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## Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello Cousins,

We hope that this issue finds you all well and planning a wonderful Spring just now about to break out in vibrant color and aromatic scent.

This will be an abbreviated issue of six pages so we can include the Weedman Family National Gathering reservation form and still pay minimal postage.

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### Hawaii Trip

I went to Hawaii in January with a friend and her family. I enjoyed it very much. We were on the Island of Hawaii, and on the Kona side of the island. We attended a luau and were royally entertained. They even have a Wal-Mart over there! Didn't see a McDonald's but they had Wendy's. Prices in Hawaii are so high, I wonder how the natives can afford to live there, but I guess the wages would be higher there, too. The most amazing sight I saw there was watching the sun set. I could hardly believe my eyes! It looked like as soon as the sun touched the ocean, it sank right IN the ocean!! That's what it looked like, but actually the sun stood still, and the earth was what was moving .....but it looked awesome! I can't really explain but the earth must have been moving fast. I couldn't feel it moving, but the way the sun disappeared within 60 seconds after it "touched the ocean horizon" is something I can't really explain so well.

## 2004 Weedman Family National Gathering

August will be upon us before we know it, so let's get our reservations and flight tickets, etc. in beginning now. I sent mine in in February, got my airline tickets in March, and will get my room reservations in April. That way I didn't have to pay all at once.

Included in this issue is full information on the **Family National Gathering** (see page 6) and have enclosed a reservation form. Please take the time now to make your reservations. The organizing group, headed by **Paul Weedman**, have made some outstanding arrangements. They need to know how many plan to attend so that necessary arrangements may be made. You can help by making your reservations.

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## Subscription Renewals are Now Due

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*2004 marks the 37th year of publication of the Weedman Newsletter! Marianne Montgomery has been its editor since the beginning in 1968.*

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We ask for a \$5.00 annual donation to help defray the cost of copying and postage for the Newsletter. This has been in effect since the Newsletter first began. Where else can you say there has been no price change in 37 years?

Please consider renewing and don't hesitate to renew for several years! For the first time in several years, we lost money on the Newsletter last year. But, since we had a small positive balance from previous years, we are able to continue.

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## Everett Smith's Book - Generations

**Everett Smith**, author of *GENERATIONS 1 and 2*, tells me that # 3 is in the works. Who's Who contacted him and wants him in their yearly Who's Who publication. His books are for sale on the Internet, Amazon, being one of the biggest book sellers. However, Borders, Barnes & Noble and the other well known book sellers also can order it for you. Ev will have some copies with him at the Reunion. For an autographed copy, or book information write to: **Everett E. Smith, 2100 Howard Drive, Pine Bluff, AR 71603.**

I haven't heard any news from you all in some time now. Hope everyone is in good spirits and in good health. Do write me or e-mail me ([monty410@juno.com](mailto:monty410@juno.com) or [monty4.5@juno.com](mailto:monty4.5@juno.com)).

**Jean Huffty** has a wonderful recipe for

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greens and it includes roast and rice, and so I tried it. It was out of this world....an old Louisiana recipe from her hubby's side of the family, but ummm, is it ever delicious! Here's the recipe:

#### Greens, Roast and Rice Dinner

If you're using mixed greens, gather them together, wash and cut in small pieces along with celery and green onions. Put them in a slow cooker. NO WATER. Do not season the greens as the seasoning from the meat drips into them and seasons them well.

Season, flour and brown a pork roast or loin, and lay it on top of greens and let it cook all night in a slow cooker. Next day.....enjoy WONDERFUL greens and meat. Cook rice and serve with the greens and meat. I used collard greens, but any greens like mustard, rape, turnip, collards....will work okay. If you don't have a slow cooker, adjust by baking, adding just a little ...1/2 cup, water in your baking pan and covering all with aluminum foil, and using 300 degree oven. Depending on your roast weight, cook, starting early in a.m. and check it after 5-6 hours.

Sometimes I just like collards as a side dish and I cook them adding bacon pieces, onions, and I use some vinegar, salt and they are delicious. We welcome any recipes that you all enjoy and we'll share them in the Newsletter.

### Arizona Death Records

A recent addition found on the internet was death records for Arizona. We found an entry for W. S. Weedman and think we know who he is but cannot be certain. If anyone can identify him for certain, we would be appreciated.

**W.S. Weedman** born March 1, 1865 died 16 May 1943. Pima County AZ. We think this is **William Simpson Weedman**, the only son of **Willis Weedman**, who, in turn, was the youngest son of **Christian Weedman, Jr.** Willis moved to Cooke County, TX and after his death William moved to Arizona where he was a locomotive engineer. However, our records show that he married **Inez Hooper**. A separate entry for a woman who appears to be his wife gives us pause on the certainty of identification on this Weedman family member.

**Lenore Evans Weedman** born 27 January 1867, died 27 June 1945 in Pima County, AZ. She could be the second wife of **William Simpson Weedman**. Or, this could be someone totally different. Help, please!

### Correction

In your last Newsletter, Winter 2003, please get it out now and make this change. Page 26, first paragraph, second column, second, fifth and tenth lines, change **Arie** to **Thea**. Thea was who went on that fabulous vacation in Italy. She and a friend of long standing....a girl friend from school days, went. Arie is her daughter. You will meet them both this summer in San Diego.

### Christian Weedman Of Bucyrus Co., OH

I just checked the 1840 census for Crawford Co. Ohio. Town of Bucyrus. I found **Christian Weedman**, written in a plainly readable hand. Here's the scoop on him He was married and his family is listed as having

- 2 males between 10-15
- 1 female between 15-20

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*New information is available periodically on the Internet. This was the source for the W. W. Weedman birth and death dates.*

*We are pleased to print birth announcements on two new family members. Please advise Marianne of changes in your family!*

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- 1 male between 15-20
- 1 female between 40-50.
- 1 male between 40-50

This might be a son of one of our Weedmans. Name spelled as we spell it now. He would have been born between 1790-1800. He could have been a son of either **Christian Jr, George, John, or Jacob Weedman**. However, I think he's most likely a son of either **John or George**. The others went south. We have a pretty good list of George's offspring, but not so sure of John's. We know John had a son **Nicholas**, and we know **Nicholas's** children's names, but perhaps John had more than one son. OR perhaps this **Christian Weedman** is no relation to our lines at all. There was a **Weidman** family in Ohio that were unrelated to us, and he might fit in there.

### Newsletter Table of Contents Being Compiled

I am going through the **WEEDMAN NEWSLETTERS** from the beginning and making a "Table Of Contents" for each year's topics. When I get it finished, I'll print the lists from each year's Newsletters. This way, if you are missing any, or subscribed after your we wrote about your ancestor, you can get a copy of the Newsletter where the topic is about your family. Please drop me a line and let me know the news you wish to share .....When the news is passed around we get to know one another better.

*Birth Announcements*

### Riley Stoll Weedman

**Riley Stoll Weedman**, a daughter, was born to **Brian and Susan (Stoll) Weedman** of Minneapolis, MN on November 3, 2003. She has a brother, **Grant Stoll**

**Weedman**, who was born in 2002. Her Weedman lineage is: **Christian, Sr.<sup>1</sup>, George<sup>2</sup>, John Jesse, Sr.<sup>3</sup>, Asa<sup>4</sup>, Henry Linas<sup>5</sup>, John William<sup>6</sup>, Maynard Marion<sup>7</sup>, James W.<sup>8</sup>, Brian Andrew<sup>9</sup> and Riley Stoll Weedman<sup>10</sup>.**

Our congratulations to **Brian and Susan** on the birth of **Riley Stoll Weedman!**

### Zachary Andrew Weedman

**Zachary Andrew Weedman** was born on March 16, 2004 in East Louisville, KY to David Andrew and **Amber Leigh (Ferguson) Weedman**. Zachary's lineage is: **Christian, Sr.<sup>1</sup>, Christian, Jr.<sup>2</sup>, Stephen<sup>3</sup>, Amos George<sup>4</sup>, William De-ward<sup>5</sup>, James Edward<sup>6</sup>, David Jeffrey<sup>7</sup>, and Zachary Andrew<sup>8</sup>. Congratulations to **David and Amber** on the birth on **Zachary Andrew!****

### New Research Effort

Work has begun to determine what might be learned about the time that the **Christian Weedman, Senior** family lived in Hampshire Co., VA.

From the pension application of the oldest known daughter, **Mary Weedman Myers**, who was born 1 January 1762, it has been learned she was born in Fort Town, VA on the banks of the South Branch of the Potomac River.

When did the family arrive and leave there? Who else lived there at the time? Is it possible that **Christian and Elizabeth Weedman** married there? These and many other questions are being pursued as we examine information available in the 1760s. We will keep you posted on progress.

*Marianne Montgomery and  
Nick Weedman*

## Weedman Deaths – 2003

### Social Security Death Index

*The Social Security Administration publishes an index of deaths occurring in the U.S. within 60 days of the end of the month in which the death occurs. Following is an extraction of those with the Weedman surname who died in 2003. We can identify some but not all of the following. Anyone who might be able to supply information should contact Nick Weedman or Marianne Montgomery with details.*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Death Date</u>	<u>Final Residence</u>
James A.	26 Feb 1931	19 Jan 2003	Evansville, Vanderburg Co., IN
Margaret M.	17 Feb 1927	22 Jan 2003	Toney, Madison Co., AL
Susan W.	17 Aug 1951	5 Feb 2003	Denton, Denton Co., TX
Wesley R.	7 Sep 1980	8 Feb 2003	Farmer City, DeWitt Co., IL
Margaret	24 Aug 1951	15 Jun 2003	Homestead, Miami-Dade Co., FL
Paul B.	21 Jul 1909	6 Jul 2003	Sarasota, Sarasota Co., FL
Glen E.	28 Dec 1924	24 Jul 2003	Cheyenne, Laramie Co., WY
Lucille B.	29 Nov 1916	3 Aug 2003	Hendersonville, Sumner Co., TN
Sandra I.	13 Jun 1941	3 Sep 2003	Galesburg, Knox Co., IL
Marjorie T.	23 Mar 1924	28 Oct 2003	Hardinsburg, Breckinridge Co., KY
Danny D.	16 Apr 1953	5 Nov 2003	Springfield, Greene Co., MO
Herbert L.	18 Feb 1929	4 Dec 2003	Galesburg, Knox Co., IL
Denise M.	9 Aug 1973	17 Dec 2003	Unknown Co., TX
Clifford W.	17 Aug 1916	27 Dec 2003	Escondido, San Diego Co., CA
Lowell	10 Mar 1928	30 Dec 2003	Clements, Redwood Co., MN

Deaths have been arranged chronologically. Those we cannot identify are:

**Susan W. Weedman**, died in February apparently in Denton, TX;  
**Margaret Weedman**, who died in June in Homestead, FL;  
**Marjorie T. Weedman**, who died in October in Hardinsburg, KY;  
**Danny D. Weedman** who died in Springfield, MO in November;  
**Denise M. Weedman** who died in December in Texas.

We have possible matches with **Marjorie T. Weedman** and **Denise Weedman** but are reluctant to publish details for obvious reasons. Your help would be highly appreciated.

## Hall of Fame Nominations

The **Weedman Family Hall of Fame** was started at the 2000 Weedman National Family Gathering held in Farmer City, IL and continued at the 2002 Gathering. This will be continued depending on receipt of nominations and subsequent selection. A selection committee will be selected if nominations are received.

Criteria for nominations is simple: a family member who has made a distinctive contribution that brings honor to the family. In order to nominate someone, you will need to document their name, advise lineage as much as you can, and simply give your reason for the nomination. Lengthy nominations are not required — succinct submissions are welcomed.

Check the Weedman Family web site at [www.weedman.org](http://www.weedman.org) to see the information on those selected in 2000. (The 2002 nominees will be added shortly). We need your help to continue this excellent tradition!

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## REUNION INFORMATION

(A reservation form is enclosed with this issue of the Newsletter. Please take time as soon as you can to complete and mail it to Aida Weedman at the address shown on the form itself).

- Hotel room reservations are not included in the reunion registration so you will need to contact the Kings Inn to do that.
- The **KINGS INN HOTEL** is located at 1333 Hotel Circle South, San Diego, CA 92108. The phone number is (800) 785-4647 and the website is at [www.kingsinnsandiego.com](http://www.kingsinnsandiego.com)
- The hotel has blocked 25 rooms for our event, and the negotiated group rate is \$99 a night (normally \$169).
- For those of you who would like to make your stay in San Diego longer than the reunion weekend, you can take advantage of the group rate from August 17<sup>th</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup> 2004.
- **The cutoff date for this group rate is August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004.** If you make your reservations after this date provided there still is availability, you will be charged the market rate. Keep in mind that San Diego during August is high season for tourism so hotel rooms will be hard to come by.
- When you call to reserve your room(s), mention that you are with the Weedman Party.
- Check-in time is 4 pm and check-out time is 11:00 am.
- Parking at the hotel during ALL reunion activities is FREE!
- For those of you who will **need shuttle service** to and from the airport, the hotel recommends two services. Call X-PRESS Shuttle Service at (619) 222-5800 or Cloud 9 Shuttle at 1(800) 974-8885.
- The hotel has a pool, Jacuzzi and guest laundry facilities.
- The hotel has a café (The Waffle Spot) which is open from 7 am to 2 pm and a restaurant (The Amigo Spot) which is opened from 4 pm to 10 pm.
- The hotel is within minutes to all attractions, shopping and the San Diego-Lindbergh Field Airport.
- If you want to learn more about the Private Historical Bus Tour we'll be chartering on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>, visit their website at [www.historictours.com/sandiego/](http://www.historictours.com/sandiego/).

### Airfare Information

As was mentioned in the Winter 2003 *Weedman Newsletter*, the reunion committee has done some research on airline discounts to San Diego. Several airlines may offer discount flights to a group of ten or more coming to San Diego. If you are thinking about attending the reunion and are interested in discount airfare, please send the following information to Bill Weedman at [peacenow1212@yahoo.com](mailto:peacenow1212@yahoo.com). If you do not have e-mail, Bill's address is 2121 Summerhill Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024.

- Will you be attending the reunion?
- Will you be flying to San Diego?
- Where would you be flying from?
- How many people would be flying with you?
- When would you leave your city to fly to San Diego and how long might you stay? See hotel information (above) regarding the hotel room group rate for nights before and after the reunion weekend.
- Do you have a preferred airline that you normally use?

Bill will compile the information and contact several airlines to see if a group rate can be procured. Please send your information to him as soon as possible. We thank you very much!

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## Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello folks,

Hope this finds you all in good health and getting ready for a great summer.

### 2004 Reunion – Last Call

The following is a note from **Paul Weedman**, to remind us that the time is ripe for getting our reservations and plans firmed up for the Gathering at San Diego of the Weedman clan. I'm excited about it. We'll have opportunities there to see/buy Everett Smith's book I've been telling you about, and the latest revision of the WEEDMAN genealogy, by Gena Lee Theiss. There will be lots to see and do so don't miss this opportunity.

- If you haven't yet secured your hotel room at the Kings Inn, be sure to do that soon because the rentals have begun. Please see page 14 for hotel/room information.
- For family members who you know are in the "thinking about it" mode, please encourage them to register. We will have a fun weekend especially at the banquet.
- On Friday evening (8/20), we will be running a slide show to music of photos from past reunions and assorted albums. I invite all to include as many photos as possible. You can email, mail or bring them with you. Mail or bring them with you is preferable. I'll have a

scanner at the hotel. If you do send them to me in advance, please provide descriptions with full names of all family members. All hard copy photos will be returned to you before the end of the event. If it's popular (it always is) we'll make the slides available at the Saturday banquet and Sunday breakfast. Already I have a few hundred photos of the 1996, 2000 and 2002 reunions and of the **Jesse Hamilton Stewart Weedman** family. I will make every effort to burn CD copies for those interested.

- If you have any questions about the event, please respond by email (pweedman@cts.com) or call me at 858-538-2239. I'll do my best to respond ASAP.

Paul Weedman,  
Reunion Coordinator

Details for the **2004 Weedman National Family Gathering** are on page 14 of this issue. Reservation forms are on the Weedman Family web site ([www.weedman.org](http://www.weedman.org)) or available by calling Paul at the number shown above.

Please read the last newsletter for news of  
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*The 2004 Weedman National Family Gathering promises to be a very successful event. See this issue for details.*

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*Elizabeth Weedman is one of two daughters of Christian Weedman, Sr. about whom we know little.*

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the Reunion. Remember, they will hold the rooms till 1 August at the special rate that they are giving us. So be sure to get your reservations made before that August 1 deadline. For those of you who haven't access to the Internet, you have the information Paul sent you earlier and it still holds. If you plan to go, but cant find your information, call me collect at 1-253-272-4028. If I am not home at the time you call, leave your telephone number on my answering machine and I'll get back to you with the information you need.

It's "REUNION TIME" again and remember this little song we have sung in the National Weedman Reunion called "BEAT BEAT BEAT YOUR DRUM: Sing to the tune of "Row, row, row your Boat"

Beat beat beat your drum Time has come at last....

To meet our kinfolk of today And learn about the past.

The Weedmans are a happy lot....we smile and have great fun. For no other family can compare....no, not a single one.

So hold your head up high and say "I'm special as can be I have a branch that's all my own Upon the WEEDMAN tree" !

### **Elizabeth Weedman Murphy**

As you know, I've been looking for **Elizabeth Weedman's** family. She was a daughter of **Christian** and **Elizabeth Weedman Sr.** and married a "**Mr. Murphy**". Well Nick got a note from **Bill Denney**, who is looking for an Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_ who married a **Rev. John Murphy** in the area where the early Weedman family lived, Fairfield Co. OHIO. She was his second wife, it would seem, although we're not sure about that. She was described in **John**

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**Murphy's** abbreviated application for a pension, as "sickly" and that she was 40 years old. This would have her born in 1780, which would be a little late, but not impossible. Murphy may have deliberately picked a younger second wife especially if there were small children to raise. We don't know if there were any children of that second marriage, but Bill has sent to Washington for the pension files. This should shed some light on it. This Murphy was **Rev. John Murphy** and he was living in Fairfield Co. Ohio right where our **Elizabeth Weedman's** family lived. It really looks like **Bill Denney** is on the right track. Bill will share with us.

### Newsletter Items

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I have made an index of the contents of the Weedman Newsletters beginning in 1968 and I've gotten as far as December 1976, I've been extremely busy this summer and have not worked on that but I'll try to get to it before 2005. I guess part of the problem is I used several different fonts and forgot to check the font size before I started working on the project each time. I may have to start over, but at least it will be just copying the work I had done in the mixed fonts.

This Newsletter is YOUR Newsletter, and if there is something you care to share with us or a recipe you'd like, or additions, or deaths that have occurred since the last time you shared.....we

would appreciate knowing and let others know also. Births and marriages, too, of course.

Here is a list of subscribers and dear to my heart, that I'd love to hear from. Let it be something that I can share in the Newsletter. We'll all rejoice with your good news, pray for loved ones in some stage of need, or grieve over a loved one who has passed on. **Sharon Bryden, Kathy Fisler, Susan Cameron, Jan Bruner, Jack Hahne, Katherine Cook, Donna Laymon.**

There are more, but I have started with these seven cousins. I truly would love to hear from you. We're all busy, so it'll be a gift on your part, to all of us, and deeply appreciated.

**Everett Smith**, (STEPHEN's LINE) shares this tid-bit from his past:

"I learned to read in school, of course, but during a paper drive, I came across a continuing story in "The Saturday Evening Post" (Alexander Botts And The Earthworm Tractor) that really got me hooked on reading. I own the book now, with all those old stories in it.... and I think that 's what made me a bulldozer operator".

And this from **Bill and Pat Weedman** of Wilson, NC:

The **LONZO WEEDMAN** family (JOHN's LINE) met in Princeton, Kentucky for a family reunion on the Memorial Day weekend. I'll have more details later on as they plan to have another reunion next year .

Calling **BECKY MIDDLETON**.....  
Becky, did you ever find a picture of **James David and Dorcia/Docia (Hazelwood ) Weedman** ? If anyone

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*If you haven't yet made your renewal contribution for the **Weedman Newsletter**, please do so soon.*

*We are always looking for news about family events to print in the Newsletter. Contact Marianne at the address shown on page 8.*

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reading this has a picture, would you care to share a copy of it? We don't have one in our archives. Send the picture to: **Rebecca Middleton**, RR. #1, Box 108 B, Grandview, Indiana, 47615. Thanks.

**Andy Weedman**, grandson of **Ed Weedman**.....the "Ed" who used to entertain us with his stories of funny things that he remembers concerning his grandma **Sarah**, and family. Well, **Andy** and wife, **Amber (Furgason) Weedman** have had an addition to their family! On March 16, 2004, wee baby boy came into their family circle. He weighed 5 lbs. 4 oz. and was 17 ½ inches long. But oooopppssss you forgot to tell us his name, Andy. I know though, how the excitement of the joy and new arrival can make us forget some detail, so let us know now what his name is. Congratulations, **Andy and Amber!!** **Andy** if from **STEPHEN's** line.

We're still working on our German Project, of locating those who, along with our ancestor, **Christian Weedman Sr.**, came to Philadelphia on the ship **ANDERSON** in August of 1750. I just found **Johan Jacob Heillman**. He was born in 1689 in Rheinpaltz, Germany. He died in Northampton Co., PA. In 1776, age 87. We don't have any list of the names of the CHILDREN who came with the adults. But we do know that **Johan Jacob** (above) had at least one son; named **Christian**.

### **Thomas S. Weedman Biographical Sketch**

I came across a biographical sketch of **Thomas St. Clair Weedman**, of **GEORGE's** line (Illinois branch). I hadn't seen this before and I thought some of you would like to know about him. He was born January 12, 1839 in Santa Ana Township, DeWitt County, IL. He has lived in that area for his lifetime. In 1888

when the sketch was published, he was Mayor of Farmer City and had held that post for some time. He was the youngest of seven sons and three daughters born to **John and Rachel (Wilson) Weedman** who came to that area in 1830. He joined the Army in 1861 and was assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Cavalry, Co. F, **Colonel Noble** commanding. In a skirmish at Holly Springs, MS, his brother, **Isaiah Weedman**, lost his life. **Thomas** was taken prisoner, and actually paroled, before being put behind prison walls. He and five others were exchanged for six Rebs, and so Thomas returned to duty and took part in the Battle of Vicksburg. His name is on the roster at Lemon Post, G.A.R. at Farmer City.

At Framer City in 1866, he was united in marriage with Miss **Mary M. Brownlee**, daughter of **Thomas and Sarah (Buker) Brownlee**. Three children were born to them: a baby who died in infancy, and **Ted G. and Fred J. Weedman**. Thomas Weedman's line was: Thomas St. Clair<sup>1</sup>, John Jesse<sup>2</sup>, George<sup>3</sup>, and Christian, Sr.<sup>4</sup>.

I think there are **Weedman** relatives in the vicinity of Webster City, Hamilton County, Iowa. **John Weedman, Sr.** son of **George Weedman**, moved out into that territory, and had family there. **John** died there and his will is on file at the Hamilton County Court House. It occurs to me I might find more details on this in Gena Lee Theiss book! Well if I seem somewhat forgetful, I can blame it on the heat .....85 degrees and climbing. Talk about global warming...!

If any of you are wondering about the latest revision of the **Weedman Family Genealogy**, I have order-blanks and will send you one. Perhaps you are interested in a Weedman connection that you'd like more information on.....some family

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that's married into the Weedmans..... let me know. You'll see my e-mail address on the Newsletter, but if you don't have a computer, write me **Marianne Montgomery, Apt. 312, 919 Fawcett Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98402**. Send any news, pictures etc. and ask questions pertaining to Weedmans and allied families.

NOTE: Please for the time being, do not write to me at [marianne@weedman.org](mailto:marianne@weedman.org). For some reason I keep getting a daily message from there forwarded to my home e-mail address that has no message....just a lot of scrambled numbers and letters. E-mail me at [monty410@juno.com](mailto:monty410@juno.com).

### 2004 Weedman Deaths Social Security Records

Two Weedman deaths in 2004 have been recorded by the Social Security Administration through April. They are:

**Cleo P. Weedman**, born 4 April 1913, died 25 March 2004 in St. Augustine, FL. We believe she was the widow of **John Marion Weedman**.

**Violet M. Weedman**, born 16 October 1912, died 1 April 2004 in Riverton, Sangamon Co., IL. She was the widow of **James Henry Weedman** (1915-1986). He was the son of **William Thomas Bell Weedman** and was from the line of **John Weedman** who lived in Grayson Co., KY.

### Perry County, IN Web Site

For those with relatives in or from Perry County, IN you may be interested in the web site which features data and, importantly, queries relating to genealogy in that area.

Cliff Weedman happened on the site and reported it has a lot of information on families he is pursuing. The site seems not to have been updated in some time but still remains valuable.

The URL is: <http://www.rootsquest.com/~jmurphy/perry/perry.htm>.

### E-Bay Find!

**Billie Lou Weedman Bruce** recently found a postcard being offered on e-Bay which mentioned the Weedman Yarbrow Custom Gin on the front. She bought it and found it was written by her grandmother, **Martha Lanman Weedman**, to **Linnie Lanman Van Winkle**, the sister of Martha Weedman. It was postmarked 1912 and contained references to **Charlie Weedman** (Billie Lou's grandfather), **May Weedman**, **Clarene Weedman**, and **George Weedman (Weidman)**, aunts and uncles of Billie Lou. What a find!

### World War II Enlistment Records and World War I Draft Cards

On pages 12 and 13 of this Newsletter are the Enlistment Records and Draft Cards for a number of our family members. If anyone wants a copy of one of these records and you don't have access to a computer or to Ancestry.com, let Nick Weedman know specifying the person whose record you would like to have. He will look it up and forward a copy. His address is shown on page 8.

That should do it for this issue. Hope to see many of you at the Reunion.

*The Social Security Administration lists deaths that are available on a number of web sites. We print Weedman deaths on a quarterly basis.*

## World War II Enlistment Records

World War II enlistment records for over nine million Army soldiers are now available online at the National Archives and Archives and Records Administration (NARA). The records are in the [World War II Electronic Army Serial Number Merged File](#) available through the Access to Archival Database (AAD) section on NARA's web site ([www.archives.gov/aad](http://www.archives.gov/aad)).

The National Archives scanned War Department microfilmed punch cards on enlistments to support the reconstruction of the military personnel records at its National Personnel Records Center. Because of the age of the microfilm, approximately 1.5 million records could not be scanned. Scanning problems also created some errors in the digital records that present unique searching challenges.

Each record may have the enlistee's serial number and name, state and county of residence, place of enlistment, date of enlistment, grade, branch, term of enlistment, place of birth, year of birth, race, education, civilian occupation, marital status, and component. Because the records are for Army enlistments during World War II, the file does not include records for Army officers, members of other services or enlistments for other time periods. However, it does contain information on more than 130,000 women who served. Here are records for 41 Weedman family members.

<b>Alva J. Weedman</b>	<b>Harroll C. Weedman</b>	<b>Lon E. Weedman</b>
<b>Benjamin B. Weedman</b>	<b>Harvey L. Weedman</b>	<b>Lyle G. Weedman</b>
<b>Charles N. Weedman</b>	<b>Haskel E. Weedman</b>	<b>Marvin J. Weedman</b>
<b>Charles V. Weedman</b>	<b>Heber W. Weedman</b>	<b>Melvin E. Weedman</b>
<b>Charles W. Weedman</b>	<b>Henry W. Weedman</b>	<b>Merritt H. Weedman</b>
<b>Comelia E. Weedman</b>	<b>Hershel R. Weedman</b>	<b>Myron W. Weedman</b>
<b>Curtis L. Weedman</b>	<b>Howard W. Weedman</b>	<b>Robert L. Weedman</b>
<b>Earl E. Weedman</b>	<b>Jack B. Weedman</b>	<b>Robert J. Weedman</b>
<b>Edwin M. Weedman</b>	<b>Jean W. Weedman</b>	<b>Roy L. Weedman</b>
<b>Freeman J. Weedman</b>	<b>Jess E. Weedman</b>	<b>Thomas H. Weedman</b>
<b>Gail H. Weedman</b>	<b>Joe (Jr.) Weedman</b>	<b>Walter W. Weedman</b>
<b>George C. Weedman</b>	<b>John G. Weedman</b>	<b>William C. Weedman</b>
<b>Glen E. Weedman</b>	<b>John R. Weedman</b>	<b>Willis Weedman</b>
<b>Harold V. Weedman</b>	<b>Joseph M. Weedman</b>	<b>Wilmer O. Weedman</b>

In addition, **J. Weedman Duhe** was listed. Examination of his record reveals he was from New Orleans. Here is a sample of the information on the card for **Comelia E. Weedman**:

- |                   |                            |               |                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| • Residence:      | St. John's Co., FL         | • Enlistment: | Ft. McPherson, Atlanta, GA |
| • Date:           | 27 Apr 1944                | • Grade:      | Private                    |
| • Term:           | Duration of war + 6 months |               |                            |
| • Born:           | Florida                    | • Year:       | 1925                       |
| • Education:      | Grade school               | • Occupation: | Automobile serviceman      |
| • Marital status: | Single                     |               |                            |

## World War I Draft Board Records

*(The following information is from the Ancestry.com site and describes the World War I Draft Records. We will list those available for the Weedman surname which contains 21 records.)*

### Description

In 1917 and 1918, approximately 24 million men living in the United States completed a registration card. This represented approximately 98% of men under the age of 46 covering a huge portion of the population of the U.S. at the time. Total U.S. population in 1917-1918 was about 100 million individuals. In other words, close to 25% of the total population is represented in this record set.

Information on many of the cards may include: birth date, birthplace, and in some cases their father's birthplace and nearest relative. In addition, they show occupation, color of eyes and hair, build, etc. These could be an excellent source of genealogical information.

Source Information: Ancestry.com. World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-18 [database online] Provo, UT: Ancestry.com, 2002. National Archives and Records Administration. World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918. M1509, 20,243 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration.

The following extract is for all available entries for the Weedman surname:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Birth- place</u>	<u>Registration Place</u>
James Patrick Weedman	10 Jul 1900	W		Teller, CO
Charles Weedman	28 Mar 1889		FL	St. Johns Co., FL
Willie Weedman	1895	B	GA	Loundes Co., GA
Willie M. Weedman	20 Apr 1897		IN	Hardin Co., IL
James Monroe Weedman	7 Feb 1891	W	IN	Crawford Co., IN
Torrance J. Weedman	11 Apr 1896	W	IN	Crawford Co., IN
Ralph Weedman	11 Nov 1893	W	IN	Daviess Co., IN
James Bailey Weedman	9 Mar 1883	W		Knox Co., IN
Martin Rafley Weedman	28 Sep 1884	W		Indianapolis, IN
Dellis L. Weedman	6 Jan 1893	W	IN	Perry Co., IN
Oscar David Weedman	9 May 1889	W	IN	Perry Co., IN
Sam Weedman	4 Sep 1897		IN	Perry Co., IN
William R. Weedman	22 Nov 1894	W	IN	Perry Co., IN
James Rollin Weedman	15 Oct 1894	W	IN	Posey Co., IN
William Russell Weedman	27 Dec 1896		IN	Posey Co., IN
Denver Weedman	24 Jun 1884	W		Queen Anne Co., MD
Walter Franklin Weedman	14 Jul 1880	W		Carbon Co., MT
Henry Stanley Weedman	29 Apr 1880	W		Wheatland Co., MT
Frank Everett Weedman	27 Nov 1881	W		Westmoreland Co., PA
Claude Henry Weedman	9 Sep 1874	W		Perkins Co., SD
John Jerad Weedman	5 Apr 1886	W		Austin, Travis Co., TX

Some information on the card is interesting. John Jerad Weedman was employed as the Chief Engineer at the Texas Institute for the Blind and lived there. His wife was listed as Rosa Lee Weedman. The James Patrick Weedman could have been a Weidman – card is unclear.

If you want a copy of any of the cards shown above, contact **Nick Weedman** at the address shown on page 8.

## REUNION INFORMATION

(A reservation form may be found on the Weedman Family Web Site ([www.weedman.org](http://www.weedman.org)) or by calling Paul Weedman at (858) 538-2239. The form should be completed and mailed to Aida Weedman at the address shown on the form itself).

- Hotel room reservations are not included in the reunion registration so you will need to contact the Kings Inn to do that.
- The **KINGS INN HOTEL** is located at 1333 Hotel Circle South, San Diego, CA 92108. The phone number is (800) 785-4647 and the website is at [www.kingsinnsandiego.com](http://www.kingsinnsandiego.com)
- The hotel has blocked 25 rooms for our event, and the negotiated group rate is \$99 a night (normally \$169).
- For those of you who would like to make your stay in San Diego longer than the reunion weekend, you can take advantage of the group rate from August 17<sup>th</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup> 2004.
- **The cutoff date for this group rate is August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004.** If you make your reservations after this date provided there still is availability, you will be charged the market rate. Keep in mind that San Diego during August is high season for tourism so hotel rooms will be hard to come by.
- When you call to reserve your room(s), mention that you are with the Weedman Party.
- Check-in time is 4 pm and check-out time is 11:00 am.
- Parking at the hotel during ALL reunion activities is FREE!
- For those of you who will **need shuttle service** to and from the airport, the hotel recommends two services. Call X-PRESS Shuttle Service at (619) 222-5800 or Cloud 9 Shuttle at 1(800) 974-8885.
- The hotel has a pool, Jacuzzi and guest laundry facilities.
- The hotel has a café (The Waffle Spot) which is open from 7 am to 2 pm and a restaurant (The Amigo Spot) which is opened from 4 pm to 10 pm.
- The hotel is within minutes to all attractions, shopping and the San Diego-Lindbergh Field Airport.
- If you want to learn more about the Private Historical Bus Tour we'll be chartering on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>, visit their website at [www.historictours.com/sandiego/](http://www.historictours.com/sandiego/).

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## Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello Cousins,

Fall is here and it seemed to me like summer wasn't long enough to give way so soon. Hope your summer was a memorable one. Mine was. The highlight of my summer was attending the National Weedman Family Reunion in San Diego. More about this later but first the family news.

### Anniversary

**William M. and Dorothy (Wilkening) Weedman** of Algoma, WI celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 10, 2003. The entire wedding party except for the best man attended the anniversary celebration. Congratulations!

### Births

**Andy and Amber Weedman** (Stephen's line) had a baby boy, which I told you about in the Summer Newsletter. I didn't have his name then, but he is **Zachary Andrew Weedman** born March 16, 2004. As always, we do extend our congratulations to the happy parents.

**Helen and Bill Weedman** (Daniel's line) advised they have a new grandson born on June 28, 2004. He is **Jacob Henry Crupper**, son of **David and Leah (Weedman) Crupper**. He joins his brother **William Carlton Crupper**. Congrats, to you, **Leah and Dave**, and to the happy grandparents.

**George and Gena Lee Theiss** want to let us know that they are proud great grandparents of **Alissa Kay Weigand**, born to **Scott and Sharon (Hill) Weigand** on July 26, 2004. The Theiss's have altogether four daughters, six granddaughters and two great granddaughters. Who will have the first grandson.??? Congratulations **Gena and George** and the rest of your family.

*Marriage*

### **Wilma Weedman Williams Marries Curtis Whitehead**

A letter from **Kathryn (Weedman) Cook** tells us of the marriage of her sister, **Wilma (Weedman) Williams** wife of the late **Elroy Williams**, was united in marriage July 12, 2004, to **Curtis Whitehead**. Both **Wilma and Curtis** lost their mates near the same time, and we are happy that they found happiness in each other. We offer congratulations, **Curtis and Wilma**, and may God give you many happy years together.

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*The 2004 Weedman Family Gathering is reported in this issue on page 18. It was highly successful. Thanks to the organizing committee headed by Paul and Emily Weedman for a great time.*

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Life is constantly bringing us joy and then sorrow. Here are obituaries of several recent and not so recent deaths.

Obituary

### Ruth Cadam Weedman

**Ruth Margaret (Cadam) Weedman**, 85 of Clarksville, Iowa, died in on July 9, 2004 at the Waverly Health Center, Waverly, Iowa of natural causes. She was born December 21, 1918 in rural Butler County, the daughter of **Ed** and **Olive Detra Cadam**. She graduated from Clarksville in 1936 and attended a teacher's college for two years and renewed her teacher's certificate in 1965 at the University of Iowa. She married **Maynard M. Weedman** on June 2, 1940 in Carroll, Iowa. **Maynard** died in 1989.

Mrs. Weedman farmed with her husband and taught for Woolstock and Waverly-Shell Rock schools. She also taught second grade for 12 years at Clarksville

Community School.

Survivors include three sons: **James (Jim)** of Boone, IA, **Dale** of New Hartford, and **Lynn** of Glenville, MN; six grandchildren, nine great grandchildren; and a brother, **James (Jim) Cadam** of Packer, AZ.

Services were held on July 13, 2004 at the Unity Presbyterian Church near Clarksville with burial in the Cass Township Cemetery in Webster City.

**Brian Weedman** of Minneapolis furnished the obituary and we appreciate his notification of his family's loss on which we extend our sincere sympathy. The lineage of Maynard Weedman was: Maynard Marion<sup>7</sup>, John William<sup>6</sup>, Henry Linas<sup>5</sup>, Asa<sup>4</sup>, John Jesse, Senior<sup>3</sup>, George<sup>2</sup>, and Christian, Senior<sup>1</sup>.

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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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### John Alemao

**Nina (Lindsey) Alemao** informed us of the passing of her dear hubby, **John Alemao**, on September 2, 2004. He was 47 years old. In her sorrow, Nina wanted you all to know. She always spoke lovingly of John and I know she would appreciate your prayers. We may get more news about the loss of John and I'll pass it on to you should I hear more.

### Edwin McRae "Manny" Weedman

**Edwin "Manny" Weedman**, 77 of Blytheville (AR) died Monday, Sept 6, 2004 at his home. Born Jan. 11, 1927, in Blytheville, the son of **Harry and Mary Belle (Nichols) Weedman**, he was a life long area resident; member of the First Presbyterian Church, and a veteran of the US Army. He was the owner/operator of Descon Inc. in Blytheville, and L. & M. Construction in Mountain Home. He was a member of the "Good Old Boys" hunting club and enjoyed playing golf, fishing and playing cards.

His parents preceded him in death. Mr. Weedman leaves three daughters: **Julia Lea Harris** and her husband **Rick**, of Bedford, TX, **Jenny Lou Firth** and husband **Jim** of Santa Barbara, CA, and **Jerry Lynn Messick**, of Seattle, WA; one son, **Edwin McRae "Mac" Weedman** of Mountain Home.

He also leaves one brother, **Nick Weedman**, and his wife, **Merrie Carol**, of Flat Rock NC, two sisters, **Anne Smith** and husband **Ed**, of Maplewood, NJ, and **Billie Lou Bruce**, and husband **Jim** of West Lafayette, IN, and seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30

a.m. Friday, in the Cobb Funeral Home Chapel in Blytheville with the **Rev. Jim Firth** officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery.

His line: Edwin McRae, Senior<sup>7</sup>, Harry Edwin<sup>6</sup>, Charlie Green<sup>5</sup>, Green Berry<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, Christian, Junior<sup>2</sup>, and Christian, Senior<sup>1</sup>.

Manny's passing brought a deep sense of loss to the Weedman families who knew and loved him very much. We also, sense his loss as he was a WEEDMAN, and there is a blood relationship of many who will feel sadness at his passing. Our deepest respect and sorrow is extended to those who were closest to him, and who loved him dearly.

*Obituary from 2002*

### Joseph S. Weedman

ASHEBORO, NC - **Joseph S. Weedman**, 82, of 2286 Lambert Drive, Asheboro, died Tuesday, April 30, 2002, at his home. Funeral services were on May 3, 2002 with burial at Randolph Memorial Park.

He was a native of Fairview, Okla., and the widower of **Dick Clark Weedman**. He was the former business manager for The Courier-Tribune, a retired worker from Keister-Williams Newspaper Services Inc. and a former president of the Newspaper Advertising Executive Association of the Carolinas.

Surviving are wife, **Rachel Shaw Weedman**; daughter, **Lucinda W. Craven** of Greensboro; stepdaughters, **Lisa Gooch** of Summerfield, **Terri Gooch** of Ramseur; stepson, **Adam Gooch** of Greensboro; sister, **Margie Fotis** of Bakersfield, Calif.; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

*(Editor's note: we have attempted to con-*

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*We are saddened to report so many Weedman deaths in this issue.*

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 nect Joseph S. Weedman to one of our know lines without success. A check of the Oklahoma 1930 census does not list him there. If any of our subscribers has a clue, please let us know and we will pursue further research.)

*Inquiry*

### **Bernard Weedman, West Virginia Roots**

**Shirley (Weedman) Spooner** of St Augustine, Florida, asks if we know of a **Bernard Weedman**, who came over with her ancestor, **Philip Guillermo Weedman** from Germany in 1803. Bernard settled in West Virginia, Shirley thinks that they were both on the Commerce that sailed from Amsterdam.

**Philip** went south, **Bernard** stopped and remained in West Virginia, Just where that was, we don't know. Since our Christian Weedman also was in the WVA area, it is a hope that they were related. While searching in WVA, keep an eye out for **Bernard**. The name may be spelled Wedman, Wedeman, Wiedman Widman or Weidman...anything that looks like it could be pronounced "Weedman" we want to know about.

### **Fort Weedman, Florida**

A recent e-Bay item for sale included two buttons that were dug up at Fort Weedman, Florida.

Having never heard of this, a search on Google revealed there was indeed a Fort Weedman at one time in Florida. It existed from 1837-1840 and was located seven miles west of St. Augustine, Florida. The Fort was attacked in 1840 according to the web site that listed all Florida ancient forts.

Can any of our Florida Weedman sub-

scribers give further light on Fort Weedman, Florida?

### **11<sup>th</sup> Biannual Weedman National Family Gathering Deemed a Huge Success!**

The 11<sup>th</sup> Biannual Weedman Family Reunion held in San Diego, CA, August 20-22 2004 was fantastic. We crammed a lot into those three days, and everyone enjoyed the fun. Friday afternoon and evening we all gathered in the Cardinal Room of the Kings Hotel where we got acquainted with the "California Weedmans", most of whom were descendants of JACOB Weedman, son of Christian, Sr. A lovely layout of Mexican / American refreshments were presented at the evening meal and plenty, so we feasted and shared Weedman stories. Children enjoyed the indoor pool.

After a wonderful breakfast on Saturday, August 21 in the Cardinal Room, we enjoyed the Historical Bus Tour arranged for us by those who hosted this year's reunion. This tour took us to many lovely sites of the beginning of San Diego's history right up to the present, including the famous zoo there. We enjoyed a picnic at mid-day. Many of us commented on the wonderful children who were with us on this tour. (WEEDMAN's, of course!) Better behaved kids you wouldn't find anywhere, but these kids enjoyed every minute of it. We were back at the Hotel by 4:30. Some of us napped, the kids took to the pool, and at 6:00 pm we gathered again at the Cardinal Room for our Banquet. We enjoyed a scrumptious Mexican Buffet. Wow! I never had tasted some of the goodies that were presented ... until that evening. Now I will appreciate Mexican food in a brand new way. Yummm. As we were eating, a genuine Mexican mari-

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*The 2004 Weedman National Family Gathering had record attendance and had a number of new family members participate.*

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achi played “dinner music “ for us, Mexican style. We truly enjoyed that treat.

After this we enjoyed the Weedman pictures of former Reunions, and these were all on CD’s that Paul and Mark Weedman had put together from the pictures we sent to them, and the ones they had collected. Mark had set up a professional “Music Machine” I call it, all done electronically, and the selection of music was fantastic. Any of us could ask for a song we’d like played. Chances were great that he had that song. There were door prizes. I won one as did others, and we all received a lovely beach towel inscribed 2004 National Family Reunion San Diego CA. A picture of the San Diego Skyline was just below the above inscription. We then attempted to elect or ask for volunteers for the 2006 reunion. In this we failed to get a volunteer, so that opportunity is still open. Think it over and let Nick know if you (or several of you) wish to host the 2006 gathering, you get your choice of where and when. Help from former hosts will be available.

Sunday Morning we enjoyed a generous continental breakfast. Everyone was exchanging addresses, conversation and farewells till time to leave.

Hosts and helpers were:

- **Paul and Emily Weedman** Host/ Hostess
- **Mark Weedman**, DJ and Emcee
- **Aida Arriola Weedman**, Book-keeper
- **Annamaria (Weedman) Anthony**, Financial Contributor
- **Bill and Thea Weedman** Souvenirs
- **Nick Weedman, Billie Bruce, George Anne (Weedman) Planck** – Research and preparation of Hall of Fame inductees
- **Nick Weedman**, Financial and Memorabilia contributor.

Those who attended the San Diego reunion were:

- **Jim & Anamaria Anthony** (and family) – San Diego
- **Aida Weedman** – San Diego
- **Janet Blalock** – Portland, OR
- **Billie Weedman Bruce** – West Lafayette, IN
- **Susan Weedman Cameron** – Burbank, CA
- **Audrey Bruce Chapline** – Loveland, OH
- **George Fitzgerald** – Alameta, CA
- **Adele Gronbach** – Las Vegas, NV
- **Fred & Elizabeth Hering** – Orlando, FL
- **Michael & Joanne McGowan** – Joshua Tree, CA
- **James Weedman** – Joshua Tree, CA
- **Marianne Montgomery** – Tacoma, WA
- **Ethel Ozbirn** – Escondido, CA
- **George Ann Weedman Planck** – Port Hueneme, CA
- **Lynda & Jon Pflueger** – Escondido, CA
- **Jeff and Karen Day** – Escondido, CA
- **Edna Weedman Rounthwaite** – Wofford Heights, CA
- **Kathy Bruce Sharples** – Northville, MI
- **Ed & Anne Weedman Smith** – Maplewood, NJ
- **Claudia Urfer** – Weldon, CA
- **Kim Ventimiglia** – Alpine, CA
- **Beverly Barrows Weedman** – Lemon Grove, CA
- **Sharon Weedman** – Lemon Grove, CA
- **Cliff & Shirley Weedman** (and family) - Eighty Eight, KY
- **Clifford & Bonnie Weedman** – Escondido, CA
- **Freeman J. Weedman** – Papillion, NE
- **Dr. Douglas Weedman** – Papillion, NE
- **George Perry Weedman** – Silver Springs, FL
- **Georgia Weedman** – Apopka, FL

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*There was a record attendance at the 2004 Reunion. San Diego proved a beautiful venue for the event.*

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- **Jerri & Jesse Weedman** – Joshua Tree, CA
- **John & Kaila Weedman** – San Diego, CA
- **Mark and M.C. Patton Weedman** – La Mesa, CA
- **Nick & Merrie Carol Weedman** – Flat Rock, NC
- **Paul & Emily Weedman** (and family) – San Diego, CA
- **Roy M. & Sylvia Weedman** – Charlotte, NC
- **Tom Weedman** – San Francisco, CA
- **Bill, Thea, & Aire Weedman** – Encinitas, CA
- **Marci Weedman Ybarrondo** – La Mesa, CA
- **Carri Weedman Long** (and family) – Bonita, CA

## 2004 Weedman Hall of Fame Inductees

Following is a summary of the three people inducted in the 2004 Weedman Hall of Fame. The nominations have been shorted due to lack of space here. To see the full version (much better!), go to our web site ([www.weedman.org](http://www.weedman.org)) and click on Hall of Fame.

### Charles Vern Weedman, Attorney

**Charles Vern Weedman** achieved success as a notable attorney who practiced law in Los Angeles. In the 1970s, he represented a number of Hollywood celebrities including Dean Martin and Claudine Longet, the wife of Andy Williams.

It was perhaps the defense of Claudine Longet that brought Mr. Weedman fame as an attorney. Claudine Longet was estranged from her husband, Andy Williams, and was in a ski resort in Colorado when her then boy friend met his death through a stabbing. Ms. Longet was

charged with the crime and one of her defense attorneys was Charles Weedman. Ms. Longet was acquitted of the crime.

Charles Vern Weedman was born 26 November 1927 in California to Charles Shelby and Patricia Ann (Larsen) Weedman. Charles Shelby Weedman was a locomotive engineer. His lineage: Charles Vern Weedman<sup>6</sup>, Charles Shelby<sup>5</sup>, William Simpson<sup>4</sup>, Willis<sup>3</sup>, Christian, Jr.<sup>2</sup> and Christian Weedman, Sr.<sup>1</sup>.

### Olive Annie (Polly) Westaby Weedman, A True Survivor

*By George Anne Weedman Planck*

It wasn't long after her birth of English parentage to **Robert Spencer Westaby**, M.D. and **Annie Otter Westaby** on April 23, 1914, in Madison, South Dakota, that her grandfather ignored her birth name of "Olive Annie" and called her "Polly Anna," a nickname she has retained all her life. He perceived that even as a toddler she saw the world through rose-colored glasses.

Her childhood was spent in Madison, with her parents, two sisters, and brother. They were all competitive individuals with highly developed talents. Their father was a busy physician/surgeon and their mother, a graduate of Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois, had her own successful career as a dramatic reader. She presented programs at colleges, churches, and various schools, booked by the Eastern Lyceum Bureau.

Each decade of her life has held its unique challenges, heartbreaks, and victories for Polly. She was graduated from the University of Iowa with a triple major: theater, speech therapy, and psychology. After a brief but exciting career

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working for Harry Reasoner, Sr., as a talent agent for Northwest Assemblies in Minneapolis, she married her college sweetheart **George David Weedman** (Jan 27, 1914-1996), the son of **Claude** and **Mary Weedman** from Faith, SD.

A few years later, the local Rapid City, SC radio station approached Polly about taking over a women's radio show. Again she was reluctant because she did not want to leave their now school-age children home without their mother. The radio station accommodated her by installing equipment allowing her to broadcast the show from home.

Her radio show broadcast from home grew into a more than full-time enterprise, especially when television finally came to Rapid City. She began writing, producing, and appearing in everything from local talent shows to children's programs. She did the research, the scenario and scripting for "Four Seasons West," a story of South Dakota's cattle industry. The production was given the National Western Heritage Award for the best western documentary

At one time she had as many as four shows simultaneously – The Polly Weedman Show; Aunt Polly's Children's Hour; Talent Review, and a once-a-week half-hour radio show. Christmas Shopping Bag, which was later developed into a road show in the West River area. Glen Yarbrough, Paul Williams, and Tom Brokaw are just a few of the now nationally known personalities who were all with her and with KOTA Radio and TV during those years. Paul Williams frequently appeared on the Iseman Talent Review, a talent show where she was writer, producer and director. The winner was awarded an all-expense paid trip to Europe and to the coronation of Queen Elizabeth. Tom Brokaw was one of her television cameramen during his college

years. Polly had the longest fully sponsored women's radio show in the nation

In 1950 the Rapid City Business and Professional Women's Club named Polly "Woman of the Year". Later she awarded the *McCalls Magazine* 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Gold Mike Award for Service to the Family. However, she felt one of her greatest achievements was her involvement with retarded children, which led to formation of the Rapid City Association for Retarded Children.

Other awards and honors followed during her years as a radio and television personality, but that all ended when she contracted Parkinson's disease in 1968. It attacked her throat, and she lost her voice. After years of readjustment, new medication, and prayer finally restored her health, she learned to adapt to life as wife and grandmother, perfecting her bridge game and catching up with the social commitments she had been forced to ignore during her working years. She and her husband, George, enjoyed retirement years together with cruises, winters in South Carolina or California, ballroom dancing, and competitive duplicate bridge.

Then at age 75, the lights went out. The diagnosis was macular degeneration. Within days, in spite of laser surgery, she was completely blind in one eye and had defective sight in the other. She could no longer read or drive a car. Eight months later a deep black velvet curtain closed out all the sunlight in her right eye. There was no pain, just darkness. At first she was angry at God for allowing this to happen, at her grandparents and parents for passing on defective genes, and at the world in general. As she said, "I really had a major pity party."

In 1996, due to their failing health, She and her husband George, moved to

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Naples, Florida to live with their son Richard. George died a few months later. Polly is now residing in a retirement/assisted living home in Naples.

Polly was married to George David Weedman whose Weedman lineage was: George David Weedman<sup>7</sup>, Claude Henry<sup>6</sup>, William Martin<sup>5</sup>, Jeremiah<sup>4</sup>, Jacob<sup>3</sup>, George<sup>2</sup>, and Christian Weedman, Sr.<sup>1</sup>. His great, great grandmother was Catherine Bishop Weedman who was inducted into the Weedman Hall of Fame in 2000.

### **Lauren Huntington Weedman Writer & Performer**

**Lauren Huntington Weedman** has achieved success as a writer, performer and comedienne.

She made her television debut on Comedy Central's Emmy Award-winning, **The Daily Show with Jon Stewart** in 2001 as a featured correspondent. It was at that same time that Lauren was a regular on National Public Radio's national political satire show, *Rewind*, and appeared in her solo show, **Homecoming**, off Broadway at the Westside Theater. The New York Times said of Lauren and *Homecoming*, "...like Bob Newhart in his early stand-up routines, she's particularly good at making her points – and making us feel clever. Most important, she's just plain funny, physically and verbally".

After studying, writing and performing in Amsterdam for five years, Lauren returned to the States with a bang. Her first play, **Homecoming**, began as a 15-minute performance art piece that grew into a full-length show that ultimately toured with the Seattle Repertory Theater. **Homecoming** earned Lauren the honor of being published in *Women Playwrights: The Best Plays of 2002*.

Lauren currently lives and performs in Los Angeles. She is the daughter of **Sidney Hatfield** and **Sharon Huntington Weedman** of Indianapolis. Her Weedman lineage: Sidney Hatfield Weedman<sup>7</sup>, Ralph<sup>6</sup>, George Perry<sup>5</sup>, Green Berry<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, Christian, Jr.<sup>2</sup> and Christian Weedman, Sr.<sup>1</sup>.

### **Was the 2004 Reunion the Last One?**

Traditionally, we seek a volunteer or several to host the next Reunion. For the first time, there were no takers and unless someone steps forward, we could see this as the end of the line. Admittedly, it is a lot of work to put on this event. But, it is a satisfying endeavor.

Here is a suggestion. Select Fayette County, Pennsylvania where Christian and Elizabeth Weedman (Sr.) lived from 1765 to 1799 and use Uniontown, the county seat, as the venue. Hold an event at the Jacob's Lutheran Church in Maysontown where the family is known to have worshipped. Visit the original land on which the homestead stood (the land is owned by possibly descendants of Ephriam Walters whose son married one of Christian's daughters, Sara. **Linda Tatlinger**, a descendent, lives nearby and agreed a couple of years ago to assist with local arrangements. There are still **Huhn** and **Riffle** family descendants still in the area (Weedman daughters married **Huhn**, **Riffle**, and others). It shouldn't be too hard.....any volunteers?

### **In the Next Issue**

**Vicki Kimberlin** has furnished a copy of her grandfather's World War I Army discharge record. Gus Clinton Weedman lived in Sandusky, OH and then in the Pacific Northwest. We will summarize that to show what is contained in these records. **National Cemetery** listings for Weedman burials. We have found 11 records to share. **Social Security Death Index** will also be reported. Until then,

*Marianne Montgomery and Nick Weedman*

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## Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello Cousins.

We're a bit late this issue. Although this is being mailed in January 2005 this will be considered the 4<sup>th</sup> issue of 2004. If we need to have only three issues in 2005, we will let you know. It seems like it was a very busy holiday season this year. But here we are, and we're hoping all has been well for you during the year 2004. I have an idea for 2005. Let's all keep track of the happenings we meet this year and share them with cousins here in the *Weedman Newsletter*. We'd like to hear from all of you. As I work on the Table of Contents for the past Newsletters, I see names of people I know are "out there" but I don't hear from them. Sit down, dear cousins, and write me your news. I'll laugh with you, cry with you, or keep you in my thoughts, and share those you send for the Newsletter, with cousins who subscribe.

**Rebecca Middleton** wrote me not too recently, but I still have her on my mind. She wanted to know who was the **Professor G. P. Weedman** who she came across while researching for someone. He was located in Jennings Co. Indiana, and wonders where he fits into the family. I find a **George Perry Weedman**, and I have an idea it is he.

*(Nick Weedman's note: Professor George Perry Weedman was the Superintendent of Schools in North Vernon, Indiana having served previously as the*

*Superintendent of Schools in his native Perry County, Indiana. He was a son of Green Berry and Susan (Cart) Weedman-and is a member of the Weedman Hall of Fame. To read more, go to the Weedman Family web site at [www.Weedman.org](http://www.Weedman.org) and click on the Hall of Fame. Elizabeth Snodgrass of Indianapolis is his granddaughter and George Perry Weedman of Silver Springs, Florida is his great-grandson.)*

**Becky** is still managing the genealogy department for the Spencer County (IN) Library, so those of you in that area, drop in and chat with her. She is still looking for a photo of **James David** and **Docia/Doshie (Hazelwood) Weedman**. James was born in 1854, and died in 1899 buried in the Carwile Cemetery in ---? --- Kentucky.

E-mail or write to me with your news. The Newsletter will continue as long as we have news. There are Weedmans all over the USA and I want to hear from as many who are interested in family and especially the WEEDMAN family.

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*We expect to have a full set of four issues in 2005 for the Weedman Newsletter but since we ran late on this one, there may only be three issues in 2005.*

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### Subscription Renewals Due

We ask for a donation of \$5.00 per year from each of our subscribers to help pay for the cost of copying and postage for the Weedman Newsletter. Our subscribers have been very supportive and despite increasing costs, we have managed to basically have the Newsletter self-sustaining. Last year was the exception and it ran a deficit. Please take time now to write a check to the **Weedman Newsletter** and mail it to: Nick Weedman, 130 Berry Creek Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731. Thanks.

### New Family Addition

**Jeffrey and Odessa (Rau) Kershner** are proud parents of **Heidi Kuria Kershner** born December 16, 2004. She is their first child. Jeff's line is: Andrea Montgomery Kershner<sup>8</sup>, Paul Montgomery<sup>7</sup>, Mandana Huff<sup>6</sup>, Susan Weedman<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Christian, Jr.<sup>2</sup>, Christian Sr<sup>1</sup>.

I went to visit them on December 18 when Heidi was only 2 days old. Her middle name, Kuria is pronounced KuRYa. I think she'll have brown eyes; they are so dark, and she is a little darling! (Nick Weedman's note: **Marianne Montgomery** is a great-grandmother. Congratulations!)

### Mini-Reunion in Arkansas

I had a newsy letter (the best kind) from **Jan Bruner**. She and George were on their way to the Bruner family reunion and stopped on the way to meet her cousin, **Everett Smith** of Pine Bluff Arkansas. Jan had the marriage license of his grandmother, **Mary Weedman**, and **George Brands**. Everett was delighted! She and George enjoyed visiting and spending a night with Everett. He has a lot of stories handed down from **Grandma (Weedman) Brands**...he calls her Grandma Molly. STEVEN's line.

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*A reminder for those who have not yet renewed their subscriptions for 2005....take time now to send your check.*

## About the Weedman Newsletter

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## 2006 Weedman National Family Gathering

**Paul Weedman** (host for San Diego Reunion) made CD's of families who attended former Weedman Reunions. We have had 11 Reunions and have at least a few pictures from most of them. The ones that he was able to obtain for the CD are on it.

We are waiting for someone reading this, to volunteer to host the next Reunion in 2006. A suggestion was made to head to Fayette County, PA to go back to the traditional beginning of the Christian Weedman, Sr. line in America. Wouldn't it be great to go to the Jacob Lutheran Church where the family worshipped and where a number of the children married? And where many of the third generation were christened? Want to see where the original homestead was (nothing is left of it but we are confident we know roughly where it was located? All we need is for someone or a group of people to volunteer to host the 2006 Weedman National Family Gathering.

### DeWitt County IL Deed Records

**Joyce Anthony** sent some deed records from the DeWitt Co. (IL) Genealogical society. DeWitt County Deed Book #3, (these would be **GEORGE WEEDMAN**'s line.

**WEEDMAN Thomas S** and **BEAN, Francis M**, Santa Ana Twp. 6 April 1870 to: **WEEDMAN, Mary M**. Page 55.

**WEEDMAN, John**, to **STIMLER, William** Farmer City, 19 June 1869 P. 78  
**WEEDMAN, Mary A.** to **HAWKINS, Ramoth** Farmer City, IL 4 Aug 1870 p. 165

**WEEDMAN, Jacob F** to **SWINEY, John E.** twp 21 north, range 5 east 9 Sept. 1870 p. 202.

**WEEDMAN**, Almeda to **WATSON, James G.** Santa Ana Twp., 1 Apr. 1870. p. 115

I didn't record where this information below came from, so I will give it just as it says here on this writing paper:

OLD WARS Pensioners: 1815-1926

**Weedman, Philip** 1<sup>st</sup> Lt., widow **Eliza** applies for a pension. Her number: WA- R19421 FL.

**Widman, Christian** Late War # 123097 1856-1861.

**Widman, Philip**, Pvt. Old War #339594 see file # 48545 OH 25 Sep 1884 Svc 1861-1864 (alias Philip Dan)

I'll try to find out the source of this "pensioners" data and let you know.

### Swedish Weedman Memorabilia

An e-mail message came to me from **Ann Murchison**, who was researching the WEEDMAN name. We believe this family has links to the **Olaf Weedman** family of Sweden. The Swedish Weedmans settled around Galesburg, IL. Here's the message:

"I had an interesting phone call yesterday. My family has very few Weedman memorabilia, but one item is a small sea trunk (about 24 x 18 x 18. ... maybe a little larger. Family lore has it that this sea trunk arrived on the boat from Sweden with all my grandfather owned (probably the entire family's stuff, too). It was painted long, long ago a rather "hospital room" green – which I was told was the original paint. I recently took it

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*A volunteer or maybe a group is needed to host the 2006 Weedman Reunion. Location is up to the host(s).*

*Our thanks to Billie Lenchener and Shirley Spooner for their update on Fort Weedman in Florida..*

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to a furniture restorer who, while working on it, discovered initials under the paint... J J W. My grandfather was **John Willard Weedman**; I'm thinking that this trunk may have belonged to an older brother or their father. My father was also **John Willard Weedman** and he went to Galesburg (IL) High School but lived his younger days in Victoria, IL. We're not able to place this JJW in the family tree. Although my grandfather did own a grocery store in Victoria, IL,

I just thought the discovery of the initials would interest some other Weedmans. The trunk has very old hardware, but the lock had been pried off. The corners are tongue-in-groove connected; the top is domed. The bottom seems to have been replaced in the early 1900's. The restorer is excited about working on the piece. He does work for museums in the area that specialize in Civil War vintage pieces. He could tell that it was European and was originally from the earlier half of the 1800's."

**Ann Murchison's** e-address is: [MurchisonA@wlu.edu](mailto:MurchisonA@wlu.edu)

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### **Fort Weedman, Florida Update**

**Billie Lenchner** sent the following information:

There is a Fort Weedman, but it was only a civilian fort, so there was not much history about it that she could find in Florida History material she researched. The following information is from a friend who is a Seminole re-enactor and histo-

rian who teaches at several of the local museums.

- It was a civilian refuge fort. When there was fighting the civilians would come here to protect themselves and fight against the Seminoles. There are only military there when passing through to the bigger forts.
- The fort was attacked twice. In 1839 it was considered abandoned and Indians burned it. The military rebuilt it and again in 1840 the Indians burned it again! This time it was totally destroyed. The fort would have been a log cabin type with two stories.
- There were two chiefs in the area at that time. One was **Chief Coac-coochee (Wildcat)** and the other was **Chief Black Dirt. Wildcat** was captured and sent to Fort Marion (now Costello de San Marcos) in St Augustine. **Wildcat** starved himself to escape through a narrow window. He was captured later and sent to Arkansas Territory. **Black Dirt's** fate remains unknown at this time.
- The fort would have been named after a Lieutenant or a Captain. Military records will have to be checked.

Since books dating back to those times are scarce, Billie will at a time convenient for her, go to a larger library than the one in Ocala, Florida.

Since there were Weedmans at that time living in or near St Augustine, I am inclined to believe that the fort was named for **Philip Weedman**, or one of his sons, but that's only a guess. **Philip (Philip) Weedman** came from Germany, and settled in that area of Florida with his family. We haven't as yet determined if there is any relationship between **Christian** and **Philip Weedman**. **Philip** had a brother (?) named **Bernard Weedman**.

**Shirley Weedman Spooner** who de-

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scends from the Florida Weedman line adds this to what is known about Fort Weedman. "Ft. Weedman was definitely part of the original Weedman Land Grant. I just don't know the precise spot. Much of the 150 acres granted (I think that is what was granted out of the 400 acre request.) is owned by Rayonier Timber Company. My dad's brother is on what remains in the family; it must be about 70 acres. Seems like we would have heard about people digging around there. It is not but about 8 miles from where my dad has lived for the last 56 years. He is 83 now." Shirley also wrote in a separate note, "Don't know if I mentioned it, but I would imagine this was where the ggggrandfather was killed by Indians, around 1839. "

The pensioner shown in the list above, **Philip Weedman (Philipe)** was in this line and the Fort could have been named for him.

### 1840 Federal Census

AIS, (Accelerated Indexing System) ..... a group of energetic entrepreneurs combined alphabetically all the counties in the USA censuses of 1790-1850 and put them on microfiche. These fiches are found in most LDS libraries and I looked for the 1840 census for Florida. I didn't find it, and I did find out that Florida wasn't a state till 1845. However, I did find in the 1840 fiche, the name WEEDMAN, and here are all the Weedmans in the various states who were found in the 1840 census.

**Weedman, Bernard**, Ohio Co. VA,  
pg. 40

**Weedman, Christian**, Crawford Co.  
OH, pg. 5 (Bucyrus Twp.)

**Weedman, Daniel**, Perry Co IN, pg.  
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**Weedman, Fli (?)**, Hamilton Co, OH,

pg 155 (Cincinatti 4<sup>th</sup> Ward)  
**Weedman, George**, McLean Co. IL,  
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**Weedman, Geoffrey**, Clark Co. IN, pg  
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**Weedman, John**, Grayson Co. KY, pg  
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**Weedman, Katherine**, Richland Co.  
OH, pg 21  
**Weedman, Stephen**, Perry Co., IN, pg  
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**Weedman, William**, Hancock Co.,  
KY, pg. 6  
**Weedmann, Nich (?)**, Jefferson Co.,  
KY, pg 89

### Obituaries

#### George W. Theiss

**George W. Theiss**, 80, passed away Monday, January 10, 2005, at Baptist Hospital East in Louisville, KY. He was retired from General Electric, an Army veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict and a member of the former Hillview Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Fairdale Masonic Lodge #942, Scottish Rite and Order of the Eastern Star Chapter #254. He was a Kentucky Colonel and an avid CB-er. A sister, **Lillian Lenihan**, and a daughter, **Nancy Jane Hill**, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, the former **Gena Lee Johnson**; three daughters, **Patricia Sue Wright (Charles)**, **Donna Lee Hosse (Paul)** and **Martha Rhea Cadarette (Wayne)**; a sister, **Anna Lee**; six grandchildren, **Melinda, Sharon, Amy, April, Sarah** and **Amanda**; and two great-grand-children. His funeral service was held on January 14th. He burial was at Laymon Cemetery in Grayson County, KY.

*(George was the husband of Gena Theiss who is a Weedman Hall of Fame Member*

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*We have had an unusually large number of losses of family members in late 2004 and early 2005.*

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and the author of three books on **Christian Weedman, Senior** and his descendents. He attended virtually all of the Weedman Family Reunions and was well known and loved in the family).*

### Kenneth V. Weedman

**Kenneth Vaughn Weedman**, 44, of Louisville, KY died on Wednesday, January 19, 2005 in Louisville. He was a former window installer. He was preceded in death by his father, **Everett Weedman**. He is survived by three sons: **Kenneth Bennett Weedman**, **Jason Weedman**, and **Kenneth Weedman**; his mother, Virginia Weedman; three sisters, **Theresa Noone**, **Deborah Hart**, and **Rebecca Bunch**; two brothers, **Steven Weedman** and **Donald Weedman**; and two grandchildren. Services were on Monday, January 24, 2005 with burial in Bethany Cemetery. His lineage: Kenneth Vaughn<sup>8</sup>, Everett Lamar<sup>7</sup>, George Winfield<sup>6</sup>, John Cabel Breckinridge<sup>5</sup>, Addison Meriwether<sup>4</sup>, Stephen<sup>3</sup>, Christian, Jr.<sup>2</sup>, and Christian, Sr.<sup>1</sup>.

### Viola Mae Weedman

**Violet Mae Weedman**, 91, of Virden, IL died Monday April 26, 2004 at Sunrise Manor in Virden, IL. She was born October 16, 1912 in High River, Alberta, Canada the daughter of **Jerry** and **Esther (Schwartz) Royer**. She married April 12, 1936, **James Henry Weedman**, son of **Thomas B.** and **Edna Mae (Anderson) Weedman**. James died in 1988. A son, **James M. Weedman**, preceded her in death also.

Mrs. Weedman was a waitress and cook at several places in the area and also sold Beeline clothing. She was a member of the Church of the Brethren in Virden, and the Senior Citizens and Bunko Clubs both in Springfield, IL.

Survivors include a son, **Donald** (wife **Elizabeth**) **Weedman** of Lady Lakes, FL; two daughters, **Shirley** (husband **William**) **Livingston**, of Silver Springs, FL; and **Sharon**, (husband **James**) **Smith** of Riverton, IL four granddaughters, and five great grandsons.

Services were held on Friday, Apr. 30, at Calvert and Ferry Funeral Home in Virden the Rev Ron Burtz officiating. Burial was at Oak Ridge Cemetery.

### Jake Huffty

*(No obituary is available for **Jake Huffty** so we will include the e-mail received from his wife, **Lola Jean (Smith) Huffty**).*

On October 8, 2004 I lost the love of my life. **Jake** & his friend, **George** had been to Louisiana to pick up a truckload of sweet potatoes to share with friends and family. When he returned home he and his friend went to ride in the woods, which was his idea. They killed a hog & pig. Jake always takes over on the cleaning of game caught and George just assisted by holding the head, legs, etc. On the way out of the woods, Jake said, "George, you know we have been friends a long time and have taken a lot of game out of these woods." George answered but did not hear anything else except a gasp and he was gone. Jake was driving but they were still on a country road coming from the woods and taking control of the truck was fairly easy but his loving friend could not help him and according to the coroner, death was instant. I am thankful for that.

He had had a most wonderful day but was the only one who knew where I was staying at a genealogical convention in Little Rock. During the time the kids were trying to find me, my phone was

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*Please keep Marianne Montgomery advised of any changes in family status. See page 24 for details.*

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turned off because I had two workshops that evening. At 9:15 PM when I turned it back on, there were 7 messages from everyone but Jake so I knew it was a serious thing. Kenya was calling me the most often while she & Chuck were on the trip home from Branson. Jerry was on the way home from Texarkana at the same time. We lost a dad and husband but I see him in how our children are helping me. I am fine. Time will heal the hole in my heart and memories & God will take me through each day.

*(Following are truncated obituaries for two remarkable women. We regret that due to space limitations, we cannot print these in their entirety. Both are posted on the Weedman family web site and we ask all to go there to see "the whole story".*

### **Polly (Olive Anne) Weedman**

**Polly (Olive Anne) Westaby Weedman**, 90, formerly of Rapid City, passed away October 19, 2004, in Naples, FL. Polly was born April 23, 1914 in Madison, South Dakota. Polly graduated from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, with a triple major in theater, speech therapy, and psychology. After a brief career working for Harry Reasoner, Sr., as a talent agent for Northwest Assemblies in Minneapolis, Minn., she married her college sweetheart, George David Weedman, on Jan 27, 1914. They moved to Rapid City in 1944. In Rapid City she accepted private students for speech therapy and for declamatory contests. She was recruited by the owner of Radio Station KOTA to write, produce and broadcast a women's radio show. She expanded the show and her career to broadcasting five days a week for the next 25 years. Her radio show broadcast grew into a more than full-time enterprise, especially when television finally came to Rapid City. She began writing, produc-

ing, and appearing in everything from local talent shows to children's programs. She did the research, the scenario and scripting for "Four Seasons West," a story of South Dakota's cattle industry. The production was given the National Western Heritage Award for the best western documentary. At one time she had as many as four shows simultaneously - The Polly Weedman Show; Aunt Polly's Children's Hour; Talent Review, and a once-a-week half-hour radio show, Christmas Shopping Bag, which was later developed into a road show in the West River area. In 1950 Polly was named "Woman of the Year," by the Rapid City Business and Professional Women's Club. Later she was awarded the McCalls Magazine 10th Annual Gold Mike Award for Service to the Family: Her radio interview series titled "Marriage is What You Make It," focused attention on the community's need for a marriage counseling service, according to the McCalls judges. Other awards and honors followed during her years as a radio and television personality, but that all ended when she contracted Parkinson's disease in 1968 which attacked her throat, and she lost her voice. After her health was somewhat restored by medication, she and her husband, George, enjoyed retirement years together with cruises, winters in South Carolina or California, ballroom dancing, and competitive duplicate bridge. Then at age 75 she lost her eyesight due to macular degeneration. Within days, in spite of laser surgery, she was completely blind in one eye and had defective sight in the other. The South Dakota affiliate of the National Federation of the Blind taught her white cane travel. She also learned Braille, which she found easy and fascinating. Unable to see, her typewriter was of little value so she learned to use a computer with voice output (computer and lessons provided by the state reha-

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*Polly Weedman was inducted into the Weedman Hall of Fame at the 2004 Weedman Reunion in San Diego. Our web site has her nomination there. Please check it!*

*Jean Lovejoy Carlen descended through the George Weedman line. Her obituary in its entirety is on the Weedman Family web site.*

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bilitation agency). In 1995, due to their failing health, she and her husband George moved to Naples, Fla. Her sister Dorothy McCray, Silver City, N.M; her son Richard Weedman, Naples FL., her daughter George Anne Weedman Planck, Port Hueneme, Calif., grandsons, Sanford Randolph Planck, Los Angeles, and John Robert Planck of San Luis Obispo, Calif survive her. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1996, her son Robert 1949, her brother, Robert Spencer Westaby Jr., MD and her sister Geraldine Westaby Kickbush. Services were held on October 25 in Naples Florida.

### **Jean Eleanor Carlen**

Jean Eleanor Lovejoy Carlen left her physical being in this world to join hands once again with her beloved husband Raymond Nils Carlen on Tuesday, July 20, 2004. While her later years witnessed much suffering she graciously left this world in much the same manner as she had lived her life, a queen in attendance until the end.

Born on June 29, 1920 in Chicago, Ill, Jean attended the Harris School for Girls in Chicago learning all of the finer points of etiquette and education, going on to graduate from the University of Illinois in Champaign. Jean joined and then became President of the Illinois Zeta chapter of Pi Beta Phi, continuing this fraternity connection throughout her life with the Hinsdale Alumnae Pi Phi. It was during this higher level of education that she met, then married (sans football helmet) Ray Carlen who was eventually to become President of Joseph T. Ryerson & Son Steel Company. During the war years (the one that would end all such means of negotiation , WW II) Jean honed her sales skills at Marshall Field & Co. where she was a merchandise buyer (again quite the trend groundbreaker as

this position was usually filled by a male), but it was at Ray's side through his career at Ryerson where all of her social and event planning abilities really shone.

Persevering through her own difficulties at many times Jean was a champion for all of the appropriately correct things to do. She supported the many moves a husband's career necessitated, raised two intelligent and caring children (Susan & Cynthia), and was instrumental in not only the volunteer causes of her husband but also of her children and her own. In 1960, with the assistance of but a handful of others, she organized an entire "Suzy League" softball association in Hinsdale, Illinois so that her daughters would have the opportunities that at the time were offered only to male-oriented "Little League". Truly a visionary leadership role way ahead of its politically correct time, as generations of female baseball leagues followed this historic first.

In Hinsdale she was voluntarily instrumental in the Community House, Hinsdale Community Memorial Hospital of Western Springs, and the Parent Teachers Organization; planning ice cream socials, debutante events, Easter basket selling, and other creative fundraising endeavors with her skills in theme parties legendary.

A woman of so many accomplishments through her many skills at utilizing others to the best of her, and their, abilities; she proficiently gathered many groups of friends and support about her throughout the years. However, a fact known to but a few of her friends is that Jean was the inspiration behind the invention of the "Winky Dink" tv screen.

Burial was at Arlington Memorial Cemetery in Rockford, IL on July 28, 2004.