matter.

The names Christopher/Christoph/Christian in German seem to be interchangeable, from all we can learn about this at the present. This (these) name(s) were very common for boys in Germany and Holland, and no doubt there could have been more than one, but we want to share with you this excerpt from a German book in the collection of the Augustan Society, Inc., of Torrance, California. Nick sent for the Widman data (see page 8, June 1985 Newsletter). Can anyone out there translate German? If so let us hear from you as to the meaning of the information given on the family Widmann you find on the next to last page of this newsletter. If we get this translated, another sheet will be sent to the one who obliges us, and I'll submit the English translation of it in the December Newsletter.

On page 7, June's Newsletter, please change the wording on last paragraph, 2nd line, to read "Mary Elizabeth Weedman". Turn to page 8 and correct the mistyped spelling of our daughter's last name to Bunton. Thanks.

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Gena Lee Theiss is still working away on the book, and I'm sending out a plea for one and all to send her your stories and recipes of Weedman family origin. Ed Weedman has been doing us all proud by his efforts, and we've one or two from others, so come on and share those great stories and recipes. Anything we can print in the book will make it good reading and not just names and dates. We need everybody's co-operation to make the book a treasure we will all want to pass down from generation to generation. Send your stories, recipes or poems, pictures or whatever to:
Gena Lee Theiss, 8417 Burlingame Rd., Louisville, KY 40219.

There were a couple of reunions this summer, and possibly more, so please let us know each year in time for the June or the Sept. Newsletter. There was one at the old homeplace (JOHN) near Leitchfield, KY. out in Grayson County at Sherman and Dorthene's home. Ron, Mereda and Jewel Wright were there and others. We'd like to hear about it.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Joseph Fred Davison, brother of Forrest (Davison) Miller whom you all know through the Newsletter. He was a son of Joseph Spilman Davison and Mary Etta (Weedman) Davison of Perry county, Ind. Joseph Fred was born March 7, 1897 in Perry County, and died there 26 July 1985. He is buried at German Ridge Cemetery after services at Huber Chapel nearby. He had been the husband of the late Evelyn Kenarium. He leaves three sisters: Forrest, Hattie and Jessie. Our sympathy goes out to the family. It is always sad to lose a loved one, even if we know he/she is in a better land and at peace. We know he will be missed. He was from WILLIAM's line.

Thank you George Weedman of Rapid City, for your letter to Nick and generous contribution. We are awfully sorry to learn of your recent heart attack, but glad you are recovering well. Like you, George, Monty has to walk every day. I go with him, and find the benefits of walking are: burning calories, improving circulation, and more energy.... to name three.

Welcome Betty (Weedman) Luevand, to the "clan"!! Betty is from JOHN's line, and lives in Azusa, CA. It'd be nice to meet her at the Homecoming next year. Let's see who travels the farthest.

We are trying to get the data in the pamphlets you all received several years ago updated, and added to and corrected. Please look over yours and let us know of any changes. Also, we have a Weedman list of many Weedmans all over USA whom we are about to contact and ask for input.

Ira Gordon Weedman, Betty's father, (JOHN's line) is recovering from heart problems. Ira, you're such a nice cousin, please take care now, and do as George and Monty do: walk.... that is.... if the Doctor orders it, as he has for Monty and George.

If any of you know of other WEEDMANS whose surname is other than Weedman, please drop them a line, inviting their input into the Weedman bank of information. Let them know there is to be a book (or books) written on our wonderful family, and we'd like to include them.

Sorry, all you who have written to me lately, and received no answer. My elbow has been very painful, and I've done as little writing as I need to. Lucky for me they said they wouldn't put it in a cast, as I had waited too long before coming in for treatment. (I'd hoped it would just heal with no treatment.) I'll answer you all as soon as I can get to it.

This summer Gena Lee and George Theiss had a nice vacation to New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. They visited relatives of George, and libraries and just enjoyed their time up North. I think anyone who travel's that area is brave, because the traffic is terriffic!! But George is an excellent driver, and I doubt if he had any problems with the traffic. When they got home, they had a short time with daughter, Martha Cadarett and daughters, Amanda and Sarah, before they left for Reidsville, North Carolina to see Wayne, Martha and the girls. Wayne has been transferred to Reidsville, and they sold their Louisville home and bought a nice one at Reidsville. Don't ask me where Reidsville is; I can't find it on my North Carolina map.

We had started two years ago, to recap STEPHEN's line. We're continuing that now. This information was furnished to Nick by Lyle G. Weedman, descendent of Myram Weedman, son of STEPHEN.

James Taylor Weedman, born May, 1883 Kentucky.
married Emma Lee McCoy, born 1885 in Breckinridge Co., Ky.

Children:

Bella	b. 1907	
Harold Evans	1911	
Emmaree	17 Aug. 1914	
Robert Lee	19 Oct. 1918	d. 29 Sept. 1984 Midland, TX.
James Franklin	20 Dec. 1921	d. Corpus Christi, TX
Omar Earl	2 Feb. 1924	d. 5 Sep. 1942 B'rdge Co. KY
		m. Hettie Irene Sash
Lyle Griffin	10 Feb. 1927	

All were born in Breckinridge Co., KY. See Dec. 1984 p. 12 Newsletter.

John Cabell Breckinridge Weedman (son of Myram) b. 1869 Breckinridge County, KY married Highland Victoria Rollins born in Sample, KY, daughter of Harvey M. Rollins. Children:

Fannie Wright	30 May 1893	m. Earl Combs 2 Nov. 1914
William Milner	21 Aug. 1898	m. Elizabeth F. McGee 19 Sep 1919
Edgar L.	1900	d. 3 Jan. 1958
Vera	15 Dec. 1901	m. Curtis Markham
		d. 10 Aug. 1981, Tell City, Ind.
Beco	1907	
Nellie	6 May 1911	m. <u> </u> Mattingly

Joseph H. Weedman, son of Myram and Lydia (Morgan) Weedman, born October 1872 married Lulu born October 1874. Children:

Hattie A.	Dec. 1895
Zelma C.	Aug. 1896
Irene	1899

possibly more children born to Joseph and Lulu.

All the children of Joseph and John C.B. Weedman were born in Breckinridge Co. KY This information (on Joseph) was taken from the 1900 Census. Can some of Myram's descendents out there help us? Let's fill in the blanks.

Sharon Bryden sent me a picture (two) of a class at Millwood High and one of Wilson School, both in Grayson County. This will bring back memories for many of you. You knew these young people, and some are our kin. As we continue on with the Photo Gallery feature of the Newsletter, remember, that these, and many more will be in our WEEDMAN FAMILY ALBUM which goes with us to each and every reunion. Got a lovely picture of Gena and George's grandchildren in the mail. Amy Turner and sister, April Wright, Amanda and Sarah Cadarette.

Doris Kizer informs us that her uncle, Elmer Allen Ackerman, b. 4 Nov. 1894 passed away 8 May 1985. He was buried at Hillcrest Cemetery, Wright Co., Missouri. He was a son of Albert Ackerman, and grandson of David and Mary Ann (Weedman) Ackerman. We extend our condolences to the survivors. Thank God for a long and fruitful life. Elmer was of NICHOLAS' line.

It was nice hearing from Chestina Stewart again. She's recovered nicely from her serious surgery of 1984 and plans to attend the next reunion. She'll be 74 in October, and we wish her a happy birthday. She sent me the obituary of David Henry Weedman, 72, formerly of Cannelton, died at St Anthony Hospital, Louisville, of an apparent heart attack. He was the son of Herbert and Betty (Smith) Weedman, born March 13, 1913 in Kentucky. James and Mose Weedman, brothers, preceded him in death. His wife, Melvina survives him, and a son, Melvin, a daughter, Jean Litherland all of Louisville, four sisters survive: Halley Fuquay, Tell City, and Almira, Frankie and Ressie Smith all of Louisville. Burial was at Evergreen Cemetery of Louisville.

I believe Frankie may have been single, named Weedman, but the obituary doesn't make this clear. They are of JOHN's line. Becky can correct me if I'm wrong about Frankie.

Helen Gregg informs us that her son-in-law and daughter, Dennis C and Nancy Ellen (Gregg) Mathias have moved to Charlotte, North Carolina. Look up Roy Weedman, Nancy and Dennis. Now if we knew where REIDSVILLE was, we could say North Carolina is getting populated with enough Weedman kin to have a mini-reunion. Dennis and Nancy's daughter, Laura L. Mathias will be attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Got a nice letter from Ed Weedman. Going to answer all these nice letters as soon as I can get to them. Got a big backlog since our Ireland trip. It was there, don't ya' know, that I sprained my ankle and did a number on my elbow. I didn't tell anyone about my elbow, but now I wish I had. They (my cousins) saw my swollen black and blue ankle, and insisted on taking me to a lady who "had a charm for curing sprains". I didn't have much faith, but at that point, I decided to take a chance. Cousin Billy took me to her house and she sat me down on a little stool. She sat on another. She rubbed my ankle, saying with confidence "You're all right now". I was scared to test it, but SHE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH!! So help me Hannah, there was no pain when I stepped on that foot!!! I feel foolish telling this, but it's the truth. And when one of the "charmners" heals you, you are not to thank him or her. You give God your thanks, Billy said.



Down memory lane at Millwood High

FIRST HIGH SCHOOL class at Millwood. Back row- Curt Renfro, principal; Rhea Nugent, Gus Davis, Vertie Weedman, Effie Crawford, Roy Tabb, Emily Crawford. Second row- Josie Green, Beckom Stewart, Magaleen Kinser, Ulva Wilson, Stephen Wilson, Ruby Skeeters. Front row- Zella Layman, Wilbur Kerr, Thelma Campbell, Etta Kerr, Alton Weedman and Nova Wilson. Submitted by Wilbur Duvall. Picture was made in 1922.



Down Memory Lane at Wilson School

ATTENDING WILSON SCHOOL in 1914 were Floyd Wilson, Billy Sirles, Elbert Likins, Theodore Preston, Ray Woosley, Roy Preston, Lina Anderson, Rebecca Preston, Edna Minton, Herbert Minton, Robert Woosley, Carl Preston, Farmer Woosley, Guffy Woosley, Ray Evans, Mary Anderson, Phoebe Sirles, Ruth Likins, Hobert Preston, Robert Wilson, Ada Mae Woosley, Marie Woosley, Alta Mudd, Fannie Minton, Nannie Preston, Sudie Anderson, Oba Woosley, Gran Woosley, Dee Minton, Lillie Preston, Alta Sirles, Clyde Whobrey, Pearl Woosley, Allen Sirles, Crit Woosley, Warren Wilson, George Wilson, Lannie Woosley, Willie Anderson, Bent Sirles and Ralph Evans. The picture is from Gazette files and was submitted by Mrs. Lillian Collins in 1968. W. O. Preston was the teacher.

DOROTHY MARIE TILLER is the subject of our "get acquainted" sketch this month. Born in Pawnee City, Nebraska, she is the daughter of Herbert Ray and Eva Lena (Dickinson) Tiller. Until 1981 she taught school (a total of 44 years. Twenty-six of these years were in Lincoln, Nebraska. Dorothy has traveled in the East, South, West and Northwest of the US and on two occasions, she met with Doris Kizer, also from NICHOLAS' line. Her great grandparents were David Ackerman and Mary Ann (Weedman) Ackerman. Like Monty and I, she liked Doris instantly. Now Dorothy has been bitten by the genealogy bug, and spends lots of time tracing her roots and reading. She finds she's of Irish and German descent.....Dutch, too, of course. She's also active in church groups, sorority and retired teacher groups. Dorothy has found, as do all who are retired, that there isn't enough time for all she'd like to do. She goes back to Pawnee City to visit her mother and renew old acquaintances there. Dorothy now lives in Lincoln, Neb.



DOROTHY MARIE TILLER

We heard from Christine Wickman recently. She and Jim are in an apartment in Sequim, having sold their home. Jim has not been well, and please remember Jim Wickman in prayer. Their new address is: # 38 Sunnyside Village, 300 South Sunnyside, Sequim, WA. 98382, Time was when Christine was at the Seattle Library doing her family tree. She has given us much help on JACOB Weedman's line. We are all ahppy to hear from Christine, and hope we'll hear from you again, Christine, when you are able to find time and in the mood to write.

In 1985, if we can get the 4 sheets to you for one stamp, we'll continue to bring some of STEPHEN's line, old photos, and Get Acquainted sketches. We've a big load for 1986, and will try to keep the 4 sheets going to you to bring you other lines we know you will want to see. Coming up..... Becky Middleton's line (JOHN), Dorothy Tiller's (NICHOLAS), Molly Sue Clift's (WILLIAM) and Andrew Walters & SARAH WEEDMAN's line..... (what we know of it). Sarah, you may recall, was a sister of Christian, Jr. and Jacob, John, and George Weedman, who's lines you have in former Newsletters.

Keep the news coming in. Let's all do our homework now to get the stories, etc. for the book. We want to get as much lined up now as possible, so that we can show you what we are working on by the time of the Homecoming. It's going to be upon us before we know it. Time marches on.

I may have more new cousins to present to you by December. We'll be sending out a lot of letters and Weedman Questionnaires.

*Love to all - Monty, Marianne
Nick,*

WEEDMAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION

It is proposed that a formal WEEDMAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION (WFA) be formed. This will provide more structure and direction to efforts aimed at the collection and dissemination of family information as well as tie various branches of current family members together.

Benefits of belonging to the WEEDMAN FAMILY ASSOCIATION are:

- Weedman Newsletter. Members would receive this quarterly publication.

- on going genealogical and historical research. Provides direction for research and helps to fund professional or outside services when required. Examples are requests for research in areas of interest (Ohio, Pennsylvania, etc.) and efforts to determine if a valid coat of arms exists for the family.

- depository/central collection point for family information. Family group sheets, booklets on various family branches, documents such as military and pension records, and the Weedman Index would be formally maintained. These would be available for sharing with other members of the WFA on request.

- family reunions/gatherings. The WFA would sponsor, perhaps subsidize, and publicize various family reunions and gatherings. Example would be to aid in publicizing the 1986 Family Reunion in Kentucky. Others, such as those held in the Pacific Northwest, would be publicized through the Newsletter and mailings.

- family address list. A centralized mailing list of members as well as others with the Weedman surname as well as allied lines would be maintained. Mailing lists and labels would be made available to members of WFA.

- book publication support. The WFA would provide information gathering and possibly financial support for the proposed book or books on the Weedman family

If there is interest in formalizing an Association, this could be accomplished at the Coming Home gathering in 1986. By laws could be adapted, officers elected (President, Vice President, Family Representatives, and Board of Directors comprising of one member from line of George, Jacob, John I (Nicholas), Stephen, Daniel, and William) and other organizational matters would be handled.

Donations would be used in lieu of dues to protect those who are not financially able to contribute annually. Donations of \$5-10 per year would be suggested.

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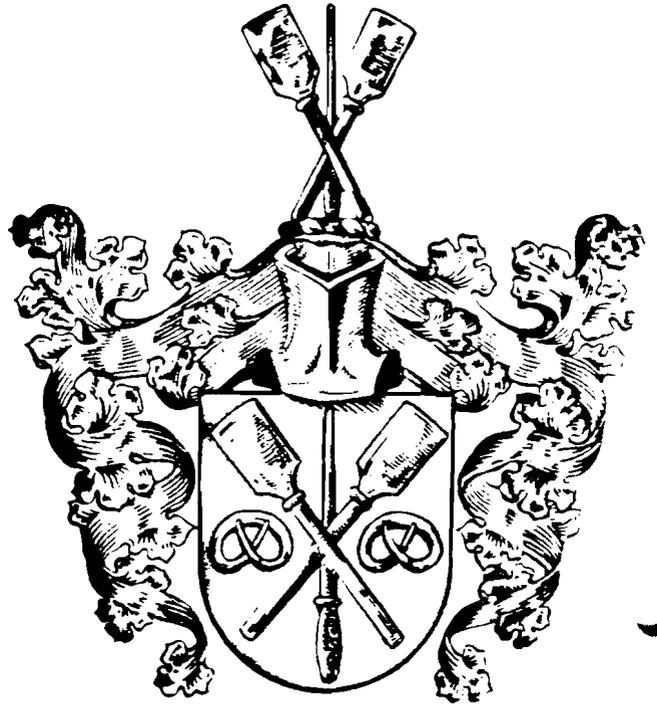
Isaac I	* Mönchsheim	ca. 1590	Schultheiß und bad. Stiftschaffner
Isaac II	* Mönchsheim	5. 5. 1625	Bauer
Isaac III	* Mönchsheim	20. 9. 1652	Bäcker und Gerichtsverwandter
Johann Andreas	* Mönchsheim	12. 12. 1679	Bürger, Bäcker und Gerichtsverwandter
Jacob Friedrich	* Heimsheim	30. 11. 1708	Bürger und Hafner
Zacharias	* Mönchsheim	21. 8. 1733	Bürger und Hafner
Johann	* Mönchsheim	17. 1. 1771	Bauer
Johann	* Mönchsheim	13. 4. 1812	Weber
Johann	* Mönchsheim	21. 7. 1841	Weber
Christoph	* Mönchsheim	22. 4. 1883	Fabrikant

Als der Wappentifter, Fabrikant Christoph Widmann, als Opfer jenes so überaus grausamen Fliegerangriffs auf Pforzheim am 25. 2. 1945 die Augen für immer schloß, hinterließ er zwei Töchter, Grete und Ruth Widmann, beide in Pforzheim geboren. Mit ihm starb seine Familie in der männlichen Nachfolge aus, ein Geschlecht, das sich in ununterbrochener Reihenfolge bis über den 30jährigen Krieg hinweg zurückverfolgen läßt, und dessen Abhänger der Schultheiß und badische Stiftschaffner Isaac Widmann ist.

Bauern, Bäcker, Hafner und Weber — viel gesundes Handwerkerblut — haben der Familie durch 350 Jahre das Gepräge gegeben. Schon die ältesten nachweisbaren Ahnen saßen im Gericht und Rat ihrer kleinen Heimatgemeinde unweit der badisch-württembergischen Grenze und gehörten hier zu den angesehensten Bürgern ihres Dorfes.

Der Sprung vom Elternhaus nach dem nahen Pforzheim war kein großer, und doch bedeutete er für Christoph Widmann, der nur unter ländlichen Einflüssen aufgewachsen war, den großen Sprung in die weite Welt, die sich ihm in der Goldstadt mit ihren weltweiten Beziehungen offenbarte. Nichts lag für ihn daher näher als die Gründung eines eigenen Unternehmens, das er schon im Jahre 1919 unter der Firma Christoph Widmann, Silberwarenfabrik und Schmuckwarengroßhandlung ins Leben rief, deren Spezialität die Herstellung von Silberwaren in antiker Art sowie Wappenstein ist. Die nach der Zerstörung der Stadt wiederaufgebaute Firma wird heute unter der Leitung des Schwagerlehns, Fabrikant Alois Reichreiter und dessen Ehefrau Grete geb. Widmann, Pforzheim-Christoph-Allee 16, als DSG auf bedeutend verbreedeter Basis fortgeführt.

Wappenarchiv Dechtermann, Nr. 3531/42



Wappen: In Blau ein schrägweis gestellter goldener Armsitz, der von zwei goldenen Backen aufeln deren Stiele nach unten gekehrt sind, besetzt von zwei gekrümmten, goldenen Pressen. Auf dem Stuchhelm mit blau-goldener Decke und blau-goldener Wulst der goldene Armsitz und die Schaufeln des Schildes.

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Dear Cousins,

Here we are again at another Christmas Season. Our wishes for each of you are for your very best holiday season ever. May 1986 bring you all the happiness that you are seeking and working for. May all who want and need jobs in 1986 have this wish fulfilled, also.

Steven Bunton, son of Bobby and Phyllis (Montgomery) Bunton, DANIEL's line, obtained a divorce from Kyung Cha Li, his Korean bride who refused to leave her native Korea and who retains custody of little Christina Bunton. He married (2) Candace Renee Van Turner, 13 July 1985. They became parents of a son, Jonathan Chase Bunton on 17 October of this year. They make their home in Columbus, Mississippi. Congratulations to the parents, proud grandparents, and great-grandparents.

Rodney Fleisher, son of James Terry and Charlene (Beauford-Kizer) Fleisher, was married 29 October 1985 in Reno, Nevada, to Marcia Libby. (NICHOLAS' line). Congratulations, Marcia and Rod. May your future be rosy, and your dreams all come true.

It was nice hearing from Doris, and want to pass on her new address. (She's Rodney's grandmom, of course) and she and Al have just moved to 659 Patriot, Apt. 35, Reno, NV 89511. Doris is Mrs. Al Kizer.

Welcome to the clan at least to part of it, Mr. Charles A. Haycraft. Charles wrote informing us of his intention to meet us all at the 1986 Reunion. He is interested in the WILLIAM Weedman line, since WILLIAM married Rebecca Haycraft. For those of you who have Haycraft ancestry, there is a HAYCRAFT ASSOCIATION or officially ASSOCIATION FOR DESCENDANTS OF JAMES HAYCRAFT, IMMIGRANT IN BONDAGE 1744. You may contact Attorney Charles Haycraft by writing him at 4035 Redwing Avenue, Jackson, Mississippi 39216.

Hats off to Roy Weedman, 8840 Dogwood Drive, Charlotte, NC, 28212 for coming through for us with the translation of the Weedman biography we had in the September Newsletter. Thanks, too, to Elfi Houck for translating this for Roy. Roy also informed us as to where Reidsville is, and it's farther from Charlotte than I'd thought, but still, Dennis and Nancy Mathias live near at hand. Helen Gregg will you pass Roy's address along to Nancy and Dennis? Thanks. And we will continue on the next page with the actual translation, and the description of the coat of arms. We can see that although this is not our Christoph,-er-ian Weedman/Widman, still perhaps Baden-Wuerttemberg is still the area from which ours came, and perhaps this family is descended from the same ancestor, a few generations back, as our CHRISTIAN WEEDMAN SR. So it's with this in mind that I share this translation with you. Time may come when we will meet some of our long lost cousins from across the sea, and this will then fit into the family tree. Anyway, we thought you'd all like to read it as Ms. Houck has translated it for us. By the way, Monty and I have been in the town of Pforshheim; spent the night at a hotel there in 1959. Wish we'd been interested in our family roots then!!!

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* = born in:

Israel I	* Moensheim	approx. 1590	Church official
Israel II	* "	May 1625	Farmer
Israel III	* -	20Sep1652	baker and relative of court official
Johann Andreas	* "	12Dec1679	Citizen, baker, and relative of court official
Jakob Friedrich	* Heinsheim	30Nov1708	Citizen
Zacharias	* Moensheim	21Aug1733	Citizen
Johann	* "	17Jan1771	Farmer
Johann	* "	13Apr1812	Weaver
Johann	* "	21Jul1841	Weaver
Christoph	* "	22Apr1883	Manufacturer

At his death, as a result of the gruesome bombing attack on Pforzheim on 25Feb1945, Christoph Widmann, manufacturer of family crests, left behind two daughters, Grete and Ruth Widmann, both born in Pforzheim. Unfortunately, there were no male successors to follow him, a particularly sad fact since his lineage could be traced back to the 30-year-war and to Israel Widmann, noted church official in the Baden region of Germany.

Farmers, bakers, weavers and scholars - a very solid stock of people - have given the family its good name for over 350 years.

The oldest recorded forefathers held positions at court and city councils in their small communities, not far from the state borders of Baden-Wuerttemberg, and they enjoyed the highest esteem among its citizens.

Christoph Widmann's move to nearby Pforzheim was not a big one, but since he grew up in a small and rural setting, this "city of gold", with its world renowned reputation for jewels and jewelry, seemed like a major move into the big wide world. Nothing seemed more natural though than to found his own company in this trade. This was established in 1919 as "Christoph Widmann Silversmiths and Jewelers". Their specialty was the manufacture of antique silver goods, as well as spoons with coats of arms.

After the destruction of the city during WW II, the company was re-established under the leadership of the son-in-law, Manufacturer Alois Reschreiter and his wife, Grete, nee Widmann, at Pforzheim, Christoph-Allee 16.

Sources: Archives of Dochtermann, #3531/42

10/3/85 - Translation - Elfi Houck

Coat of Arms

Blue background, with golden staff, crossed by two golden baker's paddles, flagged by two golden pretzels.

-So thanks again, Roy. It was great hearing from you!:

In the JUNE 1985 Newsletter, another error was made. See page 7, in the fourth paragraph half way through where it says "the said Nicholas and Adelade.." change Adelade to Adeline. Nicholas and Adeline were son and daughter of John Weedman, who was a son of NICHOLAS Weedman. John was no doubt named for his grandfather, JOHN Weedman who lived and died in the Licking Co., Ohio area.

Last year, at the Reunion in Louisville, Nick had a wonderful display showing the various branches of the family, and I noticed some taking pictures of it, others copying it and the rest asking for a copy. Nick obliged, and this has made it so much easier

for us to be able to get the John's, James, and Jacobs etc. straight. I hope Nick has those display posters intact, as I'm sure we will want to see them again this year.

Nick and his dad, Harry Weedman of Blytheville, AR, went to the Reddington, Indiana cemetery where Nicholas is buried and copied the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth</u>	<u>Death</u>	<u>Remarks (Nick's)</u>
George Weedman		11 Jan. 1875	age 55 yrs. 4 mos. 19 da.
John Weedman	29 Sep. 1818	9 Dec. 1846	
Nicholas Weedman	1 Apr. 1792	24 May 1856	
John Weedman	20 Feb. 1855	24 July 1856	s/o G & H Weedman
Elizabeth Weedman	24 Mar. 1796	14 May 1853	
Sarah Weedman	1764*	13 Feb. 1840	
Charles S. Weedman		10 Oct. 1858	s/o G & H Weedman

* Sarah Weedman above, is unidentified and the name was definitely not Sophia, according to the stone, but still, we know the stone cutters of then and now make mistakes on tombstones. Personally, I believe that Sophia IS buried under that stone, and either her name was Sarah Sophia or Sophia Sarah, and she went by the name of Sophia or the stonecutter goofed. However, one would think that if he had, he'd have been called upon to make it right, as the family probably made many trips to the cemetery. Could it have been that they couldn't read, still, most would have been able to read names. Nick said the stones were hard to read, but that the name was definitely Sarah. By the way, the G. & H. Weedman are George and Henrietta (Wheeler) Weedman, son of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Charley) Weedman. The stone for Henrietta apparently has disappeared, or else she was buried elsewhere.

NICHOLAS Weedman, b. 1 Apr. 1792, was, according to Pioneer Papers # 17, by Dr. A. Wilson and included in his THE HISTORY OF NEWARK to 1802, and OUR PIONEERS, published by Licking County Historical Society in 1872, was the only child of John Weedman, early pioneer of Fairfield (now Licking) County, Ohio. It seems that John lived in the area for some 30 years, and in the meantime, his brother and sister came to that area and settled near him. A story is recorded about some runaway, or stolen horses belonging to John Weedman, John Ratliff, and John's uncle, Elias Hughes, and a Mr. Bland. It happened in 1801. It was decided that the Indians had stolen them, so Hughes, Ratliff and Bland, who were well armed, set out to get those horses back. The account says that John Weedman was going to go, too, but that he decided not to after all. The writers of the article, which deals mainly with the Elias Hughes family, concluded that John Weedman lacked pluck. As if to substantiate their unwarranted conclusion, they noted that John had been forced into a hasty marriage in his native state of Pennsylvania, and that he abandoned his bride and only son, Nicholas, and moved to Ohio. They use this to conclude that John was unwilling to join in the agreed-upon enterprise of persuading the theivish Indians....." The account is so obviously biased in favor of Hughes and his party, that they seem to have lost sight of the fact that John Weedman was a peace loving man, not given to stirring up trouble. AS it turned out, Hughes and his men murdered those four Indians, and trouble commenced. A blockhouse had to be erected at the "Bowling Green" to protect the settlers against the enraged Indian friends of the slain four. Now, if they'd been as sensible as John Weedman was, trouble could have been avoided. After all, there was no proof that the four Indians killed were the four who "stole" the horses. And as for John Weedman abandoning his wife

and son, that, too was conjecture. For all anyone knows, John and Sophia had a mutual agreement to part. After all, John never told them anything. They all thought he was a bachelor when he died in the early 1830's and some time later a lawyer came along representing Nicholas' claim to his father's property. No, John was not vindictive, and did not smear Sophia's reputation, nor is there a shred of proof that the wedding was a necessarily "hasty wedding". Nicholas named a son John, for his father, no doubt, so for all anyone knows now, there was indeed communication between John and his family. Here is the account as written by A. Wilson:

In the year 1805, we find that JOHN WEEDMAN, had purchased 160 acres of land in the "refugee tract" near the Perry County line in this (Licking) county where he resided some thirty years. And in the meantime his brother and sister settled near him. He was always considered by his neighbors as a well-to-do old bachelor. He died suddenly in his house where he had lived alone. After his death, quite a sum of money was found; paper money, sticking in the cracks of his old log house, the silver in bags, stowed away in secret. His brother administered his estate, and he, and his sister took possession of the farm, supposing that they were the rightful heirs. However, some one wrote to a Nicholas Weedman who was living in Indiana and told him of John's death. Nicholas soon after made his appearance in Newark and made application through S. D. King, Esq., for the purpose of getting possession of the estate. His statement was that his father while a young man lived alone in one of the western counties of Pennsylvania and that he had had a love affair with a neighboring girl, but as the course of true love does not always run smooth, they had some difficulty, which was settled by an unwilling marriage on his part. As soon as the wedding was over, John and Sophia separated and John turned up at Bowling Green. Mr. King brought a suit of ejection against Nicholas Weedman's newly discovered uncle and aunt. The trial came on, but no one appeared against Nicholas' rights, so judgement was in his favor. He then came inot possession of his father's estate; a father that, according to A. Wilson, he never saw nor knew. My comment: Someone had to have known Nicholas' whereabouts, since Nicholas was informed of his father's death. No one knows that Nicholas never saw his father. Perhaps John himself wrote to Nicholas, as he felt he was about to die, and told him to come quickly. I feel there was no bab blood between them, as neither makes a vindictive statement against the other. It seems that the fact that John refused to cow-tow to bully Elias Hughes, and his party, that he was painted as something less than what he was. We don't buy their prejudiced opinions concerning John at all.

Sophia Weedman never remarried, nor did John. Sophia and Nicholas settled in Jackson County, Indiana after having lived in Harrison Co., Ind. Wheter they ever lived in Kentucky escapes my recollection (if I ever knew of it) now. We know, however, that Sophia went to Licking County in 1834, for indeed, she was grantee and a Mr. Cooperider was grantor of some land in Licking County. And, A. Wilson's account of "a brother and sister of John moving into his house" was a bit off. According to court records, Jacob Kefauver/Kefover was executor of John's will, and if he was the one living in John's house, he was his brother-in-law, and Catherine, Jacob's wife, was indeed John's sister. We need to keep in mind that the writers of Licking County history were not 100% accurate, and let it go at that. I'm grateful that John Weedman didn't go back and kill an Indian. I'm proud of him for not dragging Sophia's & his marital problems in front of hostile neighbors. He was a fine man for refusing to have a part in the Elias Hughes dastardly scheme to murder and cause trouble with the Indians. So we salute JOHN WEEDMAN - Ohio pioneer and one of our own!!

Now I don't mean to confuse you, but there was another John Weedman living nearby in Perry County. He was married to Rachel Wilson, and he was a son of George and Charlotte (Huhn) Weedman.

Sept. 30, 1829 - John Weedman and Rachel Weedman vs. Thomas Wilson et al, heirs of Asa Wilson, deceased. Petition for partition. Filed Dec. 15, 1828: Land - 100 acres SW 1/4, and 41 acres NW 1/4 Section 14, Township 17, Range 16. Deceased left a widow who is not named, now deceased. Children: Rachel, wife of John Weedman, Thomas, Edward, Isaiah, Eliza and Sarah Wilson.
REF: Perry Co. Ohio Partition Records 1821-1850.

Sometimes we see references like these then never learn what became of the suit, or how the land was partitioned. This seems to be the case here. Asa Wilson, deceased, father of Rachel, was not the A. Wilson who wrote the account of John Weedman, pioneer of Licking County. That A. Wilson may have been some relation, however.

Sarah Weedman, sister of Christian Weedman Jr. married Andrew Walters, a neighbor of the Weedman family, of whom we have written in previous newsletters. We do not have any date of Sarah's birth, but we have estimated she was born in the 1770's. She married Andrew Walters about 1797, as their second son, Jacob, was born in 1801. We know, too, that she died before 1811 when her father, Christian Weedman Sr. made out his will. He remembered Andrew in his will, however, knowing he would take care of the grandchildren with any moneys left to him from the Christian Weedman Sr. estate. Andrew Walters moved on to Illinois with the Weedmans who went there. It is not known if Andrew ever married after the death of Sarah, but if he did, it is not known by any of his descendants. Likely he just raised his children nearby his Weedman kin, and the families were very close. A biographical sketch of Jacob Walters, their second child, states that Andrew, Jacob's father was one of the earliest settlers in DeWitt co., Ill. Andrew and Sarah had 10 children; five boys and five girls. In 1808 Andrew and Sarah settled in Perry County, Ohio, where Sarah died probably in late 1810. The children received a limited education, however. In 1824, Jacob Walters married Miss Phoebe Bateson of Ohio, and like his father, he too fathered ten children. He moved his family to DeWitt Co., Ill. in 1833 and settled on his parents' homestead in south-east Wilson Township. Phoebe died in 1870 at age 60. Jacob married secondly, Miss Martha Baird, daughter of William and Martha G. Baird, of Kentucky and Virginia respectively. He was of the Presbyterian faith. At the time of the biographical sketch, (1882) Jacob was 81 and still hale and hardy.

Bonnie Walden, Rt 1, Box 66, DeWitt, Illinois 61735 has supplied us with some of the descendents of Andrew and Sarah, and we are most grateful to her. We would appreciate more details from other descendents of this line. The following is a reconstructed list of Andrew and Sarah (Weedman) Walters' children: (not necessarily in order of birth)

Sophia	1800		We have no source of
Jacob	born 1801	Perma. (probably Fayette County).	proof for any of these
Eleanor	1803		dates other than Jacob's.
Naomi	1805		
William			

We are missing half of this family. Surely there must be some other record of Andrew Walters' descendants! Then, too, Andrew had brothers. Andrew was a son of Ephraim Walters, a neighbor of Christian Sr. & Elizabeth Weedman/Widman. We have a list of Jacob's children, but not any of the rest. We will try to see what we can find on these in the future, and perhaps find something for the Weedman book. That means all you good genealogists out there help, too, please? Let's check our sources for Fayette Co., Pa., Perry, Fairfield, and Licking Cos. Ohio, as well as periodicals dealing with Pa./Ohio families, and of course DeWitt Co., Illinois.

Jacob Weedman was born in 1801. One source has it October 17., and the place as Masontown, Fayette Co., Pa. He died 15 April 1889 at age 81 in DeWitt County, Illinois. He and Phoebe Bateson were married in Perry Co., Ohio in 1824. They had 10 (one source gives 11) children. One may have died in infancy. We know no month nor date for these births, but give what we have so far. A fast trip to the Branch Library of LDS, this morning will likely turn up a date or two before we sign off here. Monty is out scraping the ice off the windows of the car now so we can go there.

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| 1. Alfred, b. Oh. 9 Feb. 1828 | | |
| 2. Sarah | 1829 | Oh. |
| 3. Mary J. | 1830 | " |
| 4. Jacob | 1832 | " |
| 5. Susannah | 1833 | Ill. |
| 6. Rachel | 1838 | " |
| 7. John | 1841 | " |
| 8. Eli | 1842 | " |
| 9. Melvina | 1843 | " |
| 10. Louisa | 1843 | " |
| 11. Phoebe | 1850 | " |

This is what we have to work on. We do have some of Alfred's line, and will include it in next Newsletter, space permitting.

We just came back from the LDS branch library, and the only thing we could find was a line in a book stating that Willam Walters, DeWitt County, was jailed in Sept. of 1844 for perjury.

We don't know if it is the William Walters, son of Andrew, for we know not if that William ever went to DeWitt County or not. We checked the Family Registry - nothing, and the Ohio and Illinois IGI - nothing. There were, of course, Walters families in both Ohio and Illinois, but no way to tie them to ours.

The sketch above was taken from the DeWitt County History - 1882. Jacob Walters, son of Andrew and Sarah (Weedman) Walters.

WE hope to get more Walters/Weedman data to be able to give a more complete picture of this family.

Let's all make a New Year's Resolution to search the attics where we think Weedman data may be waiting to be discovered, and to make plans to attend the Homecoming June 20-22. If you've mislaid your information, see the March and June Newsletters for addresses and instructions.

Now everyone take care, and have a safe, happy holiday season. Thanks to God we have peace of a sort now. No one knows what next Christmas will bring. Let's all count our blessings as 1985 draws to a close.

Thanks for writing, contributing, and sharing your information with us all. The Newsletter couldn't go on without you all. God bless!!

Love to All,

Marianne and Paul Montgomery
 Mich Weedman



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JACOB WALTERS.