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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello Cousins,

Spring is definitely here in the Northwest, and hope it's bursting out all over and wherever you are! Have a good one!

Don't forget to send me a copy of obituaries, new news, family happenings, and other important events, past and present, pertaining to your Weedman family circle. My address is at the bottom of page 2. I'm waiting, hoping to hear from you. It doesn't have to be in this generation; if you have something you'd like to share from say, your grandparents' lives or their grandparents' lives, for example.

I guess you're all busy, and that's a good sign. Haven't heard from many of you since Christmas. Why not sit down now and drop me a line? I have many issues of past Newsletters in case some of yours are missing. Let me know which ones you need. My supply of extras doesn't contain ALL of them, but I do have most of them. And I'm preparing a table of contents for all the Newsletters, to be published later this year.

Nick is always looking out for new information. We want to thank him for all the hours of tireless research he has done over the years. He has printed out the TEXAS Weedman vital statistics and many of you may have someone who lived in Texas you haven't heard from recently may be interested. Write me and I'll see if he or she is on the list. Write or

e-mail me at the address shown on page 2.

I received a few e-mail messages from various places and people and I thank those of you who sent messages hoping for my safety as a result of the big earthquake we had 28 February. I was not injured but there were a number of people in Seattle and Olympia who were. Many buildings damaged beyond repair, and others are in various stages of repair now. Roads and utilities were damaged here and there and are being repaired. We had several aftershocks that brought out unseen damage from the main quake into the open. We thank God that the damage was no worse. It lasted for 35 long seconds!

Renewal Contributions are Due

We seek voluntary contributions of \$5.00 per year to help offset out of pocket expenses for copying and postage for the **Weedman Newsletter**. Many are more generous and those contributions are highly appreciated. But, with the \$5.00 donation, we can still continue to distribute the Newsletter to the approximately 160 subscribers.

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With this issue, the Weedman Newsletter enters its 34th year of publication. Marianne Montgomery has edited the Newsletter since its beginning.

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We would like to recognize the following that made financial contributions to the *Weedman Newsletter* since the last issue:

Helen and Bill Gregg
Joanne McGowan
Joyce Anthony

Your continued support of the Newsletter is highly appreciated.

New Subscribers

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

Myrtle Weidman Kenyon, Salem IN
Neil Kenyon, Salem IN
Lillie Weidman Engle, New Albany, IN
Joanne McGowan, Joshua Tree CA
Ethel Ozbirn, Escondido, CA
Neva Weedman, Surprise, AZ
Kimberly Weedman-Ventimiglia,
Alpine CA
Marcia Gudmunsen Wilson,
Sycamore, IL
Cliff Weedman, Eighty-Eight, KY
Linda Sterling, Haysville, KS

Myrtle, her sister, **Lillie Engle**, and her son, **Neil**, are from the line of: **Christian Weedman, Sr.**¹, **Jacob Weedman**², **David Weedman**³, **Philip Weidman**⁴, and **Roy Logan Weidman**⁵.

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Joanne McGowan's line is: **Christian Weedman, Sr.¹, Jacob Weedman², David Weedman³, Jesse Hamilton Stewart Weedman⁴, James Monroe Weedman⁵, and Jesse Earl Weedman⁶.**

Ethel Ozbirn is from: **Christian Weedman, Sr.¹, Jacob Weedman², David Weedman³, and Andrew Garfield Weedman⁴ and Ethel Weedman Ozbirn⁵.**

Kimberly Weedman-Ventimiglia is from: **Christian Weedman, Sr.¹, Jacob Weedman², David Weedman³, Andrew Garfield Weedman⁴, and Clifford Weedman⁵.** (Clifford, Kimberly's grandfather resides with her and we look forward to information that he can contribute to our family knowledge along with **Ethel Ozbirn**.)

Neva Weedman's late husband, Robert Baxter Weedman, is from: **Christian Weedman Sr.¹, Christian Weedman Jr.², Daniel Weedman³, Felix Green Weedman⁴, Elisha William Weedman⁵, Cyrill Clyde Weedman⁶ and Robert Baxter Weedman⁷.**

Marcia Wilson descends from the Florida Weedman line: **Carl Wiedman¹, Philipe Weedman², Paul Luciano Weedman³, Bartolome Benignus Weedman⁴, Englebert Weedman Ashton⁵, Almerna Veronica Ashton Gudmunsen⁶, and Marcia G. Wilson⁷.**

Cliff Weedman's line: **Christian Weedman Sr.¹, Christian Weedman Jr.², Stephen Weedman³, Amos George Weedman⁴, William Deward Weedman⁵, Robert Shirley Weedman⁶, Ronald Louis Weedman⁷, and James Clifford Weedman⁸.**

Linda Currey Sterling's line: **Christian**

Weedman Sr.¹, George Weedman², John Jesse Weedman, Sr.³, George Weedman⁴, Zadock St. Clair Weedman⁵, Daisy Faye Weedman Church⁶, and Melba Faye Church⁷. (Melba Faye is Linda's grandmother).

So we have a spread of 5th through 9th generation Weedmans (and Weidmans!) becoming subscribers of the Newsletter at this time. Most made contact through the Internet and our web site (see page 2, *About the Weedman Newsletter* for details of the web site).

Christian Weedman Book Update Planned

Gena Lee Theiss is updating the Weedman Genealogy and needs information for the updated new revised edition that is in progress. If your information is in the present edition, it will remain in the new book, however if your family is not in the present edition, please contact Gena with information you want placed in the new book forthcoming. If we don't know names, etc. of your family members, we cannot include them in the new book, so write to Gena or e-mail her. Her e-mail address: trees4gena@aol.com and snail mail: **Gena Lee Theiss**, 8417 Burlingame Ave. Louisville, KY 40219. Don't put off writing. If you can e-mail her, she will be able to tell you what else is lacking on your line.

Jeff Weedman His Line Detailed

Jeff Weedman lives in Sparta, Tennessee. He sent information about his family to Nick recently. I'll share it with you. No dates given, but hopefully names can identify his line back to Christian Sr.

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Gena Theiss is preparing an update of her two earlier books on the Weedman family. She needs updated information from family members

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Jeff Weedman, son of **Jeffie Weedman Jr.**, who was a son of **Jeff Davidson Owen Weedman** who married Ethel Ford. They had 11 children: **Jane, Mary Alice, Leonard, Stella, Jeffie, Nancy, James Edward, Roy Thomas, Joe Allen, Ernest Lee, and Dorothy.**

Jeffie married **Shirley May Sago**. They had six children, including Jeff, the young man who lives in Sparta, TN. They are: **Ronald Lee Weedman** who has three children: **Ronald Jonathan, Amanda Marie** and **Angela Mae Weedman**
 2. **Jeff Davidson Weedman** married **Tina Marie McGarrity** 2 children: **Laura Alene, and Michael David Weedman**
 3. **Robert Alvin Weedman**
 4. **Deborah Corina Weedman**
 5. **Daniel Ray Weedman** married **Anita Darlene Moore** 2 children: **Angelica** and **Daniel Weedman**
 6. **Sheryl Lynn Weedman** married **James Leadingham** 3 children: **Rachel May, Sabrina, and Christina Leadingham.**

Possible Scam – Weedman Family Mail Solicitation

There is a possible scam that you may have received or will receive in the near future. This is a solicitation for “The Year 2001 Weedman Family Yearbook” from Morphcorp, LLC dba The Weedman Family News, Maxwell and Christina Weedman, 1181 South Parker Road, #105, Denver, CO 80231.

The offering is a book plus a free CD ROM that supposedly “contains all the Weedman records”.

There is no Maxwell and Christina Weedman. The information advertised, while we haven’t seen the works actually offered, are no doubt similar to that sold in the past by Halbert’s of Bath, Ohio. What they offered was simply a list of Weedman addresses, phone numbers, etc. The current offering supposedly gives those buying the book “the last 2000 years of Weedman history”! Wow, don’t we wish they could!! In addition they offer information about Weedman marriages giving an example of David Weedman and Rebecca Crecelous (sic) in Crawford Co., Indiana on 01/07/1841. Or, birth records, such as Wm Weedman, born 1825 in Ireland (??). And, they offer counts of Weedman families by state giving an example of Kentucky where 65 Weedman families reside.

We suggest you save yourself time and money by throwing the ad in the mail.

Eastman’s Genealogical Newsletter that is available on the Internet reported this recently and we found a newspaper article from a Panama City FL newspaper which directly called the offering a scam.

Obituary

Gregory Scott Weedman

Gregory Scott Weedman died March 30, 2000 in Phoenixville, PA. He was a son of **Glen Weedman** and **Brenda (Goodrich) Botkin** of Farmington, MO and left a wife, **Christine Weedman**. In addition, brothers **Keith Jordan Weedman, Ralph Weedman, Mark Weedman, and Ronnie Weedman** as well as a sister, **Teri Milan**, survived him. He died as a result of a motorcycle accident. His line: **Christian Weedman Sr.**¹, **Christian Weedman Jr.**², **Daniel Weedman**³, **Felix Green Weedman**⁴, **Elisha Wil-**

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Subscribers should be aware of the possible scam being offered to family members. See the article on this page.

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liam Weedman⁵, Virgil Leeroy Weedman⁶, Glen Weedman⁷, and Gregory Scott Weedman⁸.

The Swedish Weedman Family

Edward Weedman Family

Contributed by Anna M. Varvais
6th Generation descendent of Olaf Weedman

Edward Weedman was born March 15, 1861 and was the fourth child of **Olaf** and **Britta (Andersdotter) Weedman**, who were the first Weedman Settlers of Copley Township, Knox County, IL.

According to Weedman family records, Edward married **Anna Christine Peterson** on 10 December 1880. Anna was the daughter of **Lars** and **Anna Peterson**, immigrants from Stockholm, Sweden. In the 1880 census, Anna, age 19, was a servant born in Sweden as were her parents.

Edward and Anna raised their eight children in Copley Township, which was later named Victoria, Knox County, IL. These children included:

Emma C., November 1886 – unknown
William Walter, 1888 – 1957
Charles, 1892 – 1928
Clara Minerva, 1895-1984
Esther Christine, 1896-1973
Otto Leroy, 1898 - 1975
Lawrence Edward, 1901 – 1979
Wallace Alfred, 1903-1975

The Victoria Cemetery, located one mile northeast of Victoria, is a Weedman family historical site. The monuments of Olaf and Brita Weedman are there as well as those for Edward, Anna, and their descendents.

Descendents of Edward and Anna are spread throughout the United States al-

though Victoria is still home to a few of the family.

For more information on this line, contact **Anna M. Varvais**, 3700 28 Street, Lot 441, Sioux City, IA 51105. Her telephone is (712) 255-4122 and her e-mail is annav@cableone.net.

Our thanks to Anna for what we hope is a continuing article on our Swedish Weedman line.

The Florida Weedman Family

Carl Wiedman

Marcia Gudmunsen Wilson has joined our list of subscribers and provided an outstanding update on the Florida Weedman family.

The progenitor of this line was Carl Wiedman born in Bierstadt, Germany (near Mainz). He married Barbara Sanderhof and their son Philippe Guillermo Weedman were probably the first of their line in this country.

The family were pioneers of St. John County, FL where the family settled in the early 1800s and where some remain even today.

The paper provided by Marcia Wilson is in genealogical format but is notable in the outstanding use of citations showing sources of the various facts in the paper.

Along with Dr. Shirley Spooner, Marcia is the second member of the family to subscribe to the Newsletter. Copies of the paper are available on request from Nick Weedman.

Until summer.....

*Marianne Montgomery
and Nick Weedman*

We hope to have articles on the Swedish and Florida Weedman families in several issues this year.

Catherine Weedman Huhn Kefover

Youngest Daughter of Christian and Elizabeth Weedman

(This is an update on the family of Catherine Weedman Huhn Kefover. She was the youngest daughter and probably the youngest child of Christian and Elizabeth Weedman. She married in Fayette Co., Pennsylvania but after a brief marriage that produced at least four children, her husband, John Huhn, Jr. Apparently three of these children grew to adulthood. About 1805 or 1806, she married Jacob Kefover in Fayette County and they soon joined the Weedman family in Perry County, Ohio. There were two known children of this marriage. When the family moved to Ohio, apparently two Huhn children, Henry and Hannah, remained in Pennsylvania.

We have wondered why the family was split (and will probably never know) and what happened to the family after Catherine Kefover died. Her son, James Kefover, sold out soon after her death and until recently, it was unclear what happened to them. This article addresses the second question).

FIRST GENERATION

1. Catherine¹ **Weedman**, daughter of Christian **Weedman** Sr. and Elizabeth **Craddock**. Born, **circa 1779**, in Fayette Co., PA. Died, **circa 1861**, in Perry Co., OH. Burial was in Good Hope Cemetery, Hopewell Township, Perry Co., OH.

She married, first, John **Huhn**, Jr., son of John **Huhn**, Sr. and Dorady (Dorothy ?) **LNU**, **2 May 1795**, in Fayette Co., PA. Born, **circa 1770**. Died, **before 1802**, in Fayette Co., PA (Estate administration papers 29 June 1802). Children:

- 2 i. Hannah².
- 3 ii. Henry.
- iii. Sara(h). Born, **11 Feb 1799**, in Fayette Co., PA. Married John **Eversole** and lived in Perry Co., OH. She was a recipient in the estate of Catherine Kefover.
- iv. John III. Born, **21 Jul 1801**, in Fayette Co., PA. Christened, **23 Aug 1801**, in Jacobs Lutheran Church, Fayette Co., PA.

She married, second, Jacob **Kefover** in Fayette Co., PA about 1805/06. Born, **25 Oct 1782**, in Fredrick Co., MD. Died, **10 Dec 1853**, in Perry Co., OH. Burial in Good Hope Cemetery, Hopewell Township, Perry Co., OH. Occupation: Farmer. Children:

- v. Levi. Born, **20 Oct 1806**, in Fayette Co., PA. Died, **16 Feb 1832**, in Perry Co., OH. Burial in Good Hope Cemetery, Hopewell Township, Perry Co., OH. He married Catherine **Smith**, **20 Oct 1831**, in Perry Co., OH (Book 1, page 130).
- 4 vi. James.

SECOND GENERATION

2. Hannah² **Huhn**. Born, **29 Jan 1796**, in Fayette Co., PA. Died, **before 1861**, in Unk. Co., IN.

She married FNU **Hull**, circa 1825 (?), probably in Fayette Co., PA. Children:

- i. Ezra³.
- ii. John.

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3. Henry² **Huhn**. Born, **11 Nov 1797**, in Fayette Co., PA. Died, Dec 1851, in Fayette Co., PA.

He married Louisa **Showalter**, **28 Mar 1824**, in Fayette Co., PA. Born, **22 Sep 1806**, in Unk. Co., PA. Died, **20 Feb 1877**, in Fayette Co., PA. Children:

- i. Sarah Ann³. Born, **31 Jan 1825**, in Fayette Co., PA.
- ii. Margaret. Born, **10 Dec 1826**, in Fayette Co., PA.
- iii. John. Born, **1 Jan 1829**, in Fayette Co., PA.
- 5 iv. Benjamin Franklin.
- v. James Crozier. Born, **15 Mar 1833**, in Fayette Co., PA. Died, **1920**, in Fayette Co., PA.
- 6 vi. Diana.
- vii. Elizabeth Louisa. Born, **13 Aug 1837**, in Fayette Co., PA. Died, **24 Mar 1859**, in Unk. Co., PA.
- 7 viii. Henry Clay.
- 8 ix. Issac Philip.
- x. Mary Louiza. Born, **20 Jan 1845**, in Fayette Co., PA.
- xi. Emma Caroline. Born, **1 Apr 1847**, in Fayette Co., PA.
- xii. Jackson Showalters. Born, **3 Apr 1850**, in Fayette Co., PA.

The Huhn family is fairly well documented and we will not publish and further details on them at this time. Interestingly, there were two Weedman-Huhn marriages – **George Weedman** married **Charlotte Huhn** and **Catherine Weedman** married **John Huhn, Jr.** We can recall one other similar family situation with two sons of **William Weedman** of Perry Co., OH (**Green Berry Weedman** and **John Weedman**) marrying three daughters of **John Cart** (Green married Susan Cart while John married **X Cart** and then **Mariah Cart** when his first wife died).

When **Catherine Kefover** died in Perry County, Ohio in 1861, the descendents of **Hannah Huhn Hull** as well as **Henry Huhn** and his children went to court to claim their share of the estate. This is one of two lawsuits (the other relates to the death of **John Weedman**, brother of Catherine, who died 1830 in adjacent Licking County, Ohio), which gives a very clear definition of the families involved. **Hannah Hull** had moved to Indiana and apparently died prior to her mother. Henry and his children remained in Fayette Co., PA. Interestingly, the estate of **Catherine Weedman Kefover** amounted to \$763.77 and consisted entirely of personal property.

4. James² **Kefover**. Born, **circa 1817**, in Perry Co., OH. Died, circa 1872 (?), in McLean Co., IL. Occupation: Farmer.

He married Catherine **Brakiover**, **circa 1840**, in Licking Co., OH. Born, **circa 1817**, in Unk. Co., OH. Children:

- i. William H. H.³. Born, **circa 1841**, in Perry Co., OH. He married, first, Malinda **Graves**, **27 Mar 1866**, in McLean Co., IL. He married, second, Sarah J. **Houghman**, **25 Jan 1872**, in McLean Co., IL.
- ii. Jacob. Born, **circa 1844**, in Perry Co., OH.
- iii. Nancy Jane. Born, **circa 1847**, in Perry Co., OH.
- iv. Isabella. Born, **circa 1851**, in Perry Co., OH. She married George **Ludwick**, **20 Apr 1867**, in McLean Co., IL.

Shortly after the death of **Catherine Weedman Kefover**, James sold the homestead and seemed to have disappeared. Recently, given the ages of his sons, we checked Civil War records and found that they had moved to McLean Co., IL. This is not surprising given the fact that James' uncle, **George Weedman**, had moved there some thirty years earlier and there were a large number of relatives in that area.

It appears that **William H.H. Kefover** (was he named for **William Henry Harrison** who was President in 1841 when Kefover

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was likely born?) filed for a Civil War pension based on service in both Ohio and Illinois. He served first in Company G, 31st Ohio Infantry as a Private and then in the 3rd Illinois Cavalry also as a Private. He filed for a pension from Illinois 4 February 1891 and was living in Missouri at the time. We have had no contact with any descendent of **William Kefover**.

Jacob Kefover (Jr.?) also served in the Civil War and was a Private in Company D, 62nd Ohio Infantry. A pension request was filed in Illinois naming his mother, Catherine, as the beneficiary. We have determined there is a tombstone for a **Jacob Kefover** in the Glendale National Cemetery near Richmond, VA. He is buried in Section D, Grave 196 but no dates were given for his birth or death by the source found on the Internet. Jacob must have died in the Civil War but it is possible he is buried there as a veteran. We will obtain his military and pension files to ascertain which is the case.

We know nothing further of **Nancy Jane Kefover** or of **Isabella Kefover Ludwick**.

James Kefover died circa 1875/76 in McLean Co., IL according to probate records on file there.

We have searched for a number of years trying to determine what happened to this family as well as to make contact with descents. We now know where they went but are still seeking contact.

Weedman, Weidman, Wiedman, Weadman, Widman, Widmon

What is our name?

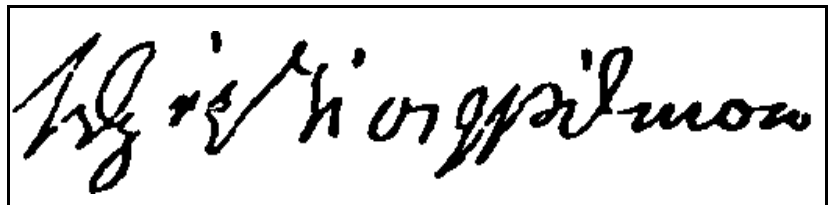
Well, good question! We have welcomed three new subscribers —Myrtle Weidman Kenyon, Lillie Weidman Engle, and Myrtle's son, Neil Kenyon.. We notice that the surname is spelled Weidman and Neil says his mother states this is the way it has always been spelled!

Information from the Florida branch indicates the progenitor of this line was Carl Wiedman from Bierstadt, Germany. Ultimately the spelling of the name changed to Weedman.

We have seen the spelling Weadman used in some land records as well as military records. Makes some sense as the pronunciation is the same as Weedman and Weidman.

As I have related more than once, I had Uncles that spelled their name Weidman while my Father spelled his Weedman. If I wanted to stir the family up a bit I could ask what is the right spelling of the family name in the presence of my Dad and his brothers. I would have to leave the room at that point because a heated discussion would follow.

Who is right? Probably everyone! I notice the Florida Weedmans had first names in an Hispanic type of pronunciation indicating that names change with time and probably our ancestors ability to spell!



To the right is the signature of Christian Weedman, Sr. from his will dated 1810 in Fairfield Co., Ohio. At first glance it doesn't appear to be a signature at all. But, on careful scrutiny the surname appears to be Widmon. And, Christian is spelled "Christian". I suspect the name was originally Widman but Anglicized at some point. It is clear that those doing genealogical research on the family would do well to look at all variant spellings of the name rather than stick with one particular version.

We have signatures of Christian Weedman from his entry into this country, on deeds and on his will. Not surpris-

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Hi Cousins,

We wish to thank everyone who has contributed in one way or another to the recent Newsletters. Response has been great, and we want to give credit to those of you who have sent in information for us to use, and to those who have contacted **Gena Lee Theiss** with information for the upcoming revision of *Christian Weedman And His Descendants*. She probably has the early roots of your lines, but needs to be up to date with the latest additions for the upcoming revision.

Subscription Renewals Due

We ask subscribers for a contribution of \$5.00 per year to help pay for costs to print and distribute the *Newsletter*. If you haven't paid, your contribution would be appreciated. If you are due (according to our records), you will find a small notice in the envelope accompanying this issue. We checked our records going back to 1998 but these are not without error. Should these records be incorrect or if someone else paid your subscription and it is current, please let us know. If you want to no longer receive the *Newsletter*, please let us know that as well.

Sad news, but we know you would want to know, regarding recent deaths in the Weedman families.

If you haven't sent in your subscription contribution for the Newsletter, please take time to do it soon.

Obituary

Hila Church

Hila Church was born Dec. 8, 1907 in Holyrood, Kansas, passed away on 14 January 2001 at Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was ninety-three years old. We met Hila when she attended the Nashville Reunion in 1988. Her line was **Hila Church⁸; Maximillian Ebenezer & Minnie Fern (Weedman) Church⁷; Zadock (Dick) Weedman & Matilda Jane (Jennie) (Romine) Weedman⁶; George & Catherine (Danner) Weedman⁵; Asa & Delilah (Hand) Weedman⁴; John Weedman Sr. & Rachel (Wilson) Weedman³; George & Charlotte (Huhn) Weedman²; & Christian Sr. & Elizabeth Weedman¹.**

Obituary

Doris Kizer

Doris Kizer, born **Doris Lucille Ackerman** born Nov. 15, 1923 in Brookings, SD, and died in Sparks, NV on 25 Oct 1999. Doris was of the line of **Nicholas Weedman**, who was a son of **John Weedman**, son of **Christian Sr.** and **Elizabeth**. **John** married **Sophia** (maiden name unknown) and **Nicholas** was their only son. **Nicholas** married **Elizabeth Charlie** in

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Our appreciation to Kathryn Weedman Cook for keeping us posted on family events.

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Harrison County, IN. A daughter, **Mary Ann**, married **David S. Ackerman**, and they raised a large family. We will all miss Doris' regular contributions to the Newsletter. She married **Al Kizer** in 1943 after her first husband, **Leonard Beauford** was killed in WW. II. She leaves a large family to mourn her passing.

Kathryn Weedman Cook wrote and informed us of three other cousin's passing who known to many who are reading this:

Obituary

Elroy Williams

Elroy Williams, age 58, of Leitchfield, KY passed away Thursday Aug 17, 2000 at Leitchfield. He was the husband of **Wilma Weedman**, daughter of **Alton** and **Lena (Anderson) Weedman** of JOHN's line. They had the following known children: **Tammy**, who married **Mr. Reynolds** of Leitchfield, and two

grandchildren: **Cody** and **Michala Reynolds**; Elroy is also survived by a sister, **Elizabeth (Williams) Decker**, and two brothers **Johnnie** and **Fairley Williams**. All are of Leitchfield. Elroy was born Oct. 25, 1941 in Grayson County. He was a service man for Fosters' Gas Co. and a member of the Broadway Missionary Baptist Church. He will always be remembered and missed by his family. Two brothers, **Layman** and **Boots Williams** preceded him in death. Burial was at Broadway Cemetery.

Obituary

Robert Estel Stewart Sr.

Robert Estel Stewart Sr. born Aug. 20, 1920; died March 6, 2001. Grayson Co., KY. Watson and Hunt Funeral Directors were in charge of services. Internment at Layman Cemetery, Millwood, KY. Survivors include his wife, Mary, daughters, Carol and Gloria and son Robert Jr. His parents were **Charles Luther** and **Mertie (Weedman) Stewart**. Mertie's line

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Obituary

Dorthene (Mudd) Weedman West

Dorthene was the widow of **Sherman Weedman**. She was born Oct. 30, 1925 in Grayson County, KY, the daughter of **Riley and Nealy (Elder) Mudd**. She married, first, **Sherman Weedman** on May 21, 1945. There were six children born to this marriage: **Dorman, Sherlene, Jerry, Randy, Mary Frances and Myron**. Sherman passed away March 30, 1971. Later, Dorthene married **Clarence West** of Leitchfield. Clarence and all of her children, children-in-law and two stepchildren survive her. She has a host of relatives in the area and everyone who knew Dorthene will miss her greatly. Sherman's line was: **Sherman⁶, James Henry & Mary Elizabeth (Carter) Weedman⁵, Willis Green & Cassa Ellen (Collard) Weedman⁴, John & Polly (Stone) Weedman³, Christian, Jr. & Mary (Marshall) Weedman², and Christian, Sr. & Elizabeth Weedman¹.**

Obituary

Arlene Weedman Shillingburg

Ed Shillingburg writes to inform us of the death of his beloved mother, **Arlene (Weedman) Shillingburg** on March 3, 2001. She was born in Butte, NE daughter of **Ona and Lelila (Evans) Weedman**. In 1905, she married **Donald Metzner Shillingburg** who operated a trading post near Crown Point, NM where she was teaching at a Navajo School. She had a teaching certificate

from Aberdeen, SD and they were married at Independence, MO. Her first child, **Donald**, was born in 1927 and her last child in 1936. In 1937 they left the Navajo Reservation and moved to Gallup, NM. But they returned to the Reservation to own a trading post at Greasewood Springs near Lukachukai, AZ in 1942. Her husband died in 1950. She, with the aid of son **Donald**, operated the post until it sold in 1952. For several years she pursued her dream of a college degree at The University of New Mexico, Columbia University (NY) and received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of California at Berkeley in 1965. She is survived by her two sons; **Don** of Colorado and Phoenix, and **J. Edward** of Shelter Island, NY; two brothers, **Charles Weedman** of Kansas City KS, and **Gail Weedman** of Kokomo, IN plus many grand and great grand children. Internment was at Hillcrest Cemetery, next to her husband in the Elks plot in Gallup, NM. Messinger Indian School Mortuary made arrangements. Arlene's line was: **Arlene (Weedman) Shillingburg⁷, Ona Harrison & Lila (Evans) Weedman⁶, William Martin & Sarah Catherine (Hildreth) Weedman⁵, Jeremiah & Alzira Jane (Payne) Weedman⁴, Jacob & Catherine (Bishop) Weedman³, George & Charlotte (Huhn) Weedman², Christian & Elizabeth Weedman¹.**

There are several people looking for their Weedman Roots. Every so often Nick adds these seekers to the Newsletter. I received a new one today and will add her query in hopes that someone can help her. **Kay Hawks** writes:

Mary F. Weedman born May 21, 1870 married **Cooper Knowles** 15 Feb 1895 at Kirwin, Phillips County, Kansas. I think Gena Lee has this information in her da-

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Dorthene West and her son, Myron Weedman, hosted a Reunion meal at the 1996 Reunion held in Bardstown, KY

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tabase. I wrote to Kay because her list of children was not quite the same as our list. Perhaps Gena Lee has had something more recent for **Mary Frances Weedman Knowles'** family (p224 red book). Kay's e-mail address is: hawksjk@nisc.net

Does anyone know of **(John) Theodore Weedman**, born Centralia, Wayne County, IL? He went by name of **Ted Weedman**, but first name was **John**. He was born in 1890 and married at age 30 in 1921 **Bessie Horton** of Doe Run, MO. If you know of him, would you please write or phone me at (253) 556-9169. Thanks.

We are delighted to help all who are seeking Weedman roots. Many have been given their lines back to Christian, and most have signed up for the *Newsletter*. Of course there's a lot more to it than that; we who are signed up get to meet a lot of related Weedmans, some from KY, IN, OH, PA, IL...all over America. The last reunion was held at Farmer City, Illinois, and we had a wonderful time there. Now, since we have these reunions once every two years, we are already planning where the next one is going to be. We try to get the Reunions in a place where we can actually walk on ground they walked on, see what they saw and learn the history of the area.

One of **Christian Weedman Sr.'s** daughters was **Elizabeth**. We believe that she was born about 1767 in "Pennsylvania". The borders between VA, PA and MD were not officially established until 1783-4. So we cannot be sure where Elizabeth actually was born, but we're assuming Pennsylvania. She married a "**Mr. Murphy**" because in Christian Sr's will he names his children and calls her "Elizabeth Murphy". We have been trying ever since we discov-

ered his will, to locate this "Mr. Murphy" who was her husband. Recently we discovered a series of thick books containing abstracts of Revolutionary War soldiers' petitions for a pension. There were plenty of Murphy's but there was one who definitely stood out as a possibility of being the Murphy who married **Elizabeth Weedman**. His pension application brief reads:

JOHN MURPHY VA line, S40191, BLW # 564-100 appl. 14 Aug 1820, Fairfield County, OH, aged 70 in July 1820, with a wife **Elizabeth**, aged 40, "sickly" Could this be our **Elizabeth**? Age is not always on the button. She may have been older, or younger, but probably not younger. Notice they were living in Fairfield County, Ohio. So were Christian and several other children of Christian. I don't exactly know how to get his records, but there is surely a way. I'll be working on this.

Neil Kenyon tells the next story on paper for us to enjoy, about his grandfather, **Roy Logan Weidman**, son of **Philip Weedman/Weidman** of Crawford Co., IN. Like me, you will be touched by the sincerity and simplicity of this wonderful family's story.

Now I Know Grandpa Weidman

I never met my grandfather, **Roy Logan Weidman** - he died on Aug. 8, 1942 before I was born on Feb. 24, 1945. Grandpa was born on June 6, 1898, the son of **Phillip Weidman** and **Lucinda Jane Clark**. He married my grandmother, **Esther Belle Deich**, on Oct. 10, 1921 and to them were born two children: My mother, **Myrtle Isabelle**, born on Aug. 8, 1922 and my aunt, **Lillie**

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Neil Kenyon's story about his family is very interesting. Others are invited to submit similar experiences.

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Lucinda, born Aug. 28, 1924.

My mother had often shared with me about grandpa and how he had passed away not long after she had married my dad. She had related some of the details of his death but my thoughts at those times were on my mother and aunt and my grandmother and how they must have felt and the sorrow they shared because of the early death of their dad and husband. Grandpa I had not met and did not know – he was just a date – Aug. 8, 1942. There were some pictures of him – but just pictures; no life, no recognition, no knowing him. And that is how it sometimes gets with genealogy, those in our family tree whom have died before we were born, even when there are pictures and stories, often are just dates - and oh how obsessed we can become with having the right date! Then, out of the blue, in the research one is doing on his family history - amongst all those dates and places, a bit of information emerges that opens the door between their life experiences and yours and you connect with that person, and you know them. And so, now I know Grandpa.

Not long ago my mother handed me a long misplaced scrapbook full of poems and other writings which had been clipped and placed there years ago by my mother when she was a teenager– some coming from my grandmothers clippings. Among those was a small poem clipped by my grandfather entitled, “**MY LITTLE GIRL FELL ILL**” written by Anne Campbell in 1933. A note written under it in my mothers’ hand read, “**Poem Daddy found the day Myrtle was operated on**”, and it reads as follows:

**I thought that money's scarcity
Was more than I could bear,
And met approaching Poverty**

With sorrowing despair.

**And then my little girl fell ill.
Death lingered with closed wings,
I sat beside her, spent and still.
And thought of many things.**

**But never once of money's loss
Or living's endless strife,
But ever of the heavy cross
I'd bear through all my life.**

**Then she got well! In the glad dawn
I sang with grateful breath.
And now I measure woe upon
The black yardstick of Death.**

In 1934, when my mother was 12 years old, she became seriously ill when her appendix ruptured. Mom has told me how her father, having no car or other transportation, carried her to the hospital which was located some ways from their home in New Albany, Indiana and how he had sat there by her bed as the doctors relayed the dreadful news that there was only a one in one thousand chance that she could live, and that was only if they did surgery. A surgery that, in those days, was extremely dangerous under any condition let alone a ruptured appendix. It was during this surgery that my grandfather must have found the poem quoted above. Having read this poem and knowing the circumstances under which it was found and clipped gives me keen insight to how my grandfather felt - how he loved his family, and his faith. It opened the door and connected me with him because I shared the same type of experience when in 1983 my little girl at the age of 9 fell seriously ill with a brain tumor and the only option for her was a dangerous surgery, followed by another a year later, and yet another in 1989. Often have I sat by the same bed as did my grandfather – I heard the same words as he – “there’s not much hope.” And after

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Neil's work on his Weidman family line has provided valuable insights on a line for which we had little information.

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radiation treatments, "Only six months at the most." I experienced the same thoughts and the rearranging of priorities. I am sure that grandpa would have gladly taken my mothers place upon that bed - yes, I know grandpa now! I know the same tears, the same stress, the same long wait, and the same loving watch of his little girl.

Anna Varvais has agreed to write a column each issue on the Swedish Weedman family. Thanks, Anna, for your contribution!

My grandfather and I have shared another thing, and that was the last stanza of that little poem he clipped so long ago. My grandfather's little girl is 79 years old this year and his grandson's little girl is 28 years old this year. And Grandpa and I both have shared together yet another experience and that is the hand of God in our lives. So now I know **Roy Logan Weidman**, my grandpa, in a way I didn't know him until I read the poem that he clipped that day his daughter had surgery - the poem that someone saved and pasted in a scrapbook many years ago.

So, as we search out our family generation from generation let us not forget about the generation yet to be born - there may be one there who needs to know you, so leave them something to latch onto in the list of notes you make - leave something of you.

Weedman Web Site New Location

Thanks to **Adam Weedman** of Austin, Texas who is President of Affiniscape, Inc., we now have a new location for the **Weedman Family** Web site. The new location is: <http://www.weedman.org>.

The new site is easier to update and maintain.

We invite you to visit the web site and if you have suggestions for improvement, please let us know.

The Swedish Weedman Family Page

William Walter Weedman

Submitted by Anna M. Varvais (Olaf ~generation 6)

William Walter Weedman, Sr. (Olaf ~ generation 3) was born January 22, 1888, Victoria, Knox, Illinois. He is the second child of **Edward & Anna Christine Weedman**.

William ("Willie") married **Verna Irene White** on January 13, 1897. **Verna** was the daughter of **John William Forrest White** and **Emma Louise Swanson**, born on April 9, 1897. Family records indicate that **Verna** was born in Altona, Illinois.

Willie and **Verna** raised their eight children in Victoria, Knox County, Illinois. Their children included:

Ethel Marie ~ 1918 to 1966
John Weldon Sr. ~ 1919 to 1992
Anna Louise ~ 1921 to 1994
Clarence Edwin ~ 1923 to 1983
Violet Rose ~ 1925 to 1994
William Walter, Jr. ~ 1927 to 1989
Forrest Edward ~ 1930 (only living out of this generation)
Wayne Leroy, Sr. ~ 1931 to 2000

Willie supported his family on coal miner wages and **Verna** was a full time housewife and mother. According to family members, "**Grandpa** and **Grandma Weedman** raised lots of chickens and kids. Grandpa Willie was very tall and always wore his bib overalls. He had the greenest thumb and we enjoyed his beautiful gardens every

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year. The grandkids used to sit on the porch and help **Grandma Weedman** churn butter and snap beans."

Willie was laid into rest on 5th of November 1955. He died of black lung disease from his many years of coal mining. **Verna** passed away on December 25, 1985 in Galesburg. **Willie** and **Verna** are resting in Oaklawn Cemetery located in Galesburg, Knox, Illinois.

Olaf & Brita's Family Circle....

The gap is slowly closing!

I have recently been in touch with **Mrs. Ann Murchison** a descendant of John W. Weedman (2nd generation Olaf). Ann's Grandfather, **John**, owned a grocery store in the town of Victoria, where **Lois Weedman's** (wife of **Clarence Edward**) Hospitality House now operates. According to Anne's recollection of the family history, "When the family arrived from Sweden they did not speak English, the head of the family was called "Swede Man." Anne is in the process of contacting other family members from her line, who have the original **Weedman** family bible. I will keep everyone posted with updates. (Ann is a new subscriber to the **Weedman Newsletter**).

I am now in contact with at least one person from the family lines of the following of Olaf Weedman's Children:

William Lewis Weedman
John W. Weedman
Edward Weedman (my line)

We are still seeking descendants from the **Alfred B. Weedman** family that included Betsey; Mathilda; Anna; and Emma. We have discovered that Emma was married to Andrew O. Anderson on 30 Oct 1890 in Knox County (Illinois

Marriage Index 1763 - 1900).

Website's of Interest.

Information about the G & GE (**The Galesburg & Great Eastern**) Railroad ~ this is an interesting website for our family history. John Weldon Weedman, Sr. worked and retired from the G&GE. You can access the site by typing in the following link **<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/roconnor/ggeworld.htm>**

Knox County Home Page_ **<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ilknox/>** This is a great website for history of Knox County, Genealogy, Cemetery Listings, Townships within the county, etc.

I have also developed a Website for the Swedish Family Line and post any findings about our family history there. If you are not already a member, please let me know, and I will send you a special invitation to join the community. Many are already members of myfamily.com, however, there are only 8 members of my new MSN site. The new site has more graphics and is easier to maneuver.

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We are highly appreciative of the financial support we receive from so many family members.

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2002 Reunion Plans Announced

Hello, Weedman Clan! I hope you all are enjoying your summer as much as we are here, in the Midwest. Although it seems impossible, the time has come to begin thinking about the 2002 Weedman reunion, to be held in Jasper, Indiana from the evening of July 19 through the morning of July 21.

Your Reunion Committee this time around consists of mostly newcomers to the wonderful tradition of Weedman Reunions. We are **Melissa Achtien** and **Amy Weedman** (daughters of Nick Weedman and granddaughters of **Harry Weedman**), **Kathy Bruce**, **Audrey Chapline**, **Lauren Bruce** and **Meg Smith** (granddaughters of Harry, as well) and **Cindy Ruzak**, who is from the **George Weedman** line. We feel honored to be able to give back to the lovely folks who welcomed us all so graciously last summer.

Some of you may be wondering why we won't be gathering in Pennsylvania, as planned during the 2000 reunion. Unfortunately, after some careful exploration of the area by Nick Weedman and his sister, Anne Weedman Smith, it was determined that due to logistical problems and lack of sites of family genealogical interest, that the area was unsuitable for our needs. Dubois County, Indiana was then chosen as a replacement. Fortunately, there are a number of terrific historical Weedman connections in Dubois, Crawford, Pike and Perry, Counties.

We have only preliminary plans at this time, but mark your calendars! A block of 50 rooms has been reserved at the Jasper Holiday Inn. You will soon be receiving a registration form, which will need to be returned along with a registration fee. The registration fee will cover the cost of dinner both Friday and Saturday nights, and lunch Saturday. We'll do our best to contain costs and make this a fun and informative vacation for families and children of all ages.

Some of the questions and answers we'd like to explore include: why Southern Indiana is so important to our heritage, why Weedmans migrated away from the area, what life would have been like for our Weedman ancestors in Southern Indiana and Northern Kentucky. And of course, no Weedman reunion would be complete without a Graveyard/Homestead Tour! Some of the other local activities include: the Hoosier National Forest; Dr. Ted's Musical Marvels (gives guided tours of an extensive collection of restored mechanical music machines from 1800's through the mid 1900's); Marengo Cave/Cave County Canoes (gives National Landmark cave tours, has a recreation center and horseback riding, also gives canoe, kayak and raft trips on the scenic Blue River); the Monastery of Immaculate Conception (one of the largest Benedictine communities in the nation, you can take tours of their beautiful domed church, grottos, etc.); and the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial and Living Historical Farm.

You'll soon be receiving more detailed information but make sure to pencil us into your busy schedules!

Until the Fall issue, take care.

*Marianne Montgomery &
Nick Weedman*

The site of the 2002 Reunion will take us back to where several early ancestors homesteaded. Sounds like a great choice!

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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello Cousins,

Hope you all had a lovely fun summer. It seems a bit shorter than other summers, leaves turning colors already here in Washington state, but each season has its' own beauty, so let's enjoy each one as they come around.

Obituary

Elna Lumpkin Weedman

Many of you know **Kenny Weedman** ...DANIEL's line. He attended many of our Weedman reunions...well now we have some sad news. His mother, **Elna Alice (Lumpkin) Weedman** passed away in Little Rock, Arkansas on June 12, 2001. She was born in DeValls Bluff, Arkansas on February 27, 1913 to **Claude C. and Lou (Craig) Lumpkin**. On Sept. 11, 1937 she married **Charles Kenneth Weedman**, son of **Norman Benedict and Sarah Hilma (Malstrom) Weedman**. Elna lived her life in Arkansas.... all 88 years of it. **Charles Kenneth Weedman** passed away several years ago. Son **Kenneth Russell Weedman**, and daughters **Carolyn Springer, Kathryn Evans, and Jane Horne** survive Elna. She is also survived by sisters, **Lucille Lumpkin, Anne Lumpkin and Lexa Widener, and brother William Lumpkin**. Many nieces, nephews, and grandchildren also survive. Elna lived a Good life, surrounded by those she loved. She is buried with her husband at Forest Hills Me-

We extend our sympathies to Kenneth and Sue Weedman and their family in the loss of his mother.

morial Park, Little Rock, Arkansas. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

Web Site Activities

We welcome all of you who have recently joined our ever-growing family. We have several new seekers of information on the Weedman page site, owned by Nick Weedman, and all of you who have computers may find it at <http://www.weedman.org>.

Recent visitors to the site were **Amee Weedman** whose grandfather was **Clarence Weedman**. She lives in St Louis but her family lives near Galesburg, IL. Her e-mail is aweed2@msn.com. Her line is undoubtedly from **Olaf Weedman** (the Swedish Weedman line). **Anna Varvais** will want to get in contact with Amee.

Claudia (Basinger) Guzman writes that her grandfather was **Leo Basinger**. Leo was a son of **John Harlan Cassidy Basinger**, who was married to

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Mary Weedman, daughter of **John** and **Nancy (Jackson) Weedman** (DANIEL's line) She has lots of information on the Basinger line, but was just starting on the Weedman line. Nick was able to furnish that information to Claudia. Her e-mail address is *Gguzlet@aol.com*.

News from Jan Bruner

Had a nice letter from **Jan Bruner**, who hosted the 1998 Weedman Reunion in Evansville, IN. Jan and family have just moved from their 8 room 2 bath home to a 6 room 2 bath home, and they love it. It's all on one floor. Great! She gives us some news to share:

Her daughter **Teresa (Bruner) Brown**, officer of the bank in Evansville, won an Employee Of The Year award. This is a special honor as there are many banks in that grouping. Congratulations, Teresa.

Daughter **Leanna (Bruner) Brown** has finished her training in Massage Ther-

apy, and is working now in that field and also working at A.G. Edwards Stock Brokers. Daughter **Janella (Bruner) Forcum** is a busy gal these days, also. She's selling insurance for Farm Bureau. Her little Sarah is quite involved in her budding social activities. Lastly but not least, Jan's daughter **Ronda (Bruner) Francis** is holding down two positions. Lee and Jan plan to go back to North Carolina in April next year for his Marine Corps Reunion, and in the summer following, a two-week vacation in Alaska is planned. We hope to see the whole family at the next Weedman reunion. It's close by, Jan, and be sure to bring the whole gang. They have attended quite a few of the reunions, and I was sure you all would like to share in their latest news.

Weedman Book Update

Many of you are sending **Gena Lee Theiss** updated information to be included in

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Jan Bruner and her daughters hosted the 1998 Weedman Family Reunion held in Evansville, IN.

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the next revision of our Weedman Family genealogy. In order to be sure your latest news as to births, marriages, deaths is included, please send this material now to:

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This may be the last updated revision Gena does, so please don't put off sending her your updates. Gena has written a HIGDON genealogy, and is nearly ready to publish her JOHNSON genealogy.

We thank **Stephen Weedman** who recently wrote us, and updated his branch of the JOHN line family tree. His grandparents were **Mose** and **Vadie Weedman**.

Social Security Death Index Weedman Entries 2000/01

Here is a list of Weedman Deaths in the year 2000 and last two for 2001 extracted from the Social Security Death Index (*name, date of birth, date of death, and place residing at death*):

Vadie Weedman, 21 Oct 1912, 1 Apr 2000, Tell City, IN
Anna Weedman, 2 Apr 1906, 5 Mar 2000, Poseyville, IN
Ernest Weedman, 2 Apr 1960, 12 Nov 2000
John Weedman, 10 Aug 1922, 21 Jun 2000, Reynolds Station, KY
Jimmie Weedman, 2 Apr 1932, 6 Dec 2000, Louisville, KY
Lonzo Weedman, 6 Oct 1928, Dec 2000, St Louis, MO
Wanda Weedman, 2 Jan 1939, 21 Jan 2000, O'Fallon, MO
R. Weedman, 27 June 1919, Dec 2000, Grass Valley, CA

Luverne Weedman, 22 Sep 1927, 14 Apr 2000, Columbus, WI
Spencer Weedman, 19 Sep 1990, 29 Jan 2000, Missouri
Robert Weedman, 17 Mar 1931, 17 July 2000, Sun City, AZ
Mary Weedman, 26 Apr 1906, 29 Sep 2000, Atascadero, CA
Wayne Weedman, 1 Sep 1941, 23 Nov 2000, Washington state
Mathilda Weedman, 25 Jan 1914, 5 Jun 2000, Cashmere, WA
Teresa Weedman, 2 June 1950, 21 May 2000, California
Wayne Weedman, 11 Oct 1931, 4 Mar 2000, Galesburg, IL
Gregory Weedman, 15 Mar 1965, 30 Mar 2000, St Louis, MO
Douglas Weedman, 6 Feb 1947, 26 Feb 2001, Indiana
J. Weedman, 2 Feb 1908, 26 Feb 2001, Maryland

We cannot readily identify **Ernest Weedman**, **R. Weedman**, or **Mary Weedman**. **J. Weedman's** obituary has been located and he descended from **Denver Weedman**. We need to clarify his line. If anyone recognizes these Weedmans, will you please let us know which line they are from? Nick can identify the others. We will let you know where any fit in that you may question us about. Contact me (marianne@weedman.org) or Nick (nick@weedman.org) if you can help.

Widman(n) Family

Bill Park replied to my message, asking him about his **Widman** family. His family had settled in Huron County and I thought they might be related to ours, so I wrote him. He told me:

"My gg. Grandfather, **Daniel**, married **Mary Haffner** who lived in the county

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The Social Security Death Index is public information and widely available on several genealogical web sites.

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next to Huron Co. Ohio.

These **Widmans** came from the village of Hartheim in the Palatinate (Germany) The Parish priest of the church in Hartheim answered my request for verification of ancestor **Konrad Widman's** birth...and Konrad's parents. (His father was also Konrad).

After the deaths of his parents, **Korrad II** moved to Indiana where he and his wife, **Rosina (Keitzer) Widman** lived out their lives with their children. These early members of the family were prosperous farmers and my cousin owns and operates my gg grandfather' Daniel's farm.

Quite a few descendants of these early Widmans live in the Fremont area still. The name is still spelled **Widman**, although some of the earlier records spell it **Widmann**.

His e-mail address is: dmus@dilbert.multiverse.com

Hila Church - Last Female In her line for Years!

Hila Church (GEORGE's line) gr. grandnephew **Jeff Weedman** contacted us and told us an interesting fact. For the past three generations, no female babies have been born in his family line! The last girl baby born was **Hila**, born in 1906...so in the last 95 years, there have been no little girl babies born in **John Weedman's** descendants since his daughter **Hila Weedman** was born. **John William Weedman** married. There have been 12 additions to his line since 1906, and all were boys. Page 305 in the red Revised addition to the Weedman book will tell the whole story. Jeff brought us up to date on the family. Jeff has two boys, **Mason** and **Christian**

Weedman. We're happy that he chose to name one Christian, as our first-over ancestor was **Christian Weedman**, and he had a son, Christian. There is another Weedman family in San Diego CA who has a son Christian. We hope to see you, Jeff, at the reunion with your family. And **Paul** and **Emily Weedman** are parents of the other **Christian Weedman**. Anyway, we hope to see many of you just hop the planes and come on out to the reunion. I was on a plane since all this talk about late planes and lost luggage came up. I had no problem, and no one I know or have talked to lately has had a problem, so take a chance, Columbus did, and look what he found!

Crawford Co., IN Cemetery Findings

Neil Kenyon wrote and listed his ancestors in the censuses of Crawford County, IN. **Philip W. Weedman** shows up in 1880 age 32. In 1900 the family is listed with **Wesley Weidman** listed as 'head of house'. This Wesley is actually **Philip Wesley Weedman** age 52, He had the same wife and family members still at home were identical to those in the 1880 census. In 1910, Philip is there; name spelled **Philip Weedman** age 62, with **Lucinda**, the same wife, and the three youngest children still at home, **Arthur, Dora, and Roy**. This points out one pitfall so many have when tracing their roots...some people go by their middle name now and then. Like Philip, above. We appreciate Neil's message, which points out this fact to us.

Neil found the following buried at Wickliffe Cemetery at Wickliffe, Indiana, not so far from English and Jasper.

Philip Weidman, 1848-1927

Arthur F. Weidman,

July 22, 1887 - April 1, 1914

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The original spelling of our surname may have been Widman or Widmann. Thus, our interest in this surname.

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John W. Weidman, 1889 - 1928

Roy L. Weidman,

June 21 1898 - Aug 2, 1942

Neil, do you know if Roy died during WW 2 in battle during the war, or if he was on his farm?

Neil has been very active in scouting around the area looking for Weedmans. He's found them located in many cemeteries. In Crawford, Dubois, and nearby counties. We'll have great fun next summer visiting these cemeteries. Hope there'll be plenty of JACOB (son of Christian Sr.) Descendants there. We're happy to be filled in on Jacob's line.

Got a letter from **Bill Weedman** of Wilson, NC. JOHN's line. He recalls fondly the times he spent rambling around Hardin, Grayson and Breckinridge Counties in KY with his new bride **Pat**, his father, uncle and great uncle **Cordis Weedman**. His parents were **Gordon and Alma (Westerfield) Weedman**. His daughter is **Schelly Weedman-Davis** whom I had lunch with one pretty day in Seattle. I was reminded when Gordon and Alma attended a reunion...I think at Rough River. They may have attended more than one. Seems I can picture him at the 1996 reunion. Was glad to hear from him as he told of his Uncle Cordis who with others in his family worked for the Illinois Central Rail Road. Cordis was stationmaster and telegraph operator. He retired in Dyersburg, TN. His family lived in Eastview, right on the Louisville-Paducah-Fulton-Dyersburg line. His grandfather, **Lonzo** and granduncle **Fonzo** were mail carriers; Fonzo being postmaster at Olaton in Ohio County. **Burl** and **Gordon** carried mail in and around Hartford, KY. Madisonville, KY was mentioned...some of Fonzo's family settled in that area. Would love to meet them all. Hope to

see Bill and some of his family next summer.

Subscriptions Due Final Call

We have had a great response to our request for financial contributions to keep the Newsletter going. We seek a \$5/year donation to help offset printing and mailing costs. If our records indicate you haven't contributed this year, a reminder will be found in the envelope with this issue. Our records may not be all that up to date, so if you have sent in your check and still have a reminder, send Nick a note and advise you have paid.

Finally, if you prefer not to receive the Weedman Newsletter, please let us know. While we don't want to lose anyone who is interested, we do recognize there are those who are not as interested as in the past. Just let us know.

If we don't receive anything, this will be the final issue you will receive.

We will not publish names of all the most recent contributors in the interest of limited space.

John Weedman National Bank Notes

From 1929 until about 1935, National Banks were allowed to print their own currency. The John Weedman National Bank in Farmer City, IL distributed their own bank notes until the bank closed.

A collector in Iowa has possession of a ten dollar note and is willing to sell it for a healthy sum (well over \$500!).

If any of our Illinois residents knows of

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the existence of any of these notes and if the owner is willing to sell, we are in the market to collect one or two for our family archives. Contact Nick Weedman at the address shown on page 18.

Obituary

James Wilson Weedman, 93

SUDLERSVILLE, Md. - **James Wilson Weedman** of Sudlersville Feb. 26, 2001. He was 93.

Mr. Weedman was born Feb. 2, 1908, the son of the late **Denver** and **Drusilla (Wilson) Weedman**.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, **Margaret Deiss Weedman**, in 1984; and two brothers, **Charles Norman Weedman** in 1990 and **George Carroll Weedman** in 1969.

He is survived by two sisters-in-law, **Rachel Weedman** of Sudlersville and **Joanne Bonser** of Marietta, Ga.; and two nieces, **Patricia Hovey** of Kansas City, Mo. and **Carol Ann Peoples** of Marietta.

(Note by Nick Weedman: Social Security Death Register shows **Charles Weedman**, b. 12 Jan 1917, d. 20 Apr 1990 and **George Weedman** b. 10 Mar 1919, d. Aug 1969. Both had social security cards issued in Maryland. There are two **Denver Weedmans** in our data base: **James Denver Weedman** (1870 – 1903) and **Lloyd Denver Weedman** (1898 – 1969). It is clear from the life span of these two individuals that neither could be the parents of the individuals in this article. Where do these individuals fit in the family?)

2002 Reunion

The **2002 Weedman Family Reunion** will be held July 19-21 in Japsers, Indiana. The Planning Committee reports they are hard at work and are planning to do a mailing to people on our mailing list very shortly.

Southern Indiana promises to have appeal to a number of branches of the Weedman family. Mark your calendars now and make plans to participate.

Inductions into the Weedman Family Hall of Fame will be made at the Reunion. Please be thinking about who you feel should be included in this group. We will be adding a page on our web site which lists those honored in 2000 as well as criteria for selection into the Hall of Fame. Please look for this at: <http://www.weedman.org>.

Inducted into the 2000 Reunion Hall of Fame were:

Mary Weedman Myers, First Native Born Woman to cross the Ohio Reiver to settle in the Ohio Territory.

John Jesse Weedman, Jr., successful businessman, banker, and farmer.

Freeman Weedman Burford, oilman.

Catherine Bishop Weedman, maternal head of a family of medical professionals.

Dr. James C. Munch, pharmacologist.

George Perry Weedman, educator.

Dee Brown, historian and author of "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee"

Gena Theiss, author of two books on the Christian Weedman family and his descendants.

Marianne J. Montgomery, editor of the *Weedman Newsletter*.

Dr. Daniel Wilson Weedman, astronomer.

We are unable to fit the line of James Wilson Weedman into the family tree at present. Al help on his line would be appreciated.

Happening in DuBois County, Indiana in 1872

(Neil Kenyon of New Salem, IN who has been researching his family line, which is from Jacob Weedman, has furnished the following articles to us. It would appear that the A.F. Weedman named in the article is Allen Fleming Weedman who was born 27 December 1845 to Jonathan and Sarah (Bruner) Weedman. He married Margaret Randerson in DuBois County and the family lived in Indiana until 1885. At that time, they moved to Lincoln Co., NE where Allen F. Weedman died in 1886 of smoke inhalation. Lutie Strand of Montana is a granddaughter of this couple and we talked to her before printing this in the Newsletter. She says Allen Fleming Weedman was not a teacher and feels these refer to someone else. Regardless, it is interesting to pick up some happenings in our family in 1872!).

Article from the Petersburg (IN) Press

In Dubois county, schoolteachers not only teach the "young how to shoot," but some of them undertake to teach the boys in the ways of politics. In Harbison Township, that county, a Greeley and reform teacher in schoolhouse No.10 is one of the latter sort. The day before the election after school was out, a son of L.L. Kelso hurraed for Grant and Wilson. This did not suit the school teacher's idea of politics and so the next morning he gave the boy an unmerciful thrashing, wearing out two large switches over his back and for no other reason than that the boy dared to give audible expression to his feelings in hurraing for Grant and Wilson. A greater outrage was never perpetrated in this country of freedom and free speech. The teacher's license ought to be revoked and he should not again be allowed to teach in the county.

Source: Petersburg (IN) Press

Claims by Mr. Kelso

Mr. EDITOR: -- Permit me to refute some charges made by A.F. Weedman in your issue for November 22d, in regard to whipping Erasmus Kelso. The facts as I understand them are this:- That on the evening of November 4th, when the school was dismissed Ras. walked to the door and stepped out on the steps and jumped out into the yard and hurraed for Grant and Wilson as others did at the same time, not thinking as he says of doing any harm, and the teacher after consulting with some of the most quiet parents of the district concerning the affair, thought it best to administer a light corporal punishment, so next morning the 5th, he told Ras. that he would have to whip him for hallooing the event before. - Ras. told him that some of the other boys hallooed as loud as he did, and the reply was that it did not lighten his whipping any, and then he wore out one switch on him, (Ras.) and took the second one and whipped him until he was satisfied. And my wife went over to the schoolhouse at noon of the 5th and asked the scholars if Ras. done anything else, but halloo for Grant and Wilson, and none of them said that they saw him do anything else, but Docia Hope said that Weedman said he jumped out of the door, but she did not see it herself. And now for Mr. Weedman's evidence. Lizzie Kelso says that she thought that he whipped him for hallooing, for she did not know that he done anything else, and Weedman has got in the paper that Emeline Wood said that he told her that you whipped him for running out at the door,-but Emeline Woods says that it was not Ras. that told her, but Weedman told her so - as she was not there when Ras. was whipped. I would just say as to the rest of his evidence none of them say that they saw him run from his seat, but say that you (Weedman) said so. Josephine Brittain. Did you see him run out of the room and halloo, and she says yes sir. But I think she was mistaken about seeing Ras. run from his seat, as the girls were dismissed first, and had started home, and were some distance from the school-house when the boys were dismissed, - for Fanny Nelson aged 19 years says that her and Josephine Brittain were some distance from the house when the boys came out. Andrew Nelson age 14 years, George Jacobs 19 years, John Jacobs 15 years, says that they did not see Ras. run from is seat, and they also say,

that the girls were dismissed, and had started home when they came out of the school-house. And now for those quiet parents that Weedman consulted with in regard to punishing Ras. Kelso. Mrs. Martha Wood, Adam Hope, Jacob A. Nelson, William Merritt, Jeremiah W. Jacobs all say that Weedman never consulted either of them in regard to punishing Ras., and I think that Weedman did not consult more than one or two employers of this district, and that they were personal enemies to us if they encouraged Weedman to whip my boy.

L.L.KELSO

Source: Jasper (IN) Weekly Courier, 6 December 1872

Refutation

MR. EDITOR: - Permit me in refutation of the above slanderous article to publish the facts, and I hope the Editor of the "Press," will do me and the District justice of copying this expose, and in future be a little more careful in regard to his authority, before publishing accounts in regard to affairs happening in Dubois county.

On the 4th inst., I, the teacher, of the school mentioned, thought it necessary to ask the boys to leave the schoolroom quietly after being dismissed. They all but one, departed quietly enough: This one, (Erasmus Kelso), however, wishing, as it appears, to know what would follow a failure to observe this request, ran from his seat and jumped out of the room hollowing [*sic*]. I talked with some of the most quiet parents of the district concerning the affair, and we concluded it best to administer a light corporal punishment. It was reluctantly administered by myself, in connection with an earnest entreaty that he would thereafter be obedient and quiet in school, and thus avoid trouble for himself and teacher. It was painful to me, as I dislike this mode of punishment. I learned the next Morning, (Tuesday the 5th,) that I was accused of punishing the boy or hallooing [*sic*] for Grant. On the following day I put the following questions to the pupils named, and received the answers annexed:

Elisabeth Kelso, 16 years old. - Lizzie, did you understand that I punished Ras for hurraing for Grant? Ans.- I never said you did.

Erasmus Kelso aged 14. - Ras, did you understand that I punished you yesterday morning for hollooming for Grant? Ans.- You whipped me for hallooing. Did I ever tell you not to hurrah for Grant? Ans.- I don't know as you did.

(Other quotations follow but are omitted to save space. Nick Weedman)

There could be more evidence produced, and evidence as substantial as the above; I think this is sufficient. I will only state that the Republicans of District No.10 do not fear to send their boys with me, as the attendance has increased since the occurrence, Mr. Kelso still sends six children.

A.F.Weedman, Teacher

We have received a lively communication from Mr. A.F. Weedman, teacher, in reply to the article of Mr. Kelso, about the recent whipping in his school in Harbison Township. We have given each of these gentlemen one tilt in regard to this matter, because we thought the publication in another place was calculated to do injustice - but as spanking a boy in school is a small matter now-a-days, we think we have published as much about it as would be interesting to the public.

Article Unrelated to the School Incident

CUTTING- On last Thursday Mr. Jno N. Morgan and A.F. Weedman, of this county got into a dispute over their accounts in the drug store of Dr. Daniels, in Otwell, during which Weedman cut Morgan with a knife in the back, inflicting a wound nearly six inches long. Morgan knocked him down after being cut, breaking two of his fingers with the blow. It seems to us the weather is too warm for such occurrences now. Sunstrokes would be more in order for local items, and this kind postponed until it gets cooler.

Source: Japser (IN) Weekly Courier, July 23, 1875

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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Dear Cousins,

It seems like an eternity has passed since our last Newsletter. It was written and sent out to you just a few days before the September 11 tragedy in NY, PA and Washington, DC. I believe I'd be correct in assuming that we all were in a state of shock at the news of this terrorist attack on our native soil. Our lives have been changed in a way, but I believe that we have been jolted out of our complacency into the reality of knowing that "it can happen in America!". Nevertheless, and in spite of the grief we all feel for those who have lost loved ones in that disaster, as Americans we have banded together to protect and fight for our country and to honor those who died on that terrible day.... September 11. We will never forget it. So now we have proven our ability to sniff out and deal with the terrorist groups who have brought this present war to our very doorstep.

Well dear ones, let us show the American spirit by steadfastly supporting the national stand, and at the same time, let us not be fearful to the point of being unable to carry on. Let us show the World that America is not a soft, fearful, do-nothing nation. As our ancestors did in times past, let us courageously carry on with our prayers and best wishes for our nation and its people.

I am still planning to fly to Evansville next summer, and head for Jasper and the Weedman Reunion. I'm not going to

let them (the terrorists) deter me from my people! I'm not going to shrink into depression. I'm sure if the fallen could speak up, they would want us to show our spunk and carry on, not shrinking in fear and doubt, but knowing we have the terrorists on the run. We will not give up as we did in the Gulf War, before the job has been done and the world is safe from the present fanatical terrorism.

Plans are going on, to be sure, for the next reunion. We want to emphasize all the places in the area where the entire family could enjoy. The children would love to visit Santa Claus Indiana, and the other places nearby where family fun abounds. Why not make a week of it, and see all there is to see in the area. Read over the news of the Reunion in the Summer and Fall newsletters, and on page 32 of this issue.

Gena Theiss is grateful for your response in updating your family lines and sending the information on to her or Nick. Nick passes the information to her unless you contact her directly. See her address in the Fall newsletter page 19. Her e-mail address is trees4gena@aol.com. You might want to send her a GEDCOM file of your

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*We extend to all
our Holiday
Wishes for a
Merry Christmas
and a Happy,
Healthy 2002!*

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*Our
condolences to
Helen Gregg
and her family
on the loss of
two of her
siblings
recently.*

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entire line if you're not sure if it is or is not in the latest book. She is working hard on this project and we appreciate all of your co-operation to see that all lines are as current as possible.

Now to bring you our latest news: **Helen (Basinger) Gregg** has lost her sister **Nancy Lee Thomas** and her brother, **Kenneth Basinger** recently.

Obituary

Nancy Lee Thomas

Nancy Lee Thomas, 78, of Newman, Georgia formerly of Evansville, IN, died August 24, 2001 at her home, of apparent heart failure. Surviving are two sons, **Larry** of Newman, and **Wesley** of Mechanicsburg, PA; three sisters, **Helen Gregg** of Evansville, **Geneva Joseph** of Peoria, IL and **Mary Wessels** of Vero Beach, FL: a brother, **Kenneth Basinger**, of Evansville, IN, two grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, three great grandchildren and nine step-great grand-

children Services were held August 25, 2001 in Newman, GA with burial in White Oak Cemetery, in Clay, Kentucky.

Obituary

Kenneth Basinger

Kenneth A. Basinger, 75, of Evansville, died Friday, Nov. 30, 2001, at Regina Continuing Care Center of cancer. He retired from Norman Levy & Co. He was a World War II Merchant Marine veteran and a member of Epworth Methodist Church. Surviving are three sisters, **Mary Wessels** and **Helen Gregg**, both of Evansville, and **Geneva Joseph** of Peoria, Ill.; and nieces and nephews. Services were on December 2, 2001 with burial in Alexander Memorial Park in Evansville, IN with military rites. Source: Evansville IN *Courier & Press*, December 1, 2001

Nancy and Kenneth were descended from DANIEL's line. We join the Gregg's and Basinger's in their grief and for their loss.

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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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50th Anniversaries!

We received a message from **Jesse** and **Jerri Weedman** of Joshua Tree, CA (JACOB's line) to bring us up to date on their news. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sept. 2, 2001 and their daughters, **Jean**, **Joanne**, and **Judy** gave a wonderful reception for them on this occasion. **Judy**, the oldest, with her husband **Ron**, drove out from Missouri to be there and son Jim did his share, too to make this a wonderful occasion for **Jesse** and **Jerri**.

Jean's daughter, **Melissa Joy** married **Jim Reid**, July 14th at Bridgeport, CA. Jesse didn't give details but we can be sure that the young couple has now settled in and we wish them much happiness and a great future.

Neil Munch, and lovely wife, **Eleanor**, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Sept. 10, 2000. I should have had this information in a year ago, folks, but better late than never.... And of course they've gone on to the 51st this year.... a day before the tragedy of Sept. 11. No doubt they celebrated with family and friends on the Big Day.

Family Weddings

A letter from **Diane Hall** (John's line) arrived with some family news. **Lori Hall**, daughter of **Diana** and **Jack Hall** was married to **Marcus Alan Briody**, son of **LaVern** and **Nettie (Hunt) Briody** of Evansville, Indiana. **Marc** was born July 30th 1978 in Evansville.

The wedding took place in a beautiful picturesque setting on October 15, 2001 in Canada at a park at Niagara on the Lake, where the Niagara River joins Lake Ontario. The lovely park and ga-

zebo, is situated on the banks of Lake Ontario, and as the marriage took place, the panorama of seagulls flying overhead and sailboats on the lake was a sight to enjoy. As one looks across the water, Fort Niagara (in NY state) can be seen. The fort was built in 1726. Besides **Jack** and **Diana**, daughter **Lydia** and her son **Nicholas** drove up from Indiana. **Nicholas**, age 7, was ring bearer. **Marc** and **Lori** enjoyed a second reception in Evansville, given the following Saturday. We wish this young couple the very best. Some of you will remember **Lori** at several of the past reunions. (JOHN's line).

Jonathan Ryan Kershner, son of **Lawrence** and **Andrea (Montgomery) Kershner** and grandson of **Paul** and **Marianne Montgomery** (DANIEL's line) graduated summa cum laude, from George Fox University, at Newberg, OR on April 29, 2000. **Marianne** joined **Andrea** and **Lawrence** on the drive to Newberg to attend the ceremony, which was very heart-warming and beautiful.

Then on June 9, 2001 **Jonathan** and his high-school sweetheart, **Jessica White**, were married in Centralia, WA. **Jessica** is the daughter of **Stephen** and **Carmen White** of Castle Rock, WA. They were married in the Baptist Church there in Centralia, and had a lovely reception following the ceremony. Jonathan's brother **Jeff** was a groomsman in the wedding party. **Grandma Marianne** was as proud as punch to be witnessing such a lovely ceremony. May **Jon** and **Jess** (as we call them) enjoy a wonderful happy life in their chosen field; religion. **Jon** will be going to Seminary at Princeton University next year. At least that is the plan at this time. Princeton is located close to Newark, NJ. **Jess** will be attending classes at Dyer University nearby. **Jess** graduates in June of 2002 from George Fox University also.

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Congratulations to those celebrating their 50th Anniversaries and to the newly married!

Due to more traffic on our web site as well as that of Gena Theiss, we are getting more family inquiries!

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I was looking through the Newsletter to see if I had added **Mischelle (Schelly) Weedman's** marriage in either the Summer or Fall newsletters, and like Jonathan's wedding, I did not have Mischelle's either.

Mischelle, the daughter of **William L. and Patricia (Scharf) Weedman** and granddaughter of **Gordon L. and Alma (Westerfield) Weedman**, was married to **Christopher Michael Davis** of Bellevue, WA on June 23, 2001 at Port Townsend, WA. Port Townsend is a lovely quaint town at the tip of Washington State on the shores of Strait of Juan de Fuca. The happy couple is living in Seattle, WA (JOHN's line). We wish them much joy. **Mischelle** is a lovely, caring, energetic person. She is Director of North American Marketing Inc. of New World Commerce, Bellevue, WA. **Schelly and Chris**, we wish you the very best.

Inquiries

Emily Ellen Weedman

We received an e-mail from a person whom we can only identify by their e-mail address which is: Windward-shore@lycos.com. They want to know more about the family of **Emily Ellen Weedman**. **Emily Ellen** was a child of **Harvey W. and Sarah A. (Hazelwood) Weedman** of Meade County, KY. **Harvey** was a son of **William and Lucy (Duggins) Weedman**, son of **John Weedman**, son of **Christian Jr.** **Emily Ellen** was born in Meade County KY 04/09/1882 in Grayson County, and died 01/12/1960 in Jefferson County. She is buried at Cap Anderson Cemetery in Brandenburg, KY (Meade Co). The writer would like to know if **Emily Ellen** had siblings, and if we know the **Duggins** line. **Cathy Stone** has a way of sniffing out the answers to our mystery

questions, so Cathy, what do you say? You can e-mail this person direct, but we'd like a copy of what you found out for our information.

Another mystery...where does this family member fit in? **James Wilson Weedman** of Sudlersville, MD, (deceased) son of **Denver Weedman**. As Nick mentioned in the Fall Newsletter, that although we have discovered two **Denver Weedman's, James** according to dates we have, doesn't belong to either one of those. **James Wilson Weedman** worked as a mechanic for Phillips Garage in Sudlersville. In his youth, he enjoyed playing soccer. He was a member of Calvary-Asbury Methodist Church in Sudlersville. Any clues?? Additional information on page 22 of the Fall Newsletter.

Then, although I mentioned it in a newsletter many years ago, we still don't have the answer as to who the **Christian Weedman** was, who was in the 1840 census of Bucyrus Township in Crawford County, OH. You will remember that **OUR Christian Weedman Jr.** of Grayson Co., KY 1830 census, didn't show up in 1840. Now it seems odd that I didn't check this out before this. Although the names of everyone in the family were not given until 1850, the ages of every male and female in the family were given in columns such as: "males between 0-10, 10-20, 20-30, 30-40, etc and same for females. We could tell by fitting the age is halfway between say, 50-60 (which would be the approximate age of **Christian Sr.**) ...he'd probably be at least 60. We hope to have the answer to this in the next Newsletter.

We received a message from **Cassiopeia Weedman** (Cassie for short). She is a daughter of **Carl Lavon Weedman**. **Cassie** believed that his father and his grandfather were also named **Carl**

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Lavon Weedman. We have located **Carl Levone Weedman** who was born in 1935 in Paynesville, KY, son of **George William Weedman**, born in 1909 in Paynesville, KY. **Carl Levone** had a son named also **Carl Levone Weedman** born in 1957. This could be the father of Cassie...depending on when Cassie may have been born. Also Cassie spells his name LAVONE and we have it spelled LEVONE in our records. Cassie's e-mail is: **CassieSoSweet@aol.com**.

Who's Who in the Weedman Family

At the 2000 Weedman Family Gathering held in Farmer City and Weedman, IL we had our initial induction into the Weedman Family Hall of Fame.

To qualify, the person must have made a positive and distinctive contribution to society that would bring honor to the family. We will make the second round of inductions at the Weedman National Family Gathering to be held in July 2002 in Jasper, IN.

Following are short sketches of those who were inducted in 2000 with posthumous awards first and living awards next:

Mary Weedman Myers, the oldest child of Christian, Sr. and Elizabeth Weedman. Born 1 January 1762 in South Branch, Hampshire Co., VA, Mary was recognized as the first American woman to ever cross the Ohio River from Virginia to settle the Ohio country. This was discovered in an article in a book, *Just Like Old Times*, Book VI, 1987-1989 published in Huron Co., OH.

John Jesse Weedman, Jr. The son of John and Rachael (Wilson) Weedman, he

was a highly successful businessman, banker, farmer, and stock dealer. He founded the John Weedman National Bank in Farmer City, IL and was a wealthy man when he died in 1885 at Weedman, IL. He was recognized as probably the earliest highly successful business man in the family.

Freeman Burford Weedman. He was the son of Guy and Harriet (Weedman) Burford and was a very successful oilman and businessman in Dallas, TX. He was born in 1900 in Farmer City, IL, educated in Oklahoma, and was a resident of Dallas. He once was considered as a strong possible candidate for governor of Texas. His first wife was Carolyn Skelly who was a daughter of the founder of Skelly Oil Company. Their home in Dallas is now a famous hotel called the Mansion at Turtle Creek. Freeman died in 1967.

Catherine Bishop Weedman. The widow of Jacob Weedman who was a son of George and Charlotte (Huhn) Weedman, she raised her six children in Ashland Co., OH. From that family have come a number of medical professionals. She was recognized for being the maternal head of a family that produced a line of successful professional descendents.

Dr. James Clyde Munch. Dr. Munch was an internationally recognized pharmacologist and toxicologist. Born in 1896 in Farmer City, IL he was the youngest recorded graduate of Bloomington, IL high school and continued his education at Illinois Wesleyan University and took his Ph.D. degree from George Washington University. He wrote what has been considered the leading textbook on pharmacology. He descended from the line of Jacob and Catherine (Bishop) Weedman.

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Nominations for the 2002 Weedman Hall of Fame are now being accepted. A simple statement of achievement will do the job.

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George Perry Weedman. Born in Perry County, IN to Green Berry and Susan (Cart) Weedman, George was an education pioneer in his native county and in North Vernon, Jennings Co., IN. He was born in 1861 and died in 1914. He was recognized as a pioneer educator.

Awards to living family members included the following:

Dee Brown. Married to Sally Stroud who is a Weedman descendent, Dee is a renowned author and historian. His most famous work was *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*, which has sold more than 5 million copies. Sally Stroud descends from the William Weedman line.

Gena Lee Theiss. Gena wrote "*Christian Weedman and his Descendants, 1735 – 1986*" and a second edition and update. She is a tireless researcher and has her own web site. She was recognized for her outstanding contribution in forwarding the genealogy of the Weedman family. She is from the line of Christian, Jr., John, Willis Green, Sr. from Grayson County, KY.

Marianne Montgomery. Marianne lives in Tacoma, WA and was married to the late Paul K. Montgomery. Together, they started the *Weedman Newsletter* and she has continuously edited the publication since its inception (34 years at this point!). An enthusiastic genealogist, her contributions to the family are of immeasurable value. Paul was a Weedman descendent whose line is from Christian, Jr., Daniel, etc.

Dr. Daniel Wilson Weedman. Dr. Weedman was a professor of Astronomy and Astrophysics at Penn State University and is now at NASA. He is a well-known astronomer and invented the

Hobby Eberly Telescope along with Lawrence W. Ramsey. Dr. Weedman descends from the line of Christian, Jr., John, Willis Green, Sr., John Franklin, Fonzo, and Roy Lee Weedman.

We are accepting nominations for the 2002 Weedman Family Hall of Fame nominations. Send your ideas to Nick Weedman (see contact information on page 26).

New Subscribers

We welcome several new subscribers to the Weedman Newsletter. For those who haven't done so, we suggest a contribution of \$5.00 per year to help defray copy and postage costs. Send your check to Nick Weedman whose address appears on page 26 of this issue.

Betty Weedman Moore of Belpre, OH is originally from California. Her line: Betty Weedman Moore⁷, Emerald Rose Weedman⁶, Abraham Lincoln Weedman⁵, George Weedman⁴, John Jesse Weedman, Sr.³, George Weedman², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Shannon Weedman Strack of Portland, TN is originally from Perry County, IN. Her line: Shannon⁹, Melvin F.⁸, William Mose⁷, Herbert⁶, James David⁵, William⁴, John³, Christian, Jr.², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Billie Livingston Lenchner lives in Florida but is from Illinois originally. Her mother was Shirley Jean Weedman whose line is: Shirley Jean⁸, James Henry⁷, William Thomas Bell⁶, Harvey Willis⁵, William⁴, John³, Christian, Jr.², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Two daughters of **Jessie and Jerri Weedman, Jane Thornburgh and Judy**

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Pownall, have been added. Their line: Jessie Earl⁶, James Monroe⁵, Jesse Hamilton Stewart⁴, David³, Jacob², and Christian, Sr.¹.

Lines Being Researched

We have been contacted by two people doing genealogical research on the Weedman or related families.

Dr. John Bishop Maxwell descends from the Bishop line which has two connections to the Weedman family. **John Bishop** married **Hannah Cooper** and in Ohio in the early 1800s had two children who married Weedmans. One, **Catherine**, married **Jacob Weedman** who was a son of **George** and **Charlotte Huhn Weedman**. **Catherine** is one of our Hall of Fame members. A son, **Jacob Bishop**, married **Mary Ann Weedman** another child of **George** and **Charlotte Weedman**.

John Craig wrote to say he has letters and photographs he is willing to share on the Craig line of Southern Indiana. The **Craigs** and **Weedmans** have a number of connections and we are very interested in getting material promised by John. We hope to have him participate in the 2002 Reunion but, at least, hope to have his material.

Last Call for some Subscribers

There are still a few people who receive the *Weedman Newsletter* who need to make their contributions for 2001. Some are probably no longer interested and no longer wish to receive this publication. For those, please let us know and we will remove you from our mailing list. For those who wish to continue, we suggest you send a donation for both 2001 and 2002.

As a reminder, we have put a small reminder slip in the envelope of those we feel are still due. Having said that, we may well have not properly recorded donations. Simply let us know and we will continue your subscription.

Finally, if you are interested but unable to contribute, let us know and we will gladly furnish complimentary copies.

We have received outstanding support from most of our subscribers with several contributing \$50 to \$100. But, we should all help to defray expenses of the *Newsletter* and we do appreciate those contributions!

Web Sites

If you are "surfing the web", please visit our family web site at:

<http://www.weedman.org>

And, Gena Theiss' site is at:

<http://hometown.aol.com/gentheiss>

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome!

Holiday Greetings

Nick and Marianne extend to our warmest holiday greetings to family and subscribers. 2001 has proven to be a difficult year and surely 2002 will bring more happiness for most. So, Merry Christmas and a healthy, prosperous Happy New Year to all!

Marianne Montgomery
&
Nick Weedman

We have received some good information on the Bishop family and look forward to the Craig family data which we hope arrives soon.

Weedman Family National Gathering

10th Biennial Weedman Family Reunion

July 19-21, 2002

Jasper, Crawford and Perry Counties, Indiana

Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend the 10th Biennial Weedman Family reunion. Southern Indiana was a hotbed of Weedmans for generations. Let's get together and learn more about our ancestors from this part of the country as well as meet and mingle with today's Weedmans!

Here's what we have planned:

Friday July 19, 2002

- **arrival and registration** at the Jasper, Indiana Holiday Inn
- **Weedman Gene Pool Party**, in the Sycamore Room (this will be a pool side party, where the kids can swim and the adults mingle, along with light refreshments)
- **Jasper Walking Tour** (for those folks who get into town early and would like to know more about Jasper, this tour is self guided and points out many historical sites in the lovely downtown)
- **Jasper Historical Society** (a great place to visit for the historians among us)

Saturday July 20, 2002

- **family breakfast**, catered at the hotel, 8 am
- **Cemetery Tour** (guided by Nick Weedman, we will be visiting various burial sites in Perry and Dubois Counties)
- **Lunch** catered at the Marengo Caves, in Crawford County (also games and canoeing for anyone interested)
- **Dinner** at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant (German food--what a treat!), Hall of Fame presentations, Planning Next Reunion, etc.

Sunday July 21, 2002

- **family breakfast**, catered at the hotel, 9 am
- short non-denominational **Closing Service**, after breakfast

The cost is \$50 per adult and \$35 per child (under 8). Hotel accommodations are not included. We have reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn in Jasper for this Reunion. Each party will have to make their own reservations. The telephone number there is: 1-800-872-3176 or to call direct 1-812-482-5555. Be sure to mention you are with the Weedman party, when you call.

Reserve **NOW!** Space is limited and participation will be restricted. Send a note to Billie Bruce advising how many adults and how many children will attend along with your check to:

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