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*Family members want to make contact with **Don Weedman** who was born in Germany about 1970*

Searching for Don Weedman

In the Spring 2005 issue of the *Weedman Newsletter*, an inquiry from Don Weedman was published in which he stated he was trying to connect with his family. Here is the article:

*Don Weedman wants information on his family. His father, **Robert Raphael Gourde Weedman**, and all of his uncles have passed away. Don is interested in the family for a number of reasons. His line is also through **Elisha Spurrier Weedman** and we are attempting to help in his pursuits.*

Recently, we were contacted by **Jamie Weedman Jones** who was browsing our web site and ran across the article. Her mother married **Robert Russell Gourde Weedman** and she was adopted by Mr. Weedman. Subsequently, she had a new brother, **Robert Weedman**. They are interested in making contact with Don.

We have filtered all of our information and can find a number of **Donald Weedman's** but none meet the criteria that we were using to search.

Jamie Jones advised that **Robert R.G. Weedman** was in the military stationed in Germany in the time frame of 1968 through 1974 where he married and where **Donald Weedman** was born. Donald Weedman's parents were divorced when Robert left Germany.

Upon returning to the U.S., Robert later

married again, adopted his new wife's daughter (Jamie) and later had another son, Robert.

Robert Russell Gourde Weedman died in an automobile accident June 29, 1986 in San Diego.

We have been able to use other facilities and have found a likely candidate. We found a **Don H. Weedman** who was born in April, 1970 and whose social security number was not issued until 1987. We found the most likely address for him was 1071 Bradford Drive, Williamstown, N.J. and wrote to him at that address. The letter was returned as undeliverable. We later found a telephone number at that address and attempted to call but had to leave a message on the answering machine. There has been no response.

We will continue with efforts to make contact with **Donald Weedman**. Since he expressed interest in making contact with his family and that family is now trying to contact him, a reunion is in the cards if we can make contact. Any help on this would be highly appreciated.

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Subscriptions Due

Response to our annual request for subscription renewals was a modest success. In the Spring 2009 issue, we attempted to advise those whose subscriptions were due by putting a color indication in a box on page 1. Either this was overlooked by a number of subscribers, there was a decision to delay the contribution or they simply want the subscription to expire.

So, we will try one more time! If your subscription expired at the end of 2008, you will find a yellow slip that reminds you of the status and asks for a continued contribution.

You've heard it all before — postage rates continue to climb and other costs seem to go up as well. We are happy to continue with the Newsletter if there is adequate support.

So, your support is appreciated. A \$5.00

per year donation is all that is needed. And, if it is more convenient, feel free to pay for more than one year.

Thank you for your continued interest in a project that has been on-going for over 41 years!

Swedish Weedman Origins

Contributed by Walter G. Weedman

As is often stated, the first known 'Swedish' Weedman' was **Olaf Weedman**.

Olof Olsson Wiman born June 5, 1821 in Ockelbo, Sweden left his town of Kalltjarn of Ovansjo Parish to Gavle where he embarked on the ship "Maria" on July 16, 1855 arriving in New York Oct 17, 1855 --- 3 months later!

A family researcher in Sweden thought Olaf had a relative working on a ship who helped him get aboard and perhaps another who guided him to settle in or

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If there is a small yellow slip in the envelope in which this Newsletter was mailed, it indicates your subscription expired at the end of 2008.

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 120.

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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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around Victoria, Knox Co., IL in 1855. I never have discovered the truth of those matters.

Now as to who else in his family came to the US, I am quite certain. According to Olaf's November 1887 obituary written in Swedish, he left 3 brothers at time of death in Victoria, IL. From records in Sweden they would be **Jan (John)**, **Jonas** and **Per/Peter**.

These records show that **Olaf** (1821) was one of 8 children of **Olaf Larsson** (1789-1840) and **Karin Larsdotter** (1796-1863). Olaf's older siblings were **Lars Olsson** (1817) and **Brita Olsdotter** (1819). His younger sisters were **Ingrid** (1823) **Karin** (1827) **Olsdotter**. His younger brothers were **Jonas** (1829), **Jan/John** (1832) and **Per/Peter** (1834).

By the naming convention of the time you would expect that the surname of all of the sons would now be Olsson...sons of **Olaf (Larsson)**. However, only the oldest brother, **Lars** continued to use the '**Olsson**' name and his descendants to this day use Olsson.

The other 4 brothers did not use the Olsson surname. Olaf, the oldest of the 4 and the first to come to the US used the surname of '**Wiman**' in Sweden, Weedman in Illinois.

It was this oldest son, **Lars Olsson**, who per the law or primogeniture inherited the family farm when his father, **Olaf Larsson** died in 1840. Thus, the choice of the younger brothers was to become a day laborer and forever remain so or to emigrate. ALL of the younger brothers chose to come to America. All 4 brothers came to use the surname **Weedman** in this country.

Two of **Olaf Weedman** brothers chose to live in Knox County, IL --- **John**

(Jan) lived in Victoria and **Peter (Per)** lived in Copley, as did Olaf. The other brother, **Jonas**, came to live in Dayton, Webster County, Iowa.

The 1900 census records are helpful to sort arrival dates. **Peter Weedman** appears in the Copley Township, Knox Co., IL recording as being born in May, 1834 in Sweden. From other records, it is known that he married **Mrs. Mary Ironberg** on 18 December 1899 in Knox County. An entry in the census record shows that he is naturalized and arrived in this country in 1882.

Similarly, **Jonas Weedman** (or Janus) appears in the Dayton, Webster Co., IA census living with his wife, Maria. He was born in July 1829 in Sweden and arrived in this country in 1871 as did his wife. The census also shows there were three children of this marriage (they had been married 47 years when the census was taken) all of whom were living. In the 1880 census of Knox Co., IL where the family was living at the time, there were three children shown in the household: **Charles** age 17 (in 1880), **John** age 14, and **Mary** age 12 all of whom were born in Sweden.

The entry for **John Weedman** in 1900 could not be found but in the 1920 census, **J.W. Weedman** is shown with his wife, **Mattie**, who was born in Illinois along with three children: daughters **Mary E.** age 13, **Maude**, age 10 and son **J. Willard** age 4. This census shows that **John** arrived in 1865 and was naturalized in 1869.

So, all four brothers travelled separately but were led by Olaf. Apparently, his reports taken back to Sweden were sufficiently encouraging for others to follow over time.

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*Walter
Weedman
shares
knowledge of
the Swedish
Weedman family
origins.*

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In earlier Newsletters, we traced the family of **John W. Weedman** and have been in contact with the sole grandson who lives in St. Louis MO.

We would like to encourage male descendants of each of the Weedman brothers to participate in our DNA project. There are clearly male descendants of **Olaf** and **John** and possibly **Jonas**. The author of this article has agreed to participate.

More on the Swedish Weedman line in future issues.

*Walter G. Weedman lives in Northern Virginia and has agreed to make periodic contributions of articles on the Swedish Weedman line to the **Weedman Newsletter**. We have a number of subscribers who are in this line and will surely be interested as will the Weedman family more broadly.*

Walter's line is Walter Glenn Weedman⁵, Walter Frederick Weedman⁴, Walter Franklin Weedman³, William Lewis Weedman², and Olaf Weedman¹.

DNA Project Update

As announced in the Winter 2008 **Weedman Newsletter** we have started our DNA project which we hope may help us find our European roots.

Unlike our Swedish cousins and the Florida line of the family, the **Christian Weedman, Sr.** line has undefined origins in Europe. In this issue, the Swedish line identifies their origins and the Florida branch knows it has roots in Mainz, Germany.

Progress to Date

So far, there are three participants in the Weedman DNA project. **Bill Weedman** whose line is through **Christian Weedman, Jr.** and then **Stephen Weedman** as well as **Nick Weedman** whose line is through **Christian, Jr.** and his son **William** were the first. The results showed a perfect match for the 12 sites tested. What this confirmed is that we have a great chance common male ancestor within 8 generations or so.

The second to test was **Earl Joseph Weedman** of the Florida line. His results did not show a match with that of the first two participants. As a result, it can be concluded that the **Christian Weedman, Sr.** line of the family is separate and distinct from that of the Florida Weedmans. This was disappointing because if there was a match, we would know to pick up searching for our roots in the Mainz, Germany area.

We have another volunteer, **Walter Glenn Weedman**, whose line is through Olaf Weedman, the Swedish immigrant. We don't expect a match but one never knows! Recent research shows a new variant spelling of our surname, **Wiman**. Walter's research shows this to be reasonably common in both Sweden and Germany. His test will provide a benchmark for the Swedish Weedman line.

Where Do We Go From Here?

In the **Christian Weedman, Sr.** branch, we would like to get a male descendant to participate from the **Jacob Weedman** line, the **George Weedman** line, and the **Nicholas Weedman** line. We believe there is only one male descendant living in the **Nicholas Weedman** line and he is **Joe Allen Weedman**.

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The use of DNA technology can show whether the various lines of the Weedman family are related.

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In the Florida Weedman line, **Shirley Spooner** and the editor would like to have a participant from the **Bernard Wiedeman** line to provide proof that he and **Philipe W. Weedman** were brothers. It is possible that the cost of this test could be supplemented if a participant steps forward.

In the Swedish Weedman line, we know there were four brothers that immigrated and one that stayed in Sweden. Testing of one male descendant from each of those lines would be useful.

It would be good to have DNA results from a **Widman(n)** as well as a **Weidman**.

What Is Involved In Testing?

Our tests have been through a firm, **Family Tree DNA** of Houston, TX. The cost to participate is \$99 and involves the simple swabbing of the inside of the cheek with a brush. Three samples are taken and mailed to the test facility. Results are known in 3~4 weeks. There is no pain (except for the cost!). See our web site (www.weedman.org) for more details.

DNA testing is a relatively new tool in genealogy but as the number of participants grows and the science gets even more sophisticated, we expect this to provide new insights into research. Who knows, we may even find our European roots!

Family Members In The News

Travis Weedman Portland OR Architect

Travis Weedman is an architect in Portland, Oregon who along with his wife operates Compressed Pattern Design Stu-

dio, an architectural and design firm. Travis married **Arielle M. Glade in 2005** and both have been featured in a number of articles in architectural magazines in the past few years. One publication, **Portland Spaces**, awarded Travis recognition as a Rising Star in a recent issue. Here is an excerpt from the article:

For **Travis Weedman's** first substantial project a minimalist interior for SE Division Street's Detour Café—he drew the concept designs, fabricated the furniture, and hung the drywall himself. As an added touch, he even improvised a piece of art that Detour quickly incorporated into its logo and brand identity. It all came together in eight days, within a diminutive \$5,000 budget. “Travis completely transformed the interior of the restaurant,” says Becky Doggett, who co-owns the café with her husband, Scott Krombein. “It went from looking like someone’s basement rec room to a beautiful, modern space.”

Word is out on Weedman’s soup-to-nuts design talent, and his four-person firm, Compressed Pattern Design Studio, has assembled a healthy portfolio of notable interiors and branding projects since opening in 2003.

Travis is originally from Wisconsin. His lineage: Travis⁸, Michael Patrick⁷, George Washington⁶, Grover Cleveland⁵, Allen Fleming⁴, Jonathan³, Jacob², and Christian, Sr.¹.

Weedman Named Security Director for Jewish Hospital & St. Mary’s HealthCare

William “Bill” Weedman has been named Director of Security for Jewish Hospital & St. Mary’s HealthCare. This position expands his current responsibilities to provide leadership to the Security teams throughout JHSMH. For the last 18 months, Weedman served as Security Manager for Sts. Mary & Elizabeth Hospital, a service of Jewish Hospital & St. Mary’s HealthCare.

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We hope to have a column each issue about family members in the news. Some of this is reported by other family members and some is taken from the Internet.

There is some good news from the younger set of Weedman or related folks. We need more and will print it if you send it!

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He is a graduate of the Administrative Officers Course at Southern Police Institute, Justice Administration at the University of Louisville and the Senior Management Institute for Police Commanders conducted by Harvard University. Weedman retired after serving 30 years with the former Jefferson County Police Department and the Louisville Metro Police Department.

He retired as a Major and commander of the Support Services Division which implements security for events such as Kentucky Derby, Thunder over Louisville and other major events including presidential visits. The Support Services Division also includes canine, mounted patrol, river patrol, aviation unit, traffic unit, SWAT, hostage negotiations, explosive disposal unit and dignitary protection, as well as other specialized units. In addition, Weedman holds a bachelors degree in ministry from the Louisville Bible College.

His line: William George Weedman III⁸, William George Weedman, Jr.⁷, William George Weedman, Sr.⁶, Samuel Elisha Weedman⁵, George Glasscock Weedman⁴, Daniel Weedman³, Christian Weedman, Jr.² and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

The Younger Crowd

You can't read a San Diego newspaper without seeing an article about the two daughters of **Paul** and **Emily Weedman** excelling in swimming at Cathedral High School in San Diego County. **Chelsea** (soon to be 17) and **Ashley** (soon to be 15) have shown great results in swim meets this year. Keep up the good work and there will surely be college scholarships waiting when you graduate!

Katy Achtien and **Lindsey Carty**, grandchildren of **Nick** and **Merrie Carol Weedman** graduated from high school in

Indianapolis, IN and Fredericksburg, VA respectively. Both have received track scholarships with **Katy** enrolling at the University of Kentucky and **Lindsey** going to Virginia Military Institute.

Congratulations and best wishes for continued success!

Florida Weedman Update

There are several new items on the web site (www.weedman.org) related to the Florida Weedman line.

First, a photograph of **Earl Joseph** and **Geraldine (Pacetti) Weedman** has been posted. They are parents of contributor, **Dr. Shirley Weedman Spooner**. The photograph was taken about 1946.

Second, an interesting claim for compensation that was filed by **Philip Weedman** for some cedar timber that found its way into the War of 1812 effort. While there is no information of a genealogical nature in the claim, it makes for interesting reading. It gives a clue what the Florida Weedman family was doing in the 1812 time frame.

Third, we have lifted a page from the passenger manifest for the ship, Commerce, that arrived in 1803 carrying brothers **Philip** and **Bernard Weideman**. **Philip** subsequently spelled his name **Weedman** and was the progenitor of the Florida branch of the family. **Bernard** moved to the West Virginia Panhandle and raised his family there. There are numerous variant spellings of the surname used by this line making it difficult to trace. We have made contact with a descendant of **Bernard Weideman** and hope to report more on this line in a future Newsletter.

Obituaries

Roy Lee & Luetta (Lutz) Weedman

One of the last surviving members of the Railway Mail Service, **Roy Lee Weedman**, passed on the 10th of May, 2009 at the age of 92. His loving wife of 72 years, **Luetta Lutz Weedman** preceded him on the 3rd of February. Both were Nashville residents since 1941, but their last 18 months were near their son in Covington, TN. Except for four years in the U.S. Army during World War II, stationed primarily in England, he rode the Railway Post Offices of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad from 1936 until that mail service ended in 1966. His private autobiography, "*I Hear the Trains Blow*", chronicled the passion of a railroader coming of age in a rural nation, connected only by the tracks. His descendants are sons, **Daniel, Samuel (Kathy)** and **John (Ellen) Weedman**; granddaughters, **Diana Weedman Molavi** and **Sylvia Weedman Augusteijn**, and great-grandchildren, **Claire** and **Annelise Molavi**, and **Timothy** and **Adam Augusteijn**. He was the oldest member of Bethel Primitive Baptist Church in Nashville.

Source: The Nashville Tennessean

*(Editor's Note: Roy and Luetta Weedman were very supportive of the **Weedman Newsletter** and anything that had to do with family history.*

A frequent participant in the Weedman Family Reunions in early years, Roy made a number of contributions to the group including a family song. They would frequently appear at the Reunions in their camper.

Their son, Dr. Daniel Weedman, is a well known astronomer and is a member of the Weedman Hall of Fame.

We are saddened by this loss and extend our sympathies to the family.)

Bonnie Marie Weedman

Longtime Longview, WA resident **Bonnie Marie Weedman**, 91, of Longview passed away March 4, 2009, at the Hospice Care Center.

She was born Nov. 22, 1917, in Astoria, to **Paul**



and **Marie (Larson) Shotswell** and moved to the local area in 1918. Bonnie graduated from

Kalama High School.

Bonnie was a homemaker, and a loving wife and mother. She enjoyed traveling, especially trips to Hawaii. She also enjoyed cooking; poetry and loved hosting swimming parties at her Longview home.

Bonnie is survived by her husband, **Jack Weedman** at home; son, **Stephen Weedman** of Longview; daughters, **Sheila Hart** of Mt. Vernon, Wash., and **Sharon Bade** of Phoenix, Ariz.; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, **Rodney Weedman** and a brother, **Grant**. The funeral service was held on March 7, 2009.

Berniece Weedman

Berniece (Badke) Weedman of Stevensville, MT died on 18 March 2009 in Missoula, MT. She was born 16 August 1918 and was the widow of **Henry Stanley Weedman, Jr.**

Obituaries are obtained both from subscribers as well as a number of sites on the Internet. Please advise if you have any information that needs to be included.

Newsletter Project On Line

Currently, all of the *Weedman Newsletters* from 2000 through the latest published issue are on-line at our web site: www.weedman.org. We have been experimenting with putting an entire year on-line and making that year searchable using Adobe Acrobat.

Over the balance of 2009, we are going to attempt to digitalize every issue of the *Weedman Newsletter* and put those on line. In the past, there have been attempts to print an index to various issues but that work has proven time consuming and costly since the need to be mailed as well.

The new project is an attempt to facilitate information that has been printed in the 41+ years the *Newsletter* has been published. We will print periodic updates as this makes progress. Hopefully, this can be done but time will tell!

2008 Social Security Death Index – Weedman

Weedman, Allen H.	7 May 1934	10 Feb 2008	Norwich, New London, CT
Weedman, Beatrice C.	12 Aug 1916	14 Oct 2008	Fort Collins, Larimer, CO
Weedman, David F.	28 Mar 1938	25 Feb 2008	Mount Vernon, Jefferson, IL
Weedman, Fredrick Francis	22 Nov 1940	13 Jul 2008	San Jacinto, Riverside, CA
Weedman, Gary Dean	25 May 1943	29 Oct 2008	Springfield, Brown, MN
Weedman, Greta Walmsley	17 Jan 1931	29 May 2008	Cuyahoga Falls, Summit, OH
Weedman, Helen L.	8 Apr 1941	15 Oct 2008	Suffern, Rockland, NY
Weedman, Helena Lorraine	28 Jan 1922	22 May 2008	Portland, Multnomah, OR
Weedman, Jack	10 Jan 1925	25 Feb 2008	Owensboro, Daviess, KY
Weedman, Jane L.	13 Jan 1953	28 Feb 2008	Louisville, Jefferson, KY
Weedman, John E.	15 Jun 1955	14 Jul 2008	OR
Weedman, Mary A.	6 Nov 1945	5 Feb 2008	Carpentersville, Kane, IL
Weedman, Melvina	28 Aug 1915	6 May 2008	Louisville, Jefferson, KY
Weedman, Paige M.	19 Jul 1988	9 Oct 2008	WA
Weedman, Pauline	14 Aug 1930	27 Jul 2008	Hickory, Catawba, NC
Weedman, Pearl E.	21 Oct 1921	26 May 2008	Caldwell, ID

We lost the 16 family members listed above in 2008 and there were surely others whose surname is now something other than **Weedman**.

Obituaries were published in the Weedman Newsletter for most but there are several we cannot identify. **Your assistance is sought to help identify the following:**

Jane L. Weedman, died 28 February 2008;

John E. Weedman, died 14 July 2008 apparently in Oregon;

Mary A. Weedman, died 5 February 2008 in Carpentersville, Kane Co., IL; and

Pauline Weedman, died 27 July 2008 in Hickory, NC.

We attempted to find an obituary for **Jane L. Weedman** but results yielded little information. We found the family of **Pauline Weedman** but could not connect them with any line of the family. **Mary A. Weedman** may be related to **Terrell Weedman** who lives in Carpentersville.

We extend sympathy to families who experienced their loss.