

◆ Weedman Newsletter ◆

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Spring 1994

Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Dear Cousins,

Spring has sprung and many of you are very, very happy that your hard winter is over! The U. S. had a most unusual winter that will be remembered for years to come...the winter of 1993-94. Here in Washington State, however, it was winter as usual. Plenty of rain but only one little snow fall (two in some areas of Western Washington).

Celeste (Rebman) Weedman

We have some sad news to report. On December 15, 1993, Celeste (DeDe) Rebman Weedman died of cancer. Heywood Weedman, Jr. writes "...Thank God she didn't have to suffer and that is was a relatively short illness. She loved life and I know she is resting in peace." We thank Heywood for letting us know. Like you, we thank the Lord also that she didn't have a long time with suffering. We know that DeDe is in Heaven, also. But in saying this, I must admit I will miss her cheery letters. She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church and I could tell you from her letters that she loved her husband, the late Heywood Weedman, Sr. and her children and they were First in her life. We offer belated though sincere sympathy and empathy to her family.

Leah Anne Gregg Marriage

Leah Anne Gregg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gregg was married to David Carlton Crupper on November 20, 1993. The marriage took place in the Faith Fellowship Outreach in Evansville, Indiana and the reception followed at Scales Lake

Pavilion in Boonville, Indiana. We offer congratulations to the newlyweds and hope they have many years of happiness ahead. Some of you met Leah Anne at the Weedman Reunion in 1992.

Leah Anne is from the John Weedman line.

Reunion Reminder

REMEMBER....get those reservations into Sharon Herke for the 1994 Weedman Reunion! I have mine and others have theirs. We will see, for sure, Mary Alice Fults, Marjorie Kennedy, Carl and Helen Weedman, Diane Hall, Helen and Bill Gregg, and Sharon just to name those I can recall off hand. Get out those letters Sharon sent everyone. She has everything listed and gave us plenty of time to get a good stash in the bank account to insure everyone's good time. The dates again: **July 15-17**. We get there on July 15 and get acquainted on Friday evening. Don't know if there are any scheduled events that evening but I know that the Girls will have the scrapbooks and will be receiving your quilt blocks to add to the others that they have received. We can say....it will be informal. But be sure to be in Evansville that evening (July 15th). We'll get a nice breakfast at THE RIVER HOUSE HOTEL and have some free time there before heading to Bur -

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dette Park. Bring your cameras. If you've ever wanted a picture of the Ohio River, you can get some good ones there in Evansville. If you have extra time, be sure to go to Tell City and Cannelton. The Perry County Court House is at Cannelton and their records are good and the clerks very friendly. Evansville is the County Seat of Vanderburgh County. Posey County is next to Vanderburgh and Monty's **Montgomery** family located there in 1812. His **Pruitt** family in Vanderburgh in 1815 and his **Huff** and **Weedman** lines in Perry in 1813 and 1827 respectively. For those new to the **Weedman Newsletter**, "Monty" was my late husband, Paul Montgomery. He was of Daniel's line.

If anyone has misplaced the data sheets Sharon sent, please let me or Sharon know and we will furnish them again. You will need these as a guide to prices and events for the Reunion.

Sharon's address is:

Sharon Herke
907 North Helfrich Avenue
Evansville IN 47720
Telephone: (812) 425-9373

Don't forget the tee shirt orders. They are to be paid for when ordered and picked up at the Reunion. As I write this I must remember to order MINE! Order in pink, blue, or grey pastel colors. I expect to be "in the pink" when I arrive! I misplaced my card with the Hotel's phone number so I know I can call (812) 555-1212 for the name and address of the River House or just call Sharon.

So, come on, folks - - let's all meet this summer at Evansville. It may be the last Reunion for some of us. One never knows. I want to make the most out of every minute and greet every one of our wonderful cousins there.

Marianne Montgomery

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His Blood Turned to Water

by Roy Lee Weedman

Genealogical records indicate that Willys Green Weedman, son of John Weedman, died at the relatively young age of 39 years. Many, many years ago I inquired of my grandfather, John Franklin Weedman, eldest son of Willys Green, of the cause of death of his father. He solemnly replied, "his blood turned to water". Leukemia? Diabetes? Septicemia? Who knows? In that semi-primitive era the unavailability of doctors, death certificates, and morticians with their preservative techniques, the body was usually prepared and buried the following day in a crude pine box, often marked by a simple sand rock headstone.

Great-grandfather Willys Green, at 39 years left a grieving widow with nine children and herself eight months pregnant with her tenth child. If Great-grandfather Willys Green's death is perhaps something of a mystery, an even greater mystery is how did Great Grandmother Cassa Ellen and her many children survive in those perilous years? No Social Security, no widow's assistance or other survivor benefits. It was simply "sink or swim sister!" but survive they did!

Grandfather John Franklin was himself nineteen years of age, the eldest of the brook, but he never discussed the hardships incurred in those years. Possibly too unpleasant to reflect upon. Apparently they eked out a meager living on a small farm plot. At any rate, they did survive. Great grandmother Cassa Ellen later re-married, and the children lived into old age, apparently none inheriting any genetic defect from their father.

Possibly some more distinct record exists regarding the cause of death of Willys Green Weedman but as far as legend holds, "his blood turned to water".

Roy Lee Weedman is from Christian Senior¹, Christian Junior², John³, Willys Green⁴, John Franklin⁵, Fonzo⁶, and Roy Lee⁷. He is a frequent Newsletter contributor.

A Thumbnail Sketch

Mary Alice Fults

Easter is coming up and what an appropriate time to introduce you to Mary Alice Weedman Fults.

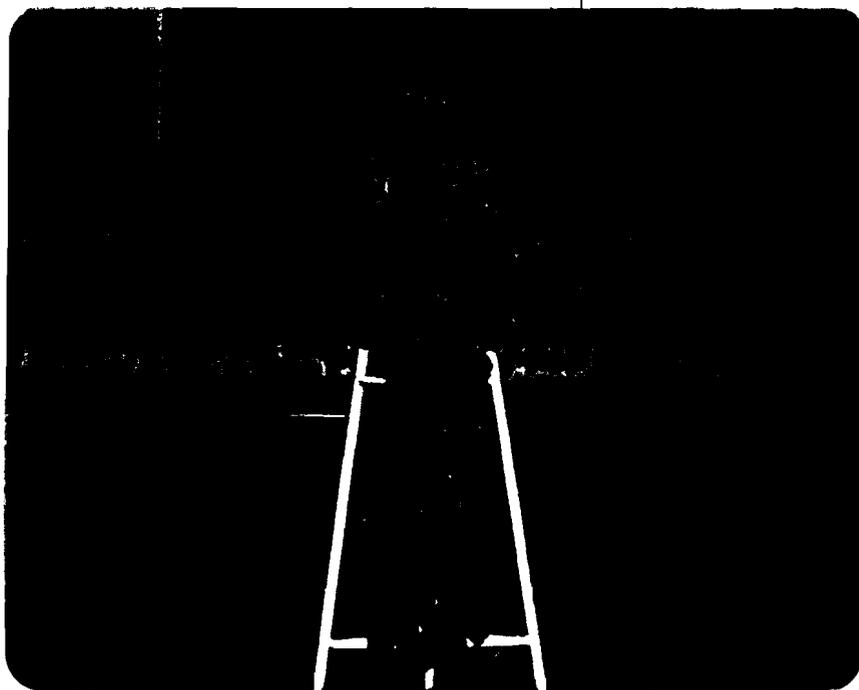
She made the cross of daffodils you see in the picture below. She made these for her church's Easter service and she was singing in the choir when she noticed to her horror that her cross was leaning, then "CRASH" and down it came in front of her very eyes! She hasn't made another since.

But these things happen and embarrass us the most when they do occur.

Mary Alice loves music, enjoys singing in her church choir, attending functions at her local Senior Center, nature's beauties, dancing, and fellowship.

Mary Alice was married to the late Edward A. Fults. She is the sister of Marjorie Weedman Kennedy and Carl Lee Weedman. You will meet lively Mary Alice if you come to the Weedman Family Reunion this summer in Evansville

Mary Alice Fults lives in Indianapolis and is from the line: Christian Sr¹, Christian Jr², Daniel³, George Glasscock⁴, Oscar David⁵, Mary Alice⁶.



The Famous Cross made by Mary Alice Fults

Perry County, Indiana Cemetery Inscriptions

Becky Middleton, RR#1 Box 183, Grandview, Indiana recently contributed excerpts from three volumes of Perry County, Indiana cemetery inscriptions for the Weedman family. Becky is in charge of the Genealogy Room for the Spencer County, Indiana library and is a Weedman descendant.

We are highly appreciative of the effort made by Becky and if readers are interested, other cemetery inscriptions (i.e., Grayson County, Kentucky; DeWitt County, Illinois, etc.) can be listed in future issues.

We have no details on the author of the books from which the information is taken and ask Becky to forward details for credit to be given in a future Newsletter.

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Bolin Cemetery (Tobin Twp.)		<i>Page 2</i>	
	<i>Born</i>	<i>Died</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Weedman, James Earl	1944	1945	

New Cliff Cemetery (Troy Twp.) *Pages 70 & 78*

Weedman, James	28 Jan 1919	9 Feb 1973	
Weedman, Cathryn	22 Apr 1928	(not cut)	
Weedman, William M.	17 Apr 1911	23 Aug 1969	
Weedman, Vadie E.	21 Oct 1912	(not cut)	

Greenwood Cemetery (Troy Twp.) *Page 96*

Weedman, Jake Hughes	31 Jul 1930	30 May 1978	
Weedman, Mary	1855	1931	

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Weedman, Alberta	1894	1963	
Weedman, Dellis L.	1891	5 Jul 1963	(WW I)

Bristow Cemetery (Clark Twp.) *Pages 106, 107, & 114*

Weedman, Maggie Lamar	1 Mar 1862	8 Jul 1901	
Weedman, Martin	1884	1950	
Weedman, Maxine		1926	(twins, c/o
Weedman, Maxum		1926	O. D. & H.)
Weedman, Oscar D.	1889	1968	
Weedman, Clinton D.	1919	1967	
Weedman, Sarah Ellen (Sadie)	1896	1984	
Weedman, William T.	5 Nov 1855	4 Feb 1929	
Weedman, Mary L.	20 May 1880	20 Oct 1912	(w/o William T.)
Weedman, James J.	10 Jun 1901	23 Jun 1901	(s/o William T.)

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Weedman, Daniel	27 Aug 1801	21 Aug 1854	
Weedman, Nancy	25 Feb 1801	9 Jun 1868	(w/o Daniel)
Weedman, Nancy J.	25 Mar 1837	28 Feb 1867	
Weedman, Hirem	19 Jan 1873	5 Aug 1874	
Weedman, Nancy	23 Dec 1837	6 Apr 1878	(w/o John)
Weedman, John	4 Nov 1831	22 Dec 1896	(65y 1m 18d)
Weedman, George		25 Apr 1897	(74y 16d)
Weedman, Andrew E.	6 Feb 1873	5 Aug 1897	(24y 5m 29d)

St. John's Church Cemetery (Clark Twp.)*Page 157*

Weedman, Walter A.	15 Oct 1878	23 Jun 1880	
Weedman, George W.	5 Sep 1880	6 Oct 1881	
Weedman, Henrietta I.	15 Sep 1859	17 Jan 1893	(w/o W. T.)

St. John's Cemetery (Leopold Twp.)*Pages 248 & 249*

Weedman, Felix E.	15 Feb 1857	20 Sep 1867	(10y 7m 5d, s/o G. & M.)
Weedman, Emaline	8 Mar 1861	9 Mar 1861	(d/o G. & M.)
Weedman, Margaret	10 Sep 1833	18 Dec 1878	(45y 3m 8d)
Weedman, Henry M.	9 Feb 1861	8 Oct 1878	(17y 7m 29d)
Weedman, James J.	20 Mar 1864	21 Jul 1864	(s/o G. & M.)

Volume III***Oil, Tobin, & Union Townships*****Cook/Miller Cemetery (Tobin Twp.)***Page 93*

Weedman, Laura Gude	23 Aug 1918	28 Sep 1977	
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Cart Cemetery (Union Twp.)*Pages 212 & 213*

Weedman, John W.	--	6 Nov 1878	(22y 9m 8d)
Weedman, Susan Cart	2 Nov 1834	12 Nov 1900	
Weedman, Green	20 Aug 1833	(not cut)	
Weedman, Malinda J.	24 Dec 1857	16 Oct 1858	(d/o G. & S.)

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Weedman, James	1842		
Weedman, Susan Mary	1844	1919	
Weedman, William R.	1896	10 Aug 1926	
Weedman, Sarah Alice	1900	1900	
Weedman, James Albert	1914	10 Jan 1918	
Weedman, John	1866	1910	
Weedman, Elijah T.	1912	26 Oct 1930	
Weedman, Eugene	1864	3 Mar 1929	
Weedman, Viola	1874	1950	

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*(Continued from page 5)***Weedman Cemetery (Union Twp.)**

	<i>Born</i>	<i>Died</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Weedman, William 7th	1796	1851	(War of 1812, KY Pvt, Regt Inf)

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The Weedman Cemetery is on a farm owned by Russell Flamion on the original William Weedman homestead. This is the only grave marked with a tombstone - there are nine others which are marked with simple, sand stones but the names of those buried there are only speculated.

All of the Weedmans listed here are primarily descended from Daniel (see page 5) or William shown above. Daniel's tombstone is the original while that of William was furnished by the U. S. Government at the request of relatives for his service during the War of 1812. William's descendents are buried primarily in Union and the Lillydale Cemetery while Daniel's are in Anderson, Clark, and Leopold Townships. The Weedmans buried in Troy and Tobin Townships are from the line of Christian Senior ¹, Christian Junior ², and John ³.

This concludes the listing of Weedman cemetery inscriptions in Perry County, Indiana. Again, our thanks to Becky Middleton for this valuable contribution to the *Weedman Newsletter*.

*A Letter From***George Perry Weedman**

As happy to see the special welcome to me in the last issue of the Newsletter. I knew nothing of the publication until getting in touch with my cousin, **Elizabeth Snodgrass**, whom I have not see for about 35 years. I am looking forward to seeing her and other family members at the Reunion in July.

I would like to give you a little information about my family. My grandfather, **Lloyd Weedman**, moved to Mascotte, Florida from Indianapolis, Indiana in the early 1920s. After he moved to Florida, he met **Edna Ray Carter** whom he soon married. They had one son, **Ralph Durward Weedman**, my father.

I married **Mary Louise Graninger**, who is from Washington, D. C. and we have three children. **Elizabeth Gail Weedman** finished college in 1992 and now works for the State of Florida in Orlando. **Georgia Catherine** is a senior at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, and **Durward Lee** is a student at Central Florida Community College.

I have one sister, **Judy Gail Weedman Jenkins** of Lakeland, Florida and two half brothers, **Thomas Allen Weedman** and **John Michael Weedman** of Mascotte, Florida.

As for myself, I have been employed by Sears Roebuck and Co. as an outdoor home improvement salesman for the past 28 years and am looking forward to retirement soon.

George Perry Weedman

Donors Acknowledged

A number of recent donations have been received to help keep the Weedman Newsletter continuing. Among those we would like to acknowledge are:

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Weedman	Rapid City SD
George Perry Weedman	Silver Spring FL
Becky Middleton	Grandview IN

Off to Hong Kong!

Nick and Merrie Carol Weedman are relocating from Melbourne, Australia to Hong Kong in June.

Nick has accepted a position as Director, Greater China for the Monsanto Agriculture Company and will take up the new post about mid-year. He will be responsible for building a significant business for the Agricultural Group of Monsanto Company in the People's Republic of China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong.

A veteran with almost 29 years service with Monsanto, Nick has most recently been the Managing Director of Monsanto Australia Limited in Melbourne. In that post, he was responsible for overall Monsanto operations in Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands.

Prior to their 8 year stint in Australia, the couple lived in California for 4 years and 5 years in Tokyo.

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Reunion Special Report

SIXTH BIENNIAL WEEDMAN REUNION HELD AT EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

by Marianne Montgomery

We did it again!

Yes, the Weedman Reunion I talk about so often has been a delightful experience this year, and I may not have room to state it all, but I want you to know, you were missed. We had a goodly number who did come out, so we had plenty of fellowship and renewed acquaintances there. Those who attended were:

Mary Alice Fults, Indianapolis, IN
Marjorie Kennedy, Indianapolis, IN
Cari & Helen Weedman, Mesa, AZ
Marie and Andrew Kohut, Evansville, IN
Mary Kaufman, Alton, IL
Eleanor Deom, Kim and Max Byers, Evansville, IN
George and Gena Lee Theiss, Louisville, KY
Ricky & Pat Wright, April Turner, Louisville, KY
Marianne Montgomery, Tacoma, WA
Lola Vance, Tacoma, WA
Bob & Betty Miles, Evansville, IN
Cathy Stone, Evansville, IN
Jim and Ardes Weedman, Bellevue, NE
Diane Hall, Lori Baker, Evansville, IN
Sharon Herke, Brandon, Blake and Nathan Ritchie, Evansville, IN
Roy and Luetta Weedman, Nashville, TN
Mike, Jan, and Kimmi Seitz, Evansville, IN
Jimmie and Alma Weedman, Louisville, KY
Jeff & Jane Weedman, & Ben Quinton, Louisville, KY
Noble and Elizabeth Snodgrass, New Palestine, IN
Bill and Helen Gregg, Evansville, IN
George Perry Weedman, Silver Springs, FL
Dewey & Marvene Weedman, Madisonville, KY
Jan Bruner, Evansville, IN
Janella & Sara Forcum, Evansville, IN
Ronda & Amber Francis, Evansville, IN
LeAnne & Brittany Brown, Evansville, IN
Joe and Kathryn Basinger, Enfield, IL

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I'll get the rest of the names and they'll be in the Fall Newsletter. There were several who dropped in, and I'm sure signed the register, but I forgot to copy the register. Sorry. I copied the names from the little pamphlet I'll tell you about later. This pamphlet had the names of all the registered attendees, but the drop in cousins were not registered, as no one can know who will show up, and so some are left out. We'll get them in in the Fall edition.

Cousins began arriving on Thursday, July 14. Carl & Helen, Mary Alice, and Marjorie, (DANIEL's line) arrived in the afternoon, and Marianne arrived in the evening. (DANIEL's line). Lola Vance (also DANIEL's line) arrived next, then George and Gena Theiss (JOHN's line). early the next day. Then more and more cousins began arriving, and that evening, we all got together at the River House Hotel, in the Ivy Room. Cookies, punch, tea and coffee were there for us to enjoy, and the Hotel, plus the tireless efforts of Sharon Herke, Diane Hall, and also Helen Gregg were evident, as the evening enveloped us all in memories of past

reunions, getting acquainted with new cousins we hadn't met, and getting caught up on the news of cousins we have met. The Theiss's brought computerized print-outs Gena had compiled of each line of the Weedman family, and how they connect with Christian, Sr. She had 5 thick notebooks of these lines. She brought several books, second edition, which sold right away. Weedman Reunion Tee shirts were in evidence as those of us who ordered them were wearing them. Several brought gifts to be given out as door prizes, and others brought quilt blocks to add to the quilt which was won. I'll get more details to add in the Fall Newsletter.

The next day we had a lovely picnic at German Township Booster Club, just outside Evansville. How very appropriate, because German Township was the name of the township in which CHRISTIAN WEEDMAN SR. raised his family!!! There was a German Township in Fayette County Pennsylvania, and that's the one in which Christian Sr. & family lived!! We didn't make that connection, I don't think, while we were there, pigging out on

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all the goodies people brought. Of course Janella Forcum brought her famous BAR-B-QUE PEACH COBBLER.

The recipe will follow. For those of you who weren't at the 1992 Reunion, Janella, Ronda, and Jan came just a tad late and they came with food for that picnic. On the way down from Evansville, the barbeque sauce from the ribs sort of slushed onto the peach cobbler. When they presented it at the picnic supper, Janella and the Weedman twins of Tennessee, Blair and Brent, made a scene over that "ruined" cobbler, but the boys had to taste it. Once they did, they couldn't get enough of it. We all had to taste it to see what it really tasted like. It was an instant hit. Blair and Brent were seen scraping the last of it from the pan. Janella was asked to bring that cobbler to this reunion, and she did. However, she left the barbecue sauce in a bottle right next to the peach cobbler, so that we all could season the cobbler to our own taste. We laughed and enjoyed those fond memories, and renewed them around the food table. Everything was there.....several salads, meats, cheeses, chips, drink, dessert,you name it. The girls were prepared for us and they did a fantastic job of organizing everything.

That evening we met again at the Terrace Dining room of the River House and had our banquet. The food was delicious and fresh from the kitchen. Service was excellent. Everyone who had a camera there was snapping pictures, and there was a happy buzz of conversation around each table. Diane and Sharon passed out little mementos for each family in attendance. These were marble paper holders and framed refrigerator magnets with the Weedman Tee shirt emblem on them! This emblem is a tree, with branches, and I'M A BRANCH OF THE WEEDMAN FAMILY TREE under the branches. On the ground, next to the tree leaves is the Family Mascot.....the Weed Man. This logos was on each Tee shirt, magnet and paper holder, and on the Table cloth gift, signed by everyone who attended the 1994 reunion; just one of the gifts given. MY NAME WAS DRAWN for this table cloth, and I was so grateful and happy. I

wanted to share some news with everyone there. I had happy news, and got to the mike and told everyone that in August, I'd have surgery for the first of two implants that would make me lovelier to behold. You know, I was sort of stretching and preening with joy. Well they all were happy for me. Then someone came over and asked "why don't they do both boobs at the same time?" My mouth dropped open and I blushingly recalled that I had forgotten something.....so up to the mike I rushed to finish the "good news". This time I told them that the implants were INTEROCULAR LENS in my EYES! Only one can be done at a time. A laugh rang out over the room, and a sigh of relief for those who were worried about the silicone uproar of the past two or three years regarding implants.

Roy Weedman recited his poem "The Name is WEEDMAN". It never grows old, and we all chuckled again as we heard it.

Gena Theiss made a motion that we adopt the Weed Man as our family mascot, and it was approved. We are going to see what we need to do to have it trade-marked /copyrighted so that no other can use it except for our WEEDMAN family. If any one has knowledge of these things, please let us know.

A Family Meeting was held and we chose Jimmie and Alma Weedman to host the next reunion.....July, 1996 is the tentative date. It will be held at the old Weedman Stomping grounds.....Rough River State Park. This isproviding we can get it reserved when the reservations are opened up for grabs. There will be a real effort to see that we get it. We held our second reunion there, and everyone loved it, and because it was so close to the old Weedman Homestead in Kentucky, and facilities are abundant for RV parking, tenting, camping, etc. it should appeal to families. More to follow as time goes by. Plan to attend! Don't you be left out of the fun and excitement of another reunion. It's impossible here to confer the joy and laughs, and fun we have at these reunions. All the cousins get along, and the kids there had as

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*The 1996
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will be at the
Rough River
State Park in
Grayson
County,
Kentucky.*

*This area is of
great
significance to
those descended
from Christian
Weedman, Jr.*

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much fun getting acquainted with each other as we adults did.

There's so much more to tell, but I'll include it in future Newsletters. I know I'm leaving out some things I should tell you but those there.....please jog my memory.

The little pamphlet we mentioned at the beginning was compiled by Sharon and Diane as part of the hand outs they had prepared for us. Also they shared some genealogical forms for cemetery searches and for listing your families in family group sheets.

Included in the pamphlet were thumb nail sketches of some of those who attended and submitted a sketch. We are featuring Roy Weedman who wrote the poem named above, and the sketches we've included in recent newsletters. He is of JOHN's line.

We'll try to get a picture of Weed Man on the next Newsletter. He's the cutest little weed you ever saw!!

We had 101 degrees yesterday...July 20. Today and for the next few days it will be close to that. All fans are going full blast. Few people have air conditioners here because we aren't used to this weather and are not equipped for it.

ROY LEE WEEDMAN

Meet Roy Weedman of Nashville, TN in his own words:

Great great grandson of JOHN Weedman through the line of WILLYS GREEN WEEDMAN, JOHN FRANKLIN WEEDMAN, and FONZO WEEDMAN. Born in Ohio Co., KY August 14, 1916; moved to Madisonville, KY in 1921; was raised and attended school there. Graduated Madisonville High School in 1934; attended Bryant & Stratton Business School through 1935. Married Luetta Lutz at Madisonville in 1936 and entered Railway Mail Service at Cincinnati, OH. Transferred to Louisville, KY in 1938, and to St Louis, MO in 1939.

Moved to Evansville, IN in 1941, serving on the C&EI line passenger trains between Chicago and Evansville. Transferred to Nashville, TN in 1942 running on L&N passenger trains Nashville to St Louis. Served in US Army from 1943-1946. Returned to Nashville at the end of WW II and continued on train service until all through mail and passenger trains were removed from service in 1966 (on the N&SL line). Transferred to a Supervisory position at the Nashville Post Office until retirement in 1971. We have travelled extensively since retirement primarily in Recreational Vehicle (camping) field. We have three sons: Daniel Wilson, (1942); Samuel Lee, (1947), and John Michael (1952).

Roy and Luetta have attended every Weedman Reunion.

WEEDMAN REUNION PEACH COBBLER

from the kitchen of Janella Forcum

5-6 fresh peaches, peeled and sliced
1 cup sugar
1 stick melted butter
2 tblsp. flour
1 beaten egg
5-6 slices white bread.

Pour peaches evenly over 9x13" cake pan. Mix next 4 ingredients together, and set aside.

Remove crust from the bread slices and cut each slice into three strips and lay these over the peaches.

Pour butter mixture over bread.

Bake for 35-45 minutes at 350 degrees

The secret optional ingredient is BBQ sauce, which may be added with each serving. Eat and enjoy!

Thank You, Carl Weedman

A special thanks to Carl Weedman of Mesa AZ for his superb support of the Weedman Newsletter. His continued financial contributions go a long way in allowing this endeavor to continue. We all say THANKS!

The Weedman Reunion Peach Cobbler is one of the most unique recipes we have ever seen! Try it.

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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hi there, Cousins,

Where did 1994 go? Did it seem to fly for you as it has for me? The frost is on the pumpkin, and it's time the Fall newsletter is on its way.

My eye surgery was a success, and the redness has nearly gone away now. There was no pain to speak of, and I see wonderfully well out of my right eye. For the time being, I'm wearing a temporary soft contact lens on my left eye until they put the implanted intraocular lens in that one, as they have done in the right eye. I said goodbye to my old glasses and have some temporary glasses now that I wear. Thin ones. After the surgery on December 8, I'll have a fitting for new glasses that will enhance my vision at that time. Of course, they'll be thin ones. No more thick glasses for yours truly!

Then I got shingles next. These are something like chicken pox in that you won't get shingles if you never had chicken pox. Little red blisters break out and itch. Then your skin is sore...not just where you have the blisters, but all around that area. I mean like it really is torture! Those of you who have had shingles know just what I mean. Well that's all over now, and I'm feeling fine, so I say "on

with the work at hand!" (The Newsletter!)

First, a correction has been called to my attention. **April WRIGHT** was misnamed (by my error) in the Summer newsletter as April Turner. Where has my mind gone? It's April Wright, daughter of **Rick and Pat Wright**....a wonderful family. They were at the reunion, and didn't we have a wonderful time? If there are any more goof-ups, please let me know so I can get the record straight.

George Theiss, husband of Gena Lee, is having some health problems just now, and I'm sure the family will welcome your prayers for him at this time. I'll keep you posted. Both Gena and George are so outgoing and giving, and we wish George a speedy return to optimum health!

Did I tell you that Bryan and LeAnna (Bruner) Brown are proud parents of a baby daughter Sept. 8, 1993? Well

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The Newsletter is being mailed late due to problems in Hong Kong!

Sorry...will try to do better next issue.

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it's true, and believe me, "Grandma" **Jan Bruner** was telling us at the Reunion how cute and sweet she is. Her name is **Brittany LeKaye Brown**.

Jan wrote me some interesting data on the **BRUNER** family of Kentucky. There are more Bruner and Weedman connections other than Jan's, aren't there? Yes there are! Just looked in the index in the **WEEDMAN** Genealogy. I think of Gena Lee's tireless efforts every time I open that book! Remember, if you have cousins who don't participate in family affairs and don't get the Newsletter, you can xerox your copy for them. **BUT** do encourage them to get a copy of Gena Lee's revised edition of **CHRISTIAN WEEDMAN AND HIS DESCENDANTS 1735-1986**. Christmas is coming up, and get copies while they last. I can't think of a nicer Christmas

present for relatives who don't live close to you where they can peek into your copy. Write to:

Gena Lee Theiss
8417 Burlingame Ave.
Louisville, KY 40219

Getting back to the **BRUNER / BRUNNER** family, it seems that **Jacob Bruner** is the immigrant in that line, and he was born in Schifferstadt, Germany Feb. 25, 1703. The family migrated to Pennsylvania and later to Kentucky. I will share Jan's letter with any Bruner descendants whose ancestor in Kentucky lived in the Grayson County area. If not sure, let me know. There was a Dutch Bruner family who lived for a time in Mercer Co., KY. They don't seem to be related to Jan's Bruners.

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There are still copies of the book on the Weedman family genealogy available. See main story for order address.

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George Weedman of Rapid City, SD sent some **HILDRETH** family data some time ago. I was just looking it over again last evening. The Hildreth family married into the Illinois branch of our Weedmans. The name is sometimes spelled Hilldreth. We'd like to hear from any descendant of William Martin Weedman who hasn't as yet contacted us. We thank George and also Jan for sharing their allied lines with us.

Nancy Jefferys (**DANIEL's** line) asks if we know the address of Bill or Bob Weedman, who lived around Las Vegas for some time, and would be around 45-47 years of age. These cousinsI mean, Bob, of Henderson NV may be who Nancy is looking for. Are you reading this, Bob? Nancy's address is:

Mrs. Ross Jefferys
4110 S. Lafayette
Albany, OR 97321.

This would probably be **DANIEL's** line we're talking about. There is:

Robert Weedman
630 E. Fairway Rd.
Henderson NV 89015.

Also a Mary, a Donna, and a N. C. in various localities in NV. Mary Weedman lives at 5933 Willard Ave., Las Vegas NV 89100. If any of the above names sound familiar, either write them, at the addresses above, or ask me for Donna's and M.C.'s. If you are looking for an address, by the way, and this is for any name, anywhere, you can always go to your local li-

brary and if they have the **United States Phone** fiche, you can either look it up yourself or have your librarian show you how to find it on the microfilm or fiche. It's real easy. I have the **WEEDMAN** names here.

Christmas is fast approaching. Have you thought about cutting down on the "work" of Christmas? Even though it is a JOY, still, let's be honest.....it's a busy time for most of us. IF you have a typewriter, or know someone who has (or a computer), write up a newsy Christmas letter. Mail that around, instead of sending Christmas cards.....that is..... if this idea appeals to you. Brag letters, some people call them, and so...what's wrong with that??? I enjoy getting (and sending) them. Doesn't everybody? After all, we need to share with you your joys, triumphs and sorrows that you can explain in a Christmas letter, easier than a few lines on a card. If I get any from any of you, fill them full of news about your additions to the family, any deaths, marriages, divorces, or whatever...a favorite recipe, you name it. I love the Christmas letters.

Now I've had my say, it's your turn. You can use the Newsletter for a soap box, or send your favorite ancestor's story, or your own story.

Weedman, Illinois Visited

June and Cecil Weedman (Jacobs

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*Address for
Weedman
resident of
Nevada is being
sought by Nancy
Jefferys*

Weedman, Illinois was probably named for George Weedman or his son, John, who settled in the McLean - DeWitt County area about 1830.

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line) of Fairfield, IL saw the name WEEDMAN on the map. They decided to go have a look. They say the town consists of a sign saying "Weedman" and a church. Someone else said it has a granary there too, but alas....no school nor stores nor shopping center. Wonder how populated Weedman used to be in the past. June sent two nice pictures of the Weedman church, and she said they were able to go inside for a look around. The church is still in use, and the Pastor is L. E. Reed. It's a United Methodist Church. Time of worship is 10:30 AM Sundays, and on the Sunday the Weedmans visited, the sermon was on how to Love The Unlovable. Weedman is on Rt. 174, near Farmer City, half way between Bloomington and Champaign.

June shared with us that they have one son, **Dennis Weedman**. He's 28 years old, and one of the youngest Administrative Law Judges for the Department of Labor in Springfield, IL. We can all be proud of Dennis. It seems the Weedmans seem to excel in any line of profession and sport or whatever they attempt to do. I say CHEERS for all the sons, daughters, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren, etc. of all of our cousins, known and unknown among the Weedmans. We want to know you better. Set your sights for the 1996 Rough River reunion. There are camping spots and you will find it will fit your pocket-book. Prices are high everywhere, but compare, and you'll agree that when in Kentucky, if you stay at a Kentucky State Park, you have an affordable vacation.

Bettie Silman, Rt. 1, Box 182, Ellsimore, MO 63937 is a descendant of STEPHEN's line, through his son, Mordecai. I hope to have her line soon to add to the family tree.

Early Lines to be Researched

I have sent several queries concerning the allied WEEDMAN lines of Murphy, Hume/Huhn, Riffle, Myers, Kefauver, and Walters. Haven't received any replies on these names. In the taxpayers' list for Fayette County 1785 (township in parentheses):

Murphy, Jacob (Union)
Murphy, John (Union)
Murphy, Patrick (Tyrone)
Murphy, Samuel (Tyrone)
Murphy, Robert (Franklin)

I feel sure that one or all of these are somehow allied to the Weedmans in that Christian Weedman Sr.'s daughter, Elizabeth married a "Mr. Murphy". This marriage may have occurred in Fayette County, and it is not known if they went to Fairfield / Licking counties with the Weedmans or not. The Kefauvers and some of the Walters went. So we're thinking Fayette Co., PA and Fairfield, and or Licking Cos....and any other county in Ohio if a Weedman, Widman, Weedman, Weadman, Wiedman family is located there. Remember, however, that the name Weidman is usually pronounced Wide-man, and isn't ours,

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The early lines of the family could reveal information on where Christian and Elizabeth Weedman lived prior to Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

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and Wiedman is pronounced Weedman, but in many cases the spelling has been changed. Here are the families we want to learn more about:

Mary Weedman b. about 1761 and died after 1837 married **Adam Myers** and lived in Huron Co., Ohio.

Barbara b. about 1762 died before 1837, married **Nicholas Riffle** in 1781 in Fayette Co., PA. Nicholas was a Revolutionary War vet and is buried in Jacobs Lutheran Church cemetery in German Township, but no grave site is known for Barbara.

Elizabeth who married Mr. Murphy.

John, b. 1769 married **Sophia** _____ in Fayette Co. PA by 1801. He died in 1830 in Licking Co. OH. Sophia and her son, **Nicholas Weedman**, lived in Jackson County, Indiana. Apparently John and Sophia were either separated or divorced.

Margaret b. about 1771, nothing further known. Perhaps never married.

Sarah b, about 1772 died about 1809. Married **Andrew Walters**, son of **Ephraim Walters**. Several children were born in Fayette Co., PA and moved to Ohio about 1806 after selling the Walters homestead back to Ephraim, the original owner. May have died in Fairfield, Perry, or Licking Cos. Ohio.

Catherine, b. about 1779 married (1) **John Huhn Jr.**, and after his death (2) **Jacob Kefover**. moved to Ohio. Believe she and Jacob died in Perry

County, Ohio.

We would like to fill in these families, and whereas Weedman is not a common name, it has been easier to find descendants of Christian SR., but Murphy, Myers, and Walters are quite common names, it is more difficult to determine if the ones in any given area are connected to our Weedmans. Huhn and Kefover/Kefauver would be easier to track down. Except for John, the names above are the females in the family. John's son, Nicholas' daughter, **Mary Ann Weedman** has been beautifully traced by **Doris Kizer** in the Ackerman family. There are still many blanks in the complete Weedman family, of course including allied names.

If anyone out there has time, and enjoys detective work, tracking down our Myers, etc. etc. names will be exciting for you. I only wish I had 48 hours in my day, and knew how to say "No" more often.

Please feel free to write to me; you have my address, and ask me any questions on the above that you want or need to know.

The other day I received an invitation to pass along to any of you who might be in the area at the time, or care to make a vacation to Idaho next summer. There will be an **Ackerman Family Reunion** July 28-30th at Hellsgate State Park, Lewiston, Idaho. They will be reserving rooms at the nearby Motel 6, and there are other motels in the area. The reunion is open to other than Ackerman, and this would surely include Weedmans.

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Char Gustafson needs to hear by Jan. 15. Boating, hiking, picnicking and swimming on site. A map of the area and a list of events, places to see, and recreational facilities was included with the information. If any are interested, please write:

Char Gustafson
3330 11th St. C
Lewiston, Idaho 83501-5307
Phone (208) 743-1385

Char is Doris Kizer's niece. I believe there's a good chance Doris will be there. She's NICHOLAS' line. Char will give you more details than I have given, so please write her for further details.

Becky Middleton, while going through some items in her line of work at the library in Spencer County,....or was it the historical society? Don't have letter in front of me, but I do have some information, and I haven't published it before, so here it is.

Mrs. Albert VanWinkle and sons, **Jimmie** and **Harold** attended the funeral of her brother, **Charles Weedman** in Blytheville, AR. Mr. Weedman was born in Magnet, Perry County, and had lived there many years before making his home in Arkansas. He was married to **Sis Lanman** and had reared several children. He was 83 years of age, and cause of death was a heart attack. Extracted from the New Boston news appearing June 18, 1950 in the Rockport (IN) Democrat. I have the ancestry of this man. He is **Nick Weed-**

man's grandfather, and **Sis Lanman** is **Martha Lanman**. **Charles Green Weedman** was born in Rono, Indiana Feb 2, 1864, He and Martha (Sis) had eight children, one of whom was **Harry Edwin Weedman**, Nick's dad. (WILLIAM's line). He's in Gena's book (pages 164-167 in the Revised (red) book. For the first several generations of each line from Christian, Jr. the name GREEN was a family name. Green Berry, Greenberry, Willis Green, etc. I am confident that there must have been a relationship between the **Willis Green** of early day Hardin/Grayson County who, by the way, had come there from Pennsylvania, and the Weedman family.

I may not live to know how or when or where, but I do hope someone else can solve this thing. Who was Willis Green in relation to our Christian Weedman? Now it is not carried out in the Illinois branches of the family...that is, in the descendants of JOHN and GEORGE....sons of Christian SR. nor in the Riffle and Walters lines of the daughters of Christian SR. So it nearly pinpoints to the fact that Christian Jr. somehow connects with the Greens. He didn't marry a Green. He married **Mary Marshall**, and unless Mary's mother's family were Greens, it could be that since Willis Green was such an important figure in early Grayson county, perhaps Christian Jr. just admired him, and named a son Willis Green Weedman for Willis Green. This is something Sarah, **Ed Weedman's** grandma, didn't tell him. He (as most of you recall) would give us a lot of information that "grandma Sarah" had told him. But she must

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Newspaper articles can be a very useful tool in sorting out various lines of the family. See work cited by Becky Middleton on some her Weedman findings

George Perry Weedman was an early Superintendent of Schools in Perry County, Indiana.

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have never mentioned the Green connection.

Oh, that reminds me, at the Reunion, we took a few moments in silent prayer to remember those members of the Weedmans who are no longer with us. I couldn't help but shed a tear or two as each name was read. You know you get to know people and love them, and when they pass away, their presence is felt and yet missed at subsequent Reunions. Ed and family never missed a one, but when he died, we not only missed him, but his family as well. Not only Ed, but the others whose names were recalled were faithful in attending, also.

Back to Becky Middleton's files. She found in the 1900 census

George Weedman age 39 b. IN, mother b. IN, father b. KY; **Mollie Weedman**, 31, b. IN, father b. OH, mother b. IN; (children) **Lloyd Weedman**, 12, b. IN; **Ada Weedman**, 10 b. IN; **Ralph Weedman**, 6, b. IN.

This couple had been married 15 years, had 6 children, of whom only three were living at time of this census. This was a Spencer County census, no town given. I looked in the **Weedman Genealogy** (revised) and find this to be **Elizabeth Weedman Snodgrass'** father (**Ralph**) and grandfather (**George Perry**). Molly was **Molly Hatfield**. I think that Ada was later called **Edith**, as the age given in the book matches that given on the census above. She married **Milo Summerville**. **Lloyd** moved to Mas-

cotte, FL and became the grandfather of our present-day cousin, **George Perry Weedman**. We were hoping to meet him and his family at the reunion, but he couldn't fit it into his plans this year. Maybe in 1996?. (WILLIAM's line).

Elizabeth Ann Fults, granddaughter of **Mary Alice Fults**, is on the Dean's list at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana. Finishing 4 years in 3, she'll be a Veterinarian upon graduation. A job is already promised for her at that time.

Phyllis Jane Fults is Chief Nurse at the Veterans' Hospital in Big Springs, Texas. These girls are daughters of **Clyde E. and Janet Fults**, **Mary Alice's** son and daughter in law. (DANIEL's line).

Obituaries

(News of these family deaths have only recently been received. However, in the interest of keeping everyone informed, they are being published).

Alice Woodburn Weedman

Alice Mildred Weedman (nee **Woodburn**) died Thursday, December 26, 1991 at Holy Family Hospital, Des Plaines, Illinois. She was born August 27, 1913. She was survived by three sons - **William** (Sondra), **John** (Rose) and **Jerome** (Karen) Weedman; a daughter, **Beryl** (Martin) **Poteat**; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and a brother, **William** (Alma) **Woodburn**. She

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was preceded in death by three other brothers - **Ralph, Burl and Isaac Woodburn.**

Visitation was held Monday, December 30, 1991 at Matz Funeral Home, Mount Prospect, Illinois, where funeral services were also held Tuesday, December 31 at 10 am. Interment was Thursday, January 2, 1992 in Cadillac Gardens West in Westland, Michigan.

Constance Huddle Weedman

Nancy Jefferys gave us information for Connie Weedman's death and burial. **Constance (Huddle) Weedman**, widow of the late **John Earl Weedman**, died Nov. 1, 1990 at Portland Adventist Hospital, Portland, OR. She is buried at Lincoln Memorial Park, Portland. Services were at Gateway-Little Chapel of the Chimes. Survivors are daughters **Audrey Weedman Mead**, and **Helen Weedman Conklin Schwarze (DANIEL's line)**.

Virgle Meade

Nancy Jefferys informs us that **Virgle Mead**, husband of **Audrey Mead**, passed away recently. We want to extend to this family our condolences for the two recent losses. Late, but nevertheless truly felt.

Lost touch

We have lost touch recently with two active supporters of the Weedman Newsletter. If anyone has current addresses for either, please let us know.

Dr. Shirley Weedman Spooner formerly of Daytona Beach, Florida and **Frieda M. Davison** of San Francisco both apparently moved. Forwarding orders were expired on both of them.

Contributions

We would like to recognize financial contributions recently received. These are used for printing and postage for the Weedman Newsletter. It is through these generous gifts that the publication is allowed to continue.

Carl F. Oran of Kearney, Nebraska.

Elizabeth Leuvand of Azusa Ca. Her contribution was also to add several of her family to the **Weedman Newsletter** subscription list and includes: **Ernie Weedman**, **Barbara Queen Weedman** and **William Scott Weedman**.

Bettie Silman of Ellsinore, Mo. She is doing research on the **Albright, Wren, Beegle and Robbins** families. She states that she hasn't heard from **Jan Bruner** for a while. They are trying to figure out where **Mordecai and Barbara Weedman** are buried. She is thinking that it could be on **Wabash Island** in the **Wabash River** between **Kentucky and Indiana**. Her grandfather, **Joseph B. Weedman** and his wife **Julia Ann Albright** lived there for a while. She states that a person can get so caught up in these ideas and never come down.

Well this is it for this time. Keep sending me anything you find that pertains to the family, and we really need news from the **Illinois branches**. Bye folks..till next time!

Marianne Montgomery