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2008 Reunion

This will be the last call for your participation in the 2008 Weedman National Family Gathering. The event will be held in and around Uniontown, PA which was the location where most of the children of **Christian, Sr. and Elizabeth Weedman** were born and raised. Response has been good and we expect a good turnout for the Reunion.

The schedule of events is shown on page 8 of this issue.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact either **Billie Bruce** or **Nick Weedman**. See page 2 for contact information.

Subscription Renewal Time

For many subscribers, it is time to renew your subscription to the Weedman Newsletter. Entering its 41st year of publication, the Newsletter still asks for a modest donation of \$5.00 per year to help defray the cost of printing and mailing each issue. We have a large number of people who donate more than the minimum asked and that is highly appreciated.

With postage going up again, we ask your financial support if you want to keep receiving the Weedman Newsletter by mail.

Mail your renewal check to Nick Weedman at the address shown on page 2 of this issue. Your continued support is needed and appreciated.

Obituary

Jack Weedman

Jack Weedman, age 83 of Hardinsburg, KY died February 25, 2008 in Brandenburg, KY. He was born in Glen Dean, KY on January 10, 1925 the son of the late **Joe** and **Alvina Weedman**. He retired from Martin-Marietta, was a Navy veteran and member of Hardinsburg VFW Post.

He was preceded in death by his wife, **Marjorie Weedman**; 2 sons - **Rodney** and **Stephan Weedman**, and 1 grandson - Billy Severs

Jack is survived by 4 children: **Joan Sev-ers** and **Jackie Weedman** of Hardinsburg, KY, **Larry Weedman** of Owensboro, KY and **Betty Weedman**; 2 sisters - **Martha Morton** - Illinois and **Mary Margaret Waldren** of Ohio Co., KY; 3 grandchildren: **Pam Hamilton** and her husband **John** and children **Adam** and **Katie**, **Felicia Weedman** and **Whitney Weedman**.

Funeral services were February 28, 2008 with burial in the Ivy Hill Cemetery in Hardinsburg.

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This starts the 41st year of the publication of the Weedman Newsletter. It was started by Paul and Marianne Montgomery.

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Chrystene N. Weedman

Chrystene Nordness Weedman, widow of **Paul Burr Weedman** died 11 November 2007 in Rockford, IL. She is survived by a son, **John Eric Weedman**, and his wife (**Karen Nordstrom Weedman**) as well as one granddaughter, **Chris Ann**.

Family Recipes Sought

At the Tell City Reunion in 2006, **Sue Weedman** started the collection of family recipes so that a Weedman Cookbook could be published. She shared those family recipes with participants. **Billie Lou (Weedman) Bruce** would like to expand that effort and is asking everyone to either bring family recipes to the upcoming Reunion or to send them to her. Her e-mail address is: auctionbillie@insightbb.com and her mailing address is: Billie Bruce, 137 Tamiami Trail,

West Lafayette, IN 47906-1254.

Hall of Fame Nominations

Nominations for the Weedman Hall of Fame are being sought.

This effort started in 2000 at the Farmer City, IL Reunion and has been well received. The criteria is very simple – any family member who may be a Weedman or a spouse of a Weedman or Weedman descendent who has brought particular honor to the family. We have tried to highlight those who have made significant contributions to society.

A very simple write-up is all that is needed. Get it to Nick Weedman whose address is shown on page 2. A selection committee is being formed to consider nominations.

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Nominations for the Weedman Hall of Fame as well as submission of family recipes are being sought.

About the Weedman Newsletter

The *Weedman Newsletter* is a quarterly family publication with emphasis on the genealogy of the Weedman and allied families. It is distributed to interested family members, selected genealogical societies and libraries. Circulation is 110.

The *Newsletter* is edited, published and distributed by **Nick Weedman**. All address changes, new subscriptions, etc. should be sent to him.

Articles for publication in the Newsletter are highly welcomed. They must have some relevance to the family and those with a genealogical flavor are of particular interest.

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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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Swedish Weedman Lines Revisited

*In the last issue of the Newsletter, we published an inquiry from someone looking for the lineage of J. Willard Weedman. Research found John Willard Weedman and in the course of doing the work, we were surprised to learn there were three distinct Swedish Weedman families in this country rather than one. We previously believe all of the Swedish Weedman families that lived around Galesburg, Knox County, IL originated with Olaf Weedman. The two others were **Peter Weedman** and **Jonas** or **Janus Weedman**. **John Willard Weedman** was a descendant of the latter.*

Then, we received an e-mail from Ann Weedman Murchison of Lexington, VA who wrote:

"...Dear Nick, to say that I was surprised by the info in the latest newsletter is an understatement--I'm breathless, speechless, weirded out. You printed a request for knowledge about John Willard Weedman on page 29-30 from "Ellen" on behalf of her older half brother. "Willard" is my father. Her info on the birth and death of my father are accurate. We never knew a lot about my dad because of his being so young when his parents died and he just never talked about himself. We knew bits and pieces but certainly not a previous marriage...which may or may not explain the mystery. I have an older sister named Martha who was named for Mattie. I grew up being told...had I only been a boy....I would have been John Willard Weedman the Third...alas, I'm just a girl. To think that I might have a half brother is a little like something from the Twilight Zone. What do you make of this, Nick?"

(You may recall my stories and inquiries from a view years back...my grandfather being called "Hey, Swedeman" by an immigration official; a steamer trunk re-finished --paint removed--to discover initials...) A couple of folks wrote to me--but I have been out of touch--very bad of me.)..."

Given there were two separate families with a common parent, how do you proceed from that point?

Contact was made with both families and arrangements were made for Jim Weedman of St. Louis MO to call his newly found half-sister on her birthday, January 25th. Here is her report:

"...Hey, Nick! Guess what! Jim and I spoke on my birthday! What a great gift! He sounds very nice and we spoke a long while. It was a very good talk--it was a little overwhelming when I would truly think about with whom I was speaking and I think we both fell victim to "information overload." I need to catch my breath a bit and organize my questions so that they are not just spurts, sputters, gasps and general randomness—I know we will talk again soon..."

There are currently efforts to exchange pictures and there have been further contacts made. We are pleased that we have been able to facilitate this connection and trust that they will meet in person.

We will be attempting to learn more about the two newly found Weedman families that were discovered in this research. **Peter Weedman** appeared to remain in Knox County but **Jonas Weedman** moved with his son to **Webster County, Iowa**. Both appear to be brothers of **Olaf Weedman**. Olaf emigrated about 1857 while the other two arrived in the early 1880s.

*If there is sufficient interest we would like to find someone to contribute a regular article on the Swedish lines of the Weedman family for periodic publication in the **Weedman Newsletter**.*

John Weedman Brodix

*(In the last two issues of the Weedman Newsletter, we have traced the descendents of **John Huhn and Mary Ann (McDonald) Weedman, Jr.** We showed that the two sons who lived to adulthood (**Cassius M. Clay Weedman and John Sherman Weedman**) died without issue and both died in mental institutions. Two daughters survived and married. One, **Rachael**, married **Thomas V. Young** and ultimately moved to Dallas, TX. We could find no children of this marriage. Only one daughter, **Harriet Josephine Weedman**, who married **Charles Raymond Brodix** had children. It was shown there were three sons, none of whom apparently had children. A daughter, **Josephine**, married **Louis McLane Merryman** about 1919 and had children with a number of descendents living today. The Merryman's are Maryland pioneers.*

One of the Brodix sons achieved some success and he is chronicled here. This is the conclusion of the series of articles on this family.)

John Weedman Brodix was the first child and oldest son of **Charles Raymond and Harriet Josephine (Weedman) Brodix**. He was born in Chicago on 9 October 1882 and attended Columbia University where he was very active. John was a track star and headed the University track team. He was President of his Senior Class and was active in the Debating Society as well as a number of other extra curricular activities. Following his graduation from Columbia, he was broker in the banking business (*1920 census Springfield Township, Burlington Co., NJ*).

He married the widow of **David Stuart Mann** of Warrenton, VA, **Julia Malcoskey Mann**, on 16 October 1923 in New York City. The couple filed for passports in November so they could travel Europe for an extended period and sailed on 10 November 1923.

It appears the marriage did not last and by 1930, John was living with his brother on the New Jersey farm.

At some point, he became associated with **Cornelius Vanderbilt** and was his personal secretary. He travelled extensively with Vanderbilt and appeared to have been more of a close personal friend rather than an employee. Newspapers in the 1920s and 1930s reveal them travelling to Indiana to visit John's cousin in Indianapolis and trying for a time to find gold in Nevada. Brodix was in one of Vanderbilt's several weddings!

On 23 December 1923, Brodix and Vanderbilt were travelling in separate cars from California back to the East Coast. Vanderbilt was going to meet **President Roosevelt** and Brodix was travelling to be with his sister's family in Maryland. They stopped near the West Virginia-Pennsylvania border and Brodix went from his car to Vanderbilt's to talk. Another car, driven by a miner who was under the influence of alcohol, hit and killed Brodix. There were a number of articles in papers around the country about the accident fueled, no doubt, by the association with Vanderbilt.

John Weedman Brodix was buried in the family plot in Upper Springfield Cemetery in Burlington Co., NJ. As far as could be determined, there were no children of John Brodix's marriage.

Research has been done to determine if there might be Brodix relatives but only four people in the U.S. have this surname and they are spread from Alaska to Texas to North Carolina.

The conclusion is the only descendents of **John H.** and **Mary Ann Weedman, Jr.** are those in the family of **Louis M.** and **Josephine (Brodix) Merryman** from Maryland. The success that **John Huhn Weedman, Jr.** achieved in his lifetime could have been the foundation of a family legacy. But this appears to have not happened.

It should be noted that in 1892, the surviving family of **John Huhn Weedman, Jr.** donated land to the Farmer City, IL for a park that is known as **Weedman Park**. It was there that participants enjoyed a picnic lunch during the 2000 Weedman Reunion.

Theresa Grundy Weedman A Colorado Connection

Contributed by Frieda Davison

From the Weedman webpage:

Therese Gundy Weedman. *Therese Weedman received land in Jefferson Co., CO on 17 June 1929 and later additional land in Douglas County, CO. These were dated 17 June 1929. Source: Bureau of Land Management, Homestead land records. In the 1930 Colorado census she was 61 years old and a widow. Who Was Therese Gundy Weedman?*

In the 1930 census for Denver City, Denver Co., Colo., 1444 Elati St., dwelling 38, family 79:

Weedman, Teresa, widow, 61, owned home valued at \$6,000, b. in Germany, both parents b. in Germany, immigrated in 1875, no occupation

Keller, Annie M., daughter, 39, b. in Colorado, father b. in Bavaria, mother b. in Germany, assistant in dental office

Marie H., daughter, 29, b. in Colorado, father b. in Bavaria, mother b. in Ger-

many, telegraph operator

I did not find them in the 1920 census.

1910 Census: Colorado, Gilpin Co., Precinct 1, district 52, dwelling 225, family 245:

Gundy, Ignais, 74, second marriage, married 6 years, b. in Germany, both parents b. in Germany, owns ranch

Theresa, 42, second marriage, had had 6 children, 4 living, b. in Germany, both parents b. in Germany, immigrated in 1877,

Keller, Annie, step daughter, 18, b. in Colorado, father b. in Bavaria, mother b. in Germany, servant for private family

Caroline, 17, b. in Colorado, father b. in Bavaria, mother b. in Germany

Gertrude, 12, b. in Colorado, father b. in Bavaria, mother b. in Germany

Marie, 9, b. in Colorado, father b. in Bavaria, mother b. in Germany

I found her in the 1900 census with husband **Philippi Keller**.

This does not answer the question of who the Weedman was that she married but it does give a little more information about her.

On the Weedman web site, a page is devoted to help identify family members who we cannot connect with existing lines. Frieda Davison's contribution to this is appreciated.



Weedman—Spangler Wedding

Congratulations to **Arie Weedman** and **Travis Spangler** of La Costa CA who were married at Del Mar, CA on December 8, 2007. Arie is the daughter of **Bill** and **Thea Weedman** who helped host the 2004 Reunion in San Diego. Arie is an attorney in San Diego and Travis works for the San Diego County Office of Education and has his own film company.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to the couple!

Widman Family Possible Connections

By Shawn Wiley

A few items I'm researching. I've come across so many items recently; I'm not even sure where to start. Thought I'd run them by you to see if you've already heard of these items and already researched them before I waste my time:

I) I've come across a few "**Widman**" arrivals before Christian. The list follows. There is usually more than one source to each passenger list. I just listed one for each:

A) On a possibly more connected note, I came across a reference to a **Hendrick Widman**, 38 who arrived in Philadelphia October 2, 1741 aboard the ship St. Andrew. It originated in an unspecified port in Germany. I'd have liked it better had his name been one of Christian's kids names (i.e. he'd named one after this guy), but it was not to be. I'm starting some research around him, but perhaps he is related to one of the other Weedman families.

Source: <http://www.immigrantships.net/v2/1700v2/standrew17411002.html>

B) I also found a **Michael Widman**, 24, who arrived in Philadelphia on board the ship Hampshire on September 7, 1748. The ship sailed from Rotterdam and Falmouth.

Source: <http://www.progenealogists.com/palproject/pa/1748hamp.htm>

C) Another reference to a Widman - **Johan Friederick Widman** - says that he arrived aboard the ship Dragon September 26, 1749. The ship originated in Rotterdam, though it says the "foreigners" were from "the palatinate and Zweibrucken".

Source: <http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/pa/1pa/ships/dragon.txt>

D) OK, but here's a really compelling one. I found a ship that arrived in Baltimore, Maryland from Rotterdam much later than our **Christian Widman** arrived. This ship, the Leila, arrived September 14, 1852. However, passengers 260 through 265 caught my eye:

260 **Christian Widman**, 42, Wurtemberg Farmer
 261 **Christina Sibylla Widman**, 49, Wurtemberg
 262 **Veronika Widman**, 17, Wurtemberg
 263 **Johann Martin Widman**, 10, Wurtemberg
 264 **Christian Friedr. Widman**, 13, Wurtemberg
 265 **Christina Widman**, 9, Wurtemberg

OK, so Christian would be a relatively common name in Germany - still - I'm researching further. Wurtemberg is a reference to a state in Germany, but as I said, I'm researching further.

Source: <http://www.immigrantships.net/v5/1800v5/leila18520914.html>

E) I also found reference to a **Friedrick Widman** and (I assume) his 16 year old son of the same name that arrived in New York in the late 1800s from Germany aboard the Steamship Maas, but it was late enough I don't plan to follow it up.

II) I found this interesting genealogical reference to a **Barbara Widman**, born in 1706 in Germany to **Hans** and **Maria Widman** and then came over on board the ship "Ann Galley" sailing from Rotterdam and arriving in Philadelphia in 1746. Since one of Christian's first daughters' names was Barbara, it intrigued me, but the father and mother's name doesn't leave me with much hope since no children after that were named Hans or Maria. I've attached the reference I read:

1805 **Johann Philip ZIEGLAR** was born 19 June, 1706 at Groetzinger, Wurttemberg, Germany. He married **Bar-**

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bara (Widman) ZIEGLAR on 20 April, 1728 in Germany. She was the daughter of **Hans and Maria (Nonnenmacher) WIDMAN**, and was born on 7 Jan., 1706 at Gniebel, Wurttemberg, Germany. They migrated to America with several of their children in 1746, sailing from Rotterdam, Holland in the ship "Ann Galley", commanded by William Wilson. The ship stopped at the British Orkney Islands before proceeding on to Philadelphia, arriving on 27 Sept., 1746. On that day Johann took the British oath of allegiance before the "**Honourable George Thomas, Esq.**, Lt. Governor of Pennsylvania". The German records indicate that the Zieglers departed with five children, while the American records indicate that they arrived with four children, indicating that one child may have died en route. They settled in the "Germantown" area close to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Johann is mentioned twice in the newspaper *Pennsylvanische Geschichts-Schreiber*, (also called the "Sower's Newspaper"), on 16 February 1750 and again on 16 October 1752. Both newspaper accounts stated that he was living in Ridge Valley, Upper Salford Township, Philadelphia County (now Montgomery County), Pennsylvania. They had eight children, all of whom were born in Groetzingen:

Philipp ZEIGLER born 2 June, 1729, died 8 Nov., 1730

Anna Dorthea ZEIGLER

Johann Georg ZEIGLEN, born 1 March, 1732 (or 1733), died 15 March, 1732 (or 1733)

Johannes ZEIGLER, born 14 May, 1734

Johann Jacob ZEIGLER

Agatha ZEIGLER, born 4 Nov., 1739

Joseph ZEIGLER, born 6 Oct., 1741, died 4 April, 1742

Anna Marie ZEIGLER, born 15 Nov., 1743

Source: http://markcarson.com/Family/Genealogy/Carson/Willie_Ann.htm

(Editor's note: The reference to Gniebel is of particular interest. We know that a Christian Widman was born there in 1735 and died soon thereafter. This appears to show there were several Widmans born there and further investigation of church records in that immediate area appear to be in order.)

Weedman Reunion History

In preparing for the upcoming Weedman National Family Gathering, we had to determine which event this was. Turns out, it will be the 13th such event so we thought it appropriate to list when, where and who hosted each. I am uncertain on a couple of hosts but here goes:

Reunion	Date	Location	Hosts
12 th	2006	Tell City IN	Kenneth & Sue Weedman
11 th	2004	San Diego CA	Paul & Emily Weedman & families
10 th	2002	Jasper, IN	Billie Lou Bruce, Kathy Sharples & Audrey Chapline
9 th	2000	Farmer City, IL	Nick & Merrie Carol Weedman
8 th	1998	Evansville, IN	Jan Bruner and family
7 th	1996	Bardstown, KY	Jim & Alma Weedman
6 th	1994	Evansville, IN	Sharon Herke, Diane Hall and Helen Gregg
5 th	1992	Barron River State Park, KY	Gena & George Theiss
4 th	1990	Clarksville, IN	Lajuanna Dixon Cobb
3 rd	1988	Nashville, TN	Blair Weedman
2 nd	1986	Rough River State Park, KY	Ron Weedman
1 st	1984	Louisville, KY	Gena & George Theiss

Traditionally, at the Reunion Dinner, we solicit someone to host the next event which if we still hold them every two years will be in 2010. So, be thinking about the next Reunion and if you are willing to host it, be ready to speak up in Uniontown.

Registration Form
13th Biennial Weedman National Family Gathering
June 20 ~ 22, 2007
Uniontown, Pennsylvania

Mark your calendars now and make your travel plans to attend this event. This Reunion will take us back to the homestead that was called "New Holland" by **Christian, Sr.** and **Elizabeth Weedman**. This was the home where most of our ancestors were born and raised.

Here are planned events:

Friday, June 20, 2007 – arrive, mingle, and discuss how the family got to Fayette County, PA from Hampshire Co., VA. Tentatively, we hope to have **Judge Sumner Walters**, a descendent of **Ephraim Walters** talk about his ancestor and the colorful history of this man. The story is intriguing.

Saturday, June 21, 2007 – travel to Jacobs Lutheran Church where the family worshipped (the original church is no longer there), visit the cemetery and then go to nearby "New Holland". We will then travel to Fort Necessity, the site of George Washington's only military defeat and will see living conditions in the second half of the 1700s.

Saturday evening, June 21 – the Reunion dinner at the Uniontown Country Club will be held along with our traditional business session. Hall of Fame presentations will be made and host team for the 14th Biennial Reunion will be selected (if someone volunteers!).

Sunday, June 22 – farewells and begin the journey to return home.

Here is what you need to do:

- 1) **Reserve a room** at the Holiday Inn in Uniontown. Rates at \$99 per night plus a 6% tax and this represents a \$30 discount off normal rates. Call (800) 287-0037, and advise reservations you are with the Weedman Family Reunion (code WFR). Reservations must be made prior to May 20th to obtain this room rate.
- 2) Make your **travel plans!**
- 3) **Complete the form below** and **mail** to: **Nick Weedman, 130 Berry Creek Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731-8531**. The cost per participant is \$45 which will include the Reunion dinner, a box lunch at Fort Necessity and incidentals to host the Reunion. A check for the appropriate amount should be enclosed.

Names of each participant:

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| 1) _____ | 2) _____ |
| 3) _____ | 4) _____ |
| 5) _____ | 6) _____ |

(Refunds of the \$45 will be made in full if notice of cancellation is received 10 days prior to the event. The hotel may be cancelled up to a day or two in advance of the event. You should confirm this with the hotel when making reservations).

Hosts for this event are Billie Lou (Weedman) Bruce and Nick Weedman.