
❖ Weedman Newsletter ❖

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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Dear Cousins,

As I begin this Newsletter, I'm hoping that the weather is spring-like where you are. Washington has had pretty cold weather since the first of March, I mean colder than one might be comfortable with.

Of course, first and foremost on my mind is the upcoming **Weedman National Family Gathering**, at Jasper, Indiana. We've heard from several, who are going, and I'm planning on traveling light and not taking a lot of little extras I am used to taking on a flight. It'll be interesting, and I do believe that flying is safe as it ever was. The events of Sept. 11 were not your everyday flight happenings, so don't be afraid to fly. Trains and busses are fun, too, if you want to see the scenery and enjoy a change. Either way, we want to see as many as can make it there at Jasper. You'll love the area, and our Hosts this year have made it a super time for all.

Make your reservations with the motel at Jasper. **Billie Bruce** has sent you the plans for the other expenses; meals, and extras, so your transportation to Jasper and your reservations at the Holiday Inn are the only things you need to do to secure your place at the reunion. I am assuming you have responded to Billie's letter to you earlier. If not, why not get that done for the next mail? See page 8 of this issue for the phone number of Holiday Inn and for additional details.

If you can get there early, you'll find some of us there at the Hotel to meet you. We usually start coming there in mid afternoon Friday, (which would be the 19th). Look for us in the Sycamore room. Friday night after the days' activities mentioned in Billies' letter, we find ourselves hanging out at the Sycamore room, looking at the now "famous" WEEDMAN families picture albums, and chatting.

Gena Lee Theiss asked me to be sure to thank all who have sent her their family updates, and for the new ones, send her what you have and chances are she can connect you to the branch of the Weedmans that you cling to.

Continuing news, I have a letter from **Jeri** and **Jesse Weedman** telling us that they are feeling fine and keeping in touch with daughters **Jane** in Mississippi, and **Judy** in Missouri. E-mail is a great thing and cheaper and faster way of keeping in touch. They tell us that **Jim** and **Darcy Weedman** have a new baby girl, **Sydney Grace**. She is number three for them. Congratulations and best wishes for the future for little **Sydney**. **Jeri** sent a picture of her and **Jesse** and I hope they will be at the Jasper reunion. All of **Jesse's** ancestors

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This issue opens Volume 35 of the Weedman Newsletter. We extend our appreciation to Marianne Montgomery for her contributions to the Weedman family.

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Family updates like those on the Jesse Weedman, Bruner and Herke families will be continued with your cooperation. Send your updates to Marianne.

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from 1800 - 1900 are back there. Hope I'm not exaggerating, **Jesse!**

Sharon and **Bob Herke**, always at the reunions, (at least **Sharon** is) sent us some news and we rejoice with her. **Sharon** is Administrative Assistant with the University of Evansville in the Safety and Security office.

Daughter **Lisa** and her hubby, **John**, are doing well, except **Lisa** had surgery last summer. She is back carrying mail now, but the tumor that was removed was the size of a soccer ball, the Doctor said.

Lisa's a winner, though, and doing fine now. Her hubby, **John** is doing Nature Photography, and had a show in Greenville, KY last May. What an interesting work that would be! **Kathi** and **Mike** are enjoying their son **David**, now nearly seventeen months old, and enjoying the growing changes they see in him at this age. **David** is curious, and lively - a real go-getter. Keeps them on their toes. He's getting to the "terrible two's" a

bit early. **Mike** got his Masters' Degree in Special Education, and this will launch him off on a career that is indeed special. **Kim** and **Tony** enjoy motocross racing and go as a family in their trailer, which **Tony** has fixed up deluxe. So now you know the **Herke** family are active and enjoying life and having fun.

I like to get the family news so y'all, please keep it coming, Even if you send me your Christmas letter, I can cull news out of that, so let me hear from you come December if not before.

I am moving as of May 31 providing there is a vacancy at the active senior retirement center where I plan to reside after that date. It is close to stores and the public library (with a great genealogy collection). It is full of activity and they serve lunch and supper. There is Bingo, dancing, crafts, etc. A lot of Senior Retirement Centers are cropping up now, and I think they are grand. It's time for me to live in such a situation now. Living

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alone has had its day, and now I must think of the road ahead. I'll keep everyone informed as to my whereabouts, but you can be sure I'll be at the Reunion. They allow cats at the new place, but they must be "indoors cats" so I've got to get Midnight used to staying indoors. He knows what his litter box is for, and he goes for that, but he does like to stroll outdoors a couple of times each day. Any suggestions?

If any **HUFF** descendants are reading this, I have the descendants of **William Huff, Sr.** whose descendants married into the Weedman families of IN. Let me know if you would like a copy of those descendants. Glad to share them.

Jan Bruner sent me this information and also mentioned that two of her grandchildren, **Sarah Forcum** and **Brittany Brown** participated in the local Christmas pageant in their church. We all remember how those two little darlings were part of earlier Weedman gatherings and participated in children's programs there. Jan has moved into a "new" home in Evansville and they are adding some of their own touches to make it sparkle. Nearby live her two daughters, **LeAnna** and **Teresa Brown**.

Jan was planning a trip to Texas in January. She went to Alaska last July. Hope to see her at the next reunion in July. Bring along the family, Jan. Still think of the Peach Barbeque Pie. That's one of the "family stories," folks. If anyone wants the recipe, just write me, or e-mail me. You would be surprised at how well peaches and BarBQ sauce taste together, eh, Jan?

Duggins Family Connections

In the last Newsletter (page 28, bottom of first column, we mentioned that **Emily**

Ellen Weedman was wanting to know her family genealogy. She was interested in the origin of the **Duggins** family. Some of you, who are reading this now, will remember that your ancestor, **William Weedman** (JOHN's line) was the husband of **Lucy Duggins**. **Lucy's** mother was **Nancy**. I asked **Cathy Stone** if she had any information or knew how to get it on the **Duggins** family. Cathy found this:

Amherst Co., VA marriages (Duggins)

- **David Duggins** m. **Lucy Stinnet**, Jan. 9, 1789.
- **Alexander Duggins Jr.** m. **Sally Smith**, Jan 22, 1788, **David Duggins** was surety, and consent of her mother, **Ann Shoemaker) Smith**.
- **William Duggins** m. **Mary Goolsby**, Mar. 1, 1784.

Cathy believes that possibly **David** and **Lucy Stinnet** had a son **David Jr.** who married **Nancy (?)** and they had a daughter Lucy who may be Lucy who married **William Weedman**. You'll note that the **Alexander Duggins** was Jr. This means that possibly his father was the **Alexander Duggins** who came from Ireland and eventually settled in Amherst Co., VA.

So we hope someone will jump on this information and the clues above, and find out for sure about this **Duggins** family.

I want to add here, that if any of you recognize a name that you read here in the Newsletter, and you have information for us on this family, that you contact us at <http://www.weedman.org> and we will see that the information gets our attention and we can connect you with those who are seeking that information..

Also, if you are wondering about some of the allied lines that married into the

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The Duggins and Weedman families have a number of common ties in Grayson Co., Kentucky.

Our best wishes to Kenneth Russell Weedman for a full and speedy recovery from a recent heart attack.

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Weedman family, we may be able to help with that, or at least give a clue.

Neil Kenyon and **Marilyn's** daughter, **April**, came through her surgery and is doing just great. **April** had an old tumor that had grown back from a previously removed condition. This time she was again at Mayo Clinic and underwent surgery there. The doctors report that this surgery was successful. **April** rested and followed her doctor's directions, and now is about to return to work. **Neil** is descended from the **JACOB's** line, from his son **Philip Weidman**. **Neil** and **Marilyn** want to share their joy and their thanks to God, with you all. We'll see them at the Reunion in July.

Ken Weedman (**DANIEL's** line) is also happily enjoying his recovery from a heart attack on 15 December. He was in the hospital at Lexington, KY. He and **Sue** are planning to join us all at the Reunion, too. We rejoice that **April** and **Ken** can shout SUCCESS after their surgeries.

Obituaries

Philip Weedman Bateman

We have some sad news to pass along. **Philip Weedman Bateman** passed away on December 2, 2001 after suffering a stroke on Nov. 29. He had hoped to meet us all at the last reunion in Farmer City, but couldn't make it, but we will always remember him. He wrote to Nick and had previously written to me and sent pictures. He knew all of the Weedmans in the nearby counties and was interested in the *Weedman Newsletter* and the work we are doing to "Get the gang together" so to speak.

Philip was a son of **Harry** and **Jessie (Weedman) Bateman**, born in Piatt

County IL on Jan. 15, 1912 and was educated at Stephen Decatur High School and Milliken University. He was a chemical engineer for A.E. Staley Mfg. Co. until his retirement in 1974. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Great Light Masonic Lodge, and Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity. He married **Verna M. Grosswiller** of Highland Park in 1940. She preceded him in death in 1996. Surviving are his children: **Jan Willenborg** and husband **Robert** of St. Charles, IL, **Mark Bateman** and wife **Sandra** of Rock Hill, SC.; **Annette Rush** and husband **Robert**, of Bloomington, IL, **Philip Bateman** and wife **Debbie** of Decatur; grandchildren, **Timothy Willenborg** and wife **Ann**, **Leigh Ann Klaus** and husband, **Gregory**; **Susan LaMacchia** and husband **Charles**; **Glenn Bateman** and wife, **Mariane**; **Michaela Fox** and husband, **James**; **Jaclyn Bateman**, **Derek Rush** and wife **Becky**, **Matthew Rush**, **Jonathan Rush**, **Paul Bateman**, **Mark Bateman**; 11 great grandchildren, two step grandchildren, and four great step-grandchildren. Graveside services were held at Graceland cemetery. Gone but not forgotten. Our sympathy goes out to the family. I hope we have not heard the last from this good family.

Bettie Silman

Bettie Silman, daughter of **Mildred Lodean (Wren) Robbins** and the late **Lonnie Robbins**, was born June 11, 1940 in Marston, Missouri and died on October 20, 2001 in Poplar Bluff, MO at age 61. She lived for 35 years in Ellsimore, MO. She was a homemaker and member of the World Wide Church of God. **Bettie** enjoyed painting and gardening and was good at both of these talents. On Dec. 3, 1955, she was united in marriage with **Cleatus Gayle Silman** at

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Lilburn, MO. Survivors include her husband and two sons: **Monte** and **Kelly Silman** both of Ellsinore; her mother, two sisters and two brothers and three grandchildren. **Bettie** was buried at Ellsinore, MO. in the Gower Cemetery. She was interested in her roots, too, and proud of her Weedman heritage. She sent a cow picture to one of our Weedman Reunions (I believe it was at the one in Evansville). She is a descendant of the GEORGE Weedman line.

Harold Riley Weedman

Harold Riley Weedman, 81, of Cashmere, WA passed away on November 19, 2001 after a courageous battle with lung cancer. He was born December 27, 1919 at Walnut Grove, Minnesota, to **Carrie Sylvester Weedman** and **Maudie May (Leonard) Weedman**. He grew up in the Dakotas where he attended school. His mother passed away when he was seven. By the age of 14, **Harold** was on his own. He hitchhiked and rode the rails, finding odd jobs.

He served in Army Air Corps during WWII from February 1942 to September of 1945 with an honorable discharge. He married **Edna Gohner** on December 27, 1945. At Dryden, WA. Where they made their home. From then on it was a variety of jobs until he started he began work in construction. He joined the Ironworkers Local 86 in Seattle. He worked on construction of five dams on the Columbia River. In 1967, Harold moved his family to Edmunds, WA where he worked on high-rise buildings and bridges until his retirement in 1983.

He was a member of Eastmont Community Church where he taught Sunday school. He enjoyed golfing, and was proud of his hole-in-one which he made at Cedar Grove Golf Course in Mrays-

ville, WA. He was an avid horseshoe player and bird hunter.

He is survived by his wife, **Edna**, a son **Signe** and wife **Diana** of Lakewood, a daughter **Candice Grams** of Puyallup, WA, a son and daughter-in-law, **Carey** and **Mary Pat Weedman** of Scottsdale, AZ, five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; a brother, **Russell Weedman**, of Cashmere, WA and many other relatives and friends. Harold was interred at Cashmere City Cemetery on November 23, 2001.

Family and friends, who remember him as a great friend, honest, and loyal in every way, will miss **Harold**. We send our sympathy to his family.

Wilma Lee

Wilma Lee, a subscriber to the Newsletter died on 2 Feb 2001 in Coweta, OK. She was born 22 July 1919. We have no further information on her passing.

Norma Preston Weedman

Norma Preston Weedman, wife of **George Arnold Weedman** died 3 Nov 2001 in Oregon. She was born 26 Nov 1930. No further information is available.

Help Needed in Identifying Family Members

We notice that Harold was born in Minnesota. Just recently Nick found the following Weedmans who died in Minnesota. If you can connect any of these with relatives you know, please let Nick know so that they may be placed on the family tree. He can be reached at nick@weedman.org.

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We have identified a number of family members but cannot place them in the family tree. See the story on this page and also visit the Weedman Family web site for others.

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Minnesota Deaths from 1910 - 1950

- **Roy E. Weedman**, died May 7, 1921, Redmond County, MN
- **Martha Ellen Weedman**, died Feb 13, 1930, Pipestone County, MN
- **Virginia L. Weedman** (infant), died Aug. 26, 1914, St Louis County, MN
- **Baby boy Weedman**, died Nov. 19, 1915, Redwood County, MN
- **Fern T. Weedman**, died Feb. 28, 1915, Redwood County, MN
- **Diane Louise Weedman**, died 16 Nov 1948 in Hennepin County, MN

Hiram Weedman

We also recently found that **Hiram Weedman**, born 1 Aug 1867, died 2 Feb 1967 was buried in the Little Rock National Cemetery, Arkansas. But, we cannot place him in any line of the family. Any ideas who he is? If you even think you might know, please advise us.

I want to ask all of you...if you're still with me, and I surely hope you are, to look over your Newsletters, and see if you're missing any. I will try to bring your back-issues you're missing if possible for those of you who are going to the Reunion. For the rest of you, if you need back issues, write me and tell me which issues you need. I'll send as many as I have. I want to send out these extra copies I have piled up here, and so please check for this one time offer of back issues. It only takes a few minutes to check, so will you check as soon as you finish reading this Newsletter? Thanks dear ones.

Pre-nuptial agreement

Barbara Weedman Riffle Kerns

We have written in the past about the daughters of **Christian** and **Elizabeth**

Weedman, Sr. Research into the female lines of the family have proven to be highly enlightening.

Barbara was the second daughter of this couple, as far as we can determine, as was probably born in Fayette Co., PA. She married **Nicholas Riffle** in Fayette County and remained there until after his death in 1808. **Nicholas** is buried in the Jacob's Lutheran Church cemetery and a stone written in German marks his grave. He was a veteran of the Revolutionary War.

In 1811, **Barbara** married **Michael Kerns** of Morgantown, WV (VA in those days). He was of German or Dutch origin and was one of the founders of Morgantown. He had a mill, operated a boatyard, which made boats for trips down the Monongalia and Ohio Rivers, and had substantial property in the area. Prior to the marriage, a pre-nuptial agreement was entered into by the couple and entered into the records of Monongalia Co., VA. It seems both had significant property by standards of the day and wanted to protect their holdings for their respective heirs. We have a copy of this agreement courtesy of Bob Karnes of Columbus, OH. **Michael** died in 1833 and **Barbara** died about 1837 or so. Their graves are not marked but are supposedly located in or near the Fort constructed by **Michael** when he settled in the Morgantown, VA area. A marker is located in the city that tells of the Fort and the fact that the couple is buried nearby.

Subscription Renewals Now Due

Subscription renewals for the *Weedman Newsletter* are now due. We ask a donation of \$5.00 per year to help defray the costs of copying and mailing the publica-

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tion. Our subscribers have been very generous in the past and we appreciate the support given. If your subscription is now due, a reminder notice on a yellow slip accompanies this issue. Please make your checks payable to the **Weedman Newsletter** and mail to **Nick Weedman, 130 Berry Creek Drive, Flat Rock NC 28731.**

Should you no longer have an interest in receiving the **Newsletter**, please drop us a note as well and we will remove you from the mailing list.

New Interest Generated

George & Catherine (Danner) Weedman Family

(There has been a great deal of interest by a number of descendents of this family. We hope that the various family members can exchange information and progress knowledge on the line.)

George Weedman was a son of **John (Sr)** and **Rachael (Wilson) Weedman**. He was born in 1824, married **Catherine Danner** in 1845 in Farmer City, IL and died in 1893. There were ten children born to the couple, four sons and six daughters. All of the daughters except one, **Harriett Matilda Weedman Baker**, remained in Illinois while all of the sons moved away.

Harriett Weedman married **Wash Baker** and the family prospered in the wheat elevator business in and near Wichita, KS. **Gary Thompson** of Oxnard, CA has been in contact and has done a significant amount of work on this particular family. He does not subscribe to the Newsletter but we can put others in contact with him if interested.

Jacob F. Weedman, a Civil War veteran, moved to Denver in the 1870s. We have no contact with any of his descen-

dents.

Squire William J. Weedman, followed Jacob to Denver where he died in 1932. One of his sons, **George Nelson Weedman**, moved to California where he married and had a family. We received a letter from **Donna Lea (Weedman) Laymon** of Orland, California a granddaughter of **George N. Weedman** and who now subscribes to the **Newsletter**.

Zadock Sinclair Weedman married **Jennie Romine** and moved to Sumner Co., KS. Two descendents of this couple, **Sally Randby** who lives in Charlotte, NC and **Linda Sterling** of Haysville, KS have made contact and now subscribe to the Newsletter. Their aunt, **Hila Church** of Oklahoma, was a long time subscriber prior to her death in January, 2001. They can help to develop information on this line of the family.

Abraham Lincoln (Link) Weedman married **Ida Gilmore** and lived in Harper Co., KS. Some of their children moved to Southern California and lived in or near Long Beach, CA. **Betty Moore** of Belpre, OH is a descendent of this family and is a new subscriber. We hope she provides information on this line where we have many gaps of information.

All of these new subscribers and contacts were made as a result of their reaching us through our web site. The address for our site is: <http://www.weedman.org>. We invite you to visit, give suggestions for improvements, and help us to further progress on the genealogy of the Weedman family.

Until summer, just before the Indiana reunion, take care.

*Marianne Montgomery
Nick Weedman*

We welcome all of the interest recently demonstrated by descendents of George and Catherine (Danner) Weedman.

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 Tours** (guided by Nick Weedman and others, we will be visiting various burial sites in Perry and Dubois Counties. Can do others on request!)
- **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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Hi Cousins,

Has your 2002 gone as fast as mine has, so far?

In April I moved to a new apartment; into what is called a Senior Retirement Community, I like this apartment, and the community here, so much, I wish I'd come sooner. We have our individual apartments.... 3-4 rooms, but we share the lovely dining room for supper/ dinner (our main meal) and the lovely spacious lounge which is our gathering place throughout the day to chat, read newspaper, enjoy coffee watch TV, play games, the lounge is plenty large enough for several groups to enjoy without crowding.

My new address is inside, on page 10. My phone number is 253-272-4028.

After I moved then there was grandson **Jeffrey Kershner's** college graduation to attend in Salem, OR on May 11. He graduated from Western Baptist College. We enjoyed a picnic at the church he attends after the graduation services. We spent the remainder of the day driving back to Washington and my home, then they (daughter **Andrea** and hubby **Larry**) returned at last to their home. There were a number of **Kershner** relatives there and we all enjoyed a good time together.

Grandson **Jonathan** and wife, **Jessica**, will be leaving their home in Newberg,

OR to Princeton, NJ where Jon will attend Divinity School there, and Jessica will attend Rider College, and both will finish up their education there. Will they remain in the East or come back to the West coast? We just don't know yet.

Obituaries

We have several deaths to report... I am sad to say. Our cousin **Carl Weedman**, a staunch supporter of the clan, got double grief in that he lost his lovely wife, **Helen Weedman**, and his dear sister, **Marjorie (Weedman) Kennedy**, both very recently,

Helen Jean Weedman

Helen Jean Weedman was born on August 8, 1921 and died February 4, 2002. Like Carl, she was born in Indiana, and she is buried in the Greenwood Cemetery, Greenwood, Indiana, where friends and family will miss her. Helen was a soft-spoken rather quiet person, and she was a good wife to Carl, loyal and devoted. We met her at one or two of the Weedman Reunions in the 1990's. To know her was to love her, and those of us who were fortunate

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nate to have met her will forever cherish her. Our hearts go out to Carl, and their kin who are in grief at this time.

Marjorie Weedman Kennedy

Marjorie was a fine, unforgettable person. I first met her personally at the 1992 Reunion at the Barren River Lake Lodge, in Kentucky and again in Evansville in 1994. She was a reporter whose local news column appeared in the Tell City paper. She kept in touch with former friends of that area and her columns added a sparkle to the journal's area happenings.

Marjorie died May 15, 2002. She was born Feb. 24, 1924 in Bristow, Indiana (Perry County). She was a daughter of the late **Oscar** and **Hettie (Beard) Schmidt Weedman**. Marge was united in marriage to **Kennard K. Kennedy** on June 30, 1950 in Indianapolis, IN. Ken died November 20, 1999. Surviving are a son, **Stephen Kennedy**, Greenwood,

IN; a daughter, **Diane Butts** of Fishers, a brother, **Carl Lee Weedman**, of Mesa, AZ; a sister, **Mary Alice Fults** of Indianapolis, and a grandson, **Jeffrey Kennedy**. Marjorie was a member of the Southport Christian Church. Burial was in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Indianapolis. Marjorie will be greatly missed by all. (*Lineage: Christian, Sr.¹, Christian, Jr.², Daniel³, George Glasscock⁴, William T.⁵, Oscar David⁶, Marjorie⁷*).

Lutie Margaret Weedman Strand

Lutie Margaret (Weedman) Strand 78, of Big Timber, MT. passed away Tuesday April 16 2002 at Billings Deaconess Hospital. She was born Oct 13, 1923 at Shawmut MT to **Henry Stanley (called Jack)** and **Helen (Frisbee) Weedman**.

Lutie graduated from the University of Montana (Missoula) in 1945 and worked as a Home Demonstration Agent for the

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Our condolences to those who have lost loved ones recently. It seems the family has been hit especially hard of late.

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Extension Service and as a dietitian at Billings Deaconess Hospital. She married **Ommund Strand** in Montana, and their first home was in Helena. She chose, however to be a stay-at-home mom while her children were growing up, in Helena, MT, in New Jersey and Illinois. In 1976 she began her second career as a bank administrator in DuPage Bank and Trust Company in Glen Ellyn, IL.

In 1987, Lutie and Ommund settled in Big Timber, MT after an absence from her native state, of 26 years. She is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, Ommund; her brother **Frank Weedman**; her children: **Arlene** (husband **Charles Murray**) of Helena, MT; **Mary** (husband **William Murray**), of Toronto, Canada; **Helen**, (husband **Kenneth Landau**) of Overland Park, KS, and **James Weedman** (wife **Elizabeth**) of Los Angeles, CA Her brother, **Stanley Weedman**, predeceased her.

A memorial service was held at the Big Timber Lutheran Church. Our condolences go out to Lutie's family at their time of sorrow. *(Lineage: Christian, Sr.¹, Jacob², Jonathan³, Allen Fleming⁴, Henry Stanley⁵, Lutie Margaret⁶).*

David L. Weedman, Sr.

David L. Weedman, Sr., age 71, of Louisville, KY passed away on Tuesday, April 30, 2002, at Summerfield Manor. He was a son of **William George Sr.**, and **Anna Rosemond (Ersepke) Weedman**. He was born 30 May 1930. Daniel's line

He was a retired lathe operator at Tube Turns where he had worked for 37 years. He was a member of Lynhurst Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife **Regina "Jean" (Kaiser) Weedman**; a son, **David Jr.** of LaGrange, KY; a daughter,

Donna Wilson; a sister, **Gladys Weber**, and four grandchildren: **Michael** and **Aaron Weedman**, **Rachel Long** and **Sarah Van Winkle**. Mr. Weedman's body has been bequeathed to the Louisville School of Medicine. A memorial service was held on May 5th. We extend our hearts to his immediate family and larger family circle. *(Lineage: Christian, Sr.¹, Christian, Jr.², Daniel³, George Glasscock⁴, Samuel Elisha⁵, William George, Sr.⁶, Daniel Lee, Sr.⁷).*

Harold Probus

And finally another death has occurred which brings pangs of sorrow to those of us who knew Hal Probus, some knew him better than others, but we who attended the last Reunion in 2000 found Hal to be knowledgeable, cheerful, friendly...one who we would always remember when that reunion came to mind. His lovely caring wife **Mary Anne** was a lot like Harold in the above qualities. This makes it difficult for me to bring you the following news: Hal was recently diagnosed with lung cancer, and by the time they discovered it, it was found to be terminal. Hal left this life on April 29th. We do not have his obituary, so we are unable to add to this paragraph with those, but Hal was very interested in his heritage and ancestry, and he will be sadly missed. He and Mary Anne had planned to join us in 2002, but it was not to be. Sadly then, we bid farewell to Hal, and send his family our deepest sympathy.

Huff Family Update

On a lighter plane now we wish to thank **Elizabeth "Gene" Weedman Heninger** for her update on the HUFF Family ...allied to the Weedmans, and again, I want to remind you all that if you have-

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Those who attended the family reunion in 2000 in Farmer City, IL will remember Harold and Mary Ann Probus.

The Weedman family will be forever debating the origin of our surname and how it was originally spelled!

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n't sent **Gena Lee Theiss** your updated family information, or if you've sent her no information on your Weedman connections, please do so in order that she may have it in her upcoming book. Gena informed me that this would probably be the last update, so make this a top priority for June 2002

Crawford & Dubois Counties, Indiana Cemetery Update

Nick has been prowling around the cemeteries in Crawford and Dubois Counties in southern Indiana and has located (with the assistance of **Neil Kenyon**) a number of Weedman graves. AND some allied lines of JACOB's line are buried in these cemeteries, also. Some of the cemeteries are: Jasper City Cemetery, Birdseye Cemetery, Mt Eden Cemetery, Wickliffe and Eckerty Cemeteries...perhaps more have been added since these came to my desk, There is a Weedman cemetery somewhere, which is now being investigated. We'll have the scoop on this one too. We know so far that it is located north of the improved state road 164 in Sec. 31, T1 S, R4W. Nick is trying to locate every cemetery in each area where our reunions take place that contains the remains of some member of our family...all branches included.

Weedman, Widman(n), or Weidman ?

Jack and Diane Hall are planning another trip to Germany in the fall. Every time I hear of someone in our family planning a trip there I get all "hopped up" to find the location of the family of Christian Weedman. **Robert Widmann** has been most helpful to suggest locations where Widmann's have been found

to have lived in Germany. He mentions Dagersheim, Boedlingen, Kreis, near present day Stuttgart. The name **Widman** was the way Christian originally spelled his name. On his deed from Fayette County, PA when he sold his land, he spelled it **Widman**. So we know he changed the spelling later (in Fairfield Co. Ohio) to **Weedman**, as did many German families, because, (perhaps) to make it easier for the family to settle into the American scene. Who really knows why so many changed either the spelling or the name itself? It's an interesting study in the annals of the State of Pennsylvania archives and history. Pennsylvania has preserved lists of applications for name changes there. I researched it years ago, but the name **Weedman**, **Widman(n)** **Weidman** and **Wiedman** were not included in the lists I researched. We know that it was Ohio where the change in our family took place, as the name was spelled Weedman in later records there.

Robert wrote that Dagersheim is not far from the Palatinate and the earliest Widmann that Robert has discovered is **Man-golt Widmann**, son of one of the Counts of Wuerttemberg. Study is still going on so perhaps some reading this would like to do a little research on Germany. I know a number of **Weidman** and **Wiedman** families seemed to have emigrated from that area of Germany. I found a number of them in Missouri records... (Jackson County) who stated their homeland was "Wuerttemberg."

I am flying to Evansville for the upcoming Weedman Family National Gathering and I'm traveling light. I will carefully choose what I NEED for the time I'm away. I won't bring stuff that I don't honestly need to have. I don't want to carry more than one carry-on suitcase. I can't bring my toenail clippers, or any sharp

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item etc. Your airline will know what is or is not permissible. Any travel agent also is aware of what can and cannot be brought in your luggage. So let's find out before we pack, what we must leave behind. I used to carry more than I needed whenever I went on a trip. This will be a challenge to see how much I know I won't use.

Jacob Willis Weedman Grave Located

Billie Lou Bruce has found reference on the Internet to the location of the grave of **Jacob Willis Weedman**. He was a veteran of the Civil War having served in Company L, 13th Indiana Cavalry from Perry County. The family moved to Kansas and that is where we showed Jacob to have died. However, records have been located that show him buried in the Enid Cemetery, Enid, Garfield County, OK. Apparently his grave is marked with a stone which shows his military service and gives a date of death of December 15, 1911. No obituary has been located but funeral home records confirm his funeral and burial in Enid.

Weedman Family National Gathering

Still time to reserve space and attend!

Details of the Reunion are given on page 16 of this issue. The event is to be held July 19-21 in Jasper, Indiana.

The location is significant because Southern Indiana was the home for several branches of the family beginning in the early 1800s.

Jacob and Frances (Fleming) Weedman moved to Crawford Co., IN in the early 1800s and ultimately moved to a

homestead near Jasper. While most of his descendents have moved to Illinois, Nebraska, Montana, and California, some remain and will be participating in the Reunion.

Daniel and Nancy (Spurrier) Weedman moved there from Grayson County, KY about 1820. **Stephen and Mary (Gilbert) Weedman** (brother of Daniel) lived there for a time as well. **William and Rebecca (Haycraft) Weedman** moved there in the 1840s. These brothers left many descendents in Perry County.

We know where the Jacob Weedman farm was and have even found reference to a Weedman cemetery near Jasper (we believe it was on the original farm) but the graves have long since disappeared.

Three different cemetery tours are planned. **Neil Kenyon** will lead one in Dubois and Crawford County. **Nick Weedman** will take participants to Perry County (there may be two Perry County tours to cover graves of the Daniel Weedman and the William Weedman families need to be covered). An optional third tour will go to cemeteries in Pike County. This will be of interest to those descendents of **Jacob Weedman** that married into the **Craig** family.

We ask participants to bring family bibles, pictures, mementos, and anything else which may be of interest and can be shared with the group.

Items will be displayed as they have been at earlier reunions and if you have a display you want to show, there will be plenty of room! We want to share family history and information with all of those in attendance.

The cost is \$50 per adult and \$35 per child under 8 and this includes meals on

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Many of the descendents of Jacob Willis Weedman now reside in the Pacific Northwest and will find the article on his grave to be of interest.

Our gratitude goes to those who have been so supportive of the Weedman Newsletter for all of these years.

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Friday evening, all meals on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. Also included are the costs associated with any event of this nature.

There is a change of plans relating to the **Weedman Family Hall of Fame**. Due to a lack of nominees, this part of the program at the Saturday evening dinner will not be held. We hope to continue this in the future but will need family support to obtain nominees. Keep this in mind as we progress toward the next Reunion.

So, if you have not yet made plans to attend this 10th Biennial Weedman National Family Gathering, there is still time. Contact **Billie Lou Bruce** (details on page 16) and call the Holiday Inn in Jasper at **(800) 872-3176** or **(812) 482-5555** to make hotel reservations.

We have been informed that the response with early reservations has been tremendous and we expect a record turnout.

Subscriber Update

We had a tremendous response to our request for the Weedman Newsletter renewals. Listed below are those who renewed and a large number of you sent contributions well beyond the \$5.00 per year amount we ask.

For those who failed to re-new, we will include a notice in this mailing. If you prefer not to receive the Newsletter, just let us know and we will remove you from our mailing list. **For those who receive a notice and don't re-new, we will remove you from the mailing list following the dispatch of this issue.**

With postage going up at the end of June, the help you provide to offset the cost of

our mailings is highly appreciated. You might be interested to know that in the 35 years (yes, the Newsletter is in its 35th year!!!), the annual cost for subscribers has never increased. And, that is due to the support we received from our readers.

Here is a list of subscribers who have sent contributions:

**Helen & Bill Gregg
Gena & George Theiss
Marianne Montgomery
Heywood B. Weedman
Lucille Jaeger
Bill & Thea Weedman
Harold Probus
Paul R. Johnson
Kathryn J. Cook
Nina Alemao
Jeffrey James Weedman
Jack Hahne
Steven F. Fairfield
Lloyd Sedoris
Dr. Shirley Spooner
Larry & Karen Oliver
Carl L. Weedman
Jack Silliman
Dennis L. Weedman
Joyce M. Anthony
Jeanne M. Boulier
Glenn B. Martin
Eleanor Deom
Gloria Wilson
Nancy Jeffreys
Loretta Shutts
Sharon Bryden
Susan Weedman Cameron**

Again, we appreciate your support.

So, we hope to see many of you in Jasper, Indiana in July. Until then or next time, take care.

*Marianne Montgomery and
Nick Weedman*

Illinois Deaths

Following is a list of Weedman deaths recorded in the State of Illinois for the period from 1916 until 1950. More and more information of this type is available on the Internet and it facilitates genealogical research greatly.

There is some excellent information in this list. For example, the middle name of Smith Y. Weedman is revealed and was previously unknown. The middle name was Young according to this list. Smith Weedman was a prominent citizen of Farmer City and those who attended the Weedman National Family Gathering in 2000 would have met his grandson, Ward C. Weedman, and his great-grandson, Larry Weedman. Larry gave an excellent talk on living in Farmer City. His wife, Charlotte Thorn Weedman also appears on the list.

A number of the Swedish branch of the family also appears on the list as well. Alfred Weedman and all of those in Knox County, IL are descendents of Olaf Weedman of Sweden.

Hopefully, some of our subscribers can find some new information in this list.

<u>Surname</u>	<u>First Name/Initial</u>		<u>S/R</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Death Date</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>City</u>	
WEEDMAN	ALFRED		M/W	UNK	1928-01-08	MCLEAN	NORMAL	
WEEDMAN	ALFRED	R	JR	M/W	UNK	1916-08-25	MCLEAN	NORMAL
WEEDMAN	ANN	A		F/W	UNK	1926-08-01	DE WITT	FARMER CITY
WEEDMAN	ANNA	C		F/W	UNK	1945-10-11	KNOX	VICTORIA
WEEDMAN	BABY	BOY		M/W	UNK	1920-03-11	ALEXANDER	CAIRO
WEEDMAN	BESSIE	E		F/W	UNK	1945-01-10	MCLEAN	NORMAL TOWN
WEEDMAN	BETTY	LUE		F/W	UNK	1932-11-24	WAYNE	FAIRFIELD
WEEDMAN	CHARLES	A		M/W	UNK	1930-01-10	KNOX	GALESBURG
WEEDMAN	CHARLOTTE	THORN		F/W	UNK	1928-08-22	DE WITT	FARMER CITY
WEEDMAN	CLARENCE	H		M/W	UNK	1943-09-08	COOK	HANOVER TWP
WEEDMAN	DORA			F/W	UNK	1919-08-09	COOK	CHICAGO
WEEDMAN	EDWARD			M/W	UNK	1927-01-31	KNOX	COPLEY TWP
WEEDMAN	ELIZA	CATHERINE		F/W	UNK	1934-03-05	MACON	DECATUR
WEEDMAN	ELIZABETH			F/W	UNK	1931-04-10	DE WITT	CLINTON
WEEDMAN	EMIL			M/W	UNK	1948-02-11	KNOX	ALTONA VIL
WEEDMAN	GERALD	B		M/W	UNK	1944-04-12	MCLEAN	BLOOMINGTON
WEEDMAN	GRACE	G		F/W	UNK	1945-10-29	COOK	CHICAGO
WEEDMAN	HAROLD	L		M/W	UNK	1948-09-07	DE KALB	DE KALB Cty
WEEDMAN	HARVEY	WILLIS		N/S	UNK	1939-05-17	MACOUPIN	
WEEDMAN	JOHN			M/W	UNK	1924-08-22	MONROE	COLUMBIA
WEEDMAN	JOHN	W		M/W	UNK	1925-07-31	KNOX	VICTORIA
WEEDMAN	MARTHA	HOWARD		F/W	Y-73	1950-11-03	DE WITT	
WEEDMAN	MARTHA	LOUISE		F/W	UNK	1924-10-14	KNOX	COPLEY TWP
WEEDMAN	MARY	LOULLA		F/W	UNK	1929-11-23	DE WITT	FARMER CITY
WEEDMAN	MARY	M		F/W	UNK	1933-02-19	DE WITT	FARMER CITY
WEEDMAN	MARY	MORROW		F/W	UNK	1919-09-09	COOK	CHICAGO
WEEDMAN	MATTIE			F/W	UNK	1919-01-06	MACON	DECATUR
WEEDMAN	S	K		M/W	UNK	1930-09-07	LA SALLE	OGLESBY
WEEDMAN	SARAH	ANN		F/W	UNK	1931-07-31	MACOUPIN	VIRDEN
WEEDMAN	SARAH	CATHERINE		F/W	UNK	1931-08-10	DE WITT	FARMER CITY
WEEDMAN	SHIRLEY	DARLENE		F/W	Y-06	1935-05-16	KNOX	GALESBURG
WEEDMAN	SMITH	YOUNG		M/W	UNK	1926-02-01	DE WITT	FARMER CITY
WEEDMAN	STELLA	KATHERINE		F/W	Y-62	1950-04-11	DE WITT	
WEEDMAN	TED	G		M/W	Y-60	1942-05-20	DE WITT	FARMER CITY
WEEDMAN	WALLACE	L		M/W	UNK	1948-05-31	DE WITT	FARMER CITY

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 Tours** (guided by Nick Weedman, Neil Kenyon and others, we will be visiting various burial sites in Perry and Dubois Counties. Can do others on request!)
- **Lunch** at the Dubois County Fairgrounds. This will be a catered affair.
- **Dinner** by the Schnitzelbank Restaurant (German food--what a treat!) at Sultan's Run. There will be activities such as planning the 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:

Billie Bruce (her e-mail address is: auctionbillie@cs.com)
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West Lafayette, IN 47906

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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello, Cousins,

Here it is Fall, and it seems that time speeds along swiftly when we are enjoying the happy days of summer.

Weedman 2002 National Family Gathering - Report

Of course, the big news this issue, is the **Weedman Family Gathering of 2002**. We arrived on Friday July 19, and found our way to Room 122 and the Reception Table outside the door where each one was given a colorful folder, containing the history of the family, events planned for the weekend, a 3-generation ancestry chart for those first three generations from Christian Weedman Sr. There was also a directory of all who had registered and who had planned to attend. It's good to look back on and remember happy events and conversations with all of them. We were happy to carry our WEEDMAN FAMILY tote bags, which were included. Made of sturdy sailcloth, with red lettering, they were much appreciated, and use of them began as soon as they were received! I'm still carrying mine here and there, proudly, There was included a list of cemeteries we would visit in the area for the WILLIAM, DANIEL and JACOB lines.

We are satisfied now that we have found most of the final resting places of Weedmans of these and JOHN's line, and also

a good majority of GEORGE's line visited last time in Illinois. We have tried to locate most of the cemeteries of the various lines not just for those attending the gatherings, but also for every one who has Weedman ancestry. We concentrate on those first generations...up to the 1900's at least. STEPHEN's line will be researched first in the coming year, and we'll know where to look for his family roots in Kentucky, mainly. Thanks go to **Sam Sedoris**, and his cousin, **Lloyd**, who carefully recorded many of STEPHEN's line. **Sam Sedoris** can be reached on e-mail at *se-doris@netzero.net*.

Getting back to the Reunion, Friday evening was 'get acquainted time" and some had earlier visited the historic old St Joseph's Church led by **Mr. John Fierst** of the Dubois County Historical Society. One couldn't help but sense the past and the awe of the place. Those who came early and were privileged to visit there will remember it.

At 6:00 p.m. we enjoyed great "snacks" at Room 122, which we had reserved for the weekend as our gathering place...It' was near the pool and you can bet the kids loved to swim and splash and have a great

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The 2002 Weedman National Family Gathering was well attended and highly successful. This issue reports on that event.

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Beginning Genealogy by Audrey Chapline and a report on "A Visit to New Holland" were given on the Friday night session.

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time there. We all enjoyed meeting one another, and renewing old acquaintances of reunions past. Pictures, scrapbooks, hugs, chats,all good feelings prevailed. Then at 7:30 I gave a brief introduction of the various cemeteries we had choices to visit the following day which would be Saturday. Mentioned the lines (Daniel, William and Jacob's in particular), and other announcements followed, **Gena Lee Theiss** asked for additions to family lines for her upcoming book the final edition of **CHRISTIAN WEEDMAN AND HIS DESCENDANTS 1737-2002**. The edition we use now is the "Red Book" of the same name except the year now is 1735 - 1986. Many gave Gena the names of their children, latest marriage, birth, and death data and any correction that might have been, in what has been in the book. Don't think there was more than 2-3, if that many. So now we need to know that even though it's too late to get any new additions to Gena for this book, the Newsletter will continue to accept

changes, additions and death, marriage, etc. news. These changes and additions you may add in the back blank pages of your books, whether it be the 2000, 1986, or the first one.... I believe about 1986.

Additional presentations on Friday evening were made.

Audrey Chapline spoke to the gathering about *Genealogy For Beginners*, and she had a lot of good sources to look at on the net, and good advice for those who don't have computers, too.

Anne Weedman Smith spoke on "A Visit to New Holland". In 2001, **Anne** and her brother, **Nick Weedman**, visited Fayette County, PA where **Christian Weedman, Sr.** settled in 1765 on land he called, New Holland. Anne and Nick found the land as well as visiting several sites that remain from that early time. Included were the Jacob's Lutheran Church where we believe **Christian** and **Elizabeth Weedman** worshipped as well as

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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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the Friendship Brethern Church which is on "New Holland" land. Anne showed pictures and maps

Both presentations were well received and most interesting.

On Saturday morning, after a delicious breakfast at the Holiday Inn, our host Motel, we got together for whatever we had chosen to do for the day. For myself, I chose cemetery hopping. I focused on JACOB's line. Others visited DANIEL's line and WILLIAM's line cemeteries, or whatever they decided to do with their day. The kids, needless to say had swimming on their minds. They met new cousins and hopefully they enjoyed meeting relatives they had never met before. They seemed happy throughout the time spent together.

Neil Kenyon lead a group on a tour in Dubois and Crawford Counties where many of the Jacob Weedman descendents are buried.

For those descended from William Weedman, **Nick Weedman** took the group into the northwest part of Perry County where the Weedman and Cart Cemeteries were visited.

Later in the day, **Paul Weedman** and **Marguerite Richardt** went into Pike County to see burial sites for those descended from Jonathan Weedman.

Nick Weedman lead a special tour for those who descended from **Charles Green** and **Martha (Lanman) Weedman** back into Perry County. Among the gravesites visited was that of James Lanman who served twice in the Revolutionary War!

We were able to visit many of the family burial sites some of which were new to those who visited.

A wonderful catered luncheon was prepared and brought to us at the 4H County Fairgrounds just 6 miles south of Jasper. The day was quite warm, but not as warm as it could have been.

The Banquet was held at Sultan's Run Golf and Country Club. Perhaps many who were there may not know that the land on which this Country Club is sited was originally owned by Jacob Weedman or Jonathan Weedman! Hostesses for this year's reunion were: **Billie Bruce, Kathy Sharples, Anne Smith, and Audrey Chapline**. We were delighted that **Joyce Newman** could join us again this time.

Hall of Fame

Then of course, we inducted into the Weedman Family Hall of Fame two new additions **Christian Weedman, Sr.** and **Nick Weedman**. Christian Weedman, Sr. was the progenitor for most of the Weedman families in the U.S. and the original immigrant. Nick has truly been the backbone of all that we are doing in our efforts to seek out and find every Weedman out there and allied family.

2004 Weedman National Family Gathering

It was decided at the Reunion dinner held on Saturday evening that **Paul Weedman** and his mother, **Aida Weedman**, would host the 2004 reunion to be held in San Diego, California. The reunion will be focused not only on enjoying each other's company, but seeing sights in San Diego and area. This is going to be a relaxed for fun type of gathering, and we hope that we have a good attendance for this "never to be forgotten" event. Your first thought is: "It's too far away...but think it over. Don't you deserve a trip to California? And with "the family " there

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The 2004 Weedman National Family Gathering will be in San Diego hosted by Paul Weedman and his mother, Aida Weedman.

*Everette Smith is working on a book on his particular line which will be called, **Generations.***

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to meet you, you'll be no stranger. Do give it some thought. If your library has travel magazines or books on the area around San Diego, take a look at those. As time goes by we will have more news for you about this.

Sunday after a breakfast at the Motel, **Neil Kenyon** brought us a message in which he brought in the significance of bonding in families and how reunions and bonding hold a family together. The message told of a grandfather and grandson visiting 'the old home place" Grandfather knew how to find the paths to the weeded overgrown yard to the now ramshackle old home and to the springhouse. He and grandson shared the spring water...still flowing there.... in cupped hands. As they drank it, Grandson felt a strong bond with grandfather. Neil went on to say that just as he and his grandfather enjoyed that time together, there is little doubt that **Christian Weedman** and his family worked, hunted and fished together as Christian told of his early life and the heritage was passed on down to us. Should anyone reading this want to full message, please let me know and I'll mail it to you. The final sentence Neil gave was..."Whether we meet in San Diego or in that Better Land where a new chain is forming may the Grace and Peace of God be with you as you walk the path to the Home Place."

After the message was given and a blessing added, we all headed for our homes and smiled with memories of the three days we were together in 2002.

There were about 67 people there, and they included Sam Sedoris, his cousin Lloyd and his dad. Larry Gerner and his Mom were there, too, for a short Saturday visit, while they were in the area.

The 2002 Reunion was very successful!

Everette Smith Book

In other news, **Everett E. Smith** (STEPHEN'S line) father of **Jean Huffty**, a Newsletter subscriber became so curious about the Weedman's and Smith's he decided he'd write about his family tree. What started to be a work of love for his immediate family has blossomed into a trilogy called **GENERATION's**. He has sent the first part to the publisher, and Jean Huffty is helping him with punctuation and that sort of thing. But the words are his and he sent me a page from his first of three part series. I had planned to add it into this Newsletter, but when I gathered the materials together to publish, I find there is insufficient room in this issue, so you are going to get this witty and interesting taste of that first book in the Winter Newsletter. At that time I'll know where it can be bought. The part I read was written in his own words, and I could almost picture the scenes he spoke of. It's that kind of book, where you feel you're right there in the spots he speaks about. I am going to get a copy of Book #1 as soon as it's off the press. It's the kind of book you just can't put down. More on this in the next Newsletter.

Capt. William Weedman Recognized

Captain **William Weedman**, a twenty-five year veteran of the Jefferson County (KY) Police Department, has received an assignment recently as Police Captain for Baker District. His picture appeared in the article we received. He brings fresh enthusiasm into the Baker area with his three-point philosophy: to lower crime, protect and serve, and gain community support. William is a descendant of Christian Weedman Sr, through

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DANIEL's line. He has a wife, **Peggy**, and a son **Brent**. We are happy to salute **Captain William Weedman!**

Marriage

We heard from **David Weedman**, grandson of **Ed** and **Hazel (Haddaway) Weedman**, that he was married June 15, 2002 to **Amber Leigh Furgason**. He didn't mention place or her parents, but we'll have that in the new updated book I think, as Dave knew about the plans to update the Weedman book. So Dave when you read this, send us the missing details of the bride, and the place where you were married. Congratulations Amber and David! You know we wish you our very best for a long and happy marriage.

Obituaries

We have a number of family deaths to report. Our sympathies go to the families on their losses.

Obituary

Norma Preston Weedman

Norma Preston Weedman whose death was noted in the Spring 2002 Newsletter, was the second wife of **George A. Weedman** of Wasco, OR. George's father was the late **Guy Philip Weedman**, son of **Homer Willis Weedman** and **Jane Little**. DANIEL's line. Norma and George were good people who looked after their elderly family members. We are sorry to learn Norma has passed away, but know that she has gone to a sweet reward in Heaven.

We heard from **Parmula Weedman** who some of you will remember. She updated me on her news and told me she's

indexing the Newsletters beginning where she left off, and how grateful we are for the work she is doing. However, she has lost several of those nearest and dearest to her and this is sad news. Their obituaries follow. Parmula also pointed out two errors in the Newsletters of recent date, which I'll correct later on in this Newsletter. We all send our sincere condolences to Parmula in the loss of her loved ones. They follow: They are of NICHOLAS Weedman's line Nicholas (3) John (2) Christian Sr. (1).

Obituary

Chester Parmer Weedman

Chester Parmer Weedman, born July 28, 1913 in Hamilton County, IN, and died July 12, 1998 in Marietta, Georgia, where he had gone to visit relatives. He was the son of **Charles Samuel** and **Elma Elizabeth (Jennings) Weedman**. On October 19, 1935 he married **Sarah Jane Gaerte** of Noblesville, IN, who preceded him in death in 1986. He attended Purdue University and studied engineering. He had an active life, loved sports, was a 32nd degree Mason, and enjoyed fishing, photography and traveling. A daughter, **Parmula K. Weedman** of Noblesville and a son, **Joe A. Weedman**, of Lubbock, TX, survived him. Chester's son, **Douglas E. Weedman**, passed away in 2001 and his sister, **Vivian**, also has departed this earth. Read on.

Obituary

Vivian M. Barker

Vivian M. Barker, sister of **Chester Weedman**, passed away Sept 2, 1998 at the age of 82 in Anderson, Indiana. She was three years younger than **Chester** (called "**Parm**" for short). On Sept. 27, 1935, she married **Fay M. Barker** in Noblesville who survives. She was a

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We sadly report on an unusually large number of deaths in the family in this issue of the Weedman Newsletter.

The family of Chester Parmer Weedman has been particularly hit with their losses.

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Quaker and member of Moose Lodge Auxiliary # 150 in Anderson. She enjoyed playing golf, and bridge, and knitting. She played the organ, enjoyed reading, traveling and family gatherings. Besides her husband, two daughters and their husbands survive her. A daughter, **Diane**, and son in law, **Marc Venard**, have since passed away. Burial was at Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery.

Obituary

Douglas Earl Weedman

Douglas Earl Weedman, 53 of Noblesville, IN, died Monday, February 26, 2001 at Methodist Hospital at Indianapolis, IN. He was born in Toledo, Ohio on June 6, 1947 to **Chester Parmer** and **Sarah Jane (Gaerte) Weedman**. He was a journalist and media representative for Metro Networks in Indianapolis and in Phoenix, AZ. He was active in charities, such as the Salvation Army and Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. He was a veteran serving in the Air Force with the rank of Staff Sergeant. A sister, Parmula Weedman; a brother, Joe Allen Weedman of Lubbock, TX, and two nieces survive him, **Kathryn Jane (Weedman) Arthur** of Gainesville, FL, and **Michelle Janne Weedman** of San Marcos, TX. Burial was in Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville, IN.

Obituary

E. Diane (Barker) Venard

E. Diane (Barker) Venard 63, died at her Noblesville residence on Sept. 23, 2001. She was born March 24, 1938 in Noblesville, to **Fay** and **Vivian (Weedman) Barker**. Her father, and a son, **Randy Venard** as well as son **Marc Jr.** and wife **Linda** and daughter, **Carey Jean Wilson** and several nieces and, nephews and 4 grandchildren. Burial at Crownland Cemetery, Noblesville.

Obituary

Marcus Lee Venard

Marcus Lee Venard, husband of **Diane Venard** (above) passed away at age 64 on Dec. 30, 2001, just three months after Diane's death. He was a salesman and a Marines Corps veteran. His son and wife will miss him, and other relatives above mentioned in Diane's obituary, and many in the Venard family who survive. He is buried in Crownland Cemetery, Noblesville.

We send our heartfelt sympathy, belated as it may be, to the survivors of the above loved ones. We can more appreciate the outgoing generosity of Parmula, in picking up her work as indexer of the Newsletter. We appreciate you, Parmula.

Obituary

Thomas Hatfield Weedman

Elizabeth (Weedman) Snodgrass informs us of the death of her brother, **Thomas Hatfield Weedman** born March 4, 1920 and died in Baton Rouge, LA on May 22, 2002. He was born in Indianapolis to **Ralph** and **Dora (Scotton) Weedman**. He was in the construction business. He married **Lois Yanney** on Nov. 24, 1945 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. They had three children who survived Thomas: **Carol Jo, Thomas**, and **Dale Weedman**. Also surviving are a sister, **Elizabeth (Weedman) Snodgrass**, of New Palestine, IN and a brother, **Sidney Hatfield Weedman**, of Indianapolis. To Elizabeth and the family circle we send our sincere sympathy. WILLIAM's line.

Obituary

Nequetta Faye King

Kathryn Cook sent the sad news of the

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death of her stepdaughter, **Nequetta Faye King**. Nequetta was born **Nequetta Faye Cook**, to **Owen** and **Corda Rhea Cook** on Feb. 12, 1945, and she passed away on June 2, 2002 at Twin Lakes Medical Center, Leitchfield, KY. She was a member of the New Freedom Baptist Church. Her father, **Owen Cook**, and brother, **Willard Cook**, preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband, **Leon King**, and daughters **Rheaetta Belcher** and **Paula Cirillo**, both of Leitchfield, KY, and brother **Brad Cook** of Caneyville, KY, mother, **Corda Hack**, and sister, **Barbara Embry** of Leitchfield, and **Kathryn Cook**, stepmother, two grandchildren, **Christina Jones**, and **Jason Belcher** of Leitchfield. Funeral services were held on June 4 at New Freedom Baptist Church, and burial was at New Freedom Church Cemetery. May her survivors know that the sympathies of the Weedman family are with you at this time. Nequetta was the great-granddaughter of **Barbara (Weedman) Higdon**. JOHN's line.

Obituary

Dewey Wilson Weedman

Roy L. Weedman who many of us know personally, has lost another dear member of his family, a brother, **Dewey Wilson Weedman**, who also we know having met him at several Family Gatherings in the past. **Dewey** was born March 9, 1918 in Madisonville, KY, son of **Fonzo** and **Ola Belle (Wilson) Weedman**. He passed away July 28, 2002 in Madisonville. On May 30, 1938 Dewey married **Marvene Lutz**, and to them were born **Brenda J. (Weedman) Daniel** and **Edmon Lee Weedman** who survive. Other survivors include his sister, Marie Hunt, a brother, Roy L., and five grandchildren. His dear wife, **Marvene**, died on July 5th of this year in Madisonville. Dewey was a Navy veteran of World War II and a

retired mail carrier. He enjoyed family gatherings, and had a good sense of humor. He will be greatly missed in his circle of friends and family members. Our hearts go out to the family at this time. We will all miss Dewey and sweet Marvene. A loving couple. ...they will be dearly remembered. JOHN's line.

Trip to Germany

Diane Seitz Hall and hubby, **Jack Hall**, left for Germany on September 8. A couple of e-mails tell that they are enjoying their visit of Jack's relatives, and they've seen some castles, towns, and wonderful sights we'll hear about after they've returned. We'll highlight them in a future Newsletter.

Although **Parmula Weedman** had some sad news for us with so many losses in her immediate family, I must say I was delighted to see her return address, after not having heard from her in some time. She's the same sweet generous Parmula I remember from the early '70's when she came to Tacoma for a business convention, and called us. She has willingly done the indexes for us since 1986 and took over the job from **Paul (Monty) Montgomery**.

Christian Widman(n) Born 1735 in Germany

We thought we were on the right track to find where the common ancestor for many of the *Newsletter* subscribers originated! But, as it turns out, the lead was not as fruitful as we hoped.

Amy Weedman did some research to find that a **Christian Widman(n)** was born in 1735 in Gniebel, Swartzwald, Tubingen, Weurttemberg, Germany. The
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We were excited to find that we may have been able to solve the mystery of the origin of Christian Weedman, Sr. but that lead turned out to be wrong. But, leads from that finding may yet prove beneficial.

The trip to Jasper Indiana provided an opportunity to further our genealogical research in the area.

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information is available on the Family History web site which is part of the LDS Church effort to further genealogy.

But, on further examination, it was found that this **Christian Widman(n)** died in 1742.

The interesting aspect of this is the fact that we were of the belief that our **Christian Weedman** was born about this time so the match was potentially significant. In doing further research, we did find that there are a fair number of Widman (n) families from this area. Many were Palatine immigrants and there were a number of **Christian Widman(s)** originating here. This could be highly significant and could lead us to learn where our immigrant ancestor originated.

Cliff Weedman has been very active in trying to research this and we encourage all we can to continue those efforts.

Birth Announcement!

Marcia Gundmunsen Wilson is a new grandmother!. **Abby Lynn Pigott** was born 31 July 2002 in DeKalb, Il to **Du-rand** and **Jennifer (Wilson) Pigott**. Mother and daughter are doing fine! Marcia descends from the Florida Weedman lines whose original ancestor was **Philipe Weedman**. This family was originally from Mainz, Germany and settled in St. Johns Co., FL (St. Augustine). Congratulations to all!

Research Findings and Challenges from Southern Indiana

Taking advantage of being in the Southern Indiana area, several of those at the National Family Gathering did some genealogical research in Dubois and Pike Counties.

We were disappointed in not finding a grave site for the **Jacob** and **Mary Frances (Fleming)** Weedman but suspect these are near the site of the Sultan's Run Country Club. Equally disappointing was the lack of a will on file for either.

Early grave sites were located for **Jonathan** Weedman and his son, **Jacob Weedman**, in the Jasper City Cemetery. In addition, the will of Jonathan was located in Pike County and, contrary to earlier reports, does name all of his children.

Cemetery tours did take us to a number of burial sites for many family members some of which were previously unknown. One disappointment was our inability to locate the graves of **Jesse Hamilton Stewart and Mary (Taylor) Weedman**. They died in 1908 and 1910 respectively and were living in Birdseye, IN which is in Crawford County. We will work with Neil Kenyon to see if we can find obituaries which might lead us to their graves.

Southern Indiana is where so many family members have ancestors and the opportunity to visit old home sites was particularly nice. Having said that, no actual homes of ancestors are still standing and in many cases we can only surmise where these stood.

To those who organized this family reunion, we extend our sincere gratitude. **Billie Lou Bruce** and her daughters, **Kathy Sharples** and **Audrey Chapline**, were the primary organizers and they had assistance from a number of others. We say to all, many thanks for a superb job!

We hope to see all of you in 2004 in San Diego.

**Marianne Montgomery and
Nick Weedman**

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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hi Everybody,

We hope your Christmas was a joyous occasion whether you spent it with family, friends or alone. Add to that our wishes that you all will have a happy and prosperous 2003. Thanks for the cards and well wishes we received from so many of you.

The Search for the Origins Of Christian Weedman

We are still continuing our search for OUR **Christian Weedman**. His name was spelled "Widman" on the original manifest list of the ship *Anderson* on which Christian sailed in the summer of 1750, docking in Philadelphia, PA. Upon close investigation of German records, concentrated in Weurtemberg we find more than one **Christian Widman (n)**, which indicates that the name combination was commonly used in that area. Since then we learn that in Bavaria there are families of that name, which we plan to investigate.

We intend to make a major effort in 2003 to see if we can find if Christian was on the Anderson with friends, relatives or associates. It is possible or even likely that Christian did not travel alone. We have been in contact with one researcher whose relative, **Johanes Engel Gonderman**, arrived on the Anderson in 1750. The ship is believed to have transported Palatine immigrants and it may well be that most on the ship came from

the same area. If so, this could give researchers leads to pursue geographically.

Anderson sailed from Rotterdam, stopped in Cowes, England and landed at Philadelphia August 21, 1750. There were 236 passengers including 50 Catholics. **Captain Hugh Campbell** was the ship master. To be listed on the passenger list, one had to be 16 years of age or older. Once the ship landed, they had to swear allegiance to the King of England and sign their oath. This is the first known signature of **Christian Weedman** or **Christian Widmann** as his signature appears.

We will probably put a page on our web site (www.weedman.org) about the Anderson and list all of the families on board. There were 236 passengers but only about 85 or so heads of families listed. Their origins and where they went when they landed could help us in our searching. We have already located a few of the passengers through Internet research and will be comparing notes with researchers on those families. Stay tuned!

The months of November and December are for many of us, the two "busiest" months of the year, and this was true this

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The search for the origin of our Christian Weedman, Senior continues and will be a special project in 2003.

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year in my case. I'm looking for January when things are usually quieter and less hectic, in which I plan to continue researching in Germany. Nick and Cliff are watching for sites that may produce results, too.

Weedman Genealogy Now for Sale

The final revision of the **CHRISTIAN WEEDMAN AND HIS DESCENDANTS** now is in print and ready for those of you who want this treasure. No more revisions are planned, so now is your final chance to own a copy. There are over 800 pages and blank pages in the back of the book so that you will be able to add as years go by. Especially, you who have added quite a bit to the last revision will want to see your families in this latest revision. Write **Gena Lee Theiss** 8417 Burlingame Road, Louisville KY 40219. The price of the book is \$60 postage paid. For those of you who have

computers, Gena can be reached at trees4gena@aol.com.

Corrections to the Fall 2002 Newsletter: page 18, second column, fourth paragraph, last line ... "Christian and Elizabeth Weedman worshipped as well **as**.... Change as to **at** and continued top of page 19, readingthe Friendship Brethren Church. Page 20: second column, should be "**...uncle** of Jean Huffty.

Weedman Deaths

We checked the Social Security Death Index through the end of November and note that we have lost 13 relatives who had the Weedman surname. A number of obituaries have been published earlier but here are five Weedman deaths we were unaware of previously. They are:

Mark Dominic Weedman, born 11 Jan. 1927 died 29 Aug 2002 in Paris. Lamar

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The latest update on the Christian Weedman Family Genealogy is now available. Gena Theiss has done an outstanding job on this major project.

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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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County, TX.. He was of DANIEL's line through **Elisha Spurrier Weedman**

E. G. Weedman born 6 Sep 1923; died 12 Jul 2002 in Brandenburg, Meade Co., KY.

Lee Weedman born 28 Dec 1937, died 31 Aug 2002 in North Platte, Lincoln Co. NE. We believe he is the son of James Hubert Weedman but need confirmation.

Joseph S. Weedman, born 11 Dec 1919, died 30 Apr 2002 in Asheboro, NC.

Thelma J. Weedman, born 13 Feb 1909, died 1 Sep 2002 in Florida.

Help is asked to identify these family members.

Obituary

RUSSELL R. WEEDMAN

Russell R. Weedman, 85, longtime resident of Cashmere, and recently of Wenatchee, Washington, died peacefully Monday morning, September 30, 2002, in Central Washington Hospital. He was born July 10, 1917 in Walnut Grove, MN, to **Cary Seth** and **Maude May Weedman**. On Feb. 6, 1940, **Russell** married **Marcella Schnelling (Maudie May)** in Esterville, Iowa. They moved to Washington State in 1942. He served his country faithfully for four years, after which they lived in Dryden, Peshactin, and finally Cashmere, all in Washington State. **Russell** held many positions in various locations in Washington. He loved the woods.

Surviving are sons, **Thomas**, and **Donald Weedman**; daughters **Teresa Burns**, of E. Wenatchee; **Gloria Bailey** of Chelan, WA, **Sharon Rankin** of North Bend, WA; and **Sandra Nelson** of Douglas, WA. He will be greatly missed also by

16 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, a daughter, four brothers and one sister.

We extend our sympathy to these four men and their families.

It's time to get the Newsletter out, and I lost nearly three pages telling the highlights of **Jack** and **Diane Hall's** trip to Germany and **Everett Smith's** introduction to his soon to be released book "GENERATIONS". I had them in the computer but the battery ran out and I lost some data that was in my WORKS program. Actually I lost everything in WORKS that I had saved there. This was due to an error that somehow occurred in that program, and when we found and deleted the error we lost the items stored there, so I will write them and they will definitely appear in the Spring Newsletter.

Crawford Co., Indiana Notes and Update

Neil Kenyon has been doing some newspaper research in Crawford County, Indiana to see if we can learn more of the Weedman (Weidman) families who lived there. Here are two articles he located.

Jesse Hamilton Stewart Weedman – “**Jesse Weidman**, a farmer living near Eckerty, died last Wednesday from a relapse of the measles. He was about 55 years old and leaves a family.” Source: Crawford County, IN *Democrat*, February 20, 1908. Note: his date of death was 13 February 1908.

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Readers are asked for help in identifying family members who have passed away in 2002.

Jacob F. and Squire W. Weedman were early residents of Denver. We would like to contact relatives of the brothers.

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“**Lucinda Jane Weidman**, wife of **Philip Weidman**, died at their home, near **Wickliffe**, on New Year’s Day, at the age of 53 years. She is survived by a husband and eight children. Funeral was conducted in the United Brethren Church at **Wickliffe** by the Rev. J.E. Rowe, where Mrs. Weidman had been an active member for 35 years.” Source: *English News*, January 7, 1900.

During the Weedman National Family Gathering in Jasper, IN in July, we stated we wanted to determine the burial site for **Jesse H.S. and Mary E. (Taylor) Weedman**. Following the last Newsletter, we received an e-mail from **Mrs. Jesse Weedman** of Joshua Tree, California which stated:

This is **Mrs. Jesse Weedman** letting you know some news. After reading the *Weedman Newsletter* Jesse remarked that his grandparents **Jesse Hamilton Stewart** and **Mary (Taylor) Weedman** were buried at the old homestead. This old homestead is now in the borders of the Nat'l Forest. It was 40 acres handed down from grandparents to son **James Monroe Weedman** (Jesse’s father) then to the boys, **Junior** and **Jesse Weedman**. Because of hardwood tree poachers they agreed to sell it to the Nat'l Forest. On this 40 acres, on a hill, lays the old family cemetery. Several years ago **Junior** & wife **Olive June**, Jesse and I and our granddaughter and daughter went there. It is overgrown with knee high brush and full of copperheads. We could see nothing remaining of old homestead or cemetery. Perhaps the Nat'l Forest service may still have records of transaction.

So, we will continue to look and hopefully find the cemetery. **Mary E. (Taylor) Weedman** died on 20 October 1910 on the family farm near Birdseye, IN. Neil Kenyon continues to dig for clues and family connections in Southern Indiana and will no doubt locate the family cemetery.

Birth

Grant Stoll Weedman

Grant Stoll Weedman was born on 13 Jun 2002 in St. Louis Park, MN to **Brian** and **Susan Ann (Stoll) Weedman**. A healthy 7-½ pound boy according to his parents! Congratulations to the proud parents. **Brian** is a brother to **Adam Weedman** who provides space for our Weedman Family Web site and to **Jeff Weedman** of Kansas City. Grant is a 10th generation Weedman whose line is: **Grant**¹⁰, **Brian**⁹, **James**⁸, **Maynard**⁷, **John William**⁶, **Henry Linas**⁵, **Asa**⁴, **John Jesse, Sr.**³, **George**², and **Christian, Sr.**¹.

Web Site Update

If you haven’t visited the Weedman web site (<http://www.weedman.org>), you may want to take a look. It has been updated and we have added the capability of downloading the Newsletter if you have Adobe Acrobat reader installed on your computer. We will be adding other download files in the future including news about the 2004 Weedman National Family Gathering. **Paul Weedman**, our host, will be putting items on the site to advise participants of happenings planned for the San Diego event.

Jacob F. & Squire W. Weedman Denver, CO Pioneers

Jacob F. Weedman and **Squire William Weedman** were sons of **George** and **Catherine (Danner) Weedman** of Farmer City, IL. They left DeWitt Co., IL at an early age and, after a stint in Kansas, settled in Denver, CO. Last year, while on a visit to that City, we found where the two lived and discovered both

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were in what is now downtown Denver!

Their line was: **Jacob F.⁵, George⁴, John Jesse, Sr.³, George², and Christian, Sr.¹.**

Jacob F. Weedman served in Company I, 39th Illinois Infantry. He suffered a gunshot wound to the left side on 13 October 1864 near Richmond, VA and was discharged from Camp Lee, Virginia on 28 May 1865. Military service: enlisted 11 February 1864, discharged 28 May 1865. *(Source: military records, National Archives, Washington, DC).*

A "Declaration for Original Invalid Pension" was dated 20 January 1879 and was prepared in Denver, Arapahoe County, Colorado. Jacob was 32 years old at this time. He was described at the time of his enlistment as 18 years of age, five feet eight inches tall, light complexion, light hair, and hazel eyes. He was serving at Darby Town Road near Richmond on 13 October 1864 when he was wounded by receiving a gun shot wound that entered the left side near the lower rib. He was discharged as a result of the wound for "not being able to get about". Jacob resided in DeWitt Co., IL until 1 April 1872 when he moved to Denver.

A pension application was made dated July 18th, 1879 and show an application for Pension Number 265,678 which gave the following information: **Jacob F. Weedman** enrolled on 11 Feb 1864 at Bloomington, IL in Co. I, 39th Regiment of the Illinois Volunteers to serve 3 years; mustered in as a Private on 18 February 1864 at Chicago, IL. He was on the muster roll of Co. I, of that regiment for the months of January – April 1864 and was present on April 30th, 1865. Company was active before Richmond, VA 13 October 1864.

A letter dated 14 December 1898 to **Mr. Jacob F. Weedman**, c/o Central Busi-

ness College, Denver, CO asked him a number of questions. He gave his marriage to **Almeda Slick** and stated there was only one living child, **Thornton Weedman**, born 3 January 1870. The reply was dated December 26, 1898.

On June 12, 1901 **Almeda Weedman**, aged 55 years, filed for a widow's pension based on the service of **Jacob F. Weedman**. It states he died 16 May 1901 and that he and **Almeda Slick** had married on 24 January 1867 in Farmer City, IL by **George B. Wolfe**. There were no children under the age of 16. **Jacob** had filed and received a pension (pension number 170,211). **Almeda** was living at the corner of Jewell and Benton Streets in Denver. **Thornton Weedman** and **Mrs. W. W. Lawrence** witnessed the application. (It may have been that **Thornton Weedman** was associated with the Central Business College in Denver).

On 19 June 1901, **S. W. Weedman** (**Squire William** presumably), aged 53 years, a Denver resident residing at 1737 Champa Street, Denver and **Barbara L. Burford**, aged 52, residing at 715 Seventeenth Street, Denver gave a General Affidavit. In it they stated they knew of his service, knew **Almeda Weedman**, that there was no prior marriage by either, that **Almeda** had no stocks, bonds or other investments and was without any means of support, etc. (**Barbara L. Burford** was **Barbara Lucinda Weedman**, daughter of **Asa Weedman**, and wife of **Cary Seth Burford**).

On October 5, 1901, **T.S. Woodard** and **Maud Weedman** filed a General Affidavit stating they were personally acquainted with the claimant (**Almeda Weedman**). **Maud Weedman** was 27 years old and lived at the corner of Jewell and Benton Streets in Denver. It

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The claims for military service often provide some excellent family information. This is true in the case of a pension application by Jacob Weedman

Sally Brown was a subscriber to the Weedman Newsletter for many years and was very interested in our genealogy.

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stated **Jacob Weedman** died 16 May 1901.

According to a list of Civil War graves in Colorado found on the Internet, **Jacob F. Weedman** was buried at the Riverside Cemetery, Brighton and York Streets in Denver. Contact was made with the Cemetery Sexton at (303) 399-0692 who stated no record existed of a grave for him in that cemetery. The Sexton did state there were two Weedman burials there: **Leslie I. Weedman**, 59 y/o, Lot 36, Ward C, born 16 April 1904, died 6 July 1963 (burial by Stevens Mortuary) and an infant child of **S. & A. Weedman (Squire and Anna Chapman Weedman)**, Lot 28, Ward D, who died 13 July 1889, burial by Roger's Mortuary. Colorado Military Burials state **Jacob F. Weedman** had a date of birth of 14 August 1841.

Squire W. Weedman – 1880 Census

The 1880 census for DeWitt Co., Ill shows **Squire Weedman** living there. The record:

Squire W. Weedman	Self
M W 33	IL
Anna Weedman	Wife
F W 27	IN
Effa K. Weedman	Dau
F W 6	KS
George N. Weedman	Son
M W 4	KS
Eliza E. Williams	Aunt
F W 46	IL

(The census shows the name, relationship to head of the household, sex, race, age, and place of birth). From this, we can see that the family was living in Kansas from 1874 or before through 1876 and possibly later. We do not know where in Kansas the family was located but other siblings lived in Eastern Kansas and South

Central Kansas but they appear to have been there in the 1890s.

We have had contact with family of **George N. Weedman** but none of the rest of the family. We do know Thornton Weedman worked for a rail company in Denver and had one son, **Thornton W. Weedman**, born in 1899. We know nothing more of the family but will be searching to fill out this line of the family.

Obituary

Sarah Baird Stroud Brown

Sally Brown (Sarah Baird Stroud Brown) of Little Rock, born October 19, 1909, in Dyersburg, Tenn., died October 31, 2001, following in death her parents **Melinda Emily** (nee **Finley**) and James H. **Stroud** of Finley, Tenn., and brothers **Harold J. Stroud** and **Raymond Stroud**. Born **Sarah Baird Stroud**, Sally spent much of her childhood in Wilson, Ark. At school, Sally excelled in academic pursuits as well as basketball. Her talent caught the eye of a local benefactor, who sponsored her enrollment in Arkansas State Teachers College in Conway. In college, Sally's scholastic accomplishments in English and physical education prepared her well for teaching these subjects. She was a cheerleader and captain of the women's basketball team; in 1930 she was voted Homecoming Queen. At college, Sally met her future husband, **Dee Brown**, and after graduation she taught at Blytheville, Ark. Sally and Dee met up again in Washington, D. C., where they had both moved during the Depression to work for the U.S. government. They married in 1936. For several years Sally wrote film reviews for the *Washington Post*, and during WWII she was the personal secretary to **General Ulysses S. Grant III** in the department of civilian defense. Sally was a meticulous grammarian and an expert edi-

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tor, and she assisted several authors in the preparation of manuscripts. Sally was a voracious reader and letter-writer, and corresponded with many people, some of them celebrities such as Joan Crawford, John Ford and war correspondent Ernie Pyle. She has been honored in several book dedications. In 1974, Sally and Dee returned to Arkansas to retire.

Sally is survived by her husband Dee Brown; children, Lt. Colonel J. Mitchell Brown of Sacramento, Calif., and Linda L. Brown, artist and writer, of Charlotte, N.C.; and grandson Dr. Nicolas W. Proctor of Des Moines, Iowa.

Obituary

Dee Alexander Brown

*Dee Alexander Brown was a member of the **Weedman Family Hall of Fame** into which he was inducted in 2000. His wife was a Weedman descendent through Christian Weedman, Sr. and Jr., William Weedman and his son John Weedman. The following article was published on him in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. On December 17, 2002, he was the subject of an editorial in that newspaper. The editorial was a great tribute to a well respected Arkansas citizen.*

Dee Brown, an Arkansas native, commonly referred to as the "foremost historian on the American West" died early Thursday morning. He was 94 years old. He wrote 29 books, including the 1971 international bestseller ***Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee***, a historical account of the doctrine of Manifest Destiny from the American Indian perspective.

Although his literary career loomed large, friends remember a shy, quiet man, with a quick wit and dry sense of humor who shunned the limelight. "He never did walk out on the stage," said Jerry Russell, a local political consultant and longtime friend of **Brown's**. "He was

just not in anyway a showoff. He was very unpretentious. He worked at being unpretentious."

Charlie West met **Brown** shortly after the author returned to Little Rock from Illinois in 1972, where **Brown** had worked as a librarian. "It's such a loss," West said. "I don't know who will replace him as a writer." Russell and West, the retired chief executive of the National Pharmacists Association, periodically had lunch with **Brown** at Trios restaurant until a few months ago. "[The restaurant's owner] would come over and stand around and talk to him, and then we would tease him about all the women, that when you get to be in your 90s you're a magnet for babes," Russell said. "He would just kind of grin and duck his head." **Brown** was a hospice patient suffering from heart disease, according to the Pulaski County coroner. He died around 4 a.m.

Dee Brown was born in Bienville Parish, La., in 1908. When he was five years old, his family moved back to Arkansas, their home state. He spent his grade school and junior-high years in Ouachita County. Then the family moved to Little Rock. He graduated from what is now Little Rock Central High School. He had studied printing in high school and got a job at the Harrison Times, printing Christmas cards and selling ads. Later, he became a reporter. **Brown** attended Arkansas State Teachers College at Conway, which is now the University of Central Arkansas, where he graduated in 1927. **Brown** worked as librarian at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Beltsville Research Center in Maryland and the University of Illinois. He retired in 1972. In the years that followed, his writing career thrived. **Brown** wrote 29 books. At the time of his death, he was considered a leading historian on American Indians, westward expansion and the

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***Dee Brown** was a renowned historian and author whose best known work was "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee". He was a member of the Weedman Family Hall of Fame.*

We have had several contacts with descendents of Gus Clinton Weedman and hopefully have helped to acquaint branches with each other.

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railroad. In September 2000, the Central Arkansas Library System's board of trustees voted to name its new library in southwest Little Rock after **Brown**. The library opened in March of this year on Base Line Road. *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee* — by far **Brown**'s best-known work — sold more than 1 million copies in the United States. It remains essential reading for students of the Western frontier and American Indians. The book has been translated into 20 languages.

Camai!

This is an Eskimo greeting which we received from **Eleanor (Weedman) Roehl** who lives in Alaska. She is a daughter of **Richard T. and Golina (Wassily) Weedman**. Her sisters, **Helen Johnson** and **Natalia Etwiler**, subscribe to the Newsletter. Eleanor wanted to know about family origins. About the same time, we heard from **Vicki Taylor** of Sandusky, OH whose mother, **Rose Marie Weedman Taylor** was a sister of Richard. So, we put the cousins in contact with each other. Eleanor has promised us pictures and we will be happy to receive them. This line: **Richard Thomas Weedman**⁶, **Gus Clinton**⁵, **Harvey Shinn**⁴, **Asa**³, **John Jesse, Sr.**² and **Christian Senior**¹.

Eliza Weedman Gilbert

We have reported on the family of **Dr. George W. and Sophronia (Richards) Weedman** who practiced medicine in Nova, Ashland County, OH from the 1860s until 1890. The couple had two children who were **Dr. Charles Benton Weedman**, a physician, and his sister, **Eliza Weedman**.

It was learned that **Eliza Weedman** lived

in Ashland, OH and married George Gilbert. We made contact with a relative of Eliza, Roger Simmons of Ashland. We learned that George and Eliza were married May 16, 1912 and together operated a funeral home and furniture company. The furniture company, Gilbert Furniture, still is in business today and is operated by Roger Simmons. There were no children born to this couple. We highly appreciate the fine information and pictures furnished by Roger Simmons.

From the line of Dr. George W. Weedman, there are no known living descendents. His son, Dr. Charles B. Weedman, had one daughter Elizabeth who married Ezra Kelly. They had a son, Dr. Charles Kelley who died in Harwich, MA in 1983. We have no information on the family of Dr. Kelley.

That will wrap it up for 2002. We wish all of you a great holiday season and may 2003 bring peace, prosperity, and good health to everyone. Please stay in touch and keep the family news coming.

*Marianne Montgomery
and Nick Weedman*

