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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Dear Cousins

Again we greet you, a bit early this time, for we want to add to the Reunion News and while we're at it, add news and updates on old news.

The Christmas mail brought several letters and I was most happy to hear from you who sent them.

We received a letter from **Sally Lawlor** with a contribution for the Newsletter. Sally is descended from **JACOB**, son of **Christian Weedman, Sr.** and brother of **Christian, Jr.** Jacob came to Kentucky probably after Christian Jr. and they settled in the different areas of the State. Jacob is first found in Bullit County, KY where he married Mary Frances (Fannie) Fleming in 1799. Christian was in Kentucky by 1789 when he married in Mercer Co., KY and lived in Somerset, Hardin and Grayson Co., KY. Jacob was an officer in the Cornstalk Militia in Bullit County and then was in Crawford & Dubois Counties in Indiana.

Among the children of this couple, **Jonathan Weedman**, b. 4 Oct. 1811 in Crawford Co. Indiana, married **Frances BALLARD** ca 1831. Frances died about 1838 or 1839 in DuBois County, IN, and Jonathan then married, **Sarah BRUNER** in 1839/40. Sarah was a daughter of **Henry and Nancy (Rusher) Bruner**.

Children of **Jonathan and Frances (Ballard) Weedman** were: **Jacob F.**,

born 1832; **Mary Ann Bathsbeba**, 1835; and **Richard Calvin**, 1838.

By his second wife, **Sarah Bruner**, the following children were: **William Henry Harrison**, born 1841; **Malinda**, 1842; **Allen Fleming**, 1845; **Sarah Elizabeth**, 1846 **Rebecca Frances**, 1849, and **Erastus Emory**, 1850.

Sally Lawlor is descended from the **Weedmans** and the **Bruners**. She sent this message:

*I descend from **Jacob Bruner** of Martin County, Indiana. There's a book in print about this **Bruner** family but I haven't been able to find a copy of it. Does anyone in the family know how to obtain a copy? Please contact **Sally Lawlor** at jagger@kconline.com or at 604 Robson, Winona Lake, IN 46590.*

We have some **BRUNER** connections that receive the Newsletter. Hope you will get in contact with Sally if you can answer her question. The above outline of **Jonathan Weedman's** family is to acknowledge an error concerning the two wives: **Frances**

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The Weedman Newsletter enters its 33rd year with this issue! Marianne Montgomery founded the publication and has edited it since the beginning!

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Ballard #1 and Sarah Bruner #2. (See Winter 1999 *Newsletter*, p.29.).

Richard's mother was **Frances Ballard**. **Thanks Jack Hahne**, for calling this to our attention.

Jack Hahne has prepared an outstanding booklet on his line of the family. He has provided us with a copy and, with his permission, we will display it at the **Weedman National Family Gathering** in June. In addition, we will display (again, with permission) the booklet done by **Carol Rohloff** on the **Henry Linas Weedman** line. Another fine work!

Jack's work is well documented and shows where Jacob, Jonathan, and other Weedman family members settled. They were the original land owners in a number of cases in DuBois Co., IN. Jack's line is **Christian, Sr.¹, Jacob², Jonathan³, William Henry Harrison⁴, Mary Isadora⁵, Virgil V. Hahne⁶, Jack Hahne⁷.**

Jesse and Jerri Weedman sent family update to Nick. (See Spring 1999 *Newsletter*). I missed the reunion (either 1988 or 1990) where Jerri and Jesse were attending. I hope they can attend the next one in June.

Kathryn (Weedman) Cook, (JOHNs line) sends us news from **Alton and Sherman Weedman's** families. **Marvin Weedman** has been laid low with strokes lately and no longer drives. We are truly sorry that this has happened to him but we wish him a complete recovery. He's Sharon Bryden's dad. **Wilma (Weedman) Williams** has had chemo and surgery but is doing well. Thanks, Kathryn, for the update. Keep us posted.

I've sent in my reservations to Nick for the Reunion Banquet, etc, and to the Eastland Suites Hotel for my room. I wanted to be sure to be there where many of us will be staying. You get your reservations in too, won't you, and are sure to be in on the fun. I've got to decide be-

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Two booklets on different lines of the Weedman family will be shown at the June Reunion. Both are excellent!

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tween American Airlines and TWA for my flight reservations. They are the only two national Airlines that come into Champagne-Urbana Airport from Seattle. As soon as I get these airlines called I'll make a reservation and will be all set 'til time to pack. - I want to be in the choir, too, at the Weedman church while we're there. Don't you? This will be a once in a lifetime opportunity for us to reach a milestone in Weedman history. If our ancestors can look down from Heaven they'd see our gathering in that little church at Weedman Illinois.

Just in case any of you have called the Hotel at Urbana - the **Eastland Suites Hotel** (address & phone number appears on page 6 of this *Newsletter*) and couldn't get connected, it's all clear now. There was some problem with the phone system, but it's okay now. Probably a result of that horrid storm back there in late December.

Nick received a letter from **Verness Melton** of Dyersburg, TN with her Weedman lineage. She is from **WILLIAM's** line.

John (called "**Jack**") **Weedman** born in 1866, son of **John Weedman Sr.** and **Maria (Cart) Weedman**, married **Myra Annie Fuqua** on November 8, 1888 in Perry County, Indiana. Their children were **Nellie May** b. 1890 (called "**May**"); **Norman**, born 1895; **Barney**, born 1898; **Maria**, born 1905 in Dyer Co., TN and who married **Lawson Hardwick** in 1923.

"**May**" married **Will Earl** and they had two children: **Anna Martha** (deceased) and **Willie Gladney**.

Of her second marriage to **Michael Jarrett** were: (1) **Verness Jarrett** who married **Donald L. Melton** and (2)

Deltha Sue Jarrett m. Mr. Garred. Children of Donald and Verness Melton are: **Priscilla Ann Melton and Dawn Fay Melton**. Verness has two grandchildren.

It would be nice to have more dates but some of this family is found on p. 154-5 in the Revised Edition of "**Christian Weedman and His Descendents, 1735 - 1986**" by **Gena Lee Theiss**. And, Verness, would you give us some dates for the above families?

We heard from another Weedman-in-law **Glenn B. Martin**, husband of **Florella Weedman**, born June 9, 1932 in Edgerly, Lamour County, North Dakota and who is a descendant of **GEORGE Weedman**. Her parents are **Henry Leonard** and **Matilda (Goehner) Weedman**. The Martins now are living in Wenatchee, WA. Some of this family is written in the above mentioned in the book by Gena Lee Theiss. Glenn says that he has relatives in Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee, and they'd truly enjoy making a trip back to visit them, and taking in the Reunion too. Glenn, we surely hope we'll see you there. You'll have a LOT of relatives you may never have known about there, too. We're sorry that your folks have been in the hospital lately and in a Care Center, but as the letter I'm looking at from you was dated October 6, 1999, we can hope that their health has improved. Keep us informed, Glenn.

Margie Weedman Kennedy, sister of **Carl Weedman** and of **Mary Alice Fults** is ill and Mary Alice is doing as much as possible to make Marjorie more comfortable. Mary Alice's daughter was up from Texas and had a nice visit with Marjorie and Mary Alice.

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Christmas brought a lot of correspondence which allowed us to give updates on several families.

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Theiss' Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Gena Lee and **George Theiss** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past summer on July 15th. All the children were expected, and I'm sure that included many grandchildren. Belated happy anniversary, **Gena Lee** and **George!**

Harold Probus sent Nick a note, too, and it was passed on to me, as were the last two event notices. Harold's grandmother was **Margaret J. Harris**, daughter of **Isaac Harris** and **Susan Weedman** (JOHN'S line). Harold lives in Silver Springs, Maryland — a lovely city. Hope you'll consider the 2000 reunion, Harold, and meet more cousins in the **Probus** and **Weedman** lines.

Nick gets quite a few visits on his web-site. In November he received a message from **Jeffrey J. Weedman** of Parkville, MO. In it, Jeff named his father, **James W. Weedman**, grandfather **Maynard M. Weedman**, and great grandfather **John Weedman**. He was curious as to what Nick might have on his web-page, hoping maybe there'd be something to take his family history back. Well Jeffrey didn't know about Gena Lee's book, which has him in it and his line back to Christian Sr. Nick was quick to find this and send it off to Jeff. Now Jeff gets the newsletter, and we hope he will be at the reunion. Jeff added more information to the line than we had known of before. Later events. This family went out to Miami County Missouri. I believe there were other Weedman lines out there, too. Jeff's full line is: **Christian, Sr.¹**, **George²**, **Asa³**, **Henry Linas⁴**, **John William⁵**, **Maynard Marion⁶**,

James W.⁷, and **Jeffrey James⁸**.

Obituary

Edna Mae Rimini

Edna Mae Weedman Rimini of Virden, IL died on 27 December 1999 in Springfield, IL. She was a daughter of **William Robert Heston** and **Mary Elizabeth (Weedman) Weedman**. Edna Mae was born 7 December 1914 in Auburn, IL and married **Premo Rimini** in 1935. Mr. Rimini died in 1966. They had one son, **George**, who died in 1995. Edna Mae was an aunt of **Beryl Poteat**, a subscriber to the *Newsletter*. Edna Mae and her son, George, attended at least one Weedman Family Reunion. Our sympathy to her family in their loss.

Civil War Service Web Page Update

Frieda Davison has found more Civil War service records particularly those who enlisted in Indiana. This new information has been put onto our Web site and will be updated in a future *Newsletter*. To see the Weedman Family web site visit it at:

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/HNWEEDMAN>

Research on the George and Catherine (Danner) Weedman Family

We have been in contact with **Gary Thompson** (GaryT82148@prodigy.net) who is descended from **George** and

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If you have access to a computer, pay a visit to the Weedman Home Page and visit Gena Theiss' page as well. The URL is shown on this page and it is linked to Gena's.

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Catherine (Danner) Weedman. Gary has a substantial amount of information on this line of the family and is willing to exchange with those who are interested.

Harriett Malinda Weedman (April 1852– June 1916) was the eldest child of **George** and **Catherine Weedman**. She married **James Washington Baker** in 1870 in Farmer City, IL. The family moved to Wichita, KS where **Wash Baker** died. The youngest daughter of **Wash** and **Harriett Baker** was **Georgia Baker** who was born in 1884 in Farmer City. She married **Henry Wilson** and these are the grandparents of **Gary Thompson**.

He would be pleased to hear from others of this line of the family.

Newsletter Contributions Acknowledged

We have received some very generous contributions to the Newsletter from:

Lucille Jaeger
Mildred Holman
Sally Lawlor
Beryl Poteat
Jesse & Jerri Weedman
Jim & Ardes Weedman
Kenneth & Sue Weedman

Jim and **Ardes Weedman** were especially generous in sending 2 rolls of first class stamps. The postage on this mailing of the Newsletter is totally compliments of them! We thank all of you for your contributions.

All of the above were gracious in their support!

New Subscribers

We welcome as new subscribers to the Newsletter the following:

Jeff Weedman, Parkville, MO
Elizabeth MacKenzie, Loveland, CO
Debbie Hund, West Chester, OH

Subscription Renewals Now Due

We ask for a \$5/year contribution for postage and copy costs to keep the Newsletter going. This issue marks the beginning of the 34th year for the publication which has been written all of that time by Marianne Montgomery!

In this mailing is a self-addressed envelope with a notice for those whose subscriptions are now due. Thanks for your consideration.

Ohio Sites Visited

Jon Austin who is the Executive Director of the Illinois Historical Society recently visited a number of cemeteries where Weedman families are buried in Ohio. We hope he will have a display of his findings at the Reunion.

Jacob Weedman married **Catherine Bishop** in Perry Co., OH and died there in 1830 at an early age. Catherine went to Ashland Co., OH and raised her children there later moving to Farmer City with her daughter, **Mary Ann Weedman Norris**. This is the family in which the first Weedman physicians are found. For at least three generations, the medical profession seemed to prevail in that line of the family. Jon visited burial sites of these and other family members

The continued support we receive both in terms of letters and in financial terms is highly appreciated.

Weedman Family National Gathering 9th Biennial Weedman Family Reunion

June 16 & 17, 2000

Farmer City, Weedman, & Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend the 9th biennial **Weedman family Reunion!** The year 2000 will mark the 250th anniversary of the arrival to America of Christian Weedman, Sr. And, it will mark the 170th anniversary of the family and descendants of his son, George Weedman, in the McLean and DeWitt County, Illinois area. A good cause to celebrate and a great location for a family gathering!

Here is what is planned:

Friday, June 16, 2000

- arrival and registration** in the **Weedman Park** in Farmer City.
- browse in the **Farmer City Historical & Genealogical Society** archives and **Farmer City library**
- see homes once occupied by the Weedman and related families
- a **barbeque or picnic dinner** will be served at the Weedman Park
- an **open forum and panel discussion** about the Weedman family history will be held at the hotel.

Saturday, June 17, 2000

- photo and family information** exchange at the hotel
- 11:00 am, a non-denominational **Worship Service** at the historic Weedman Methodist Church in Weedman, Illinois conducted by Rev. Dr. William L. Weedman of Springfield, IL.
- a sack lunch will be provided following the service.
- Cemetery Tour** to five cemeteries to see where George and Charlotte (Huhn) Weedman, a number of their children, and a large number of family members are buried. Cemeteries in McLean and DeWitt County which will be visited include:
 - Miller and Shiloh in McLean County;
 - Campground, City, and Maple Grove in Farmer City.
- the **Reunion Dinner** will be held at the **Woodlawn Country Club** in Farmer City.
- induction into the **Weedman Who's Who** will be made at the dinner.

Due to space limitations, participants at the Reunion Dinner will be restricted to 120 people. Earliest paid reservations will be guaranteed participation at the dinner. The picnic, sack lunch, and dinner will be catered by Hammer Catering of Farmer City.

We have reserved a block of hotel rooms at Eastland Suites Hotel on I-74 in Urbana, IL. You must reserve your rooms directly with them. Their telephone is: (800) 253-8331. Mention you are with the Weedman Family Reunion.

Reserve now! Space is limited and participation will be restricted. Mail the following with your check to: Nick Weedman, 130 Berry Creek Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731. Cost is \$30 per person and includes the three meals mentioned (but not the hotel rooms).

Reunion Dinner Reservation Form
(Mail to Nick Weedman at the address shown above)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Number of reservations: Adults _____ Children _____

Weedman National Family Gathering Update and More Information

Update on Participation

The initial response to the Weedman National Family Gathering has been excellent! We have had more reservations at this point than originally anticipated but there is still room for everyone who wants to attend. **Reunion dinner participants will be limited to the first 120 to make firm reservations.**

Already, some who have attended one or two past Reunions have made reservations to participate in this one. And, some who never attended have sent in their reservation form. It appears that this will be a well attended Reunion.

We are nearing the time when we need to advise the caterer of numbers of people attending. And, the hotel is holding rooms but will slowly start to release those if reservations are not confirmed.

So, we ask you to do several things.

First, complete and mail the form on page 8 which indicates your families plan to participate. We need this to be able to project reasonably close numbers of participants.

Second, call **the Eastland Suites Hotel at (800) 253-8331** and make your hotel reservations. Even if you find you have to cancel later, it is advisable to book early.

Third, we are still in need for volunteers to help with any number of activities. Our call for volunteers to sing in the choir or play the organ or piano

for the Saturday worship service has had a less than desired response. Come on and volunteer now! We plan a wonderful service in what is probably the only Weedman Church in the world! Please do help.

Fourth, give us some inputs on who you think should be recognized in our first Weedman Who's Who or Hall of Fame for the family. We think there are some obvious candidates but know that some of you know others who deserve to be recognized.

Finally, any inputs or suggestions which you might have to make this a more meaningful Reunion are highly appreciated.

You will be mailing in this page so here are some items to complete:

Volunteers for the following:

Church choir _____

Organist/pianist _____

Children's activity organizer _____

Other items as required _____

I think the following person should be recognized in our first Weedman Family Hall of Fame:

Please complete and mail this by March 7

**Weedman National Family Gathering
Champaign-Urbana & Farmer City, IL
June 16 & 17, 2000**

Please complete this and the form on Page 6 of this Newsletter (to make firm reservations) and mail it to Nick Weedman, 130 Berry Creek Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731.

We need to make final plans regarding activities and number of participants to expect.

If you are considering attending, please complete and mail this form by March 7.

Reunion Participation

Number of Participants

I/we will attend the Weedman National Family Gathering. Our check for \$30 each is enclosed

Adults

Children

I/we would like to attend but are unable to commit at this time. Plan for us being there. Will advise with certainty by May 1.

Activity Participation

Friday afternoon picnic at Weedman Park

Friday evening family discussion

Saturday morning worship service at Weedman Methodist Church, Weedman, IL

Box lunch on Saturday noon

Cemetery tour

Reunion dinner Woodlawn Country Club

**Please complete this and the form on Page 6 and
mail in the enclosed return envelope!**

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Summer 2000

Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello Cousins,

This Summer Newsletter is coming early as we want to give you the "last word" about the upcoming reunion. If there are any questions, contact us at the address on page 10 of this Newsletter.

Besides bringing you up to date on our Reunion plans, we have some information on family news for you.

Nick has updated his mailing list, adding e-mail addresses. If any of you with e-mail addresses have changed them lately, please let us know. We want to keep them as current as is possible.

Reunion — Last Chance To Participate

The **2000 Weedman National Family Gathering** will be held on June 16 & 17 in Farmer City, IL. This is a particularly significant year since it marks the 250th anniversary of the arrival in this country of Christian Weedman, Sr. and the 170th anniversary of the Weedman family in McLean and DeWitt Counties, IL.

If you are planning to attend, please see pages 16-18 of this issue, complete the forms and mail as soon as possible.

At the end of May, we will close the Reunion to further participation and advise our caterer of the number of meals to

prepare.

So, please, before May 25, send in your reservation forms. We think this will be a great affair and a chance to renew old acquaintances and meet new family members.

For those of you who have computers, or who have the use of your relatives' computers, be sure to go to Nick's website (see the address on page 10 of this Newsletter). He has a link to Farmer City so we can learn about it before we go there and have a good idea about what we want to see there. The site, if you're having to grab quick time on line is:

<http://www.farmercity.org/recreation.htm>.

We all know that sometimes we wait till the last minute to do something we plan to do and we just put off making the final plans and this may be true for some who want to attend the June Reunion. I urge you to bite the bullet and get those reservations in right away and then we'll be able to better plan the activities and meals, I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there. Remember, bring an old photo —the

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Please finalize your plans to attend this year's Weedman National Family Gathering. It promises to be an excellent event.

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The Andrew Garfield Weedman family went to San Diego in the 1940s and have spawned a notable clan.

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older the better so that we can have real Rogues Gallery, and compare your ancestors with the others. The registration forms are on pages 16—18 of this *Newsletter*, and if you don't want to tear your Newsletter, just copy the information off that you need to register, and send it to Nick. He has a good time prepared for all of us and various activities to participate in.

Eleanor Deom, who temporarily resided in Zillah, WA has returned home now to her permanent residence in Evansville.

Andrew Garfield Weedman Family of San Diego

Has anyone written or contacted **Clifford Jr.** and **Bonnie Weedman** lately? We have not heard from them since about 1992, and I'm hoping all is well with them, but at the same time, I'd enjoy

hearing from them and I'd like to give them the latest news about the upcoming reunion. **Clifford Jr.** is a descendant of **JACOB's** line of Pike and Dubois Cos., Indiana. **Clifford** and **Bonnie** live in Escondido, California. **Jess** and **Jeri Weedman** sent us an update on **Andrew Garfield Weedman**, descendants. Please see December 1992's *Newsletter*, page 18. In it we set down the children on **Andrew** and **Elizabeth (Avery) Weedman**. In that issue of the Newsletter, we got as far as the 6th child of **Andrew** and **Elizabeth**. **Clifford Jr.** and **Bonnie** sent us the rest of the information on **Andrew's** children that is known. For some reason we did not include this last information in a newsletter. I was looking through them and noticed Bonnie's update, and realized I'd overlooked it ...till today!!! So here, for the record, is some of the rest of the information. Since the information is several years old, we will want to do an update which we will publish in the next *Newsletter*. Please let me know if there are any errors.

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- f. **Hershel Ray Weedman** b. 1 Feb. 1919 in Kelleyville, OK, d. 19 Feb 1970 in San Diego, CA. (We met Herschel's wife and three of his children at the Bardstown Reunion. We hope they can update us on his family).
- g. **Adrian Weedman** b. 24 Oct 1920 married **Phyllis _____**. Divorced
Ch: G1 **Adrian Lyman Weedman**
- h. **Albert Weedman** 1922-1981, married **Beverly Barrows**
Ch: H1 **Sharon Weedman**
H2 **Nonie Weedman**
Ch: 1. **Andrea**
2. Son
H3 **Marsha Weedman**
married —
1. daughter
2. Daughter

There are obvious gaps to fill in here so any help would be appreciated.

For those of you who are descended from DANIEL's line, and interested in the other lines, too, I have Daniel's wife (NANCY SPURRIER) lineage back to **William Spurrier** of Maryland, born in 1680. Let me know if you are interested.

Some of you are interested in your **WALTERS** heritage. Be sure to ask Nick or myself about this. Some of you will be at the Reunion who descend from **Andrew**, son of **Ephraim WALTERS**. Andrew married **Sarah WEEDMAN**, daughter of **Christian Weedman, Sr.** We have some information for you.

Andrew went to Perry County, Ohio and **Sarah**, his wife died there. They had a son, **Andrew Jr.** who married in Perry County, Ohio, **Elizabeth Dillon** on 22

July 1822. Then **Andrew Walters, Jr.** married **Sarah Risen** 20 May 1824. (Perhaps this **Andrew** was the same one who married **Miss Dillon**—sometimes the Junior is left out when the marriage is recorded. It can be confusing, but ultimately it all seems to get righted.

It is believed that **Andrew Walters, Sr.** re-married (**Judge Sumner Walters** believes it was to **Elizabeth Dillon**) and that he died there in 1831 or slightly earlier.

There remains much to do to sort out the Walters connection to the Weedmans.

It saddens us to report the following deaths in the family.

Obituary

Vadie Weedman

Vadie Weedman, widow of **William ("Mose") Weedman**, age 87 died on 1 Apr 2000 in Perry County Memorial Hospital at Tell City, IN. She had worked in the Indiana Cotton Mill in Cannelton, and was a cook at Parker's Restaurant there. Surviving are **Lajuana Cobb**, **Lucille Mathena**, and **Wanda Kellems** daughter, in the surrounding area of Perry County; a son, **Melvin** of Tell City, a sister, **Virginia McManaway** of Fordsville, KY; nine grandchildren, nine step-grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. Besides these she will be missed by many other relatives and friends. Services were at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 4 at Huber Funeral home of Tell City. Burial was at New Cliff Cemetery in Cannelton. Her husband, a daughter, **Verna Elizabeth Weedman**, and an infant son, **William**, preceded her in death. She was **Vadie**

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We have one additional obituary, for Spencer W. Weedman, but need to confirm some details before printing.

News from a number of family members shows several will be in new jobs this year.

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Elizabeth Sanders before marriage. **Mose Weedman's** line was: **Christian, Sr¹, Christian Jr.², John³, William⁴, James David.⁵, Herbert⁶, and William (Mose)⁷.**

Obituary

Dorothy Weedman

Dorothy Weedman, 93, of Poseyville, Indiana died Sunday March 5 at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, IN. She was a member of the Black River General Baptist Church. Surviving are two daughters; **Sandra Murphy** of Poseyville, and **Jane Tenison** of Mt Vernon, IN, and three sons: **Robert** of Fort Branch, IN, **Keith** of Poseyville, and **Roy** of Owensville, IN; 10 grandchildren: **Tamara Graves, Susan Patton, Tony Tenison, Michael Murphy, Michelle, David, and Donna Weedman, Heather Teets, Trina Moore, and Derrick and Bryan Bulkley**, and ten great grandchildren. Her husband, **Harley Hassell Weedman**, died in 1975. Services were held at the Werry Funeral Home in Poseyville, with burial at Oakgrove Cemetery at Owensville, IN. Lineage of **Harley Hassell Weedman** was: **Christian, Sr¹, Christian Jr.², Daniel³, John⁴, James H.⁵, Harley Hassell⁶.**

Dr. Gary E. Weedman New Provost At Palm Beach Atlantic College

Dr. Gary E. Weedman has taken the post of Provost at the Palm Beach Atlantic College in West Palm Beach, Florida. Previously, he was Dean of Students at Milligan College in East Tennessee. Gary has attended a number of our Reunions but will not be in Farmer City. He

will be on one of his many trips abroad, this time in Russia and Hungary.

Gary's line: **Christian, Sr.¹, Jacob², David³, Jesse Hamilton Stewart⁴, James Monroe⁵, Edward James⁶, Gary Edward⁷.**

Frieda Davison Named Library Dean at University of South Carolina Spartanburg

Frieda Davison, wife of **David Davison**, has accepted the position as Dean of Libraries at the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg. She will assume the new position in July. Prior to this, she was the Library Dean at Mississippi State University at Columbus.

Frieda has recently contributed information that formed the basis of articles on Civil War service by a number of our Weedman ancestors.

David Davison's lineage is through **Christian Weedman, Jr, William Weedman, Green Berry Weedman, and Mary Etta Weedman**. Mary Etta was the wife of **Joseph Philman Davison** and they were parents of **Forrest Emma Davison Miller** who for years supplied much information on the **William Weedman** family in Perry County, Indiana.

Becky Middleton New Spencer Co., Indiana Historian

On February 1, **Becky Middleton** became the new County Historian for

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Spencer Co., Indiana. Prior to this, she was a full time librarian in the genealogy room at the Spencer Co., IN Public Library in Rockport, IN. Becky has contributed a number of articles for publication in the Newsletter. We congratulate her on her new appointment.

Becky's line is **Christian, Sr.**¹, **Christian, Jr.**², **John**³, **William**⁴, **James David**⁵, **Sarah Veronica**⁶, and **Estella Smith Embry**⁷. Estella Embry is Becky's mother.

How Did Willis and Green Become Such Prevalent Family Names?

There are a number of family members who had names of **Willis Green, Willis, or Green Weedman**. A close examination of the Weedman family shows that virtually all of these had Grayson Co., KY roots. It appears that the **Green** family was prominent in Grayson County in the early 1800s and that some of the Weedman offspring were named in honor of this family. Perhaps some of our family worked for the **Greens**.

Willis Green was born in Madison Co., KY in 1795 and was a volunteer in the War of 1812. After the War, he began to trade tobacco down the Mississippi River to New Orleans. In 1829 he bought two hundred acres of land around the Falls of Rough in Grayson Co. Willis Green prospered and he became a prominent member of the local community. In 1839 the Whig Party elected him to the U.S. House of Representatives where he served three terms. He was very active in Henry Clay's campaign for the Presidency in 1844.

In the late 1850s, the businesses of **Willis**

Green were turned over to his nephew, **Lafayette Green**. Lafayette was a graduate of the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville Law School. He died in 1907 and family businesses including the Green Farms General Store passed to his sons, one of whom was another Willis Green. The businesses remained in the family until a daughter, **Jennie**, died in 1965.

The Green Farms General Store is today a museum that contains much memorabilia of the Green family. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and the Green farm is a Kentucky Sesquicentennial Farm.

The Weedman family was in Grayson County from the early 1800s when **Christian, Jr. and Mary (Marshall) Weedman** settled there. **Christian** died sometime in the 1830s. A number of his grandsons and members of future generations were named no doubt in honor of **Willis Green**.

Barbara Weedman Riffle Kern

Barbara Weedman (ca 1763 – ca 1837) was a daughter of **Christian, Sr.** and **Elizabeth Weedman**. Her marriage to **Nicholas Riffle**, a Revolutionary War veteran, has been fairly well documented. They lived in Fayette Co., PA and remained there when most of the family moved to Perry and Licking Co., OH.

Nicholas, who died in 1808, is buried in the Jacob's Lutheran Church cemetery in Fayette Co., PA but no stone is there for **Barbara**. However, information contributed by those researching the Riffle family gives us new leads to pursue regarding her resting place.

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We need a volunteer to do some genealogical research on Barbara Weedman Kern in West Virginia!

There is new interest in the Swedish Weedman branch. A new web site has been established and is dedicated to expanding knowledge of the family.

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Following the death of **Nicholas Riffle**, his widow married **Michael Kern, Sr.** of Morgantown, Virginia (now West Virginia). From a history of Morgantown, WV **Robert Riffle** has contributed the following information:

"...**Michael Kerns** was a small, heavy set man, weighing about 170 pounds. *[That IS strange. He must have been really short to be "heavy set" at 170!]* He came from Holland and was at the site of Morgantown in 1772. He married **Susan Weatherhold**, a widow, in Westmoreland County, Penn. Their children were: **Michael, Jr.**, who married **Catherine Criss**; **Christina Jones**, **Susan Stealy** and **John**. After the death of his wife, **Michael Kerns** married a widow **RIF-FLE**. Kerns's Fort was on his land. He built the first mill in the county, and had a boat-yard at the mouth of Decker's creek, to accommodate migration to Kentucky..."

From another work, "...Under the heading of "Town Established" "The General Assembly, in October 1785, established Morgans-Town by an act reading as follows:"

"Be it enacted . . . vested in Samuel Hanway, John Evans, David Scott, **Michael Kerns** and James Daugherty, gentlemen trustees, to be by them or any three of them laid out in lots of half an acre each, with convenient streets, which shall be and the same are hereby, established a town 'by the name of Morgantown.' "

Later on p. 598 in the section on Morgantown Borough, Wiley writes of Greenmont saying that it "consists of private dwellings, and was so named by George M. Hagans. It includes the Morgantown Mills, the old Kern's Fort site and the fair

ground. It was never laid out in regular streets, beyond the projection of one called Prairier, but never opened. Its population, in 1883, is ninety."

On the next page (599) Wiley writes that Morgantown was established in 1785 and that **Michael Kern** purchased lots 39 and 40..."

We believe and need to research the theory that **Barbara Weedman Riffle Kern** is buried in or near Morgantown along side her second husband. Interesting, one of the children of **Nicholas** and **Barbara (Weedman) Riffle**, **Jacob Riffle** had a son in 1820, which he named **Michael Kern Riffle**.

Any volunteers to do some research on possible burial sites for **Michael** and **Barbara Weedman Kern** would be appreciated.

Update on another Weedman line...

Swedish Weedman Family Olaf Weedman

We have added several new subscribers to the *Weedman Newsletter* who are descendants of **Olaf Weedman**. Our intent is to dedicate space in every *Newsletter* on this particular line of the family, if material is available.

Olaf Weedman was born in June 1821 in Ockelbo Parish, Gavleborg Lan, Sweden. He married **Brita Andersdotter** (12 Aug 1825 – 1874) and the couple immigrated to the U. S. in 1855 settling in Victoria, Knox Co., IL. There were at least seven children born to the couple, all in Knox Co., IL. These were:

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William Lewis (Oct 1857 – 10 Jun 1924)

John W. (Oct 1858 -)

Alfred B. (ca 1859 - ??)

Edward (Mar 1862 – 1927)

Betsey

Mathilda (Carrie) (Sept 1864 – Jan 1886)

Anna (Jan 1866 – Oct 1874)

Emma (1867 – 1896)

We had previously had contact with some in the **William Lewis Weedman** line and have recently added descendents of **Edward**. Interestingly, **Alfred B. Weedman** lived in McLean Co., IL which is where **George** and **Charlotte (Huhn) Weedman** settled after leaving Perry Co., OH. In doing research in McLean Co., we have found reference to both lines.

We welcome our cousins from **Olaf** and **Brita Weedman** to the Weedman Newsletter. And, we hope to have much more to add to our limited information on this family in future issues.

Contributors

The response to our request for annual financial contributions to sustain the Weedman Newsletter was simply outstanding! Space permitting we will list those who mailed in checks but we want to give special recognition to several who were most generous.

Carl L. Weedman, Mesa, AZ is one who has always been highly supportive of the Newsletter and was particularly generous. **Steve Fairfield**, Hemet, CA, is another one who was very supportive (Steve, we have located the material on James Edward Weedman to use in issue this year – sorry for the delay!).

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William L. Weedman, Sr.	
J. Edward Shillingburg	
Jeanette Weedman McClellan	

Again, our appreciation for your kind support. For those who haven't yet responded, a gentle reminder is enclosed. Or, if you want to be removed as a subscriber, just let us know.

Our subscriber list has grown to almost 150 and seems to expand weekly. Interest in the family appears to have expanded thanks, in part, to so much genealogy on the Internet and the ease of communicating by e-mail.

Our cost is over \$1.00 per issue for out of pocket expenses so our request for funds just covers those expenses. But, thanks to the superb response, we are now in good financial shape.

That's it for this issue. We hope to see you at the Reunion.

*Marianne Montgomery &
Nick Weedman*

Our sincere thanks to those who have so generously supported the Newsletter financially and with articles.

Weedman Family National Gathering

9th Biennial Weedman Family Reunion

June 16 & 17, 2000

Farmer City, Weedman, & Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend the 9th biennial **Weedman family Reunion!** The year 2000 will mark the 250th anniversary of the arrival to America of Christian Weedman, Sr. And, it will mark the 170th anniversary of the family and descendants of his son, George Weedman, in the McLean and DeWitt County, Illinois area. A good cause to celebrate and a great location for a family gathering!

Here is what is planned:

Friday, June 16, 2000

- arrival and registration** in the **Weedman Park** in Farmer City.
- browse in the **Farmer City Historical & Genealogical Society** archives and **Farmer City library**
- see homes once occupied by the Weedman and related families
- a **cook-out** will be held at the Weedman Park
- an **open forum** and **panel discussion** about the Weedman family history will be held at the hotel. Jon Austin, Marianne Montgomery, and Gena Theiss will be on our panel.

Saturday, June 17, 2000

- photo** and **family information** exchange at the hotel or at the Weedman Methodist Church
- 11:00 am, a non-denominational **Worship Service** at the historic Weedman Methodist Church in Weedman, Illinois conducted by **Rev. Dr. William L. Weedman** of Springfield, IL.
- a sack lunch will be provided following the service.
- Cemetery Tour** to five cemeteries to see where George and Charlotte (Huhn) Weedman, a number of their children, and a large number of family members are buried. Cemeteries in McLean and DeWitt County which will be visited include:
 - Miller and Shiloh in McLean County;
 - Campground, City, and Maple Grove in Farmer City.
- the **Reunion Dinner** will be held at the **Woodlawn Country Club** in Farmer City.
- induction into the **Weedman Who's Who** will be made at the dinner.

Due to space limitations, participants at the Reunion Dinner will be restricted to 120 people. Earliest paid reservations will be guaranteed participation at the dinner. The picnic, sack lunch, and dinner will be catered by Hammer Catering of Farmer City.

We have reserved a block of hotel rooms at Eastland Suites Hotel on I-74 in Urbana, IL. You must reserve your rooms directly with them. Their telephone is: (800) 253-8331. Mention you are with the Weedman Family Reunion.

Reserve now! Space is limited and participation will be restricted. Mail the following with your check to: Nick Weedman, 130 Berry Creek Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731. Cost is \$30 per person and includes the three meals mentioned (but not the hotel rooms).

Weedman National Family Gathering Update and More Information

Update on Participation

The initial response to the Weedman National Family Gathering has been excellent! We have had more reservations at this point than originally anticipated but there is still room for everyone who wants to attend. **Reunion dinner participants will be limited to the first 120 to make firm reservations.**

Already, some who have attended one or two past Reunions have made reservations to participate in this one. And, some who never attended have sent in their reservation form. It appears that this will be a well attended Reunion.

We are nearing the time when we need to advise the caterer of numbers of people attending. And, the hotel is holding rooms but will slowly start to release those if reservations are not confirmed.

So, we ask you to do several things.

First, complete and mail the form on page 18 which indicates your families plan to participate. We need this to be able to project reasonably close numbers of participants.

Second, call **the Eastland Suites Hotel at (800) 253-8331** and make your hotel reservations. Even if you find you have to cancel later, it is advisable to book early. This is the hotel in Champaign-Urbana which is our Reunion headquarters.

Third, we are still in need for volunteers to help with any number of activities. Our call for volun-

teers to sing in the choir or play the organ or piano for the Saturday worship service has had a less than desired response. Come on and volunteer now! We plan a wonderful service in what is probably the only Weedman Church in the world! Please do help.

Fourth, give us some inputs on who you think should be recognized in our first Weedman Who's Who or Hall of Fame for the family. We think there are some obvious candidates but know that some of you know others who deserve to be recognized.

Finally, any inputs or suggestions which you might have to make this a more meaningful Reunion are highly appreciated.

You will be mailing this page so here are some items to complete:

Volunteers for the following:

Church choir _____

Organist/pianist _____

Children's activity organizer _____

Other items as required _____

I think the following person should be recognized in our first Weedman Family Hall of Fame:

Please complete and mail today!

Weedman National Family Gathering Champaign-Urbana & Farmer City, IL June 16 & 17, 2000

Please complete this and the form on Page 17 of this Newsletter (to make firm reservations) and mail it to Nick Weedman, 130 Berry Creek Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731.

We are finalizing plans regarding activities and number of participants to expect.

If you are even considering attending, please complete and mail this form by May 25.

Reunion Participation

I/we will attend the Weedman National Family Gathering. Our check for \$30 each is enclosed

Number of Participants	
Adults	Children
_____	_____

Activity Participation

Friday afternoon picnic at Weedman Park

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Friday evening family discussion

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Saturday morning worship service at Weedman Methodist Church, Weedman, IL

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Box lunch on Saturday noon

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Cemetery tour

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Reunion dinner Woodlawn Country Club

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Reunion Dinner Reservation Form
(Mail to Nick Weedman at the address shown above)

Name: _____ Address: _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Number of reservations: Adults _____ Children _____

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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello Cousins,

It's nearly Fall...already it's in the air and leaves are showing the fall color displays that we all enjoy so much.

Reunion Report

Our first news, and wouldn't you guess? ...**The Weedman Family Reunion!** As you know, we enjoyed this event June 16th & 17th. Some of us arrived on the 15th just to get together with anyone else who would be there early, and there were a goodly number. The weather cooperated nicely. We saw some clouds, but it didn't rain on us.

Friday Picnic

On Friday evening we gathered at the **Weedman Park** at Farmer City, IL. We enjoyed a picnic dinner at that time. It was wonderful meeting old friends and kinfolk, and meeting new ones. Many new friendships were made with those who were with us for the first time. We all got to know the "Illinois Weedman line" at the events we shared in those two days. Our "Headquarters", was the Eastland Suites Hotel in Urbana, IL. It was a lovely place to gather.

Friday Workshop

The Reunion officially began on Friday afternoon when we gathered in one of the pleasant Meeting Rooms where Nick and others were putting their items for display in order. Speakers in the infor-

mal evening gathering were: **Jon Austin**, Executive Director of the Illinois Historical Society, who gave us an overview picture of the area of Illinois in which our Weedmans pioneered, and also explained to us what was available in the local area and in the Illinois Historical Society for research. He answered questions and cleared up a few misconceptions we had about various aspects of research. Jon is of the Illinois Weedman line.

Marianne Montgomery spoke on the way she and we could all go about researching by area. Beginning with Christian's arrival in America, tracing the migratory paths of his children into Northern Virginia (now West Virginia), Kentucky, Ohio and Illinois. She had maps lined out for us to see how they traveled using routes where there were rivers, Indian paths, and valleys, where the travel would be less toilsome. *Daniel's line.*

Gena Lee Theiss spoke on her experience with using the computer as a tool to find our roots. She mentioned the various genealogy sites on the Internet, told about her web page and Nicks, and encouraged us to look into the various on-line means of doing our family tree. *John's line.*

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The 9th Biennial Weedman Family Reunion was a highly successful event. Details are reported here.

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Larry Weedman (Illinois Weedman line) and his dad, **Ward Weedman**, spoke on the Farmer city historical places where Weedmans lived, married and were buried. The area boasts several Weedman families and descendants of female Weedmans who 's names are other than Weedman who live and visit the area. Larry and Ward are a pair!! Their humor was wonderful to enjoy. Larry spoke of the early days of Farmer City, IL, and what it was like to grow up there. He has a way of telling it that makes you think you lived there; the pictures he "painted" of the area kept us spell-bound. He told of a rather well known lady named **Carolyn Skelly** who lived back east in Rhode Island who had more money than she could ever count (and she probably didn't care to count it). She was the heiress of the well-known **SKELLY OIL COMPANY** and married **Freeman Weedman Burford**, a graduate of an Oklahoma University law school, who was employed by the Skelly

Oil Company. Freeman was the son of **Guy E. and Harriet (Weedman) Burford** and she was a daughter of **Smith Y. Weedman**. A full-length story appeared on Carolyn Skelly Weedman appeared in Vanity Fair Magazine for December 1999. Your library no doubt has a copy. This is a very interesting article and highly recommended.

Getting back to the Reunion, that Friday evening was one to remember. Our hats go off to Nick who took care of every detail and did a wonderful job as host.... along with his wife, Merrie Carol.

Church Service

The next day we had some free time to go to the Farmer City library, the Urbana Library or wherever. Being Saturday, some of the Historical Society rooms were closed. We then met and went to the **Weedman United Methodist Church**, in Weedman, Illinois and attended a lovely church service. In the

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The Saturday worship service at the Weedman United Methodist Church was led by Dr. William L. Weedman.

About the Weedman Newsletter

The *Weedman Newsletter* is a quarterly family publication with emphasis on the genealogy of the Weedman and allied families. It is distributed to interested family members, selected genealogical societies and libraries. Circulation is 140.

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Queries regarding the Weedman family or allied lines are welcomed. Attention will be given to each and for those which cannot be answered by family genealogists, publication in the *Newsletter* will be made.

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church the people of Weedman church had assembled a historical display of the church's beginning, the first members, the deed by which **John Weedman**, local banker, had given the land for the church. In his honor they called it the **Weedman Methodist Church** and so it is to this day. It was a truly spiritual experience to attend that church. We could almost feel the presence of the early area Weedmans and kin who attended the church. **Rev. Dr. William L. Weedman**, of Springfield, IL, gave a wonderful sermon and lead the service; we each got a souvenir bulletin of the day's service, and a six-page write-up of the church history. Several of us formed a "choir" and we sang, Beulah Land, an old time favorite no doubt sung often when the first Weedmans built and attended. Our thanks go out to **Dr. Weedman** for planning and conducting the service. And, we must pass a special thanks to **Rev. Louella Pence**, the pastor at the **Weedman United Methodist Church** for participating in the service and allowing us the use of all of the Church facilities. We used the sanctuary and the grounds for our box lunch following the service. And, members of the Church served as musicians for our service. It was truly a great day.

We had a box lunch on the lawn of the church. We could easily imagine the early days when folks spent a good part of Sundays at the church, out on the lawn for socials, and picnics for various kinds. Revival, missionary meetings...the church was and IS a vibrant living memorial to our Weedman past in Illinois.

Cemetery Tour

The service was followed by a tour of the local cemeteries in which Weedmans and kin are buried. We went to the **Miller Cemetery** in McLean County where the

progenitors of the Illinois line, **George and Charlotte (Huhn) Weedman**, are buried. **Shiloh Cemetery** was next and that is where a lot of the Rutledge and Bishop family are at rest including two daughters of **George and Charlotte Weedman**. **Historic Campground Cemetery** in Farmer City was next. There are so many family members buried here that it could have well be called the Weedman Cemetery! The last two visited were **City Cemetery** and **Maple Grove Cemetery** both in Farmer City.

We saw them all and don't let anyone tell you that cemetery hopping is boring...it isn't, when you go with the energetic group we had. We all enjoyed the afternoon. At this point, we need to thank **Joyce Newman** of DeWitt for all of her assistance for the whole Reunion. She was our local resource person and undertook the effort of marking all the family member's graves in all five cemeteries. A huge job and we say thanks to Joyce for everything she did to make the Reunion so successful.

Reunion Dinner

Jon Austin emceed the evening gathering at the **Woodlawn Country Club**, at Farmer City where our banquet was held. After a delicious meal we enjoyed a time of sharing, and an informal "business meeting". Thank you's were included, for those who had contributed to the joy of the reunion, and then we looked ahead to 2002 when we will meet for our next reunion. The question was asked "How many of you would attend a reunion in Fayette County, PA if we were to meet there"? Hands were raised all over the room, indicating that this area will be considered. The Reunion Dinner and all meals were superbly catered by **Hammer Catering** of Farmer City.

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Jon Austin of Springfield, IL was the emcee for both the Friday and Saturday evening events.

The Weedman Family Hall of Fame was started to recognize family members who have brought distinction to our family.

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It was good to have so many younger generations of Weedmans attending. A new feature of the reunion was presented this evening. The initial inductions into **THE WEEDMAN HALL OF FAME** were made after the Reunion dinner and several members were chosen this evening for that honor. Each one chosen was picked for some contributory deed, or event which he/she had done for the good of the Weedman Family ...some in showing the diversity of Weedman talent that is so evident in our members.

Weedman Family Hall of Fame

At the Reunion, we inducted ten family members into the Weedman Family Hall of Fame. The purpose was to recognize members who have made a distinctive positive contribution to society that brings honor to the family. Six posthumous awards and four living person awards were made. Those honored were:

Mary Weedman Myers, oldest daughter of Christian and Elizabeth Weedman who was the first native born woman to cross the Ohio River to settle in the Ohio territory.

John Jesse Weedman, Jr., farmer, banker, and successful businessman who was a prominent Farmer City, IL resident.

Freeman Weedman Burford, pioneer oilman whose success in the oil business in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas was well known.

Catherine Bishop Weedman, who was the maternal head of a family which produced a large number of medical and dental practitioners in the 1800s.

Dr. James Clyde Munch, a Farmer City, IL native who achieved recognition and prominence in the field of pharmacology.

George Perry Weedman, a native of Perry Co., IN who made significant contributions to the field of education and who was an early superintendent of schools in Perry County.

Living person awards were made to:

Dee Brown, author and historian who is best known for writing the book, *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*. His wife is a Weedman descendent.

Gena Lee Theiss, author and genealogist who compiled the work, *Christian Weedman and his Descendents, 1735-1986* and a later supplement.

Marianne Montgomery, who along with her late husband, Paul Kasper Montgomery, started the *Weedman Newsletter* and who has been its editor for the entire 32 plus years of publication.

Dr. Daniel W. Weedman, astronomer who has numerous scientific publications and who co-invented the Hobby Eberly Telescope.

Our congratulations to all of those recognized as inductees into the initial **Weedman Family Hall of Fame**.

We plan to have the next Reunion in 2002 and it will likely be held in Fayette Co., PA. Nick's sister, **Billie Bruce**, and her daughters, **Audrey Chapline** and **Kathy Sharples** along with **Melissa Achtien** and **Cindy Ruzak** agreed to serve as coordinators.

About 80 people participated in what we consider a very successful Reunion.

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Malinda Weedman Riddle

Daughter of Daniel and Nancy
(Spurrier) Weedman

By Myron Riddle

The story that was relayed to me was, after the death of her husband in 1869, **Malinda** stayed at Derby Indiana until about 1880 when she and her surviving children left Indiana to homestead land in the Northwest, Washington State. I have been told that Malinda, my GG grandfather **Henry Washington**, **Lavina Belle**, **Margaret Ann** (she married a Doctor by the name of **J. W. Mullinix**), **Lavina Belle** (she married a Mr. **Reed**) and **Mary Elizabeth**. **Mary Elizabeth** as I understand it was already married to a **Splater** and that was with whom Malinda traveled west. In the same cemetery as Malinda are three of her grandchildren who had passed away in 1891, a daughter and twins in 1893. Close by the gravesite is the grave of a **Ulysses Riddle** whose identity is elusive at this point.

I am in hopes that someone in the Weedman family has additional information concerning the time Malinda spent at Derby, Perry County Indiana between 1869 and 1880. I do know that **Elisha Wells Riddle** is a twin brother of Margaret Ann and he passed away at 9 years of age. I have been unable to find out any information on **George McLane Riddle** other than his birth date.

Malinda Weedman, daughter of **Daniel** and **Nancy (Spurrier) Weedman**, was born 31 March 1833 in Perry County, IN and married **William H. Riddle** there on 27 March 1859. She died 20 November 1888 and is buried in Waitsburg, WA. **Myron Riddle** of Sacramento, CA provided the information above as well as a photograph of the tombstone of Malinda. Her line: **Malinda Weedman**⁴, **Daniel**³, **Christian, Jr.**², and **Christian, Sr.**¹.

Obituary

Mathilda (Tillie) Goehner Weedman

Mathilda (Tillie) Weedman, 86, of Cashmere, passed away June 4, 2000 at the home of her son, in Cashmere after an extended illness.

She was born Jan. 25, 1914 to **Fredric** and **Christina (Schaber) Goehner** near Farris, Manitoba, Canada. She moved with her parents to North Dakota. On Nov. 27, 1931, she married **Henry (Bob) Leonard Weedman** at Merricourt, ND. They farmed in North Dakota before coming to the Cashmere area in 1937. In 1941, Tillie became a proud US citizen.

In 1949, they bought an apple and pear orchard at Dryden and farmed until moving to Cashmere in 1963. Following the death of her husband in 1965, she moved to Kent with her two youngest daughters and worked at Heath Technic for many years. Tillie returned to Cashmere in 1979 and for years she worked in fruit packing warehouses as a sorter. At age 82 she retired from the Blue Star warehouse in Cashmere.

She was a small tenderhearted Christian lady, loving to her family, and an excellent housekeeper with a sense of humor. She enjoyed family gatherings and traveling. She was a member of the Dryden Community Church for over 40 years.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, **Glenn** and **Florella Martin** of Wenatchee and **Gayln** and **Vilene Grams** of Sumner and **Evert (Skip) Carter** of Kent; two sons and daughters-in-law, **Rueben** and **Anita Weedman** of Tacoma and **Leonard (Swede)** and **Annie Weedman** of Cashmere; 12 grandchildren, 26 great-grand children and 3 great-great-grandchildren; sisters **Emilia**

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Myron Riddle is seeking information on the Weedman and Riddle families in Perry County, Indiana.

Our sympathies are extended to those who have lost loved ones. A number of obituaries are reported this issue.

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Martensen and **Edna Weedman** of Cashmere and **Ida Radach** of Wematchee; and a brother, **Walter Goehner** of Dryden.

Her parents, her husband **Bob**, a daughter **Linda Carter**, brothers **Christ, John, Otto, Bill**, and **Albert** preceded her in death. Family graveside services for were held at the Cashmere Cemetery on Wednesday, June 7, 2000.

Tillie Weedman's husbands line was: **Henry Leonard Weedman**⁶, **Carey Sylvester**⁵, **Henry Linas**⁴, **Asa**³, **George**², and **Christian, Sr.**¹. **Glenn Martin** supplied information in this article.

Obituary

John Green Weedman

John G. Weedman, 77, of Reynolds Station died June 21, 2000 at his home.

He was born in Breckinridge County, was a retired grocer and farmer, had formerly worked for the Kentucky Forestry Division and had served as magistrate of Ohio County for four years. He was a member of Black Lick Baptist Church in Breckinridge County and was a World War II veteran. His first wife, **Marie Beck Weedman**, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, **Barbara Hodge Weedman**; a son, **Don Kenneth Weedman** of Princeton; two daughters, **Wanda Faye Beemer** of Hartford and **Judy Gail Weedman** of Tyler, Texas; a stepdaughter, **Theresa Hodge Cannon** of Lyles, TN; five grandchildren; a brother, **Jack Weedman** of Hardinsburg; two sisters, **Mary Wallner** of Olaton and **Martha Hall** of Mount Sterling, ILL; and several nephews and nieces.

Burial was in Beatty Cemetery in Hancock County.

His lineage was: **John Green Weedman**⁷, **Joseph Marion**⁶, **Harvey Willis**⁵, **William**⁴, **John**³, **Christian, Jr.**², and **Christian, Sr.**¹.

Source: Ohio County Kentucky Times-News, June 29, 2000

(He married his 2nd wife, **Barbara Hodge**, 16 Oct 1998 in Waynesboro, Georgia). Our thanks to **Cathy Stone** for providing this information.

Obituary

Spencer Whitton Weedman

Spencer Whitton Weedman, age 9, of Harrisonville, MO, died Saturday, January 29, 2000, at Cass Medical Center, Harrisonville. Memorial services were held February 1, at the United Methodist Church, Harrisonville.

Spencer was born September 19, 1990, in Kansas City, MO. He was a third grade student at McEowen Elementary School in Harrisonville. He was on the principal's honor roll, was a Cub Scout, and a member of the swim team, basketball, soccer and baseball teams. He is survived by his parents, **Charles** and **Julia Weedman** and a sister, **Meredith Jane Weedman**, all of the home; his paternal grandparents, **Charles** and **Molly Weedman**, St. Louis, MO; his maternal grandparents, **Rex** and **Doris Whitton**, Kansas City, MO; aunts and uncles, **Deborah Weedman** and husband, **Todd Haglund**, St. Louis, MO, **John** and **Sheri Weedman**, Westwood Hills, KS, **Katie** and **Greg Finkle** and their children, **Callie** and **Claire**, Overland Park, KS, **Rex** and **Kay Whitton** and their children, **Rex**, **Ryan** and **Ross**, Dallas, TX.

A recipe written by Spencer and his

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mother last week for his school "Star of the Week" was:
SPICY SPENCER SPAGHETTI Number of servings: Plenty; Ingredients: 3 gallons of milk, 1 large pepperoni pizza, 2 lbs. Starburst, 2 cups Pokemon cards, 1 cup Gameboy, and Nintendo, sifted together 1 - 20 oz. package of mixed sports - basketball, soccer and swimming, a few slices of 4-square, 4-5 tablespoons of medals and trophies, 1 teaspoon Sanibel Island, 1 teaspoon snow skiing, a dash of school humor to taste. Directions: Take one nine-year-old boy with blond hair and blue eyes, and add all the ingredients listed above. Have a loving mom & dad, stir it all together. Take an older sister and have her mix it up on high. Have a furry dog named Snowball give it a taste, and then serve it on a platter made of Legos with a big box of friends.

Source: Kansas City Star.

Spencer was the great nephew of **Freeman James Weedman, Jr.** of Omaha who has been a long time subscriber and contributor to the Weedman Newsletter. Our sympathy goes out to the whole family for such an untimely loss. Spencer's line was: **Spencer Whitton Weedman**⁸, **Charles Edward, Jr.**⁷, **Charles Edward, Sr.**⁶, **Freeman James, Sr.**⁵, **Jesse Hamilton Stewart**⁴, **David**³, **Jacob**², and **Christian, Sr.**¹.

Other Deaths

The Social Security Death Index has provided information on other deaths in the Weedman Family in this current year. We have no further information on most of these and if anyone can provide an obituary, we will publish details.

Gregory Weedman, born 18 March 1965 died in St. Louis, MO on 30 March.

Robert Weedman, born 17 March 1931 died in Sun City, AZ on 17 July.

Teresa Weedman, born 2 June 1950 died 21 May in California. She was the daughter of **William Charles** and **Margaret (Wall) Weedman**.

Luverne Coy Weedman, born 22 Sept 1927 died 14 April in Columbus, WI. He was a son of **Earl Elmore** and **Margaret (Jones) Weedman** and grandson of **Henry Linas Weedman**.

Civil War Ring

We were contacted recently by a history buff that is interested in the 39th Illinois Infantry Regiment that was engaged in the Civil War. A number of family members served in this Regiment and apparently someone had located a ring belonging to someone who served in this unit who had the initials, JTW or JFW. Apparently the only person fitting this description was **Jacob T. (or F.) Weedman**, son of **George** and **Catherine (Danner) Weedman**. Jacob moved from Illinois to Kansas and finally Denver where he died about 1901. We have had no contact with any of the descendents of **Jacob Weedman**. The ring is possibly for sale and we are pursuing the possible purchase of it if we can confirm that it definitely belonged to **Jacob Weedman**. Stay tuned for more information!

New Subscribers

We would like to welcome the following new subscribers to the *Weedman Newsletter*:

Marguerite Richardt - Evansville, IN
Cliff Weedman - Eighty Eight, KY
Dr. Daniel Weedman - Arlington, VA
Larry Weedman - Dresden, TN
Betty Yahn - Aurora, CO

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We intend to pursue the possibility of procuring the Civil War Regimental Ring and will keep you up to date.

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Philip Weedman Florida Land Grant

Land grants which have been printed in "Grassroots in America, Index to American State Papers", shows **Philip Weedman** of the Florida branch of the family obtaining land near St. Augustine. Philip or Felipe was the progenitor of this branch of the family. This activity may have been his earliest acquisition of land in Florida.

July 3, 1811 – **Philip Weedman** presented his memorial for 150 acres of land on the road to Picolata, 12 miles north of St. Augustine. Date could have been 1819. *Vol. 3, page 780.*

5 July 1815. 150 acres on the road to Picolata presented to **Philip Weedman**, a citizen of the U.S. and resident of the Territory of Florida bounded on the east by Turnbull Creek. 400 acres were requested but 150 acres granted. **Don Philip Weedman** was the name used on the application. *Vol. 4, page 307.*

Source: "Grassroots in America, Index to American State Papers, Land Claims & Grants, 1789-1837"

James Edwin Weedman Son of Addison M. Weedman

In the last Newsletter, I promised to print an article on **James Edward Weedman**, son of **Addison M. Weedman** in this *Newsletter*. However, due to space dedicated to the Reunion, we have decided to delay that article until the next *Newsletter*. James left Kentucky at an early age and moved to California. We have recently found land grants he took in Mendocino and Humboldt Counties. More on this interesting family member next issue.

Photographs and Family Information Received

Philip Weedman Bateman of Decatur, IL has provided us with a wealth of family photographs and information. All of this is in the process of being scanned and saved for future use. We appreciate him sharing what has to be precious family treasures with us.

Marguerite Richardt of Evansville, IN and Cairo, Egypt participated in the family reunion along with her husband. She, too, has provided us with photographs of **Margaret (Craig) Weedman** and many of her children and grandchildren. We will scan this as well.

Both of these will be put onto CD-ROMs and will be available on request to other family members.

We have not had success in using pictures in the *Weedman Newsletter*. We have each issued copied using Xerox copiers and for some reason, photographs just do not seem to come out. We would have like to print Reunion pictures but the quality would not be adequate. We can put photographs on our Weedman Family web page but have put only one there so far from the Reunion. It is a family picture taken in front of the Weedman United Methodist Church.

To see this, go to our web site which is:

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/HNWEEDMAN/>

Until the next *Newsletter*, take care.

*Marianne Montgomery
And Nick Weedman*

Philip (Felipe) Weedman was the first of his family to settle in Florida. Relationship to the Christian Weedman line is unknown.

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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello, Cousins,

First of all we want to thank all who wrote / phoned about the FALL Newsletter. Everyone enjoyed it, which always makes us feel good.

We promised to give you the names of the attendees at the Reunion in June. Here they are:

George and Gena Lee Theiss, George Perry Weedman, Elizabeth Snodgrass, Keith and Melissa Coots, Jimmie and Alma Weedman, Earl and Eleanor Munch, Marianne Montgomery, Ken and Sue Weedman, Cynthia, Joshua and Elana Levy; Beryl Poteat, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Probus, Sharon Herke, Bill and Helen Gregg, William L. Weedman, Mr. & Mrs. Ward Weedman, Melanie Weedman, Candace Weedman, Jon Austin, Joyce Newman, Nick and Merrie Carol Weedman, Melissa and Chris, Achtien, and children, Lauren, Chris, Katy and Evan., Larry Weedman, Maude Weedman, Kenneth Weedman, Aillie Faye Weedman, Kenneth Weedman, Jr, Nathan Weedman, Olivia Weedman, Anne Weedman-Smith, Meg Smith, Billie Lou and Jimmie Bruce, Audrey Chapline, Kathy Sharples, Mary Ann Weedman, Betty Yahn, Jeanie Martz, Paul Weedman, Eleanor Deom, Cindy Ruzak, Amy E. Weedman, Sue Trommer, Lauren Trommer and Jackie Trommer, Margaurite and Louis Richardt. I hope I didn't leave anyone out.

It was a wonderful and unforgettable time for us all, and a Special occasion

because it was our 250th Anniversary of CHRISTIAN WEEDMAN's arrival in America!

Gena Lee Theiss Named in Who's Who in America

We want to extend our congratulations to **Gena Lee Theiss** for being named in the current Who's Who in America. This is truly a prestigious award and we feel it is a great honor for a family member to receive such great recognition. Here is the article as it appears in Who's Who (the method used by the publisher is somewhat abbreviated!):

THEISS, GENA LEE, genealogist, researcher: b. Caneyville, KY May 16, 1925, d. of Clarence Harbon Johnson and Gracie Higdon; m. Robert Maple Hunt, Nov. 9, 1946; 1 child, Nancy Jane; m. George Rhea Theiss, July 15, 1949; children, Patricia Sue, Donna Lee, Martha Rhea. Grad. h.s. , Caneyville, Ky, 9143. Bookkeeper, Lincoln Bank & Trust Co., Louisville, 1946-47, Citizen's Nat. Bank, Louisville, 1948-56, First Nat. Bank, Louisville, 1957-84. Author, editor: Christian Weedman and his Descendants, 1735-1986,

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We congratulate Gena Lee Theiss on the occasion of being named to Who's Who in America. She was also named to the Weedman Hall of Fame at the 2000 Reunion.

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1986, revised edit. 1989; *Descendants of John Higdon and Millicent, 1998. Active Hillview Cumberland Presbyn. Ch. Mem. Ky Hist. Soc., DAR, Ea. Star Chpt 154, Republican. Avocations: genealogy, quilting, Photography, stamp collecting, traveling. Home: 8417 Burlingame Road, Louisville, KY 40219-5205.*

Family Additions

Christian Holland Weedman was born 10 November 1998. His parents are Mr. & Mrs. **Jeffrey James Weedman**. **Jeffrey** is from GEORGE Weedman's line (*Illinois Weedman Branch*). We wish little Christian a healthy and happy life. Jeffrey didn't think about how well HOLLAND matches Christian, because when **Christian Weedman Sr.** came to Fayette County, PA, he named his property "New Holland". Christian Sr. sailed from Holland to America, as did hundreds of Germans who were discontent with the political situation in Germany during that mid-eighteenth century.

David Robert Nickel was born 14 November 2000, son of **Michael** and **Katherine Kay Herke Nickel**. In Evansville, Indiana. Grandparents: **Bob** and **Sharon (Seitz) Herke (John's line)**.

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Effie Evans is a granddaughter of John Weedman who was born ca 1792! She celebrated her 100th birthday on February 11.

Family Member Celebrates Her 100th Birthday!

Effie (Pruitt) Evans celebrated her 100th birthday on February 11, 2000. Effie was born 11 February 1900 in Grayson Co., KY to **Allen Payton** and **Alice Henrietta (Weedman) Pruitt (John's line)**. She married **Daymon Frank Evans** on 16 October 1919 and there were three children born to this union. An obituary for her eldest child, **Vanna Lee Evans Woosley**, appears later in this issue.

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Queries regarding the Weedman family or allied lines are welcomed. Attention will be given to each and for those which cannot be answered by family genealogists, publication in the *Newsletter* will be made.

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Mark and M. C. (Mariclaret)

Weedman have adopted two darling little boys, and have given them the names **Justin James Weedman** born 2 Sept. 1995, and **Taylor Jonathon Weedman**, born Sept 29, 1996. The boys have been living in this happy Weedman family since January 2000, Justin started kindergarten, and Taylor is attending preschool part time. Adoption became final October 6th, 2000. Aren't they lucky... ALL of them? What a wonderful opportunity they had to have this privilege of creating a truly loving family. Keep us posted, Mark and Mariclaret. Mark is a son of **Herschel Raymond** and **Aida Weedman** (*Jacob's line*).

We congratulate each one of the lucky parents and wish the children a wonderful life!

Marriages

Lisa Ann Weedman marries Scott Newell in North Carolina

We recently received news from North Carolina, that **Lisa Ann**, daughter of **Roy** and **Sylvia (McDonald) Weedman**, married **Michael Scott Newell** (known as **Scott**) in Matthews, NC, and a suburb of Charlotte. The marriage took place on April 29, 2000 in a garden wedding setting at a lovely Victorian home. Lisa wore her mothers wedding dress. Can you picture the lovely Spring day, and beautiful setting? Lisa is keeping her maiden name, as many women do these days. Roy's barbershop quartet sang at the wedding. Many relatives and friends were there for the glad occasion. (*George's line*)

Obituaries

We sadly report on the loss of several family members recently.

Vanna Woosley

Vanna (Evans) Woosley, age 80 passed away at her home in Caneyville, KY November 28th, 2000. She was born November 27th 1920, in Caneyville, the daughter of **Damon** and **Effie (Pruitt) Evans**. She is survived by husband **James R. Woosley**, of the home, and daughter, **Rita Ferguson** of Harvard, AL, one son, **Jimmy Woosley** of Louisville, her mother, **Effie Evans** of Louisville, and brother **Wilmoth D. (Tommy) Evans** of Louisville. Funeral services were held Nov. 30 at the Caneyville Christian Church, with Rev. David Brown officiating. Burial was in Layman Memorial Cemetery, Caneyville. Memorials to The Gideon's International, or the Caneyville Christian Church building fund. (*John's line*)

Helen Weedman Kelley

Helen Frances (Weedman) Kelley of Farmer City, IL died November 11, 2000 at her residence. She was born 24 April 1914 in Farmer City to **Ted** and **Louise (Fank) Weedman** and married **Clifford Kelley** on August 29, 1936. He died in 1989. Survivors include sons: **Donald, Ted, Larry, Tom** and **Richard Kelley**; two daughters, **Barbara Henderson** and **Donna Kelley**; five grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. She was a member of the United Methodist Church and was a 1933 graduate of the Moore Township High School in Farmer City. (*George's line*)

Tony Anthony

Anton Anthony, 88, died Tuesday, November 21st at his home in Las Vegas. Anton ("Tony") was born October 27th, 1912, in Omaha, Nebraska. He was an Army Veteran and owner of a retail sales

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Please keep us informed regarding changes in family situations for publication in the Weedman Newsletter

Joyce Windisch Anthony has researched her line for many years. She descends from the George Weedman line.

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and service business; a 14 yr. Resident of Las Vegas, NV, and a member of the Spanish Trail Country Club. Surviving are his loving wife, **Joyce**, (nee **Windisch**) **Anthony** of Las Vegas, son **Ronald**, of Burbank, CA; a daughter, **Carmen Neidig** of South Lake Tahoe, CA; sisters, **Ida Carey** of Anaheim, CA and **Marie McPartland** of South Lake Tahoe, CA; brother **Joe Agliolo**, of Burlingame, CA; one grandchild and one great-grandchild. A celebration of his life was held in Burlingame, CA on December 10, 2000. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts to: Nathan Addelson Hospice, 3391 N. Buffalo, Las Vegas, NV 89129. **Joyce Windisch** is a descendent of **George** and **Charlotte (Hume) Weedman's** daughter **Mary Ann Weedman** who married **Jacob Bishop**. (*George's line*). Source: *Las Vegas Review Journal*, 11/23/00

Jimmie Birch Weedman

Jimmie Birch Weedman, 68, died on December 6, 2000 at Norton Audubon Hospital in Louisville, KY after a 6 year illness. He retired from Dupont after a 36-year career and was a veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of the Kenwood Church of Christ in Louisville.

Jimmie was born 2 April 1932 at Renfro in Ohio Co., KY to Claude and Lorene (Davis) Weedman. He married **Alma Tarrence** and they had two children, **Sondra K. (Weedman) Harbison** and **Jeffrey Neil Weedman**, and three grandchildren. In addition, two brothers, **Wilmer Weedman** of Foley, Alabama and **Carroll Weedman** of Louisville, and a sister, **Dorothy Geary** of Shepherdsville, KY, survive him.

Jimmie and Alma were the hosts and organizers of the 1996 Weedman Family Reunion held in Bardstown, KY and

have participated in every Reunion! They were deeply interested in the Weedman family and were very supportive of all efforts on the family history. We will miss Jimmie but hope to continue to see Alma at future events.

To these who have lost loved ones, we offer our deepest sympathy. Who among us cannot empathize with the grief they are experiencing at this time?

Family News and Updates

We have some updates and news from here and there to add to the Newsletter this time.

Joyce Windisch Anthony has been a faithful contributor to the Newsletter research department for GEORGE's line. Many of our new subscribers are of this line, and we welcome your additions, corrections, and invite you to send us your news.

Joyce would like to go further back on the BISHOP lines of **Jacob Bishop Jr.**, born 25 June 1797, son of **Jacob Bishop** and **Hannah (Cooper) Bishop**.

Jacob Sr. was born in Maryland, to the best of our knowledge, and died in Randolph Twp., McLean Co., IL. The name may have been **BISCHOFF** when or if Jacob came from Germany, which many believe. The name was changed to the English spelling of the name. **Jacob Jr.** married **Mary Ann Weedman**. It is possible that they met in Fayette Co., PA, or in Perry or Licking Co., OH. **Catherine Bishop** who married **Jacob Weedman** was a sister of **Jacob Bishop Jr.** and the **Neil Munch** (*George's line*) is descended from her. If anyone has gone back on the Bishop line further than

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Jacob Bishop, Sr. please let us know. Neil and Joyce would be cousins.... a bit "distant" but they are both working on the same line of Bishop let us know. We'll get you in contact with Neil and Joyce AND Roy Weedman. (See below)

Roy Weedman, whose daughter Lisa was recently married (see marriage above) is a son of **Mearl M. and Georgia (Abendroth) Weedman**. Mearl was a son of **Claude Henry and Mary O. DeCamp Weedman**, son of **William Martin and Catherine (Hildreth) Weedman**, son of **Jeremiah and Aleria (Payne) Weedman**. **Jeremiah** was a son of **Jacob Weedman** (above) who married **Catherine Bishop**.

The descendants of **Jacob Bishop** and **Hannah Cooper** want to know: was Jacob the name of this Bishop who married Hannah, or was his name **John Jacob Bishop**? Or was **he Johan Jakob Bischoff**? The man is the same; only the birth name needs to be clarified. His descendants are well known in Ohio and Illinois and their reputations and good deeds are passed on from generation to generation. **Roy Weedman** is one of them.

Roy was attending South Dakota State College during the Korean War and first joined the S.D. National Guard, and from there, he went on to be accepted by the Aviation Cadet Program, and then the Air Force Academy, from where he received his wings and Commission on June 15, 1955. By this time the war was over, but Roy continued in Military Service with assignments at Hondo, Texas where he met and married his lovely bride, **Sylvia Ann McDaniel**, and they were married in the Chapel of Laredo Air Force Base, TX. Roy and Sylvia were back in S. Dakota by December of 1955, where Roy again was active in the National Guard. He flew fighter interceptors

for 3 1/2 years. This was all connected to his Air Force assignment. Roy was stationed at Nellis AFB in advanced gunnery school training. Roy knows well that our nation needs prepared men for duty in whatever missions the US becomes involved in. We are all proud of you, Roy, for having prepared yourself for any future need you might have been called to.

Roy and Sylvia celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary June 16, 2000.

New Subscribers

We welcome the following as new subscribers to the *Weedman Newsletter*:

**Ethel Ozbirn
Kimberly Weedman-Ventimiglia**

Both are Californians and are from the Jacob Weedman line through Andrew Garfield Weedman.

Searching

Joe C. Weedman of Arizona is searching for family members who descend from Felix Green Weedman (*Daniel's line*). His grandfather, Cyrill Clyde Weedman, moved to Arizona and where many family members now reside.

Billie Lenchner of Florida is searching for information on her line. Her great grandfather was William Thomas Bell Weedman (*John's line*).

Merry Christmas

Nick and I want to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a very healthy, prosperous 2001.

*Marianne Montgomery
Nick Weedman*

We are pleased to have new subscribers as well as family members now trying to compile information on their Weedman lines.

James Edwin Weedman

*Much of his information was collected during a visit in early 1994 with **Steve Fairfield** of Hemet, California. Steve's grandfather was **James Edwin Weedman** and remembers him well. Steve was kind enough to allow us to visit and answer many questions about the family.*

As with all families, there were good times and bad times. Steve shared much of memories of both with us and while this is intended to document the visit, it will be edited to the extent which Mr. Fairfield desires.

James Edwin Weedman

James Edwin Weedman was born 21 July 1852 in Meade County, Kentucky and was the oldest child of **Addison Meriwether** and **Louisa (Brown) Weedman**. According to family tradition and to the biographical sketch printed in the Meade County history, James left Kentucky in 1876 to seek his fortunes in California.

According to Steve Fairfield, James claimed he was not actually a Weedman but rather an adopted child and was born a Richardson. A check of court records in Meade County may provide a clue as to the validity of this. But James and his son, Charles, both stated he was not a Weedman.

A portion of a biographical sketch on **Addison M. Weedman** from a history of Meade County, Kentucky is quoted in part:

"...A. M. Weedman was born October 2, 1526 in Breckinridge County between Stephensport and Holt's Bottom on the river, where, and in Perry County, Indiana, he resided until about 1848, when he moved to Meade County and located

on the same farm where he now resides. His father, Stephen Weedman was born near Leitchfield, Grayson County, in 1806October 18, 1851, Mr. Weedman married Miss Louisa, daughter of William and Nancy (Lasley) Brown of Nelson County. To them have been born James E., who emigrated to California in 1876, . and in 1882 married Mrs. Rowena Ball of Humboldt County..."

While not actual proof, the sketch does indicate that James E was a natural, born child of **Addison** and **Louisa Brown Weedman**.

Steve thinks that there is a tradition about a family taking in James during his trek to California and maybe this was the Richardson family in question. He can also remember James going back east (maybe to Indiana) to try to collect an inheritance but he was ruled out. Could this have been the connection? It is not known.

James married **Rowena Crank Toll**, the widow of **W. R. Toll** on 6 August 1882 in Humboldt County, California. Rowena was born 12 February 1859 in Scio, Linn County, Oregon and was the daughter of **Joseph Wesley** and **Minerva (Prevett) Crank**.

Toll was a photographer and died young of tuberculosis. There was one child of the marriage of **W. R. and Rowena Crank Toll** but no information is available on that off-spring. (It is believed that records gathered from the LDS archives gives more information on the Crank family and possibly the child in question).

Rowena Crank Weedman died 10 September 1891 and in the nine years of marriage had four children:

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James Edwin Weedman was an early resident of California where many family members now live.

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- Lillian**. Born May 1884 and married **Mr. Fairfield**. Steve's mother.
- Patrick**. Born 1887 and died prior to 1900 (per Steve Fairfield)
- Charles E.** Born 12 January 1882 in Humboldt Co.
- Pearl**. Born 1889, in Humboldt Co.

After the death of Rowena, James was unable to keep the family together. As evidenced by the 1900 census, each of the children was in the home of another person although Patrick cannot be located in that census. It is likely that he died in that year or 1899.

According to Mr. Fairfield, James was a person who was always seeking a fortune. He owned land in Hemet but spent time in different places in California. He seemed to know the best places to live. We recently found that James obtained two land grants in Humboldt and Mendocino Counties according to California land records.

These grants were as follows:

1 Oct 1879, Humboldt County, Cash Sale, T004S R003E S35 (legal description of the land with T being township, R being range, and S being section number).

18 Oct 1889, Mendocino County, Cash sale, T005S R003E S34

18 Oct 1889, Mendocino County, Cash sale, T005S R003E S34

4 Aug 1890, Mendocino County, Homestead, T005S R003E S34

It is unclear how much land was involved in each of these.

Although James was the grandfather of Steve, the relationship was not terribly friendly. James came to live with the family which was in the Hemet area on a farm in the early 1930s. Times were

tough and it was difficult to make a living. Grandfather Weedman seemed to be demanding and it told on the health of his oldest daughter, Lillian Fairfield. This obviously caused ill feelings.

James died in Riverside County about 1934 and is buried there in an unmarked grave. His death occurred in a home for the elderly in that county.

Patrick Weedman

Patrick Weedman was born after the 1880 census and had died prior to the 1900 census. According to Mr. Fairfield, Patrick went to live and work on a dairy farm near Humboldt and died when he was 12-14 years old. He could have been poorly cared for and the neglect may have contributed to his death. Steve says Patrick is probably buried in the Garberville Cemetery in Garberville, Humboldt Co., California.

Pearl Weedman

Pearl Weedman married more than once and lived in Portland Oregon. She prospered and had a fire rating business in that city. One husband was **Earl Goodman**. There were no natural born children born to Pearl. Nothing further was discussed about Pearl.

Lillian Weedman

Lillian Weedman married a Mr. Fairfield. It was revealed that Mr. Fairfield worked on farms in the Hemet area and had a small ranch at one time. There were two children of this marriage: **Stephen Francis**, born in 1918, and **Jean Marie**, born in 1927.

Stephen married **Helen G. Sowers** in 1947 and they had two children: Donna

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It would be interesting to have a picture of the monitor built by Charles E. Weedman which is now a California Historical Monument.

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Jean born in 1949 and **Peggy Ann** born in 1953. Donna married **Patrick Moore** and they have two children who live in Hilo, Hawaii. Peggy Ann married **Dennis Henner** and they have one child, a son, born in 1989. The family lives in Kapaau, Hawaii.

Stephen founded Steve's Auto Parts in 1947 and his business grew to a four store chain before he sold out in 1968. He then went into the book business operating Hungry Eye Books which sold new and used books as well as publishing of local history books. He closed the book store in 1986 but remains in the antiquarian book business.

Jean Marie Fairfield married **Chester M. Roistacher** and they live in Riverside, CA. She is a retired school principal and Chester is a retired citrus scientist. They have five children: **Marc, Leslie, Robin, Sandy, and Dawn.**

Charles E. Weedman

Charles E. Weedman was born January 12, 1882 in Humboldt County, California. After the death of Rowena, Charles became an apprentice to a blacksmith.

Charles never married but was romantic with a daughter of **John Vance** on whose ranch Charles lived and managed.

In his life, he was a partner with a **Colonel Maxwell** in a firm which built buses in Ferndale, California. The buses ran from Garberville to Eureka and beyond. Charles owned most of the stock in the bus company but Colonel Maxwell was the "front man". Charles was well adept at the mechanical side of things and was happy with the arrangement. The firm prospered to the point they were bought out by Pickwick Motor Stages, a bus firm which had routes on the West Coast from Canada to Mexico. In addition, they had hotels at the major stops and were seen to be a successful company.

But, the Depression came and Pickwick was in too much debt. The stock with **Charles Weedman** took for his share of the bus company he helped to found was soon worthless. The remains of the company was purchased by Greyhound and Charles remained as a shop foreman there for many years in Eureka.

Prior to the bus business, Charles was the operating engineer at La Grange mine in Weaverville, CA. In this business he built a giant monitor which washed the mountains to expose minerals and that monitor was all his handiwork except for the base which was cast by a foundry. This monitor sits along the highway going into Weaverville and is a California State Historical Monument.

Charles died 19 November 1972 at Carlotta, Humboldt County, CA. On his death certificate was the name of Steve Fairfield whom we contacted to obtain information on the family.

With the death of Charles who died without any offspring, the Weedman name from this line (Charles, James Edwin, Addison M., Stephen, Christian Jr., Christian Sr.) ended.

We are indebted to Mr. Fairfield for sharing information on this line of the Weedman family and for providing pictures of James E. Weedman, pictures of buses built by Charles E. Weedman's firm and other memorabilia.

A separate paper which contains a picture of James Edwin Weedman, pictures of the buses built by Charles E. Weedman, and a stock certificate owned by Charles Weedman has been prepared and is available on request. We did not attempt to duplicate those here because pictures do not copy well with the printing systems we use.

We promised some time ago to print the story of James Edwin Weedman and his family and apologize for taking so long to finally get the job done.